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EDITOR

Who Am I?

A simple question really, yet all too often we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life. We become the lawyer, the agent, the chef, yet we are so much more than those things.

For our part, we are also parents. And step-parents. We are extremely proud of all 4 of our children and what they have achieved. Our youngest in particular is involved in a hobby that is very time consuming. This can mean time spent on the road, away from home, each other and most importantly our desks.

In the last few weeks we have travelled to various locations from Hartpury to Hicstead in an attempt to juggle work and the demands of family life. What we have realised in both situations is the importance of remembering who you are, acknowledging your different hats and being honest about them. This helps to manage expectations of others and allows you to really live in the moment. To really appreciate those times when it's just you and your loved ones.

This weekend is the start of the time of year when Ringwood really comes to life. Carnival marks the beginning of the Autumn season and brings with it an excuse for you to get outside, to meet up with

friends and family. So take a moment during the festivities to take it all in. To really be in the moment and enjoy every second.



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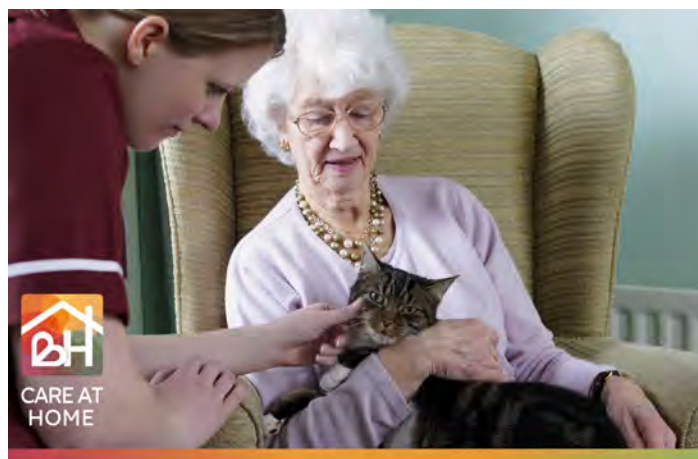
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The National Planning Policy Framework, NPPF, the fabric which provides local planning authorities with the written policy on which new development is judged, is currently under review and the consultation for the proposed changes will be available for us to review at the end of the October.

Our local planning authority, New Forest District Council, faces some very stark realities which it will need to address. The first is that 40% of people who work in the district, cannot afford to live in it, secondly, the last local plan, which was adopted July 2020, is now out of date and the strategic development sites that it relied on which will give 2,000 homes in Fordingbridge and 1,100 homes in Ringwood will be on the rise. The suggested outcome from the



consultation will probably see development needs for the district rise by 101% against current figures to maintain the new government's five-year land supply.

All types of housing are necessary in the district with an emphasis on lower cost homes for our child and grandchildren to live. The one for new development is land and the local authority will be looking for landowners to come forwards and present what they have and how this can support the district's needs for housing supply. This area of assessment is very specialist and for an initial view please call Jason on 07798 621585.

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Cold weather challenges your body in new ways, boosting endurance and metabolism. The natural resistance from wind and uneven surfaces like mud or snow also helps improve balance and strength. Plus, exercising in the fresh air increases oxygen intake, enhancing energy levels and focus.

Mentally, outdoor workouts help combat seasonal depression by exposing you to natural light, which boosts mood and regulates sleep cycles. Emotionally, the change of scenery and connection with nature can reduce stress and anxiety. To stay safe, layer up, warm up properly, and adjust your workouts to the conditions. Whether it's running, hiking, or bodyweight exercises, staying active outside this winter will help you feel stronger, happier, and more energized.

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New waste collection service due for the New Forest, 2025 to 2026



New Forest District Council (NFDC) is progressing with arrangements for a new waste collection service for the district, to improve recycling and reduce waste.

It will be introduced in three phases, based on waste collections operating from NFDC’s three depots in Lymington, Ringwood, and Hardley. Depending on where a resident lives in the district, they are currently due to switch to the new service between summer 2025 and spring 2026.

The new service will include new food waste collections, and wheelie bins for recycling and rubbish collections. Food waste will be collected every week, and recycling and rubbish will be collected on alternate weeks.

Glass will still be collected the same way it is now, every four weeks. Properties will use the same container for glass which they currently use.

Cllr Geoffrey Blunden, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability said “Thank you to all our residents who recycle, it makes a big difference. We will be updating our service so we can recycle even more, separate food waste, and reduce what’s thrown away.

“This is something we must do to meet government requirements to separate food waste, and our own targets to increase recycling

rates, tackle climate change, and reduce the amount of overall general waste, and litter from sacks.”

“We are busy working on arrangements for the updated service, to ensure it works for the long term for our residents. As we progress with this, more details will be publicised. Nearer the time, we will write to residents and provide further details, including dates the new service will start in their area, how to use the service, how we can offer support, any changes to collection days, and when bins will be delivered.”

NFDC will offer a range of support, including specialist waste advisors who will be on hand to talk to residents.

The council is developing collections rounds, to understand exactly when each property in the district will join the new service.

Before the new service is due to be rolled out, NFDC will confirm which areas of the district fall within the three phases.

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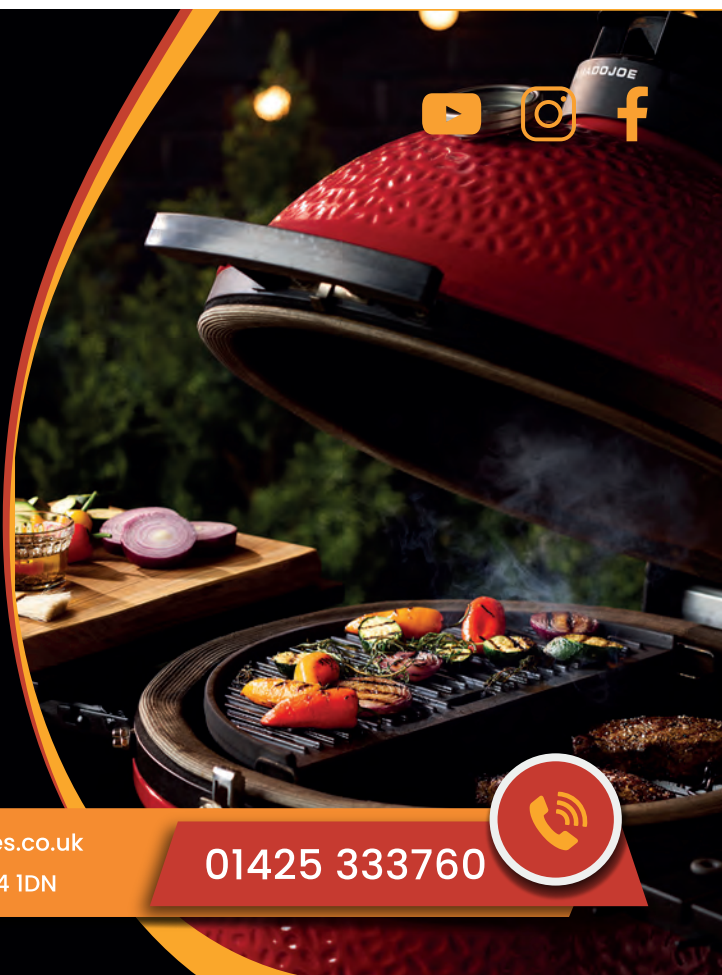
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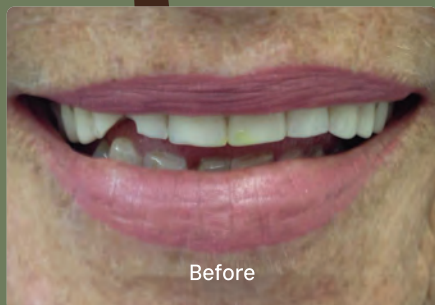
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Real-Life Impact and Client Success Stories

Diane's commitment to her clients is evident in the impact she's had on the families' financial futures. One of her proudest moments involved assisting a gentleman who faced an unexpected IHT liability on his wife's estate. Through a careful review and advice regarding the use of a deed of variation, Diane was able to significantly reduce the IHT liability, providing much-needed relief to the family during a difficult time. "Seeing the tangible difference my work makes in people's lives is incredibly rewarding," Diane reflects.

A Balanced Approach to Life and Work

Beyond her professional achievements, Diane enjoys a balanced life in Ringwood, Hampshire, where she lives with her family. "I love spending time outdoors," she says. "Whether it's walking my dog in the New Forest, sea swimming at Highcliffe, or kayaking, being close to nature helps me recharge." With two adult children living in Australia and the United States, Diane also enjoys travelling to visit them, ensuring she stays connected with her family across the globe.

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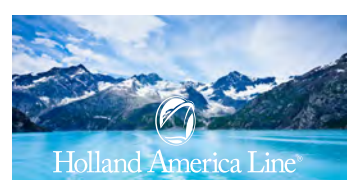
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RINGWOOD TEAM SET OFF ON THE SKINFLINT RALLY

Team Carma Carmeleon, a spirited trio of adventurers, are set to embark on an extraordinary journey from Ringwood to Barcelona in a car worth less than £500. This daring expedition is this year's Skinflint Rally, a unique event that challenges participants to travel long distances in budget vehicles carrying out challenges on route, all in the name of charity.

The team, consisting of Andy, Martyn & Sean, will navigate their way through picturesque landscapes and bustling cities, covering over 1,000 miles. They are raising funds for MyTime Young Carers.

MyTime Young Carers provide essential resources, respite and opportunities for young individuals who take on the challenging role of caring for family members. By participating in the Skinflint Rally, the three-man team aims to raise awareness and funds to help these young carers lead more balanced and fulfilling lives.

"We are incredibly excited about this adventure," said Martyn. "We have the chance to support a cause that is very close to our hearts and we just hope the car holds out!"
We'd like to thank everyone who has supported us so far and we'll keep you updated on our social media"

You can support the team at
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SPORT & NEWS

The Steve Benson Challenge Cup

This summer saw the return of cricket at Ellingham and Ringwood Rugby Club, but there was now a trophy at stake thanks to The Lord Toads Captain Will Jones.

The club have in recent years used the off season as an opportunity to stay together socially by playing some Twenty20 cricket games against The Lord Toads. These games started off as very low key fixtures, but have become increasingly more serious as the years have gone by. The emphasis is still on enjoyment and socialising, but there are now often crowds watching the games too.

Steve Benson was a great supporter of the fixture every year, and played in at least one game every year up until his death back in April. As a tribute for his continued support and enjoyment of the series, the Toads decided to get a trophy made in his memory to play for each year. The three match series was hotly contested



and there were some incredibly close fixtures, but despite an impressive final victory from the rugby club, in the end it was the Toads who took the series 2-1, with Henry Benson presenting the trophy to stand-in Toads Captain Charlie Heggan.



The Three Peak Challenge

Earlier this summer, 10 men from Ringwood completed the 'Three Peak Challenge' and raised just over £9400 for three separate charities. The challenge is to climb the three biggest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales within 24 hours. The group had completed various training exercises locally in the New Forest and also the Purbecks, but were under no illusions that the real challenge would be a step up.

The mastermind behind the fund raising event and the logistics of getting everybody through the challenge was David Budd who rallied the other climbers into action. David was inspired after the passing of local Ellingham and Ringwood Rugby Club President Steve Benson and wanted to do something over the summer to make a difference.

Having spoken to Steve's widow Marian, it was decided that the first charity would be The Teenage Cancer Trust. David also enlisted participants Mark and Neil Burrett who had lost their father, Bob Burrett, to pancreatic cancer back in 2012 and therefore the second charity that donations went towards was Pancreatic Cancer UK. The final charity having lost several club members to cancer was MacMillan Cancer Support.

Despite the physical nature of the task and the restricted speed on the minibus causing trouble, the whole team were delighted to complete the challenge in 23 hours, 36 minutes and 57 seconds. Speaking after the event David said: 'I'm absolutely delighted to get the job done and make all of the sponsorship donations worthwhile. We had to work tremendously hard and go to some pretty dark places at times, but collectively we were there for each other every step of the way. I particularly want to thank Paddy Padfield, our old school teacher who kindly gave up his weekend to support us by driving the minibus and allowing us the rest time we needed.'

The team at the bottom of Ben Nevis before beginning the challenge: Mark Burrett, Ben Carey, Henry Benson, Ben Warren, Len Brown, Mike Treloar, Neil Burrett, David Budd, Josh Beavis and Greg Cooper.



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2024 - 25



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Sat 21-Sep	A	Alresford
Tue 24-Sep	H	QK So'ton (Cup)*
Sat 28-Sep	H	Aldermaston
Sat 5-Oct	H	Amesbury
Sat 12-Oct	H	Follands
Sat 19-Oct	A	AFC Fawley
Sat 26-Oct	H	Newport (IOW)
Sat 2-Nov	A	Clanfield

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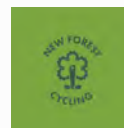
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Understanding Investments: Pension Annuities and Drawdowns

**What are pension annuities and pension drawdowns?
How do pension annuities and drawdowns work?
Are pension annuities and drawdowns right for you?**

When it comes to taking your pension at retirement, annuities and drawdowns are both well-liked options. They are in addition to your State Pension, which is based on your National Insurance contribution history and is separate from private pensions. Both pension annuities and pension drawdowns allow you to take 25% tax-free from your pension in one go. However, pension drawdown allows you to do it gradually if you wish.

What is a pension annuity?

A pension annuity converts the pension pot you have gathered throughout your life into an income for the rest of your life. In other words, your income is guaranteed so you know exactly how much you will receive and can budget accordingly.

You use your pension pot to buy an annuity. The annuity amount that you receive is based on numerous factors such as the size of your pension pot, your health, and the age at which you retire. You can decide whether you would like to receive a fixed amount each year, which can be paid either monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annually. Alternatively, you may choose to have the annuity increase at a set rate or rise in line with inflation.

The majority of annuities stop when you die. However, some annuities continue to provide an income for chosen beneficiaries until their death or allow you to build in value protection on your annuity. These annuity options, however, would reduce the income level of the annuity.

The different types of pension annuities are as follows:

- **Lifetime annuities** are a standard annuity that guarantees you income for the rest of your life.
- **Enhanced annuities** take into account your health and lifestyle and could give you a higher income than a standard annuity. Also known as an impaired life annuity, it provides a higher regular sum because you are expected to have a shorter life expectancy.
- **Fixed-term annuities** provide you with regular income for a fixed period, generally up to 25 years. A guaranteed maturity value may be available at the end of the term, which you can use to select another pension option.

The benefits of pension annuities include peace of mind, and the option to have an agreed guaranteed minimum payment period, useful if you want your annuity to continue to be paid to your dependents after your death.

There are disadvantages, of course. The lack of flexibility if your circumstances change—you cannot change your retirement income. Annuities are based on the average age that you might die, so if you die earlier, you

receive less. Depending on the annuity rates offered to you, they may not provide the best value for money, and the options of indexing or a fixed sum at maturity can significantly reduce the income you could receive.

Pension Drawdown

Pension drawdown allows you to leave your money invested and take an income from the pension as and when you need it. The benefit is that your pension pot remains invested and can grow even after money is taken out. Drawdown is also flexible; you can control when and how much you take money out, with either regular income payments or in lump sums.

There are several benefits to pension drawdown. These include potential investment growth even after you start to take your pension, complete flexibility, allowing you to choose exactly what you draw, and increase or decrease at any time, and the ability to pass your pension pot on as inheritance. If you already have another defined benefit pension or a source of income in retirement such as a buy-to-let property, a flexible drawdown may be better suited to you than a fixed income from an annuity.

There are drawbacks too, of course. If your investments perform poorly, you may need to reduce the income you take, and you will need to regularly review your investments to ensure that you are still on track.

Other options

There are other options when retiring. You could opt to buy short-term annuities or a series of fixed-term annuities that last between one year and twenty years. The benefit of these is that they are more flexible than regular annuities but still give you a secure, regular income and remove investment risk.

If you would like to understand more, my colleagues Stewart Sims-Handcock, Harry Goodship and I are available for a free initial, no obligation chat to discuss your personal requirements.

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Carnival Day Timetable

2pm & 7:15pm	The CARNIVAL PROCESSIONS
10am - 4pm	The Artisan Market - The Furlong & The Gateway
10am - 2pm	The Meeting House Hosts the Carnival Concerts
Noon - Onwards	Chuffley Miniature Railway - Southampton Rd
11:00 - 7pm	Live on the Lawn - Greyfriars
11:00 onwards	Carnival Unplugged
12:00 onwards	The Village Green - Bickerley Field
Noon - 6:30pm	Fire Station Open Day
12:30 - 6pm	Super Car Show - Greyfriars
12:30 - 5:30pm	The Urban Display Bike Team - The Bickerley Field
1:30 - 1:50pm	Hello from the Sky - Across the Town
1pm - late	The Funfair - The Bickerley Field
1:30:pm & 6:30pm	Simon Chainey & Professional Street Performers - The High Street
1:45 & 6:45pm	The Rockets Children's Motorbike Stunt Team - The Market Place
3pm - 5pm	Tower Tours - St. Peter & St. Paul Church
Various Between 1:30 - 7:45pm	Transformers - Greyfriars Community Centre
5:30-6:30pm	Bournemouth Carnival Band - The Railway Pub
8:50 (approx)	The End of Show Fire Show - The Market Place
9:30pm	The Grande Firework Display - Bickerley
9pm till late	The Official After Party - Framptons Bar
	...and much more

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GREETINGS from the Carnival President

Hello and greetings to everybody out there, from Ringwood Carnival land! I trust there is mounting excitement at the advent of another Carnival. What nobody actually knows, is that this tradition has been running for nearly 100 years. Which leads me to ponder - just how has a small town like ours achieved this?

Any public event is like a stool. "How's that?" I hear you ask! Well, any event (and certainly our Carnival) stands on the 3 legs of Funding, Volunteers, and Participants, both in it or at it; take any one of these away, or even just shorten one and the stool falls over - and so would our event. **SIMPLE AS THAT!**

Post Covid/Energy Crisis, the country has naturally lost so many events because of costs, and yes, maybe also apathy presenting major existential threats. Even here in Ringwood where we have historically done so well, we have lost the Pedal Car GP this year (hopefully not permanently) due to the loss of a leg - so to speak. So we are thankful that Carnival STILL has our legs! Albeit under constant threat.

Our Carnival has so much to be grateful for; first leg - our wonderful sponsors, second leg - a whole new generation of enthusiastic volunteers who do so much to sustain the event. Above all, there is that third leg - which is YOU, the GOOD PEOPLE of Ringwood. **YOU ARE THAT THIRD LEG!**

Your Committee has worked hard to overcome the usual obstacles again this year and the event has a bright future, but it **NEEDS** you all to join in. The more of you who enter, the better the processions, and that includes all of you spectators who come along and see us all making fools of ourselves.

So well done Ringwood for nearly 100 years, and please please join in - no matter how you do. Help to make costumes, join a walking entry, paint a backdrop for a float, cheer and add pennies to the pots or enjoy the funfair. What ever you do - it all helps.

YOU ARE Ringwood Carnival!

Howard Cox

Our Marching Bands 2024

Afternoon:

- Batala Portsmouth
- Big Noise Samba
- Dolphin Marching Band
- Dorset Youth Marching Band
- Medina Marching Band
- Samba Panashe

Evening:

- Bournemouth Carnival Band
- Bournemouth Youth Marching Band
- Big Noise Samba
- Dolphin Marching Band
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Rampage Mas Band



For 2024 RAMPAGE Mas band will be joining us for this years processions. Formed in 1987, this is the last year of touring for this amazing INTERNATIONAL Soca Dance Group, so we are SUPER LUCKY that they can join us. With their LOUD & FLAMBOYANT dance crew this will certainly want to will certainly make you want to DANCE along! THIS IS GOING TO BE LOUD!!

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What's NEW for Carnival 2024?....

RINGWOOD *Unplugged* Carnival

On Carnival day, immerse yourself in a day of live music as 13 talented acts perform across 11 venues throughout the town. From cosy coffee shops to lively pubs, each location will host sets with a fresh and exciting atmosphere.

Whether you're a fan of acoustic melodies, soulful tunes, or upbeat rhythms, there's something for everyone. Find a spot, grab a drink, and let the music take you on a journey. It's going to be an unforgettable day of community, celebration, and music!



Join us in making history with the first-ever Ringwood Carnival UNPLUGGED! To check out the full schedule of venues participating & timetable, check out our PROGRAMME.

THE END OF SHOW SHOW



Stick around until 9pm at The Market Place where we end the illuminated evening procession (and before the fireworks) with a fire-filled END OF THE SHOW SHOW! Stay and get ready to be amazed with the IGNIS fire performers!

Our 2024 Carnival Court!



TIMES HAVE CHANGED. With a huge change in modern culture, society and a world of technology very different to eras gone by, Carnival has seen a continued decline in entries for the over 16s for a while now. SO we have now introduced a younger group set to represent Ringwood. Therefore, please WELCOME the 2024 CARNIVAL COURT!

Maizie Sartin & Eli Turville
of Poulner Junior School
Lara Gaffney & Freddie Corcoran
of Ringwood Junior School

Maizie said: "I wanted to be a Carnival Princess because I would love to represent my school and my community as they have done some amazing things like planting trees to help our environment and our town."

Eli said: "I really love the Carnival and especially love Ringwood. I enjoy meeting new people, making friends and making people laugh and smile."

Lara said: "I really wanted to be Carnival Princess so that I could try something new. I also want to be a good role model for other children."

Freddie said: "I wanted to be a Carnival Prince because there has never been one before and I always wanted to be in the Carnival, I watch it with my family every year and love it!"

Town Mayor Cllr Rae Frederick & Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Philip Day will join the Princes & Princesses to form our 2024 Carnival Court.

The youngsters will lead the procession & travel on the traditional royal float towed by the magnificent SAMPSON PERCHERON HORSES!

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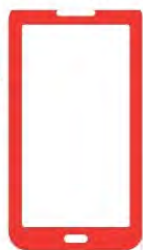
Bringing back carnival week....

Who remembers when Ringwood Carnival was celebrated over an entire week? The Carnival team are slowly introducing some wonderful entertainment for the week running up to Carnival 2024, which you may have seen. Check out the separate flyer for this year's Friday Frolics! Would you like to TEAM UP with us and hold an event next year, like the wonderful POUR HOUSE, THE RAILWAY PUB & KITCHEN, THE MEETING HOUSE, CHURCHES TOGETHER or THE BARN? Have an idea for us, or just want to be involved somehow? Get in touch via our website, email or social media.

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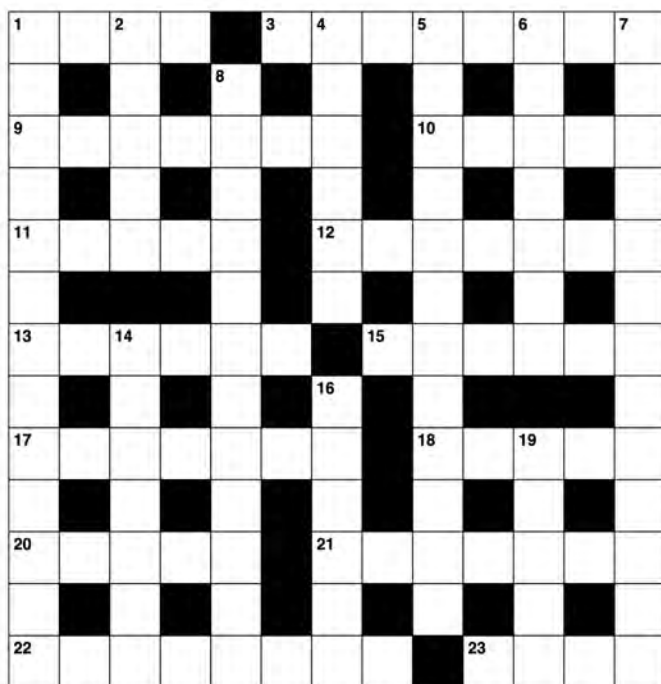
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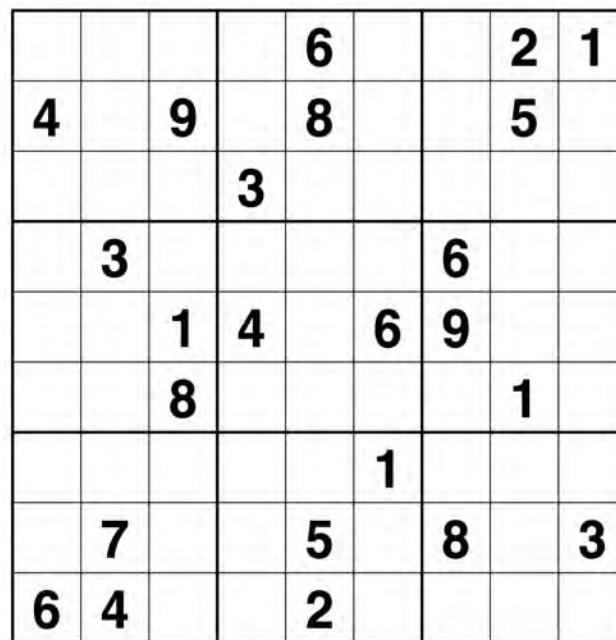
Across

- 1 - Gangs (4)
- 3 - Explosively unstable (8)
- 9 - Fail to care for (7)
- 10 - Teacher (5)
- 11 - A leaf of paper (5)
- 12 - Type of deer (7)
- 13 - Large homopterous insect (6)
- 15 - Alarms (6)
- 17 - Imaginary creature (7)
- 18 - Rental agreement (5)
- 20 - State of the USA (5)
- 21 - Serious (7)
- 22 - Mathematics of points and lines (8)
- 23 - Remain (4)

Down

- 1 - Making (13)
- 2 - Ring-shaped roll (4)
- 4 - The science of light (6)
- 5 - Butterfly larvae (12)
- 6 - Newsworthy (7)
- 7 - Warily; cautiously (13)
- 8 - Without parallel (6,2,4)
- 14 - The Windy City (7)
- 16 - Make beloved (6)
- 19 - Very skilled at something (5)

Sudoku



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:



8	5	7	4	1	3	2	6	9
1	3	4	2	9	6	7	5	8
6	2	9	7	5	8	1	3	4
2	8	5	1	6	9	3	4	7
9	4	6	8	3	7	5	1	2
3	7	1	5	2	4	8	9	6
4	9	2	3	7	5	6	8	1
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7	6	3	9	8	1	4	2	5



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Local Firefighter Takes on Marathon Challenge for Motor Neurone Disease

In a remarkable display of dedication and courage, local fire service Watch Manager Pete Allum is set to run the Bournemouth Half Marathon in full fire kit and breathing apparatus, all to raise funds and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease (MND). The event, scheduled for October 13th, will see Pete tackle the challenging course while donning the heavy gear typically worn in emergency situations.

Inspired by the heart-wrenching stories of those affected by MND, including Leeds rugby star Rob Burrow—who bravely fought the disease before his passing earlier this year—and a close personal connection, Pete is determined to make a difference. Also with a school friend's mother, who passed away from MND in June after a short but fierce battle, further fueled this decision.

To support this noble cause, Pete has created a JustGiving page on Facebook for donations. Additionally, those who wish to contribute can visit Ringwood Fire Station on Monday nights or attend the upcoming 999 Day event at Carvers Recreation Ground on Saturday October 5th. At this event, Pete will be running in the fire kit to prepare for the marathon, adding a personal touch to the fundraising efforts.

Having dedicated 30 years to serving the local community as a firefighter, including a tenure as a full-time firefighter in Southampton and now as the officer in charge of Ringwood Fire Station, Pete's commitment to both the profession and the cause is evident.

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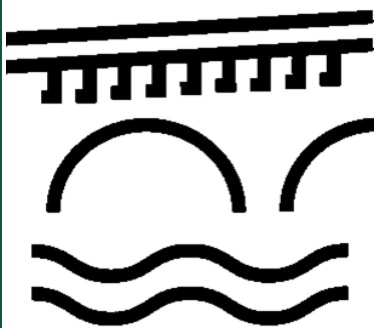
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HISTORY & NEWS

Bypassing History



For people travelling to the West Country, Ringwood is that place where you get stuck in traffic and look at the back of a Waitrose. But the bypass wasn't always there and the dual carriageway means people miss out on an historic structure most people don't even know is there. In the first part of a

series of four based on our new logo, we look at the Stoning Bridge on West Street and 'the old road' before the A31 bypass.

Before 1938, to get Wimborne, you used to head along West Street, over two bridges and carry on out of the town. When the bypass opened this changed with traffic becoming less busy over these historic structures. This lessened further with the opening of the dual carriageway in 1977 and even further when the West Street slip road was closed in March 2021.

The bridge closest to the Fish Inn is a listed structure and also known as the Second or Stoning Bridge. This three arched stone bridge date backs to the early 1800s and it is strange now to think of this historic bridge with its corbelled parapet (a corbel is a structural piece of stone jutting out from the face of a wall to carry structure over, and a parapet is the wall protecting those using the bridge from falling over the side) carrying the level of traffic it must have once done, even though there were far fewer cars on

the road in the 1930s. The bridge was built on the main turnpike road running from Southampton to the West, with the toll house being just outside Ringwood at Ashley.

When redesigning The Ringwood Society logo, the designer, John Saunders of Work of Importance, chose to represent landmarks, key infrastructure and how the geographical location of Ringwood results in the prominence of water throughout the town. The arches, corbels and the River Avon all form the graphics of this quarter of the new logo.

The Ringwood Society promotes the town through their Town Trial, which leads visitors through the town, illuminating the history and character to those who may not be aware. Copies of this can be picked up throughout the town centre.

The Society always welcomes new members to support their work, with projects and by joining the executive committee. The more members the Society has, the more which can be achieved! Membership of the Society is only £10 a year for a single membership, only £18 per year for a couple, with students receiving free membership. Further details can be found on their relaunched website www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk



The Ringwood Society

Skylark: Britain's first space rocket

Did you know that Britain even had a space rocket? Or that it was developed in Hampshire?

To find out more, come along to Fordingbridge History Society's (FHS) first talk of their exciting new season on Monday 14 October from 2.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge. Robin Brand (author of the definitive book on Skylark) will reveal the story behind the first British rocket to reach space.

Katie Gregory, FHS talks organiser, comments "Robin promises that the talk will have minimal technical details and that he will bring along a scale model of Skylark, the basis of Britain's earliest space programme. I'm especially pleased he's opening the FHS 2024/25 season as, apart from being the recognised Skylark expert, he's also a longstanding FHS member."

FHS Secretary, Helen Coote, adds "We look forward to seeing Members and visitors on 14 October to what promises to be a fascinating talk. Robin's presentation will follow our AGM (always kept as short as possible!). As ever, FHS offers a warm welcome, particularly to visitors and Members' guests!"

For further details, check out the FHS website (fordingbridgehistorysociety.org.uk) or contact secretary@fordingbridgehistorysociety.org.uk



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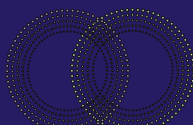


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1. Take Time to Reflect

Before rushing into your next move, take a moment to reflect on your career so far. What have you enjoyed? What skills do you want to develop? Use this time to reassess your goals and decide what direction you want to take next.

2. Upskill and Reskill

One of the best ways to improve your prospects is to learn new skills. Consider enrolling in online courses or workshops to expand your knowledge. Whether you want to stay in your industry or pivot to a new field, gaining additional qualifications can make you stand out in a competitive job market.

3. Update Your CV and Online Profiles

Make sure your CV is up to date, highlighting your most recent achievements and skills. Also, refresh your LinkedIn profile and other professional networks. A strong online presence is essential for attracting potential employers and clients. Make sure that your CV is registered with online job boards such as Indeed, CV Library, Reed and Total Jobs as recruiters pay to CV search as well as advertise roles.

4. Explore Freelancing or Self-Employment

If you've ever thought about working for yourself, redundancy could be the perfect time to explore freelancing or starting your own business. Many people find success in taking control of their careers and gaining more flexibility.

5. Stay Positive and Be Resilient

It's normal to feel uncertain after redundancy, but staying positive is key. Redundancy is not a reflection of your abilities. View this as an opportunity to grow, explore new avenues, and find a role that better suits your goals.

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Millstream Orchestra seeks strings, brass and percussion players for exciting season of music in 2024/25

The Millstream Orchestra are a local social orchestra based in Whitsbury. They rehearse fortnightly on Thursday and are seeking string, brass and percussion players.

This term they are working towards an early Christmas Concert on the 30th November which will feature a mix of show, film and classical music with a few Christmas favourites.

The orchestra have exciting plans for 2025 including a Classical Workshop day and concert featuring Beethoven's Fifth Symphony (First movement), Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and Sibelius's Karelia Suite. If you would like to learn more please contact Harry Clarke – 01425 65321

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Forest Forge announces new plans for Autumn 2024

Forest Forge, the New Forest's leading theatre company, has this week announced its programme for autumn 2024.

The professional theatre company, which has been creating and touring theatre for over 40 years, recently restructured the organisation to place equal weight on three strands of work: professional touring, participatory activity and support of local artists. The announcement of the autumn programme celebrates the three areas and will provide theatre entertainment and opportunities for people across the New Forest and South West.

Starting the autumn programme is the launch of the company's popular participation programmes. From 16th September people of all ages are invited to join in with theatre making workshops at the company's base in Ringwood. Forest Forge prides itself on the breadth of activities it offers, including the youth theatre for ages 13 – 18, drama clubs for younger children and Act Your Age sessions for ages 55+. There are also weekly sessions for people interested in Creative Writing, adults who want to socialise over some friendly, but physical, games and adults with Learning Disabilities. Sessions take place weekly for 10 weeks starting in mid-September at the company's base in Duck Island Lane, Ringwood.

Sessions are led by Lucy Phillips, Jo Billingham, Co-Artistic Directors of the company, alongside a team of skilled facilitators. It is unusual for Artistic Directors of professional theatre companies to also lead the participation programmes, but Forest Forge view it as an integral part of the company's work.

As Lucy Phillips explains: "It is not usual to find Artistic Directors in workshops and youth theatre sessions. At Forest Forge we see participation as a fundamental part of the company. We know our sessions make an important positive difference to the people who come. We have anecdotes about teenager's wellbeing improving, adults making new friends and people feeling more confident. Knowing it's so important means that Jo and I prioritise this work and you will usually find one or both of us leading a workshop. On the few occasions it's one of our other facilitators it is always someone who has been highly trained and most often is a graduate of our workshops themselves!"

Forest Forge is a registered charity and prices its sessions to ensure as many people as possible can join in. The Youth Theatre is priced at around 50% lower than other commercial operators, with a bursary fund available. There are no auditions for entry to any session and no need to perform if participants prefer not to.

In addition to the participation programme, this autumn the company will be touring its annual Christmas show, produced in partnership with Bumblefly Theatre and Mischievous Theatre. A favourite across the South West, this year a new version of A Christmas Carol will tour across the region in December and January. Forest Forge is especially known for touring professional performances to village halls, schools and community centres enabling people to see high quality entertaining productions close to home. Throughout the autumn the company will also continue to support local theatre-makers with advice and mentoring, rehearsal space and managing networking sessions.

Jo Billingham says: "We are so excited to open our building after the summer and get back to making theatre with and for our community. All our work celebrates Ensemble Theatre, meaning we create an environment in which everyone feels supported and trusted. It allows us to make bold choices and try new things. It is unlikely you will ever come away from a Forest Forge production having seen the concept somewhere before. In the Youth Theatre we have 6 Romeos and 6 Juliets or only 1 Sherlock but 20 Watson, or an all-male and all-female cast for Lord of the Flies, performing on alternate nights. In our Christmas show we will mix performance with puppetry music and some festive magic. The possibilities are endless, and we can't wait to share our latest ideas

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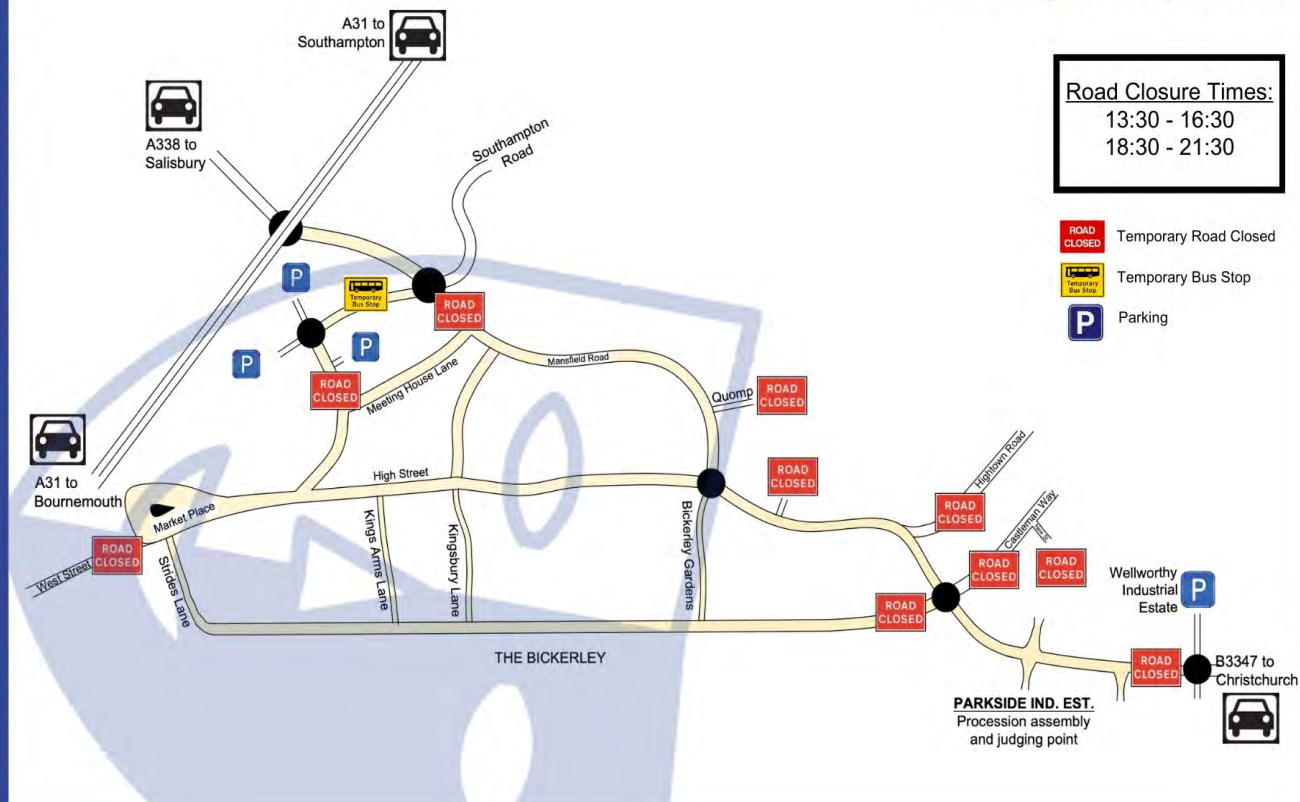
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Know What's Achievable: Understand what can be achieved for your property, considering planning permissions, Building Regulations, and any specific rules for listed buildings or Conservation Areas.

Call in the Professionals: Consult with architects, designers, builders, and structural engineers to ensure your project is feasible and meets all requirements.

Get the Council on Your Side: Keep in touch with the local council for guidance on planning applications and building regulations approval.

Set a Realistic Budget: Plan your budget realistically, including a contingency fund for unexpected costs that may arise during the renovation.

Appoint the Right Team: Choose experienced and reliable tradespeople who understand your vision and can work within your budget and timeframe.

Establish a Realistic Timescale: Work with your team to determine a realistic timeline for the project, allowing for unexpected delays.

Communicate with Your Builders: Regular meetings with your contractor or project manager will help ensure that deadlines are being met and progress is on track.

Ask Questions: Don't hesitate to ask questions and seek clarification on any aspect of the renovation process.

Be Prepared for the Unexpected: Anticipate unforeseen incidents and be ready to make decisions quickly to keep the project moving forward.

Stay Focused on Your Dream: Try to avoid making major design changes once construction has started, as this can lead to additional costs and delays.

Enjoy the Process: Remember that all the planning and hard work will pay off as you see your dream home taking shape. Stay patient and focused on the end goal.

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- Buyer confidence has been boosted since the Bank of England rate cut at the beginning of August and mortgage rates trending downwards. 37% of property professionals expect sales prices to increase in the next 3 months, with 1.4% house price change now predicted through 2024, up from -2.2% this time last year.

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