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#### **EDITOR**

## **Remember Remember, it's November**

There's a lot of things changing this time of year. As the clocks fall back, excited children pick pumpkins and we prepare for spectacular firework displays, it's important not to get swept up in the spectacle of everything and remember the meaning behind the things we do. This is especially important for remembrance day. Each year, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we pause to remember and pay our respects to the brave men and women who fought valiantly in the face of adversity. We come together not just to honour those who served in the armed forces but to reflect on the profound sacrifices made by countless individuals for the freedoms we hold dear today. This year, as we stand united at our local memorial, we are reminded of the significance of community in the act of remembrance. In Ringwood and Fordingbridge, we have a rich history of service and sacrifice, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the stories of our veterans are not

forgotten. Each poppy we wear is a symbol of our respect, and each moment of silence is an acknowledgment of the lives lost and the families forever changed. There are many who continue to fight in different ways for the privileges we enjoy today. Remember to take the time to say thank you, to show respect and gratitude for the sacrifices they make so we are able to live. Importantly, we need to remember to involve our young children in the events on remembrance Sunday. To educate them about the past so we can ensure a safer future.

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Preparations for the highly anticipated Ringwood Grand Fireworks on Sunday, 3rd November are almost complete, and Ringwood Town Council is excited to welcome back the local community once again. This hugely popular event, enjoyed by all ages, will feature two stunning fireworks displays, fairground, children's circus workshops, fire shows, and live music from the much-loved Swing Unlimited Big Band.

#### What's New This Year?

While the event remains the same crowd-pleasing celebration, this year, organisers have introduced an online-only ticketing system. Based on feedback from attendees and to enhance safety and convenience, tickets must be purchased online.



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at Ringwood Gateway in advance. In addition to the ticket prices above, there is also a small ticket handling fee.

#### **Event Highlights:**

- Gates open at 3pm for the fairground, children's entertainment, and a wide range of food and drink stalls.
- A 'low bangs' display begins at 5:30pm, perfect for those who prefer a quieter experience.
- The Swing Unlimited Big Band takes the stage at 6pm, performing an eclectic mix of jazz along with more modern pop tunes that everyone will love.
- The **bonfire will be lit at 6:15pm**, followed by the main fireworks display at 7pm.

Cllr Rae Frederick, Chair of the Events Committee and Town Mayor, says:

"This is always a highlight of the Ringwood calendar. Our new online ticketing system will make it easier and safer for everyone to enjoy the event, and we're so grateful for the ongoing support of our headline sponsor, Fretten's Solicitors, as well as Oak Mount Care and the many local charities and volunteers who help us make this possible."

#### **Delicious Food & Drink:**

Food vendors on-site will offer a variety of treats including a hog roast, bratwurst, gourmet burgers, bubble tea, pancrepes, pizza, and sweet delights. The Ringwood Roundtable will also be running a bar, with all profits supporting local charities and activities. Don't miss out on this fantastic evening of fun, entertainment, and fireworks! Get your tickets online now and be part of the biggest Ringwood Grand Fireworks yet.

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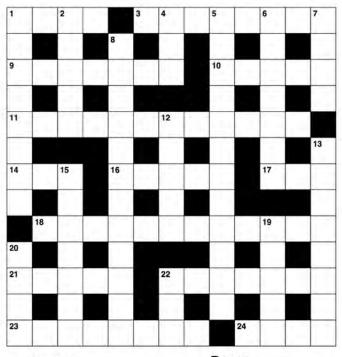


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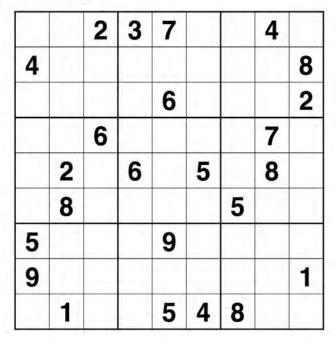
#### Across

- 1 Price (4)
- 3 Obscures the light from a celestial body (8)
- 9 V-shaped line or stripe (7)
- 10 Opposite of thin (5)
- 11 Quarrelsome and uncooperative (12)
- 14 Not in (3)
- 16 Hackneyed (5)
- 17 Not well (3)
- 18 Male relation by marriage (7-2-3)
- 21 Music with a recurrent theme (5)
- 22 Country in northwestern Africa (7)
- 23 Trailblazers (8)
- 24 Curl one's hair (4)

#### ANSWERS FOR THE LAST ISSUE

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#### **Down** 1 - Dawn (8)

2 - Harsh and serious (5)

- 4 Metal container (3)
- 5 Middleman (12)
- 6 Nerve impulses (7)
- 7 Japanese beverage (4)
- 8 Swimming technique (12)
- 12 Cutting instrument (5)
- 13 Soft-bodied beetle (4-4)
- 15 Capital of Ontario (7)
- 19 Money (5)
- 20 Support (4)

22 - Ram (anag) (3)

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## NEWS



## **Emperor Quianlong 1735-1796**

Members of the Ringwood Antiques Club had little knowledge of the Qing Dynasty in China, which lasted from 1644 to 1911. Our speaker David Rosier lived in Asia for over 25 years and collected more than 700 Imperial Textiles and Costume Accessaries from the Qing period, these are now on display in the Shanghai Museum



Emperor Quianlong was the 4th Quing Emperor to

rule over China and the most influential. An ambitious military leader, he increased the size of China and was also a writer, poet and patron of the arts. He ruled over the largest population and economy in the world. His personal collectons, including thousands of paintings and ceramics are preserved in the Palace Museum in China.

On November 27th at 7.45pm Paul Stickler is talking about the Murder of Harry Oakes. His entaining talks focus on factual accounts of true crime events from the 20th Centuary. We welcome non-members. Come and join us at Greyfriars Community

Centre Ringwood.

## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Legion created the Poppy Appeal to help those returning from the First World War. A century on from the start of that conflict, we're still helping today's Armed Forces families in much the same way, whether coping with bereavement, living with disability, or finding employment.

The poppy is a powerful symbol - it is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today and their loved ones.

Money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to our welfare work, providing through-life care to anyone who currently serves in the British Armed Forces, who has previously served, and their families. This could include supporting:

Bereaved families to cope after the loss of a loved one

Those leaving the Forces into work and housing Older veterans to get the care and support they need and deserve.

Our vital welfare work is entirely dependent on the public's support – so please give generously and wear your poppy with

pride, knowing that with your donation you can help all of these people and the entire Armed Forces community to Live On.



## Household Waste and Recycling Centres in the New Forest will not close

We are delighted to hear that tier 3 and tier 4 Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Hampshire, including two in the New Forest district area at Marchwood and Somerley, will not be closed.

This decision was made by the Hampshire County Council (HCC) Cabinet today (Monday 14 October 2024). It followed written representation by Cllr Geoffrey Blunden, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, and direct discussion between the Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Nick Adam-King and Cllr Jill Cleary, Leader of New Forest District Council, to ensure that New Forest resident concerns were clearly articulated and understood.

Cllr Geoffrey Blunden, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, stated,

"I am pleased to hear the county has listened to its district colleagues, and will be keeping Marchwood and Somerley recycling centres open for our local community.

"The centres provide a fantastic resource supporting residents to recycle and reuse, and align with our goals to improve recycling, reduce waste, and meet binding Net Zero 2050 targets.

"As we work on plans to rollout a new and improved waste collection service from 2025 to 2026, we look forward to continuing work with Hampshire County Council and other local authorities, to boost recycling rates and reduce our impact on the environment." FREE QUOTATIONS MADE TO MEASURE QUALITY CONTROLLED OVER 35 YEARS EXPERIENCE

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## Funding success at Forest Forge

Forest Forge, the New Forest's leading theatre company, is celebrating after securing  $\pm 52,000$  of funding from Arts Council England, alongside a new commission from New Forest District Council.

The professional theatre company, which has been creating and touring theatre for over 40 years, has been granted the funding to support several projects it will be delivering from November to July 2025.

The company has recently restructured its activity to place equal weight on three strands of work: professional touring,



participatory activity and support of local artists. The funding supports new activity in all three areas and is designed to support Forest Forge engage and bring together audiences and participants from across the generations.

One of the projects supported by the grant is Forest Forge's annual Christmas production, created in partnership with New Forest based Bumblefly Theare and with Mischievous Theatre. This year the three



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theatre companies are working together to create a family friendly version of A Christmas Carol, which will tour across the region from December. The funding will support additional performances including relaxed and sign language interpreted events. Full details of the tour will be available soon.

Forest Forge are also in the process of developing two new



Lucy Phillips (left) and Jo Billingham

'Suitcase Story' productions. These smaller touring performances will be designed for libraries, schools, care homes and fetes will be available to tour in 2025. One of the new productions has been supported by the Arts Council funding, whilst the other is a new commission from New Forest District Council's allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), from central government, with designated funds for improving the local cultural offer.

Kealy Whenray, Creative and Cultural Development Manager at New Forest District Council says: "NFDC are excited to help facilitate the growth of Forest Forge's presence in the New Forest through our shared strategic objectives, not least our shared vision to develop a vibrant creative and cultural sector within the district. Through our allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), from central government, with designated funds for improving the local cultural offer, we have been able to commission work that is energising for our communities, relevant to place and artistically ambitious. This project, excitingly, increases funding for rural theatre production, provides free community performance opportunities and improves access to creative learning for children and young people in the New Forest District."

The Arts Council England investment will also support some research into another of the company's ideas called Unexpected Places which it hopes to launch next year.

The Arts Council grant will also help support new drama workshops across the New Forest, including a new Act Your Age drama group for those over the age of 55 and a new active session for older people and pre-school children. These have also kindly be supported by Culture in Common and will extend Forest Forge's already extensive participation programme.

Supporting artists and regional theatre makers is an important part of Forest Forge's work and so the project includes funding for five developing artists to join the company to gain experience across the work. The company will be advertising these opportunities in the coming weeks and advise anyone interested to keep an eye on social media and the website.

Lucy Phillips and Jo Billingham, Co-Artistic Directors of Forest Forge say:

"We are extremely grateful to receive this funding from Arts Council England and New Forest District Council, alongside support from Culture in Common. We are excited for what is now possible and the difference we can make in the New Forest with this investment. Forest Forge has been through some significant changes in the last year and this funding provides an important opportunity for us to look to the future and to do what we do best - providing theatre and theatre making experiences for and with people in our community."

Find out more about Forest Forge and the opportunities to take part in theatre-making activities in Ringwood at www.forestforgetheatre.co.uk

### Anna Pyne, flute Concerts **Eluned Pierce**, harp Miguel Rodriguez, viola

The second concert in our 40th anniversary season will be on Friday, 8th November, 2024 at 7.30pm at the Trinity Centre, Ringwood. We will be welcoming three Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Principals Anna Pyne on flute, Eluned Pierce on harp and Miguel Rodriguez on viola. Anna and Eluned last performed for us in November 2021 and will be returning, together with Miguel, by popular request. Their programme will include works by Debuussy, Piazzzola and JS Bach, amongst others.

Anna Pyne became Principal Flute with the English Sinfonia in 2000 and since 2005 has also been a principal with the BSO. Eluned Pierce is the Principal Harp of the BSO and is one of the United Kingdom's most experienced and versatile harpists with an international reputation as both a player and a high-level teacher. Miguel Rodriguez is a co-principal viola player at the BSO and the Welsh National Opera Company.

We look forward to seeing you on 8 November, 2024 at what promises to be a very entertaining and enjoyable evening.

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## Halfway there for STARF 20

Stronger Together Across Ringwood and Fordingbridge ("STARF") is a local charity that helps local families in crisis. Its main activities include providing advice for families with financial challenges and counselling for children with mental health and other needs. In the next few weeks STARF will also be taking steps to provide debt coaches to those families who have debt that they cannot deal with or manage. All these services are provided by qualified professionals and represent a recurring cost for STARF, hence great importance is placed on having ongoing funding support.

STARF recently launched STARF20, to find 20 local businesses/ organisations who commit to try to provide some level of ongoing support to fund its activities. We are delighted that 10 local businesses have already signed up to support STARF's efforts. The 10 members of STARF20 provide help in different ways and thus far are: Empower Energy – the founding and key sponsor of STARF; Belinda's Bakery – who provide out of term time meals to identified children; Earlcoate Plant Hire & Construction, David Lloyd Ringwood, Moyles Court School who have each organised events for STARF; Andrew Turnbull at South Coast Vision, lanthe

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STARF20 is one of the ways that

## Stronger Together Across Ringwood & Fordingbridge

#### SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES OUT OF HARDSHIP

STARF raises funds. Mandy Underwood, Chair of STARF said "we are blessed with ad hoc and regular contributions from our donors – every penny makes a difference to the lives of local children in crisis. We also work hard to identify and apply for relevant grants – and were delighted to be recently awarded £600 from Ringwood Town Council and £200 from 2 Fordingbridge councillors".

To find out more about the work of STARF and how to contribute or to become a STARF20 member, please visit www.starf.uk Pictured the most recent members of STARF20; Letchers Solicitors and David Lloyd Club, Ringwood as well as the School Council from Moyles Court School.





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## **SPORT & NEWS**

## **Go Panthers!**

This season, the U12 Panthers from the girls' section of Ringwood Town Football Club are rallying together to support Julia's House. Known for their unwavering team spirit, the Panthers, a remarkable group of talented young girls are determined to make a positive impact through their fundraising efforts.

In September, the team visited Julia's House to gain insight into the incredible and vital services they offer children and families within our local community. The visit had a real impact on the girls, deepening their understanding of the challenges faced by others.

On Saturday 12th October, a group of Panthers laced up their running shoes to participate in the Run Bournemouth 5km Supernova race. This vibrant event was not just a test of endurance as many had not run that distance before, but it showcased the girls' commitment to their cause.



The event proved to be even more inspiring when one of the team members, undeterred by a broken arm, still took part, reflecting the true spirit of the Panthers.

So far this season, the U12 Panthers have already raised over £1,000 for Julia's House, however, the need for support is ongoing as they rely on donations to cover more than 90% of their costs.

With several further fundraising activities planned throughout the football season, the Panthers are a shining example of how a big heart coupled with teamwork and determination can make a real meaningful contribution on and off the field.

For more details on their fundraising please visit www.justgiving.com/page/ u12panthers

## Want to join our growing girls football team!

We are always keen to welcome new team members to our fantastic growing girls' section! Come and be part of an amazing group of girls and have fun playing football. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, we can't wait to see you on the field!

For more information, please contact Jon at jongough1974@googlemail. com or on 07488257125.



U12 Panthers Reds



U12 Panthers Blues





## Make the most of your Pumpkin - Spicy pumpkin soup

It's spooky season and we are stocking up on pumpkins, apples, tasty treats and other hearty and seasonal foods. Unfortunately, 4.5 million tonnes of good food is wasted every year from UK households, that's enough to fill 38 million wheelie bins!

Pumpkins are more than just a pretty jack-o-lantern, they are rich in vitamins and minerals and can be used in both sweet and savoury dishes. You can use all of your pumpkin, even the pumpkin leftovers from your jack-o-lantern and make the most of it. It's sweet and spicy, this pumpkin soup is an autumn favourite and perfect if you're making soup for the first time, as well as for seasoned cooks. It works really well if you roast the pumpkin and sweet potato first. Delicious!

#### Ingredients

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> medium pumpkin or <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> butternut squash
<sup>1</sup>Can be made with other roast veg e.g. parsnips, carrots
1 sweet potato
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> red pepper
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups (375 ml) of water
1 cup (250 ml) full fat milk or alternative milk e.g. soya, almond
1 red chilli (optional)
Pinches of salt and pepper for seasoning **Recipe - serves 1 1**. Preheat the oven to 190°C. **2**. Remove the pumpkin flesh with a spoon, and peel the sweet

potato. Chop the pumpkin and sweet potato into 1 inch cubes. 3. Slice the red peppers and put all vegetables on a roasting tray, with a drizzle of oil. Place in the oven to roast for 30-40 minutes, until soft. **4**. Allow all the vegetables to cool a little. Once cool enough to handle, add the pumpkin,

sweet potato and peppers to a blender with the water, milk and diced chilli, and blend until smooth.

5. Pour into a saucepan and heat until piping hot, adding more water if you like a slightly thinner soup.



6. Season to taste with salt and pepper

**7.** Chef's tip: To give the soup a sweeter flavour, roast the pumpkin and sweet potato until they are dark and caramelised. It is important to allow the veg to cool before putting in the blender as the pressure of the steam could create a mess in the kitchen!

Variations: To make this a more balanced dish, you can serve with garlic croutons or a few slices of bread and butter. You can also vary the ingredients buy using butternut squash instead of, or as an addition to, the pumpkin!

Extra flavour: Adding your own mix of herbs and spices can really enhance this dish, such as coriander, cumin, oregano or fennel seeds.

Vegan options: To adapt this dish for vegans, replace the milk with vegetable stock, alternative milk or coconut milk, all of which will create different flavours.

Allergy advice: This versatile dish is easily adapted to avoid allergens and be suitable for most diets.



## Hampshire charity celebrates share of £1million fund

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust based in Fordingbridge has received a £20,000 funding boost as part of Benefact Group's Movement for Good Awards to support the vital work they do in the area.

For the sixth year running, Benefact Group's Movement for Good Awards is giving away over £1million to charities across the year and invites members of the public to nominate causes close to their hearts.

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is a leading UK charity conducting conservation science to enhance the British countryside for public benefit. For over 90 years the charity has been researching and developing game and wildlife management techniques. They use the research to provide training and advice on how best improve the biodiversity of the countryside. Animal charity, Pro Dogs Direct based in Aldershot, has also picked up £1,000. The organisation helps re-home dogs that are in desperate need of help directly from a foster home to a forever home.

A charity operating in the climate and environment sector has been awarded £5,000. Wild Fish Conservation based in Andover, is an independent charity campaigning for wild fish and their environment. They rely on donations to help achieve their goal of sustainable wild fish populations and they work to diminish the key threats to wild fish including open-net salmon farming, pollution and over-abstraction.

Further winners will be revealed later in the year and residents across Hampshire are encouraged to keep nominating by visiting https://movementforgood.com/.

Mark Hews, Group Chief Executive at Benefact Group, said: "We would like to thank every single person who took the time to

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Benefact Group has donated over £200million to charitable causes since 2014 and last year was recognised as the third biggest corporate giver in the UK1. The organisation aims to reach  $\pounds$ 250million in donations by 2025.

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## Cousin of Tragic Lymington Stabbing Victim to box at U.W.B.C Event at Bournemouth BIC 16th November to raise money for Lives Not Knives.

Harry Edwards, 22 years from Ringwood, is stepping into the boxing ring for the first time, boxing to raise money and awareness for the Lives Not Knives charity following the death of his beloved cousin and friend, Luke Gray in July this year. Luke died as a 'direct result' of injuries sustained from an attack in October 2021.

Luke, 26 and his best friend Max Maguire, were brutally attacked in Lymington in October 2021. Catastrophically, Max lost his life that night. Luke was stabbed twice in the back, fighting for his own life, he witnessed the murder of his best friend and the serious wounding of another friend with them that night. His heart stopped three times that night. His mum, Sarah Roberts, was told to 'say her goodbyes' and as Covid restrictions were in place was told she could only spend an



hour with him! For two years Luke underwent repeated operations, multiple infections, and treatments, ultimately, Luke had his kidney

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removed. Tragically, Luke died in his sleep in July despite the tireless efforts of his devastated mother to revive him, a full two and a half years after that fatal night. Sarah has given us permission to share the coroner's verdict but is in no doubt that 'Luke is dead as a direct result of the attack."

#### Coroner's Verdict (paraphrased).

"Although the coroner has confirmed Luke's cause of death was ischaemic heart disease, he would have lived into his 60's or longer. This undetected, un-



derlying condition ended his life at just 26 years, due in part to the chronic psychological and physical stress of the attack with a knife in 2021'. As Luke's mum says, "This cannot be proven in a court of law, so Luke will never get the justice he deserves."

Harry, a pall bearer at his cousin's funeral in August, says "Luke was a complete fighter, he fought for two and half years to get over this hideous, unprovoked attack. I have seen the horrendous impact on his mum and her twin sister, my mum – it has affected us all terribly. I am fighting to raise awareness of Lives Not Knives, in the hope that we can do one small thing to help stop the national epidemic of knife crime."

Luke's mum Sarah says "I am tremendously proud of what Harry is doing not only for his cousin my son, but for all the sons and daughters out there that will be lost due to people carrying knives. It must stop. Harry has been training every day and is a real man – I wish everyone that thinks about carrying a knife would think twice, be like Harry and save a life – leave it home or better still hand it in." To support Harry (Pictured above) please donate at Harry Boxing for Lives Not Knives

Lives Not Knives (LNK) are dedicated to preventing youth violence in London and aim to do so through offering tailored mentorship and advice to the young people aged 9-21 in our community who most need our support. http://www.livesnotknives.org/

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#### 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!

#### 6 November – Home Energy Event

Come and find out lots of ways you can keep your home warmer in Winter and cooler in Summer with expert advice and grant information. A free event, starting at 7.30pm at Greyfriars.

#### 19 November – Man the Builder

Alastair Duncan presents a fascinating insight into today's world, drawing on a life's experience in building and civil engineering. 3-week course from 19 November – £30. Tickets available at Greyfriars or via TicketSource.

## 21 November – U3A – "Return to Base-a Ringwood wartime incident"

Meeting monthly at 2.00pm on the 3rd Thursday for a social gathering and an entertaining talk with our guest speaker is local historian Ken Chatfield. For details www.ringwoodu3a.org.uk2.



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## WHATS ON

## Fordingbridge County Council Library Children's activities

## Ringwood Library

Tues: Toddler Time, 10:30 -11, followed by Stay and Play Fri: Rhyme Time, 10:30 – 11, followed by Stay and Play Sat: Construction Club. 10:30 - 12:30

**Tues:** Baby Play, 10:30 – 11:30 Weds: Rhyme Time, 10:30 -Weds: Baby Play, 10:30 – 11:30 – 11, followed by Stay and Play Thurs: Toddler Time, 10:30 -11, followed by Stay and Play Sat: Code Club. 10 - 11 Construction Club 10:30-12:30



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## Flowers of Remembrance





An illustrated presentation on the history of the poppy and the cornflower; flowers of Remembrance for Great Britain and France by Jeremy Prescott Date: Friday, 8 November 2024 Time: 7.15 pm Anne Rose Hall, Greyfriars Community Centre Place:

Christchurch Rd, Ringwood BH24 1DW

£5.00 at the door Visitors: Wine during the evening: £2.50 per glass For more information contact Penny Buckley Tel: 07985-004830 or ringwoodfrenchcircle@gmail.com

## **RMDS** feels the Pressure

**Ringwood Musical and Dramatic** Society is feeling the heat with it's forthcoming production, 'Pressure'.



'Pressure' is an intense real-life thriller centred around the most important weather forecast in the history of warfare. Set in June 1944. One man's decision is about to change the course of history.

Everything is in place for the biggest invasion ever known in Europe - D-Day, but one last crucial question remains: will the weather be right on the day?

Problematically there are two opposing forecasts. American celebrity weatherman Colonel Krick predicts sunshine, while Scot Dr James Stagg, Chief Meteorological Officer for the Allied Forces, forecasts a storm. As the world watches and waits, General Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander, must decide which of these bitter antagonists to trust. The decision will not only seal the fates of thousands of men but could win or lose the entire war.

An extraordinary and little-known true story, David Haig's play thrillingly explores the responsibilities of leadership, the challenges of prophecy and the personal toll of taking a stand.

So, don't miss out on this fascinating play which will be performed at The Barn, Ringwood School from 13th - 15th November.

Tickets can be purchased online via rmds.org.uk or in person at Greyfriars Box Office.

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## The Danny Cracknell 'Homeless at Christmas' 2024 Appeal

'As the evenings draw in and the temperature falls, the need for warm food, drink and clothing becomes more necessary.

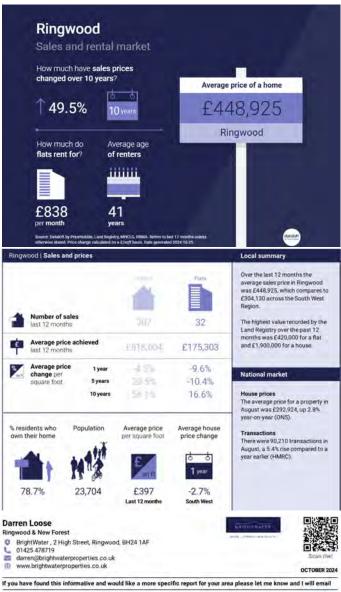
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Thirty five years ago Jock McMaster together with friends, Danny Cracknell and Jimmy Gogan,

embarked on an initiative to provide a means of collecting/distributing crucial supplies of food and clothing for ladies and gentleman who had found themselves in extremely difficult circumstances.

Sadly Danny and Jimmy have since passed away, but Jock, in conjunction with a team of able helpers, including Jon Grant, are continuing the winter appeal.

Jon's estate agency office, Grants of Ringwood, in the Furlong



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Centre, Ringwood is the 'drop-off' point for ladies and gent's warm clothing, plus sleeping bags (definitely no duvets or pillows), thermos flasks, toiletries, dry pasta, tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar, cocoa etc.

The collection will commence on Friday 1st November and cease on Wednesday 11th December.

Your support is invaluable and gives those whom are in dire need hope that there are people who are kind and actually care about them'.







## Cycling 500km on Ride Africa for Child.org

November 9th – 16th, local businessman and charity fund

raiser Michael 'Micky' Chilman, 62 from Ringwood, along with his long-suffering buddy, Rob Pimenta from Kent, will join 80 top cyclists in the 500km Ride Africa Kenya: Mara Calling challenge from Lake Nakuru to the world famous Masai Mara National Park in the hope of collectively raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for Child.org.

This is the fifth time Micky (pictured left) has undertaken the gruelling ride for Child. org the charity that supports maternal and child healthcare in Kenya. The pair are completely self-funding the expedition whilst aiming to raise an impressive £10k for the charity, through several fundraising events and sponsorship support.

"This is going to be a very demanding Ride Africa classic ride of over 500km, and unbelievably our fifth ride across Africa! It will be even more insane and ridiculously more

difficult than any of the others! CHILD. org somehow manages to raise the bar on every ride that we do. Two years we cycled through National Parks with lions,



elephants, hippos, giraffes, zebras, hyenas, water buffalo, plus other animals that wanted to kill us. This year we have more to worry about including cheetahs which can outrun us! Plus, those enormous hills that go on forever, the extreme heat and humidity and my poor posterior which really does not want to do another one of these challenges! As in previous years we are

all cycling in aid of CHILD.org, which has sustained, helped, and cared for and saved the lives of thousands of children and mums and people in need across the poorest regions in Africa, and the poorest regions across the world. It works with pregnant women, communities and Governments to champion community-based solutions and keep mums and babies alive and healthy." Micky has arranged a host of fundraising events including a well-supported quiz night held in the barn at The Elm Tree during September, which raised over £4k, and to date the pair have raised £7k for the charity.

To donate please visit Micky Chilman -Child.org To speak to Micky please call 07790 485702.

## TRIO OF TALENTED YOUNG SINGERS WIN COMPETITON TO PERFORM WITH BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

- Three local children are set to appear as soloists in The Snowman this December alongside Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO). - 70 children, aged 9-13, competed to win the opportunity. Three singers - from Devon, Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight - have been announced as the winners.

- Performances take place at **Lighthouse**, **Poole** on **Saturday 14 December** at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets from £5.

Howard Blake's *Walking in the Air* remains an enduring festive favourite. This Christmas, it marks the start of a new chapter for three talented singers as they prepare to perform music from The Snowman with the BSO.

Logan Broom from Ringwood, Will Kent from Sandown, and Megan Frost-Howe from Newton Abbot beat off competition from dozens of other talented young singers to perform as soloists with the professional orchestra this Christmas.

The talented trio will each perform individually alongside Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and its Southampton-based community choir, BSO Voices. The live performances, which are conducted by Pete Harrison, accompany a full-length screening of The Snowman.

Anthony Brown, the BSO's Head of Marketing and curator of its BSO Pops series, said: "We were thrilled to welcome such a large number of young singers from across the South West and beyond to audition. Logan, Megan, and Will stood out as brilliantly talented we're excited to be able to offer them this memorable performance experience and look forward to welcoming them to the stage in December."



The Snowman is presented as part of the BSO's festive season, which includes family favourites, such as Last Night of the Christmas Proms with Joe Stilgoe. It also features traditional Christmas classics ranging from a Celebration of Christmas Carols and Handel's Messiah to the BSO's ever-popular New Year's Gala. The BSO's festive season tours Exeter, Fareham, Marlborough, Poole, Portsmouth, Taunton and Weymouth, throughout December and early January.

The Snowman takes place on Saturday 14 December – at 3pm and 7pm - at Lighthouse, Poole. Tickets are from  $\pm 5$  and can be booked at bsolive.com.

## HISTORY & NEWS

## Championing the Best in Design – The Ringwood Society Awards 2024



Last Tuesday saw The Ringwood Society reward the best of design in Ringwood over the last twelve months with their flagship Design and Conservation Awards 2024. Lucky recipients received their prizes at the Society Autumn Open Meeting at Greyfriars.

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The awards, founded in 1981 and relaunched two years ago, were this year given to Jade and Richard Levell (above left) for the remodelling of their home in Christchurch Road (Best Residential Project) and Rose and Lily Florals Ltd (Zoe Wallis and Rebecca Galton, centre) for their new signage and shopfront (Best Commercial Project). Lindy Stuart Studio (Lindy Stuart, right) was Commended for their new signage. "The continuing high standard of design the town attracts is refreshing and it was a tough field to judge this year with many potential projects fighting it out for the coveted prizes", said head of this years judging panel and Chartered Architect; Alex Bancroft. He continued, "nominations are now open for the 2025 awards and details of how to nominate can be found on our website".

Roland 'Roly' Errington

18 May 1953 - 15 October 2024



Chairman of Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council and the RAF Ibsley Airfield Heritage Trust,

Roly Errington, who has died at the age of 71, was consulted on matters of conservation, planning, and ecology by organisations ranging from the Friends of the New Forest (New Forest Association), The National Park Authority, The National Trust, and a host of archaeological, aviation and WW2 historical research groups throughout Hampshire. His famously vast knowledge on a wide-range of topics was such that people both locally and in the film industry in which he had worked as a lighting cameraman for decades, knew he could provide the answer to any question they might care to ask - and if he didn't, he would find it for them.

Roly was the second son of the late George Errington (OBE), who test-flew Spitfires, Hurricanes, Mosquitoes, and Horsa Gliders for the war effort, while his late mother, the redoubtable Lesley Errington was a well-known local figure herself, serving as a respected town and Parish councillor for 33 years, and also as Chairman of the New Forest District Council from 1976 - 1978.

Educated at Radley College and Manchester University where he read Mechanical Engineering, Roly ultimately plumped for a career in film. Whilst still at school, he'd spent time shadowing Sir David Lean on the set of 'Ryan's Daughter', and had been given the unenviable task of wrangling Robert Mitchum and Trevor Howard out of their beds and onto the set. Although still only in his late teens, with his wittily disarming personality and extraordinary ability to persuade, he apparently managed this with relative ease.

His later CV included 'Mission Impossible', and 'Shakespeare in Love', but his skill with and knowledge of CGI and enhanced effects saw him in demand for the growingly popular fantasy film genre, working on such films as 'Snow White and The Huntsman' and 'Willow'. Intensely private, he would work under various professional names to keep his film career and his voluntary work as a New Forest parish councillor separate.

The New Forest remained his first love, and his passion for its survival and conservation unparalleled. For those who were aware of it, his extraordinary ability to communicate intuitively with animals offered comfort and answers to friends wishing to understand their pets and their local wildlife. Visitors to his home near Ringwood would find a haven for foxes, badgers, birds, and the occasional duck, up from the lake, and taking an afternoon nap on the top of the bookshelves in his study.

During the early summer of 2024, Roly had been feeling increasingly unwell. When he finally secured an appointment to see a doctor for tests to be performed, it was discovered he had a type of cancer that often only makes its presence known when it is already too late.

Following a collapse at home on 6 October 2024, he was rushed to Bournemouth Hospital, where he died 7 days later.

He is survived by his long-term companion and wife, Emma.

Details of memorial and thanksgiving service to be announced.

**HISTORY & NEWS** 

## A 'Salute' to Meeting House Archivist John Hawkins

Let's raise a 'Salute' to the extraordinarily hard-working 94-yearold John Hawkins, a prominent volunteer archivist of Ringwood Meeting House. With significant contributions to our town archives, John has created a poignant legacy for our town.

John's varied career began in the Royal Navy, becoming a Senior Instructor for 'Plotting and Radar Strategies', a Sales Manager for the yacht builders of Wisbech, then working for a Marine Electronics company in Poole. Involvement in 'Electronic Taxime-



ter' manufacture saw John writing an English version of EC rules, adopted as the British Standard. Finally, a trade and local government advisor, before retiring in 1997.

In 2006 John joined a local History group researching Ringwood's history. He gave talks, still organises displays and recently discussed 'WW2' and 'D-Day' with local schoolchildren.

Recently John and his beloved wife Sylvia celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary!

John reflects that volunteering as an archivist gives him worthwhile occupation during his retirement years - "This has been something that has kept me mentally active and serving the community". Bravo John!





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Commissioned in 1960 ... and married Sylvia.



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20/11/1942	Howard Duncan FRASER	Wing Commander OBE	Royal Air Force
24/11/1917	Ernest Thomas ANDREWS	Private	(2nd/4th Bn) Hampshire Regiment
25/11/1917	William Charles HOPKINS	Private	(7th) Bn Royal Sussex Regiment
29/11/1916	James MacNeil CLAPPERTON	Private	Royal Scots later Royal Defence Corps
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Gen Z employees are adaptive learners with a thirst for knowledge. Employers can encourage this by investing in tailored training programs, workshops, and mentorship opportunities. By supporting Gen Z's passion for learning, companies not only cultivate highly skilled teams but also prepare tomorrow's leaders.

#### 2) Inspiring Purpose-Driven Engagement

This generation values meaningful work and seeks employers with aligned missions. By emphasising the impact of each role and offering ways to contribute to broader company goals, employers can engage Gen Z employees deeply, building loyalty and drive.

#### 3) Building Collaborative, Inclusive Cultures

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Gen Z thrives in diverse, team-oriented environments that encourage open dialogue and idea sharing. By developing crossfunctional collaboration, providing regular feedback, and recognising achievements, companies can create a thriving, inclusive culture that resonates with these young professionals.

#### 4) Embracing Two-Way Mentorship

With unique insights and digital expertise, Gen Z employees benefit from and contribute to two-way mentoring. By connecting them with experienced colleagues, companies encourage knowledge exchange, breaking down barriers and promoting intergenerational learning.

#### 5) Championing Diversity and Social Responsibility

Passionate about inclusion and social causes, Gen Z looks for companies that walk the talk. Employers who commit to diversity, equity, and authentic social responsibility initiatives will attract and retain Gen Z talent while building a positive, purpose-led reputation.

Integrating Gen Z's dynamic skills and values offers companies a chance to shape vibrant, inclusive, and innovative workplaces that thrive well into the future. Why not give it a go and bring a young person into your business?

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## **Ringwood Centenary Lantern Marks 10 Years of Remembrance and** Reflection

The Ringwood Centenary Lantern stands as a permanent memorial honouring the brave individuals from our community who lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during World War I and World War II.

This poignant tribute is dedicated to preserving the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Since August 2014, a lantern at Ringwood Gateway has been lit on the anniversaries of each fallen service member and on significant national days, serving as a beacon of remembrance and respect. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this solemn tradition, a decade of honouring our heroes with the light of remembrance. Commissioned by the residents of Ringwood and supported by the Town Council, the current lantern was dedicated on 3 November 2018, marking the centenary of the Armistice of 1918 - the end of World War I. This dedication reflects our community's commitment to honouring the sacrifices of those who served.

Ringwood Meeting House maintains a complete record of all individuals remembered by the lantern and on the Ringwood War Memorial, ensuring that their legacies live on in the hearts of future generations.

We encourage everyone to join us in remembrance and reflection this Remembrance Sunday, as we gather to pay respect to those who gave so much for our freedom.





#### **BEREAVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS & SMALL ADS**

## **BEREAVEMENT NOTICE**

RICE

#### Debra Ann (Debbie)

Passed away peacefully at Salisbury Hospice on 11th October 2024 aged 62 years. A loving Wife to John, Mother of David and Anthony, and Mother-in-law to Steph. Funeral Service to be held at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday 1st November at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Salisbury Hospice may be made via www.tapperfuneralservice.co.uk or cheques may be sent to Barrow & Tapper Funeral Service, 29a Southampton Road, Ringwood Hampshire BH24 1HB (01425 472104)

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George Chiverton (Doughty Engineering) George passed away peacefully on 5 September at Bournemouth hospital. Pam, Helen, Julian and family would like to thank you for your kind wishes, cards and beautiful flowers. Also Barrow Brothers and Tapper funeral directors and Ringwood Health Centre please accept this as a personal thank you.



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