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To Focussed on Desborough & Rothwell magazine. With Summer upon us it is good to see all the local events on offer in the area. Keep your eyes peeled for the Focussed Facebook Page where we share many events that cater for all tastes. Don't be the one that says "Wish I knew about that one!"..... It's very common!

We want to hear from you, let us know about what you have been doing in your community, raising funds for charity, helping local groups, whatever it is we want to help you spread the word about your events. Please email your information and include some images to help lift the article and send to craig.barber@focussedpublications.co.uk.

There has been a lot of changes happening in the background of our towns with Unitary looming, and therefore a very uncertain future. But rest assured, we have some incredible people behind the wheel to guide the towns into a brighter future. With the new Kettering Town Centre Partnership looking to improve local town centres, and Clare Pavitt the new Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Kettering. There are some very exciting ideas on the table, watch this space!

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The Two Counties Half Marathon & Relay will be held on **Sunday 8 September 2019** starting and ending in East Carlton Country Park. The route takes in the beautiful countryside of Northamptonshire and Leicestershire passing through the villages of Ashley, Medbourne, Drayton, Brighthurst, Cottingham, and Middleton. The route is fully marshalled by club volunteers.

The event is chip timed and all finishers will receive a bespoke medal, t-shirt and goody bag. This year's chosen charity is the **Air Ambulance** and a donation from each entry will be made to the organisation.

Entries are open for half marathon however, due to popular demand, team relay entries are now closed. Online entries are available at www.runbritain.com or at www.bookitzone.com.

This year's event has been included in the Northamptonshire Road Running League and will also be the Half Marathon County Championships.

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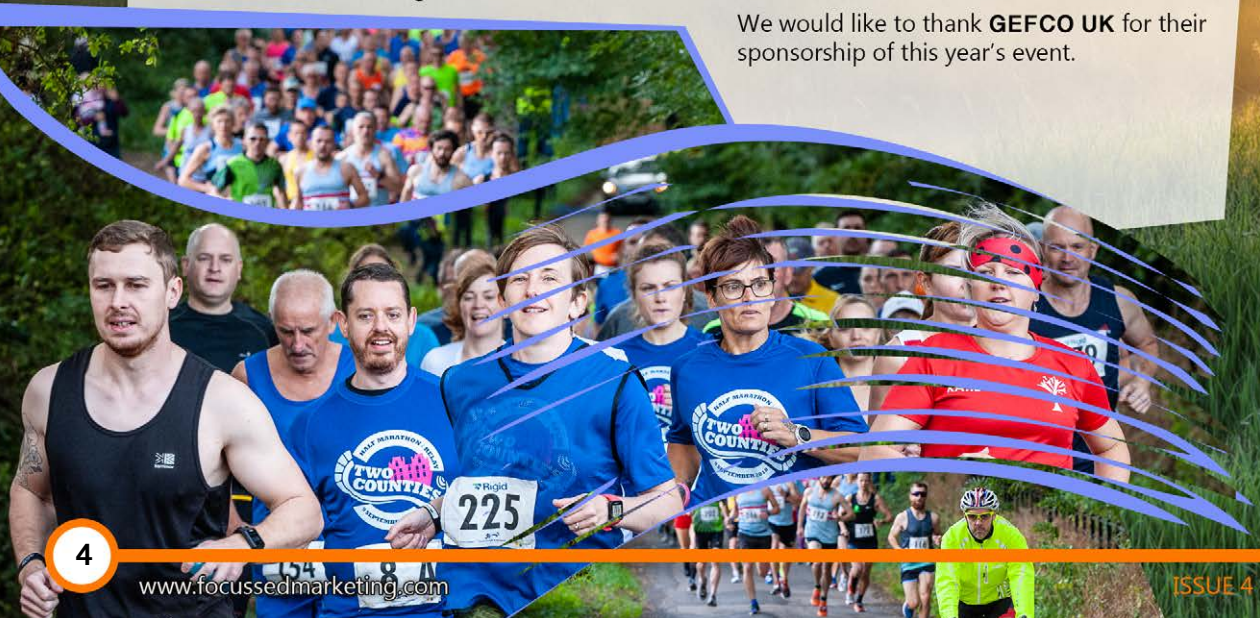
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Dogs also enjoy a good snuffle through handbags and often find packets of gum and tablets. Sugar free chewing gum containing xylitol can cause life threateningly low blood sugar levels. Xylitol is also used as a sweetener in home baking, and cakes made with it could prove lethal to dogs.

Sultanas and raisins – found in hot cross buns, fruit cakes and the like, are also toxic for your dog. They can cause symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea and, in severe cases, kidney failure.

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Bunny boosters~ is your bunny vaccinated?

Vaccinating your rabbit is very important since the infectious diseases we protect them against are extremely serious and often fatal.

Vaccinating your rabbit is very important since the infectious diseases we protect them against are extremely serious and often fatal. Myxomatosis is common amongst wild rabbits and deadly. It is passed by fleas, which can travel from the countryside into our homes and gardens on us, other pets and wildlife. Protection by vaccination is the only cure.

Viral Haemorrhagic Disease is also extremely serious. It is spread by direct contact but also survives in the environment for months and can be carried by wildlife and people. There are now two strains, RVHD1 and RVHD2, and both need vaccinating against – given at least two weeks apart.

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This year we bring 6 arenas of music for your listening pleasure: The Grandstand Stage, Audio Unity Drum & Bass Tent, Corby Radio 'Retro' Bus playing all the hits from yesteryear, IMP Tent, Alternative Corner and finally Bar Acoustics.

Remember to bring the whole family as there will be plenty to do, with various rides and bouncy castles for the kids, food and drink stalls, face painting and much more.

Our Headliner needs no introduction... None other than 80's legends 'Doctor and the Medics' Doctor and the Medics were created almost at the dawn of the 80's, in 1982 by The Rev Dr. Clive Thomas Jackson.

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When my daughter was small we lived in Rothwell, at the time I didn't drive, in fact I didn't take my driving test until I was in my late 30's so I know how important good public transport is in daily life in a small town.

We regularly visited the library for many reasons plus I'm also a massive history buff so I know the vital role libraries play for the whole of our community and I know how access to quality shops and services is essential to our local economy.

Here in Desborough I have already met with the "save our library" group and the fantastic volunteers at Desborough Library. In the upcoming months I will be meeting with town Councillors to talk about the issues affecting Desborough.

What I'm really interested in is what's important to you so please feel free to message me on my website

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The Group is still very much alive and kicking! In the summer, between May and August, outdoor visits and walks also take place on the second Tuesday, starting at 7.00 pm in Station Road, and there are occasional weekend events also.

The Group has four local reserves on its doorstep, managed by the Wildlife Trust: the Plens; Tailby Meadow; Rothwell Gullet and Stoke End Quarter, which is part of the larger Stoke Wood. On an ad hoc basis members of the Group volunteer to carry out a variety of conservation tasks at these reserves.

Our regular indoor meetings provide an opportunity to find out more about wildlife species and the habitat that they live in. Coming up in February, we have a talk by Susannah Rhordan to tell us about the re-introduction of the Chequered Skipper butterfly in the Rockingham Forest Area, which is part of the "Back from the Brink" project.

When the idea Great Fen project came into being we heard about forming a "Living Landscape" for wildlife, joining together smaller reserves, taking in surrounding land and improving it for nature.

We operate within the area of the Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust, and endeavor to raise as much money as we can for its projects. Each summer we hold one major fund raising event, alternating between a Concert at Brampton Ash church, and Desborough Open Gardens. In 2019 it will be concert time; with Open Gardens returning in 2021.

Anyone with an interest in nature and the countryside will find lots to interest them in our programme and we are a very welcoming group – for more details contact either

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WHAT WEIGHT IS THE HEAVIEST BOWLING BALL?
- 2** WIN 2x STEELFEST TICKETS
HOW MANY MUSIC ARENA'S ARE AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL? WINNER ANNOUNCED 25/6/2019
- 3** WIN A CORBY RADIO GOODIE BAG
WHAT TENT ARE CORBY RADIO HOSTING AT THIS YEARS STEELFEST?
- 4** WIN A YEARS MEMBERSHIP
HOW LONG IS A TABLE TENNIS TABLE, FROM PLAY TO PLAYER?
- 5*** WIN TWO ENTRIES TO ROOMS AT CORBY OR NORTHAMPTON
WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE 'FORSAKEN' TRAPP'D ROOMS?
- 6*** WIN A FAMILY TICKET FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE
JUNE
On 14th June MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL is released. Previous incarnations of this franchise had Will Smith as J, but which film, due to be released in October this year, sees Will Smith playing against a younger version of himself?
- 7*** WIN A FAMILY TICKET FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE
JULY
On 19th July we see the release of the new version of THE LION KING. But who was the voice of Zazu the Hornbill in the 1994 original?
- 8*** WIN A FAMILY TICKET FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE
AUGUST
On 9th August the film adaptation of Eoin Colfer's book Artemis Fowl is released. Which 007 alumni has been lined up to play Commander Julius Root, the irritable leader of the LEP-recon?

*MONTHLY COMPETITION

focussed on Kettering Town Centre Partnership formed to help Kettering Town Centre

A business led group has formed to lead the Kettering Town Centre Partnership with a strong focus on the town centre.

The leadership team, formed at the end of January, was brought together by Kettering Business Network leader Simon Cox, solicitor Sarah Franklin of Sarah Franklin Solicitors, Alison Holland from BrightKidz, a social enterprise based in the Business Exchange, Donna French from Inspire to Change and high street retailer Davina Parkhouse from the Bean Hive.

Since then, the three further groups have been formed with the Retail & Business group meeting to discuss business related matters as well as the Transport & Community group which has a focus on transport links in and out of the town and bringing community leaders together to learn about each other and work together. The third group is the Town Centre Youth Partnership which is overseen by Simon Cox, Alison Holland and Zoe Martin which provides a youth voice for the town centre.

KTCP Chair Simon Cox said *"This is exciting for us all as we look to work with key partners in and around the town centre, local retailers, community groups and people who have a strong passion for the town centre."*

"We are working with the Town Centre Youth Partnership and Kettering Borough Council to help promote the Teenage Market this July as well as the Rotary Club of Kettering Tresham who organised a fantastic community litter pick recently."

"Another part of the Town Centre Partnership's role is to work with Kettering Borough Council to help provide a voice of local people. We've provided a Letter of Support for the Future High Street Funding Application which could see up to £25 million injected into the town centre from the Future High Streets Funding announced by the Government last November and we are also monitoring the Open Doors Project which has seen a vacant high street shop been made available to create a Community Hub in the town centre."

If you would like to know more about the Kettering Town Centre Partnership, then you can like the Facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/ketteringtcp



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Stewart McNeill



News/Sports Reporter & Presenter



Name: Stewart McNeill

Birthplace: Kettering
(like many of my generation!)

Describe yourself in 3 words:
Questioning, Thoughtful, Blokeish

Give us an interesting fact about yourself:

When I was very small the other kids were amazed by my reading skills for my age and would give me newspaper cuttings to read aloud... and what happened next?

What is your favourite song of all time and why?

I have very broad music tastes but as you have put me on the spot - "Columbia" by Oasis.

Describe your ideal night out/in:

Restaurant and cinema/watching quality TV.

What do you love about Corby?

The community feeling about the place and the generosity and charity that comes from that.

What is your favourite place in Corby?

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