



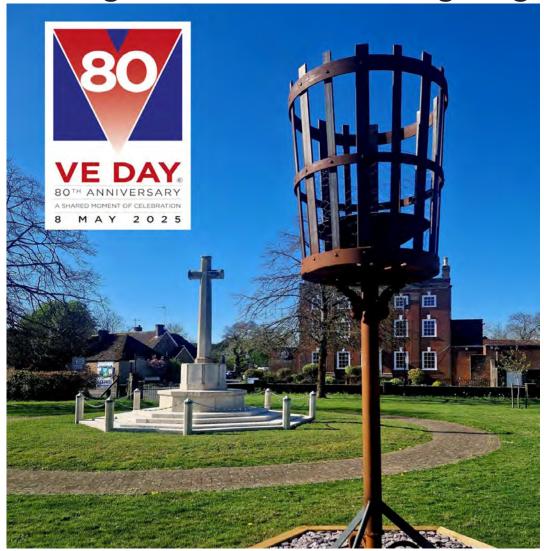




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# Ringwood to Mark VE Day 80 with Evening Tribute and Beacon Lighting



Ringwood Town Council invites residents to a special evening ceremony on Thursday 8th May

2025, as part of a nationwide tribute to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

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#### **EDITOR**

#### What will you be doing this Easter?

Easter in Ringwood and Fordingbridge is a special time marked by community spirit, tradition, and the beauty of spring.

They come alive with local events, church services, and family-friendly activities. St. Mary and St. John's churches hold meaningful Easter services that draw people together in reflection and celebration.

The surrounding New Forest bursts into bloom, offering scenic walks and Easter egg hunts for all ages.

Local shops and markets feature festive treats, crafts, and seasonal produce. With its blend of heritage, natural beauty, and warm community, Easter in Ringwood and fordingbridge is a joyful and memorable experience for residents and visitors alike.

Lets also not forget the true meaning, Easter is a significant Christian celebration that marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described in the New Testament. It symbolises hope, renewal, and victory over sin and death. For believers, Easter affirms faith in eternal life and God's



transformative love. It follows the solemn period of Lent, culminating in Holy Week and Good Friday, which commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. Easter Sunday, in contrast, is a joyful occasion, celebrated with church services, hymns, and gatherings. Beyond its religious roots, Easter also embraces themes of rebirth and new beginnings, often represented by springtime symbols like eggs, flowers, and light.

Happy Easter x





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#### Ringwood School Responds to Smartphone Risks with New Year 7 Policy Starting September 2025

Ringwood School is set to implement a new mobile phone policy from September 2025, restricting Year 7 students to non-smartphones only during their first year.

This decision follows concerns raised through the latest research and most notably in the Channel 4 documentary Swiped, which highlighted the negative impact of smartphones on young people's mental health. The policy also aligns with the growing national conversation around children's smartphone use, as reflected in the proposed **Safer Phones Bill** currently under discussion in Parliament.

While the school recognises that many students are given smart-phones upon entering secondary school, it believes that early exposure to smartphones can have detrimental effects on young people's mental health, sleep, and focus. Research, including findings from Swiped, shows that smartphone use among children is linked to rising mental health issues, which have increased by 50% in the last three years. By introducing this change, the school hopes to foster a healthier environment for Year 7 students as they transition into secondary school.

#### Why This Change?

- Mental Health: Smartphone use is contributing to rising mental health issues in children.
- Better Sleep and Learning: Reducing screen time helps

improve sleep and academic performance.

• Social Media Concerns: Many students access social media platforms before the age of 13, exposing them to harmful content

The growing national concern around children's smartphone use has led to increased scrutiny at the government level. The **Safer Phones Bill**, currently being debated in Parliament, aims to address these issues by promoting safer and more regulated smartphone use among young people. Ringwood School's policy reflects this broader effort to protect children's well-being and ensure they have a balanced relationship with technology.

Mrs Symonds, Headteacher at Ringwood School, said, "We recognise the important role that technology, including smartphones, plays in today's world, but our priority is the health and well-being of our students. By limiting smartphone use for Year 7s, we aim to create a healthier, more focused learning environment that supports their mental health and academic success."

Ringwood School hopes this initiative will encourage wider discussions among parents, educators, and policymakers about the

best ways to support children in navigating the digital world safely and responsibly.

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## Carvers Growing with Help from the Community

Carvers Recreation Ground is looking greener and more welcoming this week following the planting of eight new cherry blossom trees and two elm trees, alongside the installation of two new benches near the skate park.

The elm trees have been planted along the footpath connecting the Southampton Road and Carvers Lane entrances. Once established, they will help create a more attractive, tree-lined thoroughfare through the park, while also softening views of nearby industrial units.

Meanwhile, the cherry blossom trees have been planted in the open space between Carvers Clubhouse and the skate park, where they will, over time, provide much-needed shade and contribute to a more natural and inviting environment for park users. Next week, substantial metal tree guards will be installed around all the newly planted trees, including the two elm trees planted earlier this year. Sadly, one of those elms was recently damaged, but with care and protection, it's hoped that it will recover and resprout.

These additions form part of Ringwood Town Council's ongoing plan to improve Carvers — making it a greener, more accessible, and inclusive space for people of all ages.

The new trees were generously funded by RACE (Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency), who continue to work closely with the council on initiatives to improve the town's green spaces. In addition, two new benches have been installed beside the skate park, providing a much-needed seating area for spectators

and social groups. These were kindly funded by a donation from Ringwood Carnival.

Councillor Rae Frederick, Chair of the Carvers Working Party and Mayor of Ringwood, said:

"We've started to put in place some of the improvements that residents asked for when we consulted on the future of Carvers Recreation Ground. This is just the first phase — with many more to come soon. Huge thanks to both RACE and Ringwood Carnival for helping us move this work forward."

Councillor Mary DeBoos, Chair of RACE, added:

"RACE is proud to work in partnership with the Town Council to support projects that enhance biodiversity and make our public spaces more pleasant and sustainable. It's great to see trees becoming a bigger part of Carvers, bringing shade, beauty, and long-term environmental benefits. Thank you to Abacus Vehicle Hire for their sponsorship to enable this to happen."







#### **Lions Club visiting New Forest** For Ukraine to help package aid on Saturday 10 May 2025 -Can You Help?

Members of Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club will be travelling down to the New Forest For Ukraine (NFFU) Warehouse in Lymington to help package boxes of aid destined for war torn Ukraine on Saturday 10th May 2025. Pictured above is the club helping to package boxes at their warehouse. NFFU shipped 27 tonnes of aid to Ukraine last month alone.

Whilst we all hope that the war in Ukraine will end soon, their remains an urgent need for clothing, footwear, clean blankets, duvets & pillows, sleeping bags, portable gas cookers, toiletries, non perishable food, generators, medical equipment and supplies. Tucked away into every delivery of aid are boxes of toys for children living through war and where the cuddling of a soft toy is a special comforting distraction. There is a comprehensive list that can be found on the NFFU website referenced below.

If you are free on the morning of Saturday 10 May 2025 and would like to help out, or alternatively if you would like to donate items to send to Ukraine, then please contact Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club via their website (www.randflions.org.uk) or by telephone on 0345 833 5819.

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club President Alastair Ward explained "We are humbled at the amazing work of NFFU in maintaining a steady stream of humanitarian aid to those struggling in





Ukraine and our members are proud to help them prepare boxes of much needed aid for transit".

NFFU accept a wide variety of donations which will be shipped out to aid centres and hospitals in Ukraine and Poland for families in need. There are collection points assembled all over the New Forest for anyone who would like to donate items needed for aid centres and hospitals in Ukraine. Anyone wishing to know more about either organisation or how they can help or volunteer can find out more at their respective websites: www.newforestforukraine.co.uk & www.randflions.org.uk.









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evenings in Avonway Community Centre in Fordingbridge. Their Christmas 2024 concert raised £1,000 for Salisbury Hospice.

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- **2-Identify surplus capital or income.** The cash-flow projections help identify whether you have more capital or income that you are likely to need. We quantify what is surplus and consider the most effective way to pass this down to your families and reduce your future IHT liability.
- **3-Ensure Wills are up to date and tax efficient.** This is done by referral to a solicitor and includes ensuring they allow the estate to benefit from all relevant IHT exemptions, including the Residential Nil Rate Band (RNRB), where available.

**4-Utilise annual gift exemptions.** Usually you need to live for a further 7 years from the date of any gifts but there are currently several exemptions which result in immediate removal from the estate.

5-Solutions to mitigate your estate's IHT liability. Potentially Exempt Transfers (PET), Chargeable Lifetime Transfers (CLT), Trusts, packaged solutions such as Loan Trusts and Discounted Gift Trusts. There are a number of solutions available and the most appropriate will be dependent on your personal situation.

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#### Vale of Avon Crafters Exhibition

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Anyone interested the the craft group would be most welcome to come along - they meet the 3rd Wednesday in the month at Ringwood 22 Club, Charlton Suite (formally Ringwood Conservative Club, 22 Christchurch Road), Ringwood. at 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

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#### AGENDA

- 1. To approve the Minutes of the last Annual Town Assembly held on 15th May 2024
- 2. Matters arising from the Minutes
- Presentation of Community Award
- 4. To receive the Annual Report of the Town Mayor
- 5. To receive the reports of Town Council Committee Chairpersons
- To receive a verbal report from Cllr J. Heron upon the financial status of the Ringwood United Charities
- 7. To hear about important developments the Council is planning for the year ahead
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- 4. Cut down on saturated fat and sugar
- 5. Eat less salt: no more than 6g a day for adults
- 6. Get active and be a healthy weight
- 7. Do not get thirsty
- 8. Do not skip breakfast



The key to a healthy diet is to eat the right amount of calories for how active you are so you balance the energy you consume with the energy you use.

If you eat or drink more than your body needs, you'll put on weight because the energy you do not use is stored as fat. If you eat and drink too little, you'll lose weight.

You should also eat a wide range of foods to make sure you're getting a balanced diet and your body is receiving all the nutrients it needs.

It's recommended that men have around 2,500 calories a day (10,500 kilojoules). Women should have around 2,000 calories a day (8,400 kilojoules).

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## **NEWSLETTER**



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As spring blooms across Ringwood, we wish all our residents a very Happy Easter. This season of renewal is a perfect time to celebrate our community's achievements and look ahead to exciting developments. Work continues on key projects, including the implementation of the Carvers Masterplan and the delivery of new facilities to benefit residents of all ages. We're also navigating local government reorganisation while ensuring that Ringwood remains a thriving and well-supported town.

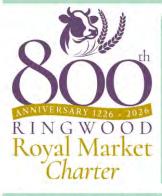
With more community events on the horizon, there are plenty of opportunities to come together and enjoy all that our town has to offer.

**VE Day - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - A Shared Moment of Celebration**To mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 2025, we will light a commemorative beacon at 9:30pm in the War Memorial Gardens, as part of a nationwide tribute symbolising the light of peace after war. The evening will begin at 9:00pm with music from Ringwood and Burley Band. The Mayor will read the Global Tribute, followed by the beacon lighting and a community singing of A Song of Peace.

A permanent beacon, commissioned by the Town Council for the 80th anniversary of D-Day, has now been installed in the gardens to mark such significant national moments.

All residents are warmly invited to attend this community event.





#### Help Shape Ringwood's 800th Market Charter Anniversary

In 2026, Ringwood will celebrate 800 years since it was granted its Market Charter. This historic milestone is a chance to honour the town's heritage and celebrate what makes Ringwood special.

We want to hear your ideas on how the town should mark this occasion. Whether it's events, art, or legacy projects - your input will help shape the

Join us at a drop-in consultation event on Tuesday 23 April at the Ringwood Gateway, anytime from 10:00am to 6:45pm and/or complete the survey online website, www.ringwood.gov.uk/events/800th-anniversary-of-theour market-charter/.

#### New Sports and Environmental Improvements Coming to Carvers

We're delighted to announce that the Council has secured a grant from the Veolia Environmental Trust to deliver exciting improvements at Carvers Recreation Ground.

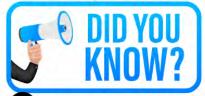
The funding will support a new multi-use games area (MUGA), offering space for a variety of sports, and help enhance the park's natural features, making it more enjoyable and accessible for all.

Thank you to Veolia for supporting this project — we're excited to get started and will share more updates soon.



Work: Sunday Centre Supervisor to oversee the kiosk, lead staff and maintain a welcoming space Volunteer: Help with our Under 1s Club on Thursdays from 10 to 11.30am

Get in touch if you're interested in either opportunity, or see our website for details: carversclubhouse.co.uk

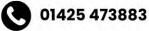


We have three allotment sites around the town, offering local residents the chance to grow their own fruit, veg, and flowers.

We currently have a very short waiting list, so if you've been thinking about getting a plot, now's a great time!

Interested? Get in touch and we'll add you to the list.









#### **SPORT**

## WAKO Kickboxing GB Nationals: Ringwood Kickboxing Organisation

The prestigious WAKO Kickboxing GB Nationals took place on the 15th and 16th of February at the renowned Harvey Hadden Sports Stadium. This annual event serves as the qualifier for Team GB, with the nation's top kickboxers competing for the chance to secure their place and earn a British Title.

Representing the Ringwood Kickboxing Organization (RKO), three talented fighters—Liz Ferioli-Brown, Katrina Ferioli (age 14), and Jasmine Ferioli (age 10)—joined forces with their Basingstoke teammates from BKO to take on this formidable challenge. Each fighter participated in both the Points and Light Continuous divisions, well aware that the competition would be intense given the high stakes.

Despite the pressure, the RKO fighters displayed remarkable resilience and determination. Liz Ferioli-Brown, already a 17-time British Champion in both points and light continuous divisions, had the added motivation to defend her titles. Her unwavering focus and skill paid off as she secured an impressive three gold medals.

Katrina Ferioli, competing despite a bruised rib, showcased her incredible tenacity by dropping two categories and still managing to secure a bronze medal in the light continuous division. Her perseverance was truly commendable.

Jasmine Ferioli, though she did not place, put on a series of commendable performances, demonstrating significant improvement in her footwork and strategy. Her battles in the mats were a testament to her growth as a young athlete.

Over the course of the two-day event, the Ringwood fighters faced round after round of gruelling matches, constantly adjusting their tactics and learning from their opponents. The excitement and intensity of the Nationals were palpable, and the team's hard work and dedication shone through.

As the dust settled, the RKO team walked away with pride, having tested their mettle and demonstrated their exceptional skills on the WAKO Kickboxing GB tatamis. The experience garnered at the WAKO Kickboxing GB Nationals will undoubtedly fuel their drive for future success.

As a team RKO linked with BKO against 57 other kickboxing clubs with a total of 1278 entries, we gained a total of 8 Golds, 10 Silver and 6 Bronze with 12 athletes, finishing 8th in the club leader tables











#### **SPORT**

## Try Sailing and Paddling at Spinnaker Sailing Club!

Spinnaker Sailing club is a hidden gem. Located only 5 minutes from Ringwood town centre, just round the corner from the Alice Lisle pub, the club offers its members canoeing, paddleboarding, sailing and windsurfing.

The lake is a former gravel pit and drinking water reservoir, 186 hectares in area. Quite apart from being in a beautiful quiet location in a nature reserve adjoining the New Forest, its sheltered inland position allows safe activity all year round with no tides, waves or shipping. This makes it a great place to learn and allows children especially to venture out independently. Its flat water makes it a great location to learn paddleboarding!

Next to the lake is the clubhouse, with warm showers and changing along with hot drinks and bar open at peak times. There are outdoor picnic tables and a brick barbecue area. Spinnaker is very much a family club – last year we had a memorable day when people afloat ranged from 9 months to 80 years!

Spinnaker Sailing Club is also a fully approved and professionally staffed training centre, offering courses in sailing, paddling and windsurfing as well as first aid and power boating. There is also an active youth programme for all levels from beginner to championship. At weekends the lake also has rescue cover at busy times to allow people to venture out without worry.

One of the biggest obstacles for watersports is equipment. Understandably people are nervous to commit to buying a board or boat - or may not have space to store it. Spinnaker Sailing Club offers members a hire fleet of sailing boats, sit-on-top kayaks and paddleboards. At the same time members can rent storage racks for their canoes or boards and parking spaces for boats. To keep membership costs down, members pitch in with duties such as crewing the rescue boat, grounds work and maintenance: as a result, options start from £32 per year.

Spinnaker Sailing Club's open day is on Bank Holiday Monday 5 May, when visitors can have a go out on the water and look around. Specific times for going out on the water can be booked to save queueing. The QR code image allows you to sign up for the Open Day.

We hope to see you there, either just for a chat and look around, or to have fun afloat!









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Towns and cities across the UK, Channel Islands and Overseas Territories will join in commemorating the day the Second World War in Europe came to an end — honouring the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience of those who lived through it.

The event will take place at the War Memorial Gardens, and the programme for the evening includes:

9:00 PM - Live music by the Ringwood & Burley Band

9:30 PM – Lighting of the commemorative beacon and reading of the "Global Tribute" by the Mayor of Ringwood

Followed by a shared national moment as we join in singing "A Song of Page"

Cllr Rae Frederick, Mayor of Ringwood, said:

"This is a moment for Ringwood to stand together — to reflect, give thanks, and honour those who gave so much. Our town is proud to play its part in this nationwide tribute." Beacons have long been used as a symbol of unity and remembrance for major national

commemorations — including the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in 2024, when more than a thousand were lit across the country.

In 2024, Ringwood Town Council commissioned a beacon, which was first lit for D-Day 80 and has now been installed permanently in the War Memorial Gardens. It will be lit again for VE Day 80 as a lasting symbol of the town's commitment to remembering its history and those who served.

The Town Council is proud to be working closely with Greyfriars Community Centre and The Veterans Hub to ensure the event is inclusive and meaningful for everyone. Greyfriars will be running a minibus to help veterans attend the ceremony, and those gathering at the centre will be invited to enjoy a fish and chip supper together while watching the beacon lighting — a chance to reflect and connect as a community.

This is a free community event, and everyone is warmly welcome to attend

For further details, visit www.ringwood.gov.uk/events/ve-day-80







#### **Great Craic and Gigs at The Vale** of Avon

Ringwood's vibrant 'Vale of Avon' masonic lodge has continued to support local good causes through a range of fundraising activities including a Quiz Night sponsored by Price's Fish & Chips and a St Patrick's Night Dinner where guests were entertained by a fabulous display by the Ferndown based O'Leary Academy of Irish Dancing.

The Worshipful Master of the Ringwood based lodge Worshipful Brother Dr Mike Horswell explained 'freemasonry is about having fun, enjoying each other's company in fellowship, and very importantly looking out for those less fortunate than ourselves. The money that we are able to distribute is both raised by the generous donation of individual members and the proceeds of the family and friends social events that we stage'. This month £1500

has been donated to the local children's hospitals masonic charity 'Teddies for Loving Care'; £500 to the Fordingbridge based Avon Valley Community Matters; and £150 to MIND in sponsorship of one of our members, Brother James Fuller, on completion of his first half marathon. In April we shall be again staging our Barn Dance at The Burgate School, Fordingbridge in aid of local charities.

For further information on the Lodge's forthcoming events or how to join the Lodge as a member please contact vale of\_avon\_social@outlook.com or Dr Mike himself on 07917589378. You can be assured of a very warm welcome.



Worshipful Master Dr Mike Horswell with Mrs Joanna Horswell present £150 to Brother James Fuller in support of his first half marathon for MIND



Worshipful Master Dr Mike Horswell presents a cheque for £500 to Mrs Sue Ledger -Chairman of Avon Valley **Community Matters** 



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#### WHATS ON



## \*\*Discover Community Spirit at the Trinity Centre in Ringwood!\*\*

The Trinity Centre, a vibrant hub of activity and community engagement in Ringwood, is thrilled to announce an exciting lineup of events and activities for the upcoming weeks. Catering to both lifelong residents and newcomers, the Trinity Centre invites everyone to partake in a variety of experiences designed to foster connection, learning, and enjoyment.

Visitors can explore our website for room hire inquiries, details on classes, and group bookings at www.trinityringwood.co.uk. For additional assistance, please feel free to contact the Church Office at 01425 461 440.

\*\*Join us for our upcoming events\*\*

\*\*April 26, 2025 | 2:00 PM\*\*: R.A.C.E. Make Do and Mend Sewing Workshop

Learn valuable sewing skills while embracing sustainability in this hands-on workshop.

\*\*April 27, 2025 | 10:00 AM\*\*: Breakfast Church Experience a fresh approach to worship with contemporary music and a hearty breakfast. Monthly Communion service at 6:00 PM.

\*\*May 9, 2025 | 7:30 PM\*\*: Reg Meuross Live in Concert Don't miss a performance by one of the UK's top folk artists in a night of exceptional music. Bought to us by BFC presents.

\*\*May 16, 2025 I 7.30PM\*\*: Leon McCawley in concert. Leon is an internationally recognised pianist, competition winner and recording artist. Come and find out what makes him so good. Under 25's FREE. Bought to us by Avon Valley Concerts.

For more information on our regular weekly activities and groups, please visit our "What's On" page on our website. Join us at the Trinity Centre to celebrate community spirit and make lasting connections!





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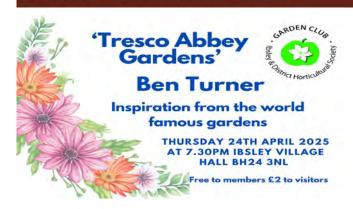
#### WHATS ON



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#### What's on at Greyfriars!

#### 29 April - Parent First Aid with Daisy

Ideal for anyone caring for young children from 6pm-8.30pm at £25 per person. Providing you with essential skills, such as CPR, choking response, infection control, how to manage burns, and febrile seizures, contact Lindsay@daisyfirstaid.com

#### 8 May- Flipping Fashion Roadshow

Starting at 7pm where you can grab fish n'chips from Prices for £5, teas/coffees/ice creamare available whilst you wait for the lighting of the beacon at 9.30. Join us for this important commemorative event.

#### 23 May - New Forest Rythmix

From 7.30-9.30pm with tickets £10 from Greyfriars. Enjoy an evening of music and dance with swing, blues, plus raffle and a bar in support of Greyfriars. Bring your own picnic and dancing shoes.

#### 24 May - Paddington in Peru

A fun-filled cinema afternoon at 2pm (2.30pm start). Perfect for all ages and with **a family ticket for £20** covering 2 adults and 2 children. Tickets from Greyfriars or TicketSource.

#### 30 May - English History, but not as we know it

Nick Griffiths presents a 7-week course covering the history of England from King Alfred to Henry VII. Starting 10-12noon at just £60 for the full course, book now at Greyfriars or via TicketSource. If you have a love of history, Nick's informative, accessible teaching style is for you.

## The Creatives at Cranborne Garden Centre

The Creatives are excited to be returning to Cranborne Garden Centre in May with new collections of their work. The exhibition will run from Saturday 24 May until Wednesday 28 May. Work will include paintings, textile art, stained glass, ceramics and jewelry.

There is ample parking, disabled access and a cafe on site. Visit our website: www.thecreativesgallery.wordpress.com.



#### WHATS ON

#### Ringwood's Green Weekend

Back by Popular demand, Greening Ringwood is organising a **Decluttering Weekend!** 

On Saturday 17 May from 10 - 4 on your own driveway, Ringwood Householders are invited to join in our Kerbside Freecycle Event - A chance to have a good clear out, and pass your unwanted goodies on to others to enjoy - for FREE!

On Sunday 18 May from 10 - 1 on Greyfriars Community Centre Lawn, Ringwood, there's a chance for you to SELL your unwanted goodies- clothes, toys, books, games, plants - £10 a table

Plus we will have experts from Garden Organic and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as well as our Greening Ringwood volunteers, giving advice on growing vegetables, composting, increasing wildlife biodiversity, cleaning our air, and lots more!

If you'd like to put your name down for the Saturday Kerbside Freecyle, book a table to sell your crafts, unwanted items or plants then please email us on greeningringwood@gmail.com











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#### **Award-winning British garden** designer and BBC Gardeners' World presenter Adam Frost

is leaving the garden and heading back out on tour, visiting The Barn, Ringwood on Friday 17th October 2025.

In his most personal show to date, Adam will discuss the plants that have shaped his life and reflect on what's brought him to where he is now. He'll unearth the inspiration he's found through a life in the garden, the people he's met along the way, the music that's steered his course and why he identifies as an 'old romantic fool'.

Adam will share previously untold stories of how his passion for plants has taken him around the world and challenged him with unexpected experiences-from curating a garden in Japan during a monsoon to meeting heroes. Closer to home, gardening is fundamental to Adam's sense of family, wellbeing and recovery. In September 2021, he found himself grappling with the mental scars of the pandemic and facing a momentous house (or more importantly, garden) move. He'll talk about navigating that change and reconnecting with nature. Adam will also explore the creative act of putting a garden together and how he's had to learn to embrace his artistic side.

Sam Coombes, Venue Manager at The Barn said 'when we opened, I was keen to ensure we stage shows that would attract a wide demographic of audience. We are looking forward to welcoming another well known TV presenter to share stories that will resonate with so many'.

Don't miss your chance to hear Adam's amusing anecdotes and poignant reflections, and to immerse yourself not just in gardening, but in human nature itself and the madness of it all.

Tickets on sale now - www.thebarnringwood.co.uk Press Contact - jess.hughes@fane.co.uk



#### **HISTORY & NEWS**

## Sell Out First Event for New Chair of The Ringwood Society



The Ringwood Society has elected a new Chair, with an award winning local Chartered Architect, Alex Bancroft, taking over the reigns at the recent Annual General Meeting.

Alex's first event at the helm was Ken Chatfield's talk on the proposed 40,000 resident new town proposal of 1954, where there was standing room only on the night. "We were blown away by the popularity of Ken's talk" said Alex, "his in depth knowledge of the proposals provided an illuminating look at this little known scheme and perhaps showed how a path was set to The Society itself coming into being just under a decade later".

Alex takes on the role of Chair from Joe Moorhouse who is stepping down after 4 years to take over as Honorary Secretary.

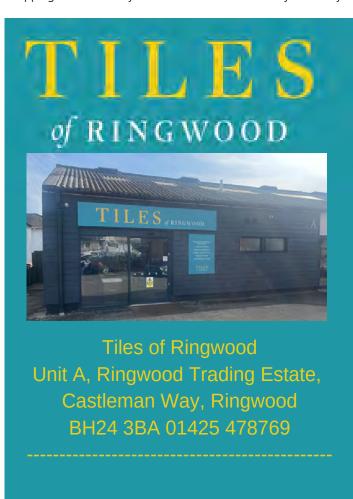
"I'm honoured to step into the role of Chair of The Society and hope to continue the good work undertaken by Joe. I am also very aware of the wealth of experience we still have around us with the previous five Chairs still being involved with The Society, I only hope I can live up to their contributions over the years" Alex commented. Mr Moorhouse thanked outgoing Honorary Secretary, Jeff Wickens, for his contributions in that role and as a previous Chair (2005 to 2021) and said he hoped Jeff "enjoyed the break" of serving as an 'ordinary' member of the Executive Committee.

Society President; Steve Rippon-Swaine (Chair between 1982 and 1992) was celebrated at the AGM also, having been elected for his twenty fifth year as President. A presentation was made to celebrate this milestone on the night.

Since 1962, The Ringwood Society has championed our historic market town through a variety of endeavours, and 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 is only £10 a year for a single membership, only £18 per year for a couple, and students receive free membership. Further details can be found on their website www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk









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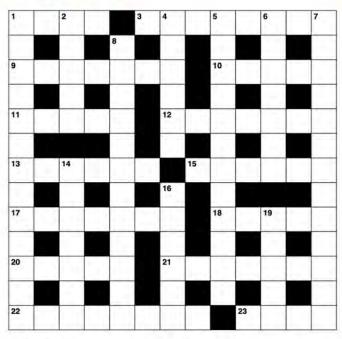


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#### Across

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- 3 Complains (8)
- 9 Long locks of hair (7)
- 10 Abatement (5)
- 11 A moving part of a generator (5)
- 12 Less quiet (7)
- 13 Venomous snakes (6)
- 15 Dreary (6)
- 17 Malady (7)
- 18 Enthusiasm (5)
- 20 Wanderer (5)
- 21 Warming devices (7)
- 22 A period of 366 days (4,4)
- 23 Indolently (4)

#### Down

- 1 Between countries (13)
- 2 Dismiss from office (5)
- 4 Rinses (anag) (6)
- 5 Knowing more than one language (12)
- 6 Soft and reactive metallic element (7)
- 7 In a manner that exceeds what is necessary (13)
- 8 Intuitively designed (of a system) (4-8)
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- 16 Respiratory condition (6)
- 19 Warhorse (5)

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## New Director of Music for Ringwood and Burley Band

Ringwood and Burley Band are pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Waller as the band's new Musical Director.

Born and bred in Bournemouth, and after studying trumpet at Trinity College of Music in London, Tony went on to a successful career as a freelance musician and brass teacher, performing in many genres of music including classical, theatre and big band, as well as teaching trumpet in top schools such as Westminster Abbey and Cathedral, Winchester, King Edward's, Witley, Bryanston and Sherborne.



"As well as studying trumpet at Music College, I also studied conducting during years three and four with Bernard Keefe. In 2022, I semi-retired from performing and when asked last year if I would consider taking on the position as conductor of Ringwood and Burley, I immediately thought about the two years I spent as a young soprano cornet player in the band. It is lovely to be back!"

Tony has already put his ideas in motion for the band, including a 'Dusty and Rusty' scheme to encourage former brass players to take up their instruments again. The band has also launched a 'Sponsor a Chair' scheme. With a growing Training Band, the future is looking good for this friendly, non-competing band. The band always welcome visiting players to come along and join them on a Friday evening.

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#### Ringwood ECO Fair 2025 - 'Act Locally'

Join us in Ringwood for a day of eco-themed activities, shopping and learning on Saturday 10th May from 10am - 3.30pm. This year's theme is 'Act Locally'.

Explore the courtyard of The Furlong shopping centre and the Gateway Building (beside the town council offices) as we once again delve into the world of sustainability.

Now in its 5th year, this event promises a day filled with education, engagement and eco-friendly fun for all ages.

This year's theme, 'Act Locally', is all about supporting local businesses, local community groups and local wildlife. Everyone is invited to explore ways to support local initiatives such as pollinator friendly planting, minimising waste, looking after wildlife and championing tree planting initiatives.

#### Featuring:

- Engaging with local and national conservation organisations
- Discovering sustainable products from eco-conscious businesses

- Participating in interactive activities and workshops
- Supporting local shops and cafes while perusing hand-picked stalls offering sea glass jewellery, honey, beeswax candles, organically grown flowers, plastic-free household goods and more. As a special incentive, RACE will have 50 dwarf fruit trees available for a minimum donation of £10 each. Amazing!

Mary DeBoos, from RACE, said "Yet again we have a waiting list for stalls, it's clear that our community is passionate about sustainability."

The Ringwood ECO Fair promises something for everyone, from sampling vegetarian and vegan cuisine to learning about local wildlife and crafting nature-based art. Additionally, visitors can gain insights from organisations such as the New Forest National Park Authority, RSPB, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Ringwood Natural History Society.

There will also be a fantastic line up of live music, watch this space for more details.

For more information visit the www.raceagainsttime.org.uk For stall enquiries (please note there is a waiting list) email ringwoodraceagainsttime@gmail.com



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Our minibuses have been a lifeline for many, offering a door-to-door service that helps local residents get into Ringwood for shopping, banking, and even a coffee with friends at the Meeting House. Thanks to the support of Ringwood Old People's Welfare, we're able to keep the service affordable – just £2 for a return trip within Ringwood, and £3 for a journey to St Leonards. We also organize outings, from fish & chips at the beach to garden centre visits and theatre trips, alongside our many Greyfriars events.

Sadly, our previous minibus, No. 11, was much-loved but getting very tired. After months of investigation, we were told it was time to say goodbye and find a replacement.

But as life often shows us, unexpected events can bring about wonderful things. Just two days after learning about our minibus' fate, we received a letter informing us that we had been left a legacy specifically for a new minibus. The timing felt almost too perfect to be true!

With renewed hope, we began researching options and eventually chose a Ford minibus from PHVC Minibuses in Fareham. During our visit, we saw a bus that had been given a name, and, after some thought, we decided to name our new minibus "Lily" in honor of the generous benefactor who left us the funds.

Telephone 01425 474593

Opening Hours:- Mon to Fri 8.00am - 5.30pm Sat 8.00am - 1.00pm Sun Closed

Thanks to additional support from the Friends of Greyfriars and the T H Russell Trust, we were able to place the order and we were overjoyed to take delivery of our new vehicle on 31 March.

If you'd like to learn more about our minibus service, whether for yourself or someone else, please feel free to call Sam on



website: www.economyhire.co.uk

01425 472613 or get in touch with us directly via office@greyfriarsringwood.org.uk . We're here to help!

## RINGWOOD BRANCH OF HAMPSHIRE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

After our winter programme of zoom talks the Ringwood branch of Hampshire Genealogical Society will resume their summer programme of talks in Ringwood Meeting House. The first meeting is on Wednesday 21st May at 7pm and the speaker is Dr Henry Goodall from Friends of New Forest Airfields (FONFA). The talk is titled We landed by Moonlight- Special operations Executive missions in WW2. This presentation describes the dangerous and clandestine night time flying operations to insert secret agents into France, to support the French resistance during WW2. The aircraft, personnel and airfields are illustrated, together with the locations and agents landed behind enemy lines. Visitors are always welcome, free entry but donations to the Meeting House are appreciated.



#### **LEON McCAWLEY, piano**

Renowned British pianist Leon McCawley will be performing a highly anticipated concert in Ringwood on Friday,16th May 2025. The performance will showcase McCawley's exceptional skill and artistry, offering an unforgettable evening of classical music. His programme will include works from composers Beethoven, Chopin and Scarlatti.

Leon McCawley has been delighting audiences worldwide since winning, in 1993, first prize in the International Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna and second prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition. He is President of the Avon Valley Concerts. Leon's career has been marked by performances in prestigious venues around the world, as well as critical acclaim for his recordings. His ability to engage audiences with both emotional depth and technical precision has earned him a dedicated following among music lovers of all ages.

The concert in Ringwood promises to be a must-see event for classical music enthusiasts. After the performance, Avon Valley Concerts will be marking the end of its 40th season with a celebration. Tickets are now available, and with demand expected to be high, early booking is advised.

**Event Details:** 

**Date:** 16th May 2025

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Trinity Centre, Ringwood

**Tickets:** Adults - £18, under 25s free. Available at www.avonvalleyconcerts.com/tickets, Greyfriars Community Centre, Grants of Ringwood and Caxton Decor, Fordingbridge or

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#### Significant New Funding Secured for Multi-Use Games Area at Carvers Recreation Ground

Ringwood Town Council is thrilled to announce that significant funding has been secured for a brand-new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Carvers Recreation Ground — the next major milestone in a long-term plan to transform the park into a more inclusive, and better-used space for all.

The new MUGA, to be installed on the site of the existing tennis courts, will support a wide range of sports including football, basketball, tennis, and netball. Designed for flexible use, the area will be free to use and open to the public. It will also be bookable by sports groups, opening new opportunities for team sports and coaching activities in the heart of Ringwood.

This has been made possible thanks to a generous grant from Veolia Environmental Trust through the Landfill Communities Fund and will also deliver new pollinator-friendly planting, tree and shrub planting and play equipment towards the northern end of the recreation ground which is currently underutilised.

Councillor Rae Frederick, Chair of the Carvers Working Party and Mayor of Ringwood, said:

"This is fantastic news for the town. We've listened to what residents told us they wanted to see at Carvers — more sports, more nature, more places to sit and spend time — and this funding is a big step in our mission to create a park that truly serves the whole community. We want to say a huge thank you to Veolia Environmental Trust for supporting our plans."

This is part of Phase 1 of an ambitious masterplan developed through community consultation. The vision includes natural

spaces, improved entrances, and better links across the site - all shaped by feedback from families, sports clubs, and community groups.

Leanne Symonds, Head teacher at Ringwood School said, "We know that the young people of Ringwood will be delighted by the proposed improvements and look forward to seeing them in use." Work on the new facility is due to begin in June/July 2025 with works taking up to 2 weeks and ready for use for the school summer holidays. A display with images of the new facility will be available at Carvers Clubhouse from 15th April to the end of the month







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Family funeral has already taken place.

Donations in memory of Liz can be made to Cancer Research UK.

#### SMITH Robert (Bob)

Passed away peacefully on 4th March 2025 at St Ives House Care Home aged 94.

Loving Husband of Delphine, Father of Martin, Simon and Alison, Grandfather of Abbie and Molly, Great Grandfather of Jack and Oscar.

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