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Gone in a blur. Picture by Marcus Mingins. 3725001MMR

County sees a Tour de force

THEY raced past in a blur as some of the world's top cyclists visited Warwickshire for the day.

The county played host to the fourth stage of the Lloyds Men's Tour of Britain on Friday (September 5) which took the riders on a 116-mile tour

of Warwickshire's highways and byways.

They started out from Atherstone and pedalled their way to a hill finish at Burton Dassett Hills Country Park.

And our photographer Marcus Mingins, a keen cyclist himself, joined the many thou-

sands who turned out in the autumn sunshine to cheer on the riders.

The Tour, which started on Tuesday and ended in Cardiff on Sunday, is the premier British Cycling road event.

Turn to page 16 for more pictures and to find out who won.

MP sets out wish-list for roads cash

ROADS in Rugby could be in line for upgrades after Warwickshire was given a financial boost for its transport projects.

by **Andy Morris**
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The government has given Warwickshire County Council (WCC) £2.4million to invest in transport schemes across the county.

The council will decide how to spend the funds, which can be used to improve public transport and invest in schemes such as zero emission buses, improving accessibility, reducing congestion, and making streets safer with improved lighting and crossings.

Rugby MP John Slinger welcomed the investment, and has written to WCC requesting details on how funding will be allocated in the Rugby constituency.

He has suggested enhancements to the Mill Road railway tunnel, a safe crossing on Coventry Road near Nature Trails Nursery, upgraded road

markings on the A426, and improved pedestrian safety on the B4642 approaching Bilton.

Mr Slinger said: "Daily, I hear from constituents suggesting ways to improve local transport and, in particular, road safety for all users. I am pleased to bring these suggestions to WCC, advocating for their implementation.

"Reliable bus routes, safer roads to drive on, better accessibility and better conditions for pedestrians and cyclists are a lifeline for so many people. All these things are vital to making sure people can get to work, visit friends or take up urgent appointments.

"I hope that this funding can go some way toward addressing even a few of the local transport challenges we face here in Rugby."

The funding comes as

part of a national £2.3billion investment programme to support local transport connections and improve journeys to work, shops, and essential services across towns and rural areas.

Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander said: "This investment will help councils improve transport for local people – from cleaner buses to safer cycling routes – connecting communities with jobs, education and essential services. By putting resources directly into the hands of local leaders, we're ensuring every part of the country benefits from better transport links that support economic growth and provide opportunity."

The programme is unlikely to bring forward a long-gestating plan to ease congestion at the Avon Mill roundabout, which was first announced in 2015 – the estimated £24.3million cost of which dwarfs Warwickshire's new funding.



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School powers up with solar panels

by Andy Morris
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A SCHOOL and a college in Coventry are set to see their fuel bills slashed under pioneering green plans being funded by West Midlands Mayor Richard Parker.

Solar panels are being installed at Coventry College and Sidney Stringer Academy as part of a project to create a Net Zero Neighbourhood in the Hillfields area.

They are being funded with £700,000 secured by the Mayor, West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and Coventry City Council from the newly-established, government-owned Great British Energy (GBE).

Up to 90 per cent of the power needed to run both sites will be renewable, saving them a combined \$90,000 a year in energy costs while cutting carbon emissions.

Andrew Walls, vice principal at Sidney Stringer Academy Trust, said: "Thanks to this funding we can now generate a huge share of our electricity from renewable solar energy, which will be transformative for our schools."

"Practically, it will significantly lower our energy costs so that more finance can go to frontline education. It will also significantly reduce



West Midlands Mayor Richard Parker, second left, with Sidney Stringer Multi Academy Trust CEO Claire Turpin, parliamentary under secretary for energy consumers Miatta Fahnbulleh MP, vice principal Andrew Walls, and Year 12 student Jasmine.

our carbon emissions and help us in realising our vision of achieving Net Zero by 2030.

"This makes our schools more sustainable and sets a real and practical example for our students of how renewable energy can save both money and the planet."

Gemma Knott, vice principal for business growth at Coventry College, said: "This will up-skill and re-skill local people to help install

the growing number of solar panels, while we also install panels on our own campus to cut overheads – savings we can reinvest directly into skills and training for Coventry residents."

Councillor Jim O'Boyle, Coventry City Council's cabinet member for jobs, regeneration and climate change, said: "This is a real game-changer for Coventry's path to net zero. By powering key educational

buildings with clean, renewable energy, we're not only cutting carbon emissions but also saving vital resources that can be reinvested into our community's future.

"Projects like this demonstrate how innovation and partnership can drive the green economy and create a healthier, more sustainable city for all."

Mr Parker said: "The action we're taking at Coventry College

and Sidney Stringer Academy to cut their energy bills will free up thousands of pounds that can go straight back into teaching and supporting our young people. And at the same time, we're making the Hillfields area a cleaner, greener place to live.

"Thanks to major government backing, we've got the chance to roll out a big programme that will modernise more schools, libraries, leisure centres and council buildings across Coventry and beyond. This will help to protect the services people rely on every day and make sure they're stronger and more resilient in the future."

Sidney Stringer Academy and Coventry College are in one of the region's first Net Zero Neighbourhoods – and have some of Coventry's most gas-hungry buildings.

The solar panels are part of plans for a wider programme of investment in the area, including extending a low-carbon heat network that will unlock even greater bill savings and lower emissions."

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RIGHT: Paddy Howlett on the Offa's Dyke Path. His 177-mile trek from Chepstow to Prestatyn took him 13 days

LEFT: Laura, Toygun and their son Taylan. All pictures by Brain Tumour Research.

Paddy steps out on epic trek to back Tay's Tribe in fundraiser

by **Andy Morris**
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A 'LOVELY' Lut-terworth man has completed a 177-mile walking challenge to raise funds for a brain tumour charity, in memory of his granddaughter's best friend, who died from the disease at the age of just six.

Patrick Howlett, known as Paddy, 65, walked the Offa's Dyke Path, a National Trail that roughly follows the border between England and Wales, from Chepstow on the River Severn estuary to Prestatyn on the North Wales coast.

His epic hike, which took 13 days, was to help raise awareness of the need to improve brain tumour research after his granddaughter Emily lost her best friend, Taylan.

His efforts also raised close to £4,000 for Tay's Tribe, a Brain Tumour Research fundraising group.

Paddy said: "It was such a lovely walk in beautiful countryside and with amazing views, but the relentless hills on very hot days were especially challenging – my legs clearly wanted to stop!

"What spurred me on, however, was walking in Tay's memory and the incredible support of so many generous sponsors to help families and children in the future.

"Tay was such a lovely little boy who so enjoyed being outside having adventures. I know he would have



Taylan and Emily enjoyed 'the sweetest friendship'.

enjoyed our trek and I definitely felt his presence with me along the way. What more encouragement could I need?"

Broughton Astley boy Taylan Kurtul was five years old when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2023 after experiencing problems with his vision, sickness and balance issues.

After surgery, Tay suffered a collection of neurological symptoms including being unable to sit up, walk or eat, visual problems and, most upsettingly, losing the ability to speak.

As radiotherapy and chemotherapy failed to stop the progression of the tumour, Tay's parents Laura and Toygun decided to stop the gruelling treatment as they felt it was unfair for Tay to keep fighting.

Eight months after his diagnosis, Tay, their only child, passed away in February 2024.

Laura, who lives with Toygun in a property owned by Paddy, said: "We are

so grateful to Paddy, our lovely landlord, for raising awareness and funds for better outcomes for children and adults diagnosed with brain tumours.

"Tay and Emily enjoyed the sweetest friendship ever since they met in the reception class at Hallbrook Primary School in Broughton Astley.

"From baking cookies in her kitchen to building secret dens in his garden, their days together have been filled with giggles, silliness and the kind of joy only true childhood friends can bring – a simple, pure and beautiful bond, a little love story."

Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, yet just one per cent of the national spend on cancer research is allocated to the disease.

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September, Brain Tumour Research is highlighting its work to develop kinder and more effective ways to treat childhood brain tumours, to improve survival prognosis and quality of life.

Ashley McWilliams, community development manager at Brain Tumour Research, said: "Every pound raised helps us sustain this critical research and brings us closer to finding a cure.

"Without increased investment, we risk losing the momentum we've built in uncovering the breakthroughs patients and families so desperately need."

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Dark medium brings wildlife into the light

A WILDLIFE artist has been named a finalist in two prestigious competitions. Sarah Holmes, known for her charcoal depictions of wildlife, has her hopes for success pinned on three works of art.

The Southam resident has been named a double finalist with two pieces in the David Shepherd Wildlife Artist of the Year competition. She has also been long-listed for the highly regarded Explorers Against Extinction's Sketch for Survival global art initiative. Both competitions raise vital funds in aid of wildlife conservation.

Balancing a full-time career alongside her artistic endeavours, she creates a limited body of work each year. Principally working in charcoal, she's attracted to the medium's versatility, intensity, and ability to convey both stillness and movement.

Sarah said: "Being recognised among some of the finest wildlife artists in the world is an incredible honour. Due to other commitments, I produce only a small number of pieces each year, having returned to art only a few years ago, I'm astonished to have all

my entries selected."

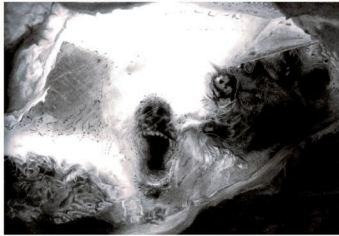
The Wildlife Artist of the Year competition is globally renowned, founded by the celebrated wildlife artist, David Shepherd and has raised over £1 million through art sales to date. This year, there were 1,340 submissions from artists across 68 countries, with approximately 150 pieces selected for the final.

Similarly, Sketch for Survival is an initiative by the international conservation charity Explorers Against Extinction, which showcases art inspired by endangered species. It increases awareness about species extinction and biodiversity loss, while also raising funds for global wildlife conservation efforts.

This year, the competition received over 3,500 entries from more than 119 countries, depicting 78 different threatened species. The artworks are being sold for charity via online auction.

Visit sarahholmes.art to see more of Sarah's works.

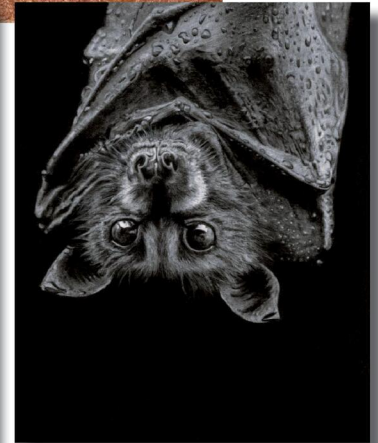
Polar Bear - Sarah is known for her charcoal depictions of wildlife.



LEFT: Sarah Holmes has become known for her charcoal depictions of wildlife.

BELOW LEFT: Jackal - Sarah is a double finalist in the David Shepherd Wildlife Artist of the Year competition.

BELOW RIGHT: Fingers crossed for flying fox - Sarah said she was 'astounded' to have all her entries selected.



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Thumbs up from Amy, Josh and their children as they enjoy the festival.

IT was thumbs up all round as thousands of foodies descended on Leamington Food and Drink Festival at the weekend.

Around 120 exhibitors served up everything from burgers, jerk chicken and pizzas to gyros, burritos, loaded hotdogs and curries. There was also every kind of drink imaginable from local beers, spirits, wines, cocktails, matcha smoothies, shakes, speciality coffees, soft drinks and more.

The family-friendly event, sponsored this year by Davidsons Law, also delivered a packed programme of live entertainment, demonstrations and hands-on fun!

Crowds at the Live Cookery Theatre enjoyed learning various culinary skills, while

youngsters were kept busy with fun, hands-on sessions at the Kid's Cookery School, led by Anne Marie Lambert of Get Cooking!

And the bandstand was buzzing and provided the festival soundtrack, featuring a wide mix of live music.

Festival organiser Alison Shaw, project manager at BID Leamington, said "We are hugely grateful to the local community for their support and wish to thank our traders, staff and wonderful volunteers who made our 18th annual festival such a success".

The Leamington Food Festival will be back next year, until when visitors can continue to enjoy many of the traders in the town centre. Visit royal-leamington-spa.co.uk for more

Police plea

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a woman was killed on the M40.

The victim in her 50s was hit by a lorry between junctions 15 and 16 at around 4.35pm on Wednesday September 3.

She died at the scene. Her next of kin has been informed and is being supported by specialist officers.

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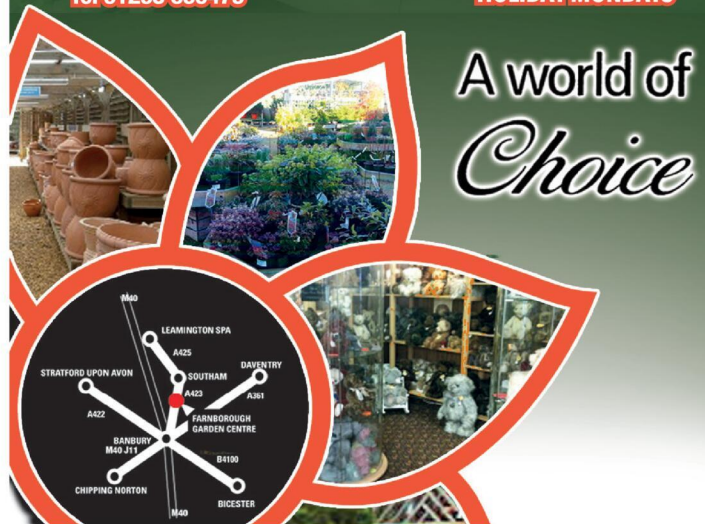


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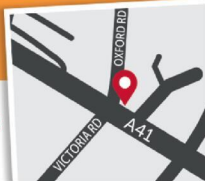
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LEFT: The winning designs will be displayed on the walls inside Coventry Building Society Arena's Family Zone for the duration of the 2025-26 season. MIDDLE: The winners were treated to a stadium tour. RIGHT: Some of the winners took the hotseat in the press room during their tour.

Youngsters pitching new designs

DELIGHTED young Coventry City fans have been given the VIP treatment by the club after winning a competition to design new kits for the team.

Hundreds of children took part in a competition set up by Coventry Building Society Arena, in partnership with Sky Blues in the Community (SBiC), to design their own version of Coventry City FC's new kit.

The winners of the competition were invited for an exclusive guided tour of the stadium - and to see their designs adorning the walls

inside the Family Zone where they will remain for the duration of the 2025-26 season.

A winning design was selected from each primary school year group.

Winners included Dollie from Grangehurst Primary, Mifra from Whitmore Park Primary, James from Ernesford Grange Primary, Aria from Our Lady of Assumption, Annie from Christ The King Primary, Adela from Grangehurst Primary, and Tiana from Hearsall Community Academy.

Each winner also received a fam-

ily matchday ticket voucher for a Coventry City home game, a CCFC goody bag, a feature in a matchday programme, and a £20 book token.

Sami Turgeon, Marketing and Communications Co-Ordinator at Sky Blues in the Community, said: "Being in a creative role myself, I find it heart-warming to see so many children and schools getting involved in competitions like this. "Seeing how much it meant to

the winners when they came in for their stadium tour prize and them seeing their designs displayed in the concourse was lovely.

"I could only have dreamt of opportunities like these when I was younger. Well done to all our winners - and keep being creative, innovative and inspiring!"

Mark O'Shea is the Catering and Experience Director at Coventry Building Society Arena, and delivers many of the Arena tours.

He said: "The Arena, Coventry City and Sky Blues in the Community share the same passion

for giving back to the local community - including nurturing the next generation of supporters - and after the success of last year's kit design competition we were delighted to be given the chance to partner with SBiC again this year.

"Seeing the winners' faces during the Arena tour really hit home why we do our community outreach - they were inquisitive and mesmerised throughout - and hopefully we have created some fans for life!"

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4u2uen3d> to see the winning kit designs.

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Mum tried to help one of Cody's killers escape to Jamaica

by **Tristan Harris**
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THE MOTHER of one of Cody Fisher's killers has been found guilty of helping her son flee the West Midlands and prepare to fly to Jamaica in the aftermath of the murder.

Jahzeen Carpenter, 40, drove to London a day after her son Kami Carpenter had stabbed Cody to death at the Crane nightclub in Digbeth, Birmingham, late in the evening on Boxing Day, 2022.

Carpenter arrived in the capital on the evening of December 27 in her Mercedes convertible, while her son was found with two suitcases of clothes.

Officers moved in and arrested them both outside flats in Lewisham, south east London, around 8.30am on December 28, 2022.

When her car was searched, more than \$5,000 in cash was seized.

Examination of her mobile phone revealed that she had

researched a flight from Gatwick Airport to Kingston, Jamaica, that her son booked a seat on and which was due to depart at 1.20pm on the day they were arrested.



Jahzeen Carpenter will be sentenced on October 15. s

After a trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court, Jahzeen Carpenter, of Peak Drive, Lower Gornal, was found guilty of assisting an offender. She is due to be sentenced on October 15.

Det Insp Phil Poole, from West Midlands Police's Homicide team, said: "Cody's murder left his family and friends devastated and struggling to come to terms with what had happened.

"But while his loved ones were grieving, Carpenter's mother was trying to help her son avoid capture and flee to Jamaica, which would have severely hampered our investigation and delayed justice. We worked really closely with colleagues from the Metropolitan Police, who were able to move in and arrest both of them before Kami Carpenter could leave the country.

"It meant we were able to achieve justice for Cody's family, and our thoughts remain with them to this day.

"This conviction just shows



Jahzeen Carpenter and Kami Carpenter were arrested in Lewisham in London. Pictures by West Midlands Police. s

how many lives and families can be destroyed."

Cody, 23, lived in Studley and was a sports coach at Woodrow First School, was attacked by a masked group at the Crane club in Digbeth on Boxing Day, 2022.

He played football for both Bromsgrove Sporting and Stratford Town.

Last year, Kami Carpenter, now 24, and from Kings Norton,

was jailed for life for Cody's murder and ordered to serve a minimum of 25 years before he can be considered for release.

Another man, Remy Gordon, from Rednal, was ordered to serve at least 26 years after being convicted of the same offence.

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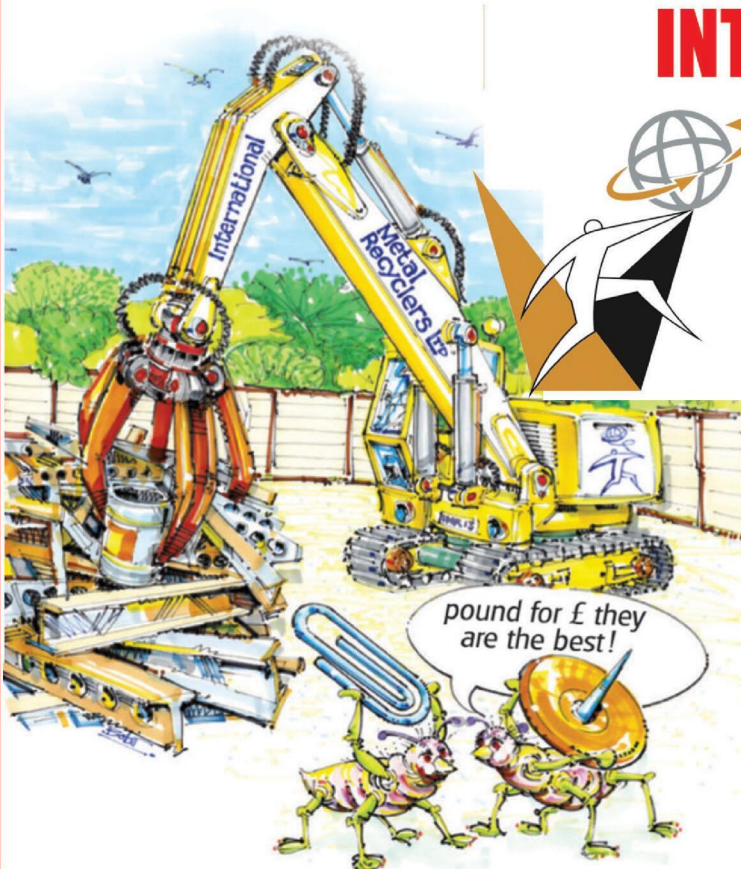
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The charity Tools With A Mission (TWAM) holds a monthly Tool Sale, offering high-quality second-hand tools and supplies - including gardening equipment, power tools, vintage haberdashery items, craft supplies, and miscellaneous tools.

All proceeds go directly to TWAM's mission to assemble and ship good-quality toolkits to communities in need, both in the UK and in sub-Saharan Africa.

The toolkits empower people with the equipment they need to build, repair, farm, and sustain themselves, providing long-term practical support that helps build futures.

TWAM Fundraising and Communications Lead Tim Laczko said: "The power of tools is that they are permanent. Giving tools means giving someone the chance to learn a trade, support their family, or start a business."

"TWAM's Charity Tool Sales are not only an opportunity to shop sustainably and affordably, but also a chance to make a global impact, one toolkit at a time. Don't miss your chance to grab a bargain whilst making a difference."

The Tool Sale takes place from 9am to 2pm on the last Saturday of each month at TWAM's refurbishment centre in Paynes Lane.

Call 01473 21022 or visit www.twam.uk for more information or to donate.

Good food and live music on the menu

LOCAL chefs will be cooking up a treat or two at this month's Rugby Autumn Food and Drink Festival.

The free event will feature a pop-up kitchen in Regent Place Gardens, hosting a variety of demonstrations on how to make the perfect Scotch eggs, sweet focaccia, cupcakes, pizza dough, cocktails - and one or two surprises.

The chefs will offer handy tips, chat with budding cooks, and offer samples of their creations.

Rugby First Business Director Linda Lowne said: "The pop-up kitchen is always one of the highlights of the event, and this year there will be some great local talent on show conjuring up all sorts of delicious recipes and dishing out some tasty tips, so make sure you pay it a visit."

Also on the menu will be live music, family entertainment, and over 50 stalls selling food and drink from local businesses, farms and producers.

Linda added: "I am delighted to say this year our stall bookings are full and I am looking forward to a fantastic event."

"As always, we want people to come and enjoy the event but at the same time visit and support their local town centre businesses."

"Finally, we would like to extend a massive thank you to Rugby Borough Council, Rugby Baptist Church and



St Andrew's Church for their continued support of the festival".

The Rugby Autumn Food and Drink Festival takes place on Saturday September 20 between 11am and 5pm in Regent Street, Regent Place and St Andrew's

Church Gardens.

Visit www.rugbyfirst.org for more information.

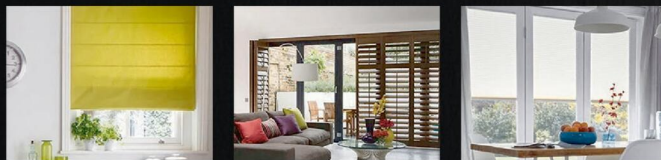
Stef from Sweet Art, who will be one of the demonstrators at the pop-up kitchen.



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Doors open to give a view of heritage

HISTORIC and iconic buildings in an around Rugby will open to the public for free this month during the annual Heritage Open Days celebration.

Highlights include guided tours of Rugby town centre, vintage bus rides, a behind the scenes tour of Rugby Theatre, and a free tour of Rugby School.

Heritage Open Days takes place over back-to-back weekends in September, celebrating Rugby's history and culture.

Guided walking tours of Rugby town centre take place on Friday 12, Saturday 13, Friday 19 and Saturday 20 September.

Tours of Rugby theatre take place on Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 September, offering visitors the chance to visit backstage at the popular amateur theatre.

Rugby School is offering a free tour on Saturday 13 September, bookable via the Visitor Centre.

Vintage bus rides leave Rugby Visitor Centre on Wednesday 17 September, heading to Dunchurch for a short tour of St Peter's Church with time for refreshments. The ride and tour will last approximately two hours.

Other historic buildings joining the Heritage Open Days celebration include the White Lion Inn in Pailton, Princethorpe College

and the Mayor's Parlour at Rugby Town Hall, while a number of the borough's churches also take part, including St Marie's Roman Catholic Church, Monks Kirby's St Edith's Church, St Peter's Church in Wolfhampcote and St John the Baptist Church in Hillmorton.

Leaflets detailing the full Heritage Open Days programme can be picked up from Rugby Visitor Centre.

Coun Maggie O'Rourke, Rugby Borough Council's spokesperson for partnerships and wellbeing, said: "A number of the venues taking part in this year's Heritage Open Days remain closed to the public for the rest of the year, so it's a rare opportunity to explore some of the borough's historic places.

"With limited spaces available on many of the tours, it's best to book early to secure a place."

Her Liberal Democrat counterpart Coun Neil Sandison added: "There is more to the borough than you know. The Heritage Open Days give you the opportunity to discover the diversity of our shared heritage. Rugby has many fine buildings and the tours offer a unique insight into their various uses. All are well worth a visit."

Places on tours can be booked in advance from Rugby Visitor Centre at visitorcentre@rugby.gov.uk or on (01788) 533217.



Tom the Story-Teller will be one of the many attractions at Rugby Literary Festival.

Guided walking tours of Rugby town centre are among the highlights of Heritage Open Days in Rugby.



THE FULL line-up of the second Rugby Literary Festival has gone live on a new website.

The festival - organised by Rugby First, in partnership with Rugby Borough Council, and a variety of groups, authors, local businesses and organisations - has launched its comprehensive new website, featuring the complete programme of this year's events.

The website showcases the programme of storytelling, workshops, book fairs, authors, discussion panels, street art and more. Visitors can browse events, book tickets online, and access all festival information.

The festival will also feature a special Family Day on Sunday October 5, featuring free workshops, a story

trail and giveaways for children.

Linda Lowne, Rugby First Business Director, said: "We're thrilled to launch our new website and guide which makes it easier than ever for people to discover and book the superb events that will bring visitors into the town centre.

"Please book early for events to avoid disappointment as many are likely to fill up quickly."

The Rugby Literary Festival takes place from Friday October 3 to Sunday October 5.

Visit www.rugbyliteraryfestival.co.uk for the full programme and bookings. A free festival guide is also available from town centre businesses and Rugby Visitor Centre at Rugby Library.



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School putting history on show

AN INSPIRATIONAL exhibition is being held by a Coventry school to celebrate 50 years since it became co-educational.

King Henry VIII School is marking the milestone with an exhibition entitled 50 for 50, in partnership with the Old Coventrians' Association.

The exhibition showcases the journeys of women who have been educated at the school over the past five decades, showcasing their personal stories of achievement and resilience across careers, families, communities, sport, education and beyond, and highlighting successes and challenges overcome.

At the heart of the exhibition is a series of portraits representing each decade since co-education was introduced, alongside a digital 'scrapbook' of memories, photographs and reflections contributed by former students and staff.

The archive will grow throughout the anniversary year, allowing new voices and experiences to be added as the exhibition evolves.

Headmaster Mr Sewell said: "This exhibition is as much about giving everyone a voice as it is about celebrating achievements."

"We hope current pupils, alumni and the wider school community will see themselves reflected in these stories and feel inspired by the remarkable journeys of those who came before and after them."

The exhibition launches today (Friday September 12) and will remain on display around the school throughout the anniversary year.

Contact Suzanne Jackson at sjackson@csfoundation.org.uk or on 02476 271152 for more information, or to contribute to the exhibition.

Emergency kits will help those escaping abuse

KIND-HEARTED volunteers have packed and delivered emergency essentials kits for people fleeing domestic abuse in Coventry.

A team of 40 volunteers from Amazon in Coventry has provided 150 bags to Coventry Haven Women's Aid and West Midlands Police, who will issue them to people who have had to leave their homes at short notice.

The kits contain a total of £6,500 worth of items, including new mobile phones with credit, sanitary towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, non-perishable snacks, notebooks and writing materials.

Amazon sourced the items and packed the kits in partnership with Coventry Haven.

The initiative drew praise from Denise Hibbert from West Midlands Police.

She said: "Having to leave home to avoid abuse is an unfortunate reality for too many people. When they come to us, we want to assure them that they are safe, supported and heard. These kits from Amazon and Coventry Haven give us an additional way of supporting people."

"Because of these kits, we can give people back some independence while we investigate the abuse. Phones are often required as evidence in these cases, so having a backup is incredibly



important for helping people keep in touch with their support networks during stressful circumstances."

James Pitt, Site Leader from Amazon in Coventry, added: "Providing emergency essentials kits for people impacted by domestic abuse in our area is our way of saying that we are stand-

ing with our neighbours when they're in need.

"When you live securely, it's easy to take the items in the kits for granted. But in such challenging circumstances, they become essential items to help people make it through a tough time. We'd like to thank Coventry Haven and West Midlands Police

for helping with this initiative." Visit <https://tinyurl.com/28yw7w8h> to report domestic abuse in the West Midlands.

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Pictures by Marcus Mingins

Tour puts county in spotlight

TOP cyclists took a trip round Warwickshire when it hosted stage four of the Lloyds Men's Tour of Britain.

The 116.2-mile stage on Friday (September 5) featured some of the world's top professional cyclists.

The stage was won by 22-year-old Frenchman Romain Gregoire, who went on to win the whole tour.

From the start in Atherstone, Friday's route took in Anasley, Shustoke, and Fillongley, before heading through Bedworth and Bulkington, then heading south via Brinklow to skirt Rugby and go through Dunchurch.

The day's intermediate sprint came after 85 kilometres of racing on Rugby Road in Cubbington, before the climbing started in earnest in the second part of the stage, with the first categorised climb at Friz Hill, between Wellesbourne and Compton Verney.

From Kineton the route headed south to Shipston, with the next climb of Fant Hill at Upper Brailes, soon after, followed almost immediately by 900 metres up Sun Rising Hill as it took the race up onto the Edgehill escarpment.

The stage then used the same finishing circuit around Burton Dassett Hills Country Park that featured in the 2019 race, when

Mathieu van der Poel took a memorable stage win.

Three ascents of the main, categorised 1.4-kilometre climb, contributed towards more than 2,100 metres of ascent in the stage, the second highest of this year's race.

The six categorised king of the mountains climbs were the most on any stage of the 2025 route.

Relaunched in 2004 after a five-year absence, the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men is British Cycling's premier road cycling event.

The race started in Suffolk on Tuesday September 2 and finished in Cardiff on Sunday (September 7).



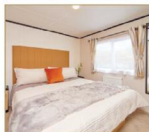
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The featured ten duck breeds on the stamps can be found throughout UK's natural environment, from rivers and wetlands to coastal estuaries.

Species include diving, dabbling and perching ducks which are closely associated with a range of aquatic habitats.

Some species are resident year-round, while others migrate to and from northern breeding grounds, making the UK an important wintering site for several internationally significant populations.

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The mallard, the world's most common duck, is widespread across the UK and is the ancestor of most domesticated duck breeds.

Over time, ducks have been bred for a variety of purposes - from food production to pest control and ornamental display.

For these new additions on the exciting stamp issue, Royal Mail has been working closely with Steve Ormerod, Professor of Ecology and Water Research at Cardiff School of Bio-sciences and water fowl author, Dr Chris Ashton.

Prof Ormerod said: "The UK's wild ducks are among most elegant of all our birds. Their diversity of life histories, behaviours and calls evokes the character of habitats ranging from local ponds, lochans and lakes to rivers, wetlands and coasts.

"Ducks have also played a central role in the human history of animal domestication - for example for food, pest control or as protected 'rare breeds'.

"This spectrum from cultural connection to wilderness is celebrated in this beautiful collection of Royal Mail stamps."

David Gold, Director of External Affairs and Policy, Royal Mail, said: "We are pleased to showcase the beauty and variety of wild and domesticated duck species found across the UK, celebrating our rich wetland wildlife.

"Most of us will recognise some of the ducks on these stamps but we hope that the set will help to raise awareness of the less well-known species."

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Interesting variety of classics to join Bard in RSC's season



THE BFG, Cyrano de Bergerac and the Forsythes are all feature in upcoming productions at the RSC in Stratford.

And of course Stratford's resident playwright Mr Shakespeare also contributes to the autumn and winter programme.

It's the Bard who gets the season going with Measure For Measure, running from September 13 to October 23.

When her brother falls foul of the state's rigid morality laws, Isabella is sent to plead for his life. But a world of ambition and base appetite lurks behind the high idealism of public office, and soon the complex relationship between power and private citizen threatens to end Isabella's life as she knows it.

Cyrano De Bergerac, playing in the Swan from September 27 to November 15, presents the fiercely funny and intensely romantic poet, soldier and philosopher. But behind the veil of wit is one large problem - his nose.

Haunted by doubts and too proud to beg, he watches from the shadows as Roxane - bold, beautiful and seemingly unreachable - falls for another man, Christian. But this handsome, tongue-tied young suitor knows his only hope of charming Roxane is to seduce her with words. And only one person can help...

Olivier Award-winning actor Adrian Lester is Cyrano, while Susannah Fielding returns to the RSC to play Roxane. Levi Brown makes his RSC debut as Christian.

Shakespeare's story of love, power and ambition, Macbeth, can be seen at the Other Place October 9 to December 6. Daniel Raggett, whose acclaimed Edward II played in the Swan earlier this year, directs.

After the success of Matilda, the RSC will deliver another Roald Dahl adaptation for Christmas, The BFG, playing from November 25 to January 31.

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All Is But Fantasy, in the Other Place from January 21 to February 21, sees award-winning artist Whitney White revisit four of Shakespeare's most famous characters - Lady Macbeth, Juliet, Emilia and Richard III over two performances to a soundtrack of rock, soul, pop and gospel.

The Forsythe Saga, spanning over 40 years, from 1886 to 1927, across two plays can be seen in The Swan Theatre. Picture Seamus Ryan.

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PARENTS of children who have just started in Year 6 are being urged to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026.

Applications are now open and, to receive a school offer on National Offer Day on March 2 next year, applications must be submitted by the deadline of October 31 this year.

This year, nearly 7,000 Warwickshire children applied for a secondary place by the deadline, with some four out of five being offered a place at their first-choice school.

But every year some families are disappointed if their child is not offered a school of choice. This usually happens when only one school is listed on the application, or when the priority (catchment) school has not been included.

Parents and carers are therefore strongly encouraged to use all possible six preferences on the form, and to include their priority school as one of those choices.

Furthermore, late applications – those that miss the October deadline – are unlikely to get offered a place at a preferred school, as these are only considered after National Offer Day, by which time most schools will be full.

There are resources on Warwickshire County Council's website to help parents and carers decide on which schools to include on their application form. This includes a priority area map, details of all the local schools and a short video guide on how to make realistic choices of schools - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryplace.

Families are also being encouraged to take some time to research their school options before applying, to make sure their choices are realistic.

WCC education spokesman Coun Wayne Briggs said: "Making the move to secondary school is a big step, so look at the admissions criteria for each school you are interested in, think about how your child might travel to and from school each day and most importantly, go and visit the schools in your area if you can, have a good look round and talk to the staff and teachers."

"We have fantastic schools in Warwickshire, and we want to make sure every child has a place at a school that is right for them".

Parents and carers wanting more information on how to apply to secondary school should visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryplace.

CREATIVE pupils from across Warwickshire helped ensure many hands make colourful work for a new Rotary exhibition on climate change.

The Handprints For Action Exhibition, organised by Heart of England Rotary Clubs, is the result of the collaborative efforts of more than 25 schools across Coventry and Warwickshire, as well as community groups and Rotary Clubs across the region.

The colourful flower collages – made up exclusively of handprints – can be seen at Holy Trinity Church in Coventry until the end

of the year.

Heart of England environment officer Gabrielle Back said: "We might not know what our ecological or carbon footprint is, but we can keep track of our positive contributions to help heal the environment. Actions that cause positive change, including collecting litter, reducing the amount of waste we throw away, planting flowers for pollinators, using renewable energy, creating homes for wildlife etc are our 'handprints' - what we give – a helping hand, a healing touch."

"The project has been a huge success. Its purpose is to engage

people in thinking about the environment and how their families interact with it and to encourage young people to explore what positive actions they and their families are already doing, or could do, to look after our planet."

Everyone who took part received a certificate.

Themes over recent years of the Rotary Art project have included oceans, recycled angels, switch off, carbon footprint, around the world, cut down on plastics, green hearts and helping hands. Planning is now under way for next year's project on endangered species.

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Gardening

Plan ahead for a splash of colour this springtime

SUMMER is drawing to a close and autumn is just around the corner – what a perfect time to think about planting.

The soil is warm and autumn rains will get plants established before winter sets in.

September is a great planning month, providing gardeners with time to reflect on their growing season successes and to think about what to do in the coming year.

It is also time to start planting spring bulbs. If as many bulbs as possible are planted in the grounds now, efforts will be well rewarded with a great show come springtime.

The joy about bulbs is that once planted, nothing else needs to be done. Old and new favourites can be chosen to brighten up and bring colour to the garden as it leaves winter behind.

by Sara Milne

Keeping colour in borders for as long as possible is top of the 'to do' list for September, so maybe consider incorporating late summer or autumn flowering plants such as Asters.

The name Aster comes from the ancient Greek word for 'star', although they are often referred to as Michaelmas daisies because of their typical flowering period in the autumn.

Asters come in blue, purple, red, pink and white each with a yellow centre, and in a variety of sizes from 30cm to over 2m tall. They are good cut flowers and are easy plants for beginners to try in the garden.

One of the most popular is Aster x frikartii 'Monch' which is highly valued for its long flowering period, producing an abundance of

lavender-blue daisies with golden-yellow centres from midsummer through to mid-autumn. It is a variety that is perfect for pollinators, brightening up borders or containers with minimal maintenance and growing to around 70cm tall.

A slightly smaller purple flowering perennial, also loved by bees and butterflies, is an old-fashioned herb that is gaining in popularity – hyssop.

It has beautiful dark green small pointed leaves with blue-purple spikes of flowers and is great as a shrub or a low growing flowering hedge. It also flowers in late summer and early autumn and its Mediterranean origins means it can cope well with dry soil.

Herbalists recommend hyssop tea to help relieve respiratory infections, the common cold and sore throats.



Hyssop is an old-fashioned herb that is gaining in popularity.

Top tips

In addition to some garden planning for the next growing season, top tips from the RHS for September jobs in the garden include:

- * Collecting and sowing seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- * Dividing herbaceous perennials
- * Staking tall late-flowering

perennials, such as asters, for added support.

* Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them

* Put nets on ponds before leaf fall gets under way

* Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible and start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering.

* Clean out cold frames

and greenhouses so they are ready for autumn use

* Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting and plant spring flowering bulbs.

And finally ...

"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple." JK Rowling

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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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.

Famous ships (real and fictional)

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Solutions opposite

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- White heron (5)
- Under (7)
- Feast (7)
- Drive back (5)
- Dregs (4)
- Delight (8)
- Stagger (4)
- Solitary (4)
- Usual (8)
- Tender (4)
- Break out (5)
- Small crown (7)
- Tiny tot (7)
- Mistake (5)

DOWN

- Ornament (13)
- Scope (5)
- Excursion (4)
- Combat (6)
- Storyteller (8)
- Glass vial (7)
- In confused haste (6-7)
- Abstaining from liquor (8)
- Bounce (7)
- Cavalryman (6)
- Possessor (5)
- Impel (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.

- Shrub
- Shindig
- Deep-toned
- Prohibits
- Row



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.

- 9186438 gives a ghost;
- 915354 gives a second ghost;
- 1278 gives ghostly.

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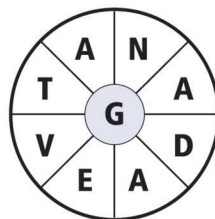
CODEWORD

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.

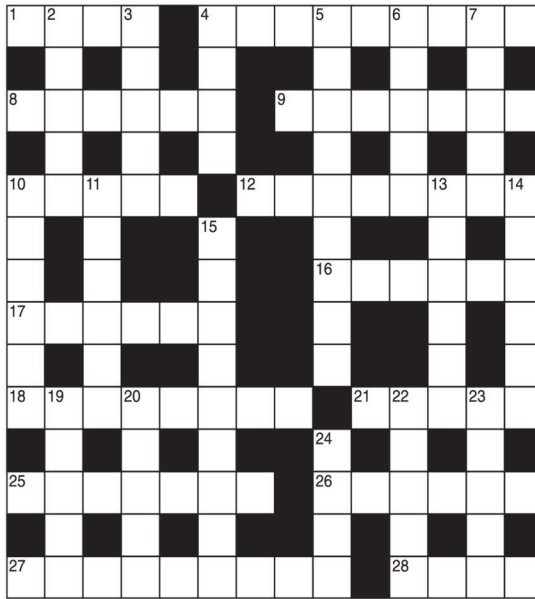


How you rate
 6 words: average
 9 words: good
 12 words: very good
 15 or more: excellent.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 & 16 Across Novelist whose books include Epitaph for a Spy (4,6)
- 4 Loud-humming insect (9)
- 8 Plant in its earliest stages of development (6)
- 9 Ornamental shrub with pendulous, usually red flowers (7)
- 10 A conductor's staff (5)
- 12 A day set apart annually in America, etc., for public tree-planting (5,3)
- 16 See 1 Across
- 17 Yellow-flowered perennial used for flavouring soups, sauces, etc. (6)
- 18 A trading centre or mart (8)
- 21 See 25 Across
- 25, 20 Down & 21 Across Short ghost story by Henry James (3,4,2,3,5)
- 26 Speech or writing in commendation or praise (6)
- 27 Measure in length, breadth, or thickness (9)
- 28 Greek god of war (4)



DOWN

- 2 A Cuban dance (5)
- 3 An article of bric-a-brac; a small collectible item (5)
- 4 A bar or chain stretched across a harbour (4)
- 5 Villain who murders several wives, in a tale by Perrault (9)
- 6 Colourless volatile liquid used as an anaesthetic (5)
- 7 Character in Uncle Tom's Cabin (5)
- 10 Shielding device or structure (6)
- 11 Fleshy, globular root used as a vegetable (6)
- 13 Monetary unit of Hong Kong (6)
- 14 Common wayside plant sometimes called milfoil (6)
- 15 Indoor game played with a red, white and a spotted white ball and a cue (9)

- 19 The spiritual and temporal leader expected by Muslims (5)
- 20 See 25 Across
- 22 Rosalind's cousin in As You Like It (5)
- 23 Score of two under par on any hole in golf (5)
- 24 Seabird with a forked tail and long wings (4)

SOLUTIONS

24 Term.
11 Turnip; 13 Dollar; 14 Yarrow; 15 Billiards; 19 Mahdi; 20 Of The; 22 Cella; 23 Eagle;
28 Ares. DOWN: 2 Rumba; 3 Curio; 4 Boom; 5 Bluebeard; 6 Ether; 7 Eliza; 10 Baffle;
16 Ambler; 17 Fennel; 18 Emporium; 21 Screw; 25 The Turn; 26 Eulogy; 27 Dimension.
ACROSS: 1 Eric; 4 Bumblebee; 8 Embryo; 9 Fuchsia; 10 Baton; 12 Arbor Day;

General Knowledge Crossword

12 Teotal; 13 Rebound; 15 Lancer; 18 Owmier; 19 Urge.
1 Embellishment; 2 Range; 3 Tour; 4 Battle; 5 Narrator; 6 Ampoule; 7 Helter-skelter;
14 Lame; 16 Habitual; 17 Sore; 20 Erup; 21 Coronet; 22 Toddler; 23 Error; Down:
Across: 1 Egre; 4 Beneath; 8 Banquet; 9 Repe; 10 Lees; 11 Pleasure; 13 Reel;

Crossword

ADVANTAGE
Victory, Argo, Golden Hind, Titanic, Hesperus, General
Belgrano, Mary Celeste, Pequod, Britannic, Poseidon, Lusia,
Ternaire, Nautius, African Queen, Bismarck, Mayflower, Bounty,
PARTICLES
Pinafore, Black Pig, Potemkin.
Beagle, Curti Sark, Flying Dutchman, Endeavour, Queen Mary.

Niner

Wordwheel
Pathfinder
24=D, 25=B, 26=W
17=R, 18=A, 19=L, 20=Y, 21=K, 22=C, 23=J,
10=Y, 11=Q, 12=U, 13=E, 14=S, 15=H, 16=Z,
1=N, 2=G, 3=X, 4=M, 5=P, 6=I, 7=Q, 8=F, 9=L,
Push, Bush, Bash, Bass, Bans,
Bank, Back;

Wordwheel

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Hard

Easy
Sudoku



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Camden Town Brewery Backs Rugby Football Club with Fresh Sponsorship AND A FREE PINT FOR THE TOWN

Rugby has always been more than just a place on the map. It's the birthplace of a sport that is now a global phenomenon, and at its heart sits Rugby Football Club, a grassroots team with a storied history and deep roots in our local community.

Now, a new chapter is beginning. Camden Town Brewery has proudly announced its sponsorship of Rugby Football Club stepping in to support one of the game's most iconic clubs. For Camden, a brewery known for doing things differently, it's about more than logos on shirts. It's about celebrating a tradition, investing in our community, and making sure the town that gave its name to the sport continues to thrive on and off the pitch.

Rugby Football Club is no ordinary team. One of only three teams in the world permitted to play in full white – the others including the national team – it holds a unique place in the sport's origin. A team that once won a whopping 60 league games in a row has faced some recent trying times, and Camden are committed to lifting the Lions to these lofty heights once again.

To mark the start of the partnership, Camden Town Brewery



is inviting the whole town to raise a glass together. On Saturday 4th October, everyone who attends the Rugby Football Club home game will be able to claim a free pint of Camden Hells Lager (T&Cs below).

Mal Malik, Chairman of Rugby Football Club, shared his excitement: "It's amazing to have the support of Camden Town Brewery, and we're so grateful for the sponsorship that is promising to bring a smile to the club and community. We're one of many

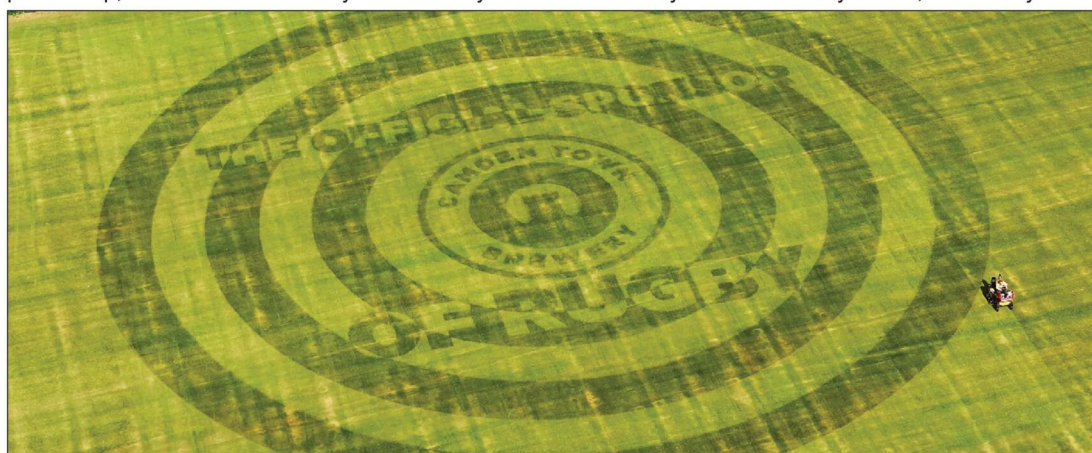
grassroots clubs that has felt the squeeze in the past decade, and to have a vehicle to create a change to the sport up and down the country is a refreshing notion for the future."

That support goes far beyond free pints. Camden has pledged long-term improvements at the club, from renovating the rundown stand and repairing the old turnstiles to supplying much-needed equipment across every level of the game. Matchday events, community

shoutouts, and other activations are all planned, ensuring that fans and players alike feel the benefit of this partnership.

For Camden Town Brewery, the sponsorship forms part of its wider Give 'Em Hells campaign which provides vital support to grassroots rugby clubs across the UK. Mal Malik added, "Grassroots rugby is built on passion and community spirit. With Camden's support, we're able to strengthen those foundations and build something even more special for the next generation."

So, when Rugby Football Club take to the pitch on 4th October, there'll be more than just a team to cheer on. There'll be a community celebrating its past, enjoying the present, and looking forward to a brighter future, with a pint of Hells Lager in hand.



Rugby Free Pint Terms and Conditions
 25+. UK only (exc. NI). Valid on 04.10.2025 from 12:00 until 23:00. Purchase a ticket to the Rugby Pod and the game to claim one (1) free pint of Camden Hells beer. One pint per person. Offer redeemable only at Rugby F.C. Subject to availability. Proof of age required. Promoter: AB InBev UK Limited, ECAA, 1EN. Drink responsibly — www.drinkaware.co.uk
 CamdenTownbrewery.com/pages/rugbyfc

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY R103 IN THE PARISH OF CAWSTON, RUGBY

Order Effect: Bridleway closed to all traffic between Grid References A51097.14 E, 278496.01 N and A50665.542 E, 278467.073 N.

Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while development works relevant to Rugby Gateway are in progress.

Order Commences: 13 September 2025 for up to 6 months.

Access & Diversion: Will be appropriately signed.

Contractor: Bloor Homes Ltd neil.cartwright@bloorhomes.com Tel: 01530 514 837.

D32160 MURRAY ROAD & D31080 MILL ROAD, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Abbey Street to Technology Drive.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.

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

Anticipated Completion: 18 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Mill Road, Butlers Leap, Clifton Road, Murray Road and vice versa

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

A428 HIGH STREET, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Fellows Way to Windmill Close.

Reason for Order: Structural patching and associated works, 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.

Order Commences: 19 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 19 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: A428, A5, A428, A4071, A428 and vice versa.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM GRASMERE CLOSE TO CROWTHORNS, RUGBY

Order Effect: Footpath closure to all traffic.

Reason for Order: Works to renew approximately 100m of water mains.

Order Commences: 15 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 24 October 2025.

Access & Diversion: Footpath from Grasmere Close To Crowthorns, Grasmere Close, Footpath From Opp No52 To Opp No110 Hawlands and vice versa.

Contractor: Chevron TM, Tel: 03301 744 388.

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

D35660 FROBISHER ROAD, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Cunningham Way North to Freemantle Road.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, 09.30hrs-15.00hrs.

Order Commences: 1 October 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 1 October 2025.

Access & Diversion: Freemantle Road, Blackwood Avenue, Cunningham Way and vice versa.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT CHAMBERLAIN ROAD, HILLMORTON, RUGBY

Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic.

Reason for Order: Use of cherry picker for telecom works, closed 09.00hrs-15.00hrs.

Order Commences: 1 October 2025 for up to 6 months.

Anticipated Completion: 1 October 2025.

Access & Diversion: Chamberlain Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Road Traffic Solutions Ltd, Tel: 01724 848 246.

CHAMBERLAIN ROAD, HILLMORTON, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Use of cherry picker for telecom works, closed 09.00hrs-15.00hrs.

Order Commences: 1 October 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 1 October 2025.

Access & Diversion: Chamberlain Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Road Traffic Solutions Ltd, Tel: 01724 848 246.

RUGBY WESTERN RELIEF ROAD, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic. In addition, traffic will be prohibited from making a Right Turn and a Left Turn from Lawford Road on to The Rugby Western Relief Road.

Reason for Order: To enable works for handrail replacement for renewal to the structure, overnight 22.00hrs-06.00hrs.

Order Commences: 29 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 5 October 2025.

Access & Diversion: Rugby Western Relief Road, Lawford Road, Corporation Street, Evreux Way, Newbold Road, Leicester Road and vice versa.

Contractor: CML, Tel: 01652 656 291.

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.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER PARISH OF FRANKTON SHEETS SP46NW AND 47SW ORDER NO. 01 2025. PATH NO. R209

The above Order made on 9 September 2025 if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by:

• Upgrading Public Bridleway R209 to a Restricted Byway R209, shown as a broken green line on plan reference R209/DJL/OrderPlan, starting at point A423 Oxford Road (grid reference SP 4049 6973) running generally Northeast for approximately 955 metres to E2251 The Dingles (grid reference SP 4131 7006).

The width of the route at is 3 metres. Surface type: part ash, grass and padded track. A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the office of Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4SA and may be bought there at the price of £5.77. Copies may also be seen during normal office hours at the office of Rugby Borough Council, Planning Department, Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR, the Rugby library and on the following website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pathorders.

Any representation or objection relating to the Order must be sent in writing to the Strategic Director, Communities Group, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4AS to arrive no later than 24 October 2025 and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Warwickshire County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State, may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, in whole or in part, any representations and objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 12 Sept 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(g)

THE A46 TRUNK ROAD (KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE) (SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that National Highways Limited (Company No. 9346363) intends to make an order on the A46 Trunk Road, at Kenilworth, in the County of Warwickshire, to enable bridge inspection works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A46, from its roundabout junction with the A452 Leamington Road, at Kenilworth.

The work will be carried out over one night between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Sunday 28 September 2025. The Order will come into force on 26 September 2025.

Vehicles being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, and vehicles being used in connection with the works or for winter maintenance purposes will be exempt from the closure. A diversion route via the Stivichall Interchange will be signed.

For further information please contact Nicola Welsh a project manager on behalf of National Highways Limited on 01132 775 360.

Karen Eustace, an officer in National Highways Limited.

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

HIGHFIELD LANE, CORLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Works to replace existing pole, closed 09.00hrs-15.00hrs.

Order Commences: 15 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 15 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Highfield Lane, Bennetts Road North, Bennetts Road, Bennetts Road South, Keresley Green Road, Keresley Road, Tamworth Road Service Road, Hollyfast Lane, Rock Lane and vice versa.

Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 01543 547 118.

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

C64 ROCK LANE, CORLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from the Y junction of Rock Lane to the junction of Tamworth Road.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, 08.00hrs-16.00hrs.

Order Commences: 29 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 29 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Tamworth Road, Rock Lane and vice versa.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

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.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 12 Sept 2025

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Alin Marius Jifcu trading as Davcat Ltd of 32 Ferndown Road, Rugby, CV22 6DG is applying for a licence to use Mitchell Potatoes Ltd, Boots Farm, Bourton on Dunsmore, Rugby, CV23 9QQ as an operating centre for 3 goods vehicles and 3 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.

Representors 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.

Nicola Smith Chief Officer - Growth and Investment MRTPI

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Rugby Borough Council Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Application Number R25/0297 DRAYTON HOUSE, SOUTHAM ROAD, DUNLICHURCH, RUGBY, CV22 6NL Demolition of two dwellings and garage and the erection of five new dwellings and associated development.

This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0565 LAND SOUTH EAST OF RUGBY ROAD, CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE

Outline application with some matters reserved for the demolition of all buildings and the residential development of up to 160 dwellings, and creation of associated vehicular access off Rugby Road, pedestrian/cycle access points, parking, landscaping, drainage features, open space, childrens play area and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved except for vehicular access off Rugby Road).

This development is a departure from the Development Plan. This is a major development

Application Number R25/0632 16, BILTON ROAD, RUGBY, CV22 7AB

Existing alterations to restore brickwork, painting, landscaping, drainage features, open space, doors and roof of existing Grade II Listed outbuilding and works to rear boundary wall.

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0633 16, BILTON ROAD, RUGBY, CV22 7AB

Listed Building Consent for external alterations to restore brickwork, windows, doors and roof of existing Grade II Listed outbuilding and works to rear boundary wall.

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0682 MENAGERIE, BRINKLOW ROAD, COOMBE FIELDS, COVENTRY, CV3 2AB

Proposed conversion and partial re-build of Existing Deer Barn to a single storey Habitable dwelling.

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0683 MENAGERIE, BRINKLOW ROAD, COOMBE FIELDS, COVENTRY, CV3 2AB

Listed building consent for proposed conversion and partial re-build of the Existing Deer Barn to a single storey Habitable dwelling.

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0750 FIELD VIEW, FRANKTON ROAD, BOURTON-ON-DUNSMORE, RUGBY, CV23 9QT

Demolition of existing house and stable block and proposal for replacement dwelling and alterations to landscaping

This development may affect a Public Right of Way

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and documents submitted with it online at: www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk or in an electronic form at: Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby CV21 2RR between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday until 03 October 2025. Please note a planning officer would not be present.

If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the application, please contact the case officer.

Any person who wishes to make representation to the above mentioned Council about the applications should make them online - www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk (search for application number and select comment) - or in writing by that date to The Chief Officer Growth and Investment, Town Hall, Rugby, CV21 2RR.

If an application is determined by the Planning Committee, members of the public may have the opportunity to speak at the meeting. More details about public speaking are available from the Council or on-line at: www.rugby.gov.uk/speakingatplanning

For household or minor commercial applications, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Nicola Smith Chief Officer - Growth and Investment MRTPI

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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

DEPPERS BRIDGE ROAD, HARBURY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: To safely enable tree surgery works.

Order Commences: 29 September 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 30 September 2025.

Access & Diversion: Deppers Bridge, Kineton Road, Station Road, Leamington Road, Southam Road, Ufton Road, Deppers Bridge Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Rofelo Forestry Ltd, Tel: 07534 615 362.

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.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 12 Sept 2025

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Stere Sorin Ghita trading as Gaia Transport Limited of 4 Rounding Street, Northampton

NINS 4FC is applying for a licence to use Mitchell Potatoes Ltd, Boots Farm, Bourton on Dunsmore, Rugby, CV23 9QQ as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 2 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.

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ASA Contracting Limited of 86 Henry Baxter Drive, Coventry, CV7 8QT is applying for a licence to use Unit 1 to 3 Leofric House, Waterman Road, Coventry, CV6 5TP as an operating centre for 14 goods vehicles and 8 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.

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MARY MACMILLAN HAWKESLEY (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 10 Fareham Avenue, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 3RS, who died on 27/04/2024, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 13/11/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Josh Hayward of Brethertons LLP, Frinkins House, Manselwood End, Warwick, Bicester, OX26 6EX

KEVIN GOLBY (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 12 Pilkington Road, Coventry, CV6 5BG, who died on 31/08/2024, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 13/11/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Brindley Twist Taffi & James LLP, 59-61 Coten End, Warwick, Warwickshire CV34 4NU

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EDINA MARGARET GAYCLIFF (DECEASED)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 26 Worcester Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 6RY, who died on 06/09/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 13/11/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

BRETHERTONS LLP SOLICITORS, Mortgage House, 2 Clifton Road, Rugby, CV21 3PX

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Teenage driver Max in need of sponsors to realise pro dream



Max Horlor on the track at Silverstone. Picture by James Roberts Photography.

by Aaron Sutcliffe
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MOTORSPORT: A TEENAGE racing driver from Coventry is looking for sponsors to support his journey in the sport.

Max Horlor started racing at the age of five-years-old and previously won two national titles in karting.

He won the BKC Championship in 2021 at the age of nine-years-old and secured the Mini Max Championship the following year.

Max became the first driver ever to win back-to-back BKC Championships despite racing against drivers two and three years older than him.

The 14-year-old made the move to cars this year and is currently racing in the BRSCC Fiesta Junior Championship.

Max recently secured his first top-10 finish in the Series at Silverstone as he crossed the line in eighth place in a 29-car grid.

And the teenager holds aspirations of becoming a professional racing driver in the future and

hopes to race in the famous Le Mans endurance race.

He tested a GB4 single-seater race car for Arden Motorsport in February earlier this year.

And his impressive test performance saw him promised a test in the McLaren Driver Development Programme when he turns 16-years-old.

Max is already supported by a couple of Coventry-based businesses. However, he is now seeking more support as he looks to take the next steps in his motorsport career.

The teenager needs help towards entry costs and team fees which includes preparing the car for his races.

Max hopes to compete in the final two races of this year's BRSCC Fiesta Junior Championship.

However, he is currently struggling to find the funds to compete at either of the races.

The next event takes place at Donington Park on the weekend of September 13 and 14.

To support Max on his journey, email: max@maxhorlor.com or call: 07779 256506

Blaze finish pre-season campaign with Flames win after Nottingham defeat

ICE HOCKEY: COVENTRY Blaze ended pre-season with a win against Guildford Flames following defeat against Nottingham Panthers.

Blaze battled to a 3-2 victory against Guildford at the Skydome Arena to end their pre-season campaign with a victory.

However, Coventry lost 4-1 against the Panthers at Motorpoint Arena - the club's only pre-season defeat.

Goals from William Boysen, Kim Tallberg and Grant Mismash helped Coventry end their pre-season schedule on a high on home ice.

Blaze broke the deadlock at 3.41 when Boysen drove down the wing and fired through the legs of Guildford netminder Taz Burman.

And Coventry doubled their lead at 8.29 while short-handed as returning captain Tallberg finished off Mike Pelech's turnover.

Guildford halved the deficit just 17 seconds later at 8.46 as Marcus Tesnik blasted home from the blue line on the powerplay.

A string of fine saves from Blaze netminder Dershahn Stewart kept the home side in front at the start of the second period.

And Blaze restored their two-goal lead against the run of play at 24.03 as Boysen and Jack Hopkins combined to tee up Mismash for a simple finish at the back post.

Guildford responded at 42.07 when Tyler Prezioso tipped Sean Comrie's effort into the net.

That came after Blaze suffered defeat against Elite League rivals Nottingham.

Nottingham took the lead at



3.55 as Matt Marinew opened the scoring with the help of Tim Doherty and Chase Pearson.

However, Blaze equalised at 15.09 when former Panther Archie Hazeldine picked out Alessio Luciani with a clever slap-pass and the latter produced a clinical finish.

The Panthers reclaimed the lead at 34.13 as David Noel fired home from Ross Armour's drop-pass.

And Nottingham struck again at 38.53 when Zsombor Garat rifled a shot past Blaze netminder Mat Robson.

The Panthers completed the scoring at 56.41 as Ollie Betteridge picked up the puck off the boards and drove a shot into the net.

Coventry begin the competitive season with a Challenge Cup double header against Manchester Storm.

Blaze travel to Planet Ice Altrincham to face Storm in their season-opener on Saturday, September 13 with the face-off at 7pm.

Coventry then host Manchester at the Skydome on Sunday, September 14 with the face-off at 5.30pm.

William Boysen found the net for Blaze against Guildford as Coventry ended pre-season with a win on home ice following defeat against Elite League rivals Nottingham at Motorpoint Arena. Picture by Scott Wiggins.

Promoted Norton denied title chance due to bad weather

CRICKET: NORTON Lindsey and Wolverton CC just missed out on winning the league title on the final day of the season with promotion already secured.

Norton took on fellow promoted side Henley-in-Arden in their final game of the campaign with the result to decide who would lift the title.

Lindsey trailed Henley by 12 points heading into the final Cotswold Hills League Second Division fixture of the season at Henley Sports and Social Club.

Norton won the toss and put Henley into bat, having beaten their title rivals earlier in the campaign.

Henley opens Alex Butler (30) and Thomas Williams (8) put on 35 runs for the first wicket before Ollly Watson (3-24) embarked on a devastating spell.

The Norton bowler took three wickets in a 16-ball spell without conceding a single run as he removed Butler and Ricardo Rebelo (0).

And Andrew Dellow (1-49) then bowled Sav Lyall (2) to leave the

home side in trouble on 55-4.

However, Chris Key (54) blasted a half-century from just 39 balls in an 81-run stand with Noorul Hussein (34) which included six maximums.

Simba Mudimu (4-40) eventually removed Key and Hussein and took two further wickets to leave Henley on 177-9.

However, the rain arrived in the 40th over with no further play possible.

The abandonment meant Henley clinched the title with Norton forced to settle for a runners-up finish.

Norton lost just one game over the course of the season as the club bounced back from successive relegations with a promotion campaign.

Norton Lindsey and Wolverton CC's starting XI: Ian Baber (umpire), Jake Rushton, Simba Mudimu, Harry Clarke, Ollly Watson, Richard Beaty, Tom Wilcox, Gavin Shephard, Dave McInnes, Andrew Dellow (captain), Mark Reading, Stuart Shephard. s



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Woods strikes gold for GB in Germany

CANOING: KIMBERLEY Woods won double gold for Great Britain at the International Canoe Federation Canoe Slalom World Cup in Augsburg, Germany.

Woods won gold in the women's canoe final and also the kayak final to win the overall title in both events.

The Rugby canoeist finished on top of the podium in both events ahead of the upcoming Canoe Slalom World Championships in Perth, Australia later this month.

Woods said: "I'm a bit speechless, to be honest.

"I just found a bit of a groove, so to be able to do that after three runs, I'm pretty pleased. I think I improved a lot from run to run.

"Hopefully I've not peaked too early before the World Championships but I've got a lot of confidence now.

Rugby's Kimberley Woods celebrates on the water in Germany. Picture by Damiano Benedetto.



"I'm pretty buzzed, I think the highest I've ever come in the overall kayak was eighth and I was happy with that considering the field at the moment."

Woods finished ahead of Team GB teammate Lois Leaver and America's

Evy Leibfarth in the overall kayak standings.

And the Rugby paddler beat Slovakia's Zuzana Pankova and Italy's Marta Bertocelli to the women's canoe title.

Valley power past rivals to advance in FA Trophy

FOOTBALL: RUGBY Town came from behind to thrash rivals Racing Club Warwick 4-1 and earn their first FA Trophy victory for 15 years.

Warwick had Archie Hamp sent off after just 16 minutes before James Hancocks put the visitors ahead at Butlin Road.

However, Sam Tye drew the home side level before Caine Elliott scored twice from the penalty spot either side of Stan Anaebonam's strike.

The game exploded into life on 16 minutes when Hamp caught Ethan Hanson in the air as the two players challenged for an aerial ball.

Hamp received a straight red card for the challenge despite Hanson showing little reaction to the initial foul.

However, Warwick stunned the home side on 31 minutes when Kyle Barnett floated a free-kick into the box and Hancocks somehow looped a header over Marcus Bald from the left-hand side of the penalty area.

Rugby equalised two minutes

later as Sam Tye forced the ball home from close range after the Racers failed to deal with a corner from the right.

And Valley completed the turnaround on 59 minutes when Caine Elliott scored from the penalty spot after Adam Miles fouled Rivel Mardenborough in the box.

The home side stretched their lead on 66 minutes as Stan Anaebonam finished through the legs of Warwick goalkeeper Sam Lomax following a counter attack.

And Elliott completed the scoring seven minutes later with a second strike from the spot after the referee deemed Lomax to have fouled Cairo Taylor as the two players challenged for the ball in the box.

Valley will host divisional rivals Belper Town in second round qualifying on the weekend of Saturday, September 20 at Butlin Road.

Rugby are next in action against Loughborough Students on Saturday, September 13 with kick-off at 3pm at Loughborough University.

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