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Closing date for applications is Friday 22 September 2017.

Interviews will take place in September/October with an anticipated start date in October/November 2017.

To apply, go to www.huntingdonfirst.co.uk/bidhuntingdon-town-ranger-vacancy-could-this-be-you.html
or email info@bidhuntingdon.co.uk for an application form.

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Anytime Fitness shapes up in Huntingdon

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Members will have access to exclusive classes, top class facilities, personal trainers and can use any of the thousands of Anytime facilities across the world.

Manager, Drew Davis, who has a degree in sports studies and sports therapy, said, "We're so excited as there's real demand for around-the-clock health and fitness; it's already clear by the number of membership applications that there's genuine interest in our opening."

For further details about joining Anytime Fitness call 01480 260247
Or visit
www.anytimefitness.co.uk/gyms/uk-0165/huntingdon-east-of-england-pe29-3nq/
www.facebook.com/anytimefitnessukhuntingdon

EVENTS DIARY

Looking for something to do or a local venue? www.huntingdonfirst.co.uk

September

1 **Introduction to the Alexander Technique** EngAGE Extra Huntingdon Library. £10. 2-4pm. 0345 045 5225

2 **Generations Dance Academy. Open Day** Discover dance. Free

2-14 **BIG Autumn Book Sale** Huntingdon Library. 0345 045 5225

2 **Meet local author Jane Menczer** Huntingdon Library. 10.30-12 noon. 0345 045 5225

6 **More Tea Vicar?** EngAGE in the Afternoon. Huntingdon Library. 1.30pm-3pm. 0345 045 5225

9 **Musical Story Time** Huntingdon Library. 10.30-12 noon. 0345 045 5225

20 **Creative Writing Workshop** Huntingdon Library. 10.30-12 noon. 0345 045 5225

22-23 **Rayban Sunglasses event** Harrold Opticians. 20% off sun-glasses or free single vision lenses

October

4 **Painting and Drawing Workshop with David Brown** Huntingdon Library. 10.30-4pm. 0345 045 5225

5 **The 21st Century Library** EngAGE in the Afternoon. Huntingdon Library. 1.30pm-3pm. 0345 045 5225

5 **Midweek Go Racing Race-day** Huntingdon Racecourse

7 **Chilli Fiesta** Town Hall, Huntingdon. 10.30am-5pm. See page 10

7 **Meditation and Mindfulness Course** Huntingdon Library. 10.30am-1pm. £15. 0345 045 5225

13 **Tea and Tablet Taster Session** Huntingdon Library. 2-4pm. 0345 045 5225

15 **Wedding Fair** Huntingdon Town Hall. 11am–3pm. 01480 411883

17 **Midweek Go Racing Raceday** Huntingdon Racecourse.

20-21 **Italia in Piazza** Italian Market returns to the Market Square, Huntingdon. See page 10

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Hello Halloween!

Tricks, Treats and some spooky facts

Origins

You would be forgiven for thinking that Halloween and the custom of trick or treating is an American import and, whilst the Americans have indeed created a holiday atmosphere surrounding Halloween, the origins actually date back to Pagan and Christian practises in the UK.

These have their origins in an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain meaning summer's end. The Celts believed this was the time when the veil between this world and the next was at its thinnest, allowing the spirits of the dead to move freely among the living.

Around the 8th century, the Christian church began to celebrate All Hallows' Day to honour saints and pray for souls who had not yet reached heaven. As they were looking to convert people to Christianity this date was set as 1 November in an attempt to accommodate the pagan practises.

The word Halloween comes from 'Hallowed evening' and is the day before All Hallows Day - also known as All Saints' Day.

So what's the pumpkin all about?

The carving of pumpkins also originates from the Samhain festival where turnips were carved to ward off spirits.

When Irish immigrants arrived in North America in the 1840s they couldn't find any turnips so instead used pumpkins to carve many a scary face.

By the 1920s pumpkin carving was widespread across America, and Halloween had become a big holiday.

Why do we dress up and go trick or treating?

During the festival of Samhain the Celts would dress in white with blackened faces to trick the evil spirits they thought were roaming the earth before All Saints' Day.

By the 11th century, the Church had adapted this into a tradition called 'souling', thought to be the origin of trick-or-treating. Children would dress as angels, demons or saints and call door to door asking for sweet soul cakes in exchange for praying for the souls of friends and relatives.

The 19th century saw souling give way to guising or mumming; the children no longer offered prayers but instead songs, poetry and jokes in exchange for fruit or money. The phrase trick-or-treat was first used in America in 1927 when guising gave way to threatening pranks in exchange for sweets.

Halloween has now become a widespread custom that revolves around children with costumes that have become more varied and adventurous.

Whether you decide to make an imaginative costume or go 'ready-made' then Huntingdon has all you need to turn your little monsters into, well, little monsters!

From costumes to decorations, face paint to masks, and not forgetting the all-important pumpkin, check out the following stores for ideas. Don't fancy carving a pumpkin? Then there are plastic ones to make life easier.

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Chilli Fiesta

Saturday 7 October
NEW venue: Town Hall, Market Square
10.30am – 5pm

Huntingdon is set to get a little hot under the collar with its fourth popular Chilli Fiesta. Organisers, Chilli Fest UK, are back for the Awesome Huntingdon Chilli Fiesta 2017. The event will host chilli producers from all over the UK exhibiting chilli products from mild to extreme hot sauces, dips, jams, cooking sauces and more including Naga Masala, Chilli Dips, Aunty Jee Pickles, Pizza Topping, Pimento, Chilli Cheese Man, Pieroth, Green Olive, Edible Ornaments, Thunder Road, Fallen Angel and Sun Wah Chilli Oils…and more besides!

Sue Bradshaw, BID Huntingdon Manager, explains, "The last three years' events have proved so popular that we're happy to host such a fun day again. People seem to like to test their heat taste buds but there are also some milder versions for more sensitive palates."

Alexander, from Chilli Fest UK, says, "There is something for everyone; from the curious to the enthusiast. There is plenty to taste and buy so bring your friends and family for a spicy day out. Admission is FREE."

Information about Chilli Fest UK is at www.chillifest.net

Italia in Piazza

Italian Food Market

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 October
Market Square, Huntingdon
9am – 5pm

A taste of Italy comes to Huntingdon when the ever popular Italia in Piazza returns to the Market Square for the seventh time, brought to you by Huntingdon First.

Browse lots of stalls selling mouth-watering authentic Italian fare. Choices include an array of cheeses, pasta, herbs, oils, creams, biscuits and yummy mouth-watering street food from Paninis to risotto rice balls and calzone.

Simon Faro, owner of Italia in Piazza says, "The market offers customers a truly Italian experience. All the quality produce you expect to find in Italy is brought to your doorstep by professional Italian stall holders who offer you great customer service and a vibrant atmosphere."

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