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Family Fun Castle Hire have got residents of Ollerton and Boughton jumping for joy at the news they are donating four bouncy castles to a Family Fun Day on Church Circle on the 4th July. Read more about the day and www.familyfuncastlehire.co.uk on page 5.



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THE ROBIN HOOD CLUB



THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER

It's also the number of seconds I've got before you decide whether to keep reading... so here goes:

For just £3 a month (about the price of a decent coffee) you could help fund local projects and events whilst accessing exclusive rewards!

That's the idea behind something I've been sitting on for far too long.

Strangely, despite spending my working life talking to thousands of people on TV and radio, I've been hesitant to put this out there. Maybe it's nerves, maybe it's over thinking or probably both. But it feels like the right time to stop waiting and start building something that could genuinely benefit our local community.

So, let me introduce **The Robin Hood Club**.

It's simple. It's affordable for most. And it's built around the idea that small contributions can make a big difference. Here's how your £3 monthly membership works:

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Just a small monthly contribution with a shared purpose. Now here's where it gets exciting... This magazine reaches around 6,000



people every month. If just 10% of readers joined, we'd generate £600 every month for local causes - that's £7,200 a year going straight back into the community. That's real impact, powered by everyday people. So, what do you think?

If you like the idea, I'd love you to be part of it. You can sign up at www.therobinhoodclub.co.uk and if you've got thoughts, ideas, or feedback, drop me a line at feedback@therobinhoodclub.co.uk

Let's see what we can build together!

Rob Rose
(Lifelong local — and yes,

LIFESPRIING CHURCH & CENTRE: A LIVELY COMMUNITY HUB IN NEW OLLERTON

Lifespring Church & Centre in New Ollerton is rapidly becoming one of the area's busiest and most welcoming community spaces. With activities, support groups, learning opportunities, and gatherings running every day of the week, Lifespring is committed to being a safe, friendly, and supportive place for all.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

Monday

Memory Café — 1pm–3pm
A relaxed, supportive space for those living with memory difficulties and their carers, offering activities, conversation, and connection.
Alcoholics Anonymous — 7:30pm–9pm
A confidential and supportive group helping individuals on their recovery journey.
CAR Food Bank — Morning Session
Providing essential support for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Tuesday

Weight Watchers — 9:15am–10:30am
A supportive weekly session promoting healthy lifestyles.
Lifespring Life Group — 10am–12pm
A church small group offering fellowship, teaching, prayer, and connection.
Friendship Club (Bingo) — 12pm–3pm
A warm, fun session open to all, offering friendship, laughter, and a lively game of bingo.
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Community Meal (in partnership with ATTFE)
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3pm–4pm: Supported adults time
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4:30pm–5:30pm: Families
Takeaway meals available throughout.
ATTFE also run supportive education and wellbeing courses alongside the meal, helping people grow in skills, confidence, and nutritional knowledge.

Wednesday

ATTFE Spanish Class — Evening
A relaxed learning opportunity open to the public—perfect for beginners and language lovers.
CAR Food Bank — Morning Session

Thursday

ATTFE Food Hub — Main Hall
Offering £15+ worth of food for just £3.50, reducing landfill waste and providing affordable, nutritious food for the community.

Friday

Community Bingo — 7pm–9pm
A fun and sociable evening for all ages.
CAR Food Bank — Morning Session

Saturday

Quiet Art/Craft Class — 10am–12pm
Veterans' Breakfast — First Saturday Each Month, 10am–12pm
A warm, welcoming space for veterans, emergency workers (blue light holders) to connect, chat, and enjoy breakfast together.

Sunday

Lifespring Church Service — 10:30am–12pm
A welcoming, lively service with worship, teaching, community, and refreshments. Everyone is invited—come as you are.

OLLERTON VILLAGE NEWS

Sold out! The signs went up on the highly regarded cake stall at the St George's Day celebrations as our home bakers once again came up trumps with a delicious selection of goodies. Our tombola was also popular among the hordes who made the most of the late April good weather, and there was an excellent take up on the three history talks that described the role of St Giles Church at the centre of Village life for over 800 years.

The cake sales and tombola were a sell out, and there were generous donations for the free history talks, and we raised over £235 on the day. Like all small community groups we have increasing standing costs just to keep going - bank charges, insurance and website fees alone will take care of the days takings, so a big thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success. By the time you read this we will also have had a Race Night, with pie and peas, and we have more events planned for later in the year.

If you would like to be kept informed of our activities and events just drop us a note at ovraollerton@gmail.com, keep an eye on ollertonvillage.com or Facebook Friends of Ollerton Village.



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Begins 7th June

JUMPING FOR JOY ON THE 4TH JULY! FAMILY FUN DAY AND NEW CHURCH SERVICES ANNOUNCED

A local firm have got residents of Ollerton and Boughton jumping for joy at the news they are donating four bouncy castles to a Family Fun Day on Church Circle on the 4th July. Reece from Family Fun Castle Hire said 'I met Rev Richard at The Community Garden Light Trail on Church Circle on Halloween and said that we'd always be willing to help out with events for the community. We're donating some great castles for all ages for the Family Fun Day. The event is free and it'll be £1 for ten minutes bouncing with all the proceeds going to help the work of the parish.'

Rev Richard told Roundabout, 'We're so grateful to Family Fun Castle Hire for their generosity. It's things like this that makes us such an amazing community. It will be great to do the Family Fun Day again. We did one two years ago on Armed Forces Day and the Army Cadet Corps will be helping us again this year. Everyone's welcome to come down and enjoy. Bring a picnic or we'll have lots of drinks and cakes as well as local music groups performing in church. All community organisations are welcome to request a stall or run an activity to show the community what they do or to raise some funds. We're getting pretty full up now, though, so if anyone is still interested, please get in touch quickly! Should be a really fun day for everyone. We're obviously hoping for good weather.'

'It's an exciting time for the church family because we're going to trial some new worship times over the summer. From June there's going to be a service every Sunday at St Paulinus on Church Circle at 10.30am with drinks and breakfast pastries served from 10am and then a service at St Giles Ollerton Village at 6pm every Sunday as well. We hope

having regular morning and evening services will help everyone in our community have the opportunity to join us for worship.

Everyone is welcome to explore their faith with us especially children and their families. There's a new openness to exploring faith in our country at the moment but, at the same time, life often seems very busy particularly for families or if you work shifts. For us as a church family, knowing God's love is the most life-giving thing so we hope to share that with anyone who wants to explore what prayer and the Bible mean for their lives.

We work together with all the local churches and all their service times are in Roundabout. Ollerton Methodist Church and The Lifespring Church both meet at 10.30am like us on Sunday mornings. St Joseph's Catholic Church meet at 5pm on Saturday evenings so there's different church options to explore already but we hope the new 6pm service at St Giles on Sundays will be a good new time. Anyone can come to pause or pray and reflect on the week just gone. Things like this are hugely good for mental health whatever your faith. We'll see how it goes and review it before the nights start drawing in because we know 6pm might not be the best time in the winter. Keep reading the Roundabout for news or email revrichardhanford@hotmail.com for any further info or if you'd like to join our email list.'

JUNE IN THE VILLAGE CHURCHES

- Sunday 7 June 10:30am Laxton (tbc)
Morning Service
4pm Wellow Evensong
- Sunday 14 June 10:30am Kirton
Holy Communion.
- Sunday 21 June 10:30am Walesby
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- Sunday 5 July 10:30am Laxton (tbc)
Morning Service
Kneesall morning service (time tbc)
4pm Wellow
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FORESTRY ENGLAND



As the weather heats up and the days lengthen nature is busy out there doing her thing. Baby birds have fledged on first broods, butterflies are on the wing and the orchids are looking amazing. It's a time of year that never ceases to amaze me. I want to encourage you to get out and see it for yourselves. At the same time can I please ask you to respect the natural world and bear your presence in their world in mind. Dogs should be on paths and under close control. Ground nesting birds and delicate flora are easily damaged by dogs running all over the place. Letting your dogs in the water impacts the water quality from the tick and flea treatments and disturbs wildfowl with young to feed. Pick up dog mess so it doesn't enrich the soil with nutrients and stop the flowers needed by butterflies to live and breed on. Anything you take to the woods with you, take home again. Littering causes all manner of issues and is plain unsightly.

Please get out and enjoy the woods but please do so responsibly. If you wish to help your local woodlands then give me a shout and we can look at what you can do to help in your free time. Whether that's being eyes and ears in the woods reporting issues and fixing problems, littler picking or joining my weekly groups of like minded people. You can reach me at amy.chandler@forestryengland.uk or on 07747 006450.



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UPDATE AND ACTIVITIES

Easter Monday jobs at the allotment included potato planting, sowing winter seeds, label making and polytunnel building. The planters around the village are all looking great with the spring flowers blooming. We had a great day of teamwork on Linda's Meadow then the heavens opened. One of the covered areas was ready for seed sowing, the other not quite, so it was re-covered. Hopefully, the wildflower seeding will create even more colour moving forward. During the month we took delivery of equipment to build an extra polytunnel also an irrigation system, some seeds and compost, and paint for the sheds. These items were purchased to improve productivity for the benefit of the Edwinstowe food hub with money from the Community grant.

On Friday 10th April we ran a Fun Outdoors Day at the Community Allotments, Royal Oak Court. Families and adults popped in and joined in the fun or to have a chat. The weather was great and everyone got involved with rock painting for the borders, making masks and friendship bracelets, sowing peas, cress and sunflowers to take home and talking about some of the inspiring women of Edwinstowe. Thanks to everyone who came along. We hope to see you again next time.

Our chairman, Jo supported the Friendship Group at Outside the Cave on the 13th April in delivering a Willow Weaving sessions. The session was well attended and the ladies created some beautiful obelisks to take home and to use as displays in the village. Two more sessions were planned for 9th May in Thoresby Vale workshop We are sure that there will be further willow weaving sessions and the details will be published on our Facebook site as and when they have been finalised.

You will all have seen our special Britain in Bloom UK Finalists banner supplied by RHS - Royal Horticultural Society on the railings in the High Street. We would like to thank The Royal Oak for letting us use their space and we can't wait to see their lovely flower displays. They always look absolutely fabulous

In the Photography competition the winning photograph for April was of the Bluebell Woods by Pauline Meechan. If you take a photo of anything of interest in the Edwinstowe area in the month please submit it for the June 2026 competition. The photos do not have to be flowers or landscapes you can also include photos of events, animals or anything which reminds you of Edwinstowe. Winning photos will be included in our publicity articles in the local magazines and on our Facebook page. If you are an amateur photographer and over 16, please consider taking part, and send your entries by midnight on the last day of the month, in .jpg format to the email address below together with a title and where the photo was taken.



To contact us please email eib@btinternet.com. For more information on Edwinstowe in Bloom search for our Facebook page.

KIRTON VILLAGE

ST GEORGE'S DAY QUIZ NIGHT

Family and friends gathered together to put their knowledge to the test with questions about St George.

It was a perfect way to celebrate English history, culture and community with those taking part wearing a sea of red and white. £80 in the winners pot.

It was an unforgettable evening!!!

BACK TO THE 80'S DISCO

What a fantastic afternoon dancing to the biggest hits with the best vibes

The disco was full of dance energy, clothes were vibrant and hair was big.

Our very first FOX REPAIR CAFÉ, Kirton with a variety of items brought back to life by dedicated volunteers. An airing rack and bracelet required off site repair. The team worked their magic on many items including, a Strimmer, handbag, chair, chalkboard, many tools and a speaker.

Great to see things being fixed, advice given and a fun atmosphere.

JUNE EVENTS

(held at The Fox unless stated otherwise)

GAMES

Wednesdays, 4pm....an afternoon/evening of community, fun, skill and maybe some friendly competition. Board games include

Rummikub, Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit. Other games: Backgammon, Cards, Domino's, Darts, Table Tennis and Pool

QI GONG & CHAT

12.30-1pm every Thursday. A gentle flowing exercise combining breathwork with movement to encourage relaxation & increase vitality. Suitable for all abilities (can be done standing or sitting). Just £5 a session. This is followed by lunch (optional) . A great opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. Feel free to join us just for a chat.

QUIZ

Lots going on at The Fun Fox quiz every Thursday from 7.30pm. Includes 40 general knowledge questions, Play your Cards Right and 2 games of Sticky 13's. Great value at £3 per person. All money taken on the night goes into the winners pot!! Remember " You've got to be in it to win it"

KIRTON BOOK CLUB

Our book club is a friendly, welcoming group that meet every six weeks . For the past two years we've been gathering to share our thoughts on a wide range of books, enjoy good conversation and connect with fellow readers in a relaxed setting. Whether you are an avid bookworm or just looking to read more, our club is all about great stories, diverse perspectives and good company.

Our next meeting is on the 3rd June at 6.30pm. Readers book choice is Kathy Burke "A Mind of my Own". Hope to see you then!!

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6th June, 10.30am at 'Hopland Cottage', Kirton, (Georgina's)-at the top of the church hill , just right on Egmanton Lane. Plenty of car parking space. Entry £3-children under 16 free-this includes refreshments.

RAFFLE-BRIC A BRAC- BRING AND BUY-PLANT STORE-COCKTAILS

Any contributions to the raffle or food table will be very much appreciated! The 5th draw of the 100 club will take place at this event. The proceeds will be divided between The Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and Kirton Church. PLEASE JOIN US - EVERYBODY WELCOME!



THE FOX REPAIR CAFE Saturday 13th June, 11am-2pm. Please bring anything from broken furniture, electrical items, textiles, bicycles, toys, small household items, jewellery and tools. Repairs are free of charge, although donations are appreciated.

WORLD CUP - "Come on England"

The atmosphere is already building up in the community, don't miss a second of England's journey.

Croatia 17/6 9pm

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INSPIRE'S FAVOURITE READS

To mark the National Year of Reading 2026 and Inspire's 10-year celebrations, we're delighted to be introducing the Inspire's Favourite Reads list – a list of titles suggested by our staff. Check out our webpage to get involved by voting for your favourite.

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CHARITY KNITTING CHALLENGE 2026 - STORY SNUGLERS

The challenge runs from Wednesday 1st April until Friday 31st July.

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Celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026 by joining a heartwarming community initiative to create Story Snugglers - characterful, handcrafted woollies designed to keep little ones warm and cosy during bedtime stories. Your finished Story Snugglers will be part of a stunning exhibition at Mansfield Central Library Gallery from Saturday 15 August to Sunday 27 September 2026 before being donated to Trussell – to spark a first love of books.

Visit inspireculture.org.uk/knit for helpful videos and lots of woolly inspiration.

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and share ideas with creative friends at: yournottsdirectory.org.uk

COMING SOON

The Badge Machine will be returning from Monday 1st June until Wednesday 17th June. Pop in anytime we are open to make your own badge.

INSPIREAD 2026

Our librarians have shortlisted their favourite recently published books for this year's book awards, with brilliant books for readers of all ages. Taking part in InspiRead is a great way to encourage children to read for pleasure during the National Year of Reading, and to include parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, and anyone who enjoys a good read to get involved. There's no better time to #GoAllIn!

Pop into Ollerton library to look at this year's shortlisted books and see if there's any you want to borrow and read. Then you can cast your votes. Readers have until Friday 26th June to vote.

Our **BOOK SALE** shelf has an ever changing and varied selection of preloved library books, starting from just 30p a book. Keep checking, to see what has been recently added.

SUMMER COURSE GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

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JOIN IN OUR REGULAR EVENTS:

Adult Events: The CRIME READING GROUP meets every month to discuss the monthly book and have a friendly chat. The next meetings are Tuesday 2nd June and Tuesday 7th July.

Every Wednesday afternoon, between 2pm and 4pm, join the friendly crafters at the CRAFT & CHAT group. Bring your current craft project or start something new. All crafts welcome.

Children's Events :

RHYME, RATTLE AND ROLL takes place every Friday afternoon at 2.00pm, during term time only. Enjoy songs and rhymes with your little ones. It helps with vocabulary and coordination and it's fun too! Meet new people and make new friends.

LEGO CLUB takes place twice a week; every Monday between 4pm and 5pm and every Saturday between 10am and 12pm. What will you make this time?

JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

The Junior Town Council has been busy this spring, taking part in exciting projects, welcoming guest speakers and sharing ideas to help improve the local community.

The meetings, held at Ollerton Town Hall brought together representatives from Forest View Academy, Parkgate Academy and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. The young councillors discussed school events, environmental projects and future plans for the town.

One of the highlights of the March meeting was a visit from Neil Pike from Recycling Ollerton & Boughton (R.O.B). Neil explained how the organisation helps the community by collecting recycling from around 11,000 households in local villages. The Junior Town Councillors were inspired to think more carefully about recycling and discussed ways to encourage others to recycle more at home and at school. They agreed to promote recycling to friends and family and to be more mindful about the products they buy.

The schools also shared some of the exciting activities taking place in their classrooms. St Joseph's held a successful toy and book fayre while Parkgate Academy enjoyed a fun Numeracy Day where pupils dressed up as numbers and took part in maths activities all day long. Parkgate also held a storytelling event where children created their own raps based on stories they had read.

At Forest View Academy, pupils celebrated the opening of a brand-new library dedicated to the memory of Mrs Harrison. The special event even attracted BBC News, who visited the school to film the occasion.

During the April meeting, the Junior Town Council welcomed guest speakers Colin Evans from Wilmott Dixon and Chris Morton from Newark and Sherwood District Council. They spoke to the children about the exciting new Town Centre Regeneration Project, which aims to create a modern and welcoming town centre for Ollerton. The councillors listened carefully and enjoyed learning more about future developments in their community.

The Junior Town Council also discussed recent school activities including sporting competitions, talent shows and other events happening across the schools.

Looking ahead, the council hopes to welcome more guest speakers in the future, including local historians, librarians and community organisations. Road safety awareness assemblies are also being planned for local schools.

OLLERTON & BEVERCOTES CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

Our Monthly Meeting was held on Tuesday 5th May - A very interesting talk on Canary and Mule (Canary/Finch) Breeding by Derek Smith was well received. Plans were made for our Young Stock Show on Sunday 28th June at Ollerton Jubilee Hall. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month in The Ollerton House at 7.30pm, anyone interested in keeping birds can attend for any advice or call John 07973 195804.

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Visitors were greeted by the Dukeries Community Band at the recent St Joseph's Hall Open Day in Ollerton & Boughton Town. Lots of traders also joined in with the festivities, which were jointly organized by Ollerton Girl Guides alliance & volunteers from St Joseph's Church. Highlights included Campfire songs from Ollerton Brownies, a demonstration of Irish Dancing & exciting prizes for lucky winners of Ollerton Brownies Tombola & Raffle. Enquiries for Irish Dancing juliaraza@aol.com

To discuss hiring St Joseph's Hall kevinmulloy999@gmail.com or anitacmulloy@gmail.com

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Turnaround is committed to recycling and reducing waste. By giving preloved items a new home, the shop promotes sustainability while helping families access affordable goods. This ecofriendly approach is central to the shop's mission and values.

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GET INVOLVED

Turnaround thrives because of the kindness and dedication of its volunteers. If you would like to join the team, develop new skills, or simply give a little time to support your community, we'd love to hear from you. To volunteer, please email: turnaround@lifespinggollertonwarsop.co.uk

OLLERTON W.I.

Ollerton WI held their monthly meeting in May; it was our annual general meeting and resolution. So, I would like to thank Janine for doing a good job of being our president for the last three years—thank you, Janine, from Ollerton WI. Our new president is Mandy; we know you will do as good a job, so we wish you all the best, and your committee will be behind you. Still, we have lots to do: we have our walking group that meets once a month and our darts team. In May, we had afternoon tea; in July, it's our summer outing. Lots of other things are going on in between, like our cake stall, plus our monthly meetings, at which we have some very interesting speakers. So ladies, if you think, "I'd like to know more about our WI," please phone 07388901956 or email ollertonwi1920@gmail.com. You could just come along to one of our meetings, which are held the first Thursday of each month, 7.15-9.45, at the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Road, Ollerton. Visitors and new members are always welcome; we look forward to seeing you all.



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Set within beautiful natural surroundings in the heart of Sherwood Forest, the school grounds are a defining feature of daily life. Woodlands, wildflower meadows, and outdoor learning areas are not simply scenic additions, but essential parts of the curriculum. Children are encouraged to explore, question, and connect with the environment, building a sense of responsibility and respect for the world around them. This commitment to sustainability and outdoor learning brings lessons to life in meaningful and memorable ways.

At the heart of the academy's ethos is a determination to nurture confident, independent learners with a strong sense of self. Through a carefully designed curriculum for children aged 5 to 11, pupils develop both knowledge and character. Central to this are the school's healthy habits, a shared set of values guiding behaviour, relationships, and personal development. These habits are woven into every aspect of school life, helping children grow into thoughtful, resilient individuals.

Enrichment is also a key part of the Thoresby Vale experience. The Thoresby 30 offers a collection of adventures and opportunities that broaden horizons and spark ambition. From learning about the work of a beekeeper to growing and tasting food from seed, each experience is designed to inspire curiosity and encourage children to see themselves as capable and creative learners.

Forest school plays an especially important role in shaping the day to day atmosphere. Here, children build, take risk, connect with nature, craft, and take time for reflection. These sessions promote curiosity, resilience, and imagination, while teaching valuable lessons about sustainability and climate awareness. In a world increasingly shaped by technology, this balance between indoor and outdoor learning feels both refreshing and essential.

Reading is another cornerstone of school life, seen as a gateway to opportunity and imagination. Regular reading buddy sessions bring older and younger pupils together, strengthening skills while building confidence



and friendships across year groups. The academy's first year has been filled with energy, achievement, and celebration. From

community open events and performing a Christmas show to visits from paramedics, artists, and even a miniature horse, learning has extended far beyond the classroom. Pupils have explored climbing walls, enjoyed a theatre trip to London, welcomed an Olympic gold medallist, and taken part in creative workshops and seasonal celebrations. Each event has added to a growing sense of community and belonging.

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OLLERTON JUBILEE HALL

Our May Day Auction was enjoyed by all especially those who managed to bid for a bargain item and others who enjoyed the delicious refreshments. We would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who assisted with the setup, what would we do without them: June and the kitchen crew for preparing the refreshments, Sandra and Rosemary overseeing the games and books, and the Barrows for sorting and selling the many items in the bric-a-brac. Please let us know if you were unable to attend the auction and still have items to contribute; we have plenty of storage room to save them until the next occasion.

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.

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28th Mrs Clare Harris

Methodist Women in Britain meet at 2.00pm Tuesday. Knit and natter usually on the last Tuesday of the month where new people are especially encouraged to attend.

Midweek Zoom Service 10am Wednesday and several other worship resources on-line – again please contact for more details.

We have a Facebook page – "Ollerton Methodist Church"

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

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd April in the Town Hall. This was not a council meeting but statutory annual meeting for all electors to ask questions of the council and other bodies.

The current Town Mayor, Lee Brazier, chaired the meeting and gave his annual report on his civic year along with highlighting some of the events that had taken place during that time.

Inspector Charlotte Ellam, District Commander for Newark & Sherwood was unable to attend so the Town Clerk made notes about various concerns relating to anti social behaviour and other Police and Licencing matters.

Following the meeting a report was sent to Inspector Ellam for attention and matters were also raised by the Town Clerk and Cllr Alice Brazier at the Community Alcohol Partnership. The Mayor reminded everyone that all Council meetings are open to the public and the information detailing dates and times is available on noticeboards and via the Town Councils website.

NEW TOWN MAYOR

At the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 13th May 2026, Councillor Cllr Lee Brazier was elected to serve as Town Mayor for 2026/27. The Deputy Town Mayor is Councillor Cllr Raja Fazil

If any organisation would like the Town Mayor to attend their events please contact the Town Hall to make an official request.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about Town Council services and news please see our official Facebook page or website www.ollerton-tc.gov.uk. More information regarding meetings and all Town Council matters can also be found on the official noticeboards situated outside the



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BRANCH MEETINGS

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Branch meetings are held every third Tuesday, bi-monthly, in The Ollerton House PH, Wellow Road at 7.00pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th June 2026.

Our Annual Battle of Kohima Service will be taking place on Sunday 28th June 2026 at 4.00pm. Clipstone and Forest Town Band will lead the parade from outside the Hope Pole Hotel in Ollerton Village to the War Memorial Gardens where a short service will take place led by Rev Richard Hanford. Members of the public are welcome to join us as we commemorate this historic event.

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

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GIRLGUIDING OLLERTON

1ST OLLERTON RAINBOWS

The Rainbows have been busy working on the Spring badge and Earth Day badge. They've planted sunflowers to take home and Kanga and Roo planted extra, these will be planted in the community garden at a later date.

We all weeded around the Church Circle, it was wonderful to see how happy everyone was doing a task that looks and makes such a difference to an area that isn't always noticed. We didn't quite get all the way round in our meeting time, so Jane, a volunteer with girlguiding came and finished it on another evening.

We have been bees and explored with the waggle and seek dance how bees find flowers and tell all their bee friends where to find them. On the 25th April 1st Ollerton Rainbows celebrated their 25th birthday with a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. A wonderful day packed with memories.

We do have spaces at Rainbows so if you know someone who'd like to visit us, go to the girlguiding website and register.

Kanga and Roo

2ND OLLERTON RAINBOWS

At our April meeting we were joined by 1st Ollerton Rainbows to celebrate Easter. Activities included an Egg hunt, a chick craft, a

bunny craft, we decorated our own vases and arranged flower bouquets in them.

Our meeting in May we completed our Live smart stage 1 skill builder, this badge had the Rainbows learning about money and all the different coins, they got creative fixing a box, they made superhero masks and had to search for dangers that could occur in everyday life and had to work together to solve how to make it better, the rainbows practiced their listening, by listening to different instructions to build different towers. They worked really hard and they all will be awarded their badges soon. Well done Rainbows.

2ND OLLERTON BROWNIES

We returned after Easter full of excitement, our first evening was spent at Roughbrek. We played hide and seek in the rain, we managed to dodge the most severe downpour and thunder. We finished the evening with a campfire and singing.

Our second evening was spent litter picking behind Tesco's. We did this as part of our Earth Day challenge. The Brownies did an excellent job. Along with the usual litter we also picked up a for rent sign and a bin liner full of household insulation.

Our third evening was spent playing wide games on Sherwood Heath.

We have now moved to our permanent home St Joseph's, so our first evening was exploring our surroundings, playing people bingo and singing.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our parents for understanding and supporting us (leaders) in our hour of need. We do this for the girls but without the parents we wouldn't have the girls so a massive THANKYOU.

The Owls

3RD OLLERTON GUIDES AND 2ND OLLERTON RANGERS

The first few meetings this term we have been out and about. We have been to Roughbrek to play some wide games, and made chocolate orange cakes on the campfire. Our second meeting we were behind tesco litter picking. The Guides and Rangers worked really hard and we collected around 14 bags of rubbish. They were treated to chips afterwards for all their work. Our third meeting we meet on the heath for a Guide v. Rangers game of football rounders and capture the flag. The Rangers did really well and beat the Guides at the rounders, but unfortunately we're too outnumbered to win against the Guides at Capture the flag.

For our first meeting at our new home, St Joseph's hall, we had a welcome home party, we made paper chains to decorate, planted sunflower seeds, made mocktails to toast our new home. We are so excited to have started our new adventure at our new home and can't thank the people who run the hall and our parents for the continued support over these past few months enough so Thankyou.



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ST GEORGE'S DAY

This year's St George's Day Celebration on Sunday 26th April saw the community come together for an afternoon of entertainment and traditional fun.

The celebrations began with the parade, which was a showcase of local creativity; children from Maun Infants, Parkgate and Forest View schools were tasked with making individual scales and wings which came together to form a vibrant dragon. They were joined in the parade by 1st New Ollerton and Boughton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their fantastic homemade swords and shields.

Rob Rose, BBC East Midlands broadcaster joined Jonathan Padley to host the event, and entertainment highlights included singer Lance Gold, whose northern soul set had the crowd on their feet.

Local dance troupe and event favourites Rattlejag Morris returned for another year, while the beats were provided by Steelpantastic and Ollerton Drum Corps. There was more music from Dukeries Singers, as well as hand bell and ukelele performances in St Giles' Church.

There were duck races on the River Maun and the Knights of Skirbeck set up their encampment, bringing a taste of Medieval life to the village. Newstead Mummers brought the story of St George to life with a fun, traditional folk play and Ollerton District Community First Responders provided CPR demonstrations throughout the day on the memorial garden.

The inaugural Knight in Shining Armour Award was presented to Scout leaders Janice and David Leatherland, who were nominated for giving decades of voluntary service to young people in the community.

The fun concluded with some witty storytelling as St George fought off his fiery foe and rescued the princess.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day a success. The St George's Day Celebration is organised by a small group of volunteers who fundraise throughout the year. We are hugely grateful to the individuals who helped on the day and the small businesses who had stalls or made vital donations towards keeping the event going in future. If you can help us with next year's event and would like to get involved, please email ollertonstgeorge@hotmail.com



ROBIN HOOD DRAMATICS PREPARES FOR BIGGEST SHOW YET

Students at Robin Hood Dramatics are now entering the final stages of rehearsal as they prepare for their biggest performance to date. The group is working incredibly hard for their "one night only" production of *The Little Mermaid*, which will take place at the Create Theatre at West Notts College on Derby Road.

This exciting event marks a huge milestone for many of the students, as it will be their first time performing on a professional stage. Rehearsals have been filled with energy as scenes, songs, and choreography come together, with staff praising the dedication and enthusiasm shown by every performer involved. Excitement is building across the group as they count down to show day.

The performance will take place on Sunday 21st June at 1pm, with tickets priced at £21.00 per person. Tickets are selling fast, and with this being a one-night-only show, audiences are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the 'Events' page at www.robinhooddramatics.com

Alongside preparations for the summer show, Robin Hood Dramatics is also celebrating a fantastic achievement from one of its talented students. The group is incredibly proud of Hallie Shelbourne, who recently landed the lead role of Annie in a production of *Annie* at Newark Palace Theatre. RHD staff and friends attended the show to support her, and Hallie delivered a truly outstanding performance, impressing the audience with her confidence, stage presence, and vocal talent. Her hard work and dedication have clearly paid off, and she is a wonderful example of what young performers can achieve.

If you have a child who would be interested in joining Robin Hood Dramatics next term, please contact kieranbrooks@robinhooddramatics.com.

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NEWS FROM THE MUSEUMS OF TUXFORD



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The Museum of the Horse is busy preparing for the upcoming Side Saddle exhibition. It is believed the museum has one of the largest collections in the world. There will be forty-five different side saddles, whips, spurs, and other accessories. This is a great opportunity to learn about this romantic and mysterious pastime. There are some beautiful 19th-century and early 20th-century side saddle costumes, known as Habits, on display. Several are new to the collection. They are very elegant and emphasize how we have changed over the last one hundred years. The Habits are so small around the waist that even shop display dummies are too large for them! Wire dummies that can have the waists pulled in had to be obtained. Of course, ladies used to pull their waists in with corsets. We hope to have a side saddle available for you to sit on, to experience this strange way of riding a horse which to an onlooker would seem almost impossible. In the 19th century, a leading trainer declared that it would not be possible for a lady to ride astride because her thighs were too round! I wonder what he would say today.

EVENT: Side Saddle exhibition opening on Sunday June 21st, 2-4pm, then available for viewing in the museum until September. Open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm, Saturday 9.30am to 1.30pm. Contact: 01777 838234.

At the Walks of Life Museum, we were struck by the diverse ways of dressing through the years. One of our students has been researching childhood, which will be part of our displays. In our collection, we have examples of smocking, which became fashionable on children's clothing. Smocks were originally worn by agricultural workers, including for "Sunday best" as this would have been a less restrictive garment. How times have changed! Added to our rural artefacts are examples of farming life. The old catalogues make fascinating reading; some of the farming families still exist today.

EVENT: On Sunday 19th July from 10am, we are holding a celebration of country folk. More details next time. Contact: 01777 872776 or email dianehunt08@btinternet.com. Open Thursday and Saturday 11am to 4pm. See Facebook pages for Museum of the Horse and Walks of Life.

CLIMATE CHANGE: HAVE WE FORGOTTEN HOW TO REPAIR AND REUSE?

The curriculum in Local Authority maintained schools include skills to prepare children for adult life but does it prepare them for a more sustainable life? "Repair and reuse" is integrated into cross-subject topics like Citizenship, Science, and Design and Technology, which covers woodwork, metalwork, IT skills and sewing (textile skills). Cooking and nutrition are mandatory, focusing on savoury dishes and healthy eating. However, Academies, Free Schools, independent private schools, and special-interest schools might sometimes focus on these skills but are not obliged to include them in their curriculum.

The 2000 curriculum revision strengthened the role of CAD-CAM and introduced the use of 'SMART' materials. A further revision in 2005 introduced the study of sustainability but the requirements have been gradually reduced to what is now a single Attainment Target for first three years of secondary school education, covering pupils aged 11 to 14 only. Contributions by Business education, Art and IT have been dropped. The role of the teaching of traditional cookery as opposed to Food Technology has been a continuing subject of debate. But too often, even children who have had the opportunity to learn these skills at school don't get a chance to use them at home or in their work, and so go on to forget them.

Yet sustainable living skills are vital if we are to change the current throw-away society that is creating polluting waste mountains or cut the greenhouse gas emissions that are changing our climate. By repairing, reusing and recycling, and teaching our children to do the same, we can save money, reduce environmental pollution and damage, and conserve natural resources - extending product lifespan reduces the need for new, and cuts the amount of discarded items in landfill.

If you want to repair items yourself there are local initiatives and training that can help people learn and refresh these skills. Vibrant Warsop run regular repair café sessions where you can have a go at repairing your items yourself. The Dukeries Community Workshop Ollerton offers craft session Monday to Friday each week at a reasonable cost. They supply the tools, equipment and machinery to enable anyone to start and complete their project, working at their own pace. There are other examples of repair cafes such as the Nottingham Fixers, which operate regularly at Sherwood Methodist Church on weekends, and the Beeston Repair Café, are also available, with regular sessions held to mend electricals, textiles, and household items.

If you want to find someone to repair items for you or even an opportunity to repair items for others there are several Men in Sheds groups who operate in this area. These groups provide spaces for woodworking, repair projects, and social connection. Key locations include Ransom Wood (Mansfield), Worksop, Collingham, and Hucknall. They not only take items in for repair, they also cater for retired or older men looking to share skills and reduce isolation.

Common Household Item Reuse Ideas:

Glass Jars & Bottles: Turn into candle holders, storage containers, planters, or vases.

Plastic Bottles/Containers: Create bird feeders, herb planters, drawer organizers, or coin banks. Cardboard Boxes/Tubes: Use for organizers, shred for composting, or use as seed starter pots.

Old Clothing/Textiles: Cut into cleaning rags,

convert into quilts, or make new clothing items. Used Toothbrushes: Clean hard-to-reach places like tile grout or computer keyboards.

Wine Corks: Use for plant markers in the garden or slice for crafts.

Old Furniture: Can be Repainted or re-purposed for other rooms

By reducing landfill waste and raw materials processing, repairing and reusing impacts directly on carbon footprints:

keeping a phone for seven years instead of 2.5 years can reduce its global warming potential by 44%.

extending clothing life by nine months reduces its carbon, water, and waste footprint by 20-30% each.

Once a product does reach the end of its useful life, please take to a recycling centre to ensure the components are recycled further, leaving the minimum of waste.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS SUPPORTING PAUL'S PIT STOP

Local residents are being invited to support Paul's Pit Stop at a series of fundraising events taking place this summer across Ollerton and the surrounding area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 14th June – Concert by Candlelight

Major Oak Pop Choir, accompanied by pianist Chris Miggells, will perform at Thoresby Vale Workshop. Doors open at 3pm. Tickets: £15.

Saturday 20th June – Charity Car Show

At The Dovecote Inn from 12pm–5pm. Donations to Paul's Pit Stop.

Wednesday 24th June – Quiz Night and Cold Buffet

Hosted at The Ollerton House from 7pm. Tickets: £15.

Saturday 4th July – Community Fun Day Taking place at Saint Paulinus Church with stalls, activities and entertainment. Paul's Pit Stop will have a Tombola stall at the event.

Saturday 22nd August – Summer Ball

An evening of food and entertainment at John Fretwell Complex from 7pm until midnight. The event includes a four-course meal, live singer, disco and raffle. Tickets: £45.

Come along, enjoy the events and help support a valuable local cause.

For more information, visit the Paul's Pit Stop Facebook page, info.paulspitstop@gmail.com or contact Jane on 07752 889813.

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SHERWOOD FOREST BRASS

MANSFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Following up last year's win at the festival the band gained first prize for the second year running in the Brass Band Ensemble Class. Their performances of "The Water of Tyne" and "Nearer My God To Thee" were praised by the adjudicator who described the band as well balanced, good ensemble playing with an excellent control of dynamics.

You can hear these two items in the band's next concert on Mon 8th June at Clipstone Social Club. Before this the band are celebrating their 25th Anniversary on the 6th June and are hoping to see as many of their ex-players as possible for a grand reunion to reminisce over all the memories from formation to today. For further details of this event please contact the band.

Before this the band will appear in the Winners Concert for the Mansfield Music Festival and at Eakring Church for a Ukraine Festival. The band



will be back in Eakring Church on the 20th July to perform a concert.

If you would like to join in playing or supporting please contact the band. We have instruments available for every age and ability - **Instrument hire FREE** - If you don't read music we will teach you. Tuition is FREE from a qualified musician. We currently rehearse Mondays 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Venue Clipstone Social Club, Clipstone, Notts. NG21 9AL. For further information phone Christine on 01623 842121

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD COMMUNITY AND SPORTS AWARDS 2026 - NOMINATIONS OPENING 29 MAY!

Nominations for this year's Newark and Sherwood Community and Sports Awards will soon open – from Friday 29 May until Friday 3 July – so get ready to cast your votes!

Newark and Sherwood District Council in partnership with Radio Newark is looking for incredible individuals, teams or groups who go above and beyond to support our community or champion the growth of sports. You can nominate a friend, family member, team, individual, teacher, an employee at your favourite store, in fact anyone who shines in your eyes for one of the awards.

Once you have chosen your amazing person, business, team or group for an award, you'll be able to simply fill in a form and it'll go to the nomination panel to choose a winner. Nominations will be open until Friday 3 July, via the Newark and Sherwood District Council website at <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/communityandsportsawards/> - please note your nomination will not be accepted if entered before Friday 29 May.

There are 13 award categories, and you can nominate a person or team for more than one award. The categories are:

Business Commitment to the Community (Sponsored by Newark Business Club)
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Sports Achiever of the Year (Sponsored by Smiths Timber)
Lifetime Commitment Award (Sponsored by Wright Vigar)
Irena Sendler Humanitarian Award (Sponsored by the Polish Cultural Institute London)
Last year's winners can be viewed on the Newark and Sherwood District Council website at: <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/communityandsportsawards/>

This year's awards will take place on Friday 25 September at The Renaissance at Kelham Hall in Newark.

PAUL'S PIT STOP: SUPPORTING STUDENT WELLBEING

March has been an incredibly busy and rewarding month for Paul's Pit Stop, as the team has continued its mission to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people across our local secondary schools.

Over the past few weeks, Paul's Pit Stop has visited three more schools in the area: Queen Elizabeth's School in Mansfield, The Suthers School in Newark, and All Saints' Academy in Mansfield. Each visit has been an opportunity to connect with pupils, open up important conversations around mental health, and

provide practical tools to help students navigate the challenges they face.

At Queen Elizabeth's School, assemblies and workshops were delivered to pupils in Years 9 and 10, while at All Saints' Academy assemblies and workshops were provided for students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. These programmes were made possible through UK Government funding, helping to ensure more young people can access valuable wellbeing support within their school environment.

Meanwhile, at The Suthers School, Paul's Pit Stop facilitated sessions for Years 9, 10 and 11, fully funding the programme to ensure students could benefit from the experience.

A key part of each visit has been the involvement of Tom from Tom Talks, who delivered powerful motivational assemblies before leading smaller group workshops. During these sessions, Tom shared personal insights and practical guidance, equipping pupils with knowledge, coping strategies, and tools to better support their own mental health and wellbeing.

The workshops encouraged open discussion, helping students understand that talking about mental health is not only important but also a sign of strength. Pupils were given practical strategies they can use in everyday life, from managing stress and pressure to recognising when they or their friends may need support. Paul's Pit Stop continues to work closely with schools and community partners to expand its reach and ensure more young people have access to the resources and conversations that can make a real difference.

With momentum building and more schools engaging with the programme, the team looks forward to continuing its work in the months ahead—supporting students, raising awareness, and helping to create healthier, more resilient school communities.

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WALESBY FOOTBALL

WALESBY UNITED UTIS - SEASON SUMMARY

It's been another fun and successful season for Walesby Juniors United Under 11s, filled with great performances, hard work, and plenty of memorable moments.

The team got off to a strong start, finishing runners-up in the first half of the season, and have continued that form by securing a joint second-place finish in the Winter League—an excellent achievement that reflects the players' consistency and determination.

Although the league season is nearly complete, there is still plenty to look forward to. After another fantastic cup run, the team has reached the final of the YEL Cup on the 17th of May, where they will be aiming to defend their title. It's a brilliant opportunity for the lads to showcase everything they've worked on throughout the season.

The excitement doesn't stop there, as the team will also be heading to the end-of-May Bank Holiday tournament in Filey. As last year's winners, the challenge will be to defend their title once again—something the team will no doubt approach with the same effort and team spirit they've shown all season.

Both coaches, Dan and Scott, would like to say a massive thank you to all the players and parents for their commitment and support throughout the season. It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this group, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved

WALESBY FC THE BEES

The Bees have played eight matches since our last report, recording four wins, two defeats and one draw—an impressive return given the ongoing challenges faced by the squad. A combination of injuries, work commitments and reduced player availability has stretched resources yet a committed core of players has ensured fixtures have been fulfilled and results have exceeded expectations.

These performances guarantee at least a fifth-place finish in the Newark Alliance Premier Division. While this marks a respectable outcome under difficult circumstances, it represents a step back from last season's outstanding league and cup double.

Attention now turns to the final two fixtures of the campaign, against Farnsfield Athletic and Rose & Crown FC, who are currently among the title favourites. The aim is clear: to finish strongly with two victories.

WALESBY FC U23'S

Walesby FC Under-23s have brought their campaign in the NSL Development Division to a close, finishing 7th after a season that tested both character and resilience.

A difficult start saw the young side struggle for early momentum, but a determined turnaround in the latter stages of the season yielded three league victories and a hard-earned draw, ultimately securing a respectable mid-table finish.

The season has proved to be a significant learning curve for the fledgling management duo of Lewis Butt and Mackenzie Hannah. Despite early setbacks, the pair remained committed to their vision, steadily building cohesion within the squad and fostering a competitive spirit that began to show as the season progressed.

Encouragingly, the foundations now appear firmly in place ahead of the team's anticipated move into NSL Division 3. With a core group of players established and valuable experience gained, there is growing optimism that the side



can continue its upward trajectory. Much will depend on maintaining squad unity and ensuring a strong pre-season, with fitness and preparation expected to play a crucial role in meeting the demands of the upcoming campaign.

For now, the players will take a well-earned break, with updates set to follow as preparations begin for the new season.

WALESBY FC VETS

Walesby FC Veterans edged closer to an outstanding league triumph as they preserved their flawless record, moving within two victories of securing the title in what has already been a standout season.

The in-form side have been dominant throughout the campaign, and their sights are now firmly set on a potential league and cup double. Standing in their way in the League Cup final are Eastwood Veterans, with the showpiece clash scheduled for 1pm on 31 May at Basford United Ground.

Despite their commanding form, Walesby know there is no room for complacency. With crucial fixtures still to play, focus and discipline will be key if they are to turn promise into silverware. Should they succeed, it would mark a fitting reward for a season defined by consistency, teamwork and determination—one that

players, staff and supporters alike will remember for years to come.

Once the season concludes, Walesby Club will begin a programme of pitch renovation and maintenance, a vital part of preparations for the season ahead.

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DUKERIES U3A - MAY 2026

If it is inspiration you are after, look no further than the Dukeries U3A. At April's General Meeting, for example, Members were treated to a catwalk procession of Easter Bonnets designed and brought to life by the All Sorts & Gardening Group under the inspired leadership of Sharon Thornhill. I was absolutely delighted with the sheer joy of the Parade. The sheer imaginative invention which had gone into the construction of the bonnets, not to mention the bounce and flounce of the models, brought a smile to all of our faces.

Inspirational, too, was George Nelson's description of rowing the Atlantic with his brother in law for Dementia charities, including Vicki McClure's Our Dementia Choir based in Nottingham and Help at Hand, based in Ladybrook Community Centre, Mansfield. Starting from Portugal in December, the 'Oar Blimey' team reached Saint Martin in the Caribbean in March, encountering whales, sharks and flying fish on the way, not to mention some atrocious Atlantic storms. What a celebration of the capacity of the human spirit to triumph over adversity!

A special mention must go, also, to our Charity Organiser, Pam Hardwick, whose tireless fund raising for the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance has now raised very nearly £10,000. A remarkable achievement by a dedicated lady from a comparatively small U3A.

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, 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>.



OLLERTON RUGBY

ROLLS ROYCE 2NDS 18/4/26

Ollerton Hoods travelled to Rolls Royce 2nds in Royce's Presidents day game and won 45 - 12.

This was a great game played in great spirit, both teams played well and after the game Rolls Royce were great hosts with plenty of beer, food and music. Royce scored a couple of fine tries. Hoods had the edge with wheels outside.

Tries from Hat trick Hero Myles Henson, Flying Winger Keegan Armstrong bagging 2. Fly Half Dom Goodwin and Lock Jake Brennan.

5 Conversions from Jake Brennan also. Man of the match went to Braiden Lee (pictured) who was outstanding.

CLEETHORPES 27/4/26

Ollerton played host to Cleethorpes in the last league game of the season and won 68 - 10. This is a great result for Ollerton, who finish 3rd in a very strong Midlands Counties 3 League.



Cleethorpes played some good rugby and scored a couple of fine tries. Ollerton were brilliant though and ran a good few tries in.

Tries from Flying Winger Jonny Brannan who scored 5 beauties. Man of the match Jack Cranmer who bagged 4. Wing Braiden Lee ran the full length to score and impressive Flanker Mitch Rose crashed over. A fine kicking display from Ryan Bowskill who added the extra kicks. Ollerton look forward to their NLD Final on 23rd May.



Jonny Brannan, Braiden Lee, Jack Cranmer and Mitch Rose

Ollerton Hoods played their last game of the season v A strong Mansfield 3rds at home and just fell 27 - 24. This was a great game played in great spirit considering both teams got let down and only arranged the fixture Friday night. Mansfield had the edge scoring 5 tries to Ollerton's 4. Tries from Man of the match Super Prop Greg O'Regan, Centre Shay Richardson, and Flanker Daz Milne's.

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Sunday 14th June 11am-3.30pm

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WOMEN OF COURAGE: STORIES OF JEWISH WOMEN FLEEING NAZI PERSECUTION

Friday 19th June 2pm-4pm

For Refugee Week 2026, focusing on the theme of courage, we remember the extraordinary strength shown by women forced to flee war and persecution.

FLIGHT FROM PRAGUE: THE MAKING OF A REFUGEE

Sunday 21st June 1pm-2.30pm

For Refugee Week 2026, join us for this author event where Michael shares his personal story through his book *Flight from Prague - The Making of a Refugee*.

For tickets for any of the above events please contact the National Holocaust Museum, Acre Edge Road, Laxton, Newark, NG22 0PA on 01623 836627 or via office@holocaust.org.uk or visit holocaust.org.uk. We are a charity, with charity number 509022

THE DUKERIES SINGERS

WHERE WE STAND: A SONG, A TOWN, A SHARED STORY

The Dukeries Singers are immensely proud and excited to share a very special moment in



our musical journey. Thanks to the generosity and vision of Live & Local, and Newark and Sherwood DC, we were commissioned to perform a brand-new song written especially for us, one that tells the story of Ollerton, its people, and the ground beneath our feet.

We first had the honour of singing this work at the St George's Day Celebrations in Ollerton on 26 April 2026, and from the opening bars it was clear that this was something extraordinary. The occasion was made even more special by the presence of the composer herself, as singer-songwriter Amy Kakoura joined us to premiere her own work, bringing added depth and authenticity to the performance.

Where We Stand, written by Amy Kakoura, captures the spirit of Ollerton with warmth, honesty and deep affection. Rather than simply recounting events, the song gently weaves together generations of lived experience. It speaks of labour and craft, of roads laid and railways forged, of close-knit communities shaped by industry and care. It remembers the hop fields and the River Maun, ever moving, never waiting, mirroring the passage of time itself.

The song honours the women and men whose skills filled factories and workshops, and it reflects on family life bound together through the colliery and beyond. Running through it all is a powerful sense of place: how paths meet, how names endure, and how history leaves its imprint while still allowing space for change.

The sentiment of the song is both poignant and uplifting. It reminds us that we are all echoes of what has gone before, shaped by those who walked these paths earlier, yet still responsible for how we move forward. It is a celebration of shared identity of standing together in the present while acknowledging the tides of history that brought us here.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Live & Local for commissioning such a meaningful piece, and our sincere gratitude to Amy Kakoura for creating a work that feels so true to Ollerton and so fitting for The Dukeries Singers. Her writing is sensitive, thoughtful and deeply resonant, and we are honoured to bring her music to life.

We are delighted to announce that Where We Stand will be included in our forthcoming concerts, alongside a joyful selection of music from the musicals through the years. Both performances promise an uplifting afternoon of song and shared celebration. We will be

joined by two fantastic flautists, adding extra colour and sparkle to the programme, and we are also thrilled to feature a saxophone instrumental, bringing a rich and expressive voice to the afternoon's music.

Upcoming Concerts

Saturday 6 June 2026, 2.30 pm
The Village Hall, Edwinstowe

Saturday 13 June 2026, 2.30 pm
Jubilee Hall, Ollerton

Tickets: £10.00 (including afternoon tea)

An unmissable afternoon of music, community and celebration. We would love you to join us as we continue to share this remarkable new song and stand together, past, present and future, through music.

OLLERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden has moved in to full blossom in May and June and is maturing nicely, daffodils, tulips and snowdrops being replaced by a beautiful shower of wisteria along the pergola. A multitude of various roses, Californian poppies, forget me nots and once again our lovely water lilies.

Peas, beans, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, french beans, rhubarb are all flourishing, it's going to be a great year.

Please come along and join us, enjoy the peace and tranquility and perhaps a well earned cuppa



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WE SHOULD BE CALLED EDWINSTOWE AND THE DUKERIES BEES, NOT LIONS

Male lions basically lie around in the sun and do very little. Bees, on the other hand, are famously busy—but since it's a bit too late to change a name with over 100 years of international history, we think we'll stick with being Lions!

We have been extremely busy of late. We recently held a stand at the St George's Day event in Old Ollerton, which was a fantastic opportunity to engage with the public, sell a few tombola tickets, and share what we've been up to.

We always have a story to tell, especially since the Lions have such a rich history of service. Globally and locally, some of our key focus areas include supporting the environment, sight and vision care, teenage cancer support, and diabetes awareness. In the accompanying photo, you can see our group out doing their bit for the recent National Environment Week at Sherwood Heath, just outside Ollerton. The heath is home to many incredible species of wildlife, including nightjars and lizards, which many people don't even realise are right on our doorstep. While learning about the vital importance of heathland management, our volunteers rolled up their sleeves for some hands-on work—including litter picking, pulling bracken, pruning heather, chopping gorse, and clearing trees.

Another of our major ongoing projects is recycling old spectacles. We will soon have collection bins located across the area, so please keep an eye out for them. Does this sound like something that appeals to you? We certainly hope so! If you would like to find out more about what we do, please get in touch. We love to have fun along the way, too, and you would be made very welcome at one of our upcoming social events. To find out more, please email jon.c.yarwood@gmail.com or call Jon on 07581 265531. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



CLUMBER RARITY

Rare 'lost' spider at Clumber Park receives major government funding boost

A tiny, critically endangered spider, once thought likely extinct in Britain, is set for a brighter future thanks to new government funding.

The diamond-backed spider, rediscovered at Clumber Park in 2017 after more than 50 years, is among the first species to benefit from a landmark £60 million investment through the Defra Species Recovery Programme, delivered by Natural England.

Clumber Park remains the only known site in Britain where the spider survives, making this funding critical to securing its future.

The National Trust has been awarded £50,458 to build on vital research already underway in partnership with the British Arachnological Society.

The next phase of the project will deepen understanding of the spider's behaviour and habitat needs, including its breeding cycle, which remains largely unknown.

Amy Trewick, Assistant Land Use & Nature Delivery Partner for the National Trust, said: 'We're still uncovering the mysteries of this species, from how it arrived at Clumber here. We've yet to find a gravid female (female with eggs), so understanding its breeding patterns is a key focus.'



Future plans include:

Genetic analysis to trace the spider's origins

Habitat management within Clumber Park

Surveys of nearby heathlands across Sherwood Forest to find potential new sites for the spiders

Research on ways to establish the spiders at new sites without damaging the Clumber Park population

Surveys in Ashdown Forest, Sussex, where the spider was last recorded in 1969 to find a possible hidden or missed population

Gareth Jones, Lead Ranger at Clumber Park, adds: 'This funding allows us to move from discovery to recovery. By understanding what this species needs, we can create the right conditions for it to grow and thrive. Not just here, but potentially beyond Clumber. Spiders play a vital ecological role as natural pest controllers, helping to maintain balanced ecosystems.'

Dr Helen Smith of the British Arachnological Society continues: 'We have too many critically endangered species in Britain but the future of this smart little spider, apparently restricted to a tiny pocket of heathland in Clumber Park, could not be more precarious. This support gives us renewed hope of finding ways to secure its future, not just at Clumber but more widely on heathland in Nottinghamshire and further afield.'

The funding forms part of the government's new 'Wild Again: Restoring England's Wildlife' campaign, aimed at reversing species decline and rebuilding biodiversity.

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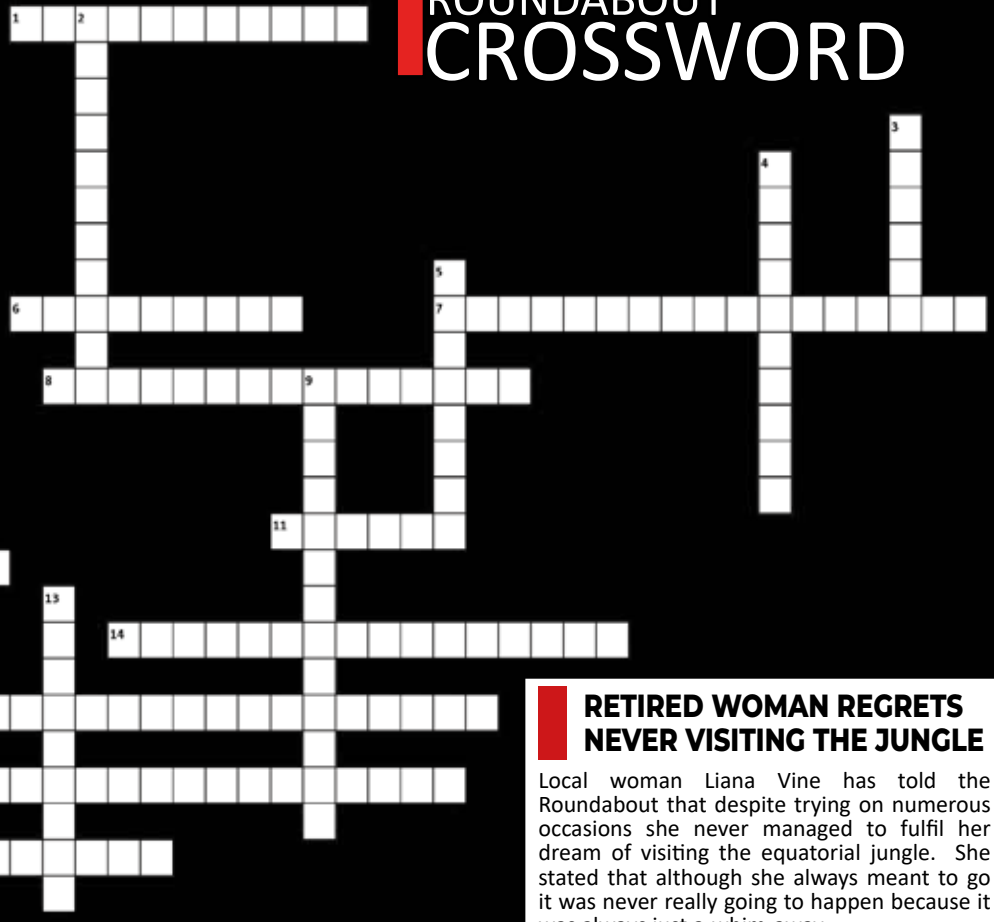
Welcome to this month's crossword. The theme this time is "Film Musicals". As usual, answers can be homophones.

Send a photo of your completed crossword to editor.roundabout@gmail.com - please put "June 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!

ROUNDAABOUT CROSSWORD



RETIRED WOMAN REGRETS NEVER VISITING THE JUNGLE

Local woman Liana Vine has told the Roundabout that despite trying on numerous occasions she never managed to fulfil her dream of visiting the equatorial jungle. She stated that although she always meant to go it was never really going to happen because it was always just a-whim-away.

ACROSS

- Dense cloud of gas in space collapses under its own gravity (1,4,2,4)
- Comedienne (5,4)
- Yank in the illuminated metropolis (2,8,2,5)
- Wet vocals (6,2,3,4)
- Evil
- Hail the flat French hat
- Fraudster on the tiles (7,2,3,4)

- Fourteen siblings and spouses (5,6,3,5,8)
- Delicate blokes want strawberries (9,6,7)
- American sketches a classic British comic (6,6,5)

DOWN

- Charles and the most vertical letter (3,4,3,1)
- Shocked exclamation for filtering toxins from blood
- Reasonable woman (2,4,4)

- Crazy country (2,2,4)
- Australian Magician (3,6,2,2)
- Odysseus' destination
- Barnet talks to God



MAY ANSWERS



FIND THE

We are heading in to summer so hopefully we are welcoming bees back to our gardens. Six are buzzing around the Roundabout. Can you find them? Once you have, send us an email to editor.roundabout@gmail.com with the subject line "Find the Bees" 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 June.

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

WINNERS

Thank you everyone that entered last month's competitions. The winner of the Find the Elks competition is Penny Baugh. The prize will be with you shortly. Well done Penny! The Elks were on pages 1,7,9,13,21 and 28.

Crossword: Apologies for the absence of 21 Down. It is a sign of how determined you all are that almost all the entrants still put the correct answer down despite the lack of any hint! Well done. Blank 21's were still entered in to the hat though.

The winner of last month's crossword was Sophie Dellson of Boughton 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!

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