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Festival of Touch Rugby and Real Ale

Ellingham & Ringwood Rugby Club will be holding their festival of touch rugby and real ale at the Raymond Brown Memorial Ground again on Good Friday, which this year is on 29 March and they're hoping for fine weather.

The event is one of the town's largest annual events after the Ringwood Carnival and 24 touch rugby teams from across three counties will be competing in the day long tournament, cheered on by those attending the real ale festival.



Club President and

tournament organiser Steve Benson said: 'As well as being an amazing showcase for the sport, it's a great community event for the town. It's also a riot of colour, with players dressing up and teams return year after year just to enjoy the atmosphere.'

Entry to the ground is free for spectators and there are refreshments on offer including an impressive selection of real ale and cider to quench the thirst.'

He added, 'Thanks must go to all our volunteers and the generous sponsorship from many supporters and local businesses.'

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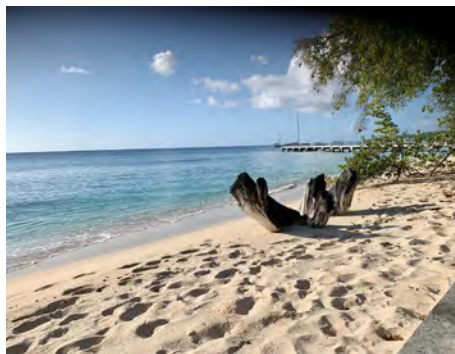
Life's a beach!

Many of us just keep going. Each day, especially in this weather, can feel like a constant slog. If you can just get through one day, maybe you'll make it to the next. And then the weekend comes, bringing slight relief so you can catch up on things because others will only work Monday to Friday. Then when you send that email on a Sunday afternoon and the recipient replies, you realise; we are all running on the same tread mill.

So what can we do to change the situation? Prince Harry recently talked about people not doing jobs that don't bring them happiness. The reality is for most of us our jobs are not about happiness or satisfaction, but about necessity, enabling us to feed, house and clothe our families.

When it all gets that little bit too much, remember to press the pause button. Much easier said than done, this simple thing can help in ensuring you are able to maintain focus and sanity.

We hear people regularly saying 'You can't pour from an empty cup'. In the last couple of months we have come to understand



exactly what this saying encompasses and realised we needed to press the pause button.

We took a trip to surprise some friends and the result, after the initial shock and distress of us gatecrashing their holiday, was some time to reflect, regroup and rest.

Never underestimate the importance of taking some time for yourselves, recognising people around you that need the support to be able to take some time off and helping them to make it happen.

Here's to better weather, longer days and full cups!

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Entry for Adults is £6, for Children 6-16 is £1 and for families (up to 5 people) is £12. As in previous years proceeds will go to Water Survival Box, a Rotary run charity which provides pre-prepared emergency water purification equipment in boxes filled with other emergency essentials which can be shipped as soon as disasters happen. Sadly disasters seem to arise only too frequently and our Rotary Club prefers to raise money in advance for pre-prepared help instead of collecting afterwards when help so often gets to the disaster country too late.

Our local model railway enthusiasts are stalwart supporters and 20 layouts will be exhibited as well as other attractions. Full details including pictures can be found at <http://www.fordingbridge-rotary.org.uk/fmr>. Our "Railway Café" will provide food all day including bacon baps, filled rolls and giant slices of home made cake. The Water Survival Box team will be joining us to show their boxes as well as to demonstrate the critical filter which can support a large family with safe water for a year or more.

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Following on from last weeks editorial here are the remaining two questions you should be asking yourself to protect yourself.

If you missed last weeks paper please visit rfnews.uk for previous issues.

Q3. Do you use the same password for different accounts?

Lots of people use the same password for multiple accounts, such as email, bank account and social media accounts. Less to remember, right? But imagine if a fraudster gets hold of that password. Now they can access all of their victim's online accounts.

How to reduce your risk

Choose a different password for each account. Too difficult to remember them all? You can keep track of passwords using a password manager, or by using 3 random words to make them more memorable.

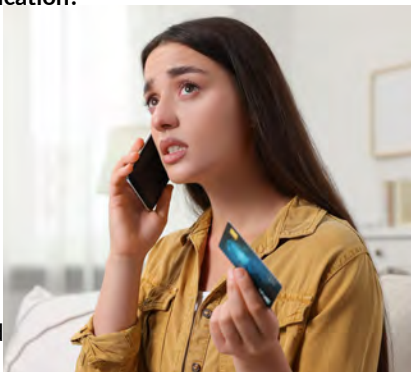
You should:

* never choose a password that features names, places and numbers that are personal to you

* choose a different password for each account that is strong and hard to guess but if you can't change them all at once, prioritise your email account

Q4. Do you use 2-step verification?

Even if someone has chosen strong and unique passwords for their email and bank accounts, there's always a risk – however small – that a fraudster could get hold of them. If they do, there's nothing to stop them accessing those accounts to steal money and other personal details.



How to reduce your risk

Set up 2-step verification (2SV) on your most important accounts, such as email and banking. 2SV works by asking for more information to prove your identity when you're logging into an online account. It's one of the most effective ways to protect your online accounts from criminals.

Visit <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/> for further advice.

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All proceeds are ploughed back into the club, helping to fund our activities promoting community sport in the town.

The first games kick off at 10.30am, with the last game scheduled to end at 4pm.

The event is always a festival of colour, with the Lycra clad teams dressed in anything from Lego characters to Vikings or Cops and Robbers.

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On Saturday 20th April, 65 pupils from Ringwood Juniors will be raising money for their school by running – or walking or wheeling – in the world-famous London Marathon.

They have been selected to join up to 10,000 children from schools across the UK taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon in the heart of the capital. 50 pupils will compete in a one-mile race, and 15 will take part in a 2.6km race.

As well as aiming to cross the iconic finish line to receive their TCS Mini London Marathon medal, the children are raising funds for Ringwood

Junior School's Big Build Project. Every child taking part is on a mission to raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship to put towards the building of a new multi-purpose pastoral facility in the school grounds.

As part of a whole school event, other RJS pupils will also be lacing up their trainers and running their own 2.7km race at Ringwood and Ellingham Rugby Club on Tuesday 16th April.

You can support the children's fundraising at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/rjs-mini-london-marathon>



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A Big Thank You to Local Super Heroes

Squirrels from the 1st Fordingbridge Scout Group would like to say thank you after they visited the Fordingbridge Fire Station on Monday 11th March assisted by volunteers and parents.

They got to see equipment, sit in the Fire Truck and even have a go at using the hose to the absolute delight of all, including one of the Young Leaders volunteering with us to complete his D OF E! To end the evening one of our newest recruits Kalliope got to make her Squirrel Scout Promise inside the Fire Station, a very special moment shared with her new friends!

Squirrels are the youngest section of Scouting, ages 4 - 6. The Fordingbridge Squirrels have been up and running since October last year and are always looking for new experiences and places to explore, our next big adventure will be a short trip on the X3 Bus as part of our "Explore Outdoors" badge! You can find more information about joining or volunteering with us at Fordingbridge here: <https://www.fordingbridgescouts.org.uk>

Fordingbridge fire station is a retained station (part time) With crews giving up their free time to be on call. As of the beginning of March Fordingbridge station are now also a community responder station. The Co-Responder car will be manned by their crews, who will respond to life threatening medical emergencies in collaboration with the local ambulance service, in Fordingbridge and the surrounding areas. This is a welcome addition to the station and to the community. The station are currently looking for more crew to join the amazing team (I know we have some squirrels ready for the future!) if this is something you are interested in please contact Shaun Lincoln at Shaun.lincoln@hantsfire.gov.uk



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Jan and Linda teamed up in December 2022 and they have won The English Nationals 2022 & 2023. The All England 2023 are the 2 highest ranking Tournaments in the Country.

They also recently won 2 Gold Tournaments Kent Open October 2023 & York Open February 2024.

So far not losing a match to anyone.

Linda was introduced to Badminton when attending Ringwood Secondary School at the age of 14 and played in local leagues for many years.

Gained her coaching badge and taught children aged 6-16 years and adults at Ringwood Health and Leisure Centre for nearly 2 decades.

Linda was introduced to Masters County Badminton at the age of 40 and represented Hampshire for 37 years. Competed in Spain, Poland, Scotland and South Korea, twice in the England Masters Team.

Since playing Masters she has won over 50 Tournaments across the UK with a number of different partners.

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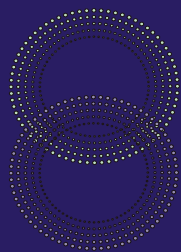
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In his seven section Requiem the French composer Gabriel Faure distilled some of the most beautiful melodies he ever composed.

The composer said of his work – ‘Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my requiem, which moreover is dominated by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest.’

It is a very popular requiem because of its peaceful nature. The Chamber Maids will be singing versions of all seven sections arranged for female voices.

The performance will be on Palm Sunday – 24th March at 7.30pm.

There will be no tickets but a retiring collection.

If you miss this performance there is another opportunity to see and hear in Brockenhurst. The ‘Maids’ will be joining with Brockenhurst’s Friday Girls

for a concert at St Saviours church on Saturday 13th April.

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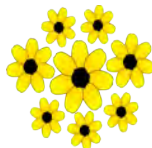
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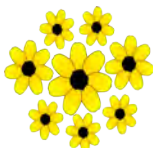
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Eileen Rawlings gave an interesting & amusing talk & her whole family have been involed in productions since the beginning. This Summer Macbeth is the play of choice, performed daily from July 24th to 9th of August. It will be fun to take the boat from Poole & explore the Island prior to the performance.

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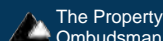
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