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The town of Ringwood gathered in huge numbers at the War Memoral Gardens on June 6, 2024, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day

landings. This solemn occasion was marked by the lighting of a new town beacon and a heartfelt reading of the International Tribute, beginning with the poignant words: "Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today."

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For example, Connect could scan the Registry to see you've purchased a second property and subsequently review the likes of Zoopla and RightMove to see whether the same property has been

advertised for rent. It could also look at sites like AirBnB to see whether it have been offered as a holiday let. If prompting disclosure of rental things didn't add up, the system could then start examining your financial records to see whether you've started receiving potential rent payments.

> In other words, as soon as the system has one transaction to work from - the purchase of a second home - it instantly cross references that with a huge number of other data points and could then lead it to flag up an individual's tax affairs.

> Fortunately HMRC have confirmed that other factors also weigh into the decision to open an investigation as automated systems often flag false positives too.

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EDITOR

Teamwork makes the Dreamwork

In today's interconnected world, the importance of teamwork cannot be overstated. Whether in business, sports or any collaborative effort, teamwork is often the key driver behind achieving extraordinary results. It brings together diverse perspectives, harnesses collective strengths, and fosters an environment where creativity and innovation can thrive.

We are both accutely aware of the importance of teamwork and recognisign successes. Between us we have a number of different ventures that would not be able to function without the support of others.

In the last issue we introduced you to Rae Frederick, who deals with advertising. Rae's latest achievement was being officially appointed the Mayor of Ringwood. We wanted to personally extend our congratualations to Rae. Her dedication and enthusiasm for the role is second to none and we look forward to showcasing her achievements in the future.

As well as Rae, Darren is also supported by an amazing team at Brightwater Estate Agency. This weekend, it was the annual Dragon Boat Race at Poole Park, hosted by the Stables Family Trust. Once again,



Jo, Amelia, Jenny and Izzy picked up an oar and rowed their socks off to raise money for a fabulous cause. Supported by Katie Lloyd Coaching from the Loose Connections Networking Group and Rachel Murphy from Loose Legal, it was great to see everyone working together and having fun. Here's looking forward to the Pedal Car Grand Prix!

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New Forest District Council reminds residents about new rules for voting in elections ahead of General Election.

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The council, responsible for running the General Election for the New Forest East and New Forest West constituencies, is also urging postal voters to return their vote in the correct way or risk it being rejected.

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There are over 20 types of valid ID including passports, driving

licences (including provisional), Older or Disabled Person's bus passes, and Oyster 60+cards. The full list is on the council's website. People without any of the acceptable forms of ID, can apply for a free Voter Authority

General Election, before the deadline of 5pm on 26 June. In addition to the voter ID requirements, there have been changes to the national regulations for returning postal votes, including that postal votes put into letterboxes at council offices must be rejected, and the vote will not be counted.

NFDC advises the easiest way to ensure a postal vote is counted, is to return it using Royal Mail. This can be by putting it into a post box, handing it in at a post office, or getting it collected by the Royal Mail collection service.

There is also a limit on how many postal votes can be handed in of 5. in addition to a voter's own.

Postal votes can be returned to NFDC information offices during opening hours if a required form provided by the office is also completed with a member of staff. Postal votes can also be handed in at designated polling stations on polling day (7 am to 10pm Thursday 4 July), and the staff there will be authorised to complete the form required with the person handing them in.

For more information about taking part in the General Election, please visit the New Forest District Council website and follow the home page link.

https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/902/General-election-UK-Parliamentary-4-July-2024

Key dates for the General Election (UK Parliamentary) on Thursday 4 July:

Registering to vote deadline is Tuesday 18 June Applying for a postal vote deadline is Wednesday 19 June, 5pm Voter Authority Certificate application deadline is Wednesday 26 June, 5pm

Applying to vote by proxy deadline is Wednesday 26 June, 5pm Emergency proxy deadline is Thursday 4 July, 5pm





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The tribute was delivered by Town Mayor, Ringwood Town Councillor Rae Frederick, who reflected on the significance of the event, stating, "This evening has been a fitting tribute to D-Day 80 – dignified, reflective, and an opportunity to express our gratitude to those who gave their lives, so we could have the freedoms we enjoy."

Ringwood Town Council, the organizer of this memorable event, extends their heartfelt thanks to all attendees and the local organisations that supported the commemoration. Special thanks go to the Ringwood and Burley Band and Greyfriars Community Centre for their invaluable contribution on the evening.

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Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan

REFERENDUM

4 July 2024



Here is a summary to help you understand what you are voting on:

The Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan will set the standards for future development in the town – it contains policies that must be taken into account when deciding planning applications and will ensure that new development is suitable, sustainable, in character and of high-quality design. It has been drawn up by a working party of interested local residents and Councillors, and has been through consultation stages with the public and the District and National Park planning authorities.

KEY POINTS

Housing – The Plan supports a community where everyone can find a place to call home. It prioritises smaller, affordable houses, ensuring that Ringwood remains accessible to all residents.

Energy Efficiency – The Plan champions sustainability and includes energy efficiency standards to reduce our carbon footprint.

Preserving Character – Ringwood's charm lies in its unique character. The Design Code within the Plan ensures that any new development maintains our town's distinct identity while adhering to high-quality standards.

Environment – The Plan designates a Green Infrastructure and Nature Recovery Network and promotes biodiversity and improvements to green spaces. It also encourages active and healthy travel and identifies opportunities for improvements to walking and cycling routes.

Town Centre – The Plan supports a successful and prosperous town centre and promotes regeneration opportunities to deliver retail, cultural, environmental and business investment.

Funding for Local Projects – If successful, the Town Council's share of the Community Infrastructure Levy will increase from 15% to 25%, providing additional funds for vital Ringwood-specific projects.

The Referendum Question:

Residents will be asked a straightforward yet impactful question: "Do you want New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Ringwood to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?"

How Your Vote Matters:

Your voice matters. By participating in the Referendum, you're shaping the future of Ringwood. Whether you're a long-time resident or a newcomer, your vote counts. More details of the Plan policies and supporting evidence can be found by using the internet link: https://www.newforest.gov.uk/ringwoodplan



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Jon Ingham, Chairman of the Friends of Fordingbridge Museum, said, "Roger Burfitt will be returning by popular request after his outstanding talk about Railways of the New Forest last year. The talk is aimed at people who love the Forest and would like to know more about it. It will also be of great interest to newcomers to the area who might like to learn about the great national asset that we have on our doorstep."

Roger Burfitt said, "The aim of the talk is to remind people what a special place the New Forest is and why it continues to need all the friends it can get. I will cover the history of the Forest, the landscape, the wildlife, the work that goes on in it and the people who sustain it. I will also look to the future of the Forest and the work that is being done to recover lost landscapes."

The talk is at Avonway Community Centre in Fordingbridge. It

starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 to include light refreshments.

Tickets are available from Fordingbridge Bookshop, Fordingbridge Museum or www.ticketsource. co.uk



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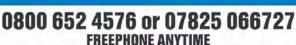






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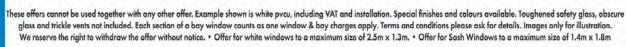


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ages, diverse backgrounds and from all over the UK was amazing.

Big Church is a gathering of Christian musicians, singers and performers of a wide variety of genre, suitable for all tastes, as well as providing lots of activities to keep children entertained. It is also great that you can choose to buy food/drink from a vendor or just take your own in with you.

There is the option to camp with your own tent, caravan, go glamping or even as some of us oldies do, book a B&B in the local area.

2025 promises to be even bigger and better as it will be held over the August Bank Holiday for three days

For any further information, check out the website at www.bigchurchfestival.com, contact local churches – the Parish Church in Ringwood or Poulner Baptist Chapel or even myself – Anne Melrose on 07550 089967



Nestled in the heart of our charming town, Ringwood's High Street beckons with an array of delightful independent shops, each offering a unique and unforgettable experience. From quaint boutiques brimming with one-of-a-kind treasures to artisanal bakeries filling the air with tantalising aromas, our High Street is a true gem waiting to be explored.

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Embrace the charm of our independent shops and experience the beating heart of Ringwood. Join us on a delightful journey through our beloved High Street and discover the true essence of our community's spirit. We eagerly await your visit!

Florence the Hedgehog Champion

Florence Woodger, age 8, was travelling to music practice one evening last autumn and spotted a small hedgehog crossing Northfield Road in Ringwood.

By the time she and her mum managed to turn the car around the hedgehog had been run over. Florence could have just been upset and done nothing about it, but instead she wrote to the then Town Mayor, Gareth DeBoos, who invited her to address a meeting of Ringwood Town Full Council. This she bravely did in November, and she wondered whether anything would happen!

To her surprise a few weeks ago she was presented with a sign to put up in her front garden. The sign, funded by Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency (RACE) was dropped off by Gareth and his wife Mary to Florence's delight, she declared 'I am really happy, grown-ups should listen to children more'.

Florence's mum Laura said 'I'm so proud of her for taking action and speaking out on something she feels passionate about. Children often see things that others miss, and it is so important to listen to their views and thoughts. The fact that Ringwood Town Council not only listened but through their connections to RACE responded to Florence's concerns is fantastic and sends a great message to children that they can make a difference.'

Pictured is Florence with her sign.

Laura went on to explain 'We are pleased to see that a survey of the hedgehogs in Ringwood is being run so that hotspots for unfortunate fatalities can be identified for more signage next year. We

would urge everyone who sees a hedgehog (alive or dead) to complete the survey at https://www. raceagainsttime.org.uk/ what-is-happening/. The British Hedgehog **Preservation Society** and the People's trust for endangered species (Ptes) reported in 2022 that "Hedgehogs in Britain have undergone a long historic decline, but differences between urban and rural populations are becoming increasingly apparent. In urban areas, the picture is of a stable population that might be recovering, highlighting the importance of gardens and green spaces, and local



action, in ensuring a future for hedgehogs." This action by Florence is exactly the sort of thing that is needed to ensure we all have the opportunity to see hedgehogs in the future.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Michael Thierry

l<u>s</u>cal Councillor and foruer owner of Ringwood & Fordingbridge NEWS

Family: Married, 3 adult children Hobbies: Creative receational writing If you could change one thing to Ringwood what would it be? Move A31 so it does not divide Ringwood

Which 3 people would you invite for dinner, dead or alive?

Detective Jane Marple
Detective Hercule Poirot
Author Agatha Christie

If you could have any job for a year, what would it be?

Orchestral Conductor - (1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky - An unfulfilled wish!)

Any advice for our younger readers?

Be true to yourself!

What would be your Superpower?

Never wanted any superpower. I try to make the best of what I've got!

24 hours - no food or no sleep?

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Last Supper?

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A new chapter for the Hair Business

After fifty years in hairdressing and forty years owning and running the Hair Business, on Friday 31st May, Mark is hanging up his scissors and retiring!

Mark trained as a hairdresser at Salisbury Art College. He left college with his City and Guilds in hairdressing in 1976. He worked for Raymond in Southampton, Birmingham, Bournemouth and was their youngest ever Salon Manager in Windsor. With a fast growing reputation in managing big-named salons, the offers began to tempt Mark, who chose to relocate to Ringwood and settle with his growing family. He went on to manage two further salons in Bournemouth.

At an impressionable age, Mark had seen his grandparents and uncle being successful hairdressers in Salisbury. In 1984 Mark decided it was time to realise his career long ambition to open up his own hairdressing business and in September of that year The Hair Business in Ringwood opened its doors for the first time.

Mark has always been so proud of the teams that have supported him overthe years.

In February 2006 Mark's daughter Claire, who had completed her apprenticeship with the Scissors group in the Bournemouth salon, joined the Hair Buisness as a stylist. For the past eighteen years, with Claire as the salon's creative director, the two of them have worked together striving to provide their clients with a friendly, professional service, specialising in expert cutting and creative, skillful colouring techniques.

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Have a clear out? Your rubbish could be someone else's treasure!

On Sunday 16th June there is the opportunity to join in the Ringwood & Area Kerbside Freecycle.

Lindsay Andrews, from Greening Ringwood and Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency said "I'm looking forward to the things I no longer need finding new homes. It's very simple, you just put out your unwanted items on your drive and people can collect anything they want. Old plant pots, vases, bikes, clothes, toys, anything that someone else might use or need."

This will be the 2nd year for this event in Ringwood and it is timed to be part of the National Great Big Green Week organised by the Climate Coalition.

Lindsay went on to explain "To join in simply email us or complete the form via the QR code and your address will be added to the map. This map will be available on-line so anyone can find the places taking part. If you don't have a drive of your own why not share with neighbours or friends who do?"

To sign up to take part please email: greeningringwood@gmail.com





Fordingbridge Stroke Club



The above photo shows the official presentation of a defibrillator from Fordingbridge Stroke Club to the town and with the kind permission of the late Malcolm Adams, it has been placed outside Caxton Decor.

From the left- Jackie Lockyer (Caxtons), Helen Tague, Margaret Ireland & Jean Loader, Stroke Club.





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Access free training with New Forest HEAT project

New Forest community group, New Forest Transition CIC, is excited to have just received grants totalling £40k. The funds are coming via partner organisations New Forest District Council and Community Energy South, and include a major contribution from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

This funding will enable New Forest Transition's newly-formed HEAT project (Home Energy Advice Team) to deliver an energy saving advice campaign right across the New Forest. This will ensure that as many local residents as possible receive information on how to reduce their energy usage and costs.

This coming autumn and winter, the HEAT project will be providing an energy skills training programme, free of charge to anyone who wants to be part of the project's energy advice volunteer force and who also lives or works in or close to the New Forest. The project's trained volunteers will then be delivering energy advice and thermal-imaging surveys directly to New Forest communities. This will be primarily through home visits, but also through local energy events at village halls.



New Forest Transition also want to recruit part-time paid team members to organise and implement the HEAT project's training campaign, its neighbourhood energy advice service and thermal-imaging service, and its energy events calendar.

New Forest Transition director Jonathan Blease said, "New Forest Transition are very grateful to be receiving this grant to expand the work we have been doing through our Schools Energy Project since 2012, and informally since New Forest Transition began in 2008. This will make a significant difference to the number of New Forest homes and communities we can now reach to assist and support them with saving energy".

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Ringwood Community Fridge is 3 years old

Ringwood Community Fridge is now celebrating its 3rd birthday. A Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency (RACE) project coordinated by Lindsay Andrews, the fridge is one of over 500 that form the National Hubbub Community Fridge Network. It is based in Ringwood Library and aims to save food from waste, thus helping to reduce our carbon footprint. With over 100 tonnes of food saved since it opened it has been a huge success.

Pictured are some of the volunteers and Library Staff at the fridge's birthday party.

The fridges, freezers and outside community larder are run entirely by volunteers. Lindsay Andrews, the fridge co-ordinator explained "Our volunteers do such an amazing job. They work together wonderfully as a team, going out to collect and process donations from local supermarkets in all weathers and often at 9 or 10pm. I am so proud to be part of this team!"

Nakita Baskerville who has been a volunteer since the beginning said "From small beginnings with a couple of donations a week, the fridge has expanded significantly. We have seen new volunteers join and more and more donations from our lovely local supermarkets and shops. It has been a joy to be part of this journey and we look forward to many more years of saving waste and helping the community."

Keeping the fridge going costs around £1,000 a year for cleaning products, electricity, insurance, replacement fridges and storage containers. Recent sponsorship from COMAX UK provides free cleaning products but our charity still pays around £750 a year to keep everything going.

"We would like everyone to be part of this 3rd birthday celebration, and to be with us for many more birthdays! As part of our fundraising, we hope that the wonderful community of Ringwood will join

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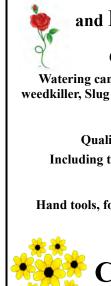






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us in the Library on Saturday 15th June from 10.30 to 12.00 for a piece of homemade cake and a cup of tea/coffee in return for a small donation to the fridge. As an extra challenge we are looking for people to make the cakes by using at least 2 ingredients they have received from the fridge. If anyone fancies taking on this challenge do let us know." Nakita added.

Lindsay went on to say "New volunteers are always welcome. If anyone has a few hours to spare and would like to help with our evening collections please get in touch with us, we would love the help."

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What's on in June 2024

1 June - Ringpex Stamp & Post Card Fair - 10am-4pm Free entry on the day, with a Penny Black Raffle!

6 June - Ringwood D-day 80th Anniversary from 6.30pm Ringwood & Burley Band will perform before the lighting of the beacon in the Memorial Gardens at 9.15pm.

8 June - Repair Café

We are logging repairs now. Contact us on ringwoodrepairce/eulomemail.com

8 June - Ringwood Arts Society Plein Air - 10am-2pm Members and non-members will be welcome. Judging is at 2.30, there will be a small prize if you wish to enter and share your work.

15 June - Ringwood & Fordingbridge Labour Women's Group 10,45am,

They meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Greyfriars.

20 June - Greyfriars AGM - 2pm

Please join us to hear more about how Greyfrians supports the local community.

27 June - Friends of Greyfriars AGM - 7.30pm Anyone can join 'Friends of Greyfriars', pop into Reception for more details.

29 June - Travelling Trends Fashion Show, doors open 2pm prompt!

We will be modelling the latest high-street fashion trends; you might snag a few bargains. Tickets £5 from Greyfriars.

Talk at the Meeting House

Hampshire Genealogical Society continue their summer program in Ringwood Meeting House on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm with a talk by Ringwood Historian Mary Baldwin called the Magnet of the Cod.

There's fishy gold in them there seas!"

Learn about the importance of the Newfoundland cod trade to the Ringwood and Dorset economy during the 18th century. Local historian Mary Baldwin will describe the lives of some of the Ringwood merchants who made (and lost!) their fortunes supplying the cod-fishers. She'll share the stories of the men who went out from Ringwood to Newfoundland, some to stay forever and others who returned

Mary's talks are always interesting and visitors are welcome.

WHATS ON









Join STARF week from 10th to 17th June 2024

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A Poulner Players Into the Spotlight

Poulner Players stepped back Into the Spotlight at the end of May with an all-singing, all-dancing cabaret show.

A large ensemble cast took to the stage at 1st Poulner Scout Hall to perform Disney favourites, West End showstoppers, and even a couple of classic scenes from theatre-based comedies.

And, in a twist from the usual format, audiences were invited to bring their own food and enjoy drinks from the bar during the performances, for a full table-set cabaret experience.

The show was the brainchild of Poulner Players member Danielle Morris, who joined forces with Becky North to co-direct proceedings.

Danielle said: "Unfortunately, it proved impossible to cast our original production, so we were left with a gap in the schedule and very little time to fill it. Somehow, we managed to put Into the Spotlight together and rehearse it in just five weeks. It seemed more like Mission Impossible at the beginning, but the reactions of our sell-out audiences prove it was a smash hit. The cast and crew really stepped up, and audiences got to see just some of the enormous talent there is in the group – especially among our junior



"Canzona Brass join with Fordingbridge Choral Society in a feast of showtime music on 29th June . Formed by its leader Tony Waller in 2017, their repertoire ranges from Monteverdi to Abba, thus playing most genres of music. Its members all wrk with leading orchestras including London Philharmonic, BBC Philharmonic, BBC Big Band, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and notably the Syd Lawrence Orchestra.

Together with Fordingbridge Choral Society(under the direction of Nigel Edwards) will be Alicia Wallace- Goulbourne(soprano), Jack Campbell(piano) and Chris Davis (drums) so you can look forward to an exhilarating & foot-tapping Concert of showtime music, including Lullaby of Broadway, It Don't Mean a Thing, Cabaret, The Man That Got Away and much loved tunes from Les Miserables, My Fair Lady, South Pacific and The Sound of Music, as well as favourite songs from Gilbert & Sullivan.

The Concert is being held at St Mary's Church in Fordingbridge on Saturday 29th June starting at 7pm as part of St Mary's Church Midsummer Music Festival. Tickets are £12.50 in advance or £15 at the door with free entry for under 18's. A bar is available in the interval. Tickets are available through ticketsource.co.uk/fording-bridgechoral or at the Fordingbridge Bookshop in Salisbury Street. For more information please ring the Secretary on 01425 656348

or facebook.com/ fordingbridgechoralsociety or www. fordingbridgechoral.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there to enjoy a wonderful musical evening in the splendid Church setting with its super acoustics on a balmy Summer evening."





members."

Three performances were staged from May 30 to June 1, with a matinee on the Saturday giving younger people a chance to enjoy the show. A donation from the proceeds will be made to Ellingham & Ringwood Rugby club in memory of Steve Benson Poulner Players' next production will be the February musical – first details are expected to be revealed at the group's AGM later this month.

For more details about Poulner Players, and to find out how to join the group, visit poulnerplayers.com/contact

Forres Sandle Manor Year 2 Win the Prestigious David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Global Canvas - Children's Wildlife Art Competition

Year 2 pupils at Forres Sandle Manor have clinched first place in the prestigious David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Global Canvas - Children's Wildlife Art Competition.

Their compelling artwork, which vividly showcases the plight of species listed on the endangered "red list," stood out among over 4,000 entries from schools worldwide. This year's theme was "The Barometer of Life."

Building on last year's success where they secured third place, our pupils this time topped the competition, with a school from Pakistan finishing second. Their distinctive and compelling artwork not only captured the judges' attention but also underscored their deep understanding and commitment to biodiversity and the conservation of endangered species.

Mrs. Dixon-Clarke, their teacher and our Head of Art, expressed her delight: "I am overjoyed at this win. The children put in tremendous effort and effectively highlighted the critical importance of the red list. Their work poignantly illustrates how the loss of these species impacts many other forms of life. Well done to everyone

involved!"
This achievement is a testament to the creativity, dedication, and environmental awareness of our Year 2 pupils.



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- 4. Pick Your Moment Schedule a private meeting with your manager to discuss your resignation. Avoid office gossip to maintain professionalism and your reputation.
- 5. Plan for Transition Prepare a transition plan to ease the process. Be ready to hand over responsibilities and train replacements if necessary. Stay professional to maintain a good reputation.
- 6. Time to Say Goodbye Maintain professionalism during your departure. Avoid airing grievances during any farewell events to preserve the positive relationships you've built.

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HISTORY & NEWS

Memories of Ringwood Railway



After many months of preparation, The Ringwood Society announces the premiere of their 'Memories of Ringwood Railway' exhibition at Greyfriars Community Centre.

On Friday June 21st between 7.30pm and 9pm there will be a private, members only showing for Society members. This will be followed on Saturday 22nd June, between 9am and 1pm, when the exhibition will be open free of charge to all. Following this pilot exhibition at Greyfriars, the full exhibition will run from Monday 1st July to Friday 2nd August in the Ringwood Meeting House and History Centre.

We welcome everyone to come along to see photographs, memorabilia and displays about 'Castleman's Corkscrew' railway, an important part of Ringwood's history for well over a hundred years. Featured will be newly filmed footage of local people who can remember the railway, providing memories to be kept for generations to come.

New Changing Places toilets open in Brockenhurst and Ringwood New Forest

We have installed new Changing Places toilets in Brockenhurst and Ringwood.

The new Changing Places toilets will ensure that disabled people, as well as their families and caregivers, have access to suitable facilities while living in and visiting the New Forest.

The new toilets feature a range of amenities, including height-adjustable changing benches, hoists, adjustable sinks, and additional space for wheelchair users, and can be accessed at any time using a RADAR key.

Cllr Geoffrey Blunden, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, said: "The installation of new Changing Places toilets in Ringwood and Brockenhurst shows our ongoing commitment to creating and maintaining an inclusive district, where everyone can enjoy spending time in the New Forest. We're also very grateful to have worked together with charity Hadley's Heroes, who has provided us with invaluable advice when designing and installing these facilities."

In Ringwood, the Changing Places toilet has been installed in The Furlong short stay car park, opposite the main toilet block. In Brockenhurst, the toilet has been installed within the existing toilet block in the car park. These new facilities add to the existing Changing Places toilets available in the district, which are in Barton on Sea, Lymington, Milford on Sea, and New Milton.

We have been provided with £208,000 in funding from the Govern-

The exhibition was made possible through a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and features newly filmed footage of local people who remember the railway. The grant terms mean the Society is offering a viewing for National Lottery ticket holders only between 1pm to 5pm on Saturday 22nd June, at Greyfriars.

Joe Moorhouse, Chairman of The Ringwood Society explained, "We are delighted to have videos that were filmed by students from Ringwood School under the guidance of Jay Cox of Fizeek Media. These really bring to life what the railway was like and include some interesting and funny memories from those involved." Joe went on to say "There is something for everyone and we hope that by opening on Saturday afternoons more local people together with tourists will be able to attend and also take the opportunity to look at the model of the railway station upstairs."

For more details about the project, please visit The Ringwood Society website at:

www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk/projects/memories-of-ringwood-railway or contact us by emailing info@ringwoodsociety.org.uk

The Ringwood Society was founded in 1962 and aims to protect Ringwood's unique character. They believe that good quality design which reflects the town can enhance its history and provide a 21st century town of which we can all be proud. They also encourage people to explore the town through the use of the Town Trail that is available in many cafes and bars as well as on-line.



ment's Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities to install the Changing Places toilets.

A list of our public toilets and current disabled facilities are available at https://newforest.gov.uk/article/2846/Public-toilets More information:

Changing Places toilets are specifically designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities who require additional space and equipment. More information can be found on the Changing Places website: https://www.changing-places.org

RADAR keys are used to access disabled toilets. If residents are registered disabled, these keys can be obtained free of charge from our information offices. Alternatively, they can call customer services on 023 8028 5000 or email customer.services@nfdc.gov. uk for more information.

A list of our information offices is available at https://newforest. gov.uk/article/1163/Information-offices



Homeless Appeal



Following a recent meeting with Major Jamie Hill of the Winton based branch of the Salvation Army, Jock McMaster & Jon Grant have been asked whether it would be possible to ask the townsfolk of Ringwood, Fordingbridge and the surrounding areas for their urgent support.

There are a number of homeless people, locally, who are in immediate need of specific items which include sweatshirts, jogging bottoms, t-shirts, polo shirts, hoodies, jeans & trainers (men's size 8-11).

Jon's estate agency office (Grants of Ringwood based in the Furlong Centre in Ringwood) is the drop off point and your generosity would be most welcome.

Thank you in anticipation.

AVON WI

For Avon WI, the month of May has seen not only our Annual Meeting on the 14th but also our fund raising Coffee Morning event on the 24th.

The Annual Meeting was well attended and in the Secretary's Report Members were reminded of the varied and interesting topics our Speakers had covered throughout the year plus the many social activities we had enjoyed, including the lovely open top bus trip through the New Forest in August and our Activity Day in October which proved very popular.

Our ordinary May business meeting followed directly and on conclusion our guest Speaker, Wendy Dooley, gave her talk entitled "Does Madam measure up?". Wendy trained under the famous Berlei brand as a fitter in lingerie when department stores boasted such facilities. Wendy's experiences and plain facts made her talk both frank and amusing and was much enjoyed by all.

Our fund raising Coffee Morning with books and bric-a-brac on sale attracted plenty of support and proved a most pleasant social occasion at a Member's house and garden. Many thanks were expressed to her for all her hard work and kind hospitality in helping to make the event successful.

Avon WI is based in Fordingbridge and meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon at the Hall of the Roman Catholic Church, Salisbury Road. Visitors are always welcome.

Any enquiries: 07500 597570



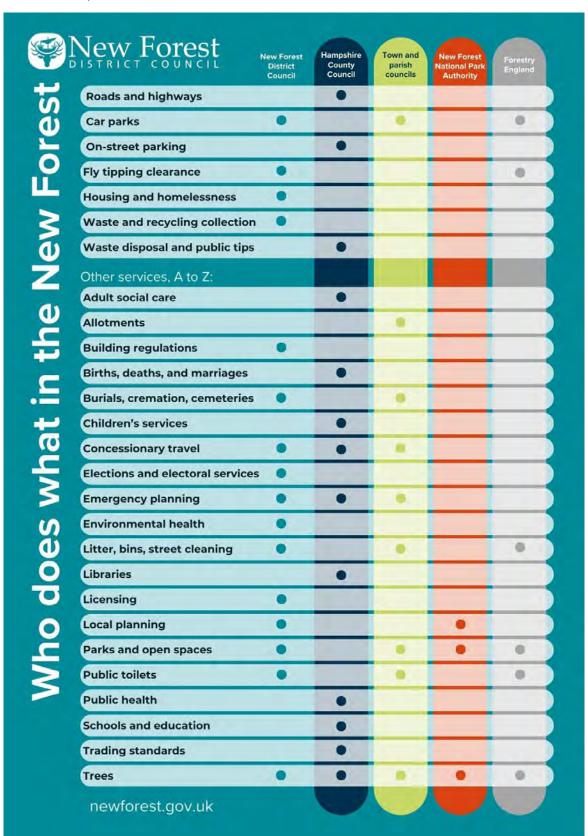
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A list is also provided below as an alternative format. In the New Forest, there are three tiers of local government.

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BEREAVEMENTS & SMALL ADS

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

WITHEY

Dr John Sandford

Died peacefully surrounded by his family on 19th May 2024 aged 92. Devoted Husband of the late Joan (nee North). Much loved Brother to Margaret and adored Father of Simon, Richard, Caroline and Sarah. Loved beyond words by his Grandsons Hector, Monty and Lorcan. John will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's & All Saints Church, Ellingham on Friday 28th June at 2.00pm. Family flowers only thank you, but donations if desired, for either Parkinson's UK or University Hospitals Dorset NHS Chairty (the Stroke Unit, Bournemouth) in memory of John, these can be made online www.tapperfuneralservice. co.uk or cheques may be sent to Barrow & Tapper 29a, Southampton Road, Ringwood BH24 1HB (01425 472104)

GREEN Stephen William (Steve)

Passed away peacefully on Saturday 25th May 2024 at Oakdene Care Home, Three Legged Cross, formerly of Cross Lanes Farm, Ibsley and Fair Acres, North Gorley, aged 91 years. Reunited with his Wife Margaret, loving Father of Richard, Andrew, Susie, son-in-law Rod, seven Grandchildren and Five Great-Grandchildren. Funeral Service to be held at Salisbury Crematorium on Thursday 27th June at 11am, all are welcome. Family flowers only thank you, donations if desired for Parkinsons UK (New Forest Branch) may be made online at www. tapperfuneralservice.co.uk or cheques may be sent to Barrow & Tapper 29a Southampton Road, Ringwood Hampshire BH24 1HB (01425 472104)

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