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Being organised doesn't just help your accountant - it helps you. These clients tend to make smarter decisions, avoid last-minute tax panics, and stay in control of their business finances without needing to work weekends.

It's not magic. It's just a few simple habits and systems that make everything else easier.

If you've ever wondered what "good" looks like behind the scenes - or if you've promised yourself this is the year you get your books sorted - this one's worth a read.

We've kept it honest, light-hearted, and hopefully helpful.

Scan the QR code below to read the full blog:

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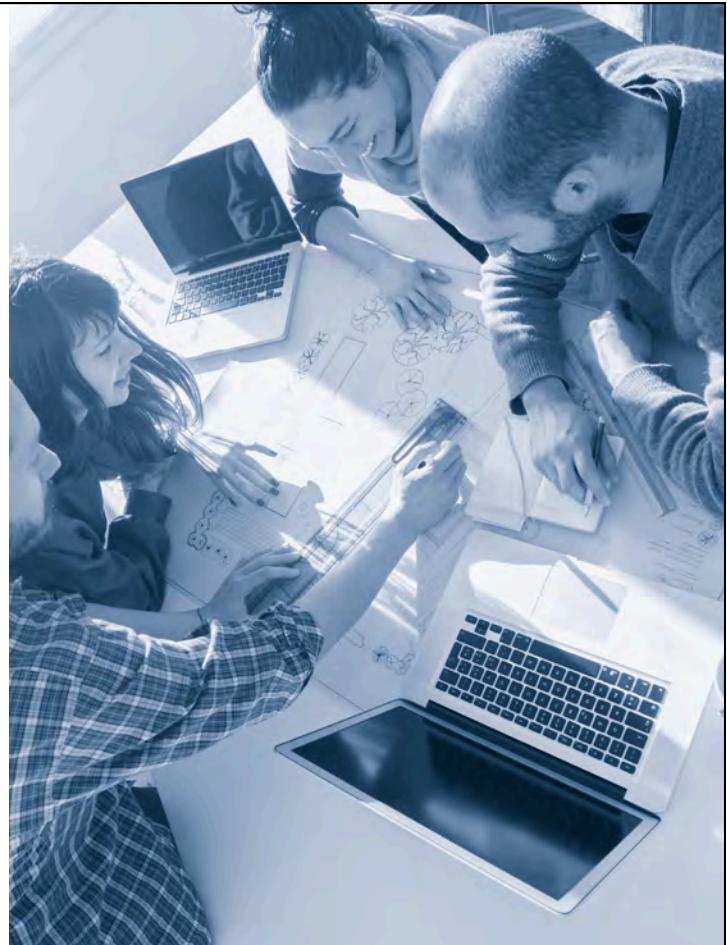
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Its the most wonderful time of the year ... (other than Christmas!!)....

Ringwood Carnival is the event of the year, showcasing an afternoon and evening parade as well as community activities, music and entertainment.

The carnival brings community spirit and celebrates local traditions. It also serves as a platform for local organisations, schools and businesses to participate, promoting a sense of pride and belonging.

Events like this are important for the town as not only is it great for the locals but it attracts visitors which boosts tourism for the local businesses.

Hopefully you have your day planned and enjoy this amazing day in our wonderful town.

All the details for the event can be found in our 4 page pullout from page 19.

Finally, we have some internal news, Rae has stepped down from her sales role with the paper, she is staying with us as she will be managing the distribution looking after the delivery staff and the bulk drops.



Enjoying a 4 day Tennis & Padel break in Spain

We would like to thank Rae for the amazing work she has done in the last 21 months and wish her all the best for the future.

Saying good bye also means we can say hello to Nikki Matthews, with a beaming smile and friendly personality we know she will be a great replacement. If you would like to know more about advertising in the paper please contact Nikki for more details.

If there is anywhere you would like to see the paper distributed please let us know and we can try and add it to our list.

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The first session of the new Chit Chat Club at the Meeting House took place this week and was enjoyed by many.

The idea for the club came from regular patrons of the Meeting House, Tony and his cousin Colin.

The Meeting House has always been a place where 'People meet People' and the new 'Chit Chat Club' welcomes all ages to come and do just that! To come and meet acquaintances old and new, to have a chat, share a cuppa from our very reasonably priced café, and even enjoy a game or two.

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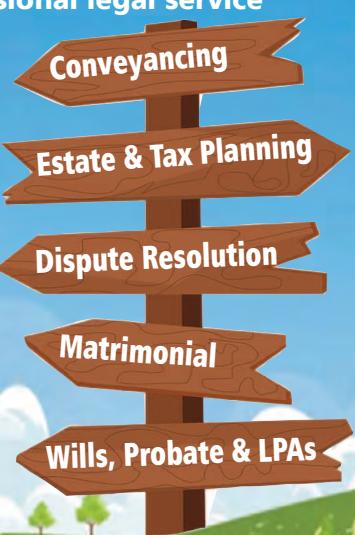
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Care South's Community Fund donates £1,500 to Ringwood Men's Shed

Residential and care at home provider and registered charity, Care South, has donated £1,500 to Ringwood Men's Shed.

The charitable enterprise is the latest beneficiary of Care South's Community Fund after being nominated by Emma Cotton, Home Manager of St Ives House care home based in Ringwood. The Care South Community Fund operated by the not-for-profit care provider gives back to community groups, services and organisations which directly benefit Care South's care home residents, care at home clients or staff.

Members of Ringwood Men's Shed are currently fundraising towards materials to build a new home for their club, which is currently located in the former Scout Hut in Strides Lane. Once set up in their next location, members of the Men's Shed will be supporting St Ives House residents with a number of initiatives aimed at enabling residents to socialise and get 'hands on' during creative handicraft activities.

Care South's Community Fund donation was presented to Gordon Maxwell and Jo Burkin from Ringwood Men's Shed by Simon Bird, CEO of Care South, and Natalie Graham, Deputy Manager of St Ives House.

Gordon said: "We are so grateful to Care South's Community fund for this generous donation which will make a real difference in helping us to create a new home for our Men's Shed. Our members

love working with the local community and we look forward to supporting St Ives House residents on many projects in the future, encouraging them to get together to socialise, get creative and share skills."

Since forming, Ringwood

Men's Shed has provided a meeting place for over 60 men and women, who have found friendship with like-minded people and a boost to their wellbeing. The group make, repair and recycle items using existing skills - or while learning new ones - using a range of tools, including working on a variety of projects for the community. Simon Bird, CEO of Care South, said: "The Ringwood Men's Shed is a wonderful example of how local groups can bring people together, share skills, and make a positive difference in the community. We are delighted to support their efforts through our Community Fund and look forward to seeing the fantastic projects they will create with our St Ives House residents."

St Ives House care home, which is part of the Care South family of care homes, provides residential, respite, and dementia care to residents, with a dedicated activities team which organises a daily programme of events to bring residents together to socialise and build friendships.

Care South is a leading provider of high quality residential and home care services across the south of England. The not-for-profit charity has care homes in Dorset, north Devon and Somerset, with care at home offices covering Dorset and Somerset.

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Following a wonderful piano recital by our President Leon McCawley to end our 40th season last May, Avon Valley Concerts will start its 41st season with a performance by the dynamic, award-winning wind quintet, Lumas Winds. Starting at the earlier time of 7pm, the concert will take place on Friday 3 October 2025 at The Trinity Centre in Ringwood. Ticket prices have been held again this season at £18 and under 25s continue to be admitted free of charge.

Lumas Winds are a wind quintet whose mission is to highlight the versatility and vitality of wind instruments. Comprised of some of the UK's finest emerging musicians, the ensemble brings together flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn, weaving together a tapestry of sound that is both intimate and exhilarating.

Since their formation in 2018, Lumas Winds have garnered critical acclaim for their refined interpretative style, imaginative curation, and commitment to audience engagement. The group's members are prize-winning soloists and orchestral players, united by their passion for chamber music. The programme will include works by Mozart, Hindemith, Milhaud, Bernstein and others.

Event details:

Date: Friday 3 October 2025

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Venue: Trinity Centre, Ringwood, BH24 1DH

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You can currently access your defined contribution pension savings any time after age 55 although the minimum age is increasing to 57 in 2028 and will remain 10 years below state pension age thereafter. You have five broad choices and for each option, 25% of your pension savings can be paid tax-free:

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3. Flexi-Access Drawdown

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4. Cash Payment

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5. Leave it for now

There is no requirement to draw your savings from your pension and the fund can be passed down to a nominated beneficiary (and through different generations). Currently this is often exempt from Inheritance Tax but that is changing in April 2027. The 25% tax free lump sum is lost if not taken during lifetime, but your funds can be paid tax-free on death before 75 (taxable on death after 75).

As you can see, there are significant choices available and pension savings are another tax advantageous wrapper to consider alongside other tax efficient products including ISAs. The upcoming changes to the IHT treatment of pensions is changing plans and behavior.

Stewart, Harry and I are available for a free initial, no obligation chat to discuss and consider your personal situation, aiming to help achieve the most tax-efficient and sustainable outcome.

Howard Goodship is an Independent Financial Adviser with Lonsdale Wealth Management, 5 Friday's Court, Ringwood Tel: 01425 208490, www.lonsdaleservices.co.uk.

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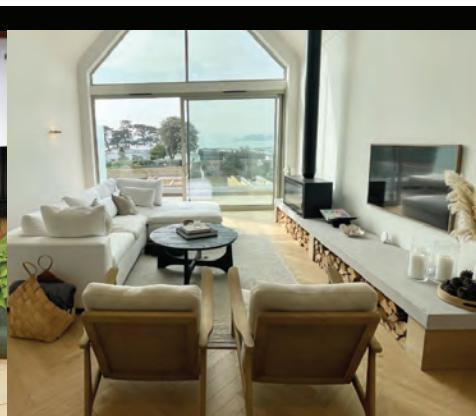
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They finished their league programme as Division 1 winners, by 7 points from Knyveton Gardens, to become the B&DWBA Triples League Champions 2025.

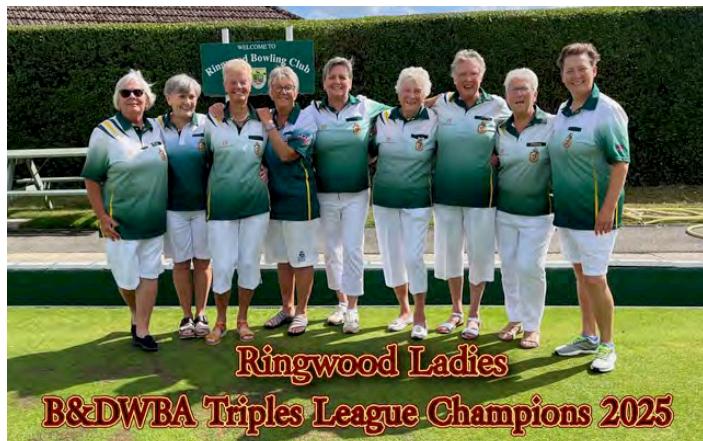
The team consisting Lee Croad, Nagasair Sookram, Steve Hill and John Sanderson battled their way through six matches to become this year's Bowls Hampshire Men's Senior Fours Champions. As Champions, they represented Bowls Hampshire in the Aviva National Men's Senior Fours Championships at Royal Leamington Spa.

In National Finals, they won their first three matches to reach the Quarter Finals where their journey came to an end losing, 21 - 6, to the team, from Gilt Edge BC (Worcestershire), who went on to become the National Champions.

Steve Hill also reached the Aviva National Men's 2 Bowl Singles Championship but sadly lost to Kyle Anderson (Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire).

Ringwood's Carol Broomfield, in partnership with Janet Ballard (Waterside) won five matches to qualify for the Aviva National Women's Over 60's Pairs Championship at Royal Leamington Spa. They won their first match match against Doreen Butcher & Kris Owen (Essex) 18 - 11. In the afternoon Quarter Final however, they met their match against Val Davis & Liz Lock (Devon) losing by just 2 shots, 18 - 16.

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Carnival Day Timetable

2pm & 7:15pm The CARNIVAL PROCESSIONS

4:23pm The Spitfires Flyby

11:00 onwards Carnival Unplugged

11:30 - 7pm Live on the Lawn - Greyfriars

12:00 onwards The Village Green - Bickerley Field

Noon - 6:30pm Fire Station Open Day

12:30-5:30pm Urban Display Bike Team - The Bickerley Field

12:00-6pm Three Counties Car Display - Greyfriars

1pm - late The Funfair - The Bickerley Field

1:30 & 6:30pm Professional Circus Performers - The High Street

1:30 & 6:45pm Transformers - Greyfriars Community Centre

1:45 & 6:45pm Pre-procession Music across Town

1:45 & 6:45pm BMX Jump Display - The Market Place

5:30-6:15pm Bournemouth Carnival Band -The Railway Pub

9pm (approx) The End of Show Fire Show - The Market Place

9:30pm The Grande Firework Display - Bickerley

9pm till late The Official After Party - Framptons Bar

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GREETINGS from the Carnival President

"Welcome back to another chapter in Ringwood Carnival history, certainly as big and bright as ever.

In my time with the Carnival there have been many changes we have had to make due to different circumstances, some good, some less so. At times we have struggled even to keep it going, succeeding through the efforts of only 4 determined volunteers.

One of my regrets was to necessarily have to let go of both Carvers and Carnival Week, those were only sustainable in the days when there were over 80 (yes really!) Committee Members many years ago.

It has always been my hope we could at least bring back Carnival Week, and we are now delighted to be able to announce a series of events in the run up to Carnival day. Whilst I am very grateful to our now much revived (and somewhat younger) Carnival Committee to enable this to happen, we will also be grateful to all the groups and organisations who have joined us to keep it going. So please look to the usual media outlets for details and please, by all means, get involved.

You may have noticed we have been busy promoting our Processions lately to encourage as many of you to participate as possible - I would really encourage you to join in, as this truly makes Carnival Day and you will have so much fun! Because of our wonderful sponsors, we are able to invest record sums to bring a whole variety of Procession performers to our event and we certainly do appreciate them. Whatever you do, have a great time at Carnival 2025!"

Howard Cox

Spitfires Flyby

GET READY FOR AN INCREDIBLE feature for 2025 - an aeronautic fly-by from two super marine Spitfires!

Powered by the famous Rolls-Royce Merlin and Rolls-Royce Griffon engines, these two heroes of the sky will be flying past to delight the spectators of Ringwood on Carnival Day! This will be the first time the Spitfires will be performing a memorial flyby over the streets of Ringwood.

Flyby Time: 4.23pm

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Joining us for 2025 are Shademakers from the Isle of Wight, who will be taking part in the processions in collaboration with New Forest School of Dance and supported by Culture in Common. Shademakers will be bringing their carnival creativity and exciting performance to the streets of Ringwood with their beautiful, bright outfits and bold moves. It should be quite special.

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What's HOT for Carnival 2025?....

Live on The Lawn returns for a third year at Greyfriars Community Centre, with an unforgettable afternoon of music, entertainment and family fun! From 12pm to 7pm (with a break to enjoy the afternoon procession), the event will be packed with fantastic live bands, dazzling circus performers and the ever-popular Transformers.

Take time out with tea, coffee and homemade cakes on The Lawn, or savour a delicious pizza from the pizza oven. With face painting, games and New Forest ice cream to enjoy, there's something for everyone—so gather your family, bring your chairs, and get ready for a brilliant day out for Live on the Lawn 2025!

LIVE ON THE LAWN RETURNS



Our 2025 Carnival Court

TIMES HAVE CHANGED. With modern culture, society and a world of technology very different now, Carnival has seen a continued decline in entries for the over 16s. SO once again we have a younger group set to represent Ringwood this year. Please WELCOME the

2025 CARNIVAL COURT!

Lilah Turville & Leo Kuropka

of Poulner Junior School

Liana Couper & Riley Walsh

of Ringwood Junior School

Lilah loves the Carnival and likes to see people taking part and being happy. **Lilah** enjoys cycling, swimming and rugby.

Leo enjoys Lego, Minecraft and enjoys constructing a whole variety of figures, characters and buildings. **Leo** holds the prestigious title of Class Counsellor and wants to be Carnival Prince so he can set a good example to others.

Liana enjoys spending time with her pet boxer, as well as singing, dancing and acting and recently performed in the recent Oliver & Matilda musicals at school. **Liana** would like to combine her love of animals and science to pursue a career in veterinary science.

Riley is a member of Youth Riders and enjoys being on his scooter. He is always outside working hard practicing new tricks. **Riley** enjoys being with his family and is always full of positive energy.

Town Mayor Cllr Rae Frederick & Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Philip Day will join the Princes & Princesses to form our 2025 Carnival Court.

MARKET PLACE ARENA

There's plenty of action to be found in the marketplace this year!

Before the afternoon procession, and NEW for 2025! Europe's leading mobile BMX & Mountain Bike Crew are performing in our Market Place Arena with their high-impact jaw-dropping performance display of aerial stunts and backflips. Make sure not to miss them! From 1:45pm.

And after the illuminated evening procession, The INFAMOUS IGNIS Fire Performers return with their legendary fire show. Stick around for 9:00pm for the fire-filled END OF THE SHOW SHOW!



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It costs over £35,000 to organise and host Ringwood Carnival each year. The Carnival team (dedicated volunteers and independent charity), raise funds throughout the year via fundraising activities and sponsorship to enable them to host the event. Ringwood Carnival would like to THANK EACH and every one of its sponsors & supporters. Without this kind sponsorship - Ringwood Carnival would not take place! Simple as that.

Ringwood Carnival would like to THANK Ringwood & Fordingbridge News as media partner and for all their support 12 months of the year.

THE 2025 PROCESSIONS...

Over the course of the Spring time, the Carnival team have been working hard with the continual promotion of participation in the processions. These are the heart and soul of Carnival and what brings the magic to the centre of town. 2025 is set to be huge, where some incredible entries will be travelling down the road. Carnival is often judged by the volume of the processions, and the Carnival team can't control that - so it is down to the truly wonderful public to get involved and participate as we head toward our 100th year in 2028!

Download a full 64- page programme for

Ringwood Carnival 2025. Just visit the

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the QR code to the right. There are

plenty of surprises for Carnival 2025!



CARNIVAL NEWS

Tuesdays Go Green at Ringwood Carnival

The Tuesdays Community Singers were founded in 2017 by The London Tavern landlord at the time, Roly Frost, with a vision to sing good tunes with a drink in hand, raise spirits, support community events and help make some money for local charities. Today, The Tuesdays are still going strong at The Pour House in Ringwood.

This year, for the first time, The Tuesdays are delighted to enter Ringwood Carnival. With over 50 singers, the group usually performs in blue, but for 20th September, they will be "going green" to help raise awareness for the Greening Ringwood project.

With support from Hampshire County Council, The Greening Campaign and distinguished environmental experts, Greening Ringwood has for the last few years been helping the local community with:

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- * making our homes more efficient - Efficient homes
- * preparing for the impacts of climate change - Health Impacts of Climate Change
- * thinking before we throw away - Waste Prevention

So please, keep an eye out for The Tuesdays on September 20th, sing out loud with their well-known songs as they pass by and become a part of a greener future for Ringwood!

The Tuesdays meet on Tuesday evenings at the Pour House, in West Street. A place that's easy to walk in on your own and leave with a song in your head and a few more friends! There are no auditions and no fees – all adults are welcome!

Search "Greening Ringwood" to find out more about the campaign.

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After more than 20 years of weight gain, yo-yo dieting, and diets that felt more like punishment than help, Natasha finally found her happy place with Slimming World's famously generous Food Optimising plan. The best part? She still gets to enjoy spaghetti bolognese, chicken curry, rice, and all her favourite meals – no more guilt, no more going hungry.

That success has inspired her to train as an official Slimming World Consultant at the organisation's national training academy in Derbyshire. Now she's taking over the 9.30am group at Fordingbridge Town Hall from Monday 22 September – and she's launching a brand-new evening group at 7pm too.

"When I first joined Slimming World, I never dreamed I'd be the one up front with the clipboard," Natasha laughs. "But after losing weight successfully and completing my training, I just knew I had to help other people do the same. It's such a privilege to pass on the tips, encouragement, and 'I've-been-there' understanding that helped me."

Natasha knows that the real magic is in the support. "It all starts with knowing you're not alone," she says. "We set goals together, share recipes, laugh through the tough bits, and cheer each other on. It's not just weight loss – it's a community. And yes... there's plenty of fun along the way!"

Before Slimming World, Natasha's weight-loss attempts always fizzled out. "I thought I'd be stuck in that cycle forever," she admits. "But this plan is different. You never feel deprived, you're



eating filling, tasty food, and it just works."

It's not only about what's on the plate, either. Slimming World's Body Magic activity programme helped Natasha make fitness a natural part of life – from dog walks in the forest to fitness classes at the gym. "Everything counts," she says. "It's about moving more in ways you enjoy."

Natasha's Slimming World groups run every Monday at Fordingbridge Town Hall:

- 9.30am – Existing group (new Consultant: Natasha!)
- 7pm – Brand-new evening group

Pop along on Monday 22 September to join, or give Natasha a call on 07359-892266 to find out more.



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A Walk Around the Ringwood Ten



This year's Heritage Open Days in Ringwood was a big success including a sell out tour of the ten pubs which remain in the town, led by Joe Moorhouse of The Ringwood Society.

Leading a group of enthusiastic locals on a tour through the local public houses both open and closed was an illuminating and educational experience. Starting at the newly re-opened London Tavern in Poulner and finishing at Last Orders at the historic Fish Inn on West Street, Joe explained the history of the various pubs and also raised a glass to some which are no longer with us.

Joe said "the opportunity to enjoy and support our local pubs was one we couldn't resist when planning the Heritage Open Days programme in Ringwood this year. Taking in the newest pub in Ringwood (The Inn on the Furlong), we also visited two pubs with almost the same name (The White Hart and The Original White Hart) and enjoyed many anecdotes about the buildings, their

publicans and their customers. Ringwood has lost many pubs over the years, but the chance to remember them also allowed us to appreciate the ones we have left."

The Heritage Open Days programme for 2025 also included guided tours round Greyfriars Community Centre including the history of the building and some of its residents; a multitude of events at the Ringwood Meeting House and History Centre; a Time Travellers Walk round the town and an opportunity to climb the tower of the Parish Church. The Ringwood Society hope to expand the events available further in 2026 and would welcome anyone who owns or works in an historic or interesting building to take part, contact them by email info@ringwoodsociety.org.uk with your details to find out further details and how they can support your event next year.

Since 1962, The Ringwood Society has championed our historic market town through a variety of endeavours, and always welcomes new members to support their work with projects and by joining the executive committee. The more members the Society has, the more which can be achieved! Membership is only £10 a year for a single membership, only £18 per year for a couple, and students receive free membership. Further details can be found on their website www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk



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Letter to Ringwood & Fordingbridge NEWS

Dear Sir

Residents of the area will be well aware that the District Council is changing the current method of Waste and Recycling from black and clear sacks to a combination of Wheeley Bins and Food Caddies. New Forest District Council is just about one of the last remaining councils nationwide to use sacks still.

The new recycling and rubbish collection service is aimed at encouraging everyone to reduce their waste and increase their recycling. Residents are asked to limit the amount of rubbish they can dispose of to what they can fit in their bin every fortnight. Whilst some residents have warmly welcomed the changeover, the new Wheeley Bin arrangement will create significant issues for many, for example, flat occupants and properties with no frontage, such as those living on Christchurch Road, residents with special needs and older people amongst our area population.

For many residents, Wheeley Bins are unsightly and will clutter the pavements. They are 'street furniture' they would sooner not have.

Pressure to make the change has come from two primary sources. The Government Waste and Recycling Strategy and the standardisation of the collection and disposal of waste. (Actually, the District collects and the County dispose). New Forest is the only authority which still operates sacks within Hampshire.

Wheeley Bins have been introduced throughout the country, and the problems and issues experienced here in the forest have been repeated elsewhere, and workable solutions have been found. However, there are individual and collective circumstances that warrant special consideration. My purpose, as one of your local councillors, is to act on your behalf, a go-between the resident and

the Council. I will certainly not be successful on every occasion, but please be assured I will do my very best. Get answers at the very least.

Comprehensive information is available on the Council's web site, newforest.gov.uk/WasteChanges <<http://newforest.gov.uk/WasteChanges>>

You can contact me via my personal email address, which does not go through the council system, at michael.thierry@icloud.com. If you want to chat, please phone me on 07702 479095, and you can 'post' on the two main Ringwood Facebook sites, Ringwood UK Noticeboard and Ringwood. I will pick up the comments made there.

Cllr Michael Thierry
Ringwood North & Ellingham Parish Council
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The roll-out for this area, including Ringwood & Fordingbridge has commenced.

The roll-out is the largest operation of this kind ever undertaken district-wide. It will not be without problems and issues, not only with the delivery of containers, but also during the changeover, when Wheelie Bins come into domestic use.

Whilst comprehensive information is available on the Council's web site, newforest.gov.uk/WasteChanges, it may be helpful to have contact details of a local councillor.

Cllr Michael Thierry
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Do you have any spare NFDC recycling bags?

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Aurora delivers an engaging mix of songs from across the decades. Whether it's a soulful classic or a contemporary favourite, their sound is perfect.

Miki Cruz – from 1.00pm is a passionate performer who blends Latin rhythms, flamenco roots, and timeless ballads into an unforgettable live experience.

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Miki describes himself as "A music lover who shares his music with an extra dose of energy".

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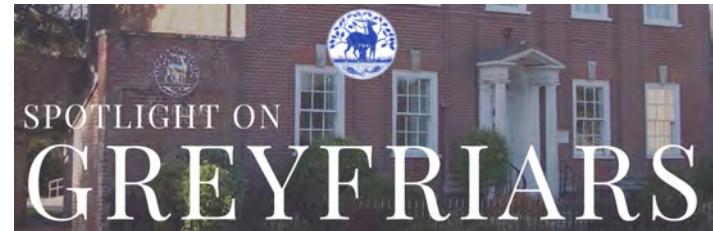
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26 September – Tea & Talk – Friends of Ringwood Parish Church

Come along and bring friends to hear Colin Hobbs talk about 'Flying the Atlantic during the War Years'. From 2.30 pm, tickets £10 from Greyfriars or Peter Goodwin 01425 402028.

5 October – Community Apple Pressing

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17 October – Marie Curie Quiz Evening

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18 October – The Songbirds in concert

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Throughout last year, the Eco Squad diligently spread the word about how important it is to take care of our planet.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their unwavering commitment to making our world a greener place. Each member of our school community played a vital role in this achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of their teamwork and dedication.

This was the feed back given from Keep Britain Tidy about our application.

Your greatest overall success: It is fantastic to read that you have made sustainable changes that the children now see as part of their daily routine, by recycling, reusing and replacing at school and at home they are making a big impact to their environment. You should all be very proud of the impact you are having! We also loved...

- We love that your clear and well thought out Action Plan has led to successful projects this year. It is great that you continue to litter pick and that it has extended into your community. You are making great progress in your efforts to reduce waste through your careful planning.

- Thanks to staff members incorporating environmental issues into the curriculum, pupils at your school are becoming more aware of sustainable living and the importance of being active in protecting our planet. The project on the bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef sounds like a brilliant learning experience.

- Your poetic Eco-Code is a thoughtful summary of the environmental ethos reflected throughout your application. We hope everyone in your school community reflects on it when making decisions,



whether it's pupils turning off the taps, or a teacher turning off their interactive boards.

- Your Eco-Committee are master collaborators! This year their projects involved a range of people and organisations, from parents to local businesses! How wonderful that their artwork will be exhibited in the Houses of Parliament! Your committee members clearly understand that tackling a problem as big as the climate crisis requires a collective effort!

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Barbara Amy

Sadly passed away on 25th June 2025 at
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A memorial service will be held at the Church of St Peter and
St Paul, Market Place, Ringwood Hampshire BH24 1AW on
the 2nd of October 2025 at 13.00hrs.
Afterwards at The 22 Club (Formerly Conservative Club)
22 Christchurch Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Husband, Dad and Grandad, Colin Joy.
For many many years he has always joked
that Carnival is a street parade just for him,
as it's usually around his birthday.
Colin was on the Carnival committee for
several years, and also ran the Sunday
Funday event held in the market place the
Sunday before the Carnival, kicking off the
Carnival week.
This year Carnival is exactly on his birthday, 20th September,
he will be 77..
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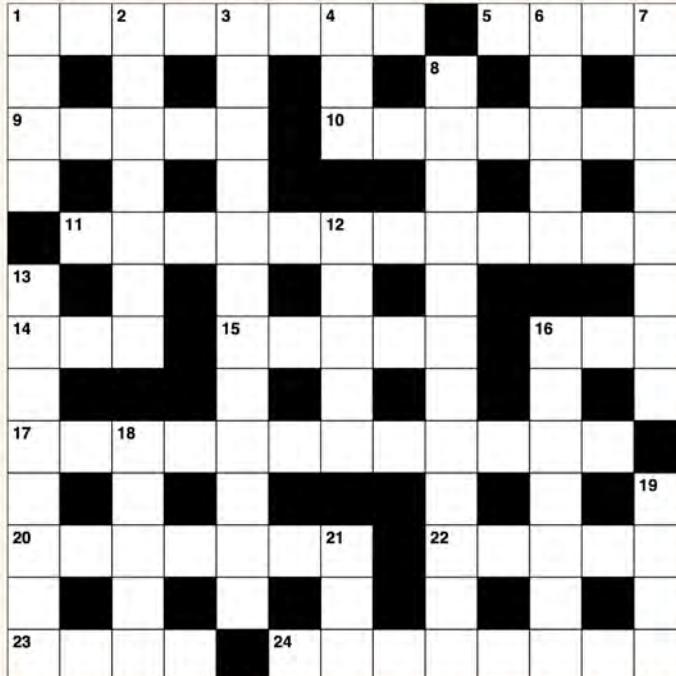
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Crossword



Across

- 1 - Evilly (8)
- 5 - Bone of the forearm (4)
- 9 - Decline sharply (5)
- 10 - Melodious (7)
- 11 - Bravely (12)
- 14 - Lie (3)
- 15 - Intended (5)
- 16 - Female chicken (3)
- 17 - Awkward; untimely (12)
- 20 - Bring to life (7)
- 22 - Permit (5)
- 23 - Hindu spiritual discipline (4)
- 24 - Upset; hurt (8)

Down

- 1 - Desire (4)
- 2 - Unit of electric charge (7)
- 3 - Based on untested ideas (12)
- 4 - Auction item (3)
- 6 - Felts (anag) (5)
- 7 - Lessening (8)
- 8 - Teach to accept a belief uncritically (12)
- 12 - Very serious (5)
- 13 - Ability to produce a desired result (8)
- 16 - Touched (7)
- 18 - Remain very close to (5)
- 19 - Still to be paid (4)
- 21 - Fantastical creature (3)

Answers for last the last issue:



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