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To our second issue of Focussed on Kettering magazine. We hope you are all now fully recovered from the Christmas and New Year celebrations and ready for a fantastic 2018.

There really is so much going in Kettering Town, we here at Focussed want to make sure you know about it! If you have an interesting story, or a worthy cause within the Kettering area then please do get in touch as we would love to hear your stories, they could end up featuring in the next issue of the magazine.

We would love to hear from you, not just through our competitions and vouchers, but through the spoken word. We want stories about local talent in Kettering for our new feature 'Focussed on Local Talent'. Whether you're an artist, DJ, presenter, charity worker, entrepreneur, singer, comedian, poet, entertainer or have any other talent. Then get in touch via inbox Facebook.com/Focussed.on.no1 or email craig.barber@ focussedpublications.co.uk with your suggestion, short story and picture of the said person. We will select 4 different people who will have a write up in the Focussed Magazine, with a new 4 selected for the next issue.

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A: This is the only number that includes all the digits arranged in alphabetical order.

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WHAT IS THE PURPLE FLAG?

The Purple Flag accreditation scheme is a "gold standard" for town centres at night similar to the Blue Flag for beaches - and recognises excellence in managing a thriving, vibrant early evening atmosphere and that a town centre is safe after 5pm.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Purple Flag aims to improve the public profile of early evening town centres and confidence by offering a safe night out by lowering crime and anti-social behaviour by making clean, safe and inviting environment a criteria for obtaining a flag.

WHAT DID KETTERING HAVE TO DO **TO GET THE PURPLE FLAG STATUS?**

The scheme, run by Association of Town and City Management (ATCM), is judged on criteria based around five themes that are key to developing and managing successful centres at night.

To find out more visit http://thisiskettering.com/purpleflag/

These themes include . Wellbeing . Safety · Appeal · Diversity · **Movement plus Licensing Policies** Areas that achieve the required standards of 30 criteria can fly the flag and pride themselves as being vibrant and well managed. Information, statistics and data were collected on the performance of Kettering Town. Two overnight assessments were completed- a "self-assessment" identifying any areas that needed improvement or action, and then a formal assessment carried out by two external Purple Flag Assessors. Successful applicants must go through interim and full renewals every other year.

Kettering Town Centre has held the Purple Flag since 2015 and was successfully re-accredited with the award in June 2017

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On the 11th October 2017 local businesses and regulators from across Northamptonshire joined together to celebrate the relaunch the Eat Out Eat Well Award. The FREE Award has been designed to reward caterers who make it easier for their customers to make healthier choices when ordering food and is available at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. The scheme is managed by Environmental Health Northants in conjunction with Northamptonshire County Council and Public health.

Partners are keen to support businesses through schemes such as this in an effort to encourage business growth and to provide more choice for consumers with regard to healthier food options. This is increasingly important with obesity levels higher than the England average in Northamptonshire. (Source Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives Strategy 2010-2014)

To find out more about the Award please visit **WWW.kettering.gov.uk** and search for 'Eat Out Eat Well'

Relaunch The set

The relaunch took place at The Ritz Hotel in Desborough, Northants and hospitality was kindly provided by Kris Malde, current Gold Award holder. The event was well attended by a number of businesses, including Northampton General Hospital and Kettering Park Hotel.

Current Gold standard award holders

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Teamwork Trust is an award-winning organisation with centres in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough, where adults with mental health needs, learning and physical disabilities can make new friends, access education and employment experiences and regain self-esteem and confidence in a friendly, supportive environment.

The charity also provides a wellbeing and counselling programme for members of the public and the wider community, a thriving commercial business outsourcing facility, and various specific and bespoke programmes for its members.

Successes in 2016-17 include the delivery of 4,672 counselling sessions to 287 clients and winning three awards for Excellence in Northamptonshire.

Members' programmes

Teamwork Trust's strategic director, John Bruce, said: "Our passion is to ensure that we embrace and celebrate individual needs and abilities. Our members can choose how they want to spend their time with us, and our packages enable members to choose from a variety of vocational opportunities, education classes, accredited and non-accredited courses, activities and life skills sessions. Our Activity Programme even includes a weekly book club and walking group, choir, arts, crafts, sports and much more."

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One of the many local companies using Teamwork Trust's outsourcing service is Wellingborough-based Elba Ltd. Robert Hancock, Operations Manager said: "Working with Teamwork Trust offers the unique opportunity of local sourcing at competitive rates as well as meeting the requirements of our social and community development objectives."

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Name: Des Barber Birthplace: Dundee Describe yourself in 3 words: Loyal, Committed, Trustworthy.

Give us an interesting fact about yourself: Apart from being the founder of Corby Radio, I have been very honoured in my time to have carried The Olympic Torch through Corby, chosen as 'The Chieftain' at The Highland Gathering and took part in 'Strictly Corby'.



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What is your favourite song of all time and why?

Secret Garden by Quincy Jones featuring my all-time hero Barry White. This song makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand up every time that I hear it. So Soulful

Describe your ideal night out/in:

I love Northern Soul and enjoy doing guest spots at soul nights. I also enjoy collecting 7 inch records and often spend nights dusting them off and playing them at home.

What do you love about Corby? The people, their spirit, warm heart and friendliness.

What is your favourite place in Corby? The Boating Lake for it's calm beauty and tranquillity.

What is your favourite part of being involved with Corby Radio?

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The course involves 5 weeks of employability skills training before the students embark on a 7 week long work placement with a local employer to gain first-hand experience of the world of work. Students then return to college for their final week which is spent looking at their options for their next step. Students are able to study Maths and English Functional Skills qualifications to boost their CV. Tresham are working closely with a large number of small and large local companies to give young people the help they need to get into work.

Francisca Barnie is a young lady who has recently completed the Traineeships programme. Originally from Ghana, moving to the UK when she was 15, Francisca has excelled in developing her personal and professional skills and has secured 2 part time jobs as well as passing her English exams. Francisca worked at local marketing company; Simon Cox Marketing Solutions Limited and received glowing feedback from Simon and his customers.

To find out how a student from Tresham's Traineeships programme could benefit your business, please contact Traineeships Coordinator: Chris Sutherland on 07860779140 or csutherland@tresham.ac.uk.

Tresham are currently recruiting young people for their course starting May 2018.

"It was great to have Francisca with me for seven weeks and to see her grow in confidence. During the seven week placement we attended a Linked In training course, business network meetings across the County, the Northamptonshire Business Exhibition, Customers, Suppliers, a local Charity AGM and a local school to assist students with their Young Enterprise Company programme. If Francisca applies herself like she did during the seven week period with me, she will do well for herself."

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> This press release was written by a student from Isebrook SEN College, with minimal support, as part of their 'real life learning' curriculum.



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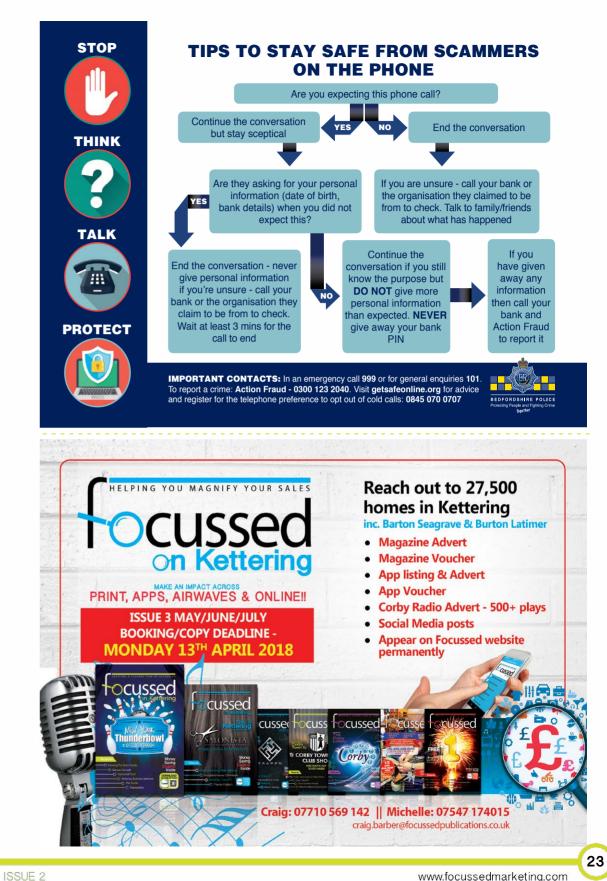
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It's certainly been a busy time for the town's Business Network in recent years as the Kettering Business Network continues to go from strength to strength.

Having been announced as a Finalist at the last two year's SME Business Awards for Northamptonshire as the Best Networking Group of the Year, the not for profit approach to business networking has certainly been a success.

The group was set up in June 2015 by Simon Cox, Sarah McCarron, Marie and Nigel Baker with the aim of bringing the local business community in the District of Kettering together to meet, learn, grow, develop and build business.

"It's certainly been an amazing journey for us all" said Founder Simon Cox, "We've worked hard together to provide opportunities for local people and long may it continue. Running a business can be challenging at the best of times and by having somewhere local for businesses to turn to, we can help support each other and grow the local business community.

We've had some great speakers in recent years including Karthik Nagesan, candidate from The Apprentice, local MP Philip Hollobone, Kettering Borough Council and other local businesses each educating us with valuable help and information that we can put into action in our businesses. Other attendees in recent years have been students from Southfields School as part of their Young Enterprise Company Programme and local charities who wish to engage with the business sector. It's really been a great opportunity for us all. Last year, the latest member of the KBN Leadership Team, Robyn Allen, ran a great quiz night to raise funds for SCBU at Kettering Hospital and I'm sure there will be future events for local fundraising in time to help the local community."

Meetings have been held at local businesses and community groups including Kettering Park Hotel, The Ritz in Desborough, Barton Hall, Wicksteed Park, Kettering Conference Centre, Kettering Rugby Club, The Holiday Inn, Kettering Town Football Club, Tax Assist, Mugs and The Miniature Rifle Sports Bar.

The meetings generally take place on the first Wednesday of the month and every meeting is different with a different presentation each month and in a different location so the business network is all inclusive.

Since the introduction to the town, the Leadership Team of the Kettering Business Network have also inspired other groups in Corby, Wellingborough, Northampton, East Northants, Daventry and Market Harborough and the groups across the region see, on average, 200 businesses attending.

The Kettering Business Network covers Kettering, Desborough, Rothwell and Burton Latimer as well as surrounding villages within the District. For further information about the Kettering Business Network please visit

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Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26. Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter

of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.

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Brain Teasers:

The number 8,549,176,320 is a unique number. What is so special about it?

A man condemned to death has the option of picking one of the mentioned three rooms. The first room is a furnace filled with flames. The second has armed men with loaded guns, while the third has lions starving for years. Which one should the man choose?

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