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Drivers face penalties in school gates crackdown

by **Andy Morris**
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A CRACKDOWN on unsafe parking outside schools has been launched.

Warwickshire County Council plans to 'actively enforce' parking at a number of schools in the Leamington, Rugby and Stratford areas as children return to the classroom this week.

Council officers will patrol outside schools to monitor compliance, engage with drivers and parents, and raise awareness about the importance of safe and legal parking.

Vehicles parked in School Keep Clear zones during operational hours, or on double yellow lines, will be issued a Penalty Charge Notice of £70, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.

A WCC spokesperson said: "Unsafe, inconsiderate parking is still an ongoing concern for teachers, parents and residents. This has led to a rise in traffic-related incidents involving children in Warwickshire.

"While sometimes this is unintentional, parking in 'School Keep Clear' zones can create unsafe conditions, reducing visibility, increasing congestion and making it harder for children to cross safely.

"Instead, parents and carers are encouraged to park safely, legally and considerately, a short walk away from the school."

The initiative is supported by the council's Road Safety Education Team,

which is responsible for delivering Warwickshire's Safe and Active Schools program.

WCC transport spokeswoman Coun Jennifer Warren said: "School Keep Clear zones have various benefits.

"Clearly the safety of the children, parents and staff is key but also it will greatly improve air quality in the school environment and will give children the opportunity to walk from the car to school each day, which is beneficial to physical health and readiness to learn.

"We hope that all parents and carers comply with the regulations so that this important scheme can be introduced with minimal disruption."

Concerns were raised last October when a child was hit by a car outside St Gabriel's Academy in Rugby - which Headteacher Andrew Taylor said was due to unsafe parking, adding: "We sadly observe parking and manoeuvres that put pedestrians at risk on a daily basis."

A trial last year of WCC's School Streets scheme at Eastlands Primary School in Rugby was hailed a success for making the streets around the school 'safer and calmer'.

Under the scheme, the first to be implemented in Warwickshire, the road leading to the school closes to all non-residential traffic during school pick-up and drop-off times - with drivers who break the rules fined.

Visit tinyurl.com/4x8rrx7p for the full list of schools where parking restrictions are being enforced.



The bond between Noah and Peggy is 'something beyond words'. Picture by **Batsonelli Photography**

BEST OF FRIENDS: THE BOND between an autistic boy from Rugby and his assistance dog has 'changed everything'.

The parents of Noah Shone, 10, have told of how their world has expanded since they welcomed a Fox Red Labrador named Peggy into their lives two years ago.

Peggy's calming presence means Noah's struggles with getting to school, going out, and

overwhelming emotions have lessened, allowing him to have new experiences and make unforgettable memories.

Dad Robert said: "The bond between Noah and Peggy is something beyond words. It transcends categories like 'handler' and 'support animal'. She is a part of us."

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Starley Sportive going back in time for 12th edition of fundraising cycle

ORGANISERS of a popular charity bike ride in Coventry will pedal back in time to raise funds for good causes in the area.

The Starley Sportive, which usually attracts around 300 riders and is now in its 12th year, will raise funds for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice Coventry, University Hospital Coventry, and Warwickshire and Nuneaton BMX Club.

Riders will be encouraged to dress in retro attire to match their bike's year of manufacture, in homage to cycling heritage and the part Coventry inventors James Starley and his nephew John Kemp Starley played in the development of bicycles.

James was one of the world's most innovative and successful builders of bicycles and tricycles. His inventions included the differential gear, the

perfection of the bicycle chain drive and the world-famous penny-farthing.

John, who moved from London to Coventry to work for his uncle building Ariel cycles, is widely considered the inventor of the modern safety bicycle and made history when he produced the Rover Safety Bicycle - a rear-wheel-drive, chain-driven cycle with two similar-sized wheels, making it more stable than the previous high wheeler designs.

A retro category has been launched for this year's Starley Sportive, which has raised more than £70,000 for charity since its inception.

It is open to riders across all the three routes - 28 miles, 63 miles and 86 miles.

Each of the routes will start and finish at George House in Canley, headquarters of the Deeley Group, which organ-

ises the event alongside Coventry Road Club.

Ian Court, general secretary of Coventry Road Club, said: "The Starley Sportive takes its name from a Coventry family that was instrumental in the early evolution of bicycle design and cycling more widely."

"What better way to honour these pioneers - and the period in which their inventions were made - than to open up a retro category and invite our participants to don appropriate period attire for the bikes they are riding."

"It's a bit of a break from the norm, but promises to be a really nice, eye-catching way to recognise the Starley family, to whom the cycling family owes so much."

Edward Hudson, business development manager at Deeley Group, added: "If there's an

opportunity to try something a bit different, we'll take it. And what better way to branch out than by paying homage to the cycling pioneers from whom our event takes its name."

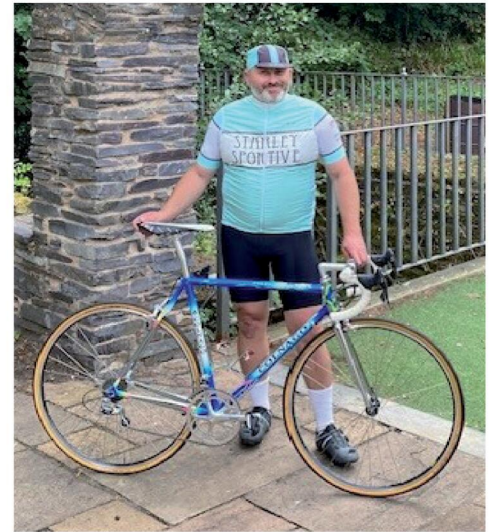
"We can't wait to see some of the colourful kit worn by riders in the retro category."

"These will offer a quirky departure from the modern lycra designs, which weren't really around until very recent times."

"We hope for another great turnout at the event, which promotes health, fitness and community spirit, all while raising funds for great local causes."

The ride takes place on Sunday September 21.

Fully signed, GPS routes, automatic chip timing and mechanical recovery service will be available to all riders taking part.



Ian Court, general secretary of Coventry RC and founder of the Starley Sportive, with his 1980s Colnago retro bike.

Food and water stations will be set up on the two longest routes and tea, coffee and cake will be available to all participants after the ride.

Visit the website at www.starleysportive.co.uk for more information and to book a place.

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Ed Sheeran performing at the official launch of the HMV Empire Coventry in 2021.

Play time as Ed heads to Cov

SUPERSTAR singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran will play an intimate show in Coventry in December.

The gig, at Coventry Building Society Arena's Indoor Arena on Friday December 5, will be one of just two UK dates on a five-date European tour following the release of his new album *Play*, which comes out on September 12.

The show will be a rare chance to see stadium-selling Ed in more intimate venues ahead of his all-new Loop stadium tour, which kicks off in Australia in January 2026.

Fans can pre-order the album exclusively through

Amazon.co.uk before 7pm BST on Sunday (September 7) to be in with a chance of securing pre-sale tickets.

Artist pre-sale goes live at 10am on Tuesday (September 9), with general release tickets on sale from 10am on Thursday (September 11).

Paul Michael, managing director at Coventry Building Society Arena, said: "Our Indoor Arena has welcomed some huge names throughout the last 20 years, but they simply don't come any bigger than Ed Sheeran."

"This is a massive coup for the venue and demonstrates that we are firmly on the map as one of the UK's leading live music venues, be that for

major outdoor stadium concerts or world-class indoor events.

"Ed is a true global superstar. He is one of the world's most popular and talented artists, and we're incredibly excited to be welcoming him back to Coventry later this year."

In 2021 - Coventry's City of Culture year - Ed performed a free concert to launch the HMV Empire Coventry as part of HMV's centenary celebrations.

In January this year, Ed surprised aspiring young musicians in the city with surprise visits to Coventry Academy, Barr's Hill School and The TIN Music and Arts.

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Noah's 'perfect match' Peggy has helped him every step of the way

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'THE PERFECT match' - the parents of an autistic Rugby boy have praised the life-changing impact his support dog has had, as he heads into his final year of primary school.

Two years ago, a Fox Red Labrador named Peggy padded into the lives of Noah Shone, 10, and his family - and changed everything.

Trained and provided by the national Support Dogs charity, the loveable Lab came at a time when the family was navigating daily challenge - struggles with getting to school, going out, and helping Noah to regulate overwhelming emotions.

Parents Robert and Kay say their world has expanded since Peggy's arrival, allowing Noah to have new experiences and make unforgettable memories.

Robert said: "He's grown so much, and alongside him every step of the way has been Peggy - his autism assistance dog, his calming presence, his constant companion - and, as we often say, his 'dog twin'."

Previously, Noah had refused to leave the house, apart from attending school.

But now, pooch Peggy helps Noah by calming him when he's overwhelmed, keeping him anchored during transitions, and being his 'social shield' - helping him to manage his anxiety in situations that might otherwise lead to panic or shutdown.

Noah will now happily go out for birthday meals, visit restaurants, and even pop out for breakfast. He's discovered a passion for reading, and with Peggy by his side, he's now able to visit Rugby Library and the family's beloved local bookshop, Hunt's.

Noah has also found the confidence to attend salon appointments, something that once seemed impossible.

They've gone on holidays to Butlins in Bognor Regis, had close-up animal encounters, and even attended Crufts. Noah now

contributes to fundraising for Support Dogs, something he takes real pride in.

He's performed in school plays - with Peggy watching proudly from the audience. He's taken emotional breaks during family events by walking Peggy outside. And he's had swimming lessons while she watches, loyally stationed at the poolside.

The Shones describe Peggy as 'the perfect match we never expected' - having fallen for her instantly when she first visited their home for a suitability assessment.

Robert said: "At the time, we never dreamed she could be our dog. But when we were told we'd been matched with her, it felt like winning the lottery."

"With Support Dogs, the matching process is about deep compatibility. And in Peggy, we found not just a match, but a family member."

As well as Noah, Robert, a 41-year-old information security engineer for Simply Business and Kay, a 46-year-old administration manager, have also been diagnosed with autism.

Although Support Dogs provides autism assistance dogs for children rather than adults, Peggy brings the whole family comfort, calm and structure.

Robert added: "The bond between Noah and Peggy is something beyond words. It transcends categories like 'handler' and 'support animal'. She is a part of us."

"For those families currently waiting, or considering applying to Support Dogs, we want to say this: it's life-changing. It's worth the wait. It's worth the effort. The journey isn't always easy - but it's absolutely, 100 per cent worth it."

"Because somewhere out there, your Peggy is waiting for you."

Rita Howson, chief executive of Support Dogs, which also trains and provides assistance dogs to help adults affected by epilepsy or physical disability, said: "We are so pleased to hear about the amazing impact Peggy has had. This is why we do what we do."

Visit www.supportdogs.org.uk or call 0114 261 7800 for more information about Support Dogs.



Peggy brings comfort to Noah as well as his parents Robert and Kay.

Tom hopes to help those in need as he lines up for the Great North Run

A BRAVE nurse from a Rugby care home is taking on the gruelling Great North Run this weekend to raise money for a charity close to his heart.

Thomas Hodges, who works as a Dementia Specialist Nurse at Barchester Healthcare's Overslade House, will lace up his trainers and tackle the 13.1 mile half marathon course that starts in Newcastle upon Tyne and takes thousands of runners over the iconic Tyne Bridge.

He is taking on the challenge to raise funds for Barchester's Charitable Foundation, which helps adults living with a disability or a mental health condition to connect or reconnect with others in their communities.

A keen runner, Tom has been training hard in the Lake District and hopes his hilly runs will give him an advantage over the relatively flat Great North Run course.

He said: "This is my second race fund-raising for the Foundation and I'm really excited to take part."

"I got into running about five years ago and I absolutely love it, despite having had a fair few injuries."

"I'm hoping to raise lots of money for the Foundation. I know all the staff, residents and relatives at Overslade House Care Home and my friends and family are all behind me. Their support - plus the money I'm raising - will help me go the distance."

Tom will take part in the run on Sunday (September 7). Visit ajbellgreatnorthrun2025.enthouse.com/pf/tom-hodges to donate.

Tom has been training hard for the Great North Run.



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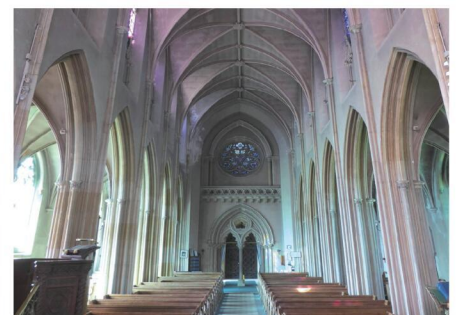
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LEFT: The stunning interior of William Butterfield's Rugby School Chapel, rebuilt in 1872 using a mixture of stone and polychrome brickwork. MIDDLE: The effigies of Sir Richard Verney and his wife Margaret, carved by Nicholas Stone, on a tomb at Compton Verney chapel. RIGHT: The nave at Hampton Lucy's St Peter ad Vincula - a serene essay in 1820s Gothic Revival by Thomas Rickman.



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New book takes a close look at some of the treasures in our glorious county churches



THE COUNTY of Warwickshire has a rich and varied past which is reflected in its historic churches.

In new book Churches of Warwickshire, author and stained glass artist Aidan McRae Thomson explores a selection of the most interesting churches across the county and Coventry.

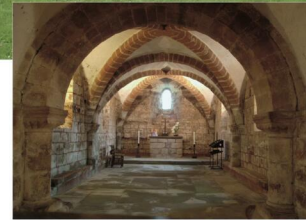
Churches and the cathedrals in Coventry are included as a former

part of the historic county, alongside those in towns including Warwick, Leamington, Stratford, Rugby and Nuneaton, alongside village churches, together representing the many different architectural eras and styles to be found in Warwickshire's churches.

The book, published by Amberley, covers a cross section of churches throughout the county, both well-known and those waiting to be discovered by.

This fascinating picture of an important part of the history of Warwickshire over the centuries will be of interest to both those who call Shakespeare's county home, and to those visiting. More pictures opposite.

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St John the Baptist at Berkswell, showing the wonderfully complete Norman chancel and the timber-framed porch. The Norman crypt (LEFT) beneath the chancel is a hidden treasure.

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Appeal after club disorder

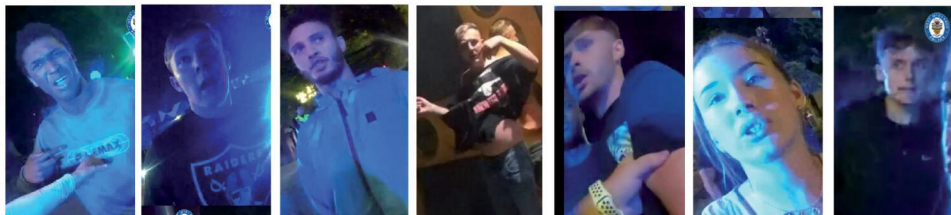
POLICE want to speak to a group of people in connection with disorder outside a nightclub in Coventry.

Officers were called to the club in Hertford Place in the early hours of Sunday August 17.

Several people were involved in the disorder. Two

people were arrested and have since been released on bail as police enquiries continue.

Police are asking for the public to help them identify the people pictured. Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 quoting crime reference number 20/347178/25.



Police want to speak to these people following disorder outside a nightclub in Hertford Place on Sunday August 17.

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Jail for county lines drugs duo

DRUG dealers who ran a county lines operation to traffic drugs from Coventry to Leamington have been jailed.

Police said Mitchell Chantler and Cain McCann were spotted in Victoria Park carrying out a drug deal by plain-clothed officers on February 3. They were arrested and were found to have a handwritten list of customers.

An investigation revealed Chantler and McCann were running a county lines operation using dealers to traffic drugs from Coventry to Leamington.

Appearing at Warwick Crown Court, Chantler, 24, of Moor Street, Coventry, was jailed for five years and seven months after previously pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine.



Drug traffickers Mitchell Chantler (left) and Cain McCann are behind bars.

McCann, 26, of Sowe Close, Bulkington, was jailed for three years and three months after previously pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin and possession of criminal property.

Det Insp Pete Sherwood said: "Like many people involved in county lines, Chantler and

McCann were using other people to do their dirty work for them. The evidence from our investigation left them with little choice but to plead guilty and they will both now spend time behind bars."

FIVE large bags of cannabis were seized from a car in after it was stopped in Leamington.

Three mobile phones and a small amount of cash were also seized during the stop in Warwick New Road. Initial enquiries linked the car to a house in Lydstep Grove in Sydenham where police discovered a further £50,000 in cash.

A man and woman, both from Leamington, were arrested and later charged with possession of cannabis with intent to supply and possession of criminal property.

Man in 90s 'hit by lorry'

AN ELDERLY man was rushed to hospital with serious injuries after reportedly being hit by a lorry in Lutterworth.

Police were called to Market Street, close to the junction with Walker-Manor Court, just after 10.30am on Monday (September 1) following a report of a collision between a white Renault lorry and a man in his 90s.

The pedestrian was taken to hospital, where he is continuing to receive treatment.

A 54-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by careless/inconsiderate driving, and has since been released under investigation.

Police are appealing for any witnesses or drivers with dashcam footage to contact them via <https://tinyurl.com/5cc4zym9> and quoting reference 25*514727.

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Appeal over knife-wielding man

A KNIFE-WIELDING man reportedly threatened another man in Rugby.

The incident is reported to have taken place at around 7.45pm on Saturday August 16 near The Spinney park on Trussell Way in Caston.

The suspect is described as black, of a slim build,

around 6ft 6ins tall, and aged between 35-45. He was thought to be wearing baggy blue jeans, a long white top, a blue jacket, and a face mask.

There were no reported injuries.

The incident is believed to be linked to a previous incident the night before in

the same location.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any dashcam footage is asked to call 101 quoting incident number 434 of August 16.

Information can also be given to the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via their website.

Rapist attacked woman while she was asleep

ARAPIST from Coventry who assaulted a woman while she slept has been jailed.

Leslie Mangwa, 33, of William Hillman Court, was jailed for eight years, and was given a restraining order and a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Police said on the night of the attack in January last year, the woman was asleep when she woke to find Mangwa sexually assaulting her.

She screamed and made him leave the room.

Shortly after the rape, the woman reported the incident to the police.

The information she provided helped officers to identify and arrest Mangwa, and he was charged with rape.

When interviewed by officers, Mangwa denied rape, claiming what happened had been consensual.

But he was found guilty at trial on August 4 and sentenced on August 29 at Warwick Crown Court.

A West Midlands Police spokesperson said: "We would encourage anyone who has suffered sexual abuse to come forward and tell their story."

"We know that reporting rape, sexual assault or another sexual crime like indecent



Rapist Leslie Mangwa has been jailed for eight years.

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"We're here to support you, whether you're ready to report it to us or if you'd prefer to talk to someone else."

"If you want to talk it through before deciding whether to report to us, you

can talk to a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor service (ISVA) or another support service."

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mv8tnshb> for more information on how to report rape, sexual assault or other sexual offences.

40 vehicles left vandalised

POLICE have released CCTV footage of two people they would like to speak to in connection with a spree of car vandalism in Rugby.

In the early hours of Sunday August 3, 41 cars parked in Saunton Road, Westbourne Grove and Wentworth Road in Overslade had their windows smashed and were sprayed with green paint.

A Rugby Police spokesperson said: "We believe the two individuals in the footage may have information which could help with enquiries. We appreciate it's not the clearest, but we're hoping someone can still help us to identify them."

Anyone who recognises them or has any informa-



Police have released footage of two people they want to speak to after 41 cars were vandalised in Rugby.

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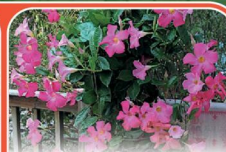
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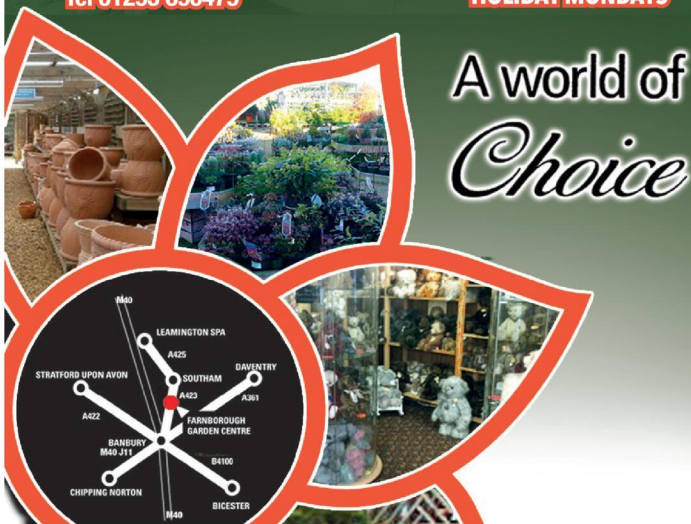


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Park gears up for Tour de force with TV spotlight

MEN who work to preserve and improve a country park in south Warwickshire are hoping that being in the international spotlight will attract a new wave of visitors.

The Tour of Britain cycle race hits Warwickshire today (Friday), when some of the world's leading riders – including former Tour de France winner Geraint Thomas and reigning Olympic road race champion Remco Evenepoel – will pedal from Atherstone in the north of the county to Burton Dassett in the south.

The riders will finish the fourth stage, the longest on the Tour at 120 miles, atop Burton Dassett Hills Country Park where hundreds of spectators will see them complete three laps of the climb.

Burton Dassett boasts 100 acres of rolling hills with superb views across Warwickshire and neighbouring counties and was opened as a country park in 1971.

Bob Graham, a former UN explo-

sive safety trainer and adviser, has been a caretaker at the park for three years, while Phil Sayer has been Warwickshire County Council's assistant ranger at Burton Dassett for a decade.

Both hope live television coverage of the race will trigger a new wave of visitors both local and from afar.

Bob, who lives in the village of Northend, at the foot of the park, said: "It's great that so many people will get to see the beauty of Burton Dassett when the TV cameras arrive for the race and I hope it encourages many more people to visit."

"It's my job to pick up litter, empty the bins and clean the toilets. Anything to make sure the hills look their best. What better motivation than to have a major event like the Tour of Britain on its way."

"I used to take my kids up the hills on our mountain bikes because it's always been such a lovely and safe environment."

"We still get lots of cyclists now. The hills are a challenge for most cyclists, but I try to see them up



Phil Sayer (left) and Bob Graham, hope the Tour of Britain's return to Burton Dassett Hills will inspire a fresh wave of visitors.

by saying 'you're nearly there, you can do it!'"

Phil's main tasks are planting and grass clipping and like Bob, he will carry out any duty that ensures the environment is looked after for local people and visitors.

"The park attracts many people doing so many things," he said.

"Runners, cyclists, walkers, families enjoying the fresh air, photographers, people flying kites – and everyone has to make their own entertainment."

"That will be a bit different when the Tour comes and we will have a few hundred people who will have ridden here to watch the finale."

"It was a great atmosphere when the tour last came here and it should be the same again. It would be great to think that people will see Burton Dassett on television and will decide to come along and see what it has to offer, whether they are locally based or from further afield."



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Children's author and poet Michael Rosen will be the special guest at the Childcare and Education Expo at Coventry Building Society Arena.



New trail offers a moving experience

THE UNIVERSITY of Warwick has opened its new Movement Trail, encouraging visitors to interact with art in new ways.

As a part of the University's Sculpture Park, the new Movement Trail encourages engagement among visitors through its interactive exhibits.

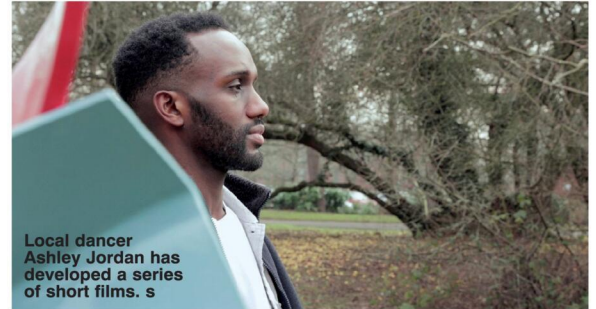
Created by Ashley Jordan of Coventry's Ascension Dance and Associate Artist of Warwick Arts Centre, people can follow the trail and scan QR codes on five sculptures to view a short film by Ashley and Anthony Shintait. It has been inspired by Jordan's work with Coventry primary school children, sharing ideas above movement and art.

Jordan said: "The physical body has a deep intrinsic relationship to sculpture and visual arts."

"The appreciation of shapes in space starts at a young age as you jump, spin and play around everyday objects for fun."

"This Movement Trail is simply a way to tap back into that child-like mindset and, for a moment, find ways of understanding and interpreting sculpture through movement."

Inspired by Allen Jones' beloved 1989 sculpture The Dancing Man, as gifted to the University by Eric and Jean Cass through the Contemporary Art Society and restored by the Henry Moore Foundation, the Movement Trail seeks to encourage people of all ages to embrace freedom of expression through a combination of art



Local dancer Ashley Jordan has developed a series of short films.

and movement.

Liz Dooley, art collection curator, said: "Our conservators were able to research the original colours and found that, in some places, the bright yellow had been painted over."

"It looks so much more vibrant now."

"I think people will really respond to the brilliant colours and the sense of movement in the work."

In addition, Sarah Shalgosky, the University of Warwick's Principal Curator, said: "We realised that movement gave the children so much freedom to express their ideas - they came up with wonderful, creative responses to the work."

"We wanted to give other families and visitors that same opportunity and I'm really pleased Ashley was able to create this trail for us."

"What has been lovely is seeing people standing in front of the film outside the Mead Gallery and moving their hands and bodies in response to Ashley's movements."

"It's a great encouragement to be more active outdoors, no matter what your age."

The Sculpture Park is free to visit year round with maps available at the Warwick Arts Centre and Mead Gallery.

Visit: warwick.ac.uk/services/art/sculpturepark/movementtrail/ to view all of Jordan's videos or: warwick.ac.uk/services/art/artist/allenjones/wu0904 to learn more about The Dancing Man's restoration.

Email Stevie Connoll at stevie.connoll@warwick.ac.uk or 07824 540791 for more information.

A BELOVED children's author and poet will be the special guest when thousands of childcare and early years education professionals attend a major event in Coventry.

Michael Rosen, best known as the author of We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Quick, Let's Get Out of Here, will take centre stage at the Childcare and Education Expo at Coventry Building Society Arena next month.

He will open the event, host an exclusive signing session of his books, and deliver seminars on Thriving in Early Years and The Power of Story.

The expo is expected to attract more than 3,000 early years professionals to the venue on Friday September 26 and Saturday

September 27.

It offers opportunities for collaboration, personal and professional development to nursery owners, directors, managers and senior management. The event will include a 'Share & Support Hub', an Early Years Breakfast Summit, and a one-day conference designed for Early Years Leaders.

Kara Neill, Marketing Manager at Childcare and Education Expo, said: "There are growing pressures across the early years sector and this event will provide an opportunity to gain important knowledge and learn more about how to tackle the challenges ahead."

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Thurlaston Fete will take place in Main Street and Church Lane on Saturday (September 6).



A VILLAGE fete near Rugby has moved from its traditional summertime slot to early autumn.

Thurlaston Fete will take place in Main Street and Church Lane from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday (September 6).

The theme of this year's event is Thurlaston's Autumn Harvest Extravaganza, reflecting the move from its traditional date in July.

Stalls will include village-run children's games, gifts and garden plants, honey, bric-a-brac, books and bottles, and craft stalls ranging from pottery and leather to jewellery.

The fete will also welcome the

Toft Alpacas and ukelele group Rugbylele, while refreshments will include hot dogs and ice creams, tea and cakes in the Village Hall, and Pimm's with live music at St Edmund's Church.

Coordinator Sylvia Jacques said: "We're really excited about this year's fete and its seasonal theme to celebrate our September date. We've booked some warm autumn sunshine!"

Entry is free. Proceeds will go to Thurlaston Village Hall and St Edmund's Church.

Email jacquessylvia66@gmail.com to run a stall at the fete for a £10 contribution and a donation to the prize draw.

Fashioning quite a striking display

HERITAGE and haute couture will combine in a display of fashion and textiles through the ages at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse in September.

To celebrate its centenary and to mark National Heritage Weekend, the Guildhouse is mounting a major display of 100 years of fashion, with outfits, formal and informal, wedding and play, hats and more from the 1920s through to the modern day.

The display is being curated by former centre manager and fashion specialist Sheila Winterton.

She said: "This will be a wonderful opportunity to discover what people were wearing throughout the century, including 1920s flapper dresses, wartime clothing, mid-century designs, 1960s miniskirts, 1970s psychedelic colours, and punk fashion."

"We will also be showing a range of textiles from different decades and how they were used in our living rooms. It promises to be a great opportunity to reminisce, learn and be inspired."

Visitors during the weekend of September 13-14 will also be able to view precious artefacts from the Guildhouse Archive collection - material charting 100 years of adult education which is of such significance that it has attracted a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to enable all material to be preserved and digitised for future



Hats off! Sheila Winterton with some of the headgear included in the display.

generations.

The Guildhouse will be open between 11am-3pm during Heritage Weekend. Admission is free.

The Percival Guildhouse, the home of lifelong learning in Rugby and unique in Warwickshire, opened in 1925 in the former home of antiquarian Matthew Holbeche Bloxam.

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Exhibition brings together the poet and artist

A NEW exhibition at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum celebrates the poems of the Northamptonshire Peasant Poet through a selection of screen prints, lithographs and linocuts.

Carry Akroyd's *Found in the Fields* brings together the words of 19th century poet John Clare with the artist's bright and bold prints, which focus on colour, shape and composition.

The exhibition opens at the Little Elbow Street venue on Saturday September 13 - running alongside *Woven from the Field*, willow weaver Sue Kirk and textile artist Rosalind Stoddart's showcase of sustainable crafts inspired by and created with nature.

Found in the Fields features a series of hand-drawn lithographs which incorporate lines of poetry penned by Clare, who was hailed as the 'greatest labouring-class poet England has ever produced' by his biographer, Jonathan Bate.

Known as the Northamptonshire Peasant Poet, Clare had little formal education and his poems explored his love of English rural life while mourning the changes ushered in by the Agricultural Revolution.

Clare's debut poetry collection, *Poems Descriptive of Rural Life and Scenery*, brought him brief national fame, but he died in obscurity in 1864.

Like Clare, Carry lives in rural Northamptonshire - and she feels the conflict between the countryside and change which fuelled much of the poet's work has fresh relevance which chimes with a new audience.

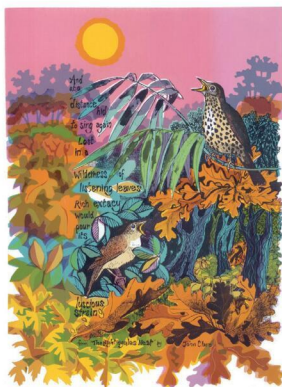
Found in the Fields also offers visitors the chance to read the full poem which inspired each piece.

Carry, a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists, has published a number of books featuring her work and also illustrates the 'Bird of the Month' column in *The Oldie* magazine.

Katie Boyce, Rugby Art Gallery and Museum's senior exhibitions and programming officer, said: "Carry's work celebrates the natural world and rural life, exploring similar themes to John Clare, whose words adorn so many of her pieces.

"Carry's prints use bold colours and dynamic compositions to capture a unique view of life in the English countryside, and we're delighted to welcome *Found in the Fields* to the gallery."

Coun Maggie O'Rourke, Rugby Borough Council's spokesperson for partnerships and wellbeing, said: "*Found in the Fields* and its partner exhibition, *Woven in the*



Carry Akroyd's *Envious Thrush* (LEFT) and *Blackbird* feature in her *Found in the Fields* exhibition at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum.

Field, celebrate the English countryside and rural life, blending traditional techniques with contemporary art.

"Carry's work also gives visitors the opportunity to discover the wonderful poetry of John Clare, whose work has inspired Carry for 30 years and whose words offer a unique insight into 19th century rural England."

Her Liberal Democrat counterpart Coun Neil Sandison added: "Carry's art complements Clare's descriptive brand of natural

poetry and is well worth a visit to Rugby Art Gallery and Museum."

Found in the Fields runs at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum from Saturday September 13 to Saturday November 15.

Carry Akroyd visits Rugby Art Gallery and Museum on Saturday November 1 to give an illustrated talk about her work and the world of John Clare. Visit www.ragn.co.uk/found-in-the-fields to book tickets at £5 each.



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£60k raised in charity ride

HARDY cyclists completed a gruelling 200-mile bike ride in sweltering heat to raise more than £60,000 for Warwick-based children's charity Molly Ollys.

Around 30 fundraisers saddled up in Great Yarmouth before setting off on the three-day ride to The Durham Ox in Shrewley.

Cyclists ranging from 18-year-old Hannah Wright to 67-year-old Tim Ollerenshaw, took part in the challenge, which stopped en route at King's Lynn and Market Harborough.

Tim established the charity with his wife Rachel in 2011 following the death of their eight-year-old daughter Molly

from a rare kidney cancer.

Molly Ollys works to support children with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families and help with their emotional wellbeing.

As well as providing more than 4,300 wishes to date, they donate therapeutic toys and books to both children directly and to hospitals throughout the UK.

Molly's mum Rachel Ollerenshaw said: "Another Molly Ollys Cycle Ride, another amazing group of individuals who completed the challenge as a team. A beautiful coastal start was followed by tougher conditions with over 30 degree heat plus strong winds to contend with."



Clubbing together – Karl Oldershaw and Chris Willmott celebrate the start of a new partnership.

First firm signs up for Myton campaign

THE MYTON Hospices has welcomed the first recruit to its brand new 'My Myton 100 Business Club'.

by Philippa Mingsins

Expo-Display is the first local business to join the initiative designed to bring together 100 local businesses to raise funds to support Myton's vital services across Coventry and Warwickshire.

With each business donating or raising at least £1,000 over the course of a year, the charity is hoping to generate £100,000 from the new initiative, to support patients and families in the community.

Based in Stratford, Expo-Display is an exhibition print specialist, known for its commitment to sustainability and creative solutions.

Expo-Display director Karl

Oldershaw said: "We've wanted to start working with charities for a while now and this seems like the perfect opportunity."

"Almost everyone in this county knows someone that has used Myton's services. I'm really proud that we're the first to do this and I would encourage other local businesses to get involved too."

Chris Willmott, the hospices' corporate partnerships manager, added: "We are thrilled to welcome Expo-Display as our very first local business member."

"Their passion for sustainability and community reflects exactly what the 100 Business Club is all about – businesses working together

to create a lasting impact for local people and their families.

"This is more than just a fundraising initiative – it's a partnership with purpose."

"We can't wait to see more businesses follow their lead in championing vital hospice care."

By becoming part of the My Myton 100 Business Club, businesses will not only make a real difference, but will enjoy the use of the exclusive My Myton Business Club badge, recognition on digital screens in Myton's hospices and shops and be able to display the Myton Hospices' logo on their website to celebrate their partnership.

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Caroline full of running to help charity

THE CHAIR of a Leamington health charity is running her first race since childhood to raise funds for patients with complex neurological conditions.

Caroline Wilson is taking part in the 5km race in Daventry on Sunday (September 7) for Castel Froma Neuro Care.

It is one of only two centres of its kind in England that treats NHS patients with complex neurological illnesses like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease, or who have suffered trauma in an accident.

Caroline, who is in her early 60s, said: "I've bought some running shoes and I'm going to do my first-ever 5km run to raise funds for this very special charity."

"I can't explain how much of a non-runner I am, but let's just say that this will be my first race since I was made to do the 800 metres in a school sports day in the 1970s."

"I was talking to a friend who's a runner and, in a moment of madness, somehow found myself



entering the race. To make sure I don't wimp out, I've decided to get sponsored to raise money for Castel Froma.

"Despite its essential place in the healthcare system, it is a constant challenge to balance

Caroline is lacing up her running shoes for the first time since her school sports day.

the books here at Castel Froma as NHS and social care budgets only cover the costs of essential nursing and therapy.

"Many people who use our facilities at Lillington House and Helen Ley House in Leamington need months or years of rehabilitation before they moving to more independent living, and for some it becomes their long-term home."

"I'm therefore raising money to help make it feel more like a home than a hospital by funding extra activities and entertainment, which can make a massive difference to residents' wellbeing."

"Thank you in advance to everyone who sponsors me. I'm now in training and am determined to raise as much as I can by completing the race."

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Getting the garden ready for the colder months

AS SUMMER gives way to bronze tones and the cooler air of autumn, our gardens will also transition, giving gardeners a chance to tidy and trim their outdoor spaces to prepare for the colder months.

The team at British Garden Centres have compiled this end of summer garden clean-up guide to help prepare both plants and garden's wild visitors for the months ahead.

Time to trim back

Many garden plants begin to fade at the end of summer, making it the ideal time to cut back finished blooms like geraniums, lavender, and hydrangeas. Leave ornamental grasses and seed heads standing as they add winter interest and structure but provide vital food resources for birds like finches and goldcrests through the colder months. By this stage of the growing season, many perennials begin to look tired or leggy after their main flowering. Cutting them back with sharp secateurs helps the plants focus energy on producing new shoots and flower buds, often resulting in a second bloom before colder weather.

Lift and divide your perennial plants

Lifting and dividing mature perennials is a great way to give tired plants a fresh lease of life and fill out your borders. Experts recommend lifting and dividing hostas, daylilies, astilbes, geraniums, and rudbeckias. These plants tend to grow in

Deadheading helps plants focus energy on producing new shoots and flower buds.



clumps that can become overcrowded over time, so splitting them helps them stay healthy and encourages better flowering.

Soil improving

Healthy soil grows healthy plants and supports a world of mini beasts beneath our feet. We recommend mulching your borders in autumn with compost, leaf mould, or well-rotted manure to boost soil structure and protect the ecosystem that lives under the garden. Mulch provides a warm blanket for earthworms and overwintering insects and breaks down to improve conditions for spring.

Clear the pesky weeds

Weed removal not only prepares a cleaner slate come spring but also reduces habitat

for unwanted pests. Please try to leave some wild corners undisturbed as a wild patch in the garden in a quiet spot provides food for butterfly caterpillars and shelter for other wildlife. Focus weeding on areas close to plants to make sure they are not competing for nutrients and light over the cooler and darker months.

Lawn care

A robust lawn needs autumn care but longer grass also creates a valuable habitat for insects and small mammals. After the final mow (leave the blades 5cm to 7cm tall), let a few grassy edges or patches grow long. These undisturbed areas offer cover for overwintering wildlife. Aerating a lawn helps water and nutrients reach the roots, while

removing compaction allows worms and beetles to thrive. Feeding the lawn in autumn keeps grass healthy and more resilient for next year's spring and summer season.

Time to protect tender plants

As autumn progresses, tender plants that can't withstand frost need extra protection to survive the colder months. We advise to lift and store vulnerable tubers like dahlias in a cool, frost-free place after allowing them to dry out. Potted tender plants such as pelargoniums and begonias should be moved indoors, into a greenhouse, or placed in a sheltered spot protected from wind and frost.

Look out for wildlife

Gardeners are not the only ones worried about the autumn and winter weather. It's an important time to start thinking about wildlife preparation for autumn. Leaving some areas of your garden slightly wild and undisturbed with grasses, seed heads and flowering perennials to provide vital food sources such as seeds and nectar for birds, bees and butterflies as they prepare for winter.

Clean tools and furniture

As the gardening season winds down, take time to clean and maintain tools to keep them in good working order for next year. Remove any soil and sap from blades, sharpen secateurs and shears and apply a light coat of oil to metal parts to prevent rusting. Do not forget to clean and tidy your shed or greenhouse, ensuring everything is stored neatly and protected from damp.



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Golfers and Chamber staff at the President's Golf Day.

He's back in the swing

A BUSINESSMAN picked up top prize at a corporate golf day in the region just months after overcoming illness – and paid tribute to his inspiring playing partner on the day.

Rob Cornford, founder of My Trusted Wills and Estate Planning, won the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce's Annual President's Golf Day at Hearsall Golf Club, amassing 44 points.

The event, sponsored by Loddars, saw around 40 golfers from businesses across the region tee off in aid of Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire

Mind, raising £330 in the process.

But Rob, who had only picked up his clubs twice in the past six months after undergoing treatment for an illness, won the day thanks to a particularly strong back nine in the blazing sunshine.

He said: "I've been a keen golfer for some time and got my handicap down to 14 but, after being out of action for a while, it went up. So, I decided to just play steady. I don't hit the ball far but I can hit it straight and that's the way I played the whole round.

"I was truly inspired by one of my playing partners on the day. Debbie White, who has vision loss, was supported throughout the round by a guide and played brilliantly with a smile on her face the whole way round. "I took huge inspiration from that and winning the trophy was just the icing on the cake."

Steven Hill, CEO of Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind, said: "The great thing that has happened over recent years is that we're all talking about mental health and we are extremely grateful to the Chamber and everyone who played for supporting us in this way."

Chamber president Steve Harcourt with winner Rob Cornford.



UK growth welcomed by businesses

ECONOMIC growth in the UK has been welcomed by business leaders in Coventry and Warwickshire.

GDP – the measure of economic output – grew by 0.3 per cent in the second quarter of 2025 after a 0.7 per cent increase in the first three months of the year.

Corin Crane, chief executive of the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, said it was pleasing to see two consistent quarters of growth which have defied some expectations.

He said: "The economy has been fairly stagnant over many years so we know that strong, sustained growth is not going to happen overnight."

"What happens next is vital. We've got long-term plans at a national level and a regional level that set out the direction of travel for the economy and, again, we welcome those."

"But firms are also looking ahead to the budget in the autumn and will be hoping the government doesn't repeat last year's surprise tax increase on business."

"Further cost increases would be difficult – in fact impossible for some – to swallow so if we want to see businesses investing and growing, they have to be given the breathing room

to do so."

Stuart Morrison, Research Manager at the British Chambers of Commerce said the new figures were welcome, but warned that the numbers masked the 'underlying pain' being felt by UK businesses.

He added: "Without thriving firms, the economy will continue to struggle. We saw better than expected growth at the start of the year, largely because of stockpiling ahead of US tariffs."

"However, tax burdens at home, alongside uncertain global trading conditions, created a very challenging environment for the UK's SMEs in Q2. The impact of April's national insurance hike is now clear, with our latest survey showing investment and recruitment hit."

"Long-term strategic plans from Government on industry, infrastructure and trade have been widely welcomed by businesses. But with the focus now on delivery, persistent cost pressures mean firms are left with one hand tied behind their back."

"There must be no more business taxes in the Autumn budget. Our recently published Blueprint for Growth document offers Government practical ways forward, to help businesses invest, recruit and trade."

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Clampdown on motoring offences nets 66 drivers

Stepping up road safety

POLICE caught out 66 motorists committing offences on Warwickshire's major routes in just three days.

Warwickshire Police officers took National Highways' Operation Tramline supercab out on the A46, M40, M42, M6 and M69 to observe driver behaviours in cars, vans and lorries.

The truck's elevated position allows officers to see what drivers and passengers are doing, and record any offences on camera.

They spotted nine speeding drivers, 25 drivers using their mobile phone behind the wheel, and 16 drivers or passengers not wearing a seatbelt.

Eight were not in proper control of their vehicle, and two were driving without due care and attention. Six were stopped for criminal offences including driving without insurance and for driving a cloned vehicle, with three cars seized.

It was part of a crackdown on the 'Fatal 4' - drink or drug driving, speeding, using a mobile phone, and not wearing a seatbelt - the four biggest factors that contribute to people being killed or seriously injured on UK roads.

Insp Wayne Boulton said: "The statistics are tragically clear; undertaking any of these fatal four behaviours takes thousands of lives each year and seriously impacts many more.

"We all have a part to play in making our roads safer, choosing to make good decisions and encouraging our friends and family to do the same.

Warwickshire Police officers took National Highways' Operation Tramline supercab out on Warwickshire's major routes to observe driver behaviour from an elevated position.



"Working collaboratively with National Highways in this way helps us to maximise our enforcement capability and educate people on the risks of the fatal four, aiming to change driver mindsets so we can make these offences socially unacceptable. One individual's actions can have a huge impact. It is selfish, it is criminal, and it will not be tolerated."

National Highways assistant region-

al road safety co-ordinator, Marie Biddulph, added: "This year marks the tenth anniversary of Operation Tramline and our goal is still to persuade motorists to think carefully about their driving behaviours and to make our roads safer.

"These results show just how valuable our HGV cabs continue to be in helping to spot unsafe driving behaviours such as not wearing a seatbelt

or using a mobile phone behind the wheel which we know can have serious consequences.

"Road safety is a shared responsibility - it can't be achieved in isolation. That is why we work so closely with our police partners on projects such as Operation Tramline, as well as with road users to help us collectively achieve our long-term ambition of no-one being hurt on our roads."

MORE than 20 drivers have been reported for a number of traffic offences as part of a targeted operation in Coventry.

Police in Binley-Willenhall and Earlsdon, along with traffic officers, carried out an operation which saw 21 drivers reported for offences including illegal registration plates, tinted windows, no insurance and using a mobile phone while driving.

Seven vehicles were seized for no tax, no insurance and other offences.

The operation included colleagues from the DVSA, DVLA, Coventry Council, and taxi licencing from Nuneaton and Bedworth local authorities.

Det Insp Andrew Mitcham said: "We take road safety seriously, and this operation forms part of the Safer Streets Summer national initiative running in town centres and high streets across the UK focusing on antisocial behaviour, retail and street crime.

"We regularly conduct road operations working with communities and partners to create safer roads for everyone, deterring criminals who abuse the road network.

"Your safety is our number one priority and we are committed to reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. If you see anyone driving in an antisocial or dangerous manner report it to us."

Visit www.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety for crime prevention advice around road safety.

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Heatwaves lead to increased NHS searches for help with bites and stings



NHS ENGLAND has said there has been a surge in the number of searches for advice on bites and stings over the summer - all down to the four heatwaves we have had.

Analysis by NHS England found there were 454,238 visits to the page on bites and stings between June 25 and August 25 this year. This was a rise of almost 20 per cent on the same period last year, when there were 386,352 visits.

Numbers peaked in the week of July 14 - when England was experiencing a heatwave. During that time, there were 69,682 visits or one approximately every nine seconds. The rise in visits came amid a summer wasp boom caused by the warmer temperatures. Insect bites or stings are not usually serious and get better after a few days, but they can cause infection or serious allergic reaction.

Lyme Disease

This summer has also seen a spike in visits to guidance on Lyme Disease, a bacterial infection that can be spread to humans if they are bitten by an infected tick. Several celebrities, including Shania Twain, Justin Bieber and Miranda Hart, have previously said they had suffered from the illness, which can cause a rash and flu-like symptoms in some people. The NHS website explains not all ticks in England carry the bacteria which causes the disease, but, it added, it was important to be aware of ticks and remove them as soon as possible. Information on the page includes how to reduce the chance of being bitten, how to remove ticks, what people should do if they

feel unwell after being bitten, along with the symptoms and treatment. Duncan Burton, Chief Nursing Officer for England, said: "Insect bites and stings usually increase during the summer months and this year we've seen a rise in the number of people seeking advice on these from the NHS website, as well as heightened awareness of specific conditions. "If you or your family member has been bitten or stung, the NHS website provides a wealth of useful information on what to do and how to treat the symptoms, as well as when to consult a medical professional. "We'd also remind people that NHS 111 is always available for non-urgent medical help, while for life threatening emergencies, please call 999."

Advice available

The NHS website insect bites and stings page includes general advice on bites and stings including how to relieve symptoms, such as bringing down swelling using ice packs or reducing itching with antihistamines, as well as pain relief - all available from a pharmacist. The page provides a list of warning signs to watch out for in case of emergency including difficulty breathing, wheezing and a swollen tongue or face, and urges people with those symptoms to call 999. NHS.uk is the UK's biggest health website, providing information about nearly 1,000 medical conditions as well other health services, including applying for a free UK Global Health Insurance Card for healthcare cover abroad, finding a GP and a pregnancy due date calculator. **Visit the website - at NHS.uk - for more information via the dedicated 'insects bites and stings' page.**



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Is Hand Pain Holding You Back?

Whether it's the frustration of struggling with buttons, the difficulty of opening jars, or the sadness of not being able to plant bulbs in your garden, it can be truly upsetting when pain and discomfort affect your hands.

Many common hand conditions share similar symptoms, but understanding the signs can help you identify what might be going on. Can you spot the symptoms of these common hand conditions?

Common Hand Conditions and Their Symptoms

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Carpal tunnel occurs when a nerve in your wrist is put under pressure. You might be at higher risk if you have diabetes, are pregnant, or if your job or hobbies involve repetitive hand movements.

Symptoms to look out for:

- Pins and needles in the fingers, especially the thumb, index, middle, and half of the ring finger.
- Numbness in the hand.
- Muscle wasting in the thumb area (in more severe cases).
- Waking from sleep due to hand discomfort or numbness.

Dupuytren's Disease

Dupuytren's disease involves a thickening of the tissue in the palm, fingers, or thumbs, often causing fingers to bend inwards towards the palm. Risk factors include smoking, heavy alcohol consumption, manual work, diabetes, and a family history of the condition.

Symptoms to look out for:

- A finger that has started to contract (bend downwards) or a noticeable lump in the palm.
- It most commonly affects the ring and little finger, but can appear in any finger or even the thumb.

Common Cause of a Palm Lump: Thumb Arthritis

Thumb arthritis frequently affects the basal joint at the base of the thumb. This can make everyday small tasks, like doing up buttons, quite challenging.

Symptoms to look out for:

- Pain and stiffness at the base of the thumb.
- A reduction in grip strength.
- Clicking and cracking sounds in the joint with movement.

Trigger Finger

Trigger finger happens when a tendon in the front of your hand thickens and gets "caught," causing your finger to lock in a bent position.

Symptoms to look out for:

- A finger that locks down in a bent position.
- A clicking sound or sensation when trying to straighten the finger.
- It can affect any finger, and sometimes the thumb.
- Pain that radiates up the arm from the affected finger.

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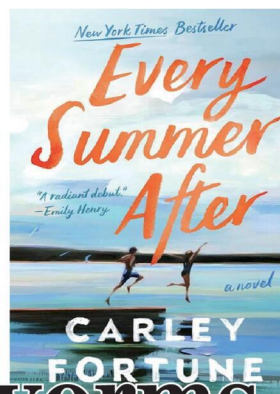
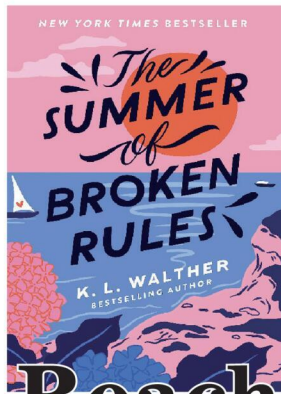


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Beach essentials for bookworms

ALTHOUGH the weather is still clinging onto summer, Autumn is just around the corner.

But for those who are yet to have their annual holiday or who are eking out the last of the sunshine, what better way to relax than to devour a good book.

Here are five of the best books to keep the summer vibes alive.

Slow Burn Summer by Josie Silver

If you're in the market for a heartfelt romance to lounge with by the pool, Josie Silver's *Slow Burn Summer* is exactly the kind of novel that will keep you turning pages long after your sunscreen wears off.

Set against the golden haze of a sun-soaked English summer, Silver's latest weaves together grief, friendship, and the healing power of unexpected love. The story follows Clara, a woman reeling after a painful loss, who retreats to a sleepy

seaside village to recalibrate her life. There, she meets Jake, the local boat repairman with a complicated past and zero interest in summer flings - or so he says.

What unfolds is a true slow burn - long walks, hesitant conversations, simmering chemistry, and emotional revelations that sneak up on you like a sunburn you didn't see coming. Silver excels at writing relationships that feel earned, tender, and emotionally rich, and Clara and Jake's journey is no exception.

Same Time Next Summer by Annabel Monaghan

This is your "childhood sweet-heart returns" fix - but make it emotionally intelligent and satisfyingly grown-up. Sam the boy who once owned Alice's heart, shows up unexpectedly when she returns to her family's beach house to plan her wedding.

Alice's current life is practical,

polished, and perfectly on track - but being around Sam forces her to remember who she used to be.

The narrative flits between past and present, exploring first love, heartbreak, and the question: do people really change, or do we just forget who we were?

It's wistful, deeply romantic, and perfect for those who love a second chance love story with a sharp edge of longing.

Every Summer After by Carley Fortune

This one takes the classic summer love story and layers it with regret, emotional reckoning, and a ticking-clock structure.

Persephone spent every summer at her family's lake house, where she fell in love with neighbor Sam.

Something happened between them - something big and the story toggles between those golden summers and a reunion years later,

when Sam's mother dies and Percy returns.

It's atmospheric and raw in the best way. Perfect for fans of nuanced characters and stories about timing, forgiveness, and enduring connection.

The Summer of Broken Rules by K.L. Walther

Set on Martha's Vineyard, this young adult new adult crossover has the feeling of a Nancy Meyers movie mixed with a Taylor Swift bridge.

The plot revolves around Meredith, grieving the loss of her sister, who joins a massive family wedding where they're playing a traditional game of "Assassin."

She meets Wit, a groomsman who quickly becomes her unexpected ally - and possibly more.

This book balances emotional undertones with playful banter and sunshine-soaked romance.

It's heartfelt but not heavy, with

beach bonfires, big family energy, and the kind of love story that feels like catching your breath after laughing too hard.

One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle

This is not your typical love story - it's more about self-love and reconnection through grief.

After her mother dies, Katy takes the trip to Positano they were meant to do together.

Once there, she meets a woman who seems uncannily like her mother - only thirty years younger.

What follows is part ghost story, part time slip, part magical metaphor, but all wrapped in Italian beauty: sun-drenched cliffs, lemon groves, and cobblestone alleys.

The writing is lyrical, and while there's a touch of romance, the emotional payoff is more spiritual than sexy. Ideal for readers who want depth with their beach read.



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It's always a good idea to make sure things are in peak condition

WITH the annual rate of food and drink price inflation in the UK reaching 4.5 per cent in June 2025, it's no surprise that many Brits are trying to keep their food fresh for longer.

Sarah King, food hygiene expert at High Speed Training, has shared her advice on how to keep some particularly tricky types of food stored safely.

Bananas

Sarah states: "Bananas can be tricky to store properly and often the time-frame between them being under-ripe to over-ripe is short-lived.

"Buy them when they're still green, helping to give you the longest window when they're at their best. You should remove them from their plastic packaging and separate them from other fruit. Keep them in an open bowl. Avoid refrigerating bananas whilst they're ripening, as this can prolong the process, but you can store them in the fridge when they're ripe. They should be good to eat for a week or more. You can also freeze bananas, but this is best when making smoothies or baking."

Avocados

Sarah explains: "Avocados can be difficult to keep ripe. Make sure you're buying them at the right stage of ripening. An unripe avocado will feel firm to the touch and will last for roughly a week, whilst a ripe fruit will feel slightly soft and will last for



roughly three days.

"Avoid storing avocados near other fruits to slow down the ripening process. They can also be stored in the fridge, but only once they're ripe, where they will last for three days to a week."

Bread

Sarah says: "Mouldy bread is generally best thrown away, as the mould will likely have spread much further through the loaf than is actually visible. Buying sliced bread is a cheaper option for keeping your bread fresh

for longer, as mould takes longer to spread.

"It's best to keep it covered, either in a bread bin or bread bag, and try to keep the packaging intact and covering as much of the bread as possible. You should also keep the loaf away from water.

"If you tend to go through your bread slowly, a good option is to freeze it. This keeps the loaf edible and prevents the spread of mould."

Cheese

Sarah shares: "Hard cheeses can

be wrapped in clingfilm to be kept fresh for longer, whilst doing the same to soft cheeses will cause them to 'sweat'. Instead, keep your soft cheese wrapped in baking paper or a waxed cheese cloth to allow them to 'breathe', and then place them in an airtight container.

"A consistent temperature is important to keep cheese fresh, so it's important to place your cheese in the back of the fridge. This will prevent bacterial growth.

"Soft cheeses should be consumed quickly after opening. While some

cheeses, like Stilton, intentionally include mould to add to the flavour, others, like Cheddar, do not benefit from mould, which can in some cases cause illness if consumed."

Potatoes

Sarah says: "Potatoes benefit from being stored in a cool, dark place, which will slow down the sprouting process. Avoid storing them in the fridge, as the cold will turn the starch into sugar and will taint the flavour.

"You should remove them from their plastic bags and refrain from washing them until you're ready to use them.

"Keep them separate from other veg, and keep them out of sunlight, which will reduce sprouting. Finally, you can cut off smaller green shoots, and potatoes in the early stages of sprouting are perfectly safe to eat."

Onions

Sarah comments: "Onions are best stored in a dry, dark place and should not be kept in the fridge.

"Remove them from their plastic bag to allow the air to circulate around them, and keep them separate from potatoes, as the two together may impact the lifespan of both items.

"You can also safely store chopped onions. Once chopped, add the onion to a freezer bag. If you're using them soon, store them in the fridge, and they can also be frozen for longer periods of time."

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PATHFINDER

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Martin Scorsese Movies

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ACROSS

- 3. Arrest (9)
- 8. Call (4)
- 9. Playwright (9)
- 10. Beginning (6)
- 11. Guide (5)
- 14. Proportion (5)
- 15. Daybreak (4)
- 16. Bond (5)
- 18. Inferior (4)
- 20. Haul (5)
- 21. Indigent (5)
- 24. Negligent (6)
- 25. Abandonment (9)
- 26. Revolve (4)
- 27. Completely exhausted (9)

DOWN

- 1. Untainted (9)
- 2. Copy (9)
- 4. Separate (4)
- 5. Send (5)
- 6. Detestation (6)
- 7. Flair for detecting (4)
- 9. Evil spirit (5)
- 11. Threescore (5)
- 12. Predatory (9)
- 13. Non-stop (9)
- 17. Lustre (5)
- 19. Alcove (6)
- 22. Put off (5)
- 23. Rip (4)
- 24. Utterly defeat (4)

Scribble pad

LADDER

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.

- Ink stain
- Shoe
- Crossbow projectile
- Vivid
- Grasp



NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 35428 gives a bird;
- 671123 gives a second bird;
- 958623 gives a male bird.

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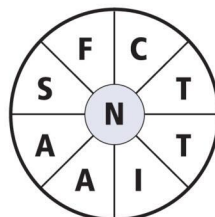
CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

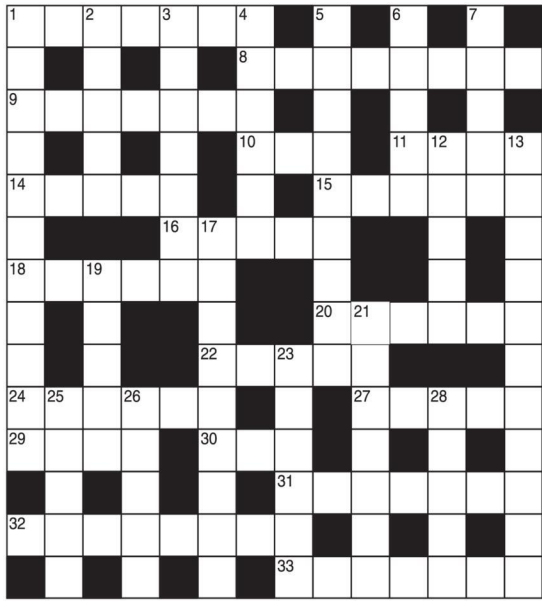


How you rate
 10 words: average 20 words: very good
 15 words: good 25 or more: excellent.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Soviet statesman famous for the frequency with which he said 'niet' (7)
- 8 King called 'the Unready' (8)
- 9 Greek goddess identified with the Roman Ceres (7)
- 10 Viscous secretion of certain trees such as eucalyptus (3)
- 11 Barnaby Rudge's pet raven in Dickens's novel (4)
- 14 Cloth woven from flax (5)
- 15 Former monetary unit of Spain (6)
- 16 In short, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (5)
- 18 Mortal gorgon beheaded by Perseus (6)
- 20 Highly inflammable petroleum jelly (6)
- 22 A gathering of witches (5)
- 24 Dried pod of capsicum, used to make cayenne pepper (6)
- 27 The simplest and strongest of the Greek orders of architecture (5)
- 29 A place of torment (4)
- 30 Title of honour of a knight or baronet (3)
- 31 In broadcasting, a person providing continuity between items in a programme or between programmes (7)
- 32 Small, hibernating rodent, distinguished by its hairy tail (8)
- 33 Another name for clover (7)



DOWN

- 1 A Study of Provincial Life, a novel by George Eliot (11)
- 2 Citrus fruit with acid pulp (5)
- 3 Lockjaw (7)
- 4 An attendant in a church (6)
- 5 Sparkling white wine made in an area of France (9)
- 6 Wild irises (5)
- 7 The left-hand side of an account (5)
- 12 Type of dry fruit which splits open at maturity (5)
- 13 Waterway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans (6,5)
- 17 In Greek mythology, a beautiful youth who changed into a flower, named after him (9)
- 19 The supreme spirit of evil (5)
- 21 In music, term meaning in moderately slow time (7)
- 23 In olden days, a knight's attendant or page (6)
- 25 Long-necked, long-legged wading-bird (5)
- 26 South American animal related to the camel (5)
- 28 The young heir of the Montagues, in a tragedy by Shakespeare (5)

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Molotov; 8 Ethelred; 9 Demeter; 10 Gum; 11 Grip; 14 Linen; 15 Peseta; 16 UNRRA; 18 Medusa; 20 Napalm; 22 Coven; 24 Chilli; 27 Doris; 29 Hell; 30 Sir; 4 Verger; 5 Champagne; 6 Flags; 7 Debt; 12 Regna; 13 Panama Canal; 17 Narcissus; 19 Devil; 21 Andante; 23 Varley; 25 Heron; 26 Lama; 28 Romeo.

DOWN: 1 Incurrupt; 2 Imitation; 4 Part; 5 Remit; 6 Hatred; 7 Nose; 9 Demon; 11 Sixty; 12 Rapacious; 13 Incessant; 17 Sheen; 19 Recess; 22 Deer; 23 Tear; 24 Hour.

ACROSS: 3 Apprehend; 8 Name; 9 Dramatis; 10 Outset; 11 Steer; 14 Ratio; 15 Dawn; 16 Nexus; 18 Poor; 20 Heave; 21 Needy; 24 Remiss; 25 Desertion; 26 Turn; 27 Prostrate.

DOWN: 1 X; 2 U; 3 A; 4 K; 5 H; 6 Z; 7 F; 8 Y; 9 P; 10 R; 11 Q; 12 W; 13 D; 14 J; 15 I; 16 L; 17 B; 18 O; 19 V; 20 E; 21 L; 22 N; 23 G; 24 O; 25 M; 26 S.

Ladder
Blow Blot Boot Bolt Bold, Hold, Hole

Codeword

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Wordwheel Pathfinder
Mean Streets, Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore, Taxi Driver, New York New York, Raging Bull, The King of Comedy, The Departed, The Color of Money, The Last Temptation of Christ, Goodfellas, After Hours, Hugo, Cape Fear, Gangs of New York, The Aviator, Shutter Island, The Wolf of Wall Street.

Niner
The Color of Money, The Last Temptation of Christ, Goodfellas, The Aviator, Cape Fear, Gangs of New York, The Wolf of Wall Street.

PERVADING
Shutter Island, The Wolf of Wall Street.

Crossword
Across: 3 Apprehend; 8 Name; 9 Dramatis; 10 Outset; 11 Steer; 14 Ratio; 15 Dawn; 16 Nexus; 18 Poor; 20 Heave; 21 Needy; 24 Remiss; 25 Desertion; 26 Turn; 27 Prostrate. Down: 1 Incurrupt; 2 Imitation; 4 Part; 5 Remit; 6 Hatred; 7 Nose; 9 Demon; 11 Sixty; 12 Rapacious; 13 Incessant; 17 Sheen; 19 Recess; 22 Deer; 23 Tear; 24 Hour.

General Knowledge Crossword
ACROSS: 1 Molotov; 8 Ethelred; 9 Demeter; 10 Gum; 11 Grip; 14 Linen; 15 Peseta; 16 UNRRA; 18 Medusa; 20 Napalm; 22 Coven; 24 Chilli; 27 Doris; 29 Hell; 30 Sir; 4 Verger; 5 Champagne; 6 Flags; 7 Debt; 12 Regna; 13 Panama Canal; 17 Narcissus; 19 Devil; 21 Andante; 23 Varley; 25 Heron; 26 Lama; 28 Romeo.



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The Chery Tiggo 4 and Tiggo 7.



Chinese-brand Chery to deliver range of SUVs after UK launch

CHERY has officially launched in the UK, with a landmark event in London unveiling its full line-up of SUVs for British customers.

The company confirmed its UK operations will focus on delivering a comprehensive range of SUVs tailored to British drivers, with plans to open a UK R&D centre in the near future.

Leveraging the success of sister brand house Omoda and Jaecoo UK – which achieved a market share of 2.71 per cent just 12 months after Omoda UK's launch, and seven months after Jaecoo UK was established. Chery confirmed it would initially open with 25 direct-to-con-

sumer franchised dealerships, with plans to expand to 100 by 2026.

The launch event, which featured evening entertainment from DJ Reggie Yates and street dance troupe Flawless, also saw the OEM showcase the Chery TIGGO 7 and TIGGO 8 in pure ICE and Super Hybrid form. Two new models have also been confirmed for the UK in the next six months – the Chery TIGGO 9 and Chery TIGGO 4, which bookend the family of vehicles and complete the full SUV line-up.

Chery, derived from 'cheery', offered a range of engaging activations during the evening's festivities to celebrate its global achievements – from being the first Chinese OEM

to develop its own powertrains and chassis', to holding the title of China's largest vehicle exporter for 22 consecutive years.

Gary Lan, CEO of Chery UK, said: "The UK is a crucial market for Chery, and today marks the beginning of an exciting journey for us here.

"We're bringing a dynamic range of vehicles that combine advanced technology, safety and innovative features – all at an accessible price point.

"With our full SUV line-up now confirmed, we're ready to establish Chery as a clever, confident and happy choice for UK households."

Engineered for the UK market, all Chery UK cars are developed

at Chery International's Frankfurt-based centre, designed to meet the highest European standards of performance, reliability, and safety. Plans are also in place for a UK-focused R&D hub in the near future to support the brand house's long-term growth.

From the outset, Chery UK has prioritised repairability, security, and insurer confidence.

In partnership with Thatcham Research, the brand has ensured UK insurers have full confidence in parts availability, repair provisions, and vehicle security features.

DHL manages the supply and logistics of parts across the UK, guaranteeing fast, hassle-free deliveries in as little as 24 hours.

Every Chery UK vehicle is supported by its comprehensive seven-year warranty and aftermarket care, supported by full RAC roadside assistance for the first three years, subject to annual servicing terms and conditions. Pricing for the Chery TIGGO is £24,995 OTR for the 1.6-litre TDGI and £29,995 OTR for the Super Hybrid.

Meanwhile the seven-seater Chery TIGGO 8 is priced from £28,545 OTR for the 1.6-litre TDGI and from £33,545 OTR for the Super Hybrid.

More details about Chery UK's network of franchised dealers will be available soon, many of which already represent Omoda and Jaecoo in the UK.

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

PUBLIC FOOTPATH RB5 RUGBY
Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic between Grid References E 4494460 N276122 and E449249 N276295.

Reason for Order: To safely enable construction works on or near to the path.

Order Commences: 30 August 2025 for up to 6 months.

Access & Diversion: Please find an alternative route using Public Paths and Highways.
Contractor: Martin Wood for Pioneer Design & Build, Tel: 01270 500 060.

C213 MARKET HARBOROUGH ROAD (NEWTON ROAD), NEWTON, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed between A5 Watling Street and Newton Road/Newton Manor Lane.

Reason for Order: Carriageway resurfacing works, closed 08.00hrs-17.00 hrs, weekdays only.

Order Commences: 10 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 19 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Alternative routes will be signed using Newton Lane, A5 Watling Street, Lilbourne Road, Church Street and Newton Road. Vehicular access & egress will be maintained where possible and safe to do so for businesses and residents only.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

SOUTHAM ROAD, LEAMINGTON HASTINGS

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic near its jct with Birdingbury Road and outside Pumping Station.

Reason for Order: To safely enable disconnecting and capping of old mains.

Order Commences: 8 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 12 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Southam Road, Rugby Road, Dunchurch Road, Russelsheim Way, Bilton Road, Lawford Road, Rugby Western Relief Road, Coventry Road, Blue Boar Flyover, Straight Mile, London Road, A45, Northampton Lane, Leamington Road, Oxford Road, Station Road, Marton Road, The Green and vice versa.

Contractor: VOCOM, Tel: 03333 448 308.

CAWSTON LANE, DUNCHURCH

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from jct with Thurston Drive and walkway to Richard Walker Way.

Reason for Order: To safely enable tanker parking ensuring safety for all road users & contractors working on or near the carriage way.

Order Commences: 8 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 14 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Northampton Lane, Alwy Road, Coventry Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

OLIVER STREET, RUGBY

Order Effect: The road will be closed to eastbound traffic between Dale Street and A426; traffic exiting the roundabout westerly from A426 into Oliver Street will be unaffected.

Reason for Order: To enable open cut works for existing main connection.

Order Commences: 22 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 26 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Oliver Street, Lawford Road, Corporation Street, Evreux Way and vice versa.

Contractor: VOCOM, Tel: 03333 448 308.

CAWSTON LANE, DUNCHURCH

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Penland to Marshalls Rose.

Reason for Order: To enable cabling & associated works.

Order Commences: 22 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 1 October 2025.

Access & Diversion: Northampton Lane, Alwy Road, Coventry Road, Cavston Lane and vice versa.

Contractor: Callian Connect, Tel: 01213 275 167.

EASENHALL ROAD, HARBOROUGH MAGNA

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: To enable works for air valve rebuild chamber.

Order Commences: 23 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 25 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Easenhall Road, Rugby Road, Pallton Road, The Green, Coventry Road, Stretton Road, Main Street, Lutterworth Road, The Crescent, Broad Street, Brinklow Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The secretary of state hereby gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of an irregular shaped southern part width of Station Road at Leicestershire, in the District of Harborough.

If the order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only to enable development as permitted by Harborough District Council under reference 20/00061/FUL.

Copies of the draft order and relevant plan will be available for inspection on the Dunton Bassett Parish Council notice board, 11 Main Street, Dunton Bassett, Leicestershire, LE17 5JH in the 28 days commencing on 5 September 2025, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State (quoting SU01970946) at the address stated below.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 3 October 2025. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

N Crass, Casework Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Lee Owen Thomas trading as L&M Domestic Scaffolding Ltd of 1 Oakley, Honiley CV8 1QE is applying for a licence to use land opposite Dairy Farm on Shepherds Lane, CV7 7JW as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available at www.gov.uk/object-hgv-operator-licence.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

AJD Domestic and Commercial Scaffolding Ltd of 39 Emmerdale Road, Colehill B46 1TF is applying for a licence to use Park Farm, Burnes, Chester Road, Meriden, Coventry CV7 7TL as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7UE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Application for a New Premises Licence

Name of Applicant: **Mr Dalwinder Singh Nagpal**. Notice is hereby given that Mr Dalwinder Singh Nagpal has applied to Coventry City Council for a New Premises Licence for the following premises: Get Connected & Off Licence, 195 Daventry Road, Coventry CV3 5HF. Details of Application: To provide: Sale/Supply of Alcohol (Off Sales) Monday - Saturday (06:00 - 06:00), Sunday (10:00 - 22:00). Any person wishing to lodge a representation concerning this application may write to the Licensing Authority, The Council House, East Street, Coventry CV1 5SR or send an email to licensing@coventry.gov.uk. The application may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address and further information may be available at www.coventry.gov.uk on the public register. Any representation relating to this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority by 24/09/2025. Please note it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction for this offence is unlimited.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Exact Logistics Limited of Unit 6 & 7 Dunchurch Trading Estate, CV23 9LN is applying for a licence to use Montgomerys Distribution, Crick Road, Rugby, CV23 0AB as an operating centre for 5 goods vehicles and 10 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available at www.gov.uk/object-hgv-operator-licence.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

BASCOTE ROAD, UXTON

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Repairs to leaking water network.

Order Commences: 23 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 25 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Bascoote Road, Southam Road, Leamington Road, Banbury Road, Southam Bypass, Coventry Road, The Green, Church Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Chevron Traffic Management Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

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S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 5 Sept 2025

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Name of applicant: **AG Coventry Limited**. Notice is hereby given that **AG Coventry Limited** has applied to Coventry City Council for a **NEW PREMISES LICENCE** for Crossway Hotel, 4 Wigston Road, Coventry CV2 2SD. Details of Application: To provide: Sale/Supply of Alcohol (Monday - Sunday 11:00-01:00 (after 1pm hotel residents only) Late-Night Refreshments Monday - Sunday 23:00-05:00 (Hotel Residents only)

Any person wishing to lodge a representation concerning this application may write to: Licensing Authority, The Council House, East Street, Coventry CV1 5SR Or send an email to: licensing@coventry.gov.uk.

The application may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address and further information may be available at www.coventry.gov.uk on the public register.

Any Representation relating to this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority by 30th September 2025

Please note it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction for this offence is Unlimited.

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BASKERVILLE Richard Dawson

Passed away peacefully in his sleep at Leicester House in Warwick on 2nd September, aged 87.

Beloved father of Neil, Andrew and Kevin, father in law to Kate, Loretta and Lori and Grandpa to Angus, Maddy, Laura, Poppy and Primrose.

Friend and colleague to many amongst the Warwickshire Farming & Old Ingonians Golfing Communities.

A memorial service for Richard will be held at Northgate Methodist Church at 2pm on Thursday 18th September.

A life well lived

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Deadline day drama sees captain Sheaf depart Sky Blues as Woolfenden signs

by Aaron Sutcliffe
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FOOTBALL: COVENTRY City endured a dramatic transfer deadline day which saw one player join the club and four others leave including club captain Ben Sheaf.

The Sky Blues signed Ipswich Town defender Luke Woolfenden in a reported £4m deal.

City confirmed the deal long after the deadline had passed. The centre-back completed a medical earlier in the day.

However, Coventry's deadline day was dominated by players leaving the club.

The most notable departure saw captain Sheaf complete a reported £6.5m move to Championship rivals Wrexham.

Sheaf had one year remaining on his contract and suffered an injury on the opening day of the campaign against Hull City.

Elsewhere, striker Norman Bassette joined French Ligue 2 side Stade de Reims on loan for the season.

The French club hold an option to buy the striker at the end of his loan spell.

Young winger Raphael Borges Rodrigues also completed a late move.

The 21-year-old will spend the remainder of the 2025/26 season on loan at League One side Wigan Athletic.

And young striker Justin Obikwu has joined third tier club Lincoln City on a season-long loan deal.

Coventry also reportedly missed out on the signing of promising young winger Martial Godo.

The Sky Blues lodged a bid for the

striker earlier in the transfer window.

However, the former Fulham man completed a £6m move to Ligue 1 side Strasbourg on deadline day.

Here's how City's deadline day unfolded...

11.45am
Coventry agree a £4m deal with Ipswich to sign defender Woolfenden with the player to undergo a medical with the Sky Blues.
1pm
The club confirm Bassette's departure to Reims on loan.
3pm
Club captain Sheaf joins Wrexham for a reported £6.5m fee.
3.45pm
Potential transfer target Godo closes in on a £6m move to Strasbourg.
5.30pm
Striker Obikwu joins Lincoln on loan for the season.
7pm
The transfer window officially closes.
8.45pm
Winger Rodrigues joins Wigan on loan.
9.15pm
Coventry finally confirm the signing of Woolfenden to conclude their transfer business.

LAMPARD HAILS NEW SIGNING

Luke Woolfenden wants to help Coventry City continue their 'great start' to the season after joining the club on transfer deadline day.

The centre-back has signed a three-year deal with the Sky Blues and completed the club's business for the summer window.

The 26-year-old won back-to-back promotions with former club Ipswich Town - helping the Tractor Boys rise from League One to the Premier League.

And with Coventry fifth in the Championship table, Woolfenden hopes the club can continue their strong start to the campaign after the international break.

Woolfenden said: "I'm excited to be here. It's been in the pipelines for a few weeks now."

"I'm really excited to get going and getting out on the pitch."

"The team have had a great start to the season."

"I just want to help as much as I can and hopefully the great start continues."

Woolfenden made 15 appearances for Ipswich in the Premier League last season.

And Sky Blues head coach Frank Lampard believes the defender's arrival will add further strength in depth at the back.

Lampard added: "I'm delighted to welcome Luke to Coventry City."

"Luke is a quality player who has experienced promotion from the Championship and playing in the Premier League last season."

"He will be a great addition for us, and he will improve the strength of our squad and I look forward to working with him."

Woolfenden made a total of 214 appearances for the Tractor Boys scoring five goals.



Elijah Barriga scored twice for Coventry Blaze against Tilburg Trappers. Picture by Scott Wiggins.

Blaze begin pre-season with back-to-back wins

ICE HOCKEY: COVENTRY Blaze continued their perfect start to pre-season with a patient 4-1 victory against Dutch side Tilburg Trappers.

Blaze came from behind to seal a second pre-season win as Elijah Barriga struck twice while William Boysen and Colton Saucerman both found the net at the Skydome Arena.

After a goalless first period, Tilburg broke the deadlock at 23.39 when Matt McLeod pounced on a rebound from Donny van Belkom's initial shot to beat Mat Robson in the Blaze net.

However, Blaze hit back less than five minutes later as Barriga finished smartly after collecting a rebound.

And Coventry eventually took the lead early in the third period at 43.31 as Boysen finished off a two-one break with a clinical strike.

Barriga scored his second of the game at 47.30 from Matthew Gleason's feed to put Blaze in command.

And Blaze completed the scoring at 53.31 as Saucerman fired into an empty net from inside his own zone after Tilburg pulled their keeper for an extra skater.

That came after Coventry began pre-season with a thrilling 7-4 victory against NIHL champions Milton Keynes Lightning.

Blaze overturned an early two-goal deficit as Saucerman scored twice while Gleason, Boysen, Barriga, Mack Stewart and Grant Mismash all found the net at the Skydome.

Lightning raced into a two-goal lead as Jordan Cownie opened the scoring at 1.45 before Cownie struck again at 2.26 on the powerplay.

Blaze responded at 9.08 when Saucerman blasted a shot through traffic and into the net.

And Gleason tied the game at 15.33 with a stunning diving backhand finish between the Lightning netminder's pads.

The visitors reclaimed the lead early in the second period at 25.07 as Dominik Gabaj fired high into the top corner on the powerplay.

Blaze drew level again three minutes later when Boysen rifled home.

And the game turned in Coventry's favour at the start of the third period as Saucerman scored his second of the game at 43.09 to put Blaze ahead for the first time.

The home side extended their lead while short-handed at 45.54 as Barriga finished from a tight angle on the follow-up following Mike Pelech's breakout effort.

And Blaze scored another short-handed goal at 47.14 as former Lightning forward Stewart capitalised on a loose puck to stretch Coventry's lead.

The visitors pulled their netminder late on as Toms Rutkis scored a consolation goal with 1.46 left to play.

However, Blaze had the last laugh at 58.45 as Mismash punished a turnover to slide the puck into an empty net.

Coventry are next in action against Nottingham Panthers on Saturday, September 6 with the face-off at 7pm at Motorpoint Arena.



From left to right: Alberto Millo, Tom Doherty, Sue Slijvic, Ricky Rouille, Barbara Nespolo and Tim Fenemore. s

Fenemore finishes Four Nations Series in fourth

ROWING: TIM Fenemore, from Rugby, finished fourth overall in the second edition of the Four Nations Coastal Sculling Series.

The Four Nations Series saw competitors race each other in England, Wales, Jersey and Scotland from April to August.

And Fenemore, who rows for Hollowell Scullers, rowed alongside Jersey's Ricky Rouille throughout the competition.

Fenemore and Rouille still managed to achieve a fourth-place finish despite missing the first event in Whitby.

The duo then successfully competed in races at Saundersfoot in Wales, St Helier in Jersey and Ayr in Scotland.

And the pair scored enough points to finish fourth overall out of 62 competitors and lead the masters 50-plus category.

At the final event in Scotland,

Fenemore and Rouille competed in solo, double and coxed quad boats.

This saw the pair join forces with team members from Trieste in Italy, Stratford-upon-Avon, Llanion Warriors, Dolphin and Runcorn.

Fenemore and Rouille rowed with Barbara Nespolo, Alberto Millo, Tom Doherty, Bryony Jones, Andi Davies and Sue Slijvic.

The team win a total of six gold and five silver medals.

Fenemore and Rouille hope to compete in the European Championships in Antalya, Turkey in October.

Their participation in the event depends on whether Fenemore can recover from a rib injury.

Fenemore sustained the injury after his boat capsized in the final of the solo beach sprint in Ayr.

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Stallard Series win for rider O'Connor

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CYCLING: ROB O'Connor claimed a sixth win from seven events to lift the Stallard Series trophy.

The Rugby cyclist took the winner's jersey and is now the number one ranked rider in the United Kingdom in the 65-plus age category.

Cheltenham and County Cycling Club organised the final race of the 2025 Stallard Series which took place over a 45-mile distance.

The Stallard Series is the most prestigious series of road and circuit races on the British Masters Cycle Racing calendar.



O'Connor had already secured the overall series title prior to the start of the final race.

The Rugby rider and national time trial champion Eamonn Deane attacked several times but could not breakaway from the main group.

O'Connor covered a few solo attacks from other riders in the last few miles.

And he positioned himself at the front of the queue for the final one-and-a-half kilometre climb.

He opened up a sprint with 200m left to race and timed his push to perfection to secure a sixth win from seven races to end the series in style.

Rob O'Connor stands on top of the podium. Picture by Claire Huxford.

Valley halt losing run with draw away at table toppers

FOOTBALL: CAINE Elliott's penalty earned Rugby Town a point in a 1-1 draw away at league leaders Belper Town.

Elliott levelled the game from the spot on 73 minutes after Louis Keenan put the home side ahead five minutes earlier at the Raygar Stadium.

The result means Rugby sit 18th in the Northern Premier League Midlands table, above the relegation zone on goal difference.

Grant Joshua's side produced a much-improved performance to end a run of three straight league defeats.

Valley forward Harrison Nee went close with two efforts early on the second of which forced a fine reaction save from Kieran Preston.

And Preston then denied Callum Griffin before Marcus Bald tipped Jacob Grafton's powerful effort over the crossbar at the other end.

The chances continued to flow as Preston made a diving stop to keep out Elliott's free-kick just before half time.

In a frantic start to the second period, Keenan almost diverted the ball into his own net before James Tague fired wide at the other end with Bald stranded.

Valley went close again as Ryan Sahota's effort from 25-yards out hit the crossbar.

However, the home side broke the deadlock on 68 minutes when Nathan Kabeya inadvertently diverted Keenan's cross-shot into his own net following a set-piece.

Rugby deservedly drew level just five minutes later as Belper substitute Diego Edwards fouled Ethan Hanson in the box.

And Elliott duly stepped up to score from the penalty spot and draw the visitors level.

Valley almost snatched the points late on only for Rivel Mardenborough to head against the woodwork from Elliott's free-kick.

Rugby are next in action against Racing Club Warwick in the FA Trophy on Saturday, September 6 with kick-off at 3pm at Butlin Road.

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