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With Christmas and the New Year now behind us, January is a natural time to pause, take stock, and start the year feeling more organised - especially when it comes to your finances.

With the 31 January Self Assessment deadline fast approaching, many people are in the final stages of preparing their tax returns. If you're still pulling information together, there is still time, but leaving things to the last minute can add unnecessary stress and increase the risk of mistakes.

The most organised clients we work with tend to do one thing well: they don't wait for deadlines to force action. Instead, they keep their records up to date, ask questions early, and use the quieter months to plan ahead rather than react under pressure.

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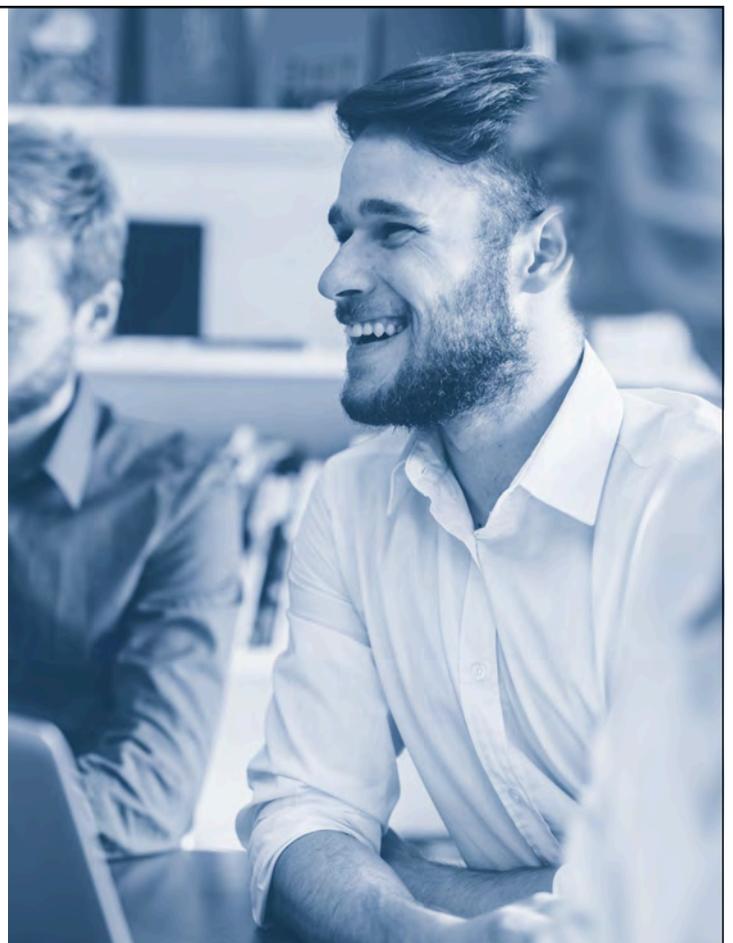
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Keep Positive - Spring Is Just Around the Corner

As the gray skies and steady rain feel unending, it's easy to let moods dip along with the temperature. Yet these colder, wetter months offer a chance to slow down, reflect, and cultivate small habits that lift spirits until the first signs of spring appear. Here are practical, local-minded ways to stay positive and ready to welcome warmer days.

Prioritise light

Shorter days can sap energy. Maximize natural light by opening curtains and trimming overgrown hedges that block windows. If you work indoors, position your desk near a bright window when possible. Consider a light therapy lamp for 20–30 minutes each morning—many people find it helps regulate mood and sleep patterns.

Keep moving

Outdoor exercise doesn't disappear when it rains. Dress in layers, wear waterproof shoes, and embrace brisk walks between showers. Moors Valley and other local trails are quieter this time of year, offering peaceful spots for fresh air. If you'd rather stay dry, try community centre classes (try Greyfriars), home yoga videos, or short daily strength routines—movement boosts endorphins and helps fend off seasonal blues.

Connect with others

Isolation fuels gloom. Reach out to neigh-

bors, friends, or family for walks, coffee, or a shared movie night. Many local groups host winter-friendly activities—library talks, church dinners, and volunteer opportunities are great ways to connect. Helping others, even in small ways, uplifts both the giver and receiver.

Embrace hobbies and learning

Use indoor time to explore interests: pick up a book from the library's winter reading list, try a new craft, or learn a skill online. Local community centers like Greyfriars often offer low-cost classes during the off-season.

Plan for spring

Anticipation is a powerful mood lifter. Start small projects like planning a garden, mapping out weekend bike routes, or scheduling spring outings with friends. Even plotting a list of plants you want to try or a local festival to attend gives you something cheerful to look forward to.

These months are temporary, and each rainy day brings us a little closer to crocuses and warmer breezes. By tending to light, movement, connections, and small daily joys, we can weather the wet season with resilience and optimism—ready to fully enjoy spring when it arrives.

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New Forest District Council to launch improved customer service system

New Forest District Council (NFDC) is introducing a new customer service system next month (February 2026), designed to make it easier for residents to access the services and support they need when they contact the council.

The system introduces a new automated telephone service and an improved web chat function. Together, these changes aim to improve efficiency by ensuring calls are answered even more promptly and by making sure residents reach the right service the first time.

The automated telephone service will use 'natural language processing'. This means, instead of selecting options using their number keypad, callers will hear an automated voice asking them to briefly say what their enquiry is about. The system then listens for key words and automatically routes the call to a member of staff in the most appropriate team.

The web chat service will work in a similar way, allowing residents to type what they need help with. Web chat will be available on more pages of the council's website than currently and will work on mobile devices.

Accessibility has been central to the design of the new system. The changes do not remove any existing contact options and contact numbers remain the same, and residents who prefer to talk directly to a member of staff will still be able to do so.



In December 2025, NFDC invited residents to test the new phone and web chat features ahead of the upcoming launch. Feedback was positive, with residents describing the system as easier to use and a significant step forward. Participants also suggested improvements which have now been incorporated, including clearer wording and updated queue messages to make the experience smoother.

Councillor Jeremy Heron, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate, said: "We are grateful to the residents who participated in the testing phase and shared their feedback. By involving residents in testing, we're making sure the improvements are shaped by real user experiences."

"This is about creating systems that are simple, efficient, and accessible for all, whether you're calling us, visiting in person, or using our online services."

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Staff and pupils at Poulner Junior School, Ringwood are celebrating following a letter of praise from the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson

In a personal message to the Headteacher Jo Randall, the Education Secretary commended the school for the 'excellent outcomes' achieved by its disadvantaged pupils during the 2024/25 academic year.

Headteacher, Jo Randall said 'The school has been on a significant journey of improvement over the last nine years and this success reflects the hard work and commitment shown by every member of the team. This aspect of school achievement has been led by Deputy Headteacher Katie Cason, and I am so proud to see that our drive for standards can help so many pupils reach their potential. I must also reflect the hard work and commitment of the leaders for Maths and English who have worked relentlessly to put together an engaging and powerful curriculum for all of the pupils.'

The Education Secretary noted that Poulner Junior's performance now places it 'among the very best nationally,' a significant milestone for the school in Ringwood. She attributed this success to the unwavering dedication of the staff and the hard work of the pupils, stating that the academy serves as a model for what is possible when 'ambition and commitment come together.'



Headteacher Jo Randall said: For us, the journey continues, as we strive to do even better for current children and the many that follow. We believe that academic success can only be achieved when pupils feel safe and nurtured and excited to learn. I am grateful for the commitment of my colleagues and the support from the families in our community."

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Crowe Hill W.I. 90th Birthday Celebrations

On Saturday 7th February, President Sue Theobald welcomed the Crowe Hill WI members and Ringwood Town Mayor, Councillor Rae Frederick to an afternoon tea to celebrate the groups 90th birthday.

The groups youngest, very talented member, Bethany, entertained everyone with her brilliant singing, ranging from Vera Lynn to Connie Francis and Dolly Parton to name but a few. This was followed by a delicious tea provided by Tansy and a beautiful celebration cake from Belindas Bakery. A bouquet of flowers was then presented to Cllr Frederick.

The afternoon was a great success and enjoyed by all the members, including Sally Green Past President, Cathy Ash and Val Ashley Past Treasurers and several longstanding members.

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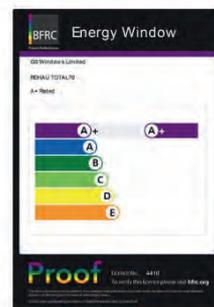
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Understanding Investments - End of tax year investment planning

The end of the current tax year is April 5th 2026. As always it's good practice to review and potentially utilise allowances and exemptions in advance. With budget changes announced in 2024 and 2025, I've also highlighted those changes that will come into force in April 2026 (as many changes have been flagged over the past 18 months but don't yet apply).

1-Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs):

There are no changes to the £20,000 allowance per adult (plus £9,000 for Junior ISAs). Using your annual ISA allowance for either Cash ISAs or Stocks and Shares ISAs has become more important as any interest, dividends or capital gains are exempt from tax within an ISA. In 2027 changes to the rules on cash ISA contributions will apply.

2-Capital Gains Tax:

The annual personal exemption remains at £3,000 in April 2026. The Trust exemption is a maximum of 50% of this. Utilising annual exemptions can be important to reduce potential future tax charges. It may also be worth reviewing investment portfolios and crystallising losses in certain scenarios.

The rate of CGT is 18% and 24%, depending on whether it is charged at basic rate or higher rate tax.

The lower CGT exemptions and the higher rate charged means careful consideration should be given to which tax-wrappers investments should be held under (investment bonds or General Investment Accounts). Pensions and ISAs remain free of capital gains tax and income tax on the underlying investments.

3-Pension Contributions:

Making personal pension contributions can be very tax efficient. You obtain tax relief on the contribution at your marginal tax rate. In addition contributions can reduce your taxable income and can affect other allowances such as Child Benefit and your personal tax free allowance.

One of the criteria to receive Child Benefit without claw back as a result of the Child Benefit Tax Charge is that you or your partner's adjusted net income isn't above £60,000 per annum. If exceeded, a High Income Tax Charge is applied, meaning that Child Benefit is fully clawed back once income reaches £80,000.

The personal tax free allowance of £12,570 is tapered if adjusted

net income exceeds £100,000. The effective tax rate for income between £100,000 and £125,140 is 60%!

Additional rate income tax of 45% will be applied to earnings above £125,140.

Pension contributions reduce your adjusted net income so can be a powerful tool in reducing the tax you pay. The annual pension allowance for total pension funding is £60,000 although it is possible to go back 3 tax years and "carry-forward" unused allowances, subject to certain criteria. Personal tax-relievable contributions are limited to 100% of earnings or £3,600 or annum if more.

Finally, it is possible to make a pension contribution on behalf of another individual and the tax benefit will apply to that individual personally. So for example a retired parent who is a basic rate taxpayer could make a pension contribution for a working adult child who is a higher or additional rate taxpayer and the parent would make the payment net of basic rate tax relief and the adult child would receive any higher/additional tax relief, claiming this from HMRC.

4-Other changes and considerations:

Dividend tax is increasing by 2% for basic rate taxpayers (10.75%) and higher rate taxpayers (35.75%). Additional rate taxpayers will continue to pay 39.35%.

Finally Business Asset Disposal Relief (BADR) is increasing from 14% to 18% for business owners selling their business on up to £1m sale proceeds and changes to Agricultural Property Relief (APR) will also come into force.

If you'd like to discuss your personal financial situation and planning, my colleagues Stewart Sims-Handcock, Harry Goodship and I are available for a free initial, no obligation chat.

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Skills, Stories, and Sustainability in Action

Jane, Ringwood Repair Café's dedicated storyteller, recently shadowed Roger, one of the repair café's many skilled volunteers. While the café is well-known for preventing waste from landfill, Jane's goal was to discover the stories, expertise, and unique spirit of collaboration that makes this award-winning hub tick. This is her account of a morning spent at the workbench with a true local gentleman.

Roger's professional background is in Law—he was a solicitor for his entire working life. However, he always maintained a keen interest in DIY. Upon retirement, he wanted an activity that allowed him to practice practical skills and connect with new people. The repair café proved to be the perfect fit—a space where his analytical mind meets a community of like-minded problem solvers. Having been a member for just a year, Roger noted that the café is a continuous learning environment. When he first started, he only had a small toolbox. He is now the proud owner of a large, robust Stanley toolbox, filled with all manner of implements and gadgets.

Roger is a valued contributor to the café's knowledge-sharing culture, which promotes a unique form of intergenerational mentorship. Whether it's a retired professional sharing decades of "know-how" or a younger volunteer offering a fresh perspective, the café ensures vital practical skills are passed on and celebrated.



The first item brought in was a fifty-year-old wooden spinning wheel with a broken tension screw. Roger, along with volunteer repairers John R and Martin, engaged in a technical discussion on how best to approach the repair, agreeing that preserving the item's heritage was crucial. Their conclusion was a true collaborative effort: they decided to source or create a wooden replacement. This "think-tank" approach is typical of the café, where volunteers actively collaborate to solve complex puzzles for their neighbours.

While most tasks are handled during the event, repairers may—at their own discretion—occasionally agree to take complex items home to complete a repair or restoration offsite. A prime example is an antique model Thames Barge that had been dropped. This collaborative project involves volunteer Angela making new sails, John R crafting the masts and rigging, and Roger applying sympathetic paintwork to return the model to its original state.

Ultimately, Jane's morning demonstrated that the repair café is

about much more than just fixing broken objects; it serves as a vital space where local people come together to share knowledge and build a stronger, more connected Ringwood.

Everyone's welcome at Ringwood Repair Café which is held on the second Saturday monthly (except August) at Greyfriars Community Centre. Enquiries: ringwoodrepaircafeuk@gmail.com

Making Technology Simple and Accessible for Older People in Hampshire

Age Concern Hampshire is encouraging older people to start the year confident and connected. Research shows that a growing number of older people receive tablets, smartphones or laptops as Christmas



gifts, highlighting the need for support in getting online and using new technology safely and confidently.

Age Concern Hampshire's IT sessions provide friendly, tailored support to help people use their new devices, learn essential digital skills and stay in touch with family and friends. With so much of everyday life now online, from keeping in contact with loved ones to accessing services, healthcare information and shopping, older people can sometimes feel left behind. The charity's 1 to 1 IT sessions give participants the confidence to navigate the internet safely and make the most of their technology.

The sessions are held at locations in Basingstoke and Locks Heath and cover practical skills such as setting up devices, using email, browsing the internet and solving everyday technology problems. They are available by appointment and are delivered in a relaxed environment.

"Technology can feel intimidating if you have never learned it before, or if you received a new device at Christmas and are not sure where to start," said Kim Stone, Wellbeing Coordinator for Age Concern Hampshire. "Our IT sessions help older people feel confident online, stay connected and make the most of the year ahead."

To find out more, or to book a 1-2-1 IT session, call Age Concern Hampshire on 01962 868545 or visit their website: <https://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/our-services-hampshire/it-sessions/>

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The concert takes place on Friday 20 March 2026 and will start at 7pm. Tickets for adults cost £18, including complimentary drinks. Under 25s are admitted free of charge.

Antoine Pr at is a multi-award-winning pianist whose descriptive touch, technical control and sense of colour brings a radiance to all he plays. He graduated with honours from the  cole Normale de Paris before furthering his studies at the Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School of Music in London. Antoine will play works by Haydn, Schumann and Prokofiev on the Steinway piano.

Event details

Date: Friday 20 March 2026

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Trinity Centre, Ringwood, BH24 1DH

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While students receive government funding for their education, it does not cover the full cost of the specialist support, therapy and facilities we provide. As a charity, we rely on the generosity of our local community and businesses to help us continue transforming lives.

There are plenty of ways to get involved this year. On 25th May, we will host our much-loved Holistic Fair (sponsored by New Forest Country Store), now in its third year, bringing together local stallholders, industry experts and visitors for a day that raises vital funds for the college. We also offer sponsorship opportunities for businesses looking to make a meaningful local impact.

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LINK: Ringwood to receive new banking hub

LINK, the UK's cash access and ATM network, has today announced local people and businesses in Ringwood will benefit from a new banking hub. Following the announced closure of the town's Lloyds Bank branch, LINK has confirmed the banking hub as part of a wider commitment to protect access to cash.

Banking hubs are a shared banking space, similar to a traditional bank branch, but available to everyone. When opened, the hub will consist of a counter service where customers of any bank can withdraw and deposit cash and make bill payments. In addition, there will be private spaces where customers can speak to community bankers from their own bank for more complicated matters that require specialist knowledge or privacy. The banks will be working on a rotating basis, so there will be staff from different banks available on different days.

Ringwood is the third banking hub to be recommended in Hampshire with a hub in Bordon already open and a hub in Totton set to open soon. The announcement comes as one of 15 banking hubs today, the other recommendations include: Armthorpe (South Yorkshire), Clevedon (Somerset), Didcot (Oxfordshire), Ebbw Vale (Blaenau Gwent), Heswall (Wirral), Hinkley (Leicestershire), Honiton (Devon), Mexborough (South Yorkshire), Mumbles (Swansea), Newmarket (Suffolk), Skelmersdale (Lancashire), Stoke-on-Trent – Longton (Staffordshire), Street (Somerset), and Wednesbury (West Midlands).

The banking hub will now be delivered by Cash Access UK. Over the next few weeks, it will begin to engage with the local commu-

nity and will start to look for potential sites. There are currently 214 hubs open across the UK.

Dr Chris Ashton, Chief Commercial Officer, LINK: "While more people are choosing to bank and pay for things digitally, we know that many people still rely on and choose to use cash. That's why we're delighted to recommend the new hub in Ringwood. There are over 214 hubs open across the country and when it opens, the Ringwood banking hub will be vital for the local community and high street."



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If you're looking for sport, community and fun just a short drive from Ringwood, St Leonards & St Ives Tennis Club offers a fantastic place to get on court, whether you're new to the game or an experienced player.

Nestled in St Leonards, just off the A31, near the Hampshire/Dorset border, this friendly club combines excellent facilities with a welcoming atmosphere for all ages. With four floodlit all-weather courts and two floodlit mini tennis courts, members can play throughout the year. The indoor clubhouse has also been modernised, making it a great base to relax after play or socialise with fellow members.

The club has a thriving membership of over 200 adults and juniors and offers a rich programme of activities to suit everyone. Coaching runs Monday to Sunday, with sessions tailored to all ages and abilities. From fun junior social sessions to more competitive match plays and fitness-focused Cardio Tennis, the coaching team are on hand to help players improve and, most importantly, enjoy their game.

During school holidays, the club runs lively Holiday Camps for children aged 4–16, giving youngsters the chance to develop skills, make new friends and stay active in a supportive environment.

For adults, there's plenty of opportunity to get involved in regular play. Five weekly doubles sessions are highly popular, offering competitive and social tennis alike. In addition, the club hosts a vibrant singles league that caters to those who love one-on-one

match play.

Competitive players are also well served: St Leonards & St Ives has 15 teams in the Dorset Doubles Leagues across summer and winter seasons. Captains and teammates are always keen to welcome new players ready to represent the club.

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Residents invited to shape future of open spaces and play areas in New Forest

New Forest District Council (NFDC) is calling on residents to take part in two surveys aimed at gathering evidence for the ongoing Local Plan review.

The surveys, one focused on open spaces and the other on play spaces, are open for feedback until 4 March 2026.

Residents are encouraged to let NFDC know how they use and experience a wide range of open spaces across New Forest District (outside the National Park). This includes areas like parks and recreation grounds, village greens, allotments, cemeteries, and woods.

Responses will inform decisions about the management and future protection of these areas.

NFDC is also seeking feedback on residents' experiences of local play areas, including equipped playgrounds, wheeled play areas such as skate parks and BMX pump tracks, multi-use games areas, and natural play areas.

Insights gathered will help guide future decisions on play provision across the district and contribute to the Local Plan review.

Clr Derek Tipp, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, said: "Open spaces and play areas are central to community wellbeing, recreation, and the character of our district. We are encouraging as many residents as possible to take part in these



surveys so that the Local Plan reflects local needs and priorities. Your views will help to guide future planning and community investment."

Both the open spaces and play surveys are available online from 10 February to 4 March 2026.

The open spaces survey is available at: <https://newforest.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/open-spaces-survey>

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The setting, located within the Greyfriars Community Centre, is a charitable organisation dedicated to supporting children's development in a safe and nurturing environment. The preschool focuses on meeting each child's needs, ensuring they achieve their full potential. The commitment and dedication of the staff have been recognised by OFSTED, affirming the organisation's role in giving

every child the best start in education. The new style report card can be viewed in full on the government website.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/511532>

Parents who wish to enrol their child at Greyfriars Preschool are encouraged to send their registration details via email as early as possible. This is recommended because the preschool already has a high number of children subscribed, and early registration will help to secure a place for your child.

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This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Market Charter for Ringwood and The Ringwood Society are delighted to be involved in several events which form part of the celebrations around this important milestone.

A programme of events is currently being developed across organisations in the town, co-ordinated by Ringwood Town Council and The Ringwood Society are already well underway with their contribution to the celebrations. These will include an exhibition and talk, by respected local historian; Mary Baldwin, on the history of the market itself, a children’s town trail to help illuminate the history of the Market Place to younger residents of the town, and a stylish Ringwood mug, designed by a notable industrial designer and Royal Collage of Art educated ceramicist. The Society also has one or two more ideas up their sleeve, of

The Mayflower Pilgrims: who they were and what they took with them

In 1620 The Mayflower Pilgrims sailed for America. Their aim was to establish a new settlement where they would be allowed religious freedom. The creation of their Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts was a pivotal event in American history.

Mary Harris, an historian with a special interest in historic textiles, is coming to **Fordingbridge History Society (FHS) to talk about the story of the Pilgrims, who they were, why they went to America and what stores they took with them.**

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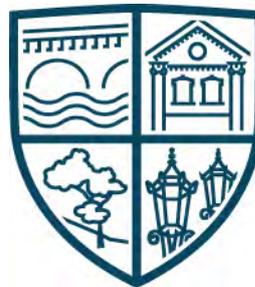
Mary’s talk is free to FHS members. Visitors are most welcome to be part of the afternoon for a small fee (£5 per person). After the talk there will be complimentary refreshments and the opportunity to have further discussions with both Mary and other members and guests.



which there will be further details, along with further details of those events already mentioned.

Whilst the town is not unique in having a Market Charter granted in 1226, it is nonetheless an important milestone in the history of our wonderful market town that the market continues to be an important part of our local identity. Things have changed over the years: the livestock market was reestablished in the 1850s only to close again in June 1988, and the Market House has been and gone (only to reappear in the High Street), but every Wednesday a traditional market fills the heart of our town. This therefore is an opportunity to celebrate that fact with a season of interesting and illuminating events. Keep a look out for further details across the town of events by The Ringwood Society, Ringwood Town Council and other organisations.

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 per person, and students receive free membership. Further details can be found on their website www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk



The Ringwood Society

There is a large public car park just a few minutes from Avonway and a drop off facility in front of the building.

For further details, check out the FHS website (fordingbridgehistorysociety.org.uk) or contact secretary@fordingbridgehistorysociety.org.uk

FHS was established over 60 years ago. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at Avonway and offer a series of 8 talks from October to April. Annual membership is £15.00 per person.



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HISTORY & NEWS

REMEMBER WELLWORTHY RINGWOOD?

NEW DISPLAY & EXHIBITION AT THE MEETING HOUSE RINGWOOD

It is nearly 28 years since the Wellworthy Factory closed, after 55 years manufacturing in Ringwood. Initially to support wartime requirements, it continued to produce world class engine components up to its closure in 1998. The Meeting House Trustees have kindly provided a display unit and space for the archives. Now available to view are over 20 files of information and over 250 photos that include:

- History of the Company and site
- Foundry and Machine Shop Processes
- Photos of Long Service Awards & Retirement Presentations
- Employee Sports, Charity and Social Events

This exhibition has been arranged by ex-employees Geoff Hodder, Derek Place and Martin Smith. We hope it will be of interest to ex-employees and their families. People who have an interest in the history of Ringwood and engineering in general may also find a visit to be useful.

Come along and find out what was the site's connection with:

- the Spitfire and Railway
- the Ringwood Carnival and a Tank Engine Component

One of the files is "Memories of Employees". We are keen to add to this file and invite all ex-employees to contribute to this growing file.

Handwritten, typed, one page or many, long or short service in any job. It is all of interest no matter how detailed. It will provide a record of the thousands of people who worked there.

During week commencing 9th March many exhibits and videos can be viewed by easy access on the ground floor and the team

Age Concern Hampshire Announces New Foot Clinics to Boost Confidence and Mobility for Older People

Age Concern Hampshire is set to open new foot care clinics in Kingsclere, Farnborough, Lymington, and Bordon, helping older people stay confident, active, and mobile.

Healthy feet are key to balance and independence, yet many older adults struggle to reach their toes due to arthritis, impaired eyesight, or reduced mobility. Age Concern Hampshire's clinics, run by qualified foot health practitioners, provide toenail cutting and basic foot health checks, helping prevent discomfort, falls, and injuries.

Michele Ralph, Foot Care Coordinator at Age Concern Hampshire, said: "Our Foot Clinics are about more than just foot care – they help older people feel confident on their feet and maintain their independence. We're committed to making this vital service accessible to everyone who needs it."

Clinics are available across Hampshire, including Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Dibden/Hythe, Havant, Hedge End, Locks Heath, New Milton, Odiham, Overton, Petersfield, Ringwood, Tadley, Winchester, and Yateley. The new clinics in Kingsclere, Farnborough, Lymington, and Bordon will open soon.

To book an appointment, call 01962 868545 or visit their website



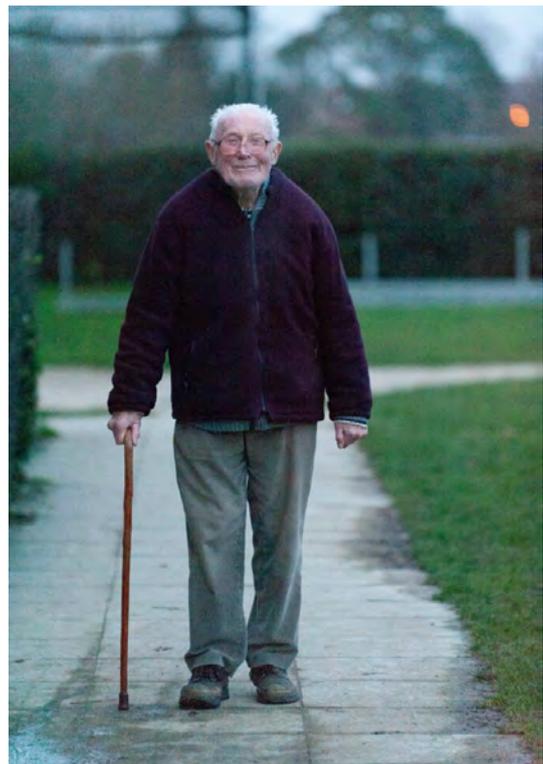
will be in the Meeting House to meet and greet.

On Wednesday 11th March we are specifically inviting all ex-employees to come along and hopefully meet-up with workmates! Please spread the word so that as many as possible will come along.

Further donations of items including photos from ex-employees, or their families, would be very welcome to be included in this exhibition. Please take them to The Meeting House Ringwood BH24 1EY.

This upstairs exhibition is now open 10am to noon, Monday to Saturday (2:30pm on Wednesday). Supporting The Meeting House by the purchase of refreshments or a donation would be appreciated.

Any enquiries please contact
Geoff Hodder 01425 479762



for more information: <https://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/our-services-hampshire/footcare/>.

NEWS

The Growing Importance of Modern Equine Dentistry

Equine dentistry is fast becoming recognised as one of the most important aspects of responsible horse ownership, with growing awareness of the profound impact oral health has on comfort, behaviour and performance. As veterinary science advances, routine dental care is now viewed as every bit as essential as farriery, nutrition and regular health checks.

A horse's mouth is remarkably complex. Their teeth erupt continuously throughout much of their life and are designed to wear down naturally through long hours of grazing. Modern management, however, often involves stabling, processed feed and reduced turnout, all of which can contribute to uneven wear, sharp enamel points and other dental abnormalities. Left undetected, these issues can lead to pain, weight loss, headshaking, resistance under saddle and even changes in temperament.

Modern equine dentistry combines traditional expertise with advanced technology. Thorough examinations typically involve careful sedation, use of a full-mouth speculum and powerful lighting to allow detailed inspection of every tooth surface. Both manual and motorised instruments are used to correct sharp points, address irregular wear and restore balance within the mouth. Early detection of conditions such as hooks, ramps, wave mouth and loose teeth can prevent long-term complications and significantly improve a horse's wellbeing.

Leading the way locally is Robinson Equine Vet & Dental Surgery. Operating as a fully ambulatory service, the practice brings routine and advanced dentistry directly to horses in their own environment, reducing stress while enabling comprehensive examinations with modern portable equipment.

The practice is led by Dr Beth Robinson BVSc CertAVP(EP)

MRCVS and Dr Nicky Brooks VetMB CertAVP(EP) CertAVP(ED) MRCVS. Both have undertaken extensive postgraduate training and hold the prestigious Advanced Practitioner accreditation – a mark of exceptional expertise and commitment to ongoing



professional development. Their shared focus is on evidence-based veterinary and dental care that supports long-term health, comfort and performance.

“Dental issues can influence every aspect of a horse's wellbeing,” explains Dr Nicky Brooks. “Early detection and regular maintenance are essential for keeping horses comfortable and able to perform at their best.”

Beyond clinical work, Robinson Equine is deeply committed to education. The team regularly delivers live interactive demonstrations to Young Farmers groups, Pony Club events and schools. This week, Beth gave pupils at Mountbatten School a rare insight into equine dentistry via Microsoft Teams. These sessions showcase real equipment, explain the science behind oral health and highlight the importance of welfare-focused veterinary care. Teachers have praised the initiative for inspiring curiosity and providing an engaging introduction to veterinary careers.

As understanding of equine dentistry continues to evolve, one message remains clear: maintaining a healthy mouth is vital for every horse – and with skilled practitioners such as Robinson Equine, owners can ensure their horses stay comfortable, happy and performing at their best.

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Welcome to The Barn – Ringwood’s biggest stage for something special

Built in 2023 within the grounds of Ringwood School, The Barn was created from a simple but powerful vision: to give the town a professional, modern performance space that could be enjoyed not only by students, but by the entire community. That dream is now very much a reality. In just a short time, The Barn has hosted more than 250 live events, welcoming incredible tribute acts such as The Illegal Eagles and Vicky Jackson, original artists including the sensational Merrill Osmond, toe-tappingly brilliant Wurzels, and hugely popular comedy and spoken word performances from the likes of Milton Jones, Ben Fogle and Harry Redknapp.



And now, hot off the press, Ringwood is next week set to host Fiona Bruce alongside BBC1’s Question Time; a landmark moment for the town and something never before held here.

With a capacity of 600 and retractable seating that allows for multiple configurations, there truly isn’t a “bad seat” in the house. Whether you are front row for a tribute spectacular, laughing along at a comedy night or immersed in a powerful theatre production, you’re always close to the action. Performers regularly comment on the intimacy of the space, the electric connection between stage and audience that only a venue like The Barn can create.

Air-conditioned with level access to floor seating and a fully sprung floor, The Barn combines comfort with cutting-edge capability. It’s one of the most modern and accessible venues in the New Forest, boasting a full theatre sound system, lighting grid and motors, deployable stage, and even a cinema grade 10,000-lumen



laser projection system with 7.1 Dolby Atmos surround sound. Behind the scenes, a highly experienced technical team ensures every show looks and sounds exceptional.

While The Barn attracts national touring acts and productions it is also proudly rooted in Ringwood, providing the stage for the captivating performances by Ringwood School students and is the home of Ringwood Musical and Dramatic Society for their much-loved Easter and October shows.

The venue operates to extend the use of this wonderful facility beyond the school gates, and its success depends on the community embracing it. Every ticket purchased, every ice cream enjoyed in the interval, every drink from our quirky and quaint bar helps secure the future of live entertainment in our town. Most ticket income goes directly to artists and VAT with the remaining funds covering essential technical support and operational costs. Booking fees cover the ticketing system, promotion and payment processing. The aim? First to repay the investment that made The Barn possible and then to continue building a sustainable, lasting cultural home for Ringwood and the surrounding area.



The Barn is professionally run, but it’s our volunteers and small team of staff who are the cogs in the wheel. From ushering and ticket checking to supporting the bar and special initiatives, their warmth and enthusiasm shape the experience from the moment you walk through the doors. And the team is always growing! If you’ve ever wanted to play a part in something special, this is your invitation.

Due to strong demand from touring promoters and a packed events calendar, The Barn focuses entirely on delivering high-quality public performances alongside working with large community groups to bring their shows to our town. The appetite for great entertainment in Ringwood is clear and growing.

What was once a long-held dream is now a vibrant reality: a professional, buzzing, community-powered venue bringing big nights and bright lights to the heart of our town.

If you haven’t visited yet, we are ready and waiting to welcome you. See our latest events on page 21.

PROPERTY - AROUND THE BLOCK



Buying or selling a home involves big decisions, and negotiation is a very common part of the moving journey.

Sellers

For sellers, strong negotiations start with the right asking price.

Accurate local market knowledge helps set realistic expectations and puts you in a better position when offers come in.

It's also important to know your limits. Having a clear top line and bottom line gives you confidence and clarity once discussions begin.

Remember, it's not just about the size of the offer, but also about the quality.

Commercial Property Shows Signs of Finding Its Feet, Says New Industry Report

After several up and down years, the UK commercial property market may finally be starting to steady itself. That's the message coming from PropertyMark's latest Commercial Outlook, which paints a picture of a sector that is still facing challenges, but no longer feels stuck in survival mode.

Based on feedback from commercial agents across the country, the report suggests that confidence is slowly returning—unevenly, perhaps, but noticeably so.

Industrial Property Leads the Way

If there is one clear standout from the report, it is the industrial sector. Demand remains strong, with agents reporting steady interest and generally positive expectations for rents and activity levels. Logistics, storage and distribution space continue to benefit from long-term shifts in how goods are moved and sold.

Land and yard space is also performing well, supported by demand from logistics operators and rural businesses. These parts of the market appear to be weathering economic pressures better than most.

Offices: Cautious, but Not Written Off

The office market, long the subject of gloomy predictions, shows signs of life—though expectations remain measured. Some agents anticipate increased supply over the coming year, alongside modest improvements in demand.

Hybrid working has undoubtedly changed how offices are used, but the report suggests the sector is evolving rather than disappearing. Well-located, high-quality space continues to attract interest, while outdated stock faces tougher conditions.

Leisure and Takeaways Still Under Pressure

Not all sectors are sharing in the tentative recovery. Takeaways and parts of the leisure market remain under strain, with agents reporting subdued demand and limited scope for rental growth.

A buyer who is chain-free, ready to move, or flexible on dates can sometimes be more attractive than a slightly higher figure.

Buyers

For buyers, preparation matters. Knowing your budget, having a mortgage agreed in principle, and explaining your position clearly can help you stand out.

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Rising costs and squeezed consumer spending continue to weigh heavily on these businesses. Rents Holding Up Better Than Expected

One of the more encouraging findings is around rent reviews. Nearly half of agents surveyed reported rent increases, while many others saw rents holding steady. In the current climate, that represents a more resilient performance than some might have expected.

Investment yields, however, remain mixed. While industrial assets continue to attract interest, other sectors are still being priced cautiously as investors weigh risk against return.

Challenges Haven't Gone Away

Despite the improving mood, the report is clear that the market is not out of the woods. Leasing times are longer, occupiers remain careful with commitments, and unrealistic pricing expectations from some landlords continue to slow deals.

Construction costs and material prices also remain a concern, limiting development activity and adding pressure to already tight margins.

A Market in Transition

Taken as a whole, PropertyMark's Q3 2025 outlook suggests a commercial property market that is slowly regaining its balance. It is not a boom, nor a full recovery—but it is a step away from the uncertainty that has been seen on the last few years.

For investors and businesses alike, the message is one of cautious confidence. Opportunities exist, particularly in industrial and well-positioned assets, but success will depend on what's real, flexibility and a clear understanding of a market that is still very much in transition.



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Another office unit in Ringwood Town Centre has been successfully leased, reflecting steady demand for well-located commercial space in the area. In a market where reducing vacancy time is critical for landlords, achieving a fast turnaround was a pleasing result for our client and a positive sign for the Ringwood commercial sector.



There is continued enquiry from businesses looking to secure space locally, with several office units currently available, as well as a number of industrial units. This demand is backed by a strong database of active applicants seeking both office and industrial accommodation.



Property owners who are considering selling or leasing are encouraged to get in touch, with further opportunities available to bring quality stock to market and connect it with ready tenants and buyers.

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Residents Urged to Respond to Local Plan Consultation as Fordingbridge Faces Further Housing Pressure

Residents of Fordingbridge are being urged to engage with the **New Forest District Council Spatial Options and Policy Direction Regulation 18 Local Plan 2025–2043 consultation**, which could have significant long-term consequences for the town and surrounding countryside.

The Regulation 18 consultation is the **latest stage** in the preparation of the new Local Plan. While it does not yet allocate specific sites, it sets the **strategic direction for where development might go**, how much housing is required, and which settlements are expected to accommodate future growth. Decisions taken at this stage will strongly influence later site allocations.

Under emerging proposals, New Forest District faces a **substantially increased** housing requirement, meaning additional development pressure is likely to be directed toward existing market towns – including **Fordingbridge**, which has already absorbed a disproportionate level of housing growth in recent years.

Impact on Fordingbridge

Fordingbridge has already seen **hundreds of homes approved or built** through the current Local Plan, fundamentally changing the scale of the town and resulting in irreversible harm to its character. Further large-scale housing growth risks **over-development**, without the infrastructure needed to support it.

Key concerns include:

- **Infrastructure capacity:** Road congestion, limited public transport and overstretched health services have not been resolved following previous developments.
- **Unsustainable location:** Fordingbridge has limited employment opportunities and poor transport connectivity, meaning additional housing would increase car dependency and commuting.
- **Environmental harm:** Expansion would encroach into surrounding countryside, harming landscape character, biodiversity, and Fordingbridge's role as a gateway settlement to the New Forest.
- **Flood risk and drainage:** Parts of the town and surrounding land are vulnerable to flooding, raising serious concerns about the suitability of further development.
- **Loss of local character:** Continued expansion threatens to erode Fordingbridge's identity as a small market town, replacing it with ever increasing suburban sprawl.
- **Lack of evidence of local benefit:** Previous large developments have not demonstrably delivered genuinely affordable housing or corresponding improvements in local services.

Have Your Say

Residents are strongly encouraged to **submit formal responses**

during the Regulation 18 consultation period. This is the most effective stage at which to challenge the **principle, scale and location** of proposed growth.

The consultation asks fundamental questions about:

- How much development the district should take
- Where that development should go
- Whether towns like Fordingbridge are appropriate locations for further growth

If residents do not respond now, the opportunity to influence will be lost and future objections may carry less weight.

Consultation Details

- **Consultation period:** 6 February 2026 until 20 March 2026
- **How to respond:** Online, by email, or in writing via New Forest District Council

Full details are available on the New Forest District Council Local Plan consultation webpage: <https://newforest.gov.uk/localplan>

A Call to Action

This Local Plan will shape Fordingbridge for the next **20 years**. Residents, community groups and local businesses are urged to take part, attend the consultation event, and make their views known.

A strong response from Fordingbridge is essential to ensure that future planning decisions are **fair, sustainable, and genuinely in the interests of the town and its residents**.

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PROPERTY

Looking After Your Central Heating

Your central heating system is one of the hardest-working parts of your home, especially through long, damp UK winters. Yet it's easy to forget about it until something goes wrong – a cold radiator, strange banging noises, or worse, no heat at all on a freezing morning. With a bit of regular care and attention, you can keep your system running efficiently, lower your energy bills, and avoid costly breakdowns.

At the heart of most UK heating systems is a gas boiler feeding radiators and hot water through a network of pipes. Over time, air, sludge, limescale, and general wear can reduce efficiency and strain components. Preventative maintenance is far cheaper and far less stressful than emergency repairs.

Book an Annual Boiler Service

This isn't just a recommendation – it's critical for safety, efficiency, and warranty compliance.

During a service, an engineer will:

- * Check for gas leaks and carbon monoxide risks
- * Clean internal components
- * Inspect seals, valves, and pressure levels
- * Ensure the boiler is burning fuel efficiently
- * Spot early signs of wear before they become failures

A well-serviced boiler can last 10–15 years or more.

Bleed Your Radiators Regularly

If the top of your radiator feels cold while the bottom is hot, trapped air is preventing proper circulation. Bleeding radiators allows this air to escape and helps your system heat rooms more effectively.

You should:

- * Check radiators at the start of autumn and mid-winter
 - * Use a radiator key to release trapped air
 - * Re-check your boiler pressure afterwards and top up if needed
- This simple task can noticeably improve heating performance.

Protect Pipes from Freezing

Frozen condensate pipes are a common winter problem in the UK. When temperatures drop below zero, these pipes can freeze and cause your boiler to shut down.

You can reduce the risk by:

- * Insulating exposed pipes with foam lagging
- * Pouring warm (not boiling) water over frozen sections
- * Keeping your heating on low during very cold spells
- * Use Your Thermostat and Timer Smartly
- * Modern controls can significantly reduce strain on your system and save money.
- * Avoid constantly turning heating on and off
- * Use timers to maintain steady temperatures
- * Consider upgrading to a smart thermostat for better efficiency
- * Steady operation is easier on your boiler than frequent dramatic changes.

Looking after your central heating system doesn't require expert knowledge – just consistency. A few small checks through the year, combined with a professional annual service, will keep your home warm, your bills lower, and your heating reliable when you need it most.



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Dorset garden centres back UK-wide 'Help Out Hospitality' campaign

Two garden centres in Dorset have joined forces with more than 50 of the UK's leading hospitality venues, restaurants and hotels to attract customers and help combat mounting industry pressures this spring.

The new 'Help Out Hospitality' campaign is inspired by the successful 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme rolled out by the UK government during the COVID-19 crisis.

The hospitality industry is now working together at a critical time, as businesses grapple with spiralling food prices, rising wage bills, and ongoing supply chain challenges, including Stewarts Christchurch Garden Centre in Christchurch; and Stewarts Broomhill Garden Centre in Wimborne.

Hospitality venues across England, Scotland and Wales have joined forces to deliver the new 'Help Out Hospitality' campaign from this January until the end of March 2026.

Many operators have reported struggling to balance affordability for customers with sustainability for their businesses. Rising food costs have squeezed margins, with staples such as meat, fresh produce and selected grocery items seeing double-digit price increases. Wage pressures are also intensifying as businesses strive to retain staff in a competitive labour market.

Led by UK-based food and drink procurement specialist, The Full Range, the new 'Help Out Hospitality' campaign is encouraging customers to rediscover the best of UK hospitality with over 100 special deals now available nationwide.

The initiative incorporates every aspect of the hospitality supply chain, including food and drink producers, allowing businesses to create enticing consumer deals on both meals and overnight stays at a time which typically sees a drop in business after Christmas.

A commission-free 'Help Out Hospitality' online platform is now live for hospitality businesses to promote offers, attract direct bookings and allow customers to enjoy the best value over the quieter winter months.

Special offers include discounted overnight hotel stays to encourage local tourism, plus food and beverage offers to help make dining out more accessible. Family-friendly dining promotions are also up for grabs to help ease household budgets.

Terry Head, Retail & Marketing Director of Stewarts Garden Centres in Dorset, said:

"We're excited to be supporting the Help Out Hospitality scheme. It's a great opportunity for us to showcase the exclusive offers available across all three of our garden centres, while also supporting others within the industry.

"This industry is built on people helping people. Help Out Hospitality highlights the difference we can make when we work together to support hospitality businesses, both locally and across the UK."

To find out more about the 'Help Out Hospitality' campaign and how you can get involved, go to <https://helpouthospitality.co.uk>



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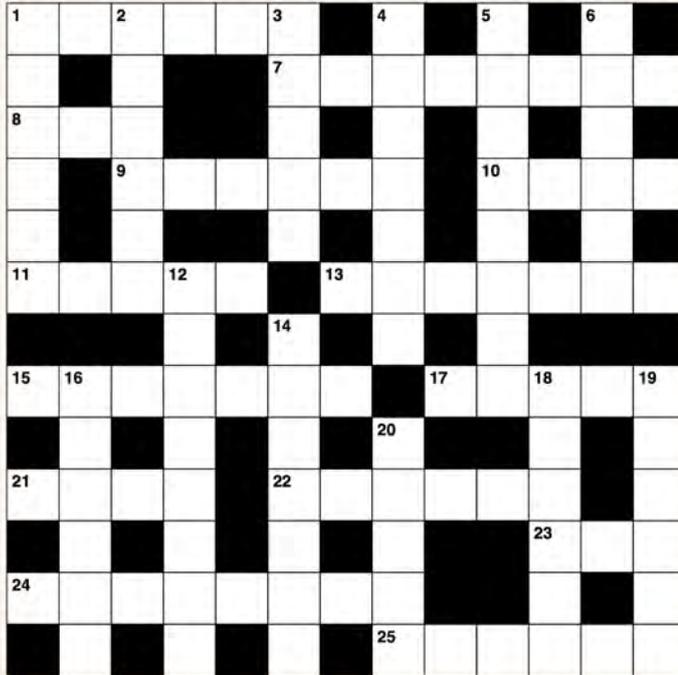
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Crossword



Across

- 1 - Concealed from view (6)
- 7 - Fairness (8)
- 8 - Frozen water (3)
- 9 - Taken illegally (6)
- 10 - Greases (4)
- 11 - Spring flower (5)
- 13 - Efficiency (7)
- 15 - V-shaped mark (7)
- 17 - Keen (5)
- 21 - Lowest adult male singing voice (4)
- 22 - Title of Roman emperors (6)
- 23 - Ancient boat (3)
- 24 - Persuade (8)
- 25 - Shining with light (6)

Down

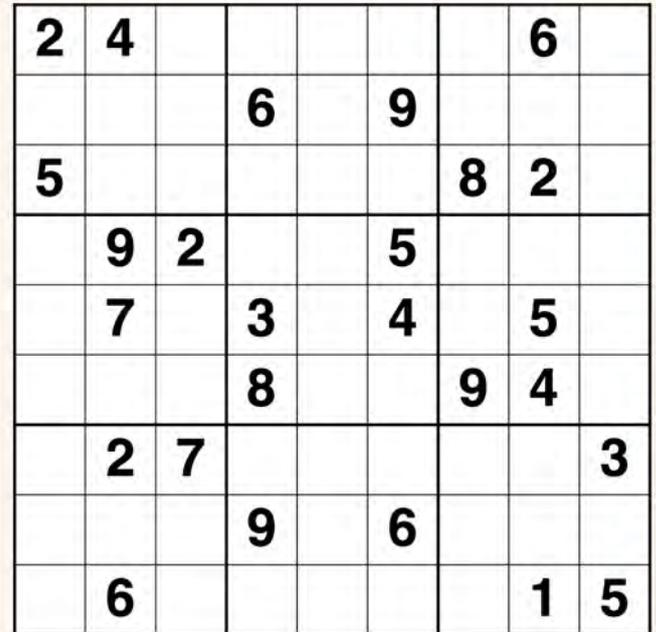
- 1 - Coiffure (6)
- 2 - Type of engine (6)
- 3 - Recently (5)
- 4 - Bring a law into effect again (2-5)
- 5 - Sleep disorder (8)
- 6 - Shelter (6)
- 12 - Intrusive (8)
- 14 - Resembling a pig (7)
- 16 - Involving direct confrontation (4-2)
- 18 - Motor vehicle storage building (6)
- 19 - Loud disturbance (6)
- 20 - Push away (5)

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