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Poulner Players presents The Wizard of Oz

Poulner Players will take its audience to a faraway land somewhere over the rainbow when it stages its sparkling production of The Wizard of Oz this spring half-term.

Based on L Frank Baum's timeless tale, this musical adaptation by John Kane was first performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company, and will delight fans of the 1939 film.

After a tornado strikes, Kansas orphan Dorothy is transported to the magical land of Oz, where she is pursued by a wicked witch, makes some lovable new friends, and embarks on a quest to find the mysterious wizard.

The show is directed by Becky North, who said: "The Wizard of Oz has enthralled audiences of all ages for decades. We're thrilled to perform this RSC version, which has all the songs and scenes you know and love from the movie version.

"It's ideal entertainment for the whole family, so spring half-term is the perfect time to bring this classic story to Ringwood. I hope everyone will join Dorothy on her spectacular adventure along the Yellow Brick Road, as she encounters a cast of endearing characters and learns that there's no place like home."

The show will help to support Abby's Heroes, a locally based charity which helps children and families affected by cancer.

The Wizard of Oz runs from 14-17 February

Show Times: 7.30pm; Two matinee performances on Thursday 15th & Saturday 17th.

Venue: The Scout Hall, 264 Southampton Road, Ringwood, BH24 1JQ.

Tickets: Visit poulnerplayers.com; Call 0333 666 3366 or purchase from Greyfriars Community Centre.

COMING SOON

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Congratulations - You Made It!!

January is officially behind us and we are motoring towards the spring. Whether you kept your resolutions, have already broken them or didn't make any at all, it's important to celebrate the small wins and live in the now. We celebrated by enjoying a trip out to the Cellar in Ringwood. Tucked on the corner of Friday's Cross the vibrant Cheese and Wine bar is well worth a visit. The staff are friendly and welcoming, with Teresa on hand to ensure that you pair the perfect wine with the perfect platter. Whether you're wanting to taste the array of cheeses and meats or just wanting a pre or post dinner drink, it's definitely a place to visit.

Ringwood school students celebrated their production of Billy Elliott, showing in The Barn. The new venue has an array of offerings for all the family, from screenings of Wonka, Elemental and

the Little Mermaid, to tribute bands, speakers and even a magic show! There is something for everyone and it's on your doorstep!

So whether it's achieving a goal, some good news, or just getting through January, make sure you take the time to celebrate your wins.

Darren and Naomi



Invisible Paintings Revealed to Antiques Club

At their meeting in January held at Greyfriars, members of Ringwood Antiques Club were let into the secret of how hidden pictures can be painted on the gilded page ends of prestigious books.

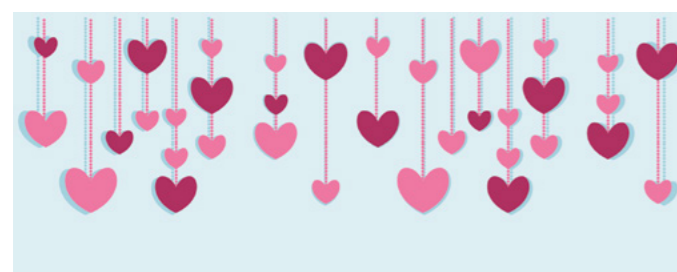
Artist/craftsman from Worthing, Martin Frost MBE, demonstrated how, by a technique known as Fore-edge painting, he is able to produce a hand-painted watercolour that only appears when the leaves of a book are fanned. Martin claims that he is now the only person in the world practising this art commercially.

Martin showed us many diverse examples of his work, including scenes from the Bible, the works of Shakespeare, heraldic symbols and the Scottish Highlands. Members left the evening amazed by his talent

Ringwood Antiques Club's next meeting is on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm at Greyfriars. The speaker Eileen Rawlings



will be giving a talk on 'Brownsea Island - Shakespearean Open Air Theatre'. Visitors are welcome, entrance fee £10.



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One of the Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency (RACE) projects and coordinated by Lindsay Andrews, the Community Fridge has been a huge success.

Lindsay explained "From small beginnings the fridge has expanded significantly over the past few years. The partnerships formed with local supermarkets and other community groups have been vital. Over the Christmas period our new outside larder built by Ringwood Men's Shed was put to great use as we received several tonnes of donations from our wonderful partners at Sainsburys, Waitrose and Lidl."

Part of the Hubbub network of fridges operating across the country, the Ringwood Community Fridge benefits from support and grants from Hubbub, local councillors and financial donations from members of the public. However, it is the amazing team of volunteers that venture out in all weathers to collect and manage the food that are key to the results. Pictured are some of the volunteers at a Sunday opening.

"I am so proud of our team and everything they have achieved" Lindsay added, going on to say "It never fails to impress me how they turn out to support each other with unexpectedly large donations or to cover during holidays and illnesses. Every single member of the team plays to their strengths, they are just amazing!"

Ringwood RACE Against Time which funds the fridge is a registered charity – charity number 1189272, more information can be found at www.raceagainsttime.org.uk or email ringwoodraceagainsttime@gmail.com

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Book launch: An Incomplete History of Ringwood Pubs

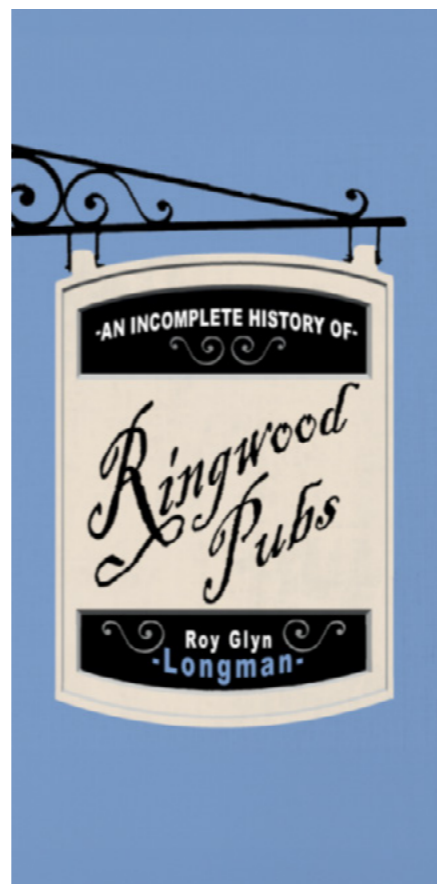
21 locations that were pubs before 1939 are described in this book which was the retirement project of Roy Glyn Longman who lived most of his life in Hampshire, or just over the border into Dorset. Over a period of about 20 years, while living at Ashley Heath, Roy spent many hours trawling through public records to identify the pubs' locations and the people who worked in them, up until the outbreak of the Second World War. 15 years after his death, his daughter Janet has compiled his findings into an A5 paperback: An Incomplete History of Ringwood Pubs, which was launched in Ringwood today (22nd January) - the centenary of his birth.

Aimed at a wide range of readers, the book is split into three parts. The first is a walking trail around Ringwood, printed in larger font so that there is no need for slightly older readers to don their reading

glasses! The second part details all the names, dates and snippets of information that Roy discovered during his research. Most of the pubs also have a list of unanswered questions. If anyone knows any of the answers Janet would love to hear from them! The final section gives a very brief overview of the pub industry and contains a glossary of any terms that are no longer used in everyday life, so no prior historical knowledge is needed. And for anyone with an interest in local family trees, nearly 300 surnames are listed in the index.

An Incomplete History of Ringwood Pubs by Roy Glyn Longman will be available from Ringwood Meeting House and History Centre and from The Lighthouse Cookshop in Ringwood's Market Place. Cover price is £9.50. Copies will also be available online through RingwoodPubs.co.uk

The book's editor and publisher, Janet Mobbs-Longman will be in the Meeting House from 10.30 to 11.30am on Monday 22nd January.



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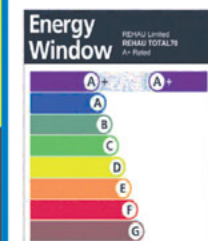
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The end of the current tax year is April 5th 2024. There are some tax changes coming up in 2024 which mean more consideration is needed in advance. Generally tax reliefs are being reduced and tax rates increased.

1-Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs):

There are no changes to the £20,000 allowance per adult (plus £9,000 for Junior ISAs). However for many years interest has been negligible on cash. That changed last year with rising interest rates and it's possible to earn between 4% and 5% accessible cash or fixed term cash bonds. Using your annual ISA allowance for either Cash ISAs or Stocks and Shares ISAs has become more important as any interest, dividends or capital gains are exempt from tax within an ISA. You will also be able to open an ISA with multiple providers and transfer between them more easily than in the past.

2-Capital Gains Tax:

The annual personal exemption is reducing from £6,000 to £3,000 in April 2024 (having been £12,300 in 2022). The Trust exemption is a maximum of 50% of these so also reduces accordingly. Utilising annual exemptions can be important to reduce potential future tax charges. It may also be worth reviewing investment portfolios and crystallising losses in certain scenarios.

3-Pension Contributions:

Making personal pension contributions can be very tax efficient. You obtain tax relief on the contribution at your marginal tax rate. In addition contributions can reduce your taxable income and can affect other allowances such as Child Benefit and your personal tax free allowance.

One of the criteria to receive Child Benefit without clawback as a result of the Child Benefit Tax Charge is that you or your partner's adjusted net income isn't above £50,000 per annum. If exceeded, a High Income Tax Charge is applied, meaning that Child Benefit is fully clawed back once income reaches £60,000.

The personal tax free allowance of £12,570 is tapered if adjusted net income exceeds £100,000. The effective tax rate for income between £100,000 and £125,140 is 60%!

Additional rate tax of 45% will be applied to earnings above £125,140.

Pension contributions reduce your adjusted net income so can be a powerful tool in reducing the tax you pay. The annual pension allowance for total pension funding is £60,000 although it is possible to go back 3 tax years and "carry-forward" unused allowances, subject to certain criteria. Personal tax-relievable contributions are limited to 100% of earnings or £3,600 or annum if more.

Finally, it is possible to make a pension contribution on behalf of another individual and the tax benefit will apply to that individual personally. So for example a retired parent who is a basic rate taxpayer could make a pension contribution for a working adult child who is a higher or additional rate taxpayer and the parent would make the payment net of basic rate tax relief and the adult child would receive any higher/additional tax relief, claiming this from HMRC.

4-Corporation Tax:

If you own a limited company corporation tax rates will remain at 19% for profits up to £50,000 and then 25% for profits in excess of £50,000. You should seek advice from your accountant regarding the effect this may have on your business and any required planning.

As you can see, it is important to keep up to date on tax changes and how they may impact your planning.

If you'd like to discuss your personal financial situation and planning, my colleagues Stewart Sims-Handcock, Harry Goodship and I are available for a free initial, no obligation chat.

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Renewable Energy source for the Rugby Club

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It is estimated that the savings on electrical costs for the Club will be approximately £3,000 a year. This is also a step towards the club's objective of being as 'green' as possible.

Smart Home Technical is able to offer advice to other organisations and householders on energy efficiency work and their services include:

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Simon Banks plays for Ellingham and Ringwood's 3rd XV and their veterans side, while his daughter plays in their girl's section. Smart Home Technical also support the club in a variety of other ways including paying for a pitch side signboard, sponsoring a set of girl's shirts, carrying out electrical work at the club and installing a big screen that members watch international matches on.

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Memoryworks Hampshire CIC is coming to Ringwood and Fordingbridge!

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From March onwards, on a Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 pm in the Greyfriars Community Centre, Elena Prieto-Ruiz will run group sessions to stimulate the brain and boost the confidence with the help of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST).

CST is a proven method that focuses on stimulating various cognitive functions through a range of activities and discussions. It can help to improve attention, problem-solving skills, and overall mental well-being. The group will give you support and guidance via experienced Dementia facilitators who have all been involved in looking after someone living with dementia. It will be an opportunity for carers to connect with others who share similar experiences.

Elena is an experienced social care professional who has managed day care service in the New Forest area for many years. She understands that carers can be at loss as to what to do when a loved one has been diagnosed with dementia. So, if you are looking for a supportive and interactive group for

your loved one, that allows them to thrive and build language skills and in turn their confidence contact Memoryworks today via hello@memoryworks or call Elena on 075 9050 3210. For more information about the stimulation therapy methods, go on www.memoryworks.org.uk information can be found at www.raceagainsttime.org.uk or email ringwoodraceagainsttime@gmail.com



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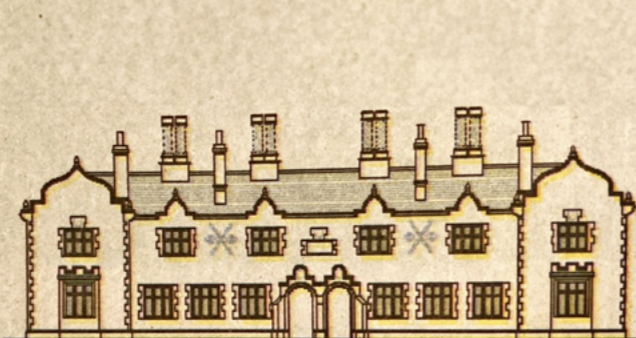
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**Fordingbridge Chorus
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The Fordingbridge Choral Society are holding a "Come & Sing" event on Saturday 2nd March at the Fordingbridge United Reformed Church in Salisbury St., from 2 - 5 pm. The costs are £5 for members and £12 for non members. Tickets are available from the Fordingbridge Bookshop in Salisbury St. or on line at ticketsource.co.uk/fordingbridgechoral and also available at the door. For more info please call the Secretary on 01425 656348. We will be singing excerpts from Rossini's wonderful "Petite Messe Solennelle" and Gjeilo's ethereal and haunting "Northern Lights". We will be under our Musical Director Nigel Edwards and piano accompaniment by Chris Dowie. There will be a Rehearsal - Tea refreshments (included in the ticket cost) - a Sing through, the latter to which your friends and family are warmly welcome to attend free of charge. Please come along and enjoy yourself, we'd love to welcome you.

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Live music returns to Ringwood Meeting House

A new series of concerts is beginning at Ringwood Meeting House. Every month there will be live music spanning jazz, blues and more.

First up are **Sarah Bolter and the Godsall Brothers** with an evening of jazz and funk, back by popular demand on **15th March**.

Sarah Bolter combines warm vocals with amazing skills on sax, clarinet and flute. The Godsall Brothers join Sarah with virtuosic guitar, bass, keyboards and drums in luminous arrangements, new songs and classics from the Great American songbook. Guaranteed to put a spring in any jazz fan's step.



Then on **19th April** we welcome **JazzMo**, a quartet of sax, clarinet, trumpet and guitar who play special arrangements of jazz and swing classics, always tuneful and uplifting!

Ringwood Meeting House has superb acoustics and a friendly atmosphere, with bar service and free parking close by. Tickets are available at the door for £8 and all events are on Friday evenings at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm.

Hope to see you at Ringwood Meeting House soon

Stephen Godsall, guitarist, composer



Ringwood Carnival - come and join us!

It may only be February, but the Carnival team's plans have had to start now to get organised ahead of Ringwood's headline event for 2024!

We're a volunteer group like no other. Our friendly team consists of all age ranges - from teenagers through to retirees, all with different backgrounds, skills and expertise.



And we don't just organise the Carnival event - we help other events, organisations and clubs in and around Ringwood throughout the year, while also raising funds for local charities and good causes.

A fun, caring group, we're not stuffy, we're very laid back and always open to new and exciting ideas new members bring with them!

Come and join in the fun - the Carnival team is welcome to all.

Find out more at the Ringwood Carnival AGM, Thursday 7th March at 7pm at Greyfriars Community Centre.



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Passed away peacefully at Oakhaven Hospice on 19th January after a short battle with cancer, aged only 53 years. Partner to Lorraine, son of Sue and Brian, brother of Carl and his wife Kim, loved by all who knew him. Please contact Diamond & Son of Lymington for details of funeral arrangements. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Oakhaven Hospice via <https://barryelder.muchloved.com>

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COMING SOON

We have some exciting developments coming throughout 2024, below is a taster of whats to come.

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ST. LEONARDS £1,750,000

Truly EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY HOME, Extensively REMODELLED TO AN INCREDIBLE STANDARD, Beautiful Grounds CLOSE TO 1 ACRE, 5 Bedrooms and 3 Bath/ Shower Rooms, STYLISH OPEN PLAN DESIGN, Heated POOL COMPLEX and 750 sq. ft WORKSHOP, Exclusive Location CLOSE TO FOREST, EXTENSIVE PARKING.



ST. LEONARDS £875k-£925k

ONE OF FOUR AVAILABLE - COMPLETION SPRING 2024 Stunning ARCHITECT DESIGNED Detached House, DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE and ESTABLISHED PLOT, Ground floor bedroom with En-suite, 4 Double Bedrooms, 3 SLEEK CONTEMPORARY BATH/SHOWER ROOMS, Fabulous OPEN PLAN Kitchen/Dining Room, SEPARATE LOUNGE, HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION.



HIGHTOWN G.P. £500,000

EXCEPTIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME, STYLISHLY REMODELLED THROUGHOUT, Incredibly POPULAR LOCATION, PRIVATE GARDEN, 3/4 BEDROOMS and 3 BATH/ SHOWER ROOMS, Spacious and Flexible Accommodation, Fantastic OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/DINING/DAY ROOM, Formal SEPARATE SITTING ROOM, Parking and Garage.



RINGWOOD OIEO £650,000

FABULOUS DETACHED BUNGALOW, Incredibly POPULAR LOCATION, EXTENSIVELY REMODELLED and SYMPATHETICALLY EXTENDED, 3 Double Bedrooms, 2 CONTEMPORARY STYLE BATH/SHOWER ROOMS, Fantastic OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/DINING/DAY ROOM, Plenty Of Parking and PRIVATE MANAGEABLE GARDEN, VIEWING ESSENTIAL.



RINGWOOD £475,000

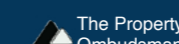
EXCEPTIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME, Fantastic Location Just 800 Yards From TOWN CENTRE, 3 Double Bedrooms, STYLISH NEW BATHROOM, Superb OPEN PLAN DESIGN, Lovely FITTED KITCHEN and Separate UTILITY, Mature PRIVATE GARDEN and Converted OFFICE/GYM, Viewing Essential.



RINGWOOD G.P. £450,000

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Cushion seat pad and covers available



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We also sell Kiln dried logs, kindling & hotties



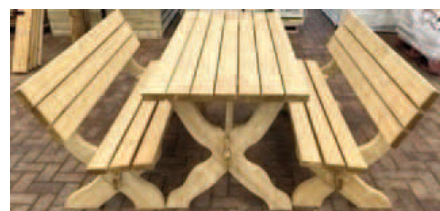
Zest Outdoor Kitchen £995



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