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BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

Cobblers’ former chairman arrested

Former Cobblers chairman David Cardoza has been arrested by police investigating the Sixfields loan deal, the BBC has reported.

Northants Police announced on Tuesday a 45-year-old man had been arrested on Monday morning and released on bail, but refused to confirm or deny his identity.

According to BBC Northampton, the man arrested was the ex-chairman Mr Cardoza, who is now ‘helping with inquiries’ in relation to the ongoing investigation.

The investigation is looking into ‘alleged financial irregularities’ in relation to the £10.25 million loan, which was given to Northampton Town from Northampton Borough Council.

The loan was designed to help the club develop its stadium, including building a new stand.

Det Ch Insp Paul Spicer said: “This remains a very complex investigation and, as such, it would be inappropriate for us to make any further comment at this time.”

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The Northants Herald and Post will be going live on air via YouTube.

We will be discussing what’s in the paper and updating you on a few of the stories.

We are also hoping to get some readers on air, sharing their views about what has been going on in Northamptonshire this week.

Some of you will have noticed that we have been making video diaries for the past few weeks and posting them on our Facebook page.

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If you are interested in seeing how we get on, or maybe even being a part of it yourself then keep an eye on our social media accounts from around 11am tomorrow for more information.

We’re at www.facebook.com/NorthantsHeraldPost or @NorthamptonUK on Twitter. See you tomorrow.

Steve Scoles
**OAP punched**
A 76-year-old lady using a walking aid was punched in the stomach by a well-built man and then had her handbag stolen, as she walked through the underpass near Sacred Heart Church in Weston Favell on Monday.

**Park robbery**
Two men robbed a woman at a Northampton park while one held his hand over her mouth. The incident happened last Saturday at Far Cotton Recreation Ground. The men stole contents in a woman’s bag.

**Stranger danger**
The Parker Academy in Daventry issued a stranger danger warning after two of its schoolgirls were allegedly offered a lift by a drunk man. But police say he only asked for directions and that it wasn’t an attempted child abduction.

**Stadium crash**
A road which runs behind Northampton Town’s Sixfields stadium was closed after a head-on crash involving a car and a van. An air ambulance was called to the scene on Edgar Mobbs Way yesterday. The road was soon reopened.

**Distraction theft**
A woman had her handbag stolen by distraction thieves while she was parked in the Morrisons car park in Victoria Promenade, Northampton last Saturday. A man had asked her for directions, while another man stole the bag.

**Dad turns kids into big mosaic**

*BY NICHOLAS BIEBER nicholas.bieber@hpnorthants.co.uk*

A single dad from Northampton turned his two children into a 1,900-picture collage masterpiece – because he couldn’t pick his favourite shot.

Matt Travill, aged 33, had not put up any pictures in his Hardingham home, despite moving into the house in August 2013, and decided it was time to add some colour to his bleak walls.

But, as a hobbyist photographer, Matt has taken 20,000 of pictures of his children, Kyan, nine, and Taya, five, including snapshots of monuments and landscapes – and he couldn’t decide which one to pick.

The doting dad then had a lightbulb moment, leading to him creating one huge picture made up of individual small images of his kids, all of which he completed on the same week as his and Taya’s birthdays.

Northampton-born Matt, who used to be a warehouse worker at the Asda distribution centre in Brackmills, said: “The wall just looked bare and empty – so I decided I needed to put some colour on to it, and thought of doing a mosaic.

“So I chose a really nice shot of Kyan and Taya sat next to each other in the sun doing some colouring, and just split it into small boxes on Photoshop which I filled in with other pictures before sending it off to the printers.”
**Stepping down**

Cllr Jim Harker is stepping down as Leader of Northamptonshire County Council after more than a decade in the role and 23 years as Leader of the Conservative Group. His final months will be spent working closely with Cllr Heather Smith, the Deputy Leader, to ensure a smooth handover in May.

**Jailed for attack**

Two men have each been jailed for more than seven years each for their part in a brutal attack near a Northampton underpass. Shannon Johanson, 23, left, and Jay Coles, 21, were sentenced on Friday following the assault in Abington in May last year, when they struck a man with a metal pole and stamped on his hands, resulting in fractures.

**Lincolnshire**

A grandmother from Northamptonshire has suffered emotional heartbreak but has used her traumatic experience to help others. Marion Turner, 67, lost contact with her son and his then wife and their children due to a family quarrel. She was left bewildered and devastated, especially as, in her own words: “I had done nothing wrong.”

After a period of two years she realised that the separation was permanent and decided to walk away from the situation and get on with her life.

Out of this came her decision to set up Granpart, a support group for grandparents who find themselves cut off from their grandchildren or their grandchildren and one of their own children all at the same time.

She set up the first Granpart group in Milton Keynes in June 2015 and this was soon followed by another group in Northampton in December of the same year.

Marion said: “It happened to me, and when it did I was heartbroken, it was devastating. If you had told me about someone who had gone through what I have encountered I would not have believed you. “You only realise about this situation when it happens to you. It can be a double whammy as you do not see your grandchildren but you also do not see your daughter or in my case my son.”

“What something like this does is have a knock-on effect with the rest of the family and they do not get to see the grandchildren as well. I was left with a feeling of I had done nothing wrong but I could not see my grandchildren any more.”

“There comes a time when you have to walk away and in my case I had to walk away from it two years ago. You let time pass but then you realise there is nothing you can do. I started off telling people my situation and what I had been through and little by little we all learnt a bit more about each other and what we had all been through.”

“When I put out the first advert for the first ever meeting I was shocked by the number of grandparents who came along – there must have been about nine couples. “My daughter sent me a message a while ago after she came to one of the meetings to see what it was all about. She told me she was so proud of me helping people by talking to them and it was so nice to see something good come out of something bad.

“It is nice to know the group has helped me and I am helping others through the group.”

The Granpart group in Northampton meets at the Turnpike Beefeater in Harpole. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 11, from 10.30am-12.30pm.
Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It’s been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged offers a service with a smile! Managing Director Trevor Skidmore feels that it’s all about service. ‘Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 10 year guarantee. But it’s not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn’t focus on customer care and service. But we have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn’t expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.’

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So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Trevor a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he’ll be happy to help!

Burst water main payouts promised

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

Anglian Water has apologised to people living in 9,000 homes in Northampton who were affected by a burst water main at the weekend.

The water company says the burst happened at a main in the Duston area of town, on the junction of Duston Road, Tollgate Way and Main Road, at around 9am on Saturday morning.

The burst caused major disruption for hundreds of homes, most of which were in Duston, Upton and Moulton, with some reporting discoloured water coming from their taps, while others had little or no water at all.

But within hours, many homes had running water again, although some had to wait until later that afternoon, while 250 households were not reconnected until Sunday morning.

As a result of the inconvenience, Anglian Water says it will be offering a ‘goodwill gesture payment’ to the 250 homes who were affected for the longest.

An Anglian Water spokesperson said: “We are very sorry that some customers in Northampton were without water on Saturday because of a burst water main near Main Road.

“We know how inconvenient it is to be without water and our teams worked quickly to restore water supplies to over 9,000 homes.

“Despite our best efforts, 250 households may have experienced interruption to their supply during the time it took to complete the repair. “We will be writing to these customers to apologise and offer a goodwill gesture payment.”

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Romantics in Northampton are being given the chance to declare their true love in front of thousands of people in the town centre – by posting a love note in the window of the British Heart Foundation’s charity shop.

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GO GETTERS: UKIP Leader Nigel Farage and Peter Bone MP in Wellingborough

Farage calls in for EU out day

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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The roads around the Kettering Conference Centre ground to a halt on Saturday when more than 2,000 people attended one of the largest ever cross party EU meetings in the county. UKIP Leader Nigel Farage was in the town to help launch the Grassroots Out in Northamptonshire and was joined on the panel and shared the same platform as Peter Bone, Conservative MP for Wellingborough & Rushden; Kate Hoey, Labour MP for Vauxhall; Tom Pursglove, Conservative MP for Corby & East Northamptonshire; Philip Hollobone, Conservative MP for Kettering; Sammy Wilson, DUP MP for East Antrim, along with former Secretary of State for Defence, Liam Fox. The meeting was chaired by Margot Parker, UKIP MEP for East Midlands.

Mr Bone said: “This was an historic event and the first time Conservative, Labour, UKIP and DUP have come together and campaigned on this cross party footing. ‘The idea of launching this Grassroots campaign came from myself along with Tom Pursglove and Kate Hoey. ‘We started talking about the campaign in December and in about one month we had organised this conference which attracted 2,000 people. ‘I have asked the PM, David Cameron, if he would join the GO Campaign, but he said he has not made his mind up and probably will not until the negotiations with Europe have finished. ‘If he decides to join us we would welcome him.”

A full report on Northampton’s ‘nightmare’ North Gate bus station was requested at a council meeting this week by a councillor who wants to see buses relocated to the former Greyfriars site.

Councillor Sally Beardsworth, the leader of the Liberal Democrat group on the borough council, proposed a motion at Monday night’s Full Council at the Guildhall for a full report on ‘Northampton’s capacity to manage bus and coach services’.

The councillor for Kingshorpe had hoped the review would lead to the current bus stops along the Drapery being relocated to the site of the former Greyfriars bus station. However, the motion was turned down by Conservative councillors.

Leader of the council, Cllr Mary Markham, pictured, said the reason behind the rejection was because the motion stated that the report must be ‘held before any building plans are considered on the Greyfriars site’.

Cllr Markham said: “We continue to monitor the bus station as we would with any development. “However, one part of the motion asked us to hold fire on progression at the Greyfriars until we had completed the review. “I am not prepared to hold that process because we have gone out to three companies who are going to draft three different sets of plans around their proposals and costs, and then we will go out to consultation. “So to put all that on hold could dramatically hold up our development.”

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Pupils fainted at school’s jabs day

A Northampton secondary school was forced to suspend its vaccination day after several students fell ill – including some who fainted – after being given their jabs.

Paramedics were reportedly called to Northampton School for Boys on Tuesday after ‘around 10 to 15’ Year 10 pupils fainted during the vaccinations.

The teenagers were later said to be well, although letters were sent home to parents warning that if their child started to feel ill later on, they should seek medical advice.

One parent, whose son didn’t get round to having his jabs and had seen the events unfold, said that ‘kids were seen on their backs on the floor with their legs up on chairs’.

The parent added: “Several different vaccines were being administered, and around 10 to 15 pupils keeled over and paramedics were called.

“The rest of the jabs were cancelled and a letter was sent home to the parents of pupils who had been given the jabs about what to do if they felt nauseous.

“Rumours say there may have been a duff batch of vaccines.”

An investigation has since been launched into what happened by the Northampton School Nursing Team at Northants Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The letter which was sent out to parents says it is still unknown what caused the pupils to fall ill, and that the school had to withdraw the vaccine that the affected pupils received as a precaution.

You can read the whole letter in our full online story at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk
This week’s Must Have is with Northants singer/songwriter Kenneth J Nash. His must have is his Auden Chester guitar. He said: “It is one of the original prototypes and I’ve owned it ever since Auden Guitars set up business in Higham Ferrers. I’ve played it at over 35 festivals in 2015 including the Isle of Wight festival. It’s my ‘go to’ guitar for writing and recording.”

Welcome to our regular feature where we invite people to tell us why we should follow them on Twitter. Tweet us @NorthamptonUK and you will see the best ones here.

Vikram tweeted via @Vikram_k1: “I tweet about political issues and general news. I also like to tweet about life!” To catch up with all the latest news and sports in Northants, you can visit our website at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk. You can also follow us on Twitter @NorthamptonUK, @NickBieberHP, @LawrenceJohnHP and @stevescoles, or on Facebook at Northants Herald Post.

Your views

Readers react to call to relocate sex shops

This week the Northants Herald and Post reported that the leader of the Labour group on Northampton Borough Council (NBC), Cllr Danielle Stone, is calling for the town’s sex entertainment outlets to be relocated because they are a ‘daily insult to families who want to live in a kind and caring community’. Here are what our readers thought:

DEBBIE GALTEN: Yes they should be moved to an out of town non-residential area. As Councillor Steele says, many other local authorities have already done this and more forward thinking councils are refusing licences altogether due to the IPV issues they cause. But NBC licensing dept have consistently ignored the many letters of complaint they receive from members of the public, each time the Urban Tiger licence is up for review...let’s hope they will finally be forced to listen.

KATIE PERRY: What’s the problem? I don’t get the issue. If you don’t visit them, you’d barely notice they’re there. And so what that they are? People can be so prudish.

Move buses back to the Greyfriars site

This week we reported that the leader of the Lib Dems group on the borough council, Cllr Sally Beardsworth, is calling for a report into the North Gate bus station. She also said she wanted to see buses move back to the Greyfriars. Here are what our readers thought:

SHARON SINGLEHURST: They can’t use the North Gate bus station for the National Express coaches. I am registered blind and I find it so difficult. The buses don’t always go to their own bays. If they go to another bay, I don’t know where my bus is. I hate the new bus station. There are not enough bays to cope with all the buses. There was nothing wrong with Greyfriars. Total chaos if you ask me!

NICHOLAS HARRIS: Move coaches to North Gate, not the Drapery and rebuild Greyfriars for buses. North Gate is simply terrible, anyone who had any part in building that worthless, unworkable piece of cr*p, needs flogging and should have no part in town planning.

Your Voice

Blogger of the week

Lawrence John

Northants Herald & Post reporter, Lawrence John writes a weekly blog which you can see at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk here is his latest all about the balancing act when on a diet.

There is a quip which goes like this, “When things get tough you have to grit your teeth and get on with it or you can get the council to do it but that will take a little longer.” This ‘take a little longer’ or a ‘never ending story’ is how I feel about diets. I started a diet way back in June 2014. The diet and exercise regime has long since worked its magic but now the diet has become, to use a buzz phrase ‘a life style choice’. In other words it has mutated from a diet into something I have to keep going in order to claim victory, but by doing so I have to continue to fight against the battle of the budge which goes on and on and on… I have won but this is now a case of ever decreasing yet never ending circles. It has become a balancing act of a strict regime and treats… One of the treats I get which costs no calories is sitting down on the sofa, listening to music and reading a newspaper on a Saturday and a Sunday morning. It is the only time in a week where I can tune off and read. I soak up all the bits and pieces I read. It could be an article, a short crib, a reader’s letter or a headline. It is an eclectic choice but I always read the different sections of the paper in the same order every week. Is it habit? tradition? or is it OCD? It is too close to call, but the time before lunch can drift off into a world of words. I cannot see any clock, I have no idea what time it is and I just read.

Bits which jumped out at me this weekend were: it will soon cost more to keep a relative in care than to send a child to Eton; while many rock stars used to die young – hence the 27 club (dead at 27-years old like Brian Jones, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison) – now it would appear, following the death of Lemmy from Motörhead, David Bowie and Glenn Frey from The Eagles, that the 69 club has started.

And then the stomach rumbles, so it must be lunch time. A quick glance at the clock tells me it is, so another battle of man vs food starts, but unlike the television programme which sees one man eat all he can of one giant meal, I have to think how many calories are there in air… as many as that! Maybe just small gulps then.

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Fundraisers will brave the elements for Northampton’s annual Big Sleepout, which takes place tomorrow.

Organised by the Northampton Hope Centre, the event aims to raise awareness of the issues faced by homeless people, while raising much needed funds for the local charity.

The Hope Centre would like to raise £30,000 from this event, and this year, participants will be sleeping outside overnight on Friday, January 29, at Northants County Cricket Ground.

By sleeping outside, participants will have a taste of what the homeless experience when exposed to the elements.

One of the people taking part will be The University of Northampton’s Vice Chancellor, Nick Petford, who is also a patron of the Centre.

Sue Wright, fundraiser, said: “The Big Sleepout is traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are delighted Nick will be joining us to help raise awareness and much needed funds to support the work we do. We have set ourselves a target of 100 sleepers, and hope the event will raise £30,000, a tough ask, but we think we can achieve this with everyone’s support.”

The Big Sleepout event will be held from Friday, January 29, at 7:30pm until 7:30am the following morning, at the Northants County Cricket Ground. To take part, visit the Hope Centre website for more information.

If you would rather stay warm you can still get involved by sponsoring Professor Petford and the other participants.

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H&P Editor on a 300 mile mission

By Steve Scoles

When I’m going to do something, I need to announce it around the house three or four times across the space of a month before I really believe I’m going to do it. By that time most of the family will be sick of hearing me say I’m going to do it and will insist that I just get on with it. The youngest ones will probably think I’ve already done it.

That’s how I commit to something.

In the period running up to Christmas I was doing that about the Cynthia Spencer Hospice London 2 Paris charity ride. The Cynthia Spencer Hospice is a great cause and I have taken part in a couple of Cycle 4 Cynthia rides in Northamptonshire, but I’ll admit there was more than a dash of 47-year-old cyclo-adventurism turning my head about this event.

Just after Christmas I signed up. The challenge is a four day ride, with day one a 90 mile stage to Calais. I haven’t done anything like this before.

Last year I attempted a 100 mile mountain bike sportive having never done anything like that before and only managed 81 miles before nightfall – on the longest day of the year.

So when I say I haven’t done anything like this before I actually don’t feel like I’ve done anything at all yet. I would really like to get this one done.

I exchanged a flurry of ‘what do I do next’ type emails with the organisers of the London to Paris ride like this for various causes.

The first shock to the system was that 80 per cent of my sponsorship is due by February 23 – just over £1,000.

Evidently with five months to go until the ride I was still a bit last minute with my registration.

I know other riders have signed up and via the hospice I have offered the chance to publicise their fundraising but they probably did so a while before me.

The second wasn’t so much of a shock, more like a confirmation – it was a suggested training plan to get me up to a 90 mile a day level of cycling. Once a week round Pitsford Reservoir was clearly not going to cut it.

Having said that the first proper training ride I set out on was partly round Pitsford Reservoir. I was in the company of Matthew Pateman who was keen to kick start his own regime having taken a year out from fitness after the birth of his daughter Liv.

Matthew arrived in the t-shirt he earned by completing a Tough Mudder assault course. I was layered up in the most advanced textile technology the January sales could provide.

I was also experimenting with cleats for the first time. Cleats had never been a big issue on my mountain bike. They hold your foot to the pedal so it doesn’t slide about. It doesn’t make much sense to do that riding around woodland trails but on a long road journey it means you don’t have to keep finding your footing.

I’ve downsized is very literal – you can fail to release your foot in time when you stop and you fall down sideways.

At our first stop to cross traffic I demonstrated falling down sideways to Matthew. I had remembered my foot was stuck but couldn’t flick my ankle sideways in time to unclip it.

Slowly I began to topple. You can’t fight gravity so I didn’t struggle. I waited for the impact. I think I might have commented my way down with: “Going, going, going…”

The elbow and the knee got it but I was across a path and partly on grass. Matthew sprang into action but was too late to get a picture on his phone.

I had managed to unclip myself and leap up in that way people do when their pride is the most injured part.

It wouldn’t have been so bad if it hadn’t happened four more times after that. I got a little graze on my knee, not from any single impact but from repeated pulping, slowly falling sideways the same way every time. I suppose it says something for how handy they are when you are zipping along that I am still open minded about cleats.

We did about 20 miles through Brixworth, Pitsford and then skirting Moulton. I got up Merry Tom Hill in one go thanks to Matthew’s pace-setting which I wouldn’t have done on my own, and by the end we were making solemn pacts to feast on Chinese food that night.

It might not be the most conventional training programme ahead, but at least it was underway.

FACTBOX

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OPENING NEXT WEEK
One of the Northamptonshire’s most famous parks is set to get a £4.5m facelift. Wicksteed Park in Kettering has revealed ambitious plans to bring the history and heritage of ‘the home of children’s play’ alive to all visitors.

The project will be launched at a glittering charity ball celebrating the centenary of the Wicksteed Charitable Trust, to be held in the park’s Edwardian Pavilion on Friday, tomorrow.

The park was founded in 1921 by Charles Wicksteed, the creator of swings and slides as we know them today, as part of his vision to inspire and encourage play as part of families’ health and well-being. The Wicksteed Charitable Trust was formed to ensure his work continued after his death.

The new restoration and rejuvenation project involves a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £2.5 million alongside £2 million from the Trust itself.

Key parts of the plan include:
- Restoration and landscaping of the playground reintroducing heritage play equipment including a replica of the first slide in the park and providing a context for the history of the park.
- Restoring important historical buildings and aspects of the park which have been lost over the decades.
- Restoring aspects of the original rose garden, the fountain lawn and landscaping around the iconic Pavilion.
- Transforming the Captain’s Lounge at the top of the Pavilion building into a learning centre and conference space with an outdoor, walk around viewing platform so people can enjoy spectacular views across the park.
- The park’s main thoroughfare is to be rejuvenated, with street furniture and restoration work in keeping with its historic heritage.
- Creation of a Wicksteed ice cream parlour serving traditional Wicksteed ice cream together with heritage buildings for displays and information all within an area that has not been accessible to the public for generations.

This project comes a year after the completion of a successful Heritage Lottery Fund-backed £3 million project that has restored the park’s lake to its former glory.

Two life-sized bronze figures in the lake - modelled on a couple of young visitors to Wicksteed Park in the 1930’s - will be a prominent feature of the project. These figures, modelled as sister and brother, will be placed on a new island in the lake, reminiscent of the two islands in the lake in the park's early years.

The new pavilion, which will be the project’s centrepiece, will include a Heritage Room that will provide insight into the history and development of the park.

Wicksteed Park will also launch a new education programme, offering workshops and activities for visitors of all ages to learn about the history of the park and its key features.

Members of the Trust and the Wicksteed Park team are looking forward to the project and are confident it will bring a new lease of life to the historic park.

“We are excited about this new project which will not only benefit the park but also the local community. We are thrilled to be working with the Heritage Lottery Fund and look forward to sharing our great history with visitors for years to come,” said a Trust spokesperson.

The £2.5 million funding application, which will also go towards the project’s landscaping and restoration work, will be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in the coming weeks.

The Wicksteed Charitable Trust, to be held at a charity ball on Friday, tomorrow, is vital to the project’s success, with funds raised helping to transform the park for future generations.

Tickets for the ball, which includes a three-course dinner, drinks and entertainment, are now on sale online and at the park's own ticket office. The event is expected to sell out quickly, with limited seating available.

The Wicksteed Charitable Trust is a registered charity that was founded in 1921 by Charles Wicksteed, the creator of swings and slides as we know them today. The Trust is dedicated to maintaining and improving the historic Wicksteed Park in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

For more information about the Wicksteed Park project and to purchase tickets for the charity ball, visit the park’s website or contact the Trust directly.
take fun seriously

the park – which commemorate the project, have already become a landmark photo opportunity for visitors. The centenary ball, for which tickets are now on sale to the public, will celebrate the achievements of the Trust over the last 100 years, as well as showcasing its vision for the future. Proceeds will help the Wicksteed Charitable Trust to fund a reproduction of the iconic first slide in the park; a structure that was to change the history of children’s play forever. Oliver Wicksteed, chairman of the Wicksteed Charitable Trust and Charles Wicksteed’s great grandson, said: “This project is part of a masterplan for the future of the whole park, retaining its historical significance and highlighting its importance from a heritage perspective. “We want people arriving at the park to understand they are in a place where key elements of children’s play developed.” Through physical interpretation and engagement we want to bring the history and heritage of the park alive to all visitors, so everyone who visits will learn about its significance.” One of the Trust’s main goals is to maintain free access to the park.

What are your memories of Wicksteed Park as a child? Do you have any pictures to go with your memories. Let us know by emailing lawrence.john@hpnorthants.co.uk and we can put them together and share them online.
WEETABIX WILL KEEP IT LOCAL FOR ITS WHEAT

Northamptonshire cereal maker Weetabix has reaffirmed its commitment to source the wheat it purchases each year from farmers located within 50 miles of its factory in Burton Latimer.

The announcement coincided with a visit last Thursday from the Environment Secretary Elizabeth Truss to a local farm which supplies the Weetabix factory.

The establishment of Weetabix's Wheat Protocol goes beyond the requirements of the Red Tractor Assurance Scheme and Entry Level Environmental Stewardship scheme to further reduce food miles and fertiliser usage. Weetabix will exclusively source wheat for Weetabix biscuits from two local wheat merchants – Gleadell and Fengrain. 2016 will be the sixth harvest since the establishment of Weetabix’s industry leading “wheat protocol” in 2010.

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Lucky pupils from a Northants primary school trod in the footsteps of international stars Justin Bieber, One Direction and Adele as part of the world’s largest children's choir earlier this week.

Young singers from Roade Primary School, near Northampton, joined the record-breaking Young Voices at London’s O2 Arena on Monday night, singing and dancing along to hits from a wide range of genres – including gospel, pop, rock and classic.

The 21 kids from Roade, aged from seven to 11-years-old, enjoyed the opportunity of a lifetime as part of 7,446-strong choir of children from across the UK – performing in front of a large crowd made up of families and friends.

Standing proudly alongside his Roade primary school pupils was headteacher, Mark Currell, who described the children’s performance as ‘phenomenal’.

He said the day after the concert: “The singing was brilliant and the dancing was amazing. It was a spine-tingling moment.

“The energy it created was out of this world – it was way way more than just singing with a live band - it was the energy that came with it, the fact that these children are coming together and working as this massive team.

“They are never going to forget this moment, they really will remember it for the rest of their lives.”

Young Voices hosts ‘the largest school choir concerts in the world’ every year in arenas across the UK, many of which Roade Primary School has taken part in.

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The group, which was founded two years after Beckworth opened its doors, is designed to promote local producers of food and drink, while also helping them to reach new markets. Beckworth played a big part with MIN in helping local producers roll out their products.

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Call for adult sites to be moved out

A call to relocate sex entertainment outlets in Northampton town centre ‘away from where we live and where we shop’ has been made by the leader of the opposition Labour Group on the borough council.

Councillor Danielle Stone, who made the call at Monday’s full council meeting at the Guildhall, said the lap dancing club and two sex shops on the town’s Wellingborough Road are a ‘daily insult to families who want to live in a kind and caring community’.

The opposition leader said ‘it is completely wrong to normalise the commercial use of women’s bodies’, and added that ‘I and everyone I have spoken to’ would like to see the outlets moved out of the town centre.

Cllr Stone, who made the call at the meeting during the review of the council’s licensing policy, said: “It is my view that these venues should not be located in residential areas or on high streets or local shopping areas.

“We are witnessing a big spike in reported domestic violence. This is taking place in the social context of the increasing commodification and exploitation of women, an increase in human trafficking and domestic slavery and the sexual exploitation of children.

“It is completely wrong to normalise the commercial use of women’s bodies and to promote the view that people are commodities to be bought and sold like any other commodity.

“There are three sex entertainment outlets near where I live. All of them are on the Wellingborough Road, where families do their local shopping, that children pass on the way to and from school, that are there as a daily insult to families who want to live in a kind and caring community.”

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‘DAILY INSULT’: Cllr Danielle Stone wants to see the town’s sex shops and strip club relocated

Northants phrasebook

Each week Adam Jacot de Boinod, author of The Meaning of Tingo, sets us a word challenge from Northamptonshire dialect. Can you get it?

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Can you guess the correct definition from the following three options for the word salt-er?

A) a tree bare of leaves or twigs
B) the worst or lowest sheep-shearer in a team
C) a round mass of conglomerated sand

Answer at the bottom of the page.

Burger King lined up for centre move

Fast food giant Burger King is rumoured to be lining up a move into a Northampton shopping centre – and could open there in the next few months.

Staff at the Burger King eatery in the town centre’s Market Square claim the chain’s new outlet will open in Weston Favell Shopping Centre in September.

Should the move happen, it would bring the number of eateries, including cafes, in the centre up to six – including Jenny’s restaurant, B&B’s, Costa Coffee, Emmanuel Church cafe, Tesco cafe and soon-to-open Starbucks.

But when the shopping centre was contacted for a response, a spokesperson was unable to confirm or deny the rumour – adding that ‘no contracts have been agreed or signed’.

The spokesman said: “Due to the investment and redevelopment of Weston Favell shopping centre, there has been a lot of interest from potential tenants. At this point we are unable to comment on specific retailers or brands as no contracts have been agreed or signed.”

It is believed that, if the move does happen, the new eatery would open in the newly refurbished part of the lower mall, near Jenny’s restaurant.

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An officer from Northamptonshire Police’s intelligence bureau, which is tackling human trafficking and modern slavery, stated these crimes are taking place a couple of miles away from where you live.

Sergeant Ash Turner explained that in the last six months since he has been involved in the unit he has been surprised by what he has seen and the crimes they have discovered.

People across the county are being urged to look out for the signs that victims might display and to contact police if they have any suspicions.

The unit was set up six months ago, comprising five specialist officers. The team, which will be growing in the next few months to cope with the increasing workload, has already rescued five victims of human trafficking and seized £50,000 in cash.

Sgt Turner said: “I can say with reasonable confidence that human trafficking and modern day slavery is taking place a couple of miles from where you are reading this. We have rescued five victims from Northampton who have been involved in sexual exploitation working in brothels in the town.

“And we have rescued people from car washes in Northampton and car washes in the surrounding towns.

“If a man goes to a brothel in Northampton and the woman is not the same as the picture he booked on adult services and looks very sad and does not want to be there I hope he calls us or Crimestoppers. We do not need to know who it is or what he has been doing but we need information.

“We are finding a number of people who find themselves in this situation come from poor countries in Eastern Europe such as Poland or Romania or Vietnam. Sometimes we are talking about a British citizen who has been recruited from a homeless shelter.

“I have been surprised by the last six months and delighted when the people we have rescued are freed.”

Lord Parkinson, who launched his political career in Northampton, has died after a long battle with cancer at the age of 84.

In the June 1970 general election, in which Edward Heath led the Conservatives to power, he stood as candidate for Northampton but was not elected.

The result was a victory for Reg Paget (Labour) with 27,424 votes while Cecil Parkinson polled 26,183 for the Tories.

Former Northampton South MP Brian Binley paid his own personal tribute to Lord Parkinson when he said: “I am saddened to learn of his death. He served his country with great distinction as a cabinet minister. Many older Northamptonians will remember he stood as Conservative candidate in Northampton in the General Election in June 1970.

“Northampton can claim to be the launch pad for a man who made such an impression on the nation during his lifetime.”
The Herbal Bed’s thyme has come

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BY LAURENCE JOHN
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The first Made in Northampton production of the new year, The Herbal Bed, will open at The Royal Theatre next month.

This gripping play exploring the secret life of Shakespeare’s daughter, Susannah, was written by Peter Whelan for the Royal Shakespeare Company, and premiered in 1996.

The cast is led by two-time Manchester Evening Award winner Emma Lowndes, from Downton Abbey, along with two-time Olivier nominee Charlotte Wakefield.

A Royal & Derngate co-production with English Touring Theatre and Rose Theatre Kingston, the play opens in Northampton, running from Friday, February 5, to Saturday, February 27, before embarking on a national tour.

When William Shakespeare’s daughter is publicly accused of adultery with her neighbour, her husband chooses to stand by her, seeing her as the greater of two evils. In doing so, their lives fall under the glare of intense public scrutiny in this emotional thriller, based upon real events from Stratford-upon-Avon in the summer of 1613.

Playing the central role of Shakespeare’s daughter, Susannah Hall, Emma Lowndes may be best known to audiences as Margie Drewes in Downton Abbey.

Other TV credits include The Musketeers and Cranford, and her stage credits include Children of the Sun and Thérèse Raquin at the National Theatre.

The cast also includes Charlotte Wakefield, last seen in Northampton as Laurey in Oklahoma! last spring, with the line-up completed by Philip Correia, Patrick Driver, Jonathan Guy Lewis, Michael Mears and Matt Whitchurch.

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BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filhouse

The Danish Girl

Thursday

Room (pictured)

After five-year-old Jack and his mother escape from the enclosed surroundings that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery.

Friday - Thursday

It happened One Night

Sunday

My Nazi Legacy

In this emotional documentary, the sons of two infamous Nazi war criminals meet human rights lawyer Philippe Sands, who lost several members of his own family in the Holocaust.

Monday

Parisian

Tuesday

Black Souls

Wednesday

To book tickets call 01604 624811.

Lings Forum

The Danish Girl

Thursday

In the Heart of the Sea

Friday - Tuesday

Snoopy & Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie

Saturday and Sunday

Grandma

A teenager facing an unplanned pregnancy seeks help from her grandmother, who is long estranged from her daughter.

Wednesday

To book tickets call 01604 837300.
David’s comedy is aiming for the stars

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A regular of Channel 4’s 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, David O’Doherty is bringing his new show to Northampton tomorrow, Friday, January 29.

Called We Are All In The Gutter, But Some Of Us Are Looking At David O’Doherty, the funnyman’s act will be hell bent on hilarity. The comedian, author and musician, who describes himself as the ‘Lidl Enya’ and the ‘broken Bublé’, is delighted to present an evening of talking and songs played on a ‘stupid keyboard’ from 1986.

His previous stand-up shows have seen him travel across the world including appearances at festivals in Melbourne, Montreal, New York and Kilkenny and earned him the if.com Award for Best Show at Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2008.

He has also been seen supporting fellow comedians Tommy Tiernan and Rich Hall on tours of Ireland and the UK.

When not on tour he regularly appears on shows such as QI, The Unbelievable Truth, Have I Got News For You, 8 Out Of 10 Cats and Would I Lie to You?

His other work in TV includes hosting an episode of Nevermind The Buzzcocks and having his own Comedy Central Presents show on US television.

O’Doherty’s unique brand of comedy and music takes to the Royal stage on Friday, January 29 at 7.45pm. Tickets for the show are priced at £17* and can be booked by calling the box office on 01604 624811 or online at www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

* A charge of £2.50 applies for all transactions over £15. Does not apply to groups, Friends or disabled patrons, and is per-transaction, not per-ticket.

Sitting Pretty: David O’Doherty aims to shine when at the Royal & Derngate in Northampton

Storyteller puts twist on fairytale endings

Continuing the theatre’s ongoing programme of storytelling events for adults, Rachel Rose Reid comes to Royal & Derngate on Saturday, January 30 with her compelling show, I’m Hans Christian Andersen.

In a bittersweet trawl through the love stories we read, the ones we tell, and the ones we never finish, this award-winning contemporary storyteller tears the glittering sugar-coating from the fairytale writer, to reveal the real, raw Andersen and our own obsessions with happily ever after.

Rachel Rose Reid was raised on a hybrid of immigrant oral tradition, English folk music and concrete jungle. As a storyteller and spoken word artist she regularly bridges between all three worlds. She has been Storyteller in Residence for Dickens Museum, the Saison Poetry Library and the English Folk Dance and Song Society. Rachel takes to the Royal stage at 7.45pm on January 30.

Tickets for the show cost £11 and these can be booked by either calling the Royal & Derngate box office on 01604 624811 or going online at www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

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to death. Could his murder be linked to
the disappearance of pupil, Kathryn O’More,
20 years ago?

SATURDAY

Jo Ridesout memorial concert at The Picture-
drome in Northampton

This annual event, which raises money for the
Friends of Cynthia Spencer Hospice, will fea-
ture local band Accrington Stanley on stage
at the newly refurbished Picturedrome. Doors
open 7.30 pm. Ticket prices £10.

SUNDAY

Last day of open exhibition at NH, Number 9
Guildhall Road in Northampton

Every two years NN Contemporary Art hosts
its open exhibition of work by artists from
across the world, in a wide range of media.
35 artists feature in the exhibition. Visitors
are able to see a wide range of artworks, from a
CGI kebab shop window to political text work,

from an abstracted daffodil to pencil drawings
of Arnold Schwarzenegger moving mountains
and much more from Ireland, Norway, USA,
and the UK. Today is the last day of the
exhibition, and it will be open from 11am -
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Call the Midwife claims to be one of the most unique
TV dramas around and it shows in every episode.

It is interesting to note how many war films made by Germany companies hit the
market.

I am thinking of Downfall, Das Boot, The
Counterfeiters, Sophie Scholl and
Operation Valkyrie, which are fantastic
films. I also thought German television scored a
big winner with Generation War in the UK
(Ger Fathers in German).

So when I saw Deutschland was on
Channel 4 I wondered could it be on the
same level?

I am not being disappointed as the story
is fairly rattling along.

It is a nutshell it is set in 1983 during the
Cold War and it centres on Martin Rauch
(Jonas Nay), a 24-year-old native of
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an undercover spy for the Stasi.

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and is already passing on secrets to the
East.

It is fascinating to witness the German
perspective from both sides of the Berlin
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DAVID Bowie’s wife Imman only revealed recently that the family had made a secret final trip to London 18 months ago when the singer said an emotional farewell to his home city after being diagnosed with cancer.

The trip took in the Tower of London, the London Eye, and the house where he spent his early childhood in Brixton.

Born David Jones — changing his name to avoid confusion with Davy Jones from the Monkees — Bowie lived at 18 Stansfield Road in Brixton from 1947 until 1951 when, aged six, the family moved to Bromley. Last year, the four-bedroom terrace house sold for £1m.

The property is just minutes away from where thousands gathered to pay tribute to Brixton’s Own Boy” after news of his death, laying flowers and candles at the mural and taking part in an impromptu sing-along of his hits.

The iconic rock star spent his final years in New York with his wife Imman and daughter Lexi. 15, where he lived the title of a family man. Although he’d retreated further from the public eye, Bowie released his critically acclaimed last album Blackstar at the start of the year.

For die-hard fans, a property next door to his birthplace has just come on the market. This top floor one-bedroom flat in a converted Victorian house is just down the road from Brixton Tube. In a quiet residential road, the agent reckons it’s in an excellent condition and is on the market for £350,000.

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Will there be a race to rent this house?

DARRENVILE Stirling Moss is known as one of the best all-round racing drivers in the sport’s history.

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Moss raced 107 different types of car until a near-fatal accident at Goodwood in 1962 forced him to quit the sport. A career in property followed and he bought this three-bedroom Mayfair pad in 1985 for £12,000. Moss designed the house with gadgets which were well ahead of their time, including an automated system for running a bath at a preset temperature, which could be triggered by pushing a button on one of many control panels around the house.

He moved out after seven years, but the 66-year-old liked the street so much he moved to a bigger house further down the road – his current six-storey high-tech home.

Moss’s former place in Shepherd Street remains a stylish modern home with sleek spiral staircase as one of its standout features. The five-storey townhouse has two reception rooms, three bathrooms, dining room, and cinema room, as well as a double length garage, two private terraces and walled garden. It’s available to rent at £1,500 a week.

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**New**

A modern three bedroom detached house, beautifully presented inside and out. There is a conservatory leading from the lounge that overlooks the attractive garden with lawn and seating areas that in turn lead to the garage and parking spaces. The property has UPVC double glazing and radiator heating.

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E does the numbers with new engines and styling

The new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Saloon is now available to order in the UK, priced from £35,935 OTR, ahead of first deliveries in May. Two trim levels are available, SE and AMG Line, and two engines, the E 220 d and E 350 d. The UK range starts with the E 220 d SE, priced from £35,935, with the E 220 d AMG Line from £38,430. The E 350 d SE starts at £44,530, and the E 350 d AMG Line at £47,425.

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Standard specification on the SE includes: Garmin Map Pilot navigation system with 8.4-inch display; Parktronic parking sensors with reversing camera and Park Pilot self parking system; Collision Prevention Assist Plus autonomous emergency braking system; Pre-Safe anticipatory safety system (including Pre-Safe Sound, which helps prevent damage to hearing); 64-colour selectable LED interior lighting; two-zone automatic climate control; three-spoke multifunction steering wheel with dual touchpads; leather upholstery with heated front seats; LED headlamps and taillamps; electrically folding mirrors and 17-inch wheels (18-inch on the E 350 d). AMG Line models come with AMG exterior styling including unique bumpers and side skirts; 19-inch alloy wheels; perforated front brake discs; three-spoke AMG steering wheel; and Artico leather and Dymamic microfiber upholstery with seat comfort package.

All E 350 d models come with Air Body Control multi-chamber air suspension as standard, as well as COMAND satellite navigation with 12.3-inch display and remote online services. Two options packages – Premium and Premium Plus – are available, as well as a host of individual options, colours and trims.
Honda Jazz
Take a look inside...

An astonishing number of Honda Jazz owners buy another and the third generation version we’re looking at here aims to keep them loyal. But the Japanese brand also needs to attract new converts to its clever little supermini, something that will be easier to do with this MK3 model thanks to its smarter looks, better driving experience and optional hybrid power. For very good reasons, this is the supermini that industry insiders most commonly recommend.

The Jazz rides on Honda’s new global B-segment chassis and as such is both lighter and more structurally rigid than its predecessor. The suspension is also lighter, with struts up front and a torsion beam rear end combining with a longer wheelbase to better isolate road noise and surface imperfections.

The revised dampers also assist in improving ride quality and a redesigned electric power-assisted steering system claims to deliver better feedback for the driver. Yes, you heard that right: feedback. In a Honda Jazz. Things have certainly changed.

The only Jazz engine choice is a 1.3 litre i-VTEC petrol unit with 102PS of power. It’s mated to a six-speed manual transmission which replaces the old five-speed ‘box, and there’s also the option of a semi-automatic CVT transmission.

The interior has come on leaps and bounds with a huge windscreen that imparts a genuine feel of airiness up front. It extends way overhead, meeting the roof panel a good few inches aft of where you’d normally expect that junction. This, along with the large front quarter windows, provides respectable forward visibility. Boot capacity measures 354-litres, with space extending to 884-litres with the ‘Magic Seats’ folded. The dash is dominated by either a five-inch LCD multi-information display or an even-inch Honda Connect infotainment touchscreen, depending on model grade.

This smarter third generation Honda Jazz has evolved, with its ethos shifting subtly. One thing hasn’t changed though. Ask almost any motoring expert to recommend the supermini they’d buy with their own money and many will still plump for this one. It isn’t the feistiest car of its kind on a twisty road, but we’d trade that for this model’s excellent ride and superb gearbox.

Honda Jazz
• From £13,495 - £17,705
• Emissions: 106-120 g/km
• Max speed: 118mph
• 0-62mph 11.2s
• (combined) 56.5mpg
MINI Clubman ALL4

MINI has launched the all new MINI Clubman ALL4 – the brand’s first all-wheel drive model in the C-segment. This launch marks the MINI brand’s further advance into the premium compact segment and represents the first ALL4 model to be built at MINI Plant Oxford.

New DS 3 & DS 3 Cabrio

New DS 3 & DS 3 Cabrio are the latest models to be unveiled by DS Automobiles. The hatchback & Cabrio versions have new design features, latest-generation technology, ultimate attention to detail & a uniquely refined, yet dynamic character that are hallmarks of the DS brand.

FIAT 500 1.2-LITRE 69HP ‘ECO’

Following on from the introduction of the New FIAT 500 1.3 MultiJet II turbo diesel, the FIAT 500 range is expanding further with the launch of the 1.2-litre 69hp ‘Eco’ which is equipped with a host of efficiency technologies including a smart alternator, improved underbody aerodynamics and low rolling resistance 15-inch tyres.

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Jaguar XE is Safest Large Family Car

The Jaguar XE has scored another victory over its rivals to be rated the safest Large Family Car on sale by crash safety testing body, Euro NCAP. It’s the latest in a long line of successes for the XE, launched just nine months ago, which is also included on the shortlist for the prestigious European Car of the Year (ECOTY) title for 2016.

John Cooper Works Convertible

Potent, race-bred John Cooper Works performance is now available as an open-air experience, with the debut of the new MINI John Cooper Works Convertible this spring. This new model uses the same 2-litre TwinPower Turbo engine as found in MINI John Cooper Works Hatch, complete with its impressive 231hp and 320nm of torque. So equipped, this latest addition to the MINI Convertible range can reach 62mph from rest in 6.5 seconds, before reaching a top speed of 150mph.
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Starting ASAP • 35 hours per week, 52 weeks per year
Including some on-call and unsociable hours (e.g. working split shifts, weekends, bank holidays)
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Further details and application packs for all school vacancies are available on the school website. Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment. The closing date for applications is noon on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. Interviews are to be held during week commencing 8th February 2016.

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REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching, micro asphalt, surface dressing and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th February 2016 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 Directives 2002.

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N/2015/1335 48 High Street, Hardingstone Single storey side wc and a cloakroom extension. Within a conservation Area. 

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N/2015/1498 St Crispin Hospital, Berrywood Road Demolition of the existing ward blocks. Restoration of the clock tower and conversion to residential use comprising 13no apartments, restoration of the administration building and conversion use to provide 4no apartments, the erection of 15no apartments and 98 houses (238no dwellings total) with associated roads and underground car parks. Within a Conservation Area. Major Application 

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N/2016/0044 30A Billing Road Change of use of ground floor offices (Use Class A5) to domestic flat (Use Class C3) Within a Conservation Area. Affecting the setting of a Listed Building.

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S P Boyes, Director – Regulation, Enterprise & Planning 

Northampton Borough Council
New Cobblers signing Lee Martin admitted he was grateful for the reception he got on Saturday – as it’s been a little while since he was cheered on by his own fans.

The 28-year-old winger recently joined on a month’s loan from League One side Millwall, where he has struggled to get regular game time in recent months.

One of the games he did play in was Millwall’s 2-0 victory over the Cobblers in the Johnstone Paint Trophy back in October, and he clearly made enough of an impression to stay in boss Chris Wilder’s thoughts.

After a stern start against Dagenham & Redbridge on his Town debut, Martin looked much sharper and was in the thick of the action in Saturday’s 3-1 win over Morecambe – and got a rousing reception for his efforts when he was eventually substituted.

Martin said: “The reception was brilliant. I’m not used to that, having played at Millwall.

“I wasn’t a favourite down there, so it was nice to get it and something I haven’t been used to. I’ve had a bit of pressure on my back and been out of the side at Millwall. I’m just happy to get my chance and be back playing football.

“The Morecambe game was a good win. At times we perhaps made it a little harder for ourselves than we should have. But at the end of the day we got three points.

“This is Martin’s first spell in League Two, and he has only played in League One with Millwall this season and a brief loan spell at Charlton Athletic when they were in League One back in 2012-13. The rest of his career has been spent in the top two flights.

But the welcome he has received from his new teammates has helped bed him in, and he’s now also mastered the mantra that each game should be taken at a time, even if it is hard not to get excited at how well placed the Cobblers are.

He said: “It’s difficult having come down from the Championship and then into League One and not playing at all. I’ve found it hard not playing and sitting around, because I’d played quite a bit at a higher level.

“But it’s good to get back playing. The boys have been brilliant, and when they’re on a roll it helps because it’s an easy transition and something I’ll benefit from.

“You want to play as much as you can in the short loan period. Realistically I’ve got to know the boys quite well in a short time period anyway. That part has been easy for me.

“The next game is the most important one, and that’s how you should look at it. Otherwise you can lose track of your target and you can fall just short. So we need to take it one game at a time – that’s the best way of looking at it.”

### Wilder’s boys stir memories of Carr’s legends

Second world title for Baggage after marathon weekend

**BY JAMES AVERILL**

(WORLD’S BEST: Andrew Baggage came out on top in five games against Maxim Shmyrev)

**Newspaper Article**

Andrew Baggage retained his Ping Pong World Championships title last Sunday with a dramatic win over Russian three-time world champion Maxim Shmyrev. The Northampton champion came from two legs to one down and saved a match point from Shmyрев to claim his second title in the fifth and final game at Alexandra Palace, London.

Baggaley began his defense on Friday, beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot or each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot for each the beating Belgian Jacques Pietquin and Spanish friend Oriol Monzot.

Baggaley still managed to get through to the final without losing a game as he beat countryman Andrew Rushton 15-5 15-13 15-7.

This set up a meeting with Shmyrev in the final, who had beaten last year’s finalist Alexander Flemming in the semi-final three legs to one.

Shmyrev and Baggage took the first and second leg respectively but the third game was where the tension really kicked in.

Baggage had three chances to take the leg but Shmyrev sneaked it 15-14.

It looked like something similar might happen again in the next leg but Baggage held his nerve to take the game point and level things up at two legs apiece.

Shmyrev had looked rattled in his previous matches on Sunday night against Scottish fans’ favourite Gavin Rumgay and German Flemming respectively.

Baggage sensed this and took full advantage, pushing on from 9-9 to take the final game 15-11 and retain his world title.

Eighth seed Chris Doran, also from Northampton, was also a part of Sunday evening’s proceedings after getting through the first two days with little difficulty, but he lost his match in his quarter final bout with Flemming.

### Martin cheered up by fans’ rousing reception

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Tom Wood ready to tackle a vital stage for Saints head on after his England snub

Knocking on Eddie’s door

Tom Wood has been used to preparing for the Six Nations at this time of year, but being left out of the England squad means he will be concentrating on a crucial period in Northampton Saints’ season.

The 29-year-old flanker had been a mainstay in England’s back row for the last five years, but was one of the high profile names that were cut by head coach Eddie Jones.

As a result, Wood will now be focusing on getting Northampton in the Premiership’s top four in the weeks ahead, rather than resuscitating English rugby following their disastrous Rugby World Cup campaign last year.

However, he has in no way given up on adding to his 42 caps should an injury afflict one of the back rowers Jones has picked during the Six Nations.

Wood said: “It is a bit different, but I’ve had a spell out with injury and I’m just enjoying being back on the field, back playing with my mates and putting performances in for Northampton.

“The England selection has happened now. I can do nothing but get behind the team and wish them well and make sure I’m putting in performance after performance.

“They can’t ignore me forever if I’m playing well and if there’s ever an injury – not that I wish it on anybody – I’ll be ready to take the call.

“I don’t know where I am in the pecking order, to be honest, I might be fourth or fifth down the line so we’ll see.”

Northampton haven’t been as affected by international call-ups this year as in recent seasons, with new England captain Dylan Hartley away with the Red Rose along with Paul Hill and Courtney Lawes.

With George North (Wales) the only other absentee during the Six Nations, Wood believes Northampton are in a strong position to push on in the Premiership.

He said: “It’s a great opportunity for us now, with a lot of teams perhaps losing more internationals and certainly we haven’t lost as many as we normally do.

“I’m hoping that will galvanise us a little bit. This window now is a great chance for us to put ourselves in a brilliant position for the run-in.

“I know, having been away with England in the past, what a difference that makes for morale and to your psyche going into the tail end of the season.

“There’s nothing worse, if I’m honest, than coming back having played a real tough Six Nations campaign and feeling like they need the cavalry back and there’s a lot of weight on your shoulders.”

Saints are now faced with a grueling schedule of 10 straight games in the Premiership and Wood believes the squad will have to share the workload in a period that will surely shape their season.

“Your resources are constantly stretched and you can’t play on that emotional high week in week out,” said Wood, who will be facing Wasps at Franklin’s Gardens on Friday night.

“Four or five games back-to-back and 80 minutes each week in the Premiership really takes its toll on you. That’s why we’ve got to share the workload – the likes of myself, Jamie Gibson, Sam Dickinson – we’ve got to keep mixing it up, give everybody a game, using people’s freshness to bring some life into the team as you get rotated.”

Winger Tom Collins has made a swift recovery from being knocked unconscious against Glasgow Warriors just over a week ago and hopes to be involved against Wasps.

Collins had to be stretchered off after a sickening collision under a high ball with Glasgow’s Stuart Hogg, with understandable concerns over his wellbeing at the time.

He was ruled out of last Saturday’s 22-10 win over the Scarlets in the Champions Cup as a result, but thankfully there have been no long-term effects for the 21-year-old.

Collins said: “I’m feeling a lot better. I had a week or so off to recover, because it was a big shock what happened. I couldn’t really remember much from what happened, just before half-time. I spoke to the doctors, went with the physio and did everything that they said.

“It’s a big time for us young lads with this Six Nations period, and I’m just looking forward to getting out there in the next couple of weeks and putting a marker down.”

Northampton Saints rounded off the pool stage of their Champions Cup campaign in style with a 22-10 win over the Scarlets on Saturday evening, thanks to tries by Harry Mallinder, George Pisi, Sam Dickinson and George North.

Here’s what caught our reporter Matt Wright’s eye at Parc y Scarlets in a match that eventually secured Northampton’s place in the quarter finals.

Matt’s Man of the Match – Harry Mallinder (pictured)

The 19-year-old son of Saints director of rugby Jim Mallinder was a revelation, scoring the crucial first try that settled any nerves, providing a real threat running from inside centre and showed he can defend as well.

Move of the match – George North’s try

The build-up that led to North’s score that sealed the bonus point simply hasn’t been seen enough from Northampton in the campaign. Pisi made the initial break, off-loaded to Mallinder before he gave the (admittedly forward) pass that allowed North in at the corner.

Tackle of the match

Sadly for Jamie Gibson, the thumping head-on collision with the Scarlets’ Will Boyde ended his evening’s work after only six minutes.

Skill of the match

This has become the Harry Mallinder Show a little bit, but the way he received a pass from Stephen Myler that was behind him and put him off balance yet still managed to swivel and off-load to North in the first half was fabulous.
Northampton hooker named captain of his country by Eddie Jones

England take it all to Hartley

RUGBY UNION
BY MATT WRIGHT
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Northampton Saints forwards coach Dorian West has described Dylan Hartley’s elevation as England captain for this year’s Six Nations as a great honour for the club.

Former Saints skipper Hartley was handed the England armband on Monday by head coach Eddie Jones, succeeding Chris Robshaw, just months after being left out of their Rugby World Cup squad.

While there have been some that have questioned the hooker’s temperament and his disciplinary record, West insists he has already proven his leadership capabilities.

Hartley led the Saints for six seasons, and captained them to their first-ever Premiership title in the 2013/14 season, as well as the European Challenge Cup in the same year.

West said: “It’s obviously a big thing for Dylan himself, personally it’s a great honour to be picked as captain and for the club, we’ve seen that role in him – that’s why he’s been captain for so many years here.

“People talk a lot about ‘culture,’ but it’s driven by your players and your leaders and Dylan’s been a big part of that over the years.

“Personally, I’ve been working with Dylan since he was 17 at the National Academy and he’s made mistakes along the way, but he’s learned a lot of lessons and I think he’s developed into a top-class rugby player that’s well-respected within the game.”

Tom Wood, who has played alongside Hartley for club and country on many occasions, also praised his qualities as a leader, saying he didn’t need to give rousing speeches before matches to motivate his teammates.

Wood, one of the bigger names to be left out by Jones two weeks ago, said: “He naturally builds a culture and an environment to demand exacting standards out of everybody else.

“Some of the best team talks, and it takes a huge amount of character to be able to do it, is to say nothing.

“Often people think the bigger the game, the bigger the speech needs to be or the bigger the rallying cry and, actually, quite often the bigger the game, the bigger the emotion and the atmosphere. Dylan will just look everybody in the eye and say ‘are we ready? Follow me’.

“That’s as simple as it needs to be – you don’t need a big Churchillian speech and I hope he brings a bit of that to the England team and if he does, they’ll be in a good place.”

Hartley’s appointment has led to many bringing up his well-publicised disciplinary problems and the fact that he has served 54 weeks’ worth of suspensions in his career.

The 29-year-old insists that he has learned from his mistakes, but there are critics that regard having him as captain as a risk.

West said: “It’s bound to be the case with the record that he’s got, there’s no getting away from that, but what we’ve got to do is see how Dylan plays over these next few games, if he gets selected for the team. Hopefully, he’ll show everybody that he’s more than capable of leading the team.”

Saints will be facing Sarries in last eight

Northampton Saints have qualified for the quarter finals of the European Rugby Champions Cup after an extraordinary climax to the pool stages saw results go their way last Sunday.

Northampton, who qualified as the third-best runner-up, will travel to top seeds and Premiership champions Saracens on the weekend commencing on April 8, with the venue still to be decided.

Jim Mallinder’s men put themselves in the mix with a bonus-point 22-10 win over the Scarlets in Llanelli last Saturday evening, but were still left sweating on results elsewhere.

They were initially hoping for a favour from, of all teams, their great rivals Leicester, but Stade Francais claimed the victory and bonus point they needed to progress as they defeated the Tigers 36-21 in Paris.

This meant all eyes switched to Pool 2 and Exeter were to be the Ospreys 33-17 at Sandy Park to ensure Saints’ progression, while Clermont Auvergne surprisingly lost 37-28 at home to Bordeaux-Begles.

Northampton flanker Tom Wood said on their progress: “It was pretty nerve-wracking watching on Sunday, watching it all unfold and try to keep up with the maths.

“It’s great to qualify, give ourselves a chance – we don’t feel like we’ve been on our best form of late, but we do back ourselves on any given day. It gives us another opportunity to play Saracens, so that’s a bonus as well.

“We’ve had some good days against Saracens in the past. They’re in brilliant form at the minute, they’re having a great season, but we know we can upset them when we’re at our best.”
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