14 - 22 September 2019

Festival 2019

Celebrating the Wildlife, Heritage & Culture of the Nene Valley

Enjoy an eclectic programme of outdoor events, art workshops, concerts, foodie events and much more!

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Welcome to the 2019 Nene Valley Festival, an event which celebrates the natural and historic assets of this beautiful landscape.

Enjoy a diverse programme of events aimed at both residents and visitors to the region, inspiring more people to connect with the wildlife and heritage of the Nene Valley.

We are delighted to be presenting nine days of exciting events taking place at a variety of venues from Northampton to Peterborough.

The programme has been designed so there is something for everyone to enjoy, whether you are interested in cultural heritage, local history, archaeology, food and drink, the arts or leisure activities.

We would like to thank all our festival partners, local organisations and businesses for their continued support, with particular thanks to our main funder, the Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme and Heritage Lottery Funding.

We look forward to seeing you soon!
The Nene Valley is easy to find and never far away...

Just one hour from London, Birmingham, Oxford and Cambridge.
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

BLUE BADGE GUIDED WALK OF OUNDLE (WEST)

Enjoy a guided walk of Oundle. Learn more about a noisy well, a puking infant, pubs galore and a modern monstrosity!

Start at Talbot Hotel. PE8 4EA. 2.15pm. Free. T: 01832 742064 or book via nenevalley.net

NENE VALLEY FESTIVAL LAUNCH

Celebrate the launch of our nine day programme at Cathedral Square with a celebration of Peterborough’s heritage for Peterborough Heritage Open Days (with properties open all weekend). Enjoy family heritage activities for all the family.

Peterborough Cathedral Square. PE1 1XB. 11am - 4pm. Free event. T: 01832 742064 nenevalley.net

CYCLEFEST

A popular family event in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council’s ‘Cycle Northants’. Enjoy pedal powered activities such as smoothie making, scalextrics, a cycling challenge and bike themed arts and crafts.


HIDDEN HERITAGE TOUR

Your entertaining guide to the fascinating and undiscovered past of Peterborough - from earliest times, to the secrets of the Saxon abbey and Cathedral precincts, to the modern city.

Tour starts outside Peterborough Museum. PE1 1LF. 2pm. Turn up or pre-book. Adults £5 / U16’s £3. T: 01733 864663. www.vivacity-peterborough.com

RAUNDS FAMILY FUN DAY

(part of Cyclefest at Stanwick Lakes)

Enjoy the cycle route from Stanwick Lakes to Raunds and discover everything that Raunds has to offer. Live music and entertainment, including a balloon modeller, family games and free refreshments are all available on the town square.

Collect a map and enjoy an historic walk around the town to include St Peter’s Church with its splendid sequence of late medieval wall paintings.

The Square, Raunds. NN9 6HP 12pm - 3pm. Free event. T: 01933 622087.

BOTH SIDES OF PHIL COLLINS

Enjoy the Greatest Hits of Phil Collins & Genesis.

The Castle Theatre, Wellingborough. NN8 1XA. 7.30pm. Tickets £24 (£22).

T: 01933 270007 www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre

LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS

An early evening concert to allow audiences to return home to catch the last half of the great British institution of the Last Night of the Proms. The Rushden Town Band, directed by Adele Hudson join with soprano Maureen Brathwaite to enjoy perennial favourites Jerusalem, I Vow to Thee My Country and of course, Land of Hope and Glory and Rule Britannia!

Oundle School Great Hall, 12 New Street, PE8 4GH. 6pm. £10. £4 under 18. T: 01832 274734 www.oundlefestival.org.uk

ARTS CINEMA CYCLING FAMILY FOOD/DRINK HISTORY
NENE VALLEY BREWERY TOUR

Enjoy a 90 minute tour and guided tasting at this independent brewery producing a wide range of cask, keg, bottled and canned beers.

Nene Valley Brewery. Oundle Wharf. PE8 4DE.
11am. £10 per person.
T: 01832 272776 www.nenevalleybrewery.com

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY

(9 - 14 September)

Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a cast of phenomenally talented actors and musicians tell Buddy Holly’s story, from his meteoric rise to fame to his final legendary performance at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Royal and Derngate Northampton. NN1 1DP.
7.30pm. Tickets from £11.
T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

LEATHER IN SHAKESPEARE

(also 18th of September)

Leather is everywhere! Not least hidden in the words of our beloved Bard, William Shakespeare. Through a selection of objects from the National Leather Collection, visitors can explore the true meaning behind Shakespeare’s leathery terms.

The National Leather Collection presents an exhibition entitled ‘Leather in Shakespeare’, which pairs objects from the museum’s historic collection with leather-related lines from Shakespeare’s plays to demonstrate their true meaning. Falstaff may have a beard like a glover’s paring knife, but what does that look like? What was a paring knife used for?

National Leather Collection, 35 Princes Walk, Northampton. NN1 2EL.
10am – 4pm. No booking required.

Facilities are provided by the Grosvenor Centre and are not located at 35 Princes Walk itself, but within a short walking distance.
T: 07483149514 nationalleathercollection.org

THE NORTHAMPTON HERITAGE FAIR

The Northampton Heritage Fair is an annual event held as part of the national Heritage Open Days scheme which is now in its 25th year.

The event brings together a variety of local groups – each with a common interest in Northampton’s rich heritage – to showcase what they have to offer.

Abington Park Museum. NN1 5LW.
11am - 4pm. Free admission.
T: 01604 838110 www.northampton.gov.uk/museums

VISIT IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Irthlingborough is an ancient settlement famous for its church with its lantern tower. As part of Heritage Open Days, enjoy tours of the church including the crypts and cellars.

St. Peter’s Church. NN9 5SE.
10am – 12pm. Free. Tel: 01933 650866.
**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

**GAIA, AN ARTWORK BY LUKE JERRAM**
(19 August – 15 September)

Gaia, is a seven metre diameter sphere, featuring 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the earth’s surface. It will hang under the central tower inside the Cathedral.

Peterborough Cathedral. PE1 1XS. Please visit the website for opening times. Free. T: 01733 355315. www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk

**PETERBOROUGH HERITAGE OPEN DAYS WEEKEND**
Part of Nene Valley Festival Launch

More than 30 buildings in Peterborough and the surrounding villages have signed up to take part in this year’s Heritage Open Days weekend, which will be celebrated in Peterborough from Friday 13 September to Sunday 15 September, with a couple of events the following weekend. www.heritageopendays.org.uk

**WILLIAM SCOTT ABBOTT TRUST HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS**

Sacrewell. PE8 6HJ. 9.30am - 5pm. T: 01780 782254 www.sacrewell.org.uk

**OUNDELE MUSEUM - FROM HORSE TO HORSEPOWER**

Find out more about the transition from working with horses to steam power and the combustion engine over the last 200 years and the changes that these made within the local community. With special focus on historical changes to transport including exhibits on Arthur Howitt’s leather supplies shop, Donegani’s garage, the introduction of the train to Oundle, the development of the north bridge and bypass plus many more model vehicles old and new to see.

Oundle Museum. PE8 4BW. Saturday 11am - 5pm and Sunday 2pm - 5pm. Free. Donations welcome. T: 01832 272735 www.oundlemuseum.org.uk

**TOWER TOURS, CATHEDRAL HIGHLIGHTS TOUR, ALMONERS HALL AND LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE AND MORE!**
Part of Nene Valley Festival Launch and Heritage Open Days Weekend

Explore the inside of Peterborough Cathedral from above and learn more about the key features of the Cathedral. Part of the Nene Valley Festival launch on 14 September and Heritage Open Days weekend from 14-15 September.

- **Tower Tours** - 11.30am and 2.30pm Saturday and 2.30pm Sunday.
- **Cathedral Highlights Tour** - 11am, 12pm and 1pm on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday.
- **Library Open House** - 10.45am and 12.45pm on Saturday and 11.45am and 1.15pm on Sunday.
- **Almoners Hall Open House** - 10.45am and 12.45pm on Saturday and 11.45am and 1.15pm on Sunday.
- **Infirmary and Table Hall Tour** - 1pm and 3pm on Saturday.

Peterborough Cathedral. PE1 1XS. T: 01733 355315. www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk Visit Peterborough Cathedral website and nenevalley.net for details of additional tours, talks and costs.

**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER TO TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

**GUIDED TOURS AT SESSIONS HOUSE NORTHAMPTON**

Enjoy a guided tour around Sessions House Northampton, a rare example of a 17th century Courthouse. It served the purpose it was built for over 300 years and it still keeps a character and appearance which would be recognisable to then men who built it.

Architecturally, it is one of the highest quality buildings in England, decorated by the top craftsmen of the day. It is now a Grade 1 listed building. It lies at the centre of the town and the county and was built to be the administrative heart of Northamptonshire.

Sessions House. George Row, Northampton. NN1 1DF. Prices £1.50 senior citizens, £4 family tickets, £3 per person, £1 under 16. 14 September 10am and 1pm, 15 September 12.30pm, 16 September 10am and 1pm, 17 September 10am and 1pm.

T: 01832 742064 or book via nenevalley.net
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

BARNWELL BACKCHANNEL GUIDED WALK

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Learn more about the Resilient River scheme, as part of the Heritage Lottery funded Nenescape Landscape Partnership scheme. Join the River Restoration Officer for a guided walk and learn about restoration techniques.

Barnwell Country Park. PE8 5PB.
Start at the visitor centre. 11am. Free.
Car parking charge applies. T: 01536 526451.

CARPENTERS GOLD

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Immerse yourself in an enchanting evening featuring the musical brilliance of Richard and Karen Carpenter.

The Key Theatre, Peterborough. PE1 1EF.
7.30pm. £22.50. T: 01733 207239
https://vivacity.org/whatson/theatre-and-arts/carpenters-gold/

HERITAGE FAMILY FUN DAY

RUSHDEN & HIGHAM FERRERS

Come along and enjoy a family fun day at Rushden Lakes and discover more about the local heritage in the nearby towns. Enjoy an array of interesting stalls, fun entertainment and competitions, displays, activities, crafts and much more!

Rushden Lakes. NN10 6FH. 10am - 4pm.
Free activities. Free parking (up to 5 hours).
T: 07398 986951.
INTRODUCTION TO SOURDOUGH

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Enter into the world of sourdough bread with expert Helen from the White Cottage Baking School. She’ll teach you the principles of making delicious sourdough bread in the charming Victorian bakery.

Scarewell Farm, PE8 6HJ. 9.30am – 2pm. £75. T: 01780 782254 www.sacrewell.org.uk/workshops

KINGFISHER FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL

The Kingfisher Food Festival celebrates the best of local produce from in and around the county. Come along and treat yourself to some delicious cheeses, chutneys, cakes and much more. Lots of family fun entertainment including Punch and Judy.


LOOKING AFTER LYVEDEN SPONSORED WALK

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The first ever Looking After Lyveden Walk. A sponsored walk of 16km (10miles) along the Lyveden Way to raise money in support of Lyveden Reconnected. £15 entry fee and a sponsorship pledge target of £100.

Lyveden. National Trust. PE8 5AT. 10:30am – 4:30pm. £15 sponsored walk fee. Entry to property free.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden/features/looking-after-lyveden-sponsored-walk

STANWICK LAKES AUTUMN RUN

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

An ideal event for the recreational runner entering a run for the first time or the competitive runner looking for a personal best! Stanwick Lakes is the ideal running course with purpose built tracks and the additional feature of being on a nature reserve with stunning views.

There are three separate distances to choose from - 5k, 10k and half marathon. All runners are timed and receive a finishing medal.

Stanwick Lakes, NN6 9GY. Visit the website for time and costs. T: 01933 625522 www.runatstanwicklakes.co.uk

THE GUILDHALL

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

A rare chance to see this gem of Victorian architecture, built in 1861 - 64 to the design of E W Godwin, extended in 1889-92 in a similar style by A W Jeffrey & Matthew Holding. Guided tours available. See The Great Hall, Court Room, Mayors Corridor & Gallery, Godwin Room, Council Chamber and access to the old cells (no wheelchair access and only available on guided tours).

Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton. NN1 1DE 12pm – 4pm. Limited access to the basement, there are steep steps - not accessible to wheelchairs. Max 20 people per tour/session. 30 min tours, 1 hour tour & 2 hour tours available - all booked on the day.

Contact for the day: Guildhall Office 01604 838400.

THE PREBENDAL MANOR HOUSE

The Grade I listed manor is the earliest surviving dwelling in Northamptonshire with a history dating back to the Anglo-Saxon period. Two of the prebendaries of this manor were closely connect to Richard III, only losing their positions in court on his death.

It forms the focus of a group of stone buildings, which includes a 16th century dovecote, a large 18th century tithe barn and a 15th century lodgings building.

Nassington. PE8 6QG. 2pm - 5pm. Free. Teas available. T: 01780 782575 www.prebendal-manor.co.uk
**THRAPSTON GUIDED HISTORY WALKS**

'HUNTINGDON ROAD, THRAPSTON THE LAST 250 YEARS'

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

The walk will start from outside St James Church Hall and finish at the junction of Market Road and Huntingdon Road.

This is a free event but booking is essential. The walk will be approximately 90 minutes and will be on pavements. The walk will be led by Neil Busby, Thrapston Heritage. Your ticket will be emailed to you.

St James Church Hall, Thrapston. NN14 4NP. 1.30pm. Free. Ticket will be emailed to you. www.thrapstonweb.co.uk

**MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

**WELLINGBOROUGH MUSEUM – HISTORY WALK**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Revisit the historic shops which used to be in the town centre, Wellingborough’s market and the parish church.

Start at Wellingborough Museum. NN8 1XB 11am – 1pm. Free. Booking advisable. T: 01933 276838 E: wellingboroughmuseum@msn.com

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

**BLUE BADGE GUIDED WALK OF FOTHERINGHAY**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Enjoy a guided tour around the village and learn more about the final place of imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots, who was tried and executed in the castle in 1587.

Start outside Church of St Mary and All Saints, PE8 5HZ. 2.30 pm. Free. Booking essential. T: 01832 742064 or via www.nenevalley.net

**GUIDED TOUR OF RUSHDEN HALL**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Enjoy a guided tour of Rushden Hall, which was associated with officers of Higham Park or castle and later with John of Gaunt, son of Edward III.

Rushden Hall. NN10 9NG. Tour at 2pm. £5 per person including tea and cake. T: 01933 314787 Email: info@rushdenmuseum.co.uk

**HEALTH WALK**

Meet at the Visitor Centre and join in a regular health walk of approximately 45 minutes. A great way to meet new people and be active!


**PETERBOROUGH GHOST WALK**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Explore the spooky side of Peterborough’s past with a costume guide. Discover the city’s eerie secrets and most haunting buildings, the Museum and the Cathedral Precincts. Good old fashioned fun storytelling based on traditional and local tales.


**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

**IN THE NIGHT GARDEN LIVE**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

In the Night Garden Live is the perfect musical theatre experience for the entire family. Children’s favourite CBeebies stars Igglepiggle, Upsy Daisy, Makka Pakka and friends are all brought beautifully to life in a specially-written new story using full-size costumes and magical puppets with enchanting music and dancing.

Royal and Derngate. NN1 1DP. Tickets from £17. T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk

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**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
NENE VALLEY THROUGH A LENS

Cezare White

Daniel Hauck

Emma Buxton
In April, we ran a photography competition inviting people to share their photographs of the beautiful Nene Valley and the winners (seen below) have now been announced. Across the categories, there was a fantastic response with nearly 300 photographs entered. The competition was run to celebrate English National Tourism Week and the judging panel were overwhelmed by the response and the quality of entrants.
GUIDED TOURS AT 78 DERNGATE
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
The Charles Rennie Mackintosh House is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10am with last admission to the house at 4pm.
78 Derngate, NN1 1UH. Book for tour. Offer tickets are priced at £6.40 - with voucher from festival programme. Tour times are 10.30am/12pm/1.30pm/3pm. T: 01604 603407 www.78derngate.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN TOUR
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Meet at the Market Square for this walk through the rich history of this English market town.
Market Square, NN108BP. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £2.50 per person payable on the day. T: 01832 742064 Book online via www.nenevalley.net

WALKING FOR HEALTH - WOODFORD
The walks are designed to improve or maintain people’s health by keeping them active and meeting new people. The walk lasts up to an hour and routes can vary so please ensure you are walking in shoes that are comfortable and appropriate.
Tiggywinkles Tearoom, 10b Addington Road, Woodford. NN14 4ES. 9.30am. Refreshments available in tearoom after walk. www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/content/woodford-1

LINO PRINTING WORKSHOP
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Join local print artist, Sorrell Kinley, and learn how to create beautiful lino print designs, inspired by the Nene Wetlands in this full day workshop. All materials provided but please bring your own lunch.
Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes. NN10 6FH. 10am - 4pm. £40 per person. Booking essential. T: 01933 779587. www.wildlifebcn.org/nene-wetlands

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
AN EVENING WITH HARRY REDKNAPP
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
I’m a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here winner and famous football manager Harry Redknapp comes to Northampton and will be telling stories from his football days and his time in the jungle. Please call Box Office on 01604 624811 to purchase VIP tickets.
Royal and Derngate, NN1 1DP. 7.30pm. Tickets from £40. T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk/whats-on/evening-harry-redknapp/

THRAPSTON GUIDED HISTORY WALKS
‘Thrapston was a thriving Saxon community - then the Normans arrived’
BOOKING ESSENTIAL
The walk will start from outside St James Church Hall and include the Bull Ring and Chancery Lane. This is a free event but booking is essential.
The walk will be approximately 90 minutes in duration and will be on pavements. The walk will be led by Neil Busby, Thrapston Heritage.
St James Church Hall, Thrapston. NN14 4NP. 7pm. Free. Tickets will be emailed to you. www.thrapstonweb.co.uk
BLUE BADGE GUIDED WALK OF OUNDLE (CENTRAL)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

‘All billed in stone’, three tuns, spicy camel, graceful grocers, wild and wonderful heads, yet more pubs!

Meet at Market hall (East end). PE8 4EJ. 2.15pm start. Free. T: 01832 742064. or book via nenevalley.net

HEALTH WALK

Meet at the Visitor Centre and join in a regular health walk of approximately 45 minutes. A great way to meet new people and be active!


HENDRIX, CLAPTON & CREAM BY VOODOO ROOM

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Music of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream. A Celebration Of Power Trio Class: Just like their forebears, Voodoo Room are a classic three piece.

The Key Theatre, Peterborough. PE1 1EF. 7.30pm. £17.50. T: 01733 207239 https://vivacity.org/whatsontheatre-and-arts/vooodoo-room/

RUBY TURNER

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

For many years Ruby Turner has been regarded as having one of the greatest voices the UK has ever produced, capable of breathing life and meaning into a song whether it is a passionate soaring ballad or a soulful up-tempo groove.

Her first album Women Hold Up Half The Sky was released to critical acclaim in 1986 and was followed by hits singles If You’re Ready (Come Go With Me), I’d Rather Go Blind and in the American R’n’B chart topping hit single It’s Gonna Be Alright.

Royal and Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton. NN1 1DP. 7.45pm. Tickets £25. T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk

WALKING FOR HEALTH - IRTHLINGBOROUGH

The walks are designed to improve or maintain people’s health by keeping them active and meeting new people. The walk lasts up to an hour and routes can vary so please ensure you are walking in shoes that are comfortable and appropriate.

Start at Irthlingborough Library. NN9 5PU. 10.30am. Refreshments available in library after walk for £1. New walkers should arrive 10 minutes before the walk starts. www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/content/irthlingborough

WILD TOTS

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Run by qualified Forest School Leaders in the education area, Wild Tots encourages child-led exploration of the natural world. Please wear suitable outdoor clothes.

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes. NN10 6FA. 10am – 11.30am. £5 per child. Booking essential. T: 01933 779587. www.wildlifebcn.org/nene-wetlands

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

BLODEUWEDD UNTOLD BY JO BLAKE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Unearth the unwritten Blodeuwedd, the Frankenstein of flowers. Captured in the pages of a medieval book, the ancient myth of Blodeuwedd describes a woman made out of flowers who was turned into an owl as punishment for adultery.

Jo Blake, international contemporary storyteller, irradiates this figure of Celtic myth through word, movement and ritual. The myth is unravelled in this radical reclamation of the untold; intertwined with personal experience and striking observations of the role of myth in our unmythic modern lives. Supported by Pleasance Futures and Royal & Derngate Generate.

Royal and Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton. NN1 1DP. 8pm. Tickets from £5. T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk
FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

ALED JONES & RUSSELL WATSON: IN HARMONY

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Aled Jones and Russell Watson, two of the world’s greatest classical voices, released their debut album In Harmony in 2018 and now they take to the stage together for their first joint UK and Ireland tour. As two of the classical world’s vocal powerhouses, Aled and Russell have received countless prestigious awards, record-breaking sales and chart successes. Don’t miss the chance to see them perform together.

Royal and Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton. NN1 1DP. 7.30pm. Tickets from £31.50. T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk

PRIZE-Winning Poet Charles Bennett: Cloud River

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Cloud River is a book of lyrical landscape poetry set in the Cambridgeshire Fens; a landscape which, at first impression, seems flat, dull and featureless. The startling originality of the book stems from its mission to revise and overturn these impressions. Through an examination of lines (on fields, maps, the sky and the page), it slowly but powerfully reveals the intrinsic interest, peculiarity and dynamism of the Fens and in its flowing music, exemplifies how a confrontation with level lands, straight rivers and big skies can result in a balancing of spirit and a fresh appreciation of England’s lowest and newest landscape.

The Old Barn, Mill Lane, Wadenhoe. PE8 5XD. 7pm - 8.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Oundle Box Office, 4 New Street, Oundle. A light supper is included, and you may take your own drinks or purchase hot or soft drinks at the venue.

T: 01832 274734. E: oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk www.oundlelitfest.org.uk

MARTY WILDE AND THE WILDCATS

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

A chance to see live on stage one of the only performing Rock’n’Roll Pioneers in the World today. A show not to be missed!

The Castle Theatre, Wellingborough. NN8 1XA. 7.30pm. Tickets £24. T: 01933 270007. www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre

WALKING FOR HEALTH
– NASSINGTON

The Walking for Health scheme forms part of an Active Communities Programme which aims to help people become more active throughout East Northamptonshire. The walk will start at 11am and will be an even paced walk lasting up to 60 minutes. New walkers should arrive 10 minutes before the start of the session to meet the leader and register.

Start at Black Horse Pub. PE8 6QU. Free. www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/content/nassington

WALKING FOR HEALTH
– RUSHDEN HALL PARK

The Walking for Health scheme forms part of an Active Communities Programme which aims to help people become more active throughout East Northamptonshire.

The walk will start at 10am and will be an even paced walk lasting up to 60 minutes. New walkers should arrive 10 minutes before the start of the session to meet the leader and register.

Start at Rushden Hall Park. NN10 9NG. 10am. Free. Tea and coffee available in community room at Rushden Hall after walk. www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/content/rushden-hall-park-2

ON THE WRITE PATH

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Enjoy mindful nature writing activities and a stroll around Skew Bridge Lake. All welcome. No creative writing experience needed.

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes. NN10 6FA. 1.30pm - 3.30pm. £8 per person (refreshments included). T: 07952311814. More information via facebook ‘On the Write Path with Liz Evans’.

WALKING FOR HEALTH
– BLACK POUND

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Start at Black Pound. NN6 9PL. Free. www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/content/black-pound

STANWICK STITCHERS

Join the Stanwick Stitchers to stitch and chat over coffee and cake. The group welcomes experienced stitchers who’d like to share ideas and have some company and beginners who’d like some help, hints and tips.

T: 01933 625522 www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
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T: 01832 742064 or book via nenevalley.net

BAT WALK

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Nene Wetlands is a brilliant place to see and hear bats, with four species regularly being recorded.

After a brief introduction at the visitor centre, head off around the lake with bat detectors to look and listen for bats. Refreshments provided.

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes. NN10 6FA. 8pm - 9:30pm. £10 adult, £5 child. Booking essential. T: 01933 779587. www.wildlifebcn.org/nene-wetlands

NATHAN CARTER

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

As one of Ireland’s biggest live music acts, Nathan Carter is fast becoming one of the UK’s most prolific touring artists, with his energetic showmanship proving irresistible for fans. Growing up in a house where Country and Western music filled the air, Nathan was exposed to classic songs of Johnny Cash, Don Williams and Dolly Parton.

Royal and Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton. NN1 1DP. 7.30pm. Tickets from £26.50. T: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk

BUSHCRAFT SKILLS - WHITTLING HAZEL

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Come and join us to learn whittling techniques and skills to make an object from hazel.

Nene Park. PE2 5UU. 10.30am and 1.30pm. £5.50. For children aged 8 yrs + only. Maximum 2 children per supervising adult. https://neneparktrust.cloudvenue.co.uk/bushcraftskillswhittlinghazel

HIDDEN HERITAGE TOUR

Your entertaining guide to the fascinating and undiscovered past of Peterborough - from earliest times, to the secrets of the Saxon abbey and Cathedral precincts, to the modern city.

Tour starts outside Peterborough Museum. PE1 1LF. 2pm. Turn up or pre-book. Adults £5 / U 16’s £3. T: 01733 864663. www.vivacity-peterborough.com

BLUE BADGE GUIDED WALK OF ECTON

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

A favoured spot, blacksmiths and bells; litotes and literacy, pews, palmers and presidents.

The World’s End Pub entrance. NN6 0QN. 2.15pm. Walk will last 1.5-2 hours. Free. T: 01832 742064 or book via nenevalley.net.

NENESCAPE PROJECT CELEBRATION EVENT

Join a special event to celebrate the new viewing platforms, Heron Meadow improvements, Rivers of the World schools art exhibition and guided walk and refreshments.

Nene Park. PE2 5UU. 12.30pm – 3pm. T: 01733 234193 www.nenepark.org.uk
NOT ALL FISH AND SHIPS

A new play about the Synod of Whitby and the famous quarrel in 664 regarding setting a date for Easter and the pattern of monks’ haircuts!

Peterborough Cathedral. PE1 1XS. 3pm and 7pm. £12 / £15. T: 01733 452336 www.ticketsource.co.uk/headland-theatre

MEDIEVAL NORTHAMPTON TOUR

Although largely forgotten, Northampton has a fascinating history. Many events that shaped Britain took place within its walls. The tour takes you through its medieval streets, to the sites of long lost buildings and surprising survivors, where you will hear tales of Saxons and Vikings, Kings and Castles, Rebels and Treachery. You will also hear about Northampton’s medieval trades, how it became a centre for religion and one of the first universities in England as well as long-forgotten battles and rebellions fought in and around the town.

Meet at Chalk Lane car park, Northampton. NN1 2RW. 10.30am. Free. Tours take approx. 2.5 hrs (exteriors of buildings only). Max 20 people per tour. Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for the conditions. Under 16’s to be accompanied by an adult.

T: 01832 742064 or book via nenevalley.net

POWER BOAT COURSE LEVEL 2

This two day entry level course provides the skills and background knowledge needed to drive a powerboat and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence (ICC).

Nene Park. PE2 5UU. 10am. £255. T: 01733 234193. https://neneparktrust.cloudvenue.co.uk/home

WELLINGBOROUGH MUSEUM – HISTORY WALK

Visit the site of the old zoopark which closed in 1970, and see where the monks ruled the town and where the great fire of Wellingborough started.

Start at Wellingborough Museum. NN8 1XB. T: 01933 276838. 11am - 1pm. Free. Booking advisable.

THE FLOYD EFFECT

The music of Pink Floyd as it was meant to be experienced. Pink Floyd’s recording career spanned almost three decades and, for its 2019 tour, The Floyd Effect has chosen two of the band’s most remarkable albums to create its Wall Around The Moon tour. Sit back and enjoy The Floyd Effect as the band takes you on a journey through the music of Pink Floyd.

Castle Theatre Wellingborough. NN8 1XA. 7.30pm. Tickets £22. T: 01933 270007. www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

OUNDLE MUSEUM - FROM HORSE TO HORSEPOWER

Find out more about the transition from working with horses to steam power and the combustion engine over the last 200 years and the changes that these made within the local community.

With special focus on historical changes to transport including exhibits on Arthur Howitt’s leather supplies shop, Donegani’s garage, the introduction of the train to Oundle, the development of the north bridge and bypass plus many more model vehicles old and new to see.

Oundle Museum. PE8 4BW. Saturday 11am - 5pm and Sunday 2pm - 5pm. Free. Donations welcome. T: 01832 272735 www.oundlemuseum.org.uk

RUSHDEN MUSEUM

Gain an insight into the town’s history with a visit to the museum.

Rushden Hall Park. NN10 9EP. 2pm - 4pm. Free. www.rushdenmuseum.co.uk
**Sunday 22 September**

**Nene Valley Festival Finale**

**Come and Meet the Settlers**

Come and see local Viking re-enactors, the Bifrost Guard. Join in with Settlers’ Trails, Archery, Axe Throwing, and visit the historic Garden and Barn, plus much more for all the family.

Stanwick Lakes, NN9 6GY. 10.30am – 4pm. Free event. Car parking charge applies.

T: 01933 625522 www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

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**Let's Fish NeneEscape Angling Coaching Event**

Part of Nene Valley Festival Finale

**Booking Essential**

Whether you have fished before or have always wanted to try, come and learn to fish from the team of professional, fully qualified angling coaches. (All the bait and equipment is provided, so all you need to do is book in and turn up on the day.)

Stanwick Lakes Fisheries, NN9 6GY. 10am – 3pm. Bookable in 4 x 30 minute slots. Book via nenevalley.net

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**Mid Northants Trout Fishers Association and Building Bridges**

Part of Nene Valley Festival Finale

Enjoy a fly casting session and learn to identify water bugs. For juniors and adults.


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**Food Festival**

Following on from 2018’s successful Food Festival this year promises to be another extravaganza, with foods from around the world, as well as local favourites.

Rushden Transport Museum and Railway. Rushden Goods Shed and Exhibition Hall, John Clarke Way. NN10 0AW. 11am - 7pm. T: 0300 3023 150.

https://rhts.co.uk/eventsdiary

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**Oundle Cinema Presents Fisherman’s Friends**

Another chance to catch this fabulous British film on the big screen. A fast-living, cynical London music executive (Danny Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he’s pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen (led by James Purefoy). He becomes the ultimate ‘fish out of water’ as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families (including Tuppence Middleton) who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he’s drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he’s forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

The Stahl Theatre, Oundle. PE8 4EJ. 7.30pm.

Tickets: £6.50 / £3 under 18s. T:01832 274734.

www.oundlecinema.org.uk

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**Event details correct at time of going to print.**
Exploring the Nene Valley: people, heritage and identity in a changing landscape

The Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme is a collaborative project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which works in partnership with organisations stretching along the River Nene from Northampton to Peterborough.

Our vision is a healthy and resilient River Nene, where the local wildlife prospers alongside agricultural and recreational activities. Industrial, cultural and archaeological legacies are shared and valued by those living, visiting and working in the Nene Valley and opportunities to learn more and develop skills to manage heritage and the local environment, are accessible and plenty.
Inspired by a real 1911 railway incident involving lost letters, you’ll hunt for pieces of art with this new app.

Download the ‘All Aboard for Rushden’ app from your usual app store to get started.

Find all five ‘stops’ on the former railway line to be in with a chance of winning a prize, 14 - 22 September.

Terms and conditions apply. Visit nenescape.org for more info.
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General information

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T: 01604 367997

Oundle Customer Service Centre
T: 01832 274333

Peterborough Visitor Information Centre
T: 01733 452336

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The Old Barn at Wadenhoe
20% off food & drink
14-22 September 2019
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The Solar Café at Stanwick Lakes
15% off any purchase in the Solar Café
Offer valid between 14-22 September 2019

Canoe2
20% discount off Paddle-out-and-back
Pre-booking essential on 01933 522 223
www.canoe2.co.uk
Offer valid between 14-22 September 2019

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£6.40 entrance for 1 with this voucher between 14-22 September 2018
www.78derngate.org.uk

Jeyes of Earl Barton
Country Cream Tea for Two offer 10% off (normal price £9.90)
www.jeyesofearlsbarton.co.uk

Nene Outdoors:
Canoe and Kayak Hire
20% discount off Kayak hire
Offer valid between 14-22 September 2019
Nene Park Trust, Ferry Meadows Country Park, PE2 5UU.
10am - 4pm  Tuesday - Sunday
www.neneparktrust.org.uk
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