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LIFESPRING FASHION SHOW RAISES FUNDS AND HEARTS

On Saturday 4th July 2026, Lifespring Network – incorporating the Church, Café and Turnaround – hosted a truly unforgettable Fashion Show that brought together the local community for an evening filled with style, laughter, inspiration and generosity.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make the event possible. From the organisers, volunteers and models to those who donated outfits, supported behind the scenes and attended on the night, every contribution helped make the evening a tremendous success.

The audience was treated to an incredible variety of outfits, each bringing its own unique story and personality to the catwalk. Adding to the fun and excitement were some very special animal guests, delighting the crowd and creating memorable moments throughout the evening.

However, the pinnacle of the show came with a truly emotional and inspirational moment. The star of the evening was a beautiful wedding dress that is over 60 years old. As the dress made its way down the catwalk, the audience discovered that its original owner was sitting proudly in the front row. The sight of the dress being celebrated once again, while its owner watched on, touched the hearts of everyone present. It was a powerful reminder of cherished memories, enduring love and the stories that connect generations.

The atmosphere throughout the evening was one of joy, community and celebration. More importantly, the event successfully raised valuable funds to support the ongoing work of Lifespring Network and its mission to serve the local community through the Church, Café and Turnaround projects.

Events like these demonstrate the incredible spirit, generosity and togetherness that exist within our community. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the Fashion Show such a memorable occasion. The evening was not only a celebration of fashion and friendship but also a wonderful example of what can be



achieved when people come together for a good cause.

A night to remember, a community to be proud of, and funds raised that will continue to make a difference.



TURNAROUND'S SUMMER DISPLAY EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

Turnaround has once again surpassed all expectations with its latest display, delighting visitors and creating a real buzz in the community. With the recent spell of hot weather, many people have commented that stepping into the display felt just like being transported to the beach – almost as if the team knew a heatwave was on its way!

As always, Turnaround continues to offer a fantastic range of items at affordable prices, ensuring that local families and residents can access quality goods without stretching their budgets. This commitment to value, alongside the welcoming atmosphere created by the volunteers, remains at the heart of everything the organisation does.

One of the most rewarding aspects for the team has been reading the many messages left in the visitors' comments book. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with people praising not only the creativity of the display but also the difference Turnaround makes within the local community.

Everyone involved should be incredibly proud of what has been achieved. The ongoing support from local residents, donors and volunteers enables Turnaround to continue providing valuable help where it is needed most. The success of this latest display is a wonderful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together.

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Our Year 6 pupils at our school have enjoyed an incredible end to the school year, creating memories that will last a lifetime through a series of exciting educational visits and unforgettable experiences.

The highlight for Year 6 was a four-day residential visit to Walesby Forest, where the children embraced a packed programme of outdoor adventure activities designed to build confidence, resilience and teamwork. Throughout the stay, pupils challenged themselves with thrilling experiences including canoeing, climbing, rifle shooting, zip lining and a variety of other adventurous pursuits.

Whether conquering fears on the climbing wall, gliding through the trees on the zip line or working together on the water, the children showed determination, courage and encouragement towards one another. Staff were immensely proud of the positive attitudes displayed by every pupil, with many overcoming personal challenges and discovering new strengths.

The excitement continued with a visit to Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter. Pupils stepped behind the scenes of one of the world's most successful film franchises, exploring iconic sets, costumes and props while learning about the fascinating world of film making. From discovering how special effects are created to walking through the Great Hall, Diagon Alley and Platform 9¾, the visit brought movie magic to life and inspired the children's creativity and imagination.

Another group of pupils were also fortunate enough to attend the world-famous Wimbledon Championships. Their day began in style with a First Class train journey to London before arriving at the prestigious All England Tennis Club.

The children were thrilled to experience the unique atmosphere of Wimbledon, enjoying the privilege of visiting the iconic Centre Court before taking in more world-class tennis on Court 1. No visit to Wimbledon would be complete without sampling the tournament's famous strawberries, which proved to be a firm favourite among the pupils- one sampled 6 boxes!!

The visit offered a wonderful opportunity for the children to witness elite sporting excellence first-hand while experiencing one of Britain's most celebrated sporting events.

ROBIN HOOD DRAMATICS CELEBRATES A YEAR OF SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE STAGE

Robin Hood Dramatics has been celebrating an unforgettable few weeks after staging its most ambitious and successful production to date. The group's spectacular one-night-only performance of *The Little Mermaid* at the Create Theatre, West Notts College, proved to be a huge success, with a packed audience enjoying an afternoon of outstanding entertainment.

For many of the young performers, it was their first opportunity to perform on a professional theatre stage. Months of rehearsals, dedication and hard work culminated in a production filled with impressive acting, colourful costumes, energetic choreography and memorable musical performances.

Leading the cast was Isabel Connelly-Walters, who captivated the audience with her portrayal of Ariel. She was joined by Spencer as the heroic Prince Eric, Luca as the commanding King Triton, Georgia Winfield as the wicked sea witch Ursula, Hallie Shelbourne as the lovable Flounder, Katie Temple as the eccentric Scuttle and Aria Craig as the charismatic Sebastian. Supported by a talented ensemble, every student played their part in making the production a truly memorable occasion.

Director Kieran Brooks praised the cast for their commitment throughout the rehearsal process. "I couldn't be prouder of every one of our students. Their confidence, determination and teamwork shone through on stage, and they proved just how much can be achieved through hard work and believing in themselves."

The celebrations continued on Saturday 11th July, when Robin Hood Dramatics hosted its first-ever RHD Oscars at Ollerton Jubilee Hall. The hall was transformed into a magical venue where students, parents and staff came together to celebrate the achievements, friendships and personal growth made throughout the year.

A total of 18 awards were presented during the evening, recognising dedication, improvement, commitment and outstanding performances across the company. Among the award winners were Caitlin Leary, who received the Director's Award, Katie Temple for Best Supporting Actor, Aria Craig for Best Actor, Hallie Shelbourne for Best Singer, and Nisha Holmes for Best Dancer.

The evening's highest honour, Dramaticker of the Year, was awarded to Isabel Connelly-Walters, who also received the prestigious Golden Girl Award following her exceptional journey over the last 5 years at Robin Hood Dramatics. Awards were also presented to several other deserving students, including Nicole Arianna, Poppy Hughes, Annabelle Oates, Phoebe Rowbottom, Georgia Winfield, Heidi Elliot, Amelia Corfield, Lacie Smith, Luca Sanderson, Liam Adepoju and Grace Winfield, recognising the fantastic contribution each has made throughout the year.

Isabel joined Robin Hood Dramatics in 2021 as a shy and nervous young girl who lacked confidence. Through the magic of theatre, she has undergone an incredible transformation, discovering not only her love of performing but also the confidence to express herself both on and off the stage. Her journey is a wonderful example of how the performing arts can positively change young lives.

Speaking after receiving her awards, Isabel

said: "I've made lifelong friends since joining Robin Hood Dramatics and accomplished my dream of performing in *The Little Mermaid* as Ariel. This was my favourite film growing up. Thank you to everyone who has supported me on my journey so far."

Robin Hood Dramatics will soon begin preparations for its next exciting production. If your child would like to become part of the Robin Hood Dramatics family, please contact Kieran Brooks at kieranbrooks@robinhooddramatics.com for more information.



OLLERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

It continues to be another great year in the garden, with very little that hasn't bloomed, the wisteria and lilies being our star blooms.

Not a lot of luck with the apple and pears but plums, redcurrants, raspberries, cherries, carrots, parsnips, potatoes, peas, cucumbers have all done well.

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In October we celebrate our annual charter, which is basically our Birthday. We have been serving our community this year for an amazing 47 YEARS and I am sure we will have a big knees up to celebrate. The one thing about our club is that we do like to have fun.

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1ST OLLERTON RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have been practicing their plaiting skills by each making a headband and sewing skills by sewing their initials.

We've been looking at objects and discovered if they roll or slide and why.

Another evening was spent creating a picture that told "The story of me" we also found out what everyone's birth flower was.

We had a joint activity day with 2nd Ollerton Rainbows, all about summer at Rufford Country park. The day was organised by our young leader Hannah and is part of the Ranger program to earn her Gold theme award. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone.

Our final evening was spent decorating stones which we have placed in the community garden. We want to thank everyone who supported our Rainbow stall at the St Paulinus summer fun day. The bear found out his name, Ziggy, won by Helen. The Rufford car park day pass and adventure golf was won by our very own Roo.

Kanga and Roo

2ND OLLERTON RAINBOWS

Our July meeting was a mixture of happy and sad, as it was our last ever meeting. We had a party to celebrate everyone's time in Rainbows, with some classics of pass the parcel and musical statues. The Rainbows made their own paper plate tennis racquets and played balloon tennis. We also decorated some party crowns because we are all queens. We decorated biscuits for our snack which we enjoyed sitting in the community garden. The Rainbows were very good at making their own sandwiches that we enjoyed along with other party food, where we sat under the shade of the tree and had a lovely picnic.

Over the past few meetings the Rainbows have been working hard earning badges that were presented in front of proud guests, with 3 of our Rainbows earning their Bronze award. The Rainbows were also presented with the I have had an adventure at Rainbows badge and the I made new friends at Rainbows badge. We also presented Sienna with a pot of gold badge as she is continuing her Guiding journey at Brownies.

It has been lovely to be the leader of 2nd Ollerton Rainbows over the past few years seeing the girls grow in confidence and skill, I am excited to see what their Guiding journey looks like from now on.

2ND OLLERTON BROWNIES

The Brownies have had a very inventive night creating something that would make their lives easier. Another evening they all made a beautiful window display, we stopped for an ice-lolly interval which was very welcoming. We've held a promise night for Iris, Eleanora, Isla and Lily in front of their proud guests.

In June, our Brownies had its very first pack holiday at Elton campsite. 16 Brownies and

5 leaders, it was truly amazing. From frisby, nature walk, nightline, campfire, grass sledging to volunteering on site filling potholes and trimming the hedge back plus inside games. Lots of memories made. The Brownies and Leaders had a fantastic time and can't wait till their next one.

The Owls



LET'S START WITH THE BAD NEWS...

The official launch is unexpectedly delayed, due to banking issues. It's because The Robin Hood Club is a unique idea, so I've had to submit a full business plan. It's SLOWED things right down.

I'm building the platform in my spare time, around my work and family commitments. So thanks for your support and patience. You'll be the first to know when we launch. (Very soon).

AND HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS...

We're officially a Community Interest Company, which means we're legally bound to support the community - reaffirming my ambition from day one.

Perks are piling up, for example, The Plough in Ollerton is offering 20% off drinks for Robin Hood Club members. If you spend a tenner, you'll get £2 off. That's 2/3 of your £3 membership fee back!

A huge thank you to the Ollerton Activity Centre, they've let us use their amazing venue to get the club up and running. More on that to come!

AND FINALLY...

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Following our last Branch meeting it was decided that our meetings will now be held every third Tuesday of each month. We meet in The Ollerton House PH, Wellow Road at 7.00pm. Meetings are generally made up of a short time spent on the business such as finance, information from County & National RBL and any upcoming events followed by social time with refreshments. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th August 2026.

BATTLE OF KOHIMA SERVICE

Our annual service to commemorate the Battle of Kohima took place on Sunday 28th June 2026. Clipstone & Forest Town Band led the parade from outside the Hope Pole Hotel in Ollerton Village to the War Memorial Gardens where a service of remembrance took place led by Rev Richard Hanford.

The Battle of Kohima was a pivotal WWII engagement fought in North East India from 4th April to 22nd June 1944. A small British and Indian garrison held off a massive Japanese siege. This allied victory halted the Japanese invasion of India and served as a major turning point in the Burma campaign.



The Service is especially important to those of us who are members of the Ollerton Branch as one of our past members, Cyril Mathewson, instigated the installation of the memorial stone. Cyril was well known locally as a Burma veteran.

We were fortunate, once again, to have Professor Dean Fathers DL attend and share the bible reading with us during the service. Deputy Lieutenants are honorary appointees who assist the Lord-Lieutenant in representing the Crown and supporting community and ceremonial duties within a county or lieutenancy area. We feel very proud to have had Professor Fathers' support at this event and also at our Remembrance Service for many years now.

Wreaths were laid by Professor Fathers DL, Ollerton & District Branch and Clipstone & Forest Town Branch. During the service Rev Richard paid tribute to one of our much loved members, Mrs Ann McGonigle, who had recently passed away, Ann will be greatly missed by all of her family and Legion colleagues.

The Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph were read by Neil Davidson, Chair of the Clipstone & Forest Town Branch. The Last Post was played by Ellie Woodcock.

A short service of remembrance was also held at the War Memorial with a wreath being laid by the Chair of Clipstone & Forest Town Branch.

Thank you to all who took part for your continued support of this important service.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you require any further information please contact the Secretary, Janine Fletcher on 07988 488912 or via email at ollerton.rbl@gmail.com.



ST JOSEPH'S HALL



Julia Melges & Christina Hughes [St Joseph's Church Catechists] held a First Holy Communion celebration party in St Joseph's Hall, Ollerton on 20th June.

Parents, siblings and other relatives of the First Holy Communion children, as well as members of St Joseph's congregation joined the children in celebrating this important event in their lives.

Father Michael O'Donoghue congratulated the children on their attainments and thanked Julia & Christina for their time and dedication in supporting the children's preparations for this important step on their faith journey.

Another important step has now been taken for users of St Joseph's Hall after its official re-opening on 10th of May this year.

Children encountering difficulties with mainstream secondary education in the wider area will continue to find opportunities for improvement in Ollerton at St Joseph's Hall from September when First Class Tailored Solutions offer extended hours of operation at the venue; set to include up to five and a half-hours of individual-bespoke help to authorised students across the academic year.

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To hire St Joseph's Hall for other events including concerts, amateur dramatics, wakes, dancing events and anything else please contact Kevin (07988620714) or anitacmulloy@gmail.com in the first instance.



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WALESBY FOOTBALL

WALESBY JUNIORS FC

Walesby U9s Gain Valuable Experience at Wickersley Tournament

Walesby U9s enjoyed a fantastic day of football at the Wickersley U9s Tournament, competing against teams from across the country in a well-organised event.

The young side played five matches throughout the day, facing some strong opposition and gaining valuable experience along the way. After suffering defeats in their opening two fixtures, the team showed great determination to bounce back.

Their third match saw an impressive comeback from 2-0 down to earn a 2-2 draw, with Ronnie and Leo both finding the back of the net. A tough fourth game ended in a 3-0 defeat against one of the tournament's strongest teams, but the players continued to work hard

and never let their heads drop.

Walesby finished the tournament on a high, securing a 1-0 victory in their final game thanks to an excellent strike from Theo.

The tournament provided another important learning experience for the squad, with plenty of positives to take away and more memories created together as the team's development continues.

The club would also like to thank Wickersley for hosting an excellent tournament, as well as the parents for their fantastic support throughout the day. Walesby U9s now look forward to the start of their Summer League campaign on Thursday evenings.

WALESBY U23'S

Walesby U23s Looking to Build on First Season

Walesby FC U23s will once again compete in the Notts Senior League Development Division as they continue to provide a vital pathway for young players making the transition from youth football into the open-age game.

The side will again be led by joint player-managers Lewis Butt and Mackenzie Hannah, who remain at the helm for the new campaign. Having gained valuable experience during a challenging debut season, the management team will be hoping to build on those foundations and guide the squad to further progress this year.

With a year of development behind them, the players have grown in confidence and experience and the club is optimistic they can produce improved performances and climb the league table this season.

The Development League fixtures are expected to get underway in early September, although the official start date has yet to be confirmed. In preparation, the U23s are arranging a number of home and away pre-season friendlies throughout August.

Home matches are played at the Walesby Village Sports Association, with a 10.30am kick-off on Saturday mornings. The club would love to see plenty of local support throughout

the season, with spectators assured of a warm welcome.

WALESBY VETS

Walesby Vets Preparing for New Season

Walesby Vets FC are gearing up for the start of the 2026-27 campaign and will once again field two teams.

The club's regular Veterans side, who enter the new season as reigning league champions, will continue under the experienced management of Gaz Tye. Meanwhile, the Over-45s team will be led by the management duo of Andy Lobley and Rob Kitchen.

Both squads have a busy pre-season schedule planned throughout August, with a number of home and away friendlies designed to build fitness, sharpen match readiness and prepare for the challenges ahead.

The new season gets underway on 13th September and everyone at the club will be hoping the hard work put in during pre-season provides the platform for another successful campaign.

Supporters will be eager to see both teams make a strong start as Walesby Vets look to build on last season's achievements.

WALESBY FC 'THE BEES'

End of an Era as Walesby FC Sunday Team Withdraws from League

Walesby FC's Sunday side, known as "The Bees", has been withdrawn from the Newark Football Alliance League with immediate effect, bringing an end to a successful 10-year chapter in the club's history.

The decision was made by the club's management committee following ongoing difficulties in securing sufficient player availability and commitment. Despite these challenges, the team performed admirably during the 2025-26 season, fulfilling all of their fixtures and securing a respectable fifth-place finish in the Premier Division.

However, concerns over player numbers and long-term sustainability continued throughout the summer. With several members of last season's squad unable to commit to the forthcoming campaign, only a limited number of new players coming forward, and no significant interest from younger players looking to make the step up into open-age football, the club concluded that it had no viable option but to withdraw the team from competition.

The decision marks the end of a memorable period for The Bees, who enjoyed considerable success during their decade in the Newark Football Alliance League. During that time, Walesby FC won two league championships and a cup competition, while also reaching the final of the prestigious Willie Hall Cup on two occasions.

Reflecting on the decision, club officials expressed their sadness at seeing the team fold but also their pride in what had been achieved over the past ten years.

The club would like to place on record its sincere thanks to all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters who have contributed to the success of The Bees throughout their time in the league. Their commitment, passion and dedication helped create many memorable moments and ensured Walesby FC remained a respected and competitive force in local Sunday football.




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Keith Huddart



NEWS FROM THE MUSEUMS OF TUXFORD

The Museum of the Horse is home to one of Tuxford's significant listed buildings. In May they hosted a heritage skills workshop with presentations from historic building experts, and practical learning opportunities. The Building Preservation Trust and the conservation officer hope to repeat this in the future. Tuxford has such a rich history. In August we will be launching information on Tuxford Trail blazers. About individuals and companies that have made a positive contribution to the community, and the world. You will be amazed by people's achievements. Building positive connections and influence the sense of community. International Museum Day theme was museums uniting a

divided world. Everyone has a story no matter how ordinary their life might seem. Tuxford's farmers are a notable example of adapting to changing world. Connections through work give strength to communities and enhance life. Events such as charity tractor runs are as essential today as in the past. Skills that were once a necessity can become an enjoyable past time and help mental wellbeing. Riding side saddle has experienced a resurgence in recent years.

EVENT: Museum of the Horse side saddle exhibition runs until 8th September Museum of the Horse 01777838234 curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk

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Edwinstowe is gearing up for the 2026 RHS UK Finals, representing the East Midlands as one of only three places in the region.

Led by the volunteer group Edwinstowe in Bloom—known locally as the 'In Bloomers'—the bid reflects four years of work to improve the look, feel and environment of the village.

From colourful planting schemes to cleaner public spaces and community events, the impact of the group's efforts can now be seen across Edwinstowe.

But organisers say the bid is about far more than appearance.

"This is about community pride and bringing people together," Carol Hallam, Vice Chair of Edwinstowe in Bloom, said. "Every small change adds up, and it's the support from local people that makes the real difference."

The In Bloomers have been joined by schools, community groups, businesses and residents, many of whom give their time regularly to support planting, maintenance and wider environmental work.

A long-time resident also welcomed the changes, saying: "Being an Edwinstowe resident for my whole 37 years, the village has never looked as good... what you're doing looks fantastic."

Backing has also come from Newark and Sherwood District Council and Edwinstowe Parish Council, helping the project to grow and improve more areas of the village.

Organisers believe the benefits go beyond the competition itself. A cleaner, greener environment is helping to attract visitors, support local businesses and build a stronger sense of community.

East Midlands in Bloom judges inspected the In Bloomer's efforts on Friday 3 July, and the results are expected at the end of September. In 2025, Edwinstowe was the regional runner-up in the small-town category, winning a silver-gilt award.

"We're proud of how far we've come," said Jo Aylwin, Chair of the group. "We continue to work closely with local stakeholders to give Edwinstowe the best possible chance of improving its award status and we are excited to be welcoming RHS UK Finals judges on 31st July."

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AGM

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Sunday September 6th

Wellow 4pm Evening Prayer

OLLERTON LOCAL CHRIS APPEARS ON TV WITH CLAUDIA



Pianist and composer Chris Miggells from Ollerton is featuring in the latest series of The Piano. Chris has an international reputation for his music and performances and is a real inspiration for local musicians.

Chris is known for his unusual choices of venue which have included the Sherwood Observatory Planetarium (three sold out shows), Clipstone Headstocks (three consecutive nights, pictured below), and Southwell Minster Cathedral's State Chamber.

"The Banksy of the piano world," Miggells is best known for his album Synesthesia, featuring the iconic tracks Stone Giant, Flight of the Phoenix, and Aurora. These compositions are inspired by elemental forces and transformed through his experience of synesthesia.

Search "Chris impresses MIKA" on Youtube to see the promotional video and learn more about his story.



CLIMATE CHANGE: HOW HOT IS IT GOING TO GET?

As we swelter through one heatwave after another, and records for "hottest day" keep falling by the wayside, it is only sensible to wonder, just how hot is it going to get?

Science shows it is warming because Earth systems regulating climate and temperature are very sensitive to change and we have been rapidly increasing greenhouse gas (ghg) levels faster than natural cycles can remove them.

ARCTIC NEWS

Without our atmosphere, the planet would be a chilly minus 18C - it is thanks to greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, that our atmosphere is warm enough to sustain life, but it only needs tiny amounts for Earth systems to react.

Naturally fluctuating sun activity, tilt of the Earth and ghg levels over Earth's history have changed Earth's climate and, in turn, climatic conditions have been a primary driver in evolution, biodiversity levels and extinction events.

Humanity has expanded rapidly during the stable and predictable climate of the last interglacial period, the last 10-12,000 years, which enabled farming and infrastructure to develop.

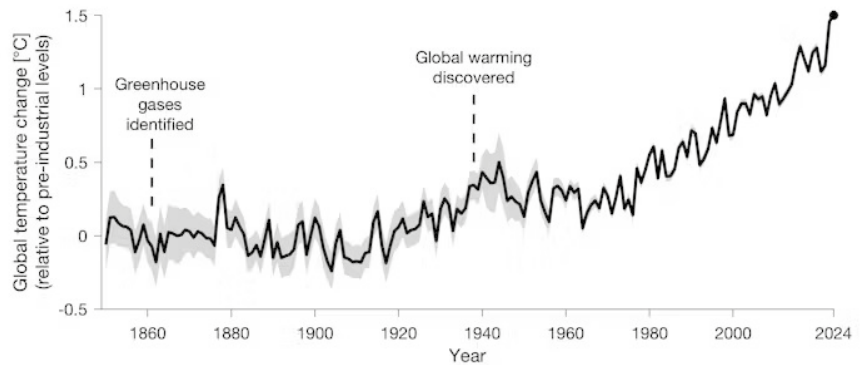
But since industrialization, our burning of fossil fuels has accumulated massive amounts of ghgs, triggering warming and destabilizing the climate.

Oceans have absorbed 90% of this extra heat but warmer air and water are melting ice caps, raising sea levels and increasing water vapour in the atmosphere (another ghg), leading to more weather extremes, from heatwaves and drought to severe storms and higher rainfall levels. Less ice means less heat reflected back to space. Human activity is also reducing natural carbon storage through loss of trees and green spaces.

All this has pushed global average warming to around 1.5C. On land, average warming is around 2C; the Arctic is warming more than three times faster. Globally, ecosystems on which all life depends for air, water and food are under strain.

"Earth is probably warming at the fastest pace on record. Ed Hawkins/National Centre for Atmospheric Science"

Infrastructure is struggling. Wildlife is dwindling. Global food supply disruption and melting glacial water supplies are a growing



risk for billions of people - UK is particularly vulnerable with the high volume of food we currently import.

HOW HOT WILL IT GET?

If we keep adding ghgs, the planet will keep warming – based on existing global agreements to reduce emissions, warming should reach around 2.5-3C (4.5-6C land temperatures) by 2100, but those agreements are now faltering - abandoning net zero and burning more fossil fuels could bring 4C of warming (6-10C warmer on land) by 2100, bringing regular 42C+ prolonged summer heatwaves, unsurvivable for many species alive today.

Reducing emissions will slow warming but only by reaching zero accumulating emissions will warming stop; Earth will then gradually stabilize at whatever temperature it has reached at that point, locked in by ocean-stored heat and ghg levels in the atmosphere. Earth will only start to cool as carbon is naturally removed, which will take hundreds to thousands of years: all the while, we will be at risk of triggering other tipping points.

So, the faster we reach net zero, the lower that stabilized temperature will be, the better our chances.

HOW DO WE DO THAT?

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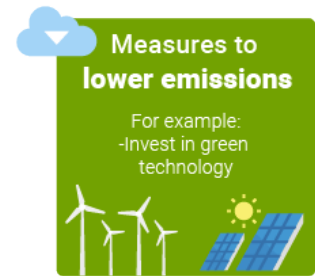
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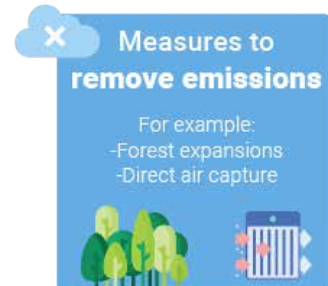
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For more information, find us on Facebook: Dukeries Eco Watch

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Net Zero

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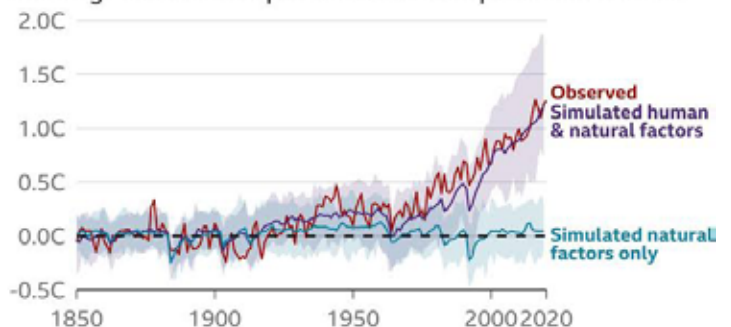
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Change in average global temperature relative to 1850-1900, showing observed temperatures and computer simulations



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OLLERTON W.I.

At our meeting on 4th June 2026 members and visitors were presented with a very interesting talk entitled 'How Crimes are Really Investigated' by speaker Tony Heydon. Next month we have a social evening, where members can take part in quizzes, games or just enjoy a good old natter with friends.

Our programme for the coming year is full of variety including speakers, activities and extra-curricular events. Hopefully something for everyone.

Our walking group, known as the 'Walkie Talkies', continues to grow and they had their first get together of the year at Clumber Park. As usual the walk was rounded off by drinks, cakes and more chat (main picture)

Our Darts team meet most Monday evenings in The Harrow PH and play in the local Nottinghamshire WI league. They are aspiring to beat last year's position of second place and new members are always welcome. Much chat and laughter takes place and even some throwing of darts before the serious practice starts nearer to the beginning of the season during the Autumn/Winter months.

Ollerton WI has supported the Women's Refuge in Newark for the past 5 years both with financial and toiletry donations. This year a new charity was voted for by members and we will be supporting the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance Service going forward. I'm sure you will agree a very worthwhile cause.

At the AGM earlier this year outgoing President Janine Fletcher was thanked for her three years of leadership before handing over to the new President Mandy Reddington (right).

At the July meeting we had a social evening where members had the chance to look at some historical scrapbooks and minutes as well as a few games of Sticky 13's which brought out some hilarity and competitive streaks. We were joined by our newest recruit, 2 week old Olive with her mummy Kate! The lucky winners were Janet Whitaker Holmes and Lynn Wallace (Photo bottom right)

We have recently made a donation of £100 to Ollerton Jubilee Hall to ensure that the defibrillator can be maintained for the community.



On 4th July we supported the Family Fun Day at St Paulinus Church with a surprise gift bag stall, raising £118 to be shared with the Air Ambulance and our own WI. (Photo bottom middle)

On 11th of July our summer outing is to the Black Country museum which coincides with a 1940s event. Hopefully some of our members will enter into the spirit and dress for that era.

Our Walkie Talkies continue to enjoy their monthly walks with Rufford Country Park, Clumber Park and Thoresby Park being some of the venues.

Future events include a Concert by "The Gentlemen" choir on the 24th October at the Jubilee H, a pre Christmas outing to Beverley and our Christmas Party!

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, with the exception of January and February when they are held on the second Thursday, all starting at 7.15pm finishing around 9.45pm. They are held in Ollerton Jubilee Hall on Wellow Road, where free car parking is available. Please pop along to a meeting as a visitor to get a feel for the WI. We are a friendly group and will make you welcome.

To find out more information on our monthly meetings and future activities which are open to non-members visit our **Ollerton Women's Institute Public Facebook** page or find us on **Instagram**.

We can also be contacted via our WI mobile number **07388 901958** and our email address **ollertonwi1920@gmail.com**.





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THE DUKERIES SINGERS



CELEBRATION OF MUSIC ACROSS GENERATIONS STRIKES A CHORD IN EDWINSTOWE.

A truly uplifting evening of music and community spirit was enjoyed at King Edwin Primary School in Edwinstowe, where The Dukeries Singers joined forces with pupils for a memorable "Celebration of Music Across Generations."

The special concert brought together voices young and old in a joyful showcase of shared musical experience. More than simply a performance, the collaboration proved a valuable opportunity for young people to build confidence and develop a love of singing, working side by side with an established adult choir. For the members of The Dukeries Singers, it was equally rewarding to support and inspire the next generation, sharing in the unique pleasure of making music as part of a larger ensemble.

The programme offered something for everyone, with audience members treated

to much-loved favourites from The Sound of Music, performed jointly by choir and pupils. These combined pieces were among the highlights of the evening, perfectly capturing the spirit of collaboration and demonstrating the impact of bringing different generations together through song.

In addition, The Dukeries Singers showcased their own versatility and energy with spirited performances of 76 Trombones and Hallelujah, delighting the audience and highlighting the group's musical range.

The partnership reflects the choir's strong commitment to openness and community involvement particularly important at a time when opportunities for shared activities across age groups can be limited. By bringing together children, families, and adult singers in one setting, the concert helped to strengthen community connections. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and members of the wider community filled the hall and responded warmly to the performances.

The young performers impressed all present with their enthusiasm and confidence, clearly benefiting from the experience of singing alongside more seasoned musicians. The sense of pride and enjoyment was evident throughout the evening.

The Dukeries Singers pride themselves on being a friendly and welcoming local choir, where people come together simply for the enjoyment of singing and good company. Inclusivity lies at the heart of the group, and new members are made to feel at home from their very first rehearsal, regardless of experience.

Following the success of this collaborative concert, the choir is keen to extend that

welcoming spirit even further. Anyone inspired by the evening whether parents, grandparents, or members of the wider community—is warmly invited to consider joining.

Those interested in finding out more are encouraged to contact John Banbury on 07759 086132 or via email at john@asherwood.co.uk.

Events such as this are a powerful reminder of music's ability to bring people together, bridging generations and creating lasting connections. In Edwinstowe, it was an evening that will be remembered not just for its music, but for the sense of community it so clearly fostered.

FAREWELL TO THE MAJOR OAK

World Famous local landmark the Major Oak has made headlines on the news that it has officially died and moved in to its final phase of becoming a valuable habitat to those creatures that make their home in dead wood.

We know that the tree holds important memories for many local people. Amongst them is Mary Maunders who dropped us a line to tell us "I remember during my first year as a teacher, at a school close to Sherwood Forest, I took my class to visit the Major Oak. We wondered how many children would fit inside the tree. It was 1972, I think, and there were no barriers or restrictions around the tree then. I can't remember exactly how many six year olds crammed in but it was definitely more than ten. I always remember the astonished faces of an elderly couple out for a walk. They didn't see the children going in, just a stream of them coming out!"

Hopefully the tree will continue to make memories for a few more years yet!



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SAVING OUR SPIKY NEIGHBOURS: CAN YOU HELP CLIPSTONE'S WILDFLOWER HEDGEHOG RESCUE?

We've all seen them snuffling through the flowerbeds at twilight, but Britain's beloved hedgehogs are facing a tough road these days. Fortunately for the prickly residents of Nottinghamshire, one dedicated local team is working around the clock to give them a helping hand—but right now, they urgently need our help.

Based out of Clipstone Wildflower Hedgehog Rescue is a shining example of community spirit in action. Run entirely by a passionate team of volunteers, this independent rescue operates 24/7, 365 days a year, providing a vital safety net for sick, injured, and orphaned hedgehogs and is entirely funded by donations from the public.

However, with the rescue currently caring for over 30 hoglets and adult hedgehogs, they have run completely out of a vital daily resource: newspapers.

URGENT APPEAL

Can You Help Line the Cages?

The rescue is currently using over 50 newspapers every single day to keep their prickly patients clean, dry, and comfortable.

They have completely run out of stock and are appealing to the local community for help.

Where to drop them off: There is a dedicated newspaper drop-off box located at the front door of 30 Portland Way, Clipstone Village, NG21 9FE.

Can't get to the rescue? No problem! The volunteers may be able to come and collect them from you. Simply send a text or WhatsApp message to 07984 949581 with your name and location.

PATIENT SPOTLIGHT: WELCOME TO THE WORLD, LITTLE HALLIE!



Even when the rescue is technically full to capacity, the team simply cannot say no to a hedgehog in serious need. Just this week, two brand-new, tiny patients arrived at the Clipstone sanctuary.

The first to arrive was Tilly, a tiny hoglet weighing just 190g, who was found in Clay Cross and rushed into an incubator to be treated for hypothermia.

But it was a late-evening call from a resident in Retford that brought in their smallest patient yet: Hallie (pictured).

Found entirely alone in a garden with no mother or siblings in sight, Hallie was scooped up and brought to the rescue. Though she looked a bit bigger in her finder's photos, Siobhan was surprised to open the box and find a tiny, fragile hoggie weighing just 67g! Hallie has now been settled into an incubator where she is happily bunking with two other rescued hoglets (the "Hartshorne boys"). The trio are already fast friends, safely tucked up and cuddling together inside a cozy sleeping bag.

INSIDE A DAY AT THE RESCUE: WHAT IT TAKES

To give an idea of just how busy the rescue is, the team recently did a count of the sheer volume of resources they go through in a single 24-hour period. Here is what they used in just one day on July 12th, 2026:

Medical Supplies: 16x 1ml syringes, 20x 5ml syringes, 14x 10ml syringes, 6x 20ml syringes, 42x 21G needles, 14x 25G needles, 5x microscope slides & toppers, plus antibacterial spray and medications (antibiotics, pain relief, and fluids).

Food & Feeding: 15x Whiskas Kitten in Jelly pouches, 6x Felix Chicken in Jelly pouches, 8x tins of Royal Canin Puppy Mousse, 1.2kg of mixed kitten biscuits, and countless food and water bowls.

Bedding & Cleaning: 22x puppy pads, 50x newspapers, 9x sleeping bags/sleep sacks, 3x small fleece blankets, 1.5 packs of wet wipes, 1.5 rolls of blue roll, 1x XL bin liner, and 3x washing machine pods to keep up with the laundry!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to help the rescue restock, you can donate directly through their Amazon Wishlist, where items are shipped straight to their door:

www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/31U5VRNAOF3OU

...or find a link on their facebook page by searching for "Wildflower Hedgehog Rescue Clipstone".

While they are incredibly grateful for anything on the list, they are currently in urgent need of 5ml syringes, 8-pack dog fleeces, Whiskas Kitten (2-12 months) in Jelly pouches, and additional feeding bowls.

The Ben Nevis Triumph: Two inspiring supporters, Debbie and Jill (both 60 years young), took on the massive challenge of climbing Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak. Their incredible effort was launched to fund vital new equipment, with any leftover funds going straight toward food and daily medical supplies.

New Incubator Secured! Thanks to an online incubator appeal, several generous anonymous donors, and a fantastic top-up grant from the Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lions, the rescue has officially purchased a brand-new Brinsea TLC 50 incubator (£775.00). This critical piece of kit can house a mother and her hoglets, or up to eight orphaned babies at a time!

The Next Goal: The rescue already has funds saved up to purchase a second, smaller Brinsea TLC 30 incubator (£285.00) just as soon as it is back in stock.

Shop to Donate: You can find "Wildflower Hedgehog Rescue" on Easyfundraising, which allows a portion of your online shopping spend to be donated directly to the rescue at no extra cost to you.

Spot the Postbox Topper! Next time you are on Forest Town high street, keep an eye out for a beautiful knitted postbox topper made by Debbie and the Forest Town Yarn Bombers as a special dedication to Wildflower Hedgehog Rescue. It has already captured local hearts and raised £35.00 in donations!



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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Local charity Home-Start Newark are recruiting volunteers for their exciting Home-Visiting Volunteers training course (school-friendly hours) in September. All their volunteers are trained to a high level during the course in which they can also learn new skills and make friends.

New potential volunteers can enrol any time between July and mid September, find out more about the role and do some pre-course learning. Home-Start Newark are holding a 'Come and Find Out' coffee morning at the YMCA on Tuesday 1st September 10am-11.30 – just turn up, have some cake and find out more about what's involved. Alternatively you can contact them anytime using the contact details below.

Home-Start Newark offers support to parents with at least one child under the age of five. Their Home-Visiting Volunteer programme supports families within their own home for a couple of hours a week to offer practical and emotional support and help families to engage with other services.

They also offer Family Group twice a week, offering support to families who would like to meet other parents, enabling their children to play in a safe environment, supporting children's development, and providing a healthy breakfast to every child. Staff and volunteers are onsite to offer emotional and practical support to families.

Without this support, many families may have faced greater challenges associated with money, debt or housing problems, lack of support, health or wellbeing needs, loneliness and inequality, as well as all the challenges that go hand-in-hand with being a parent.

Here are just a few highlights that volunteers have shared about their experiences volunteering with Home-Start Newark:

"When I have helped someone I feel good as I am giving back. I understand what it is like to feel lost and need that little pick up that people can give. And I hope that if a family I have been with gets that, then I know I have done what I should"

"I feel I can get a great deal from visiting families - I can be me."

"It is heart-warming to know that you are helping with any emotional difficulties the family are experiencing."

Are you retired and looking for a way to put your valuable life skills to use? Would you like to improve your CV? Or are your children at school and you want to make a difference to the lives of other local children? If any of these sound like you, then Home-Start Newark would love to hear from you! Volunteer roles currently available include: Home-Visiting Volunteer, Family Group Volunteer, Trustee.

For further information please call Home-Start Newark on 01636 705011, email them at info@homestartnewark.co.uk or find them on Facebook/Instagram. Or just text 'volunteer' to 07435 949713 for more info.

PAUL'S PIT STOP THANKS THE COMMUNITY FOR FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

It has been a busy and successful few weeks for Paul's Pit Stop, with a series of community events raising vital funds to support mental health and well being.

MAJOR OAK POP CHOIR CONCERT

The Major Oak Pop Choir, together with the incredibly talented composer and pianist Chris Miggells, performed a wonderful fundraising concert in aid of Paul's Pit Stop.

Held at the unique setting of Thoresby Vale Pit Workshop, the concert provided a memorable afternoon of music in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Guests were also treated to a one-off experience when a bird of prey made a special appearance during the performances. Paul's Pit Stop would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the event, with special thanks to The Major Oak Pop Choir and Chris Miggells for generously giving their time and talent. Thanks to everyone's kindness, an outstanding £1,926.10 was raised.

DOVEY DRIVE-IN

Paul's Pit Stop was delighted to be the chosen charity at the recent Dovey Drive-In event.

Visitors enjoyed a fantastic afternoon with an impressive display of classic and modern vehicles, alongside delicious burgers and loaded fries from the Dovey Drive-In team. Our tombola proved popular with children, while The Punishers generously donated the takings from their bell shooting game, adding to the day's success.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who attended, donated, and supported the event. Together, an excellent £352.98 was raised to help us continue supporting mental health in our community.



CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Despite the warm weather, 55 people attended our Charity Quiz Night at Ollerton House, making it another fantastic evening of fundraising.

Teams enjoyed a challenging general knowledge quiz, two games of Sticky 13s, and the opportunity to win one of 20 raffle prizes. A special thank you goes to Alison for providing a delicious buffet that was enjoyed by everyone.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who attended, donated raffle prizes, and supported the evening. Together, we raised an incredible £757.53.

OLLERTON FUN DAY

Paul's Pit Stop also had a wonderful day at Ollerton Fun Day, held at Saint Paulinus Church.

Our sweet tombola attracted lots of visitors, and it was lovely to meet so many members of the local community. We would like to thank everyone who visited our stall, bought tickets, made donations, and helped make the day such a success.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who supported us, the event made a profit of £81.91.

Paul's Pit Stop would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who has supported these events. Every pound raised helps us continue providing vital mental health support within our community, and we are incredibly grateful for the ongoing kindness and generosity shown by local residents, volunteers, and supporters.

LOOKING AHEAD

Last chance to get your tickets for our next fundraising event is the Paul's Pit Stop Summer Fundraising Party which will be held at the John Fretwell Centre on Saturday 22nd August, from 7.30pm until late.

Tickets are £25 per person and include a delicious buffet, live entertainment from a talented singer, music, and a raffle, promising a fantastic evening of fun while raising vital funds for mental health support in our community.

We would love to see as many people as possible there. Please come along and support this special event. For more information or to purchase tickets, please see the poster (left).

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A GLANCE INTO KIRTON COMMUNITY

We had our second Fox Repair Cafe in June at Kirton. A variety of items were brought back to life by five dedicated volunteers including...

Repairs to a broken oil burner, restringing a set of Pearl's, sharpening several sets of shears and garden implements, re-upholstering a lovely dining chair, a set of broken wind chimes, a 4 legged trolley with one castor broken, a broken silver neck piece and altering a dress.

Cream Tea event held at The Fox..

This was the perfect afternoon pick me up; homemade scones with jam and clotted cream, a variety of cakes, along with tea, coffee and Prosecco. Tablecloths, China crockery and stylish serviettes completed the vintage look.

An amazing Sunday afternoon at Kelham Hall, we experienced the magic of Night at the Proms performed by The Newark & Sherwood Concert Band. The set up was perfect; a cool drink in hand, food and a gentle breeze setting a relaxed tone, all from the comfort of a deckchair. Included music from the film Top Gun, Queen, Abba and flag-waving singalongs of British classics, such as Land of Hope and Glory and Jerusalem.

Full steam ahead on the Priory Express, nothing beats the iconic whistle and the hiss of a real steam engine pulling out of the station.

The interior was very comfortable with beautiful dark polished wood and plush upholstered seats.

This steam train journey from Rowsley to Matlock provided the perfect setting for our community get2gether. We couldn't have asked

for a better day out; sharing conversation, eating, drinking and making memories.

Thank you to Gary, from The Priory at Workop for arranging this wonderful day



OLLERTON JUBILEE HALL

By the time you read this let's hope that the weather has cooled slightly. Our Live & Local shows have been arranged starting on Thursday 8th October with 'AWOL' (a comedy adventure caper which has had several sold-out runs at Fringe Festivals), Friday 6th November with

'The Lost Notes' (a 5 piece acoustic folk band) and Friday 9th April with 'Victor and Albert' (with an evening of riotous comedy). Make notes in your diary and ensure when tickets become available that you get in quick as they will soon be snapped up. More details will be given nearer to the date.

Thanks must go to the Ollerton WI for their £100 donation for the replacement of pads for the defibrillator outside the Jubilee Hall and for the Freemasons for the supply of a bleed kit which has been placed in the defibrillator box, all accessible by dialling 999 for the code.

Please visit our Facebook page, 'Ollerton Jubilee Hall', to keep you informed of the activities taking place at the hall or if you wish to contact us our email address is email@ollertonjubileehall.org.uk. Why not come along to any of the events and pastimes that take place there, or if you wish to start your own interest group, there are several dates available, both week days and weekends, then contact our Booking Secretary, Sandra on 07583570134 or use our new online booking system on hallbookingonline.com/ollerton.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the 100 Club draw for July! There are spare numbers available so why not sign up for the 100 Club today? It's very simple and only £1 per month. Just talk to any committee member or call John on 07875634713 and he'll help you.

- 1st Prize (£20): Ticket No. 53 – R Dixon
- 2nd Prize (£10): Ticket No. 49 – C Wale
- 3rd Prize (£10): Ticket No. 25 – J Ragsdale
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DUKERIES U3A

Like most of us, members of our local U3A have either been basking in the three successive heatwaves we have had and enjoying every minute – or hiding behind drawn curtains, clutching an ice-cold drink and desperate for air conditioning. We are all, of course, well aware of members who are having a particularly difficult time, health-wise, at the moment, and are doing our best to support them where we can.

The heat was not, however, a factor that deterred members, led by the indefatigable Leslye, from participating in the recent 'Festival in the Forest' Joint U3A event in Sherwood Forest. Together with participants from other North Nottinghamshire U3As, a full programme of entertainment was mounted in an amphitheatre of blue and yellow – the colours of the U3A – banners fluttering in the breeze.

The live music began with a duo, Irene and Wynn, from Forest Town U3A, and they were followed by the 25 strong Jubilee Ukelele Band of the Dukeries U3A whose songs and melodies certainly got the toes tapping! After lunch the Dukeries Banjoleers had the arena rocking, and the afternoon concluded with encores from the Workop U3A Guitar Group.

Elsewhere in the picnic area, more energetic members played a wide variety of games culminating in a Welly Wanging Challenge, won by our very own Paul Webb. At midday, some of us walked to the Major Oak where Ranger Clare gave an extremely interesting talk about Conservation in the Sherwood Forest Area.



But perhaps the most important part of the proceedings was the opportunity for U3A members from across the area to meet up, celebrate the wonderful organisation we share, enjoy a picnic together and just have fun... without getting boiled!

The U3A movement is a good way to make new friends and socialise or learn something new. There are a lot of good things happening at Dukeries U3A which is open to all adults irrespective of employment status. Membership costs £20 pp and includes access to all activities and interest groups for the year, including those of the North Notts Neighbourhood Group.. To find out more please come along to up to two of their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at Ollerton's Jubilee Hall, 12.30 to 3.00pm, for £1 to cover refreshments.

For further information on any of our groups, events or membership please visit <https://u3a sites.org.uk/dukeries/home>.

Deadline for September is August 10th. Roundabout is YOUR space so please use it to publicise your events and your work.

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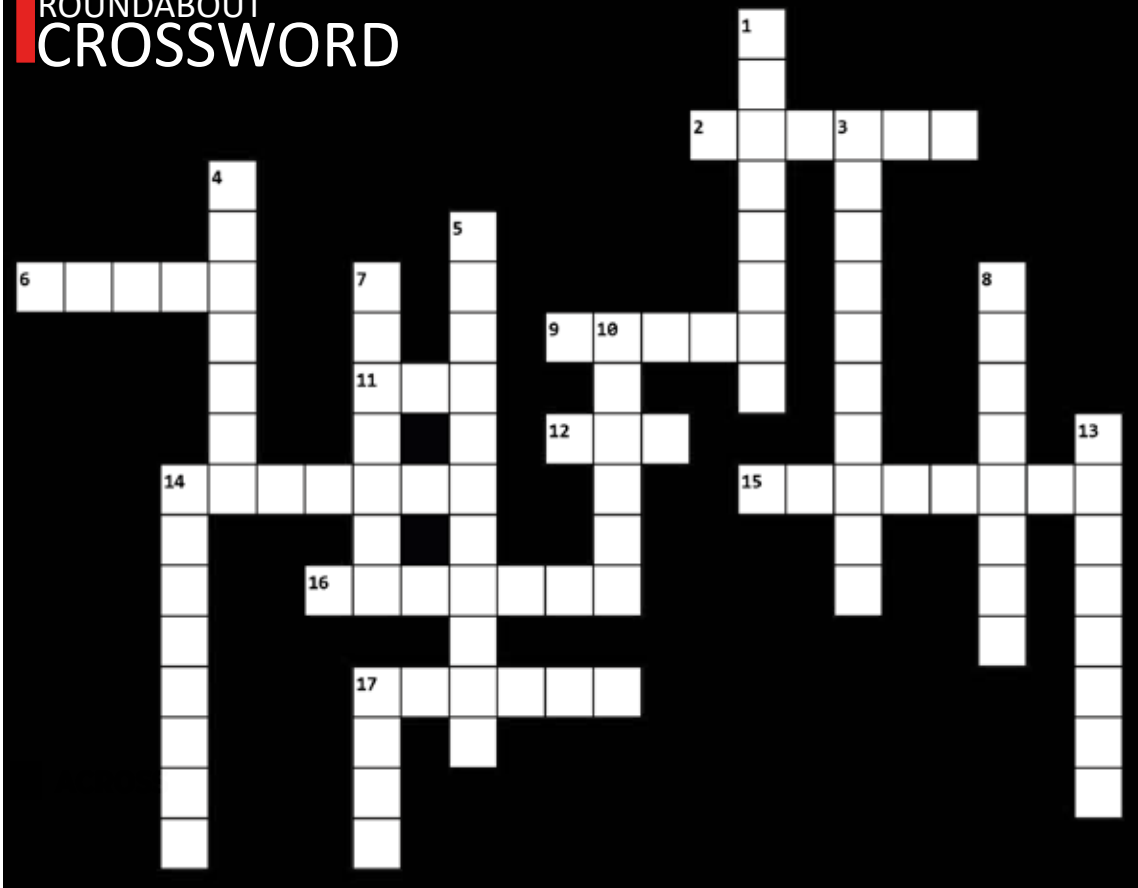
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ROUNABOUT CROSSWORD



Welcome to this month's crossword. The theme this time is "Holiday islands". As usual, answers can be homophones.

Send a photo of your completed crossword to **editor.roundabout@gmail.com** - please put "August crossword" in the subject line. This must reach us by the 12th of the month. First correct entry out of the hat wins £20.

Please note entries are accepted at the Town Hall. Thank you to the Town Council for facilitating this. And remember to include your name and address so we can get your prize to you. Good luck everyone!



ACROSS

2. Wooly
6. Follows black ampersand
9. Wooden storage box made of slats but posher
11. Masculine
12. Be...to demonstrate causality or why.
14. Crazy period of time, and cake.
15. Killer whale at the shops
16. Sheep noise, pig produce, multiple mothers.
17. Stupid and funny

DOWN

1. Cumbrian facial contortion off the coast
3. Talk about what she sells
4. Worker insect and big cat from pooch
5. The mother of the mother of a yellow bird
7. Someone who makes preserve
8. Sunken coral bank after cash
10. What cars run on
13. Small tinned fish taken aurally
14. Swim to Buckingham Palace's street
17. A type of dish for tv dinners

FIND THE DUCKS

To celebrate the St. George's committee Duck Race (see page 22) we have hidden six ducks in the pages of the Roundabout. Can you find them? The ducks on the advert DO NOT COUNT of course. Once you have found them, send us an email to **editor.roundabout@gmail.com** with the subject line "Find the ducks" listing the pages AND where you can see them on the page (enter on paper via the Town Hall as with the crossword). Please send the email by the 12th of August.

The first correct entry out of the hat wins £10. Good Luck!

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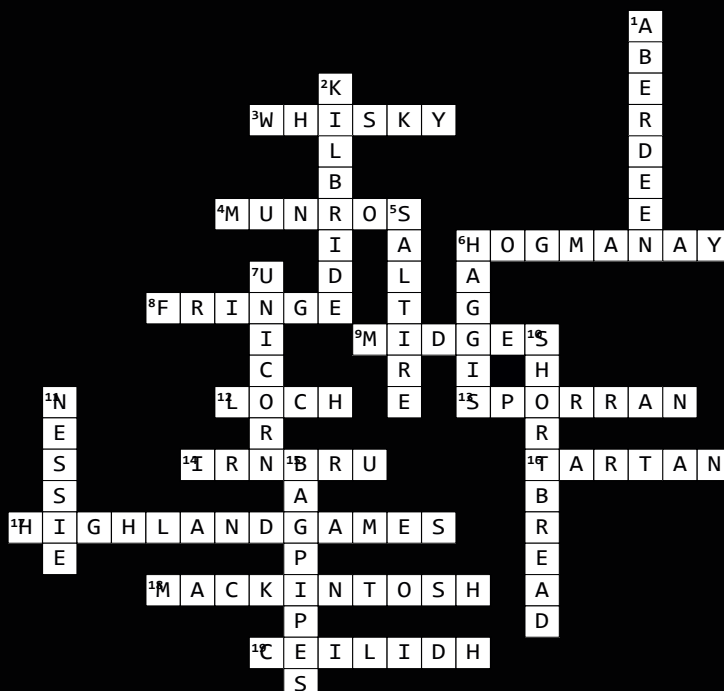
Thank you everyone that entered last month's competitions. The winner of the Find the footballs competition is Nicola Batty. The prize will be with you shortly. Well done Nicola! The footballs were on pages 1, 3, 9, 17, 25 and 27.

The winner of last month's crossword was Mark Goodliffe of Ollerton who got all the answers correct and was the first out of the hat. Well done! £20 is on its way to you. Our crossword is unique to the Roundabout and can be found nowhere else and it is wonderful to know it is enjoyed and appreciated - thanks for the replies and comments - I try to answer them when I can - apols if I didn't manage it this month! Thank you!

We also have a winner of the **Wellow Maypole Crossword**. The first name out of the hat was Jean Croft in Wellow. Well done Jean - £20 is on its way to you!

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