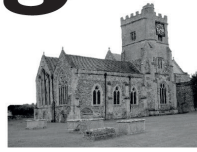


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Thanks to the amazing Carnival committee for another great event. Ben and his team showed what makes Ringwood so special. You can see who the winners were on page 14-15.

Thanks to Derek Maidment for the excellent photography.

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What a day that was!

Once again, Donaldson Ross & Co were thrilled to be Gold Plus Sponsors of this year’s Ringwood Carnival. Despite some unpredictable weather leading up to the event, the sun made a welcome appearance just in time, creating the perfect atmosphere for the community to come together and enjoy a fantastic day out.

It was great to see so many local families, friends, and visitors making the most of the sunshine, enjoying the colourful parades, music and food stalls.

Our team had a brilliant time meeting people, chatting about the local area, and sharing a few laughs along the way.

As a business rooted in Ringwood, we believe it’s important to give back to the local community that support us, and the carnival was a perfect opportunity to do just that.

We’re grateful to the organisers for putting together such a brilliant event and are proud to have contributed as Gold Plus Sponsors again in 2024.

We’d like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support the event and made it such a success.

It’s community spirit like this that makes Ringwood such a special place to live and work.

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EDITOR

Be a Volunteer...

Just Wow! That is the only way to describe this year's carnival. Ben Salsbury and his team were incredible in their efforts to put on yet another amazing show that made the town proud. The result was nothing short of spectacular.

It's important to remember the many volunteers who give up their time to ensure that events like the carnival, part of Ringwood's history, are able to continue. In every corner of our community volunteers are the silent engines driving essential services. They don't seek the spotlight, yet their contributions are invaluable.

The value of volunteering goes beyond the immediate tasks performed. Every hour spent tutoring a struggling student, distributing meals to the hungry, cleaning a neglected park represents an investment in the community's well-being.

The impact of volunteering is not just external. It is deeply personal and can help our own wellbeing. Helping others fosters a sense of purpose,

reduces stress, and builds social connections.

Across both Ringwood and Fordingbridge there are many ways to get involved and help give something back to the community. With the change of seasons vulnerable people need help, to get to appointments, to get access to food and medical services. If you are able to give up your time reach out to the various charities and sports clubs to find out how you can help give back to the community.

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‘SASSY-WALK’ TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE 18-YEAR-OLD WHO WANTED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BATTEN DISEASE

Saturday 28th September is the first Batten Fighters Forever ‘Sassy Walk’ marking the birthday of Annabelle Hover, who lost her brave battle with Batten Disease in January this year. Starting at Christ Church, Creekmoor following the Castleman Trailway for 18 miles to The Elm Tree, Ringwood.

Aiming to raise £7,000, fifty walkers made up of friends and family of the music-loving, fun-loving and very sassy 18-year-old, have signed up for the eighteen mile walk along the disused Castleman railway line to raise valuable funds and awareness of this little

known, devastating disease.

Mum, Lisa Hover explains “In August 2016, after rapidly losing her sight, followed by years bouncing from one hospital to another to find an explanation, Annabelle was diagnosed with CLN3 Juvenile Batten Disease - one form of a rare inherited condition affecting the nervous system. Beginning in childhood, it causes rapid vision loss, seizures, thinking difficulties, loss of speech, loss of movement and premature death.”

Funds raised by the event will help the Batten Fighters Forever charity continue to support other families and their children. The charity was the inspiration of Annabelle who came up with the name and ‘BFF’ acronym mirroring the BFF - Best Friends Forever used by teenagers on social media. Run by Andy, Lisa, and a team of Trustees, Batten Fighters Forever has so far supported over thirty children with equipment and adaptations to aid their care.

Heartbreakingly, Annabelle’s brother has also been diagnosed with CLN3 for which there is currently no cure. But, like his inspiring mum and dad he is excited to remember his ‘sassy’ sister with this the first Sassy Walk. There will be a prize for ‘sassiest’ costume with birthday celebrations including a BBQ and live music.

More about Batten Disease visit www.battenfightersforever.com. Please include a link fund raising page <https://bit.ly/sassy-walk2024>



Caption: Annabelle Hover with mum Lisa Hover.



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Ibsley Garden club annual show

Village spirit flourishing at Annual Show

There is a deep rooted passion for growing, making, baking and crafting to the best of our abilities. The 2024 Ibsley Village Show continued the tradition of a gathering to celebrate harvest time excellence. Being one of the later shows in the season our show always has a harvest festival feel about it with ripeness and rich colours evident in the fruit and veggies. Locals and those from neighbouring towns and villages came along to enjoy the best



efforts of gardeners, cooks, crafters and children to show their creative skills.

A difficult growing season challenged local gardeners this year but they prevailed and the quality of exhibits was high. Walter Cole scooped a number of awards for garden produce including the coveted Banksian Medal of which there is just one given each year. In the children's classes Darcy Chambers created a winning 'miniature allotment garden' and did well in several other classes, surely a contender for future awards! Di Barnaby's passion for the show is strong, she spends the year planning for the big day in September and organises a band of helpers to make sure it all goes smoothly. For Di it doesn't stop there because she grows veg and flowers to enter in many of the classes and she excels in gathering a bunch of silver-ware at the show's closing awards.

This year the many trophies were kindly presented to the winners by Mary Deboos who joined in the excitement and showed a clear delight in the achievements of young and old in the timeless pleasure of doing simple things well. The Ibsley Garden Club thanks all those involved in making our annual show such a great success. We look forward to doing it all again in 2025 - keep an eye on what we are doing: <https://www.facebook.com/IDHSociety/>



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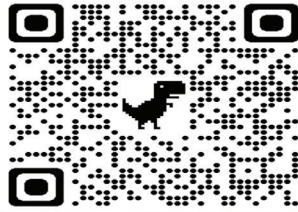
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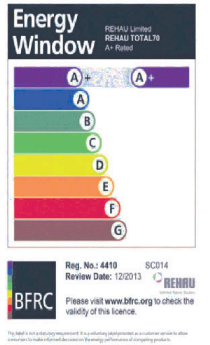
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Chris explained “this initiative is the result of a proactive collaboration between Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club and the South Central Ambulance Service and it is heartwarming to think they will help a young child feel a little more safe and secure at what could be quite a traumatic time”.

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club meet at 8pm on the second Thursday of every month at the Trinity

Church in Ringwood. They are proud to be part of an international family of Lions Clubs made up of volunteers who raise funds to help anyone in need within our local community and further afield.

Anyone wishing to find out more about their work can contact them on their website (www.randflions.org.uk) , by phone on 0345 833 5819 or simply come along to one of their monthly meetings. All are welcome.



Pictured above is Charlie McGurk, Clinical Operational Manager at South Central Ambulance Service, accepting a box of 'brave bears' from Lion Chris Shehan, Vice President, Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club.

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Planning application for Moortown Lane development deferred again

A long outstanding planning application by Crest Nicholson for permission to build over 400 homes on land adjacent to Moortown Lane in Ringwood has suffered another delay.

New Forest District Council’s (NFDC) Planning Committee had been due to consider the proposal back in July but following the formal adoption of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan the application was deferred.

It came before NFDC’s Planning Committee on 11th September with a recommendation from officers that permission be granted. However, having considered further objections from the Town Council and presentations from Town Councillor Mary De-Boos, Town and District Councillor John Haywood and District Councillor Jeremy Heron, the Committee decided to defer the application and instructed both its officers and the applicant to engage with the Town Council to address its concerns.

Cllr Philip Day, Chair of the Town Council’s Planning Committee commented:

“The Town Council recognises the need for more housing and the inevitability that the Moortown Lane site will eventually be developed. However, the current proposal falls far short of our expectations in so many ways, including the lack of affordable housing for young people trying to get onto the housing ladder, access to the site being limited to Moortown Lane, compliance with “zero carbon” policies and the adverse impact on the New

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We welcome the opportunity to engage with Crest Nicholson and NFDC Planning Officers to explore how the development of this site can be to the benefit of the Town and in particular, its young people and families.”



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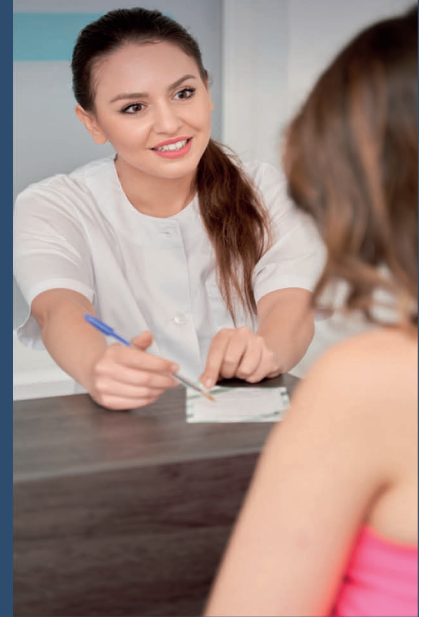
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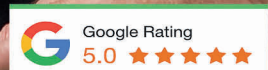
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NEWS

Bourne2Sing Male Voice Choir Sings for Charity in Ringwood

The Bourne2Sing Male Voice Choir sings for Charities and Good Causes and has raised in excess of £35,000 since its inception in February 2013. Their ethos is to have fun from music by singing tunes that are familiar and pleasing.

The Choir has offered their services to support fundraising for Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency (RACE) with a concert planned for Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm in Trinity Church.

Angela Winson, RACE Trustee, said "We were delighted when the choir approached us and really hope that the event will be a success. We are always amazed by the support we get from the Ringwood Community. We would love to raise enough money to buy 2 more picnic benches for Jack Wright Field, our public open space at Crow Hill."

Bob Bailey from Bourne2Sing added "We all love to sing, and it gives us great pleasure to support charities and good causes to

generate much needed funds. Our music and song, we hope is equally rewarding for our audiences. The choir's repertoire includes theatre and popular songs such as Bridge over Troubled Water, Always on my Mind, What a Wonderful World, Sweet Caroline, The Rose and My Way."

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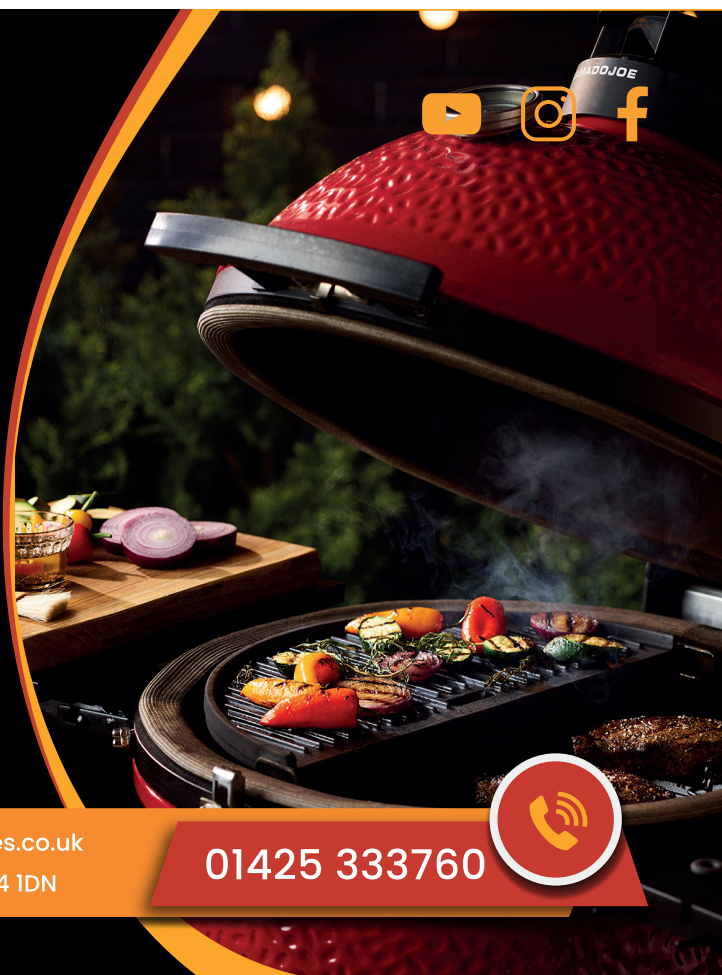
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Carnival - Its a wrap...

Ringwood Carnival hit the streets on the 20th September, with a record amount of entertainment all throughout the day in the basking sunshine. The afternoon procession saw a record number of afternoon procession entries, which included Notting Hill Carnival Winners Batala Portsmouth and international Carribean Group Rampage Mas Band from Luton. Ringwood really did showcase itself with visitors coming as far as Cambridge and beyond to enjoy the day, with some saying it was the best Carnival in recent years.

Carnival Chairman Quotation:

"Ringwood Carnival was an unbelievably successful day, where thousands of people visited Ringwood to enjoy a festival of fun. As always, there was incredible community spirit. With fantastic participation in our processions, many discovered a whole host of entertainment throughout the town - from live music sessions and street entertainment, to stunt bike displays and mini steam engine rides. The atmosphere was electric, our little market town should be very proud indeed."

Credit to: Trevor Pogson of Ringwood Camera Club for the photos



AFTERNOON PROCESSION WINNERS

CLASS	POSITION	NAME	ENTRY TITLE
1	Gold	Sinulog Dorset	Philippino walking/dancing
1	Silver	Ringwood Riders	Skate Park Riders
1	Bronze	Greening School	Five projects - Space for Nature, Cycle of the Seed, Health Impacts of Climate Change, Waste Prevention & Energy Efficient Homes
2	Gold	Katies crew	Lion King
2	Silver	Poulner Players	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory
2	Bronze	Spiral Blue	Olympic Games
3	Gold	Ringwood Junior School	Bee Happy
3	Silver	Ringwood Infant School	The Trolls
3	Bronze	1st Poulner Scouts	1st Poulner Goes West

TROPHY	CLUB/ORGANISATION	ENTRY NAME
Catweazle Best Youth Walking Entry	Ringwood Cheerleading Academy	RCA
Jade Clarke Best Youth Entry (any class)	Ringwood Infant School	The Trolls
The Jen & Den Best School	Poulner Junior School	Poulner Protests, Keep Our Sea Plastic Free



EVENING PROCESSION WINNERS

CLASS	POSITION	NAME	ENTRY TITLE
1	Gold	Alan Wiseman	Paris Olympics
1	Silver	Chalk & Friends	Cosplay
1	Bronze	Dorset Free Riders	Dorset Free Riders
2	Gold	The Joy Family & Friends	Tikki Tuk Tuks
2	Silver	The Pour House	The Pour House Stars
2	Bronze	Poulner Players	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory
3	Gold	1st Poulner Scouts	1st Poulner Goes West
3	Silver	Loader Crew & Land Army Girls	Wartime Farming
3	Bronze	Bisterne Village Hall	Scarecrows Day Out

TROPHY	CLUB/ORGANISATION	ENTRY NAME
Cox & Hicks Most Humorous (any class)	David Lloyd	Barbie

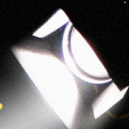
MICHAEL LINGAM-WILGOSS - BEST IN SHOW (ANY CLASS)

Gold	Ringwood Waldorf School	Dragon Carnival
Silver	Katies Crew	Lion King
Bronze	The Joy Family & Friends	Bronze Tikki Tuk Tuks



NEWS

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Matt England

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Family: Wonderful Lizzie, Mabel the Spaniel, 4 amazing Children and a Granddaughter!
Hobbies: Eating and cooking; in that order

If you could change one thing to Ringwood what would it be?

Tidy up the town, remove the kerbside jungle and make it a prettier place to live

If your home was on fire what three things would you save?

My wife – My dog – My barbeque- I love my barbeque! (I'm not hiding the evidence!)

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

After lock down – A decision was taken to eat out in Ringwood every Wednesday with Friends. Since then, we have eaten in every single establishment in town regardless; so it would have to be Liz, Jo & Jim

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

Volcanologist (a geologist who studies volcanoes)

Any advice for our younger readers?

I thought my father talked nonsense – until I found myself suggesting the same sage comments to my children

Last film or box set you watched?

Dynasty

What would be your Superpower?

To fly – I love flying

Last Supper?

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Ringwood Waldorf School Celebrates 50 Years of Education with Carnival Wonder and Year-Long Festivities

This Saturday, the enchanting float of Ringwood Waldorf School made a spectacular appearance at the Ringwood Carnival, winning first prize and Best in Show awards - and marking a major milestone – 50 years of Waldorf education in Ringwood on the edge of the New Forest. Founded half a century ago, Ringwood Waldorf School has grown from humble beginnings and is looking forward to sharing this golden anniversary with the wider Ringwood community. Following a joyful on-campus festival that took place earlier this month, the school continued its celebrations with a stunning float, with carnival-goers able to experience the creativity and community that have defined its ethos for decades.

Geli Patrick, School Lead and Chair of the Senior Management Team at Ringwood Waldorf School, said: “We are so excited to be celebrating the school’s 50th birthday. Taking part in the Ringwood Carnival is the next step in our 50th anniversary celebrations, which are set to last the whole year. Our school has literally been built from the ground up by parents and our school community over the past five decades. And we have ambitious plans for the next few years, further developing the school, with more buildings to accommodate future additional pupils wanting to join. The carnival float has been built with this same passion. Our massive dragon that ties in with the school’s Michaelmas celebrations is something to behold!”

Founded in 1974, Ringwood Waldorf School is part of the fastest growing independent educational system in the world. Established as a small cottage school at Folly Farm with just 6 students, Ringwood Waldorf School has flourished into a thriving educational community with over 250 students today. Its unique approach to education draws families from across the UK, and attracts visiting students from across Europe.

Offering a comprehensive Waldorf curriculum for children from infancy to 19 years old, Ringwood Waldorf School is renowned for its diverse and holistic approach to education. Students not only engage in core academic subjects such as mathematics, sciences, languages, and humanities, but also immerse themselves music, movement, arts and traditional crafts. This rich variety of subjects empowers students to discover their passions, fostering a deep love of learning that extends well beyond the classroom.

To learn more about the school's offerings or to attend their next open day on 13th November, contact the school via: <https://ringwoodwaldorfschool.org.uk>



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The Creatives at Cranborne will be from Friday 18th October to Sunday 20th October. Friday and Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm. Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm. A beautiful blend of high quality art and craft by local artists and makers. There is disabled access and a café on site.



GREYFRIARS
community centre

What's on at Greyfriars!

15 October – 4 weeks of Shakespeare with Emma Jolly
As part of the Greyfriars Study Group programme, Tuesdays 10 - 12 am £40 for full course. Tickets available at Greyfriars or on Ticketsource.

19 October – Rotary Charity Pig Race
Greyfriars Activity Centre is the place, 7pm for 7.30 start is the time. Bring the family, bring your betting cash and your own picnic, tickets are £8 pp from Greyfriars reception.

23 October – Ringwood Antiques Club
High quality speakers and a friendly atmosphere every fourth Wednesday at 7.45pm (doors open at 7.15pm). Yearly subscription is available for £25, guests and visitors are welcome for £10 per evening.

25 October – Afternoon tea with Mr & Mrs Bumble
Join Mr & Mrs Bumble and discover the life of the great author and social campaigner Charles Dickens. From 2.00 pm £12.50 including afternoon tea.

26 October – Moviola film - Wilding
Story of a young couple that bets on nature for the future of their failing 400-year-old estate. Battling entrenched traditions, they place their farm in the hands of nature. 2pm for 2.30pm start, tickets available for ~£6 at Greyfriars or via Ticketsource.

31 October – Greyfriars Pub Quiz
The ever-popular Greyfriars 'Pub Quiz' returns just in time for those chillier nights, on **Thursday, 31 October**, starting at 7:30 pm!

Alderholt Art Club's annual exhibition will take place from Thursday 31st October to Saturday 2nd November in Fordingbridge Town Hall. Open 10.00am to 4.00pm daily. Tea, coffee and cake will be available and there will be a second-hand bookstall.



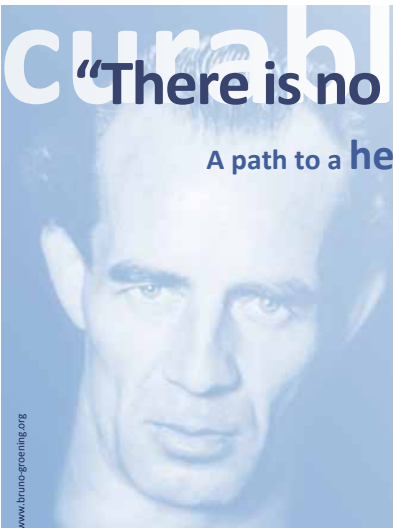
WHATS ON




Christmas Watercolour Workshop - The Snow Family at Ringwood Library
 Saturday 9 November 10am - 12:30pm
 £16.25
 Booking is essential, please visit <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



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"If you don't ask....." ?

Is there a Council Fairy, who,
 Prepared to spend a bob or two,
 Would get a seat for the Ringo stop
 At Lidl, where I do my shop?
 I stagger out with my heavy load
 Praying the bus is down the road
 But the only seat available
 Is behind the bushes on the Lidl wall.
 I tolerate the knowing smiles
 Just hoping that I don't get piles
 That also, as I cannot see,
 The Ringo doesn't fly past me.
 I don't want an expensive seat,
 Just one with concrete covered feet.
 Not even a top for when it rains
 Just somewhere to rest my varicose veins
 And stop me having a heart attack
 When I just give up and start walking back.

Poem from Anonymous

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Sophie was aged 9 when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2020 she went through lots of treatment and things were looking positive but sadly the cancer returned and she died in September 2021 aged 10.

Sophie LOVED her food but hated the food in hospital. Her parents found she was hungry at times when they couldn't access food from the shops etc. Sophie's parents have decided to create a snack box for children and parents to help them through their hospital stay. Sophie was really passionate about making sure the parents were fed and wrote this on her bucket list.

Please donate items to the snack box such as pot noodles, mug shots, porridge pots, chocolate bars, crisps, mini bags of biscuits (party rings/cookies etc), cereal bars, mini packs of raisin, bear yoyos/paws. They are also collecting toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel etc.
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Yuzhang Li, piano

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Yuzhang was one of the ten semi-finalists in the Leeds International Piano Competition in 2021 and a Medallist in the Hilton Head International Piano Competition in 2022. Her performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra after winning the First Prize in Futian Cup Piano Competition was highly praised by Maestro Lang Lang, and reviewed by Shenzhen News as 'A performance of such composed manner and maturity that exceedingly surpassed our expectation'.

At the age of 14, Yuzhang performed a full set of Etudes Tableaux by Rachmaninov in her first recital. Now as a concert pianist, Yuzhang plays in Europe and Asia extensively. She was admitted with the best mark to the Central Conservatory in China in 2017, studying with Professor Danwen Wei and Professor Jiajia Shi. After graduating at the top of the class in 2021, Yuzhang started studying with Professor Ian Fountain at the Royal Academy of Music, where she has now commenced her doctoral studies. The Tillett Trust has been actively supporting exceptionally talented young musicians and emerging classical stars for more than 30 years. Yuzhang has been a Tillett Debut Artist since 2023.

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HISTORY & NEWS

Before the (Town Hall) Cinema



There has been a lot of discussion in the town of late about the former Town Hall and Corn Exchange/ cinema/ shopping centre/ night club/big empty building in the middle of the Market Place, but what about what came before?

Between 1743 and the 1860s a building stood in the middle of the Market Place, opposite what is now the

Original White Hart pub, meaning the road was much narrower and the whole area had a very different feel. This building was in fact then the Town Hall or Market House. The then Lord of the Manor; John Morant then paid for a new building, which opened in 1868, leaving the 1743 building surplus to requirements and it was taken down.

Usually when a building is demolished, that would have been the end of the story, but our story doesn't quite end there. The building was in fact taken down piece by piece and rebuilt a little further up the High Street, and whilst some changes have been made, if you look up as you walk down Lynes Lane, you will see that in fact the old building, rebuilt, just a little bit down the road.

When redesigning The Ringwood Society logo, the designer, John Saunders of Work of Importance, chose to represent the listed architecture and physical town of Ringwood by illustrating this

overlooked piece of history and civic architecture. It's inclusion in the new Society logo shows the importance of looking up as often there is history to be seen which you can miss by only looking at the ground floor of a High Street.



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

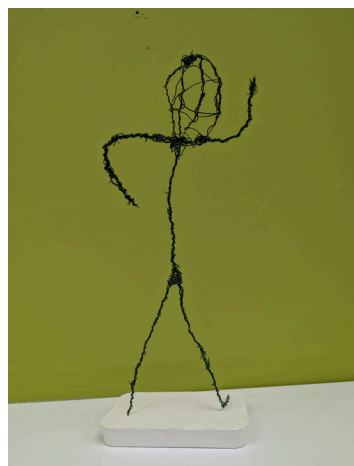
History Comes 'Alive' at the Meeting House



Our volunteer archivist John Hawkins was kept busy this Summer, not only by the historical research about Ringwood Town which he regularly undertakes but he was also an integral part of the team at the Meeting House who hosted Poulner Junior School children recently.

As part of a project on WW2 this Summer, the children visited Ringwood town centre and toured areas of WW2 interest and came into the 'Meeting House'.

John, aged 94, showed the youngsters archive material from D day, engaged them in conversation and kindly answering a host of questions about the D Day landings. PJS teacher, Mr.Relf, was grateful to John for providing the children with the opportunity to be active, inquisitive learners and thus enhance their knowledge and understanding around the topic.



One pupil wrote "It was an amazing day; I enjoyed the talk and being able to ask questions of what it was like during the war". Back at school wire sculptures, of soldiers in battle, were inspired by the stories of the battlefield and also a visit to the town's war memorial.



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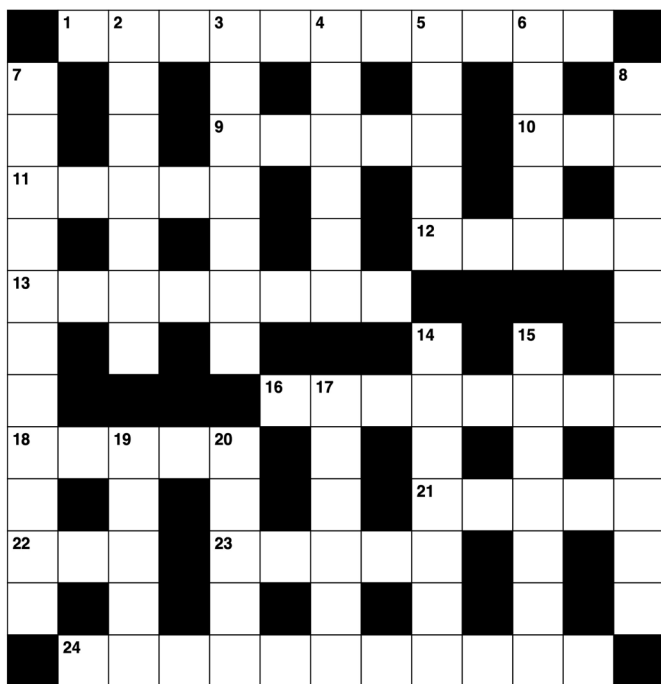
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Crossword



Across

- 1 - State of balance (11)
- 9 - Old-fashioned (5)
- 10 - University teacher (3)
- 11 - Annoy (5)
- 12 - Prod with one's elbow (5)
- 13 - Reassured (8)
- 16 - Slapdash (8)
- 18 - Representative; messenger (5)
- 21 - Doglike mammal (5)
- 22 - Metal container; element (3)
- 23 - Transport by hand (5)
- 24 - Founded (11)

Down

- 2 - Softly; not loudly (7)
- 3 - Alphabetical lists (7)
- 4 - Chant; speak solemnly (6)
- 5 - Noble gas (5)
- 6 - Unbuttoned (5)
- 7 - Divisions of companies (11)
- 8 - Needless (11)
- 14 - Currents of air (7)
- 15 - Be given (7)
- 17 - Without ethics (6)
- 19 - Second planet from the sun (5)
- 20 - Woody-stemmed plant (5)

Sudoku

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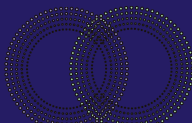


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To navigate this challenge, consider involving key colleagues in the process. Having team members meet both candidates can provide valuable insights that might otherwise be overlooked. Their perspectives can help paint a more complete picture of each individual's potential fit within the team.

Next, focus on the candidates' potential for growth. Look beyond their current skills and experience to assess their adaptability,

curiosity, and eagerness to learn. Which candidate is more likely to thrive and contribute to the company's long-term success?

Incorporate practical tasks or simulations into the interview process to evaluate how each candidate approaches real-life challenges. Whether it's a presentation or a design task, these exercises can reveal important strengths and highlight areas where each candidate may need further development.

Gather diverse perspectives by consulting with HR, senior management, and team members. Encourage open discussions to ensure a fair and objective decision-making process.

Ultimately, there's no perfect formula for choosing between two exceptional candidates. Trust your instincts, rely on the data and feedback you've gathered, and prioritize the candidate who best aligns with your company's mission and long-term goals.

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Care South introduces Dementia Care Coaches across all homes



Residential and home care provider, Care South, has now completed the introduction of a highly specialist Dementia Care Coach training program across all of its care homes.

The care provider, which is a registered charity, has introduced the scheme to its care homes based across Dorset, north Devon, Somerset and West Sussex. The scheme aims to ensure that each home continues to provide the very latest, best practice around person-centred, dedicated dementia care through practical on location leadership and guidance via the Dementia Care Coaches.

Over the past 18 months representatives from each care home have been nominated to be a Dementia Care Coaches, and have recently completed an intensive and comprehensive training program led by Karen Hodges, Group Dementia Lead for Care South. Following completion of the training, the Dementia Care Coaches will work closely with colleagues and relatives to further develop the best care practices for enhancing the wellbeing of residents living with dementia. They will also be providing additional support to the family of residents and loved ones living with dementia. The Care South team are celebrating the completion of the Dementia Care Coach program during Professional Care Workers Week, running from 16 to 20 September 2024, which celebrates the dedication and essential contribution of care workers.

Maggie Searle, Director of HR, said: "We are incredibly proud of our new Dementia Care Coaches and the positive impact they will have on the residents, their families, and our care teams. This initiative reflects our commitment to providing person-centred, compassionate care for those living with dementia, ensuring that they continue to live with dignity and respect. By equipping our

staff with specialist knowledge and skills, we are strengthening the support we offer across our care homes."

Care South is a leading provider of high quality residential and home care services across the south of England. The not-for-profit organisation, which is a registered charity, has care homes in Dorset, north Devon, Somerset and West Sussex, and home care offices covering east and west Dorset, and northeast Somerset and south Somerset.

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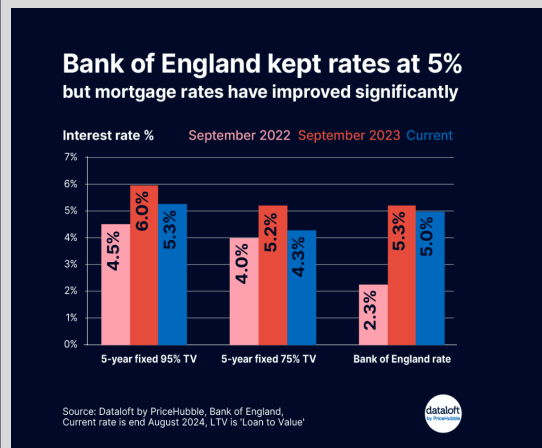
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