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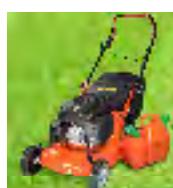
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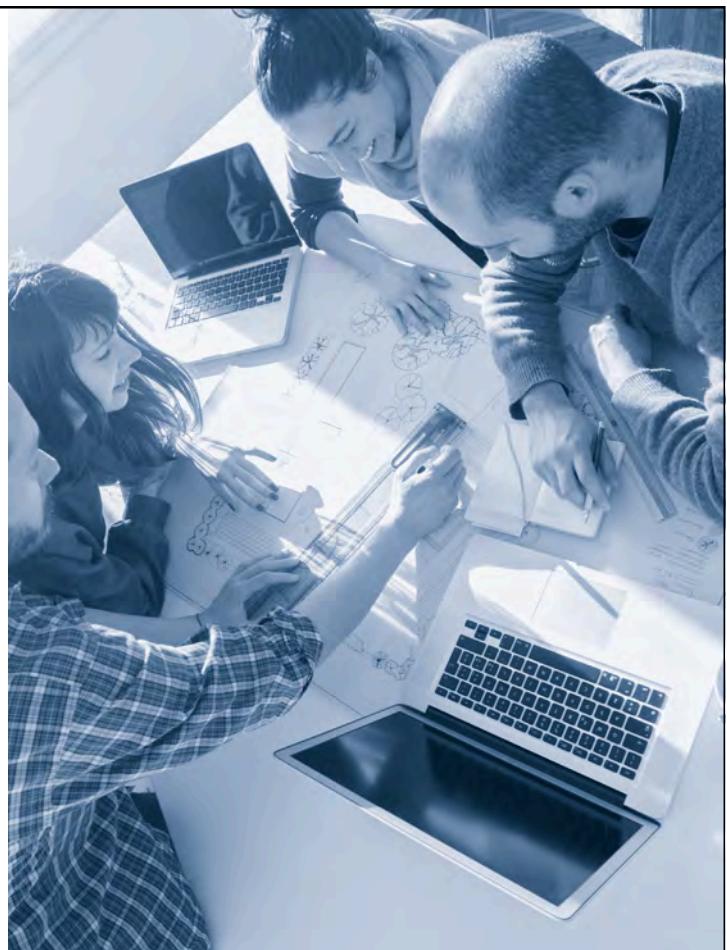
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It's all go, go, go...

We all moan when its cold or wet, now we're all moaning its too hot. The good thing with this lovely weather is that all the things we love have gone ahead.

Over the last few weeks we haven't stopped, juggling work, school holidays, family life and hobbies.

First was the Pedal Car Grand Prix, The BRIGHTWATER Estate Agency Team took part in the blistering heat racing around the streets of Ringwood for 2 hours. It was an excellent event and organised so well. We love supporting the events in the town and thank all of the spectators who were cheering us on (and throwing buckets of water on us).

Our next event was a family day out at the New Forest Show. Naomi and Charlotte were their for the week competing so I took Harry and Millie to watch Charlotte for one of the days. A great day out supported by so many people. If you have never been its well worth a visit next year.

Finally it is hobby time and I was fortunate enough to compete at Eastbourne in the Over 35's County Cup where we finished 2nd in Division 3 out of 12 Divisions. Leaving Eastbourne I then went to compete at The All England Club (Wimbledon) in The British Closed. It is where the top 32 of each age group compete for the title, unfortunately I lost in the last 8 of the

singles and my brother got injured so we had to withdraw from our semi final match. Now i have a week off before competing in the British Open Grass Court Championships.

And before we know it the school holidays are over and its back to normal, well until Saturday 20th September when its Ringwood's biggest event of the year.

Make sure you go to page 9 and read the article about all the events going on throughout the week. We really hope the weather stays like this for the visitors but especially for Ben, Alex and their magnificent team of volunteers that put so much work into making the event so amazing. Thank you to you all.



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Blind Sailing at Spinnaker Sailing Club

A family sailing club in the New Forest has been hosting sailing courses for the visually impaired. Spinnaker Sailing Club near Ringwood has been running a programme 'See Sailing Your Way'. Taking place over fifteen weeks, visually impaired people learned to sail from scratch, with support and coaching for onward development in the sport.

Participants were enthusiastic: 'I've had a tremendous feeling of freedom being on the water, it really lifts my spirits...it's really hard to describe but it gives me a high' said Louise, while Steve enthused: 'it's lovely to be so welcome...and develop your sailing'. During the early stages of the project the Education and Learning

Establishing new friendships and growing people's confidence are all core to what we want to achieve.'

He added: 'This is part of a national scheme from the RYA, Sailing's Governing Body, and we have been excited to be the local partners. We hope that this will be the start of permanent visually impaired presence and activity at the club, along with New Forest Sailability. We

are grateful for the generous grant support we have received.' 'The club is more than simply race sailing,' said Phil Tinsley, Commodore, 'we are a watersports club, with members using the lake each week for canoeing, paddleboarding and windsurfing as well as sailing. Our sheltered waters allow access most days without the complications of shipping, waves and tides. Our aim is to allow people from whatever background to develop confidence and skills on the water. We are thrilled that we have been able to bring more people into our activities, and we are proud to offer all participants membership for the rest of the year as part of the programme.' The club is a recognised training centre running courses for adults as well and being member-driven aims to keep costs low. There is an extensive hire fleet of paddleboards, canoes and sailing boats as well as members own boats. Membership starts from £32. See www.spinnakerclub.co.uk for details.



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James Oborne, Club Operations Manager commented: 'We are really pleased that the programme has been a success, not just with lots of fun on and off the water.

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There have been many top grades this year. An amazing 7.2% of the cohort got all A*'s or As (including 4 students with straight A*'s) and 65% of students got AAB or higher. Students have seen particular success in facilitating subjects (the traditional A-Level subjects) with nearly one in five students on these courses securing at least AAB. Early calculations suggest that the school has retained a very strong rating from ALPs (a national progress measure for A-Level), which puts Ringwood School amongst the strongest Post 16 providers nationally. The school's 'value added' performance has matched last year which was "Above Average" on the Department for Education's Performance Tables.

We are a sixth form that is proud to offer vocational options alongside our more traditional A-Level subjects. These qualifications have also continued to deliver significant success with an average grade in these subjects once again being a Distinction (equivalent to an A-Level Grade A).



These results open doors to exciting futures, whether at university, in apprenticeships, or in the world of work. We couldn't be more delighted to see our students stepping into the next stage of their lives with such a strong foundation behind them. Ringwood School students will be scattered across the county as degree courses begin over the next month. The Class of 25 are going to a wide range of institutions from St Andrews to Plymouth; Cardiff to Kings College; Manchester to Southampton and Bangor to Surrey. Just as varied is their choice of subjects. From the very traditional - Computer Science Maths, Physics, Psychology, Economics and Business, Geography, English and History- to the more modern - Medical Imaging, Diagnostic Radiography, Games Design, Musical Theatre and Film Making, and Earth Sciences, Resource and Exploration- which is a degree seeking to find solutions to current global challenges including climate change, natural hazards, and especially the supply of critical raw materials.

Some students have chosen to take up degree apprenticeship opportunities instead, including the highly sought after degree apprenticeship programme with JP Morgan.

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Phase 2 residents to start receiving wheelie bins next month as part of new waste collection service

From August 2025, residents in Bransgore, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, and some surrounding areas will start receiving wheelie bins as part of New Forest District Council's (NFDC) new waste collection and recycling service.

These residents are in phase 2 of the new service, with collections starting in these areas in October 2025.

Most residents will receive a 240 litre green lid recycling bin, 180 litre black lid general waste bin, 23 litre outdoor food waste recycling caddy, and 5 litre indoor food waste recycling caddy.

Cllr Geoffrey Blunden, portfolio holder for environment and sustainability, said: "We're pleased to be moving into the second phase of our three-phase rollout of our new waste collection service. This is another key milestone in delivering a more efficient and environmentally friendly way of managing waste and recycling in the district.

Residents in the phase 2 area will begin receiving a letter and leaflet from us next week (week beginning 21 July 2025), which will include all the essential information about the new service, such as how collections will work for their household, important dates, and the support available for eligible households. We encourage everyone to read this information carefully to ensure they feel confident when their new collections begin in October 2025.

We're also taking on board everything we've learned during phase 1, including resident feedback and operational insights, to ensure

phases 2 and 3 run as smoothly and successfully as possible for everyone."

Residents will not need to be at home for the delivery of the bins and food waste caddies as they will be left outside of their property. Bins and food waste caddies may be delivered by different vehicles at different times.

The council is asking that residents in phase 2 do not use the bins and food waste caddies until the new waste collections are due to start for them in October 2025, and to continue using their current waste collection service until this time.

New Forest District Council will tell residents their collection day and start date by post a few weeks before their new waste collections start. They can also sign up to receive regular email updates, with specific information about their phase area, from the council at newforest.gov.uk/WasteEmails

More information about the new waste collection is available on the council's website: <https://newforest.gov.uk/article/3809/Changes-to-recycling-and-rubbish-collections-from-2025-to-2026>



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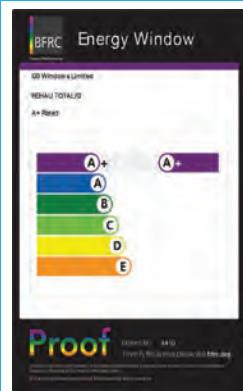
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I would like members of the public with rabbits to be made aware that this dreadful disease is around and can affect their pet rabbits, even those kept indoors.

There is a vaccine which reduces both morbidity and mortality associated with the disease (which otherwise kills most victims within 10-14 days) but, possibly because a lot of rabbit owners don't register their pets at veterinary practices unless there is a specific problem, the rate of vaccination is low.

If you can find a way to inform owners that we cannot easily reach of the risk this disease poses, we may be able to prevent some unnecessary suffering and deaths.

Roger Stobbs
Forest Veterinary Clinic



Be tick aware this summer

The UK Health Security Agency is asking everyone to be aware of ticks this summer to avoid the risk of catching tick-borne infections, such as Lyme disease.



Lyme disease is an infection which is spread by some tick species. People can get the disease if they're bitten by an infected tick, particularly when spending time outdoors in green spaces.

You can reduce the risk of being bitten by a tick by:

- * wearing clothing that covers your skin to make it more difficult for ticks to bite you
- * using insect repellent
- * wearing light coloured clothing so that you easily spot ticks and brush them off
- * checking yourself, your clothing, pets and others for ticks after spending time outside
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CARNIVAL NEWS

The return of Carnival Week!

The BIG day is not far away - when Ringwood and its community come together and enjoy the main event on the town's calendar - with this year promising to be yet another great festival of fun!

Many in the community will remember days of old, where Carnival build-up events and activities took place in the run up to Carnival Day. Times have naturally changed, and trends, pastimes and popular culture play a big part in the activities that groups want and like to participate in.

Howard Cox, Carnival president (and now entering his 5th decade of carnival volunteering) recalls:

"In my time with the Carnival, there have been many changes we had to make due to circumstances, some good, some less

so. At times we struggled even to keep Carnival going, succeeding only through the efforts of 4 determined volunteers. One of my regrets was to let go of both Carvers and Carnival Week, which were only sustainable because there were over 80 (yes really!) Committee members back then. It has always been my hope that we could bring back just some of Carnival Week - and we are now delighted to be able to announce a series of events in the run up to Carnival day."

AND NOW The Ringwood Carnival committee are pleased to reveal a solid series of build-up events running up to Carnival Day, mainly for fun and frolics(!) for the town to enjoy, and also to raise funds that that enables them to host Carnival (with any profits being returned into local chari-

RINGWOOD 2025 Carnival

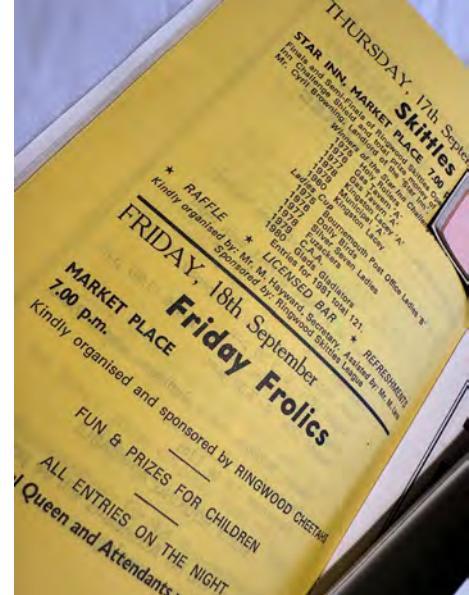
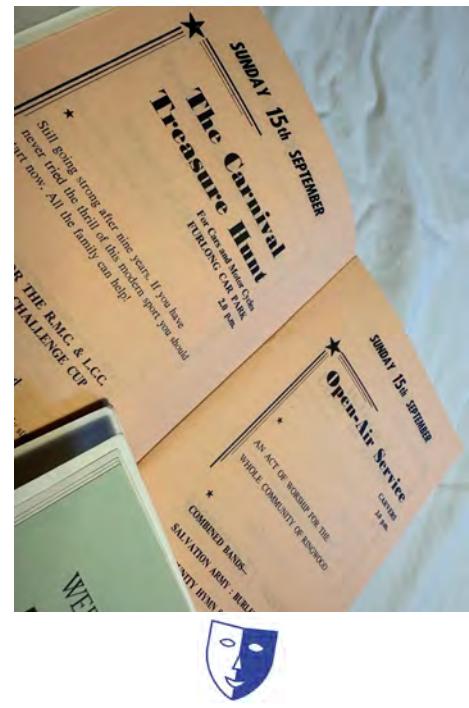
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ties and good causes).

So please support these events, and if you are interested in hosting an event, or are a business willing to raise funds for Carnival with your event – there is still time.

Special thanks are given to all those that are already working in the background with the Carnival Crew to enable this to happen.

CARNIVAL WEEK IS BACK! Keep an eye out on the Carnival media platforms for further information.



NEWS

Understanding Investments-Pension Taxes on Death

In the October 2024 Budget, the Government proposed upcoming changes to the way pensions will be taxed on death. From April 6th 2027 pension values are likely to be included in estate value for Inheritance Tax purposes.

There is an ongoing consultation on the way this will be administered. Once fully known we will communicate further.

What does this mean?

If your total estate including pension values is under your IHT allowances then there is no change to the way they are taxed currently. This will only affect clients whose estates exceed their IHT allowances when including pension assets along with all other assets. For this article we are focusing on pension taxes only and not wider IHT rules.

Death Pre Age 75:

Inheritance tax applies unless the nomination on death is to a spouse or charity. There is no income tax charge or lump sum charge unless the proceeds exceed the Lump Sum Death Benefit Allowance (LSDBA) of £1,073,000. The Lump Sum Allowance (LSA) of £268,250 still applies to tax free cash.

Death post age 75:

As above other than the fact that an income tax charge would also apply at the beneficiaries marginal rate of tax. This could mean that two tax charges will apply-IHT and income tax on the beneficiary.

The ability to control the way income is paid out to the beneficiary could be very important to mitigate the tax rate paid. For example if a pension provides only for a lump sum death payment and is valued at say £150,000, that is added to the beneficiaries income in that tax year so part of the payment would then be taxed at additional rate tax and higher rate tax. Under beneficiary drawdown the beneficiary can choose the level of income they draw out and do this over a number of years to control the income tax charge. Many pension plans don't offer beneficiary drawdown so this should be checked. We also recommend seeking the advice of an accountant for tax calculations/liabilities should they apply.

A change in the way wealthy clients treat pensions?

Pensions are still very tax-efficient saving vehicles. You receive tax relief on the way in, money then grows tax free, and on the way out you receive a lump sum tax free with the remainder taxable at your marginal tax rate (often lower than the tax you saved on the way in).

Many clients will still need their pensions to pay for their own retirement needs and will draw money out from them via drawdown or the purchase of an annuity. In this case client behavior is less likely to change due to a potential IHT charge on death.

The changes do affect clients who have surplus assets for their own needs and up to now had expected to leave their pension pots to their children or grandchildren IHT free. It's those clients who need to review their planning as the tax rate on death post age 75 could be as high as 67% (assuming the pension is liable to IHT and the beneficiary is not a spouse or charity and is an additional rate tax-payer).

The positive news is that there are multiple planning strategies that can be used now to mitigate the effect of the upcoming change and there is some time to put these into place.

Stewart, Harry and I are available for a free initial, no obligation chat to discuss and consider your personal situation.

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A pension is a long-term investment not normally accessible until age 55 (57 from April 2028). The value of your investments (and any income from them) can go down as well as up which would have an impact on the level of pension benefits available. The tax implications of pension withdrawals will be based on your individual circumstances, tax legislation and regulation which are subject to change.

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Ringwood Repair Café crowned 'Sustainability Champion' at prestigious New Forest National Park Awards 2025

Ringwood Repair Café is delighted to announce its triumph in the Sustainability Champion category at the highly anticipated New Forest National Park Awards 2025. The accolade celebrates the repair café's outstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and its significant impact on fostering a more sustainable community.

Now in their 12th year, the annual New Forest National Park Awards are a cornerstone event, recognising remarkable individuals and organisations that are actively making a difference across the forest. The awards honour outstanding contributions to the environment, rural economy, and local communities, celebrating those who consistently go above and beyond. This year, X of the forest's most innovative and dynamic individuals and rural organisations were recognised, underscoring the awards' importance as an annual celebration of the New Forest's vibrant rural economy.

The Sustainability Champion Award specifically sought evidence of nominees promoting sustainable practices, initiating and driving sustainability projects, reducing utility consumption, mitigating transportation impact, demonstrating measurable sustainable change, exceeding standard sustainability practices, and ensuring the long-term viability of their initiatives.

Ringwood Repair Café stood out for our clear dedication to these principles. By providing a welcoming space where volunteers help the public repair broken items, the café directly reduces waste, extends product lifespans, and encourages a circular economy. This not only lessens the demand for new goods and the resources required to produce them but also significantly cuts down on items sent to landfill. The initiative fosters community engagement and educates individuals on the value of repair, contributing to a measurable shift in local consumption habits and reducing the environmental impact associated with new purchases and disposal.

Upon receiving the award, Lindsay Andrews, Lead Organiser of Ringwood Repair Café, commented, "We are absolutely thrilled and deeply honoured to receive the New Forest National Park Award for Sustainability Champion. This award is a testament to the incredible dedication of our volunteers and the growing commitment of the Ringwood community to embrace repair over replace. Every item we



fix, from a broken toaster to a torn garment, prevents waste, saves resources, and fosters a more sustainable way of living. It shows that small, local actions can have a significant, measurable impact, and we look forward to continuing our work for many years to come, inspiring even more people to join the repair revolution."

The recognition at the New Forest National Park Awards reinforces the vital role Ringwood Repair Café plays in promoting environmental responsibility and community resilience within the region.



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Salvation Army helps families avoid the parent poverty trap

35% of parents plan to skip meals so their children can go to holiday club, according to a new survey by The Salvation Army.

The snapshot survey also found of those parents asked: 36% cannot afford to pay for childcare over summer. 36% said they can't afford to take time off to care for their children during the summer break. 30% will not be able to afford to take their children on any sort of holiday.

To ensure that vulnerable children have a chance to relax and play over the summer, the church and charity will be hosting summer camps, activities involving crafts and games, film clubs, breakfast clubs, organising trips and providing lunch for thousands of children across the UK.



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Many Salvation Army churches are also providing school uniform exchanges to support parents with the cost of kitting their kids out for the new school term. Major Kerry Coke, The Salvation Army's Assistant Secretary for Mission, said: "The summer holidays are meant to be a time of joy and fun but poverty can rob children of the chance to play and explore."

"It's not just the cost of food, but the cost of activities has soared. Then when the new school term approaches, buying school uniform is an added financial burden. Our officers and volunteers up and down the country are doing what we can to help vulnerable children have some summer joy in their lives, whether it's running our own camps, organising summer club activities or helping parents in practical ways with school uniform swaps, lunch clubs and foodbanks."

Jessica* a single mum of seven, turned to The Salvation Army after being affected by the two-child benefit limit and was struggling to make her Universal Credit stretch.

She said: "The Universal Credit payments I receive go on bills and rent. Then if I need to buy a school uniform or anything else for my kids it comes out of whatever is left over, and then if any unexpected bill comes in, I panic. My Universal Credit payments basically go on everything but food at the minute so I have to get that support where I can."

"There have been times where I will go without food myself, sometimes weeks without a proper meal, so my kids can eat, and I'll finish any of the leftovers that the children leave on their plate. It's horrible to live like this and it's horrible to think of anyone having to resort to those measures, but needs must, and for me, it is my reality. I'm really just surviving each day. I get what I can from food projects and support from places like The Salvation Army."

New Carvers Courts open at Carvers Recreation Ground

Ringwood Town Council are thrilled to announce that the brand-new multi-use games area (MUGA) at Carvers Recreation Ground is now open and ready to use!

This exciting new facility—installed on the site of the former tennis courts—has been supported by a generous grant from Veolia Environmental Trust and delivered by Ringwood Town Council. It's designed to be a space for everyone in the community to enjoy, offering opportunities to play tennis, football, basketball, netball, and more. The new courts can accommodate up to six groups at a time and are open to all ages.

You'll find the courts at the back of the recreation ground and hopefully spot the new signage as you come through the gates (Carvers Courts). They are completely free to use and open all day, every day, except during school term-time break and lunch sessions when Ringwood School pupils have exclusive access. If you need equipment, the Clubhouse has balls available to borrow during their opening times.

Alongside the new MUGA, we've also installed new play equipment next to the courts, as part of our wider plans to make Carvers an even more vibrant and welcoming space for families and the community.

We'd also like to thank Ringwood School for kindly providing drone photography to help showcase the new facilities.

Rae Frederick, Chair of the Carvers Working Party, said:

"These kinds of projects take real effort behind the scenes, and I

want to thank everyone involved—including the members of the Working Party who helped pull together the successful bid to Veolia. It's all been worth it to create something new for the town to enjoy."

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RKO at BKO's Rising Warriors Interclub Tournament

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What a brilliant day at the **Rising Warriors Interclub Tournament**, hosted by BKO — and we couldn't be prouder of our five fantastic fighters who stepped onto the mats representing RKO with heart, style, and determination.

Meet the Warriors:

Oscar Lee, still new to the competitive scene with just three tournaments under his belt, showed incredible growth and took **1st place in his points division!**

Euan McGrath, competing for only the second time this year, fought with composure and landed **1st in points and 2nd in light continuous**.

Oskar Lichters, making his competitive debut, stunned us all with a **1st place win in light continuous** — what a way to start!

Gianni Brown, just 6 years old, took part in his very first tournament — winning one of his seven fights and grinning the whole way through. His energy was infectious!

Jasmine Ferioli, our seasoned competitor, once again delivered with strength and finesse, earning **2nd place in both points and light continuous**.

For most of these students, the goal was gaining experience and experimenting with new techniques — and they absolutely **smashed it**. Watching them handle themselves with confidence and sportsmanship was genuinely inspiring.

A heartfelt thank you to **George Peploe** at BKO for hosting a well-run and welcoming event. And huge gratitude to the **parents and supporters** who gave up their Saturday to cheer, chauffeur, and champion our athletes. Your energy fuels our fighters.



Shizenryu: Black Belt Journeys Shared Across Generations

In Shizenryu Karate (the Natural Way) it's always special to see students progressing through their grades. But when families step into the dojo together, parents and children, brothers and sisters, starting as white belts and, through years of dedication, earning their black belts side by side, it's something truly remarkable.

This photograph of some of our Bournemouth and Poulner families was taken at a recent local Poulner grading, a proud moment where students achieved new belts and celebrated together. It's wonderful to see family members and siblings supporting one another, encouraging each other through challenges, and sharing in the triumphs along the way.

Most of our students join as individuals, and one of the great joys of our clubs is seeing adults and children of different ages train together so naturally. In the dojo, it's respect, effort, and a willingness to learn that matters more than anything.

Our evening clubs in Bournemouth and Poulner offer a warm welcome to anyone ready to begin their own journey. Whether you come alone or as a family, you'll find a community that values respect, perseverance, and the joy of seeing each other succeed.

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Make, do and mend – Sustainable solutions for Sports Day at Ringwood Infant School

When Ringwood Infant School wanted to have reusable solution instead of new t-shirts every year for the children on Sports' Day they set about getting funding and help to make the bibs.

Thanks to a grant from Ringwood Town Council, they purchased the fabric from Ringwood Fabrics and then the Make, do and mend team at Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency (RACE) worked amazingly hard. Not only did they make the 300 bibs, but also using old marquee fabric, they created individual bags with the classes' names on for storage.

Kirsty Shutler from Friends of Ringwood Infant School (FORIS) said, "Following on from our sustainable approach we were wanting to achieve a reduction of fast fashion. Instead of parents having to provide a T-shirt in the right colour that might only be worn once we now have reusable bibs that will be used for years to come. I had many comments on the day from parents and teachers saying how great they looked and much how much easier it was with one less thing to worry about at what is always a busy



time of the year for parents. It was impactful seeing all the children in a uniform colour, whereas previously it's been a mishmash of shades. We are so grateful and proud of what we've been able to achieve together as a community."

Ringwood RACE Against Time is a registered charity – charity number 1189272, more information can be found at www.raceagainsttime.org.uk

Fordingbridge Musical Theatre Choir

Audition results are in and it's good news for local Fordingbridge choir

Fordingbridge Musical Theatre Choir has been deemed to have reached the artistic level to perform on the Disneyland stage next summer

Established September 2023, Fordingbridge Musical Theatre Choir has gone from strength to strength in the past two years, performing as Gareth Malone's backing choir (Poole Lighthouse 2024), and entertaining locals at lots of memorable community events including D-day and VE-day commemorations, Alderholt Fete, and the ever-popular turning-on of the Fordingbridge Christmas lights!

But now they've set their sights further afield and will be going on-tour to Paris, departing 25 June 2026.

As well as performing in central Paris, the choir will be gracing the stage at Disneyland, and they're on a high having just received their audition feedback from Disneyland HQ:

"A real feel-good audition! We thoroughly enjoyed both pieces during your performance. The arrangements were exceptionally well suited to your group of singers, bringing out the best in each voice part."

Choir director, Olivia Sparkhall, said: "we're so excited about this incredible opportunity to perform at such a prestigious venue. The audition feedback pays testament to how hard the choir has worked these last two years, and how far they've come as a choir."

Fordingbridge Musical Theatre Choir is part of a national network of SingSpace choirs which welcome everyone from professional singers who want to fall in love with singing again, to those who have been too nervous to consider singing in public. There is something for everyone: whether you want to hide in a crowd, or



try solos, complex harmonies and new singing techniques.

There are spaces in the choir for new people to join for the autumn term. New members are, of course, welcome to join the choir on-tour next June!

If you would like to find out more about Fordingbridge's musical theatre choir, you can email olivia@singspacechoir.com or visit <https://www.singspacechoir.com/fordingbridge/>



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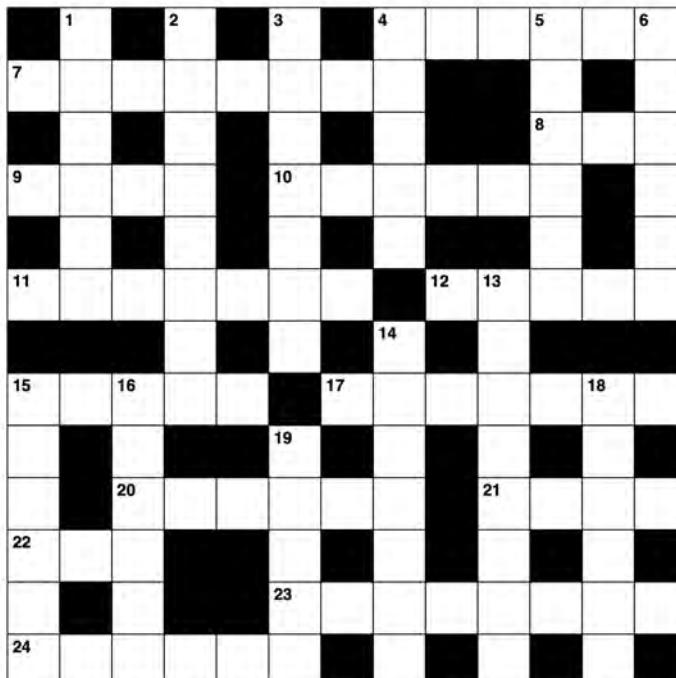
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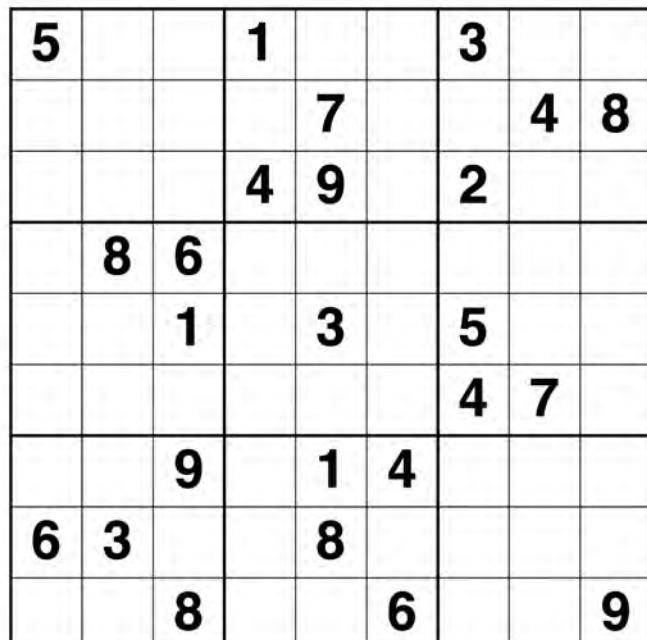
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- 4 - Hinged case hung from the neck (6)
- 7 - Roman building (8)
- 8 - Tear (3)
- 9 - Adjoin (4)
- 10 - Dock for small yachts (6)
- 11 - Warmest (7)
- 12 - Sheet (anag) (5)
- 15 - Looks slyly (5)
- 17 - Swinging bed (7)
- 20 - Seek to hurt (6)
- 21 - Attic (4)
- 22 - Dry (of wine) (3)
- 23 - Apprehended (8)
- 24 - Long strips of cloth (6)

Down

- 1 - Treelike grass (6)
- 2 - Ruler who is unconstrained by law (8)
- 3 - Total weight of organisms (7)
- 4 - Dens (5)
- 5 - Martial art (6)
- 6 - Push over (6)
- 13 - Without a fixed abode (8)
- 14 - Large ships (7)
- 15 - Rents out (6)
- 16 - Demands; insists on (6)
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Ringwood care home team scoops prestigious Management Team of the Year trophy

The management team at a Ringwood care home is celebrating after receiving an award recognising dedicated and compassionate care.

St Ives House care home, which is operated by not-for-profit charity, Care South, received the Management Team of the Year award at the care group's 16th annual Stars Awards ceremony. The awards recognise and reward individuals and teams from across Care South who go the extra mile to provide great care to residents and clients. Nominations are made by colleagues, residents and relatives.

Hosted by Simon Bird, CEO, it featured team members from each of the not-for-profit charity's care homes and care at home offices based across Dorset, Somerset and north Devon.

A host of accolades were presented to worthy winners from those who on the frontline through to their colleagues who work behind the scenes to enable the care services to run smoothly. The awards included Carer of the Year, Newcomer, Dining Experience, Activities Team, and Best Support Team, to name but a few. Emma Cotton, Home Manager, and Natalie Graham, Deputy Home Manager at St Ives House, which provides residential, respite and dementia care to residents, were thrilled to pick up the Management Team of the Year award.

Simon Bird, CEO, said: "I am immensely proud of every member of the Care South team, but an extra special congratulations must go to our winners at this year's Stars Awards who really do go above and beyond to deliver the very highest quality care to all our residents and care at home clients.

"The St Ives House team does a fantastic job of providing a happy home from home, where residents feel happy, fulfilled, respected, and enabled to continue being part of the wider community. We are so fortunate to have such passionate people in Emma and Natalie leading their team and supporting our residents at St Ives House to live with dignity, purpose and joy each and every day."

Emma Cotton, Home Manager at St Ives House, said that it was testament to every member of the team that they received the top prize.

She added: "Natalie and I are absolutely thrilled to receive the Management Team of the Year award. We love working at Care



South and are passionate about and committed to providing the very best care to our residents. While this award was presented to Natalie and myself, we see it as an award for the whole team at St Ives House which strives to provide an outstanding level of care and make a difference to those in our care."

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Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture. Running to ten days every September, the festival offers free access to heritage events and activities across England, including access to many buildings not usually open to the public. This year, for the first time, The Ringwood Society have co-ordinated a varied range of new events in the Heritage Open Days calendar.

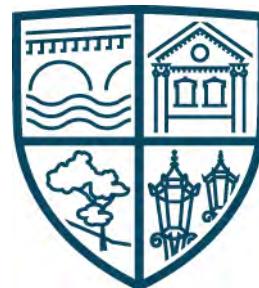
The calendar this year comprises a series of opportunities to look behind closed doors in Ringwood, learn more about the heritage and history of our most loved places and even a pub tour! All events are bookable online on the Heritage Open Days website; simply visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk click 'What's on?' and then put Ringwood into the location box. "This is the first year The Society has spearheaded Heritage Open Days within the Parish and we are delighted to have found exciting new events to join regular events independently organised, such as guided tours of Bisterne Manor" said Society chair; Alex Bancroft.

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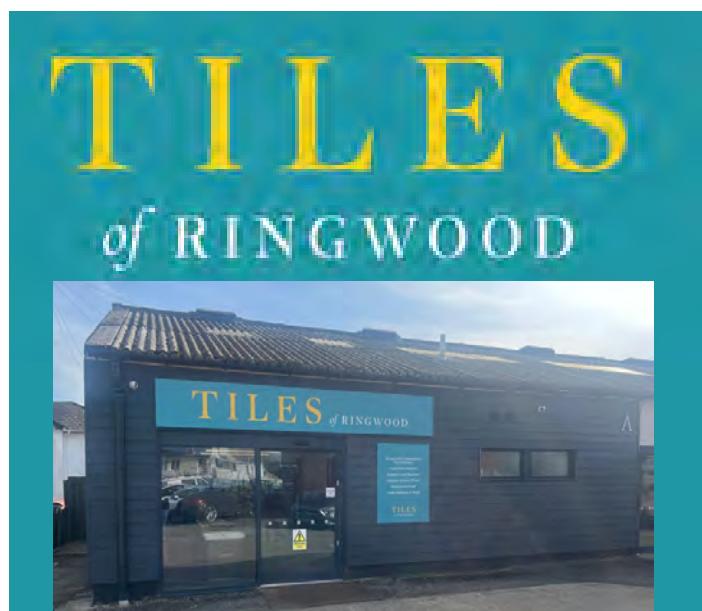

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The talks are held at **Greyfriars** and start at 7.30 pm and last for approximately one hour.

This year we have an excellent set of speakers including Wayne Colquhoun and Charles Hanson.

Please see the **Ringwood Antiques** Club website for details of our full 2025 / 2026 programme.

Membership is only £20 per person per year, which works out at only £2.50 per talk.

Guests and visitors are always welcome for a charge of £10, which will be offset against your



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If you would like any more information, just send a message on the Contact Us page of the website and we will reply as quickly as possible.

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NEWS

Vale of Avon Crafters

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Ringwood Skatejam

"This increasingly popular event is eagerly anticipated by all the skatepark riders who have been practicing their skills all year so that they can take part in competitions like this.

This year we are lucky to be supported by scooting sports brands such as: Rtec skatewear, Doggscooters, Hyphic and scootopia, all of whom are donating prizes, judging the competition and will have merchandise available to buy on the day.

Making an exciting appearance on the day are Bike stunt enthusiasts- Urban Display, who you can see perform risky stunts at 1.30 & 2.30pm.

Terry Price professional scooter team will help the less experienced scooter riders to get competition ready and excite the audience! Terry and his team will be running 3 categories: Beginners, Juniors, and Novice levels from 12pm - 3pm and you can register for this competition from 11am on the day.

From 3pm to 5pm the new and popular Hyphic team will be running the more experienced scooter categories: Intermediate and Pro(sponsored). Registration for these categories opens from 1.30 - 2.30pm.

This celebratory end of Summer event has been jointly funded and organised by Youth Riders - Ringwood's local skatepark charity organisation and Ringwood Town Council. We hope everyone has a fantastic day and good luck to all those competing! ".



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The Green Gram celebrates saving 100,000 plastic containers from landfill during Plastic Free July

Fordingbridge's award-winning community refill shop, The Green Gram, is celebrating a major sustainability milestone this Plastic Free July – saving over 100,000 plastic containers from landfill since opening its doors in May 2022. Plastic Free July is a key initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation, a small not-for-profit organisation committed to ending global plastic waste.

The Green Gram, which offers refills of food, cleaning products and toiletries, has seen a surge in community support and awareness, with customers increasingly choosing to shop plastic-free. The milestone coincides with the global Plastic Free July campaign, which encourages individuals and organisations to reduce single-use plastic waste.

Jo Anderson, Manager at The Green Gram, says: "We're thrilled to have reached this incredible milestone. It's a testament to the commitment of our customers and volunteers who are helping us make a real difference. Every refill counts – and together we've saved over 100,000 containers from ending up in landfill. That's something to be proud of."

The Green Gram is also using this moment to call for new volunteers to join its growing team. With the shop's continued expansion and increasing footfall, more helping hands are needed to support its mission and day-to-day operations.



Wendy Reid, Outreach Co-ordinator, adds: "We're always looking for passionate people who want to make a difference. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or just want to get involved in your community, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteering with us is rewarding, fun and a great way to meet like-minded people."

Alongside Jo and Wendy, the shop is volunteer-run and operates as a Community Benefit Society, meaning it is owned by its members for the benefit of the local community. Volunteers help with everything from serving customers and restocking to outreach and events.

If you're interested in volunteering or want to learn more about The Green Gram, visit www.thegreengram.org, email team@thegreengram.org, or call 01425 837600.



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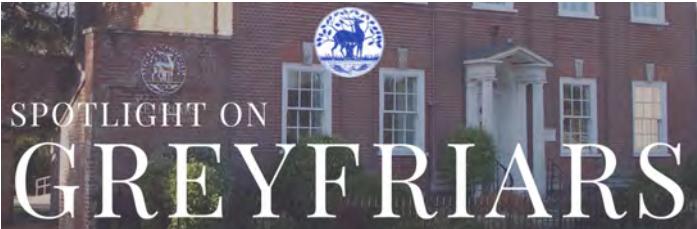
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24 August – Idelica on the Lawn

Looking for something to do on the Bank Holiday? Paella on the Lawn is back for a lunchtime event. Fabulous Spanish food, drinks, music and fiesta vibes **from noon**.

1 September – 2025/26 Memberships are due

Due increased employment and operational costs, we will be introducing a modest price adjustment of approx. 5% to room hire rates. Our Affiliation fee, and single/joint memberships remain the same. Contact the office if you have any questions.

13 September – National Heritage Open Days

An amazing opportunity to view Greyfriars behind the scenes as we open our doors for you to hear about its fascinating Georgian origins and the Carter family legacy. Free tickets will be available soon on TicketSource, watch this space !!

15 September – Daisy First Aid

Taking place at Greyfriars **from 6-8pm**; babies are welcome. book now to secure your place for £25 per person: daisyfirstaid.com/fordingbridge.

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WHATS ON

Ibsley Garden Club Show

The Ibsley and District Horticultural Society will open its doors at Ibsley Village Hall at 2.00pm and the prize giving will be at 3.30pm. Admission £2

You can expect vibrant displays of flowers, vegetables, produce and crafts. Gardeners, crafters and cooks of all ages will compete across a range of classes, celebrating the best of local produce, floral artistry, and crafts including photography. The children's classes are always guaranteed to lift the spirits and often raise a smile.

Entries are open to anyone wishing to take part. You must submit entry forms no later than 6.00pm on Wednesday 3rd September.



Forms should be sent to: Di Barnaby, Bracken Cottage, Mockbeggar, Ringwood BH24 3NQ.
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Show schedules can be picked up at various local outlets including England's Garden Machinery, Hockey's Farm, Shop, Baskets and Blooms (Stuckton) and several others. You can also pick one up at the 28th August club meeting.

Organisers remind the public that no entries will be accepted on the day of the show, so prior submission is essential.

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NEWS

News from Bickerley Green

Perhaps the unveiling of a new industrial washing machine is not on your list of life's wished for experiences. However, for former laundry attendant, Mary, having the honour of cutting the ceremonial ribbon to welcome Bickerley Green's newest piece of laundry equipment was, for her, a trip down memory lane. Mary, 102, spent her early working life working with her mother in a London laundry, which, as Mary recalls dealt with all the laundry from the many London hotels. "The work was hard, and we had none of these big washing machines to help us." My mother forced me to go into the laundry work with her, as, being a dress maker, I wasn't earning enough to put money on the table for my weekly keep. So, mother got me working with her at the laundry." I was mainly working on the huge mangle machines which 2 of us would feed the wet sheets into, and another pair of girls would then take the now drier sheet from the mangle, once the water had been squeezed out. Once, I recall, that I was trying to be friendly to some of the girls, and I started to chat. The girls, all true cockneys, were none too pleased to be interrupted and I was told in no uncertain terms to keep quiet and let them get on with their work. The more you worked the better a bonus you got, so there wasn't time for any small talk or yapping. My mother worked on washing, by hand, all the delicate items of clothing which came into the laundry. I just wish we had these modern machines all those years ago! – mind you the staff here, at Bickerley Green, work so hard to keep us all nice, happy, clean and fed. What else could I, at my age, wish for?"

General assistant, Carolyn, commented that the new machine does an excellent job, and it is far better than the old machine it replaced.

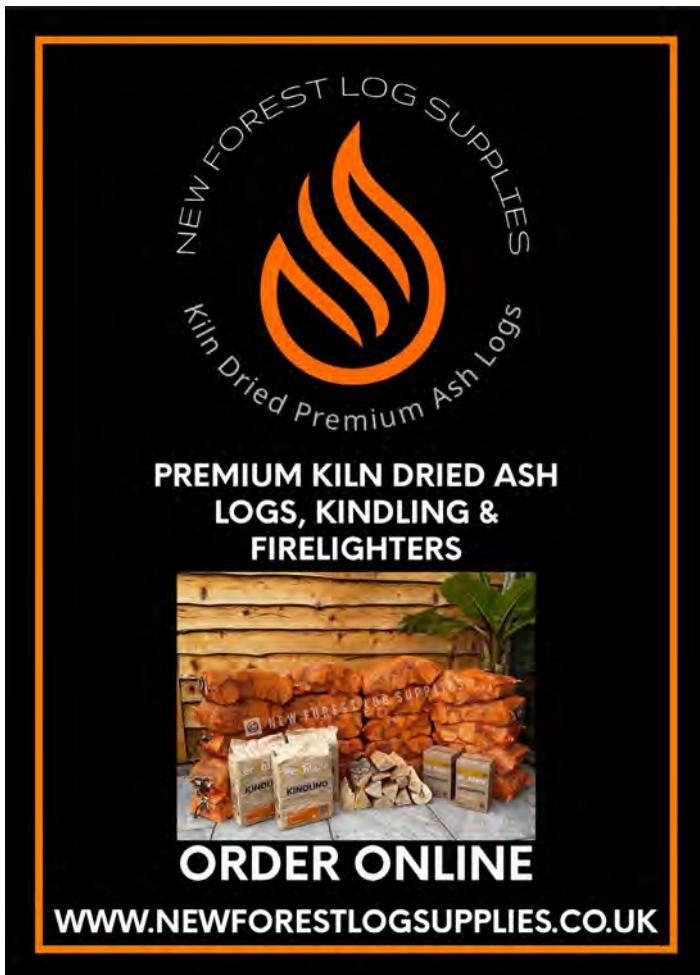


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Vale of Avon Lodge active in our community

Back by request at the ever popular Damerham Show was the Teddy Bear Treasure Hunt staged by Ringwood's Vale of Avon Lodge. The Lodge also ran a Name the Teddy competition both to raise funds for and awareness of the national Teddies for Loving Care scheme through which freemasons provide teddies to our local hospitals. Dr Mike Horswell, Worshipful Master of Vale of Avon Lodge, explained that 'the teddies are used to comfort young people admitted to hospital and are also often used to explain the treatment a child is going to receive by first demonstrating it on teddy'. It costs over £6000 per year to supply sufficient teddies to meet the hospitals' demands and the Vale of Avon Lodge alone donated £1500 of this total in 2025.

The Lodge is currently also distributing funds to local charities in part raised from their very successful, recent, family barn dance and was pleased to make an initial donation of £500 to Bournemouth Hospital's Beach Appeal towards resources for their new Maternity, Emergency and Critical Care Centre. The Lodge also presented a further £500 to the 'We Are Humans' charity that provides food and other essentials to those in need of support in our community

Vale of Avon is a vibrant Lodge whose members have fun, enjoy fellowship, and support those less fortunate than themselves. It meets on the third Monday of the month at Unity Hall, Ringwood. Any man interested in learning more about freemasonry and the Lodge is warmly encouraged to contact the Worshipful Master: mike.horswell@btinternet.com or 07917589378



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Win passed away at Summerhill Care Home on 7th July, aged 89 years. Now reunited with her beloved husband Eric. Much loved mother to Rob and Peter, she will be very sadly missed by all her family and many friends. The funeral service has already taken place, but donations, if desired, in memory of Win may be made to 'Dementia UK' and made online at <https://winifredpidgley.muchloved.com>, or sent to Eden Funeral Directors, Rose Cottage, Castleman Way, Ringwood BH24 3BA
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