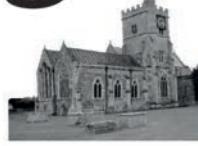


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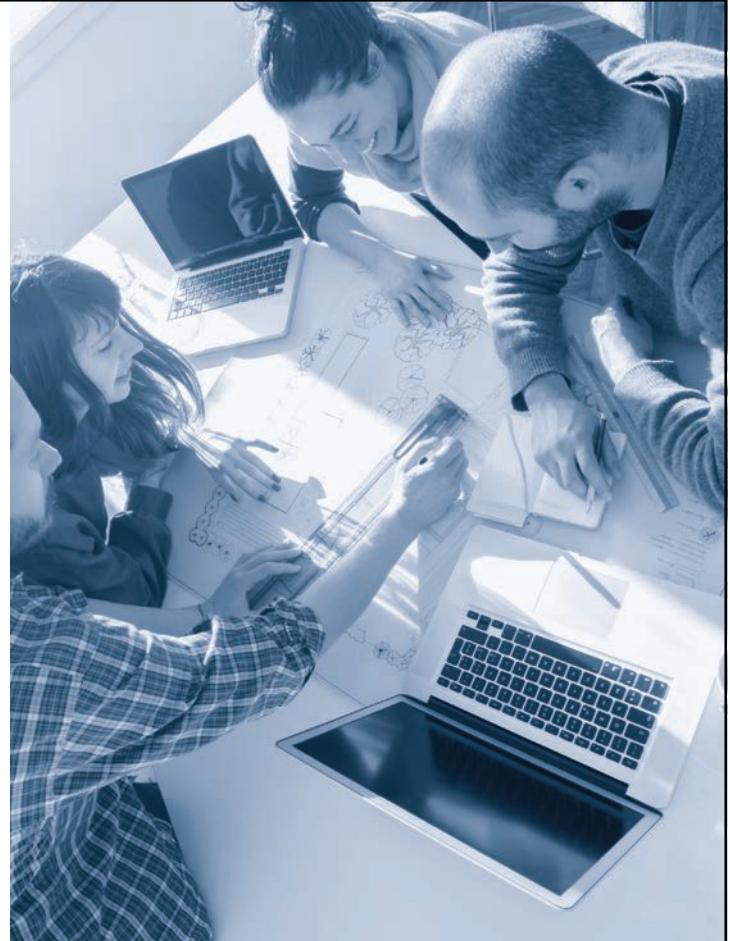
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## What a Day.....

It was great seeing the Pedal Car Grand Prix back on the streets of Ringwood. The hard work from the volunteers to put



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on this event was well worth it, with 25 Pedal Cars racing in over 30oc heat in front of a great crowd.

This is another reason why we all love this wonderful town.

Supporting your local town is important because it strengthens the community, boosts the local economy, and helps preserve the unique character of the area. When you shop at local businesses, attend town events, or volunteer for community projects, you're directly investing in the well-being of your neighbours and helping to create a more vibrant, connected place to live.

Local support keeps money circulating within the community and supports businesses. It also promotes a sense of pride and belonging, making Ringwood not just a place to live, but a true home.

On a personal note, I want to thank my

amazing BrightWater Team, our families and friends for giving up their Sunday to come and compete and support our drivers. We all had a great time and knowing it supports the town that supports us is a great feeling.

*more photos on page 32*



Me cooled down by the crowd at The Crown Tap :)

*Darren & Naomi*

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3. Use cooling mats or towels: These can help lower your dog's body temperature when they lie on them.
4. Limit exercise during heat: Walk your dog early in the morning or late in the evening when it's cooler.
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And finally the most important one -

10. **Avoid hot surfaces:** Asphalt, pavement, and sand can burn your dog's paws—walk on grass or designated shaded paths. The Test:- Is it over 25oc? If Yes, stay at home! Can you comfortably leave the back of your hand on the pavement for 7 seconds? If No, stay at home!



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The showground comes alive with a wide variety of main ring attractions and activities. Enjoy the impressive Horse Show and Livestock Show, marvel at the skill on display in the Gundog Scurry, or take a stroll through the Horticulture Competition Tent and Craft Tent to see incredible local talent at work. Animal lovers will delight in the ever-popular Fun Dog Show and Donkey Show—great fun whether you're entering or simply enjoying the spectacle.

For those with a love of farming heritage, the display of Vintage Farm Machinery is always a hit, while the imaginative Scarecrow Competition never fails to raise smiles. Throughout the day, live music creates a vibrant atmosphere, and a wide range of trade stands offer everything from artisan goods to tasty local treats.

With free entry for children, free car parking, and a warm welcome for dogs, the Ellingham Show is an easy and enjoyable day out for families, friends, and visitors of all ages. Gates open at 9:00am, so arrive early and make the most of this fantastic celebration of countryside life.

Whether you're coming for the competitions, the shopping, or simply the atmosphere, you'll find a warm welcome and plenty to see and do—don't miss it!

If you want to explore more and check out main ring attractions, family-friendly events, or how to get to the Somerley Estate and buy show tickets then visit [www.ellinghamshow.co.uk](http://www.ellinghamshow.co.uk).



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## Son runs 100k in one day following father's incurable cancer diagnosis

A Ringwood man whose father has been diagnosed with incurable cancer ran 100k in a single day to raise funds for a local charity. Jack Miller, 25, set off from Lyndhurst at 4am on June 21 and finish at Poole Park, an estimated 12 hours later.

His father Ian, 51, ran the last kilometre with his son, and together they aimed to raise £2500 for the Dorset Cancer Care Foundation (DCCF), which provides financial support to local families suffering hardship because of the disease.

Ian was diagnosed with head and neck cancer in March 2023 and underwent six weeks of chemotherapy and radiotherapy before being given the all-clear that November. But in February this year he and his family learned his cancer had metastasised in his lungs. Following three recent cycles of chemo he has learned his cancer has been reduced but remains incurable.

Jack said: "My dad's cancer is sadly not going to go away but despite this he has maintained a hugely positive attitude throughout and is working every day to stay as fit as he can.

"It felt like a fundraising challenge was the least I could do while he is dealing with this enormous process and I love running, so I decided to use the Longest Day of the year to do something really ambitious."

He continued: "We looked around for a charity which could benefit from my challenge and learned the DCCF helps families facing financial hardship because of a cancer diagnosis.

"Dad and I had been really impressed by another recent for fund-raiser for the DCCF in which two friends ran seven marathons in seven days. Like me, they had never run a significant distance before, but what they achieved with the support of their friends and families was incredible.

"The farthest I have ever run is 27km, so this was well beyond my

comfort zone. But I had family members joining me along the route, including my sister Milly, my uncle, and some of my cousins, and hopefully together we can encourage each other and raise a good amount of money for this great local charity."

Jack's run also coincided with The Longest Day event being organised by Poole-based gym wear company runderwear.

"I'm looking forward to crossing that finish line with my dad and lots of other people who are raising money for good causes."

Jack's father Ian said he is: "incredibly proud" of his son, adding: "The

last couple of years have been a rollercoaster for us all, but we are a very close family, and it has been great to see how many people have stepped forward to support him in this challenge.

"I hope people reading this will sponsor him and in doing so help other local families who are going through cancer."

Eve Went, co-founder of the DCCF, said: "What Jack and his family are seeking to achieve is nothing short of incredible and we are immensely grateful to have been chosen to benefit from their efforts. Jack can still be sponsored by visiting the DCCF website and quoting @Jack Miller'.

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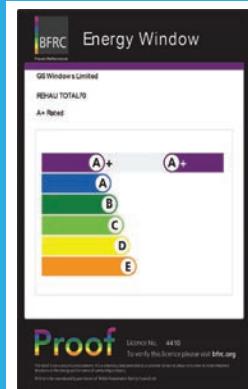
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# RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER



Issue 004

July 2025

As summer unfolds in Ringwood, we're pleased to share recent progress and achievements. From staff changes and community grants totalling £2,300, to upgrades at Carvers and a new skate ramp in Poulner, it's been a season of real momentum. We've marked significant moments too, including the 80th anniversary of VE Day, while also looking ahead to the 800th anniversary of Ringwood's Market Charter next year. With solar panels now installed at Carvers, a new defibrillator in place, and new play equipment and a Multi-Use Games Area nearing completion, we're proud to be investing in the town's future.

Ringwood continues to thrive thanks to the support of its residents, and with summer events and celebrations still to come, there's plenty more to look forward to.



## Staff Changes and Town Clerk Transition

We're pleased to announce that Charmaine Bennett, our current Clubhouse & Events Manager, has been appointed Town Clerk Designate. She will take over as Town Clerk on 1 September 2025, following the retirement of Chris Wilkins, who steps down after eight years of service.

To support a smooth transition, Charly Keith has joined us as the new Clubhouse & Events Manager. Charmaine and Charly will work together over the summer, while Charmaine also prepares to take over from Chris, with some well-earned leave fitted in along the way.

We also welcome Laura Smith, who joined us last month as Finance Manager, following Rory Fitzgerald's retirement.

Please join us in congratulating Charmaine and in welcoming both Charly and Laura.

## New Plaque Installed at the Town Beacon

A new plaque has been installed at the base of the beacon in the War Memorial Gardens to commemorate the enduring spirit of remembrance and community.

It reads:

"Commissioned by Ringwood Town Council in 2024 to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The town beacon symbolises the enduring strength of community. When it is lit we remember the past, honour the fallen and celebrate a future built on unity, hope and peace. We will remember them."

The beacon continues to serve as a powerful focal point for remembrance events and national commemorations, reminding us all of the sacrifices made and the values we carry forward.



## Defending Ringwood's Neighbourhood Plan

Since the adoption of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan last year, we've been disappointed that its carefully considered policies, especially on smaller homes and zero-carbon buildings, are too often overlooked in planning decisions.

We've responded to a Government consultation on planning committee reforms, warning that local voices risk being further sidelined. We've called for committee members and officers to fully understand neighbourhood plan policies to help rebuild trust in the planning system.

We'll continue to champion Ringwood's Plan and push for a planning process that respects our community's priorities.

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## NEWS

# Understanding Investments-Common Investor Mistakes

In April we witnessed significant volatility in equity markets, caused primarily by “Trump Tariff Tantrums”. Equity markets fell by between 5% and 20%, depending on their geography and potential exposure to Trade Tariffs.

It was a scary time for the everyday saver with investments held in ISAs and pensions.

It caused me to reflect on the advice we offer our clients during such times when emotions and fear run high, and to detail some of the common mistakes I have seen made by investors over my almost 40 years of investing (I started work on the London Stock Exchange as a “Blue Button” runner on the trading floor in 1986).

### **Mistake No1: Investing money that is needed for the short-term (1-5 years) and keeping too low a level of cash.**

Investments can go down as well as up. It's on all the literature and whilst you can select the level of risk (and therefore limit the volatility), investment values fluctuate daily. As we have recently seen and has occurred with regularity throughout history, this won't change. Therefore it's important to ensure you have sufficient cash available to avoid you needing to cash-in investments during a negative period.

### **Mistake No2: Continuing to draw income by selling investment units in a falling market.**

If you are drawing a regular fixed level of income from your investments, it works fine when investment values rise but during prolonged negative periods this can be very damaging. It's called “sequence risk” and means you need to sell more units as the price per unit reduces to generate the same level of regular income. Then when markets recover you hold less units so it's much harder for your investments to recover. Instead you should be in a position to stop this income and spend cash or use an annuity for short-term income needs (1-5 years).

### **Mistake No 3: Believing the press and quoted experts.**

The press want to sensationalize news to grab attention and sell their story. They also tend to jump onto current trends. I can't tell you the number of times they quote the latest fads which are topical and of interest to readers but ultimately can drive the wrong investment behavior. Someone once told me to never take advice

from a newspaper. It's only costing you 50p so how good will that advice be?

### **Mistake No4: Allowing emotions to drive investment decisions.**

When investment markets fall it's scary. When they fall for a prolonged period it feels like they are in a black hole with no bottom, and it's very scary! However the worst thing to do is capitulate as the best years usually follow the worst years and you miss out on the recovery.

Likewise when times are good, it's human nature to want to earn higher returns and people can get greedy. So I have often seen clients want to take more risk when prices are high (for fear of missing out) and less risk when prices have fallen and are low (because they are fearful). Warren Buffet summarises the right behavior wonderfully “Be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful”. Who's going to argue with “The Sage of Omaha”.

### **Mistake No:5 Trying to time the market.**

Not only do you need to get this right when you sell but you also need to get it right when you buy. Based on the fact that no-one can see the future, I would suggest this is impossible and more luck than anything else. Instead, own high quality investments for the long term and control the level of risk through the Asset Allocation.

I am sure there are plenty of other mistakes we can all make but these are, in my opinion, the most common. I hope this helps you to avoid them in the future and if you need professional help, please don't hesitate to contact us for a free initial, no obligation chat.

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# Truck drama on Ringwood High Street shocks onlookers

Ringwood High Street was disrupted on the morning of Saturday 24th May, but for a good reason: members of the Ringwood Carnival team were pulling a huge truck down the street, to cause a stir as part of their 'JOIN THE PROCESSION' campaign. Although a 10ton unit, they made light work of pulling the truck, kindly supplied by Elvy International Marine Heavy Haulage.

Carnival Chairman Ben Salsbury said: "The truck pull went a bit too well! We anticipated it would take around four minutes, however, the team did the 200-metre stretch in less than 60 seconds. However, the sentiment of the stunt is to raise awareness and encourage involvement in our Carnival parades later in the year"

Ringwood Carnival takes place annually on the third Saturday in September, this year on the 20th September - with two processions; one afternoon parade at 2pm, and an illuminated procession at sundown, starting at 7:15pm.

The Carnival team are raising awareness and encouraging people to join in and take part in the Carnival in either procession, but particularly in the evening illuminated parade. It's FREE to enter and with up to £500.00 prize money for the best in show for participants' chosen charity or good cause, it is a great way to have fun for clubs, groups, schools, sports teams, charities or businesses. With up to 10,000 onlookers throughout the day, it's a great way to take in part in something special, promote your club or business, have a fun time

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With a full guide, containing 'tricks & tips,' together with risk assessment templates and insurance guides on the Carnival website, entering is made simple via the interactive form - But that's not all, If advice, guidance or contacts are needed, the Carnival team can provide assistance.

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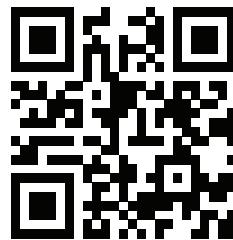
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### New Defibrillator Installed at Carvers Recreation Ground



Ringwood Town Council is pleased to announce the installation of a new public access defibrillator at Carvers Recreation Ground, mounted externally on the Carvers Clubhouse building.

The decision to install the defibrillator was made unanimously at a recent meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee, with full funding provided by Ringwood Town Council. The defibrillator is housed in a secure, locked cabinet and is registered with The Circuit, the national defibrillator network, ensuring that emergency services are aware of its location. It is available 24/7 to support anyone in need.

This vital piece of life-saving equipment has been installed as part of the Council's commitment to community safety and wellbeing, especially in light of the new and existing sports facilities at Carvers Recreation Ground, which sees frequent use by local residents, clubs, and visitors.

Cllr Andy Briers, Chair of the Committee, said:

"We're proud to provide this important resource for our community. With increasing activity at Carvers, it's essential that we have life-saving equipment on hand in case of emergencies."

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## Bickerley Green Celebrates the Meeting of Mr. and Mrs. Ringwood!

On Tuesday 24th June, Bickerley Green Residential and Nursing home hosted a very special gathering of the two longest living 'Ringwoodians'. Resident Norman Jenkins celebrated his 99th birthday having been born and lived in Ringwood all his life.

Joining Norman were his many friends from around the town and those living with him at Bickerley Green. Not only was the occasion a chance to celebrate the birthday of one of Bickerley Green's oldest residents, but we welcomed Ringwood's actual oldest resident Mrs. Doris Champion, nee Hawkins. Doris, 102, joined in with Norman's celebrations and enjoyed the entertainment provided by 'Serenading' Susan. Susan is Norman's favourite entertainer at Bickerley Green, and she provided all gathered with much merriment and fun. We were also very fortunate that Cllr. Rae Frederick, Mayor of Ringwood, could join in the joint party for Doris and Norman, whom we have dubbed 'Mr and Mrs. Ringwood owing to their long lives having been both born and remained living in Ringwood their entire lives.

Norman commented on the special occasion, "I was delighted to meet and chat about old Ringwood with Doris and her two friendly daughters. I think somewhere along the line, Doris and I might be related to each other!"

Doris recalled how her own mother's maiden name was Jenkins, and she too, agreed with Norman, that there must be a family link there – somehow!

Town Mayor, Cllr Rae Frederick, spoke fondly of the special event. "I was very privileged to come to Bickerley Green and join in Norman's 99th birthday celebrations and meet our two of our

town's oldest residents. It was wonderful to share in what was an amazing occasion. Here's hoping that our very own Mr. and Mrs.

Ringwood have many more years enjoying our amazing town with its strong sense of community spirit. May I also thank the staff and all the other residents at Ringwood's Bickerley Green for the marvellous care and all the joyful interactions the residents receive. The afternoon events concluded with a superb collection of birthday cakes, glasses of prosecco and, of course, a good old cup of tea!



Pictured is town mayor Cllr. Rae Frederick, Doris and Norman.

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## SPORT

# Sunshine, Sports and a Special Opening at Western Downland

Western Downland Church of England Primary School enjoyed a day to remember this week, as Sports Day brought sunshine, community spirit, and the grand opening of the school's brand-new Outdoor Classroom.

The event began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Mrs Ann Felicity (Fizz) Thompson DL, Deputy Lieutenant for Hampshire, who joined Headteacher Mrs Alice Tubbs in officially declaring the space open.

In her speech, Mrs Tubbs praised the extraordinary teamwork behind the build:

"This space is far more than just a classroom—it is a symbol of what happens when a community comes together with a shared purpose. It wasn't just built with tools and timber, but with heart, teamwork, and a real sense of community. You have built more than a classroom—you have built a legacy."

She went on to say that the Outdoor Classroom would serve as "an inspiring, nature-connected environment where our children can learn, explore and thrive."

Mrs Thompson echoed this message of shared vision and opportunity:

"This moment marks more than just the unveiling of outside walls - it's a celebration of opportunity. A space like this represents a shared belief in the power of education to inspire, nurture curiosity and prepare young minds for a bright future.

"To all the children, teachers, parents and the community: this space is yours. It's a place to ask questions, explore big ideas, and grow—not only in knowledge but also in confidence and creativity. Let's hope it will be filled with laughter, learning, and a spark of discovery."

With the ribbon officially cut and the cheers still echoing, it was time for the main event: Sports Day.

## Local Ringwood Kickboxer Honoured at National Awards Evening

Local instructor Liz Ferioli-Brown, who runs Ringwood Kickboxing Organisation (RKO) in Ringwood town centre, has been recognised with a prestigious first place award under the Ladies Master Class in GB at the WAKO Kickboxing GB Awards Evening, held at the renowned Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

The event brought together athletes from across Great Britain to celebrate achievements at every level of the sport—from rising juniors to seasoned champions. It also paid tribute to the vital contributions of referees, officials, and organisers who help the sport thrive behind the scenes.

Liz, who represents Team GB and leads kickboxing classes for all ages and abilities at RKO, was honoured for her outstanding achievements in competition and her ongoing commitment to the sport. Her award reflects years of dedication, discipline, and a passion for kickboxing that extends beyond the competition mats.

"It was a wonderful evening surrounded by the GB kickboxing family," said Liz. "To be recognised alongside such remarkable athletes was truly humbling. It's fantastic to be recognised in a sport I not only enjoy training in, but also have the privilege of teaching to others."

She extended thanks to event organisers and board members—Nev Wray, Peter Edwards, and Lucy Edwards, as well as her coach George Peploe, her teammates at BKO and RKO, and her husband and family for their continued support.

The evening was a powerful reminder of the unity and spirit that defines the kickboxing community—something Liz continues to champion both locally and nationally through her work at RKO.

With the weather on their side, children threw themselves into the spirit of the day -literally in some cases -taking part in classic races such as sprint, javelin, egg and spoon, jumping, and the three-legged race. The relay finale brought high energy and high drama, while preschoolers from Little Foresters, the school's on-site preschool, were warmly invited to join in if they wished.

Of course, no sports day would be complete without the infamous parent race and the crowd-favorite teacher race -both of which delivered on entertainment and enthusiasm.

The Outdoor Classroom, which stood proudly at the edge of the field, quickly became more than a backdrop. It provided welcome shade from the sun and a restful spot for children throughout the day.

The Friends of Western Downland (the school's PTA) were on hand keeping everyone refreshed with ice creams and cold drinks, raising money for the school while adding to the festival feel of the day.

It was a joyful celebration of sport, learning, and community. A day full of smiles, sunshine, and spirited teamwork -both on and off the track.

*The school has just been informed that they have been awarded the prestigious Platinum School Games Award, the highest national recognition for excellence in physical education, sport, and competition in schools.*



## SPORT

## An exciting new partnership for 2025 benefiting local young people in Ringwood!

The Ringwood Kayak Kids will be taking place every Wednesday evening throughout the school summer holidays, and will be held at local Spinnaker Lakes.

Greyfriars minibus and the Greyfriars team of volunteers, will be kindly providing the transport from central Ringwood to Spinnaker Lakes, to ensure this activity is as accessible as possible.

More information about the Ringwood Kayak Kids can be found online - follow Ringwood & District Round Table and Ethical Activities CIC on Social Media to see all updates on how to join in with this project.



Photo cutline from the left; Tom Foster Ethical Activities Director, Charly Keith Carvers Clubhouse Manager, Richard Levell Ringwood & District Round Table Chairman.

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## Darla wins GOLD at The IBJJF Kids European Championships

Darla Anderson from Ringwood. Competed at the IBJJF Kids European Championships in Rome winning Gold. IBJJF = International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation .She won in impressive fashion with a 30 sec submission in both the Semi Final and Final . She is now ranked No 1 in the World at her age weight and rank.

She trains at Ippon Gym in Bournemouth and Southern Quarter in Amesbury and has been training for around 4 years. She is looking for sponsorship to help her fund competing at the Pans and World Championships later in year. Please contact the newspaper if you would like to know more.



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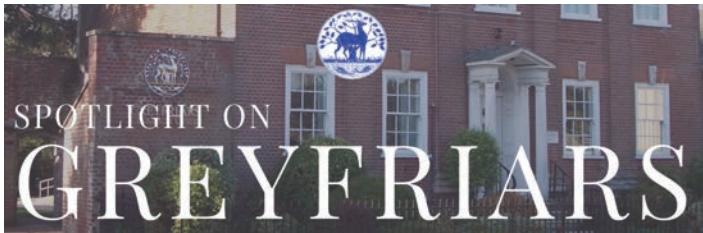
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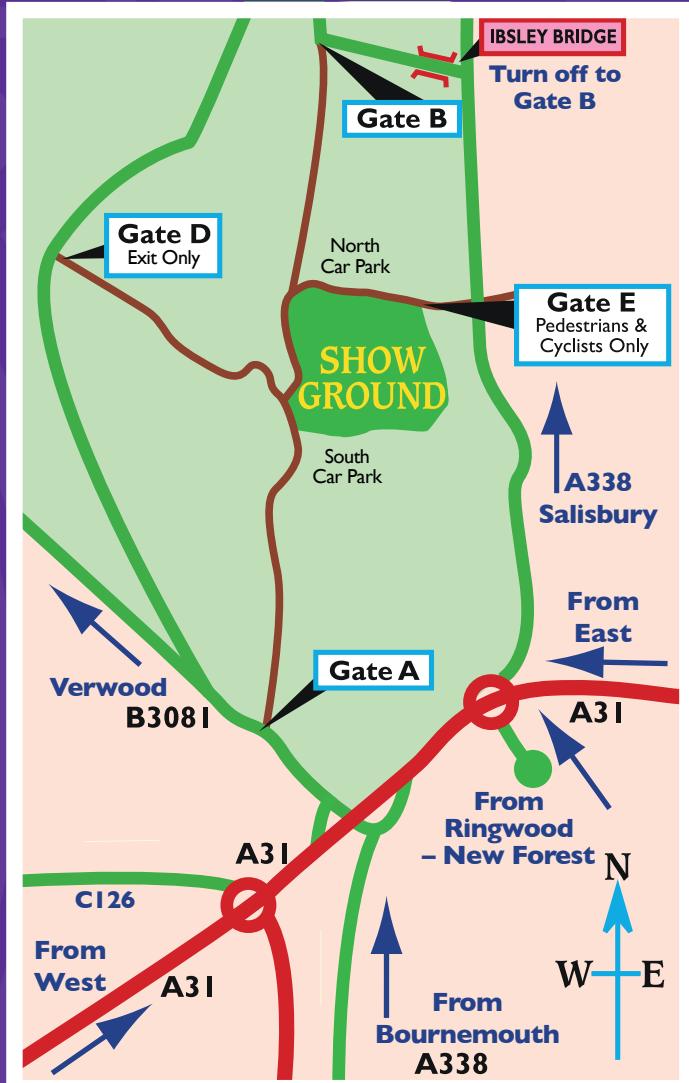
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## NEWS

## Community gathers to enjoy aerial circus performance at Ringwood care home

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Residents and staff at St Ives House care home on Horton Road were joined by members of the local community for the seaside-themed Catch of the Day performance by The Dot Collective, a professional theatre company who put on dementia-friendly, accessible shows. Afterwards, some of the residents jumped at the chance to have a go at using a rope swing and aerial silks.

The activity was organised for the residents, their loved ones and visitors to celebrate Care Home Open Week, a national initiative run by Championing Social Care. The annual event aims to connect care homes with their local communities and champion the warm, caring, and vibrant environments that care homes provide. All care homes operated by not-for-profit charity Care South hosted events to mark Care Home Open Week.

Liz, who lives at St Ives House, said: "The highlight of my afternoon was having a go on the swing. I always wanted to travel with the circus as a young girl so I cannot believe at my age I had the opportunity to have a go on the swing."

Avril, who also lives at the home, said: "What a wonderful afternoon, I cannot believe that the performers were upside down and it was done so well. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole afternoon."

Another resident, Pauline, said: "It was lovely to sit and watch it with my friends. The weather was beautiful, the food was wonderful and the staff were fantastic at setting it all up for us. It was a very enjoyable afternoon."

Emma Cotton, Home Manager at St Ives House, said: "It was a joy to see our residents so engaged and having so much fun throughout the performance. At Care South, we enable our residents to continue exploring their existing passions and interests, as well as trying new ones, which on this occasion included trying some aerial circus skills. We also take every opportunity to welcome the community into our home to experience the vibrant and supportive environment that we provide for our residents."

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### Don't Lose the Opportunity to Catch Lost Buildings of Ringwood



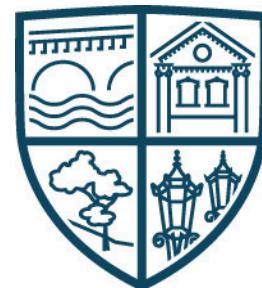
The Ringwood Society's latest exhibition; **Lost Buildings of Ringwood**, continues at Ringwood Meeting House and History Centre throughout July after a sell-out opening talk by Society Chair, Alex Bancroft.

Speaking to a capacity crowd, Alex provided an illuminating expansion on the content of the exhibition including the story of "Europe's fastest woman driver" and Ringwood resident; Patricia Coundley, the history of the three separate schemes which now comprise the A31 through Ringwood and the near forty year saga to get all the sections built, and how the last animal sold at the

livestock market in the Furlong was a pedigree dexter cow and her bull calf which sold at the last auction on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1988 for £500.

This delve into the history of the town includes some never before seen images which The Society has been lucky enough to be granted access to from various private collections. The buildings featured range from the last residential house in the Market Place to the Town Mill, from a thatched mansion to a 1970s petrol station, and from a 1930s laundry turned auction house to an historic public house. A potted history is provided for each building and the story behind how it came to be lost to the town, along with some stories about the occupants. The exhibition continues to be on display until the end of July between 10am and 12 noon Mon-Sat, and until 2.30pm on Wednesdays. Refreshments are available.

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.ringwoodociety.org.uk](http://www.ringwoodociety.org.uk)



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## HISTORY & NEWS

# Poulner Players: The Other Boleyn Girl

Mary and Anne Boleyn (Rhianna Au-Webb & Caroline Windsor) present a Tudor Cheque for £1500 to Nigel Ward from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

Poulner Players presented the world amateur premier of The Other Boleyn Girl by Mike Poulton based on the book by Philippa Gregory at the end of May. The play, premiered at Chichester Festival Theatre last year, is a brilliant recreation of intrigue at the Tudor court – a racy and riveting drama of events that changed the course of English history. The charity chosen to benefit from the Poulner Players' production was The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance in memory of member Mark Bodger, lighting & sound engineer, who died on Easter Sunday. In accepting the donation Nigel Ward from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance said how much he enjoyed watching the play and thanked Poulner Players for the donation pointing out that the Air Ambulance service was entirely dependent on regular donations from the public and organisations such as Poulner Players to fund its continued operation.



Ringwood Meeting House & History Centre

### Ringwood Meeting House Hosts Local School Children

For the second year running the Ringwood Meeting House hosted Poulner Junior School children supporting them with their history project:

*Finding out about how the people of Ringwood Town played their part in fighting for Victory in WW2.*

The visiting children watched a slideshow presentation relating to the war and Ringwood heroes. After which, they also had a tour of the Meeting House itself and completed a quiz about it.

Finally, the children visited the War Memorials in the town and saw the Lantern of Remembrance in the Gateway Square.

Ringwood Meeting House volunteers enjoyed hosting the young people and engaging with their learning.





## Ringwood Lantern of Remembrance

SHINING IN AUGUST IN HONOUR OF

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	RANK	REGIMENT OR SHIP
02/08/1943	Reginald Frank Small	Private	2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
06/08/1915	Harry Charles Guy	Private	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn, Australian Infantry
07/08/1917	Edwin Charles Brent	Private	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn, Devonshire Regt
07/08/1944	Dorothy Anyta Field	Sister	SS Amsterdam Hospital Ship
08/08/1918	Michael Edward Gonie	Captain	55 Sqdn, RAF
08/08/1918	William Charles Weston	Sergeant	9 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Essex Regt.
09/08/1919	Augustus William Long	Private	Machine Gun Corps
10/08/1915	Ernest Barrow	Private	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
10/08/1915	Albert Samuel Faulkner	Private	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
10/08/1915	Alfred George Mills	Private	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
10/08/1915	George Amey	Private	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
11/08/1915	Harry Witt	Private	15 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
13/08/1915	George Stanton	Private	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
19/08/1944	Jack Jones	Sapper	Royal Engineers
21/08/1915	Arthur Lewis Henbest	Private	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
21/08/1915	Walter James Shutler	Lance Corporal	10 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Hampshire Regt.
21/08/1918	Albert Gibbs	Private	38 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Machine Gun Corps
23/08/1916	Frederick John Tanner	Private	1 <sup>st</sup> Bn, Oxford and Bucks LI
26/08/1918	Leslie Ronald Steele	Private	Wiltshire Regiment
26/08/1943	Charles Brian Field	Civilian Test Pilot	Miles Aircraft Company
27/08/1919	W W Middleton	Lance Corporal	14 <sup>th</sup> Bn, Welsh Regt.
30/08/1918	EG Hart	Lieutenant	13 <sup>th</sup> Kensington Bn, Ldn Regt.

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## Band Instrument Donation From Ringwood To Zimbabwe

The Bandmaster of the Ringwood Salvation Army Band, Ken Freeman and Major Emmanuele Carpagnano, the Officer in charge of the Ringwood Salvation Army, presented the three instruments and the relevant music to a Beitbridge Salvationist, Gifts, currently living in Ringwood and attending the Christchurch Road Hall.

The presentation took place at a recent Sunday meeting. That same afternoon, the instruments were on the way to Zimbabwe.

An expression of appreciation from Beitbridge for the donations has been received.

Beitbridge is a border town in the province of Matabeleland South, Zimbabwe. The Salvation Army was officially recognised in Zimbabwe on 1 April 2017.



## Winter Fuel Scam

We have made aware of a local resident who received a message informing them that if they paid £1 they would receive £300 in winter fuel credit. Luckily the gentleman checked with his son who found out it was a scam. Thank you Andrew.



Following this we have looked and have this advise from the HMRC website:

HMRC's chief security officer, said: "Don't be fooled by these attempts by scammers to take your money or access your personal information. Never let yourself be rushed. If someone contacts you saying they're HMRC, wanting you to urgently transfer money or give personal information, be on your guard. If a phone call, text or email is suspicious or unexpected, don't give out private information or reply, and don't download attachments or click on links."

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Tuesday 29 July, Wednesday 30 July,  
Thursday 31 July  
10.00am - 2.00pm

**The Touring Potter**  
Tuesday 5, 12, Friday 22 August  
10.00am - 12noon

**CraftyKidz**  
Thursday 31 July  
7, 14, 21 August  
11.00am - 3.00pm

**Tots Tuesday**  
Tuesday 29 July, 5, 12, 19, 26 August  
10.00am - 12noon

**Under 1s Picnic**  
Wednesday 6 August  
10.00am - 12noon

**Carvers Clubhouse**  
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**Carvers Graffiti Project with MBN Arts**  
Monday 28 July, Wednesday 30 July  
Friday 1 August, Wednesday 13 August  
11.00am - 1.00pm

**Ringwood School meet-up**  
TBC

**Skate Jam**  
Saturday 30 August  
12noon - 5.00pm

**Bark in the Park**  
Sunday 31 August  
10.00am - 5.00pm

**Ringwood Kayak Kids**  
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5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Ringwood CoFE Infant School, New reception starters meet up**  
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1.30pm - 2.30pm

**999 Day**  
Saturday 13 September  
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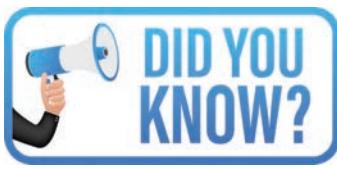
Also launching this summer are the much-anticipated Carvers Courts – the first stage of a wider project to improve Carvers Recreation Ground and make it a space for all. This initial investment has transformed the former tennis courts into a vibrant new area featuring a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for sports like football and basketball, alongside exciting new play equipment for younger children.

This phase of the project has been financially supported by the Veolia Environmental Trust, and the new facilities will be free to access and open every day throughout the summer holidays – creating an inclusive, active space for children, young people, and families to enjoy together.



As well as these exciting new initiatives, old favourites are back, covering all age ranges – from Tots Tuesday and Crafty Kidz Stay & Play to the ever-popular Skate Jam. The Town Council and Carvers are also delighted to host events on behalf of other community organisations, adding even more to the summer buzz. This includes Bark in the Park – perfect for four-legged friend lovers – and the return of the always well-attended 999 Day in September.

And with a upgraded café menu launching this summer, what's not to love?



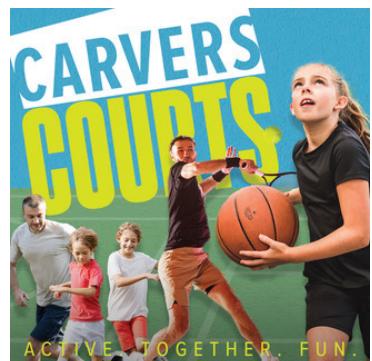
Carvers Clubhouse is owned and operated by Ringwood Town Council. It offers a friendly and inclusive space for the local community to connect, play, and take part in a wide range of activities.

# SUMMER AT CARVERS CLUBHOUSE

Carvers Clubhouse – a community centre for children, families and young people – is once again at the heart of summer in Ringwood.

The 2025 Summer in the Park Programme is now live, and is offering an exciting mix of free and low-cost events throughout the school holidays. Two highlights this year are already generating a real buzz.

The first is a Street Art Project delivered in collaboration with MBN Arts. Aimed at young people aged 12–16, the project gives participants the chance to explore street art techniques and co-design a mural for the side of the skate park at Carvers. This creative initiative has been made possible thanks to generous support from Ringwood Town Council, Cllr John Haywood (via the NFDC Councillor Grant scheme), and the Ringwood Carnival Committee – without their funding, it simply couldn't go ahead.



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## NEWS

# Ringwood Rotary Club – Paul Kneller becomes Club President

On the evening of 1st July at The Lantern Café we said a big 'thank you' to outgoing Club President Maddy Phillips and a loud 'welcome' to our new Club President Paul Kneller. Our Club Presidents serve a twelve-month term from 1st July each year.

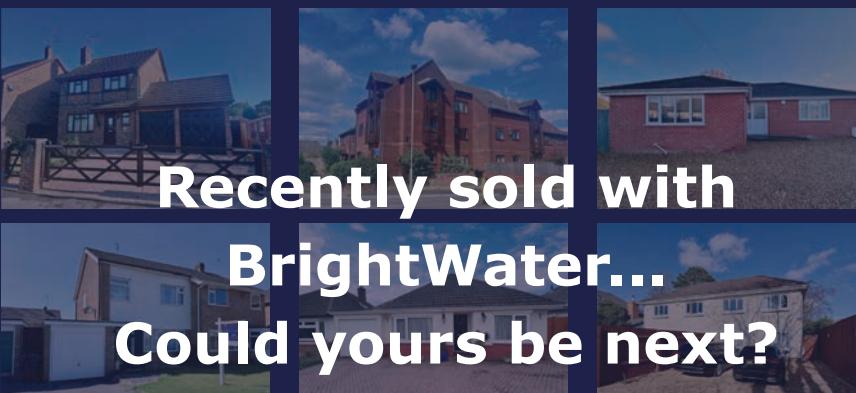


Each President chooses a charity for the Club to support during their Presidential year. Paul Has chosen Batten Fighters Forever.

Founded by the Hover family who have experienced the heart-breaking reality of this disease with two of their children, Batten Fighters Forever is a Ringwood based charity dedicated to supporting families who have children affected by the disease.

Battens Disease is a devastating genetic condition that limits life expectancy to mid-teens - before this, children endure the loss of motor skills, vision, speech, and mobility, ultimately leading to an untimely passing.

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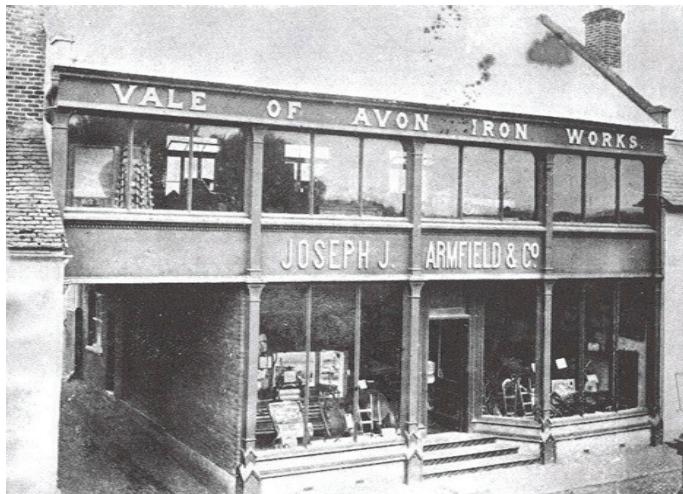
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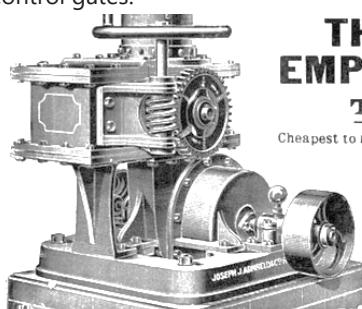
## Armfield at 150 – A Ringwood Success Story



**You only need to look around the town, at the lamp post next to Greyfriars or the metal distance markers on the roads in and out of the town to know the name Armfield and how synonymous it is with Ringwood's engineering heritage. The successor company; Armfield Ltd, still trade in the town some 150 years later, and former Managing Director (1973-95); Chris Treleaven (a member and former chair of The Ringwood Society) takes a look back at the history of the firm.**

In 1875 Joseph Jeremiah Armfield visited a thriving agricultural engineering business in Ringwood, run by William Munden, and was so impressed that he stayed, and invested funds in it. In 1876, the company became Munden, Armfield & Co and after further investment, eventually Joseph J Armfield & Co, still based in Ringwood. JJ Armfield also purchased an agricultural machinery works at Stuckton during this time, which continued as Armfield Agricultural Engineering there up until the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Armfield's original engineering product market was based on supplying local agricultural enterprises. Products included machinery such as chaff-cutters, river control gates, and waterwheels (e.g. Waltham Chase Mill), reported as being of the ultimate state of the art design. The company's expertise in hydropower found applications in different environments, for example in the 1885 reconstruction of Eling Tide Mill, used for wheat milling, wherein the energy in the tidal flow in and out of Southampton Water was extracted by Armfield constructed, efficient 'Poncelet' waterwheels, together with specially designed control gates.



A major engineering development was made when Joseph bought an American license in 1887 to design and manufacture water turbines. Armfield marketed its 'Empire' turbines which were more efficient than waterwheels, and were used originally for milling. A further design update in 1910 was the patented River Turbine, giving greater output.

The increasing use of electrical power led to the development of water turbine generated electricity, with the turbine acting as a dynamo, particularly in areas of adequate river flow. Armfield turbines were at the forefront of this revolution and were widely

used locally, nationally and internationally. Naturally Ringwood was a candidate for water turbine electric power generation, and such an installation was made on the River Avon in 1925, at a site where the sub-station now exists, next to the eastbound offslip of the A31 at the Salisbury Road Roundabout junction.

Water turbine manufacture continued after World War II, and designs improved to give increased efficiency. These Armfield turbines were installed in the UK, and in many countries now forming the Commonwealth. Even in the early years, Armfield tackled novel engineering problems. In 1907, the firm was associated with the manufacture of special rotary disc spark dischargers for the famous Italian wireless pioneer; Guglielmo Marconi, used on the new Transatlantic wireless service from Ireland.

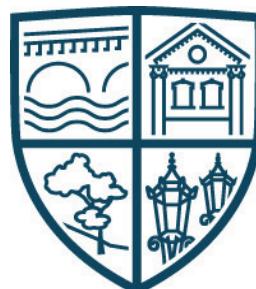
In the 1970s, Armfield extended its range of equipment to include process engineering units, particularly of a small scale, to serve teaching, testing and research applications. Marketing success in this area led to a whole new range of food processing equipment, now widely used by food technology companies for testing new products and processes, without having to use full scale production units taken offline. In the 1990s, they established a subsidiary company in the USA, Armfield Inc, to market their products to research and technical education establishments, a continuing successful venture.



The engineering business has prospered over the years and continues today as Armfield Ltd, now at Headlands Business Park, after many years located in Bridge House, West Street. The main feature of this successful story has been the company's continuing adoption of the latest engineering technology available, to meet the needs of its customers. Armfield may justly claim to have contributed over their 150 years to the economic wellbeing of Ringwood, by way of providing employment for local people, subcontract work for local companies, together with many millions of exports from the UK of engineering equipment based on original designs and quality manufacture.

May there be many more company birthdays ahead!

(Image of Vale of Avon Ironworks courtesy of Hampshire Industrial Archaeological Society, who have also provided the author with assistance in compiling this article)



# The Ringwood Society

## NEWS

# YOUNGEST ART AT OLDEST CLUB

Five Fordingbridge schools are showcasing art by young artists from primary school age up to six form level on the Fordingbridge Art Club website.

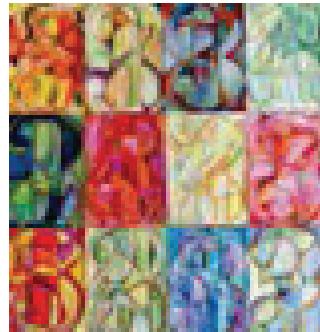
Fordingbridge Art Club is the oldest art club in the area. Founded in 1946, the Club has a long history of supporting the town's schools.

Each of the five schools has their own gallery on the website, alongside the main Club Member gallery.

The schools featured are The Burgate School and Sixth Form, Forres Sandle Manor School, and the Forest Edge Learning Fed-



Year 12 - Lucy - The Burgate School and Sixth Form



Year 4 - Forest Edge Learning Federation



Year 7 Group Work - Forres Sandle Manor School

eration – which includes Hale Primary School, Breamore Primary School and Hyde Primary School.

“Bringing young creativity to a wider audience is a great privilege,” says Fordingbridge Art Club President, Willard Balthazar. Three examples of the art works on show by Fordingbridge students.

## Pedal Car 2025

On Sunday 13th July we welcomed back the British Pedal Car Grand Prix, organised by Ringwood & District Round Table, was a huge success, with 25 incredible teams battling it out in blazing 30-degree heat, showcasing true determination, teamwork, and community spirit. The atmosphere was electric as crowds lined the streets to cheer on the racers, and the event ran smoothly thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, marshals, and supporters. It was a fantastic day of fun, competition, and fundraising—one to remember for everyone involved!



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# Ofsted Praises Downton Primary for Continued Excellence

Downton C of E VA Primary School is delighted to share the outcomes of its recent Section 8 Ofsted inspection, carried out on 1st and 2nd April 2025. The visit confirmed that the school continues to uphold the high standards recognised at its previous inspection.

Inspectors praised the school's warm, inclusive atmosphere and its strong commitment to nurturing both the personal and academic development of every pupil. The report highlighted the school's high expectations, noting that pupils "respond by working hard," achieve well across the curriculum, and benefit from a rich array of enrichment opportunities, including sport, music, and community engagement. Children, including those in the early years, achieve well as a result of the school's high expectations and carefully designed curriculum.

The school's ambitious curriculum, caring ethos, and positive behaviour culture were all commended. Inspectors observed that "pupils conduct themselves well" and "enjoy numerous ways to explore their talents and interests." They also recognised the proactive role pupils play in shaping school life through leadership opportunities such as the school council and eco council.

Headteacher Paula Carlton said:

"We are proud that the inspection recognised the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the strength of our school community. This positive outcome is the result of a shared commitment—staff, governors, families, and children—working together to create a nurturing, high-quality learning environment for all."

The report also acknowledged the school's forward-thinking curriculum and inclusive approach to supporting pupils with additional needs. Ofsted highlighted the "Downton 100" reading initiative as a positive step in broadening pupils' cultural knowledge and fostering a love of reading.

Downton C of E VA Primary School continues to look ahead with confidence and ambition, committed to further embedding new curriculum areas and strengthening assessment practices.

For more information, or to arrange a visit, please contact:

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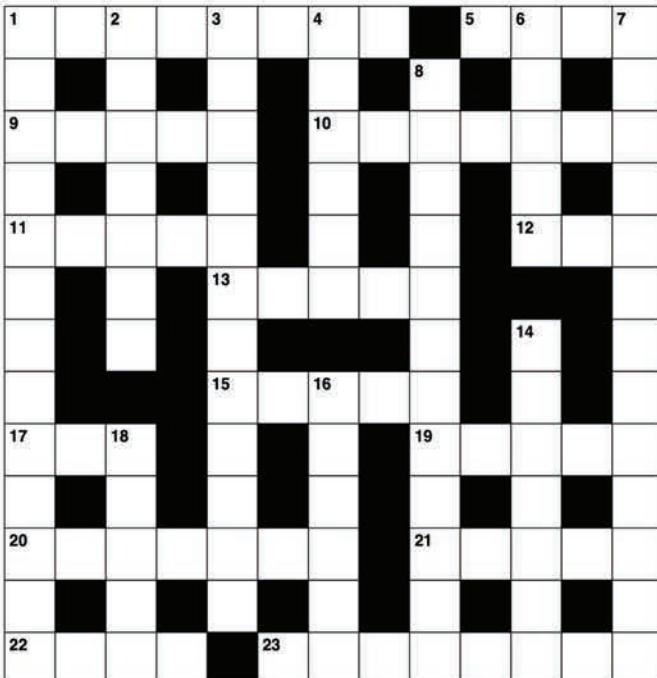
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- 5 - Inner surface of the hand (4)
- 9 - Follows orders (5)
- 10 - Flowering shrubs (7)
- 11 - Benefactor (5)
- 12 - Loud noise (3)
- 13 - One-way flow structure (5)
- 15 - Public square (5)
- 17 - Give a nickname to (3)
- 19 - Stories (5)
- 20 - Brought about (7)
- 21 - Freight (5)
- 22 - Men (4)
- 23 - Remote; cut off (8)

### Down

- 1 - Extremely alarming (5-8)
- 2 - Country in South East Asia (7)
- 3 - Minimum purchase cost at auction (7,5)
- 4 - Small stones (6)
- 6 - Change (5)
- 7 - Misinterpreted (13)
- 8 - Relating to numbers (12)
- 14 - Guilty person (7)
- 16 - Dwells in (6)
- 18 - Inadequately (5)

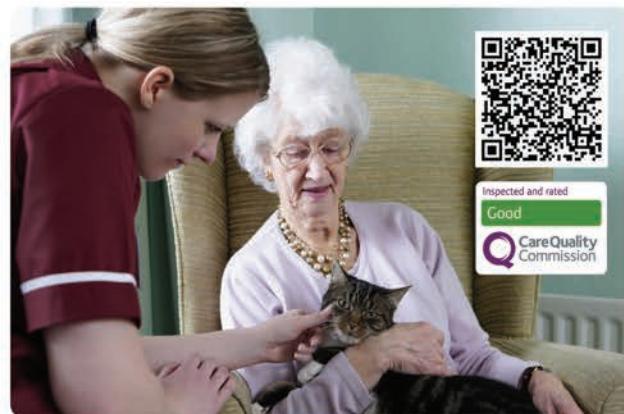
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5	1	3	7	6	9	2	4	8
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## Sudoku

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