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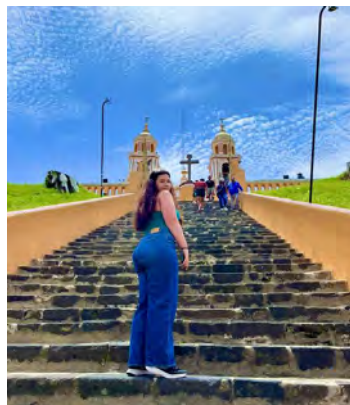
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EDITOR

Trick or Treat

Whether you love or hate the halloween time of year, it brings with it the October Half Term, a much anticipated holiday offering children the chance to recharge after a busy start to the school year. For parents, the issue of entertainment and juggling once again poses a challenge of keeping children entertained in the midst of unpredictable weather. Here are our top tips for getting through:

Embrace Nature: Autumn walks and Nature trails. We are blessed with living in one of the most spectacular places in the country. Our outside space is regularly an untapped resource for children and families. Check out your local country parks for seasonal activities or simply pack a flask of hot chocolate and head out into the forest for an autumnal picnic. Leaves and conkers make great resources for arts and crafts projects.

At this time of year pumpkin picking and carving is always a fun activity. There are various local venues between Ringwood and Fordingbridge that allow you to pick your own pumpkins. You can also enjoy outdoor mazes.

If the weather is too wet to venture outside, why not try baking some seasonal

treats. You could host a family back off and let everyone judge their favourite creations. Or try a storytelling and cozy reading session. Create a cozy reading corner with blankets and pillow where children can explore a mix of spooky stories or seasonal tales. Encourage them to choose their own books or read aloud.

We'd love to hear from you with details of what you create. Be sure to send your photos and ideas to the editor for a chance to feature in future issues.



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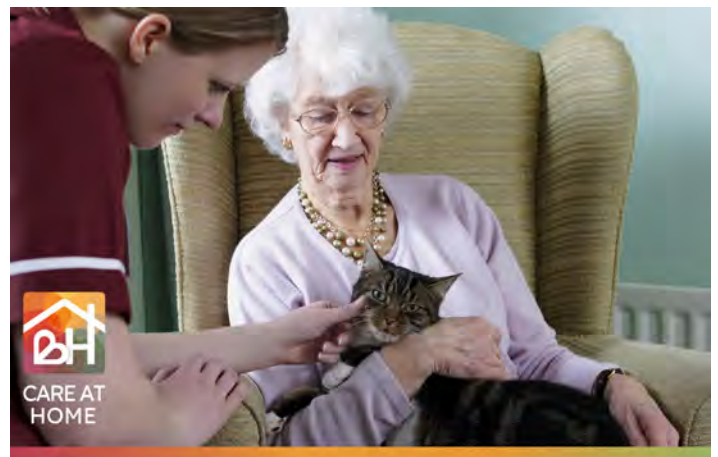
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Poulner Players bring musical show preview to Ringwood Carnival

Poulner Players took to the streets to celebrate the local community – and provide a sneak peek at their next show. Bedbound pensioners and candy sellers joined Mr Willy Wonka himself for a Ringwood Carnival float themed around the hit musical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The dazzling display won second prize in the afternoon procession, and also scooped a bronze in the evening event. It gave carnival-goers a first look at the upcoming musical extravaganza, which will be staged in early 2025, kicking off the amateur dramatics group's 50th year. Based on the much-loved children's book by Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory tells the story of Charlie Bucket, a boy from an impoverished family. Along with four other children from

around the world, he wins a tour of the amazing chocolate factory run by the reclusive and enigmatic Willy Wonka. The show will be directed by Becky North, assisted by Danielle Morris, Jackie Reynolds, Llandyll Gove, and Scott Douglas, with Matt Timmins as Musical Director. Becky said: "Rehearsals are already underway for this fantastic show, and we're getting ready to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Poulner Players in style. It has everything you want from a musical: great songs, moving characters, and lots of chocolate!" Tickets are available now, with evening performances on 19-21 February, and matinees on Thursday 20 and Saturday 22 February. For the first time, the show will take place at Ringwood Waldorf School, which is also celebrating its 50th year in 2025. Becky added: "This new venue offers us a bigger stage for this ambitious production, and a larger seating capacity, so even more people can be captivated by the enchanting and hilarious story of Charlie and his adventures in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory." Lucas Buttigieg and Ophelia Gregory will share the role of Charlie, while Richard McPherson is Willy Wonka. Others taking part are Andrew Chappell (Candy Man), Courtney Buttigieg (Mrs. Bucket), Steven Reynolds (Grandpa Joe), Danielle Morris (Augustus Gloop), Charlotte Willcox (Violet Beauregarde), Isla Hodgkinson (Veruca Salt), and Tom Buxton (Mike Teavee).



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Remembrance commemorations in Ringwood

Over the Remembrance period there are a number of commemorative services taking place for the people of Ringwood to come together to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of all those that defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. This will begin on Saturday 2nd November with a service at the War Graves in Ringwood Cemetery. Poppy crosses will be laid on the graves of service personnel whose last resting place is Ringwood. This service is open to all; meet in the Cemetery Car Park at 10.45am and then walk to the Graves. On Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, there will be various services around the town after which a parade will gather in the Market Place from 11:30am. Shortly after, those assembled will process to the War Memorial Garden where there will be a short service followed by the formal Act of Remembrance at 12 noon. This will be followed by a formal wreath-laying ceremony and a procession back to Market Place. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and to bring their own tributes which may be laid at the appropriate time. A short road closure will be in place to allow the procession to take place safely. On Armistice Day, Monday 11th November, there will be a service at the War Memorial at 10.45am and at 11am the National 2 Minutes Silence will be observed. In accordance with local tradition, the start and end of the silence will be marked by the firing of a maroon which will generate a loud bang to be heard around the town. Please read on for further details of events from the Ringwood and District Branch, Royal British Legion.

The Poppy Appeal launches locally on Saturday 26th October with the Poppy Gazebo in the Gateway and continues on the following dates and locations between 8.30am-4pm, weather permitting!.



Wednesday 1st November Gateway
Friday 3rd November The Furlong
Saturday 4th November The Furlong
Wednesday 8th November Gateway
Friday 10th November The Furlong
Saturday 11th November The Furlong

There will also be Poppies available from local businesses and from a number of street sellers.

Ringwood Remembrance Services 2024
2nd November 1050 am War Graves Ceremony, Ringwood Cemetery,
10th November 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Ringwood Church followed by Parade to War Memorial
11th November 11am Ringwood War Memorial Service held at The Ringwood War Memorial

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The photos above shows Etta aged 4 enjoying the New Forest in her new all terrain buggy bought with donations from Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club, Boparan Trust and AFK Charity.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the country nestled alongside the rugged terrain of the New Forest. Taking our children for a walk through the New Forest National Park is something that most of us can do with relative ease.

Unfortunately, Etta pictured above, aged 4, was unable to experience this until recently due to a medical condition which prevented her from walking very far without the need of a wheelchair, and of course most traditional wheelchairs are unsuitable for off road excursions. Her mother Louise reached out to Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club explaining that Etta simply loved visiting the New Forest and needed help with the costs of an all terrain buggy to help her explore the National Park more fully. Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club were happy to donate £800 towards the cost of an all terrain buggy which Etta is seen enjoying in the photo above. Lion President Alastair Ward explained that “the beauty of the New Forest should be enjoyed by everyone and we were only too happy to help make this happen for Etta here”. 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. All are welcome.




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How do pension annuities and drawdowns work?

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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.

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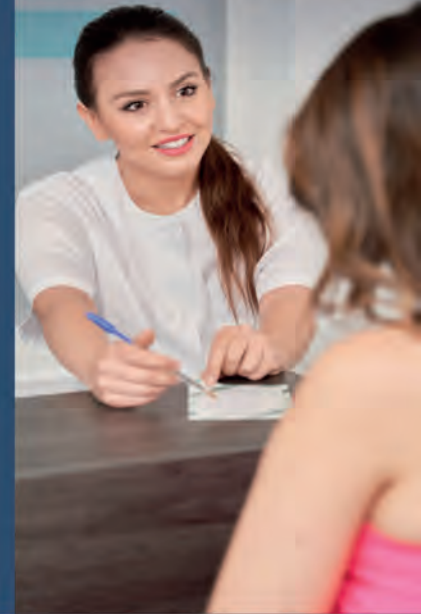


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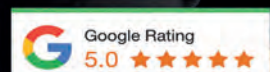
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Ringwood and Fordingbridge Business Community is Celebrating One Year of Connection and Growth!

We are thrilled to mark our first anniversary at RFBC, dedicated to creating a vibrant forum for purposeful B2B networking in the Ringwood and Fordingbridge area. Our mission is to connect like-minded individuals, foster effective business collaborations, and unlock new growth opportunities for B2B businesses.

Over the past year, we've hosted four engaging in-person events, with an incredible response from our community, including a waiting list for one of our gatherings! Each event features diverse formats—guest speakers, workshops, and expos—ensuring fresh and valuable experiences every time.

By participating, you'll connect with local entrepreneurs and business people, share innovative ideas, and explore exciting avenues for growth. The more businesses that join us, the stronger our local community becomes, enhancing beneficial B2B connections for everyone.



coming year, we'll collaborate with Bickerley Green Care Home to raise funds for a much-needed minibus for their residents. Let's continue to support one another and strengthen our community! Here's to another year of networking with purpose! Interested in Joining? To attend future events or subscribe to our mailing list, please reach out to Cllr Rae Frederick at cldr.r.frederick@ringwood.gov.uk. We welcome any suggestions, ideas, or offers of support to enhance our events and fundraising initiatives.

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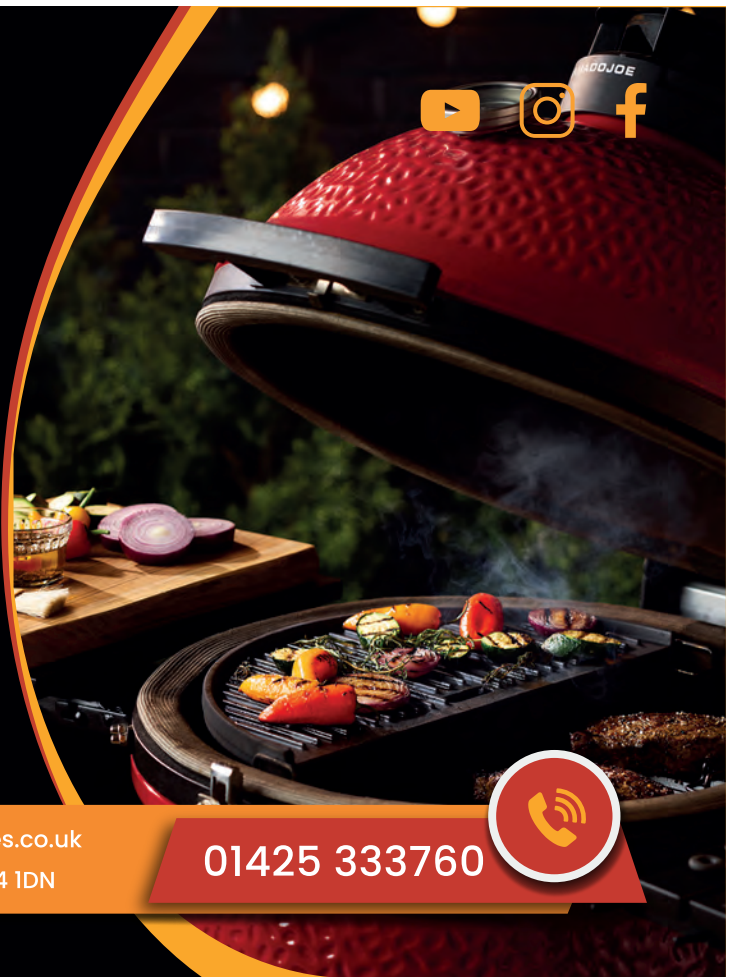
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RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Issue 001

16 October 2024

Welcome to the First Issue of our Newsletter

We're thrilled to bring you the very first edition of the Ringwood Town Council newsletter! A quick glance through this and local social media shows why Ringwood is celebrated for its fantastic community events. Just recently the town has seen a Family Fun Festival, Bark in the Park, Ringwood 999 Day, a Skate Jam and who could forget the ever-amazing Ringwood Carnival? We love how these gatherings bring people together and showcase the strength of our community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports us and other local organisations. We're proud to serve this wonderful town.

Get Ready for Our 9th Annual Fireworks Display!

Tickets for our much-anticipated annual Grand Fireworks Display are now on sale!

Please note that this year tickets will be **available online only**, so make sure to secure yours as soon as possible – the earlier you buy the tickets, the cheaper they are!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 3rd, when Carvers Recreation Ground will come alive with a fantastic evening of entertainment. The event will feature:

- A fairground with fun rides for all ages
- Two stunning fireworks displays lighting up the night sky
- A traditional bonfire to keep everyone warm
- Live music from local performers



Ringwood Winter Wonderland: Festivities Start December 1st!

It may seem early, but we're excited to launch Ringwood Winter Wonderland, kicking off on Sunday, December 1st! Celebrate the festive season with our brand-new Christmas lights, stunning Christmas tree, and support our local shops, bars, and restaurants.

Don't forget, Grotto tickets for the 1st December are already on sale at Ringwood Gateway. They are just £5 a ticket (adults are free) so offer a cost effective way to see the big man himself.

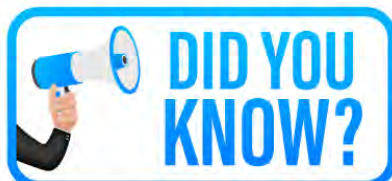
Help Shape the Future of Our Public Open Spaces

The Council is currently reviewing the management of our public open spaces, and we want to hear from you!

We understand how important these areas are to our community, and your feedback is valuable.

Is there something you'd like to see? Perhaps more tree planting, pollinator-friendly flower beds, or less frequent grass cutting? Or do you have other suggestions to enhance these spaces?

Share your thoughts by contacting the Town Council office. Let's work together to create greener, more vibrant spaces for everyone!



Hampshire Police officers attend our Town Council meetings every quarter to provide updates on crime statistics, ongoing operations, and recent successes, as well as to answer questions from councillors. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 30th October at Ringwood Gateway. Why not come along to hear what they have to say?

SPORT & NEWS

Ringwood Town Council Supports Local Youth through Carvers Kayak Club and Skate Jam



Ringwood Town Council supported local young people over the summer by running a Skate Jam and partnering with Ethical Activities Community Interest Company (CIC) to offer the Carvers Kayak Club. These programs provided safe, educational, and enjoyable opportunities for youth aged 9 to 15, encouraging skill development and community engagement.

For two hours each week during the summer holidays, participants in the Carvers Kayak Club took to the water to build confidence, learn paddling techniques, and develop an appreciation for nature. This is the third consecutive year that Ringwood Town Council has funded the initiative.

Tom Foster, Director of Ethical Activities CIC, said: "Everyone deserves access to the outdoors. We are thrilled that for the past three summers, we've been able to offer opportunities for local young people to grow their confidence, learn essential life skills, and enjoy the beautiful natural spaces in Ringwood."

In addition to the kayaking sessions, this summer also featured a highly successful Skate Jam, organized by Team Rubicon. The event saw the highest number of entrants yet, with participants displaying an outstanding level of skill. Ringwood Riders, who regularly use the local skate park, contributed to the event's success by riding as a team and supporting each other, which elevated the level of competition and inspired all entrants to perform at their best.

Charmaine Bennett, Manager of Carvers Clubhouse and Events Manager, commented:

"We've seen tremendous success with both the Carvers Kayak Club and the Skate Jam. These experiences have provided immeasurable value to the young people involved, giving them positive memories and opportunities to learn in a safe, engaging environment."

The success of these programs was made possible through the efforts of local organizations and volunteers. Special thanks go to Spinnaker Sailing Club, local councillor Mary DeBoos, Greyfriars Community Centre, and the dedicated team of volunteer minibus drivers.

For updates on future activities, follow Carvers Clubhouse on Facebook or Ethical Activities CIC on social media. Those interested in supporting or funding future outdoor programs can visit www.ethicalactivities.co.uk.



winner of the Skate Jam, over 14s. Joey Keith

Well done Rosie

Rosie Brand, from Poulner chose to complete a sponsored swim raising money for the RSPCA. She swam 5 miles and raised an amazing £200 for a very worthwhile cause. Rosie celebrated her achievement with a tea party and was presented with a medal from the Mayor.



Council Celebrates Long Service Awards for Dedicated Staff



Last week, the Council held a special ceremony to recognise four long-serving members of staff for their outstanding commitment and dedication. Together, they have contributed an impressive 108 years of service to the Council, a testament to their loyalty and unwavering support of the community.

The recipients of the Long Service Awards were:

- **Stephen Smith** – 42 years of service
- **Jo Hurd** – 23 years of service
- **Helen Short** – 23 years of service
- **Paul Ventham** – 20 years of service

Each awardee was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation and a personal gift, celebrating their invaluable contributions to the Council.

Town Mayor, Cllr Rae Frederick praised the recipients, stating: "The dedication of our long-serving staff is truly inspiring. Their commitment to serving our community for decades speaks volumes, and we are immensely grateful for everything they've done."

The event underscored the council's appreciation for the individuals who have contributed to its continued success and the well-being of the community over the years.



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What should be put in your clear plastic bag?

There are only six types of material that you can put in your clear recycling sack, which are listed below with examples.

- * Plastic bottles including milk, drinks, toiletries and cleaning product bottles (including lids when attached to the bottle)
- * Tins including food, pet food, biscuits, sweets, tea and coffee tins
- * Cans including fizzy drinks, beers and lager cans
- * Aerosols including deodorants, furniture polish, shaving foam, hairspray and air freshener



- * Paper including newspapers, magazines, directories, catalogues, junk mail, envelopes and stationery
- * Cardboard including cereal, tea, egg boxes, toilet rolls and cardboard packaging.

If you have items that are not on the above list, put them in your black rubbish sack to be collected as household rubbish.

You can recycle glass bottles and jars through your black box or communal bin or take it to a community recycling bank.

At some community recycling bank locations, there are charity-run recycling banks for clothing/textiles, shoes, books and CDs.

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GREYFRIARS
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17 October – U3A Ringwood – Courtroom Dramas

U3A's next monthly meeting welcomes speaker Anne Brown from the Shire Hall Museum speaking about 'Courtroom Dramas and the Tolpuddle Martyrs'. For more information refer to www.ringwoodu31.org.uk.

19 October – Rotary Pig Race

Ringwood Rotary CIO are trotting the pigs out again to raise money for local charities. Come and join in the fun of the race, there's also bingo and karaoke. Tickets are £8 available from Greyfriars and Ticketsource.

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.

29 October – The Makery, Create a Trick or Treat Caddy

Bring along your own adult to the Makery session from 10-12.30, includes all materials, drinks and snacks. £14 from the www.makeryringwood@gmail.com.

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!



Community Adult Learning at Ringwood Library



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Weds: Baby Play, 10:30 - 11:30

Fri: Rhyme Time, 10:30 - 11, followed by Stay and Play

Sat: Construction Club, 10:30 - 12:30

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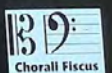
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Know What's Achievable: Understand what can be achieved for your property, considering planning permissions, Building Regulations, and any specific rules for listed buildings or Conservation Areas.

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.

By following these tips, you can navigate your renovation project smoothly and achieve the results you desire. Good luck with your renovation journey.

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Over 100 Lions International Youth Camps are available worldwide each year – find out how to apply at www.randflions.org.uk

The Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Program runs each year during the summer months. Multiple places are available on this scheme which is designed to promote friendship, travel and a greater international cultural awareness. Every trip is unique, and each young person will spend up to 2 weeks living with a host family (or in the case of Katie this year 3 in rural Japan) and then a further week to 10 days at an international youth camp comprising young people from around the world. Every year over 100 International Youth Camps will be arranged by Lions International. Every Lions Camp is different and exciting and offers everyone participating a life-changing experience; to explore the culture and sights of that country; to be more independent; and to make new friends around the world. Commonly, those taking part will only need to raise enough funds for their flights and spending money

with Lions Clubs meeting other expenses. The scheme has been in operation since 1961 and is a wonderful opportunity for young people to travel abroad safely, explore a new country, and make new friends with other young people from around the world. 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 besides their youth projects aim to help anyone in need within their local communities and further afield. Anyone wishing to find out more about their work including this scheme can contact them on their website (www.randflions.org.uk), by phone on 0345 833 5819 or simply come along to one of our monthly meetings.



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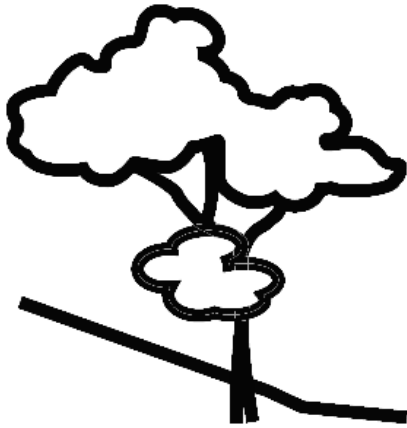
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HISTORY & NEWS

A Place on the Rim of a Wood



What's in a name? We take names for granted on a daily basis; "Hello my name is Bob, this is my wife Jenny", "my car is an Austin", "I'm going to play a game of badminton", "that race horse is called Shergar", but who ever has time to stop, take a minute and think about where names actually come from and the fact they

might actually have a deeper meaning? Where does the name of the town of Ringwood come from, for example?

There has been some discussion over the years as to how Ringwood actually became the name of the town. Everyone agrees it is an evolution of an older name, but what the older name was depended on who you asked.

The Reverend Peter Hall in his *A Few Topographical Remarks Relative to the Parishes of Ringwood, Ellingham, Harbridge and Fordingbridge* puts forward *Regni Sylva* meaning a town among the woods of the ancient Hampshire *Regni* maritime people. The Domesday Book of 1086 calls it *Rincvede* which would derive from a ford (vede) over a watercourse (rinc), both plausible. However, a document from 955 naming the place as *Rimucwude* suggests an error in transcription of the later document, for rimuc means rim

and wude translates today as wood, much closer to today's name. *Rimucwude* would therefore be describing a settlement on the edge of a forest.

What a lot of people don't realise is that a significant part of the parish of Ringwood is actually in the New Forest National Park. When redesigning The Ringwood Society logo, the designer, John Saunders of Work of Importance, chose to represent this part of the parish and the nature and wildlife of Ringwood town through an illustration of a native *pinus sylvestris* (Scots Pine) tree, the type found throughout the New Forest.

The Ringwood Society promotes the town through their Town Trail, 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



Brigstocke Family Raise Funds For Cure Parkinson's

'Running an ultramarathon was tough and the final 10k with the finish in sight pushed the limits! We were very lucky with the weather and the scenery was stunning.

We had great support on the day from friends and family at the finish and along the course, so stopping was not an option!'

'Undoubtedly, the highlight of the day was the final 1kilometre as we all came together and finished as a family. Forty-one members of the Brigstocke family crossed the line and the commentator on the microphone was lost for words! It showed amazing support for Tim and Owen and we were delighted to do it to help raise funds for Cure Parkinson's. Our sponsorship page has raised over £6000, which is three times our target, and we are so grateful to everyone that has contributed!'



Christmas Watercolour Workshop - The Snow Family at Ringwood Library

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Bringing Life to the Outskirts of Town: Beaux For Your Home Opens Its Doors

Beaux, a brand-new luxury furniture and interiors shop, has officially opened at 92a Christchurch Road, Ringwood, bringing a touch of elegance and excitement to the outskirts of town. Located just opposite the Fire Station next to a wonderful ladies boutique, Lindy Stuart Studio, Beaux is set to become the go-to destination for those seeking unique and stylish pieces for their homes.

The new store offers a carefully curated collection of luxury furniture, exclusive home accessories, and handcrafted items that promise to add a touch of individuality to any space. With items sourced from skilled artisans, Beaux ensures that every piece in the store is of the highest quality, allowing customers to find that perfect statement piece or subtle accent to complete their décor.

Not just a shop, Beaux also provides interior design advice, helping you turn your house into a home that reflects your personality. Whether you're looking for inspiration or a one-of-a-kind piece, Beaux has something special waiting for you.

The store is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm, with parking right outside, making it easy to drop by and explore the collection.

Stay up-to-date with the latest arrivals and interior design inspiration by following Beaux on Instagram @Beaux.foryourhome. Visit Beaux today, where elegance finds a home in Ringwood.



Care South donates £500 to Ringwood Carers Group

Residential and home care provider and registered charity, Care South, has donated £500 to local Ringwood Carers Group.

Members of the group care for their spouse, parent, or loved one on an unpaid basis and benefit from attending monthly meetings by talking to other like-minded people.

The team at St Ives House care home on Horton Road nominated the Ringwood Carers Group for a £500 donation from the Care South Chairman's 2020 Fund to enable the group to reach out and support more people.

Roger Gregory and Margaret Gibbs, Trustees of Ringwood Carers Group, were presented with the funds by Phil Smith, Director of Residential Care at Care South, Emma Cotton, Home Manager and Natalie Graham, Deputy Manager at St Ives House care home. Emma and Natalie have also offered use of the care home's bistro as a community space to host their meetings for a change of scenery. Sessions with the Ringwood Carers Group take place on the second Thursday of each month from 10.30am to 12pm at Trinity Centre in Trinity Church on Christchurch Road. The group aims to bring unpaid carers who look after a loved one to chat to other like-minded individuals to relax and unwind over a cup of coffee.

Roger Gregory, Trustee of Ringwood Carers Group, said: "We are incredibly grateful to Care South for their generous donation which will enable us to continue extending a helping hand to those who provide unpaid care for their loved one. It is wonderful to have the support of Care South who understand the privilege we all feel in caring for others, but also some of the challenges we all face."

Emma Cotton, Home Manager at St Ives House care home, said:

"We are proud to support the Ringwood Carers Group, as we admire the work that Roger and Margaret do with the Ringwood Carers Group, having both been carers to their own respective partners themselves. At Care South, we love being able to work with and support the community, especially where we have a natural affinity in providing care for others."

St Ives House, which is part of the Care South family of care homes, provides residential, respite, and dementia care. It features a dedicated activities team who organise a daily programme of events to bring residents together to socialise and build friendships. The care home features individual ensuite bedrooms for residents which benefit from a choice of communal lounges overlooking a landscaped courtyard and garden offering peace and tranquillity, as well as a bistro and onsite hairdressing salon.

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. For more information about the care services available, go to care-south.co.uk or call Care South on 01202 712410.



NEWS

Big Community Litter Pick and Home Energy Event

Not one, but two Ringwood Community events coming up run by our wonderful local volunteers from Ringwood & District Round Table and Greening Ringwood

1. Our Big Community Litter Pick takes place on Sat 26 October 10 am outside Ringwood Gateway and on Sun 27 October 10 am outside Tesco Poulner – do come and join us to help spruce up our lovely town! Litter Pickers, Hi-Viz jackets and bags provided. More info email greeningringwood@gmail.com
2. Our Home Energy Event with lots of information on Tips and Tricks to make your house more energy efficient, and advice from The New Forest HEAT project, The Environment Centre (teC) Southampton, and others will take place on Wednesday 6 November 7.30 pm at Greyfriars Community Centre. You can then book us to visit you with our thermal cameras to see where heat is leaking from your home! Email us on bookings@greening-ringwood.org.uk to let us know you're coming!



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Bickerley Green Supports Macmillan Cancer Care

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A good time was had by all and over £150 was raised for this very good cause. The registered Manager, Tracy Flint, commented "It was lovely to see our residents come together to support a very deserving cause. Our residents love nothing more than a nice cup of something and a slice of cake to enjoy whilst chatting to relatives, friends, and members of the Ringwood community. May I thank everyone for their support, and we hope to raise even more money next year!"



Pictured with the Mayor is Mary Mansfield, who at 101, is Bickerley Green's oldest resident...

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How to negotiate a job offer

Negotiating a job offer is a vital step in securing the salary and benefits that truly reflect your worth. To help you navigate this process with confidence, here's a breakdown of key strategies to follow before and during negotiations.

Before the Negotiation:

- Do Your Research:** Understand your market value by researching average salaries for your role, considering factors like experience, location, cost of living, and industry standards. Knowledge is your strongest tool.
- Identify Priorities:** Salary is essential, but also think about benefits, work-life balance, professional growth opportunities, and remote work options. Know what matters most to you.
- Set Realistic Goals:** While aiming for a high salary, ensure your request is backed by research and aligned with industry standards. Avoid overreaching with unreasonable expectations.
- Practice Your Pitch:** Rehearse how you'll communicate your desired salary expectations. Prepare to explain how your skills and experience justify your request.

During the Negotiation:

- Express Gratitude:** Start by thanking the employer for the

offer and showing enthusiasm about the role.

- Be Direct and Professional:** Clearly state your desired outcome, such as, "I'm excited about this role, but I would feel more comfortable with a starting salary of X."
- Focus on Your Value:** Highlight your skills and how they'll benefit the company. Use examples of past achievements to strengthen your case.
- Negotiate Multiple Aspects:** Beyond salary, consider other benefits like holiday entitlements, flexible hours, or a signing bonus.
- Know Your Limits:** Be prepared to walk away if the offer doesn't meet your minimum requirements, but always maintain professionalism.

Additional Tips:

- Remain courteous and professional throughout.
- Consider any counteroffers carefully.
- Ensure all agreed terms are documented in writing.

Approach job offer negotiations with preparation, clarity, and confidence to secure an offer that reflects your value. If you need advice, feel free to reach out—we're here to help

For more information call Helen Stacey on 07974 429217 or email talk2us@aspirejobs.co.uk

Fordingbridge Flower Club

Fordingbridge Flower Club held its AGM at Sandleheath Village Hall on Monday 7th October 2024. Having completed her three years as club Chairman, Eileen Witt, stood down to make way for Janet Newman who is now the new club Chairman. Eileen will continue as club President. Janet, a founder member, will now guide the club through the 50th anniversary celebrations in 2025.

Once the business part of the evening was completed the club presented Dr Tracey Parker, a Consultant Haematologist at Salisbury Hospital and Ambassador for the Stars Appeal, a cheque for £700. This amazing amount has been raised by members during 2024.

Refreshments were then served before members enjoyed a number of quizzes. The successful winners were Janet Shering, Sarah Blatchford, Carol Jackson and Barbara Lees.

Coming up next, we have a Wreath Making Workshop, open to non-members, on 30th November at Sandleheath Village Hall and a Coffee Morning to be held at the Town Hall Fordingbridge on 14th December 2024

For further information contact: fordingbridgeflowerclub@gmail.com



BEREAVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS & SMALL ADS

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

**Coles
Barbara Ann**

Barbara passed away at Bickerley Green Nursing Home on 6th September, aged 85 years. Beloved wife of Peter, and loving mother to Adrian and Ian, she will be very sadly missed by all her family and her many friends. The funeral service has already taken place, but any enquiries may be made to Eden Funeral Directors, Rose Cottage, Castleman Way, Ringwood BH24 3BA Tel 01425 837080



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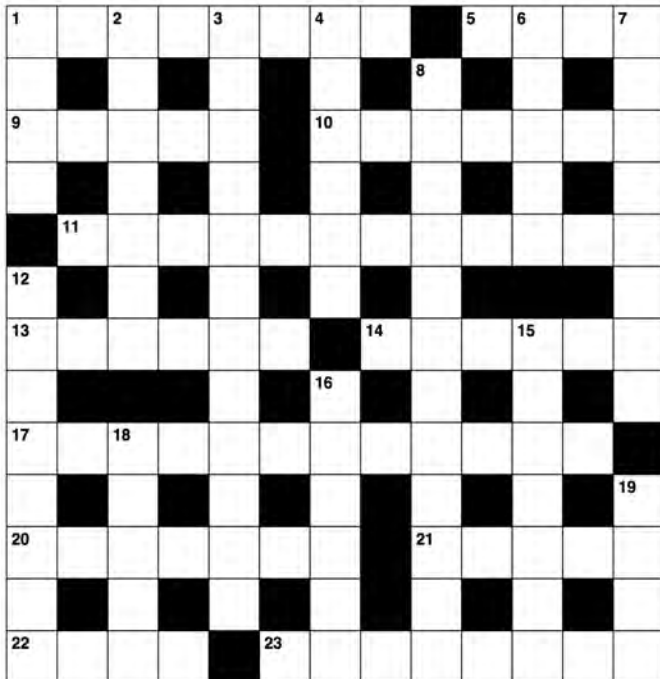
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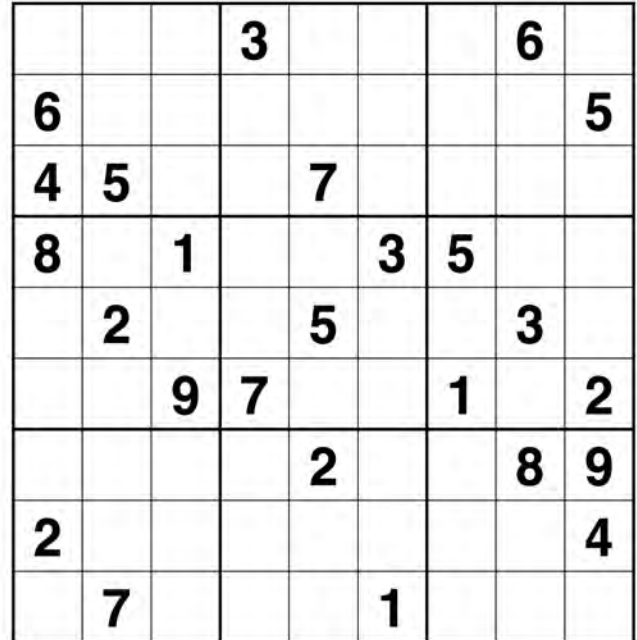
Across

- 1 - Dawdlers (8)
- 5 - State of the USA (4)
- 9 - Committee (5)
- 10 - Taller and thinner (7)
- 11 - Strikingly (12)
- 13 - Academy Awards (6)
- 14 - Heavy load (6)
- 17 - Compulsory military service (12)
- 20 - Next after sixth (7)
- 21 - Tycoon (5)
- 22 - Standard (4)
- 23 - Person owed money (8)

Down

- 1 - Circuits of a racetrack (4)
- 2 - Non-specific (7)
- 3 - Comprehensive (3-9)
- 4 - Widen (6)
- 6 - Fabric with parallel ribs (5)
- 7 - Moving at speed (8)
- 8 - Not familiar with or used to (12)
- 12 - Soft leather shoe (8)
- 15 - Period of prolonged dryness (7)
- 16 - Code (6)
- 18 - Not at all (5)
- 19 - Smudge (4)

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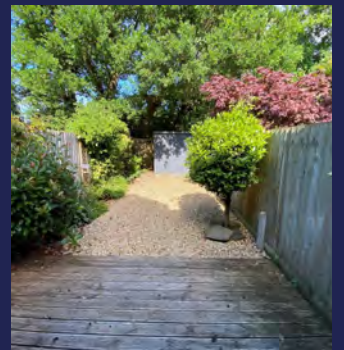


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A mid-terrace house located in the popular location of Poulner. Two bedrooms | Bright and spacious sitting room | Separate conservatory | Modern fitted kitchen with room for white goods | Three-piece family bathroom | Secluded garden with patio and shed | Close to schools and local amenities.

Ringwood

Sales and rental market

How much have sales prices changed over 10 years?

↑ 49.5% 10 years

How much do flats rent for?

£846 per month

Average age of renters

41 years

Average price of a home

£448,925

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Source: DataLift by PriceHubble, Land Registry, HMCLG, DPM. Refers to last 12 months unless otherwise stated. Price change calculated on a £/sqft basis. Date generated 2024-10-09.



- In Ringwood over the past 10 years, sale prices have gone up by 49.5%.
- The average price for a home in Ringwood is £448,925.
- The average price for a flat to rent in Ringwood is £846 per calendar month.
- The average age of renters living in Ringwood is 41 years old.

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