Bin collections are changing:
All you need to know about the new service

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Call 0300 4562531 futureshg.co.uk

Bromford Housing Association
0330 1234034

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Government services and information
gov.uk
Since my last column a large amount of my time has been spent working with District/Borough colleagues across the County on the fallout of our County Council’s damming Best Value Review Inspection report and their dire financial position.

As I write this no final decisions have yet been taken by the Government as to the way forward. But it looks certain that local government life in Northamptonshire is about to change, and not necessarily for the better.

The current Council Tax system in my personal opinion needs to be reviewed by the Government as a matter of some urgency, as more and more of the taxes raised are spent on adults’ and children’s social care costs, thereby leaving a smaller amount to be spent on the plethora of other services our local taxpayers expect to see maintained.

As many view the current Council Tax system as unfair, could it make sense for the adults’ and children’s social care costs to be paid for via national taxation? I visited Westminster with our Council’s Chief Executive and our local MP last autumn for a meeting with the Secretary of State to talk about a proposal we have worked up to integrate social care and health at a local level under a new organisation and maintaining all other Council services under the remit of area based councils.

I am encouraged by the Secretary of State’s recent comments confirming that he sees this situation as an opportunity to build a long-term sustainable model for delivering services across the County with the needs of our residents at the heart of any proposals.

I have always had a great admiration of the dedication and expertise of our professional staff at Daventry District Council, who carry out their duties on behalf of our residents at a very low cost to the local ratepayer – we account for only 8% of the overall Council Tax bill.

I am sure my fellow Leaders across the County would say the same about their own Council staff, in particular during a period of great uncertainty about their futures. This uncertainty is just one of the reasons why decisions about the way forward need to be taken sooner rather than later.

Please rest assured that we will do our very best to try and influence the best possible outcome for our rural district residents.

June will bring major changes to bin collections for Daventry District residents. The new 123+ waste and recycling service will be delivered by a new joint venture between the Council and Norse Commercial Services Limited, and you can find out about the changes this will bring in a special feature on pages 6-10.

We have a strong record on recycling in Daventry District and I’m sure our residents will embrace these changes and continue to support our environmental goals.

We wait with great anticipation as the OVO Energy Women’s Tour returns to Daventry District following the great success of last year’s Grand Depart. This year we have the privilege of hosting the Northants stage finish on 14 June.

It is interesting to note that in an official visitor survey of last year’s event, 61% of people who watched the race also said they felt inspired to cycle more often, which supports one of our main leisure objectives of encouraging healthier lifestyles.

Hopefully some good weather will ensure another good turn out of spectators to cheer on the riders this year, and you can find out more about the event on pages 11-13.

Our new Local Lotto has made a very positive start, with some 62 approved local good causes signed up at the time of writing. Hopefully as awareness grows of the scheme, so will the sums of monies allocated to support the excellent work of our voluntary and charitable groups across the whole District.

We have for many years supported the valuable contributions made by the Daventry Food Bank, by providing accommodation at a peppercorn rent pending the sale of that building. We have therefore agreed a £5,000 grant to help the food bank secure its new premises in Benbow Close on Daventry’s Southbrook Estate and to assist with necessary interior alterations.

Finally please take note of all the numerous summer events taking place, including the return of the Family Cinema Day, Wicked Wednesdays and sports activities.

Councillor Chris Millar
Leader – Daventry District Council

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Give your views on electric cars

People are being asked for their thoughts on electric vehicles and the availability of public charge points in Daventry District.

The online survey has been launched by Daventry District Council (DDC) as part of its ongoing plans to promote and support the use of ultra-low emission vehicles.

Its aim is to find out how many people are driving or considering buying electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles, as well as an idea of where people would like to see new charge points installed.

The results will help DDC identify demand so it can put together its plans to improve the District’s charging infrastructure.

It will also help the Council in its application for a grant from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles, which is offering local authorities funding so they can provide more on-street charging facilities.

DDC installed the first public charge point in the district in its Lodge Road car park in May 2013 and has since installed a second, meaning up to four electric vehicles can now be charged for free at the same time.

Councillor Jo Gilford, Environment Portfolio Holder on Daventry District Council, said: “The number of electric vehicles on our roads is growing all the time but it is vital the charging infrastructure grows with it.

“We are keen to work with our partners, local businesses and motorists in the District to promote the use of ultra-low emission vehicles, so please take a moment to answer our survey so we can shape our future plans.”

Fill in the survey at daventrydc.gov.uk/consultations

Know your councillors

District councillors play an important role, not only in making decisions and setting Council strategy, but in representing local people in their ward.

Your local councillor may have changed since the local elections on May 3, so if you are not sure who represents you on Daventry District Council, please visit daventrydc.gov.uk/councillors

If you missed the results of the May elections, you can view them at daventrydc.gov.uk/elections

Make the Switch

District residents are encouraged to join the thousands of people who have reduced their energy bills through a collective switching scheme.

Daventry District Council’s Big Switch uses collective purchasing power to secure better energy deals for residents.

Everyone who registers for the Big Switch is entered into a national collective, with energy companies then invited to bid for their custom in an auction.

Because the auction is an opportunity for energy companies to secure thousands of customers in one go, the deals they offer in a bid to win that auction are often better than those advertised to the general public.

The sign-up process is quick and easy, with just an annual bill or indication of annual energy usage required. Find out more at daventrydc.gov.uk/BigSwitch

Be aware of new data protection laws

Data protection rules are changing in order to give people more control over how their personal data is used.

From 25 May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into effect across the European Union.

In the UK it will replace the Data Protection Act 1998, which is the law defining how organisations can collect, use, store, share and delete people’s personal information.

GDPR creates new rights for people as well as strengthening existing rights. It will also introduce tougher penalties for organisations that misuse data or fail to comply with the new regulations.

These are not absolute rights and they do not always apply. There will continue to be a number of reasons why people’s rights are restricted, such as legal requirements to help prevent fraud.

For more information about your new rights, please visit daventrydc.gov.uk/informationcharter or ico.org.uk

If you have any questions or concerns about privacy, please email dataprotection@daventrydc.gov.uk
**Joining together to mark Armistice centenary**

A series of events and activities will be taking place across Daventry District this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Organisations including Daventry District Council, Daventry Town Council, Futures Housing Group, the Daventry Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Daventry & District Forum and local churches are co-ordinating a wide range of events in the lead-up to the centenary of the historic armistice of 11 November 1918, which ended four years of fighting.

The events will take place within the 100 days leading up to November 11, echoing the Hundred Days Offensive – the Allies' final push along the Western Front which finally broke the military stalemate.

They include:

**The Big Poppy Plant**

First held four years ago to commemorate the centenary of the war's outbreak, the Big Poppy Plant has again seen communities across the District supplied with a free ‘Remembrance’ poppy seed mix for planting in public areas. The flowers will emerge in the summer through to the autumn, acting as a symbol of remembrance as well as providing havens for insect pollinators.

**Wartime Daventry**

Daventry Town Council is leading this project to get local businesses involved in the commemoration by carrying a Remembrance sticker or creating window displays.

**Centenary Tea Dance**

The Daventry & District Forum will host this special First World War-themed tea dance at the Saxon Suite on Thursday 20 September.

**Remembrance Day Parade**

Daventry Town Council is co-ordinating the parade on 11 November, which will see the Royal British Legion and other local organisations pay tribute to the soldiers of the Great War. A total of 114 crosses, representing the soldiers from Daventry District who fell, will be placed on Daventry's War Memorial by children from local schools.

**The Empty Chair Project**

Daventry Museum will work on this project with local historian Gerry Thompson, community groups and schools to encourage families to set an extra place at their dinner table to remember those who died during the war. The initiative will form part of an exhibition at the museum in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday.

**Churches Together Songs of Praise Service**

This event at the Holy Cross Church on 16 September will feature family-favourite hymns and readings, together with popular songs and poetry from WW1. It will also include a tribute to Daventry's Ted Sharpe, a veteran of the D-Day landings who died last year.

**Keep up-to-date and promote your projects**

Further information about these events, plus details of other activities taking place to mark the centenary will be published at [lovedaventry.com/whats-on](http://lovedaventry.com/whats-on) as they are confirmed.

If you are planning to organise a local community event for the centenary – or for any other reason for that matter – please let us know by emailing news@daventrydc.gov.uk

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**Come along to a committee meeting at civic offices**

All the meetings listed (right) start at 6.15pm and take place at the civic offices in Lodge Road, Daventry.

All meetings are open for the public to attend. For more information visit [daventrydc.gov.uk/meetings](http://daventrydc.gov.uk/meetings), email governance@daventrydc.gov.uk or phone 01327 871100

To listen to an audio recording of a meeting, visit [daventrydc.gov.uk/audiorecordings](http://daventrydc.gov.uk/audiorecordings)
Your new waste and recycling

Food waste

- Using this weekly service will help to slim your waste bin and reduce potential smells from it
- You can line your caddy with compostable bags

1 Every week

Yes Please
- Ueneaten food from your plates and dishes
- Fruit and vegetables, raw and cooked
- Meat and fish, raw and cooked including bones
- All dairy products
- Bread, cakes and pastries
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Fats - solid and semi-solid but not liquid

No Thanks
- Food packaging or wrapping of any sort
- Liquids
- Kitchen towel

Recycling

- A new wheelie bin for all your recycling
- No need to sort your items first
- More space over two weeks than the boxes
- Recycling protected from the weather

2 Every 2 weeks

Yes Please
- Large cardboard
- Newspapers, magazines, paper, catalogues, junk mail
- Clean cartons (drinks/juice/soup/long-life milk)
- Mixed plastics, yogurt pots, margarine tubs, fruit punnets, plastic bottles
- Foil and foil trays (clean)
- Food and drink cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aerosols (empty)

No Thanks
- Crisp packets or wrappers
- Cellophane packaging and cling film
- Plant pots, Polystyrene
- Broken glass
- Other metals, steel kegs, knives, pans, coat hangers
collections start on 4 June

General waste

- Collected every three weeks to encourage recycling

3 Every 3 weeks

Yes Please

- All waste that cannot be recycled or composted
- Polystyrene
- Crisp packets and sweet wrappers
- Nappies (bagging recommended)
- Kitchen towels and tissues
- Pet waste
- Plant pots
- Broken glass

No Thanks

- Hot ashes
- Corrosive materials
- Liquids (eg oil and paint)
- Large items that do not fit into the bin
- Heavy materials (eg stones, rubble, car parts)
- Extra bags of rubbish will not be collected

Garden waste

- You will need to opt in and pay an annual charge for the service from June 2018

Opt in for £35 per bin, per year

Yes Please

- Grass cuttings and weeds
- Cut flowers and plants
- Leaves and bark
- Prunings and hedge trimmings
- Twigs and small branches
- Straw and sawdust from domestic pets

No Thanks

- Cardboard or paper
- Soil, mud or rubble
- Large logs or wooden planks
- Plant pots
- Food waste (place this in the food bin)
- Pet waste

Turn the page for more details about the new service
Your improved recycling collection is starting soon

Don’t forget that from the week beginning 4 June, weekly recycling box collections in Daventry District will be replaced with a new, blue-lidded recycling bin that will be collected fortnightly.

Households will no longer need to sort their recyclables as they can all be placed in the bin mixed together, including large cardboard.

The new wheelie bin gives more space for your recycling over two weeks than the current weekly box collections and will stop items getting wet or blowing away.

The changes are being made to encourage more people to recycle, saving natural resources and reducing pollution.

Have you received your blue-lidded bin?

The new blue-lidded wheelie bins for recycling are currently being delivered to each home in Daventry District ahead of the new service launching week beginning 4 June.

The deliveries are taking place in phases in the run-up to the new service. If you have not received your new bin by 31 May, please contact us.

Similarly, if you do not receive a bin within two days of your neighbours receiving theirs, please contact us to let us know. You can’t use your new bin for mixed recycling until the new service starts, so please keep using your recycling boxes until then.

Call 01327 871100 or email recycling@daventrydc.gov.uk

Reusing your red and blue recycling boxes

When the new service starts you will no longer be able to use your recycling boxes – this is due to the new way that recycling will be collected by recycling crews at the kerbside.

The Council does not intend to collect your red and blue boxes after the switchover. However, once they have been washed out, the sturdy boxes have a range of different uses including storage in the garden, home, shed or garage.

They also make excellent raised beds and planters in a garden or balcony.

Residents who cannot find a use for their old containers are encouraged to contact schools, nurseries and community groups to see if they would welcome their donation.

Alternatively you can take your boxes to your nearest household waste recycling centre - for details, visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling
Your bin day will change from 4 June

It is likely your bin collection day will change from week beginning 4 June in order to introduce the new service arrangements across Daventry District.

Please look out for your new collection calendar and service information booklet being delivered to all homes during May. You can also check your new bin day online once the service starts at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling

Look out for your new collection calendar

Managing your waste on the new service

You will need to make full use of your new recycling collection to reduce your rubbish so that it fits into the black wheelie bin collected every three weeks.

Your new recycling bin provides extra capacity for your recyclables, you don’t have to sort them and you can include large pieces of cardboard. Check the list to ensure you are recycling everything that you can.

Use your food waste caddy for all your raw and cooked food waste. If you don’t have one, please contact us and we can arrange delivery.

The food waste caddy is collected weekly and so saves space in your black wheelie bin and stops it from smelling.

Please rinse items before putting them into your recycling bin, to make sure items we collect are top quality and easily recycled. Please put all items into your recycling bin loose so that they can be easily sorted and separated.

If you have children in nappies and would like to give reusable nappies a try, you can borrow a nappy loan kit from the libraries in Daventry and Brixworth for free. Each kit contains different types of real nappies for you to try at home and see which suits you and your baby best. Visit the libraries for more details.

Please put the correct bin and your outdoor food waste caddy out for collection by 6.30am on your collection day.

Decide what you want to do with your garden waste. You can take it to a household waste recycling centre, compost it at home or pay for the collection service.

If you want to give home composting a try, you can buy a composter for £17.98 plus £5.99 delivery. For more details, visit www.getcomposting.com
Changes to bin collections: your questions answered

Q Why are you changing my collections?

Daventry District cannot afford to carry on with the same waste and recycling collections, both environmentally and financially. If the changes had not been made, the cost of the service would have risen by around £1.25m a year.

Three weekly rubbish collections help encourage more recycling and will reduce the money spent on treating and disposing of rubbish.

A fortnightly recycling collection with a new wheelie bin will offer more room for your recycling and it no longer has to be sorted. You will also be able to recycle large pieces of cardboard without having to cut them up!

Q Is my collection day changing?

It is likely your bin collection day will change from the week beginning 4 June in order to introduce the new service arrangements. Collections will, for example, no longer take place on Saturdays. A booklet with details on your new collection day and calendar will be delivered to you in the coming weeks.

Q Will you collect extra recycling if I cannot fit it all in my bin?

No, the new blue-lidded bins are bigger than the old recycling boxes so you should be able to fit everything in. If you regularly have extra recycling, you can ask for an extra recycling bin free of charge - please contact us.

Q What about extra rubbish that won’t fit into the black bin – can I leave it on the side for collection?

No, we will only collect rubbish in the bin. We will not collect extra rubbish left at the side of the bin or put on top of the lid.

Q Why are you charging for garden waste collections?

The charge is being introduced as the Council can no longer afford to collect garden waste on a free of charge basis. Councils are not required by law to collect garden waste free of charge and not everyone uses the service. Making it self-funding will enable the service to continue for only those who want it.

Q How much is the garden waste service and how do I sign up?

The annual subscription costs £35 per bin, which runs from June 2018 till May 2019. You can sign up now at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 0345 218 5215.

Q If I don’t want to pay for the garden waste service, what do I do?

If you do not wish to sign up, you may like to consider home composting or taking your garden waste to your local household waste recycling centre.

You can put it in your black bin, but we would not advise this as it will not be recycled. Once you have decided you are definitely not going to subscribe to the garden waste service please contact us and we will arrange to collect your old bin.
The world’s top women cyclists are returning to Daventry District this summer for the 2018 OVO Energy Women’s Tour.

The Tour will be in Northamptonshire on Thursday 14 June for a stage from Rushden to Daventry.

Thousands of people turned out to enjoy last year’s Grand Depart from Daventry, and hosting the finish should provide an even more exciting spectacle.

This year’s route takes in several villages in the District, including two climbs of Newnham Hill. The riders will also visit Daventry town centre twice – the second of those for what promises to be a thrilling sprint to the line.

The leading riders will then be presented with their jerseys at the winners’ podium, which will be set up by the finish line near the Moot Hall.

The race is expected to finish at around 2.30pm, but spectators are urged to find their spot well in advance of this, as the riders will make their first pass of the town centre at about 1.30pm. Turn the page for the full details.

This is the fifth time Northamptonshire has hosted a stage of the OVO Energy Women’s Tour, a five-stage event on the UCI Women’s WorldTour.

Action from the race will reach a global audience, with a one-hour highlights programme of every stage broadcast daily on ITV4 and Eurosport.

Daventry District Council has been working with its partners including Northamptonshire County Council, Everyone Active and event organisers SweetSpot on preparations for 2018.

Councillor Alan Hills, Daventry District Council’s Community, Culture and Leisure Portfolio Holder, said: “We are delighted to be hosting the finish of this year’s Northamptonshire stage of the OVO Energy Women’s Tour, having staged the Grand Depart so successfully last year.

There is sure to be a lot of excitement around the event once again, and this year offers a further chance for us all to capitalise on the opportunities to boost local businesses and inspire people to take up sport and exercise.”

If the OVO Energy Women’s Tour whets your appetite for cycling or other sports, there is an opportunity to find out more about some of the clubs and activities on offer in Daventry District at SportFest.

The event takes place in Daventry’s New Street Recreation Ground on Saturday 16 June from 11am-4pm and will incorporate Cyclefest – Daventry’s annual celebration of all things pedal-powered.

Expect some fantastic stunts and tricks performed by the team from Danny Butler’s Extreme Mountain Bike Show. There will also be opportunities to play Scalextric, run a sound system and even blend delicious smoothies using pedal power.

Other activities will include sports demonstrations, taster sessions, club displays, children’s entertainment and live music.

The event, which also features free bike checks, a range of have-a-go toddler cycles, retro and crazy bikes plus stalls, has been organised by Daventry District Council and Everyone Active in partnership with Northamptonshire Highways, Cycle Northants, Daventry Cycling Club and the Danetre and Southbrook Learning Village (DSLV).
Follow the race through our District

RACE START: Rushden
Canons Ashby
Weedon Bec
Everdon
Newnham Hill (QoM)
Daventry High Street
Staverton
Upper Catesby
Hellidon
Priors Marston (Warks)
Byfield
Woodford Halse
Preston Capes
Newnham Hill (second time)
FINISH: Abbey Street, Daventry

Estimated arrival times

**RACE START: Rushden** | 10.30am
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Canons Ashby | 12.58pm
Weedon Bec | 1.18pm
Everdon | 1.25pm
Newnham Hill (QoM) | 1.32pm
Daventry High Street | 1.38pm
Staverton | 1.45pm
Upper Catesby | 1.48pm
Hellidon | 1.52pm
Priors Marston (Warks) | 1.57pm
Byfield | 2.05pm
Woodford Halse | 2.09pm
Preston Capes | 2.17pm
Newnham Hill (second time) | 2.26pm
FINISH: Abbey Street, Daventry | 2.32pm

Above, the route through Daventry District and (right) road and parking arrangements for the Grand Depart.
This year’s route will start in Hall Park in Rushden at 10.30am, passing through Wollaston, Salcey Forest and Silverstone before heading to Canons Ashby and on to Weedon Bec.

Riders will then tackle the one-kilometre Newnham Hill climb in the Skoda Queen of the Mountains competition before racing towards Daventry town centre for their first pass at about 1.30pm.

The race then heads out on a loop through Staverton, Upper Catesby, Hellidon, Priors Marston, Byfield, Woodford Halse and Preston Capes before summiting Newnham Hill a second time in what is sure to set up a thrilling finale.

On reaching the bottom of Newnham Hill the riders will turn left down London Road, then right down Long March before taking a left for South Way.

The route then turns left, crossing the finish line in Abbey Street at an estimated time of about 2.30pm.

High Street, Abbey Street, Brook Street, Tavern Lane, Lodge Road, Market Square and St John’s Square will all be completely closed to traffic from 4am until 7pm on Thursday June 14. Vicar Lane will remain accessible for most of the period, though it will be temporarily closed while the race passes through. Newnham Hill will also be closed.

The rest of the route will be managed by a team of riders, who will travel about 15 minutes ahead of the race to implement the rolling roadblock that will allow the race to pass safely.
What’s on this summer

June 14
Sulby NGS Open Gardens (NN6 6EZ) from 2-5pm. Visit these fascinating 18th century walled kitchen gardens and orchard, together with a 12-acre nature reserve including ponds, woodland, stream, and wildflower meadows. Entry costs £4 (children go free) and homemade teas and locally-made apple juice will be available.

June 16
Sportfest in Daventry’s New Street Rec. See Page 11 for details.

Festival of Music & Song featuring Daventry Brass and Northampton Male Voice Choir at Holy Cross Church in Daventry at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 from Daventry Town Council’s offices in 3 New Street or by phoning 01604 831455, with proceeds to the Daventry Friends of Iganga.

Proms in the Paddock at Cold Ashby (NN6 6EP) at 7.30pm. Take a picnic to listen to a live brass band at this event for all the family. Tickets cost £7.50 for adults or £2.50 for under 16s (under 10s go free), available on 01604 740773 or 07538 778701.

June 16-17
NGS Open Gardens in the village of Old from 2-5pm on Saturday and Midday-5pm on the Sunday. St Andrew’s Church will be open for a kneeler exhibition and cream teas, while the Village Hall will offer lunches, teas, plant and craft stalls. Entry costs £5 for adults (children go free).

June 16-24
Daventry Arts Festival. See page 16 for details.

June 23-24
Braunston Historic Narrowboat Rally will be opened by famous actor and waterways enthusiast David Suchet, returning to the event for the first time since 2008. The rally offers scores of historic narrowboats, food, music, Morris dancers, theatrical entertainment and the famous quayside beer tent – the Wet Dock. It runs from 10am-5pm each day with evening entertainment on the Saturday and entry costs £20 per car. More at braunstonmarina.co.uk

May 26-28
Crick Boat Show. All aboard for this celebration of our inland waterways at Crick Marina, featuring 300 exhibitors, dozens of boats to explore, free boat trips, children’s activities, a real ale marquee, food and drink stalls and live music including an Abba tribute act on the Saturday. More at crickboatshow.com

May 27
NGS Open Gardens at Cottesbrooke Hall from 2-5.30pm, including cream teas in the village hall.

June 3
Junior Fun Run from Ashby St Ledgers Village Hall. Register at 10.30am for an 11am start over a 1.5km or 3km multi-terrain course. It costs £4 for adults or £2.50 for children and there will be refreshments and a barbecue.

June 9
Daventry Motorcycle Festival in the town centre, featuring a range of exhibitors, stalls, games, live music and more. More at daventrybikefest.co.uk

June 10
Village Voices — a one-day summer workshop at Old Village Hall offering an opportunity to rehearse and then perform Handel’s Israel in Egypt under some friendly, expert guidance. Take your own lunch and enjoy free tea and homemade cakes before the performance and an optional supper afterwards. Visit village-voices.org.uk

Garage Sale in Barby from 10am-2pm to raise funds for the Air Ambulance.

June 14
OVO Energy Women’s Tour. See pages 11-13 for details.

Discover more days out at lovedaventry.com/whats-on
June 30
Hellidon Summer Fete and Dog Show from midday, offering homemade produce, a real ale bar and barbecue, a plant stall, afternoon teas, raffle, bottle tombola and more, with proceeds to Hellidon Church and Churchyard.

June 30 - July 1
Clipston Village Festival Weekend featuring an arts and architecture trail from 11am-5pm each day, NGS Open Gardens from 2-5pm on Saturday and 11am-5pm Sunday, and the Festival on the Rec from 4pm to 10.30pm on Saturday. Visit clipston.org for more.

July 7
Handlebards’ production of Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night in the gardens of Cottesbrooke Hall. Take a picnic for an evening of entertainment. Gates open at 5pm for a 7pm start. Tickets are available from cottesbrooke.co.uk or on 01604 505717.

July 7-8
Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show. A celebration of steam and horse power featuring parades of steam engines, vintage vehicles and heavy horses, plus stalls, a fun fair, trade stands and more. Entry costs £10 for adults, £5 for children or £8 for concessions. Camping is also available. More at hollowellsteam.com

July 14-15
Crick Scarecrow & Music Festival. Follow the scarecrow treasure trail around the village, grab a #scarecrowselfie with some gorgeous Shetland ponies, enjoy some great live music and performances by Moulton Morris, plus amusements and inflatables, craft stalls, hot food, a bar, and much more. More at facebook.com/crickscarecrowfestival

July 21
Family Cinema Day at Daventry Country Park. See page 16 for details.

July 27-28
Muddy Furlong Festival at Long Furlong Farm in Catesby (NN11 6LW) featuring Madness tribute act One Step Behind, a Jimi Hendrix tribute act and a range of talented local bands performing over two days, with on-site camping available. Tickets cost £22 from muddyfurlongfestival.co.uk

July 28-29
NGS Open Gardens weekend at Cold Ashby from 2-6pm each day. Ten gardens will be open and there will be stalls selling preserves, cakes, artisan breads, plants and crafts, plus delicious cream teas and Pimms. Admission costs £3.50.

July 29
Cottesbrooke Garden Fete in the gardens of Cottesbrooke Hall from 2-5.30pm, with games, entertainment, a bouncy castle, pony rides, a variety of stalls, and cream teas.

August 2
Sulby NGS Open Gardens. See June 14 entry for details.

August 11
Admiral Nelson Music Festival at Braunston featuring a line-up of local bands and tribute acts. More at facebook.com/TheAdmiralNelsonMusicFestival

August 12
Fun Dog Show and Village Fete at Ashby St Ledgers featuring stalls selling cakes, bric-a-brac and refreshments, plus food, games and the eponymous Fun Dog Show. It runs from 2-5pm and there’s free entry and parking.

August 18
Annual Produce Show organised by Daventry Allotment and Gardening Association in partnership with Daventry Town Council, and held at Daventry Community Centre, in Ashby Road. The free event offers fruit and vegetable competitions, floral displays and more.

August 23-26
Shambala Festival at a ‘secret’ location in the north of Daventry District. More at shambalafestival.org

Great British Food Festival at Kelmarsh Hall featuring more than 100 different food producers, plus man vs food and cake competitions, demonstrations and more. More at greatbritishfoodfestival.com

July 14
Daventry Area Bellringers Spring Festival at Kilsby Church at 2.30pm, followed by Barby Church until 4.30pm, and then Crick Church from 7-8.30pm.

Discover more days out at lovedaventry.com/whats-on
Family films on the big screen

Pack some popcorn in your picnic and head to Daventry Country Park on Saturday 21 July for the annual Family Cinema Day.

There will be two sessions during the day, with the first session beginning at 10.30am with screenings of Paddington 2 followed by Coco (both PG).

The afternoon screening will begin at 3pm with Coco, followed by Paddington 2.

The eighth annual event has been organised by Daventry District Council. For more information visit daventrydc.gov.uk/CountryPark or facebook.com/DaventryCountryPark

Daventry’s Festival of the Arts returns

A vibrant and dynamic celebration of Daventry’s creativity, the Arts Festival runs from 16 to 24 June.

Organised by Daventry Town Council, the festival will feature a multitude of creative and entertaining performers, musicians, bands, poets and authors showcasing their talents at a range of venues.

From live music to dramatic performances, guided walks to a summer solstice evening, the festival promises something for everyone.

Many of the events and activities will be free to attend, and a full programme can be found at daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

Affordable fun for families this summer

Families with children aged 5 to 12 are being offered a helping hand to keep them active and entertained this summer thanks to the return of the Mini-Adventure and Wicked Wednesday activities.

The Mini-Adventures take place at Daventry Country Park from 10.30am to midday on Tuesdays during the school summer holidays, offering opportunities to explore the park and take part in craft activities, pond dipping and more.

They run every Tuesday from 24 July through to 21 August and cost £1.50 per child.

Wicked Wednesdays take place at Daventry Leisure Centre every week from July 25 to August 22, offering a variety of different activities, from roller discos to fun inflatables in the pool, at a cost of £2 per child.

Both activities are extremely popular and must be booked in advance on 01327 871100. For more information, including the full programme of activities, visit lovedaventry.com/whats-on

Get active with sports camps at Leisure Centre

Daventry District Council’s leisure partner Everyone Active is running a series of fun sports camps during the school summer holidays.

The camps are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 and offer a range of different sports at a cost of £14 a day. Camps typically run for between two and five days, with discounts available for those booking for the entirety of the camp.

Youngsters taking part in the camps can also be booked into the Connections Club, which offers a variety of games and activities before and after the camps, at a cost of £2.40 per child, per session.

For more information contact Daventry Leisure Centre on 01327 871144 or visit everyoneactive.com/Daventry

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