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Ollerton's future secured as regeneration plans receive planning approval

Ollerton's future secured as regeneration plans receive planning approval: Karen Wakefield - Town Clerk, District Councillor Clare Penny, Cllr Derek Batey - Town Council, Cllr Ray Shilling - Town Council, Cllr Lee Brazier - District Councillor and Ollerton Town Mayor

Newark and Sherwood District Council and Ollerton and Boughton Town Council are celebrating a significant milestone in the transformation of Ollerton town centre, as planning permission has now been granted for the ambitious regeneration scheme. This landmark decision marks a major step forward in delivering a vibrant, modern town centre that reflects the needs and... (continued page 5)



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A new chapter for Ollerton: Regeneration Plans get the green light

Ollerton is set for an exciting transformation, as ambitious plans to regenerate the town centre have officially been given the green light.

Following years of planning, consultation and collaboration, Newark and Sherwood District Council, working closely with Ollerton and Boughton Town Council, has secured planning permission for a major scheme that will reshape the heart of the town for generations to come.

The vision is to create a vibrant, welcoming and modern town centre that reflects the needs of today's residents while celebrating Ollerton's unique heritage. At the centre of the plans is a new pedestrian boulevard, linking Forest Road and Rufford Avenue, opening the area and making it easier and more enjoyable to explore.

A range of new facilities will bring fresh life into the town centre, including a cinema and café space, as well as new retail and office units designed to support local businesses and attract investment. A new public sector hub will also provide a convenient, accessible space for essential services all in one place. High-quality outdoor areas, complete with seating and flexible event space, will create opportunities for markets, community events and social gatherings throughout the year, helping to build a lively and connected town centre.

The plans also include new affordable homes on Sherwood Drive, supporting Ollerton's continued growth and providing more choice for residents.

Made possible through government funding from the Local Regeneration Fund (formerly known as the Levelling Up Fund) and shaped by strong community input, this exciting project now moves into its next phase, with construction expected to begin later this year.



If you'd like to find out more or see what the new town centre could look like, **visit:** www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/ollertonregen/ or you can contact the Regeneration Team via regeneration@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk



REGENERATION NEWS

(continued from cover) aspirations of residents, businesses and visitors.

Backed by government investment through the Local Regeneration Fund (formerly known as the Levelling Up Fund), the scheme will transform the heart of Ollerton, creating new opportunities for economic growth, community activity and leisure.

The approved plans include:

A new north-south pedestrian boulevard linking Forest Road and Rufford Avenue

A modern cinema and café space to bring new leisure opportunities to the town

A public sector hub providing accessible local services

New retail and office spaces

A new town centre 'heart' with high-quality public space and seating

Dedicated areas for events and markets

New affordable homes on Sherwood Drive

Together, these elements will create a well-connected, welcoming town centre designed to support local businesses, attract visitors and improve everyday life for residents.

The plans have been shaped through extensive public consultation, ensuring that community feedback is at the heart of the final design, with a strong emphasis on celebrating Ollerton's heritage while creating a place fit for the future

Councillor Claire Penny, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Economic Development, said: "Securing planning permission is a landmark moment for Ollerton and a major step forward in realising our vision for the town.

"This regeneration project is about so much more than buildings – it's about creating a thriving, inclusive town centre where people want to live, work, spend time and do business.

"We have listened carefully to our residents throughout the process, and this scheme reflects their priorities – from improved public services and leisure facilities to new homes and opportunities for businesses to grow.

"We are excited to now move into the next stage and see this transformational project come to life for the benefit of our communities."



On behalf of Ollerton & Boughton Town Council, Karen Wakefield, Town Clerk said: "Ollerton and Boughton Town Council strongly welcomes the approval of these regeneration plans, which mark a significant and positive step forward for our town. Shaped by local feedback, the scheme demonstrates a clear commitment to improving the heart of Ollerton for residents and visitors alike.

"These proposals will help ensure the town centre remains a focal point for community life, offering improved facilities, new opportunities and a more inviting environment. We remain committed to working with partners as the project progresses and are confident it will deliver lasting benefits for Ollerton and Boughton."

Subject to final preparations, work is expected to begin in line with project timelines, with works to commence later this year.

More information is available on the District Council here: <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/ollertonregen/>

LOCAL FAMILIES PREPARING FOR SCHOOL



As the last school year term is now well under way local charity, Home Start Newark continues to offer their Step Up for School programme which aims to support parents/carers to prepare their children to begin a new journey in full-time

education.

Some families are still feeling the effects from the Covid, with delayed speech and social skills still being dominant on the list for children's developmental milestones not being met.

However, Nicky Beeby, Step Up for School Co-Ordinator at Home-Start Newark said that "When visiting baby and toddler groups, I am finding that parents/carers are predominantly seeking information and support around toilet training. Parents/carers are unsure how to start the process and where to find appropriate resources which are affecting their ability and confidence to parents in a way that helps their children meet this milestone ready to start school.

Nicky and staff have been recording and reporting Step up for School work with families and do an excellent job in guiding parents to support and encourage their children. In 2025 sixty-two toilet training resources were handed out at local baby and toddler groups to families who wanted support. National statistics also highlight that one in four children are not toilet trained by the time children begin reception class in school.

Nicky also offers information and resources to support families with bedtime/mealtime routines, social skills, behaviors as well as many other school readiness skills.

Home-Start Newark works with families in Newark as well as Ollerton, Boughton and Bilsthorpe. If you have parenting experience and would like to make a difference to the lives of local families through volunteering or becoming a trustee they are very keen to hear from you. For further information please call 01636 705011 or email them at info@homestartnewark.co.uk or find them on Facebook/Instagram.

OLLERTON JUBILEE HALL

The Hall is still being used almost every day and we have had a break from our community events but will be starting soon with our Live & Local shows and a Bingo Night being planned, so keep a look-out for these, or better still come and join us and have fun in organising them, you won't be disappointed.

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 June! 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.

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Benny Shakes from the **Blue Badge Bunch** is bringing his brilliantly bonkers family show *Slugageddon!* to the Woodland Festival. Led by comedian and real-life gardener Benny, who lives with cerebral palsy, this interactive, eco-themed adventure is packed with slugs, games, mayhem and surprisingly useful gardening tips. Bursting with humour and hands-on fun, *Slugageddon!* explores biodiversity while celebrating nature, difference and inclusion – perfect for curious kids and their grown-ups.

If you prefer to slow down and get creative,



take a walk with artist **Martin Clarkson** and have a go at sketching some of the majestic trees of Thoresby Park.

Storytime takes a wild twist with our **Wild Man of the Woods**, our festival poster boy, who will share tales of the forest for young and old alike. Plus, families can join in the treasure hunt or toast marshmallows on the fire with **Hairy Tom's Forest School**.

Crafts and skills workshops offer something for everyone. Watch **Peartree Garden Services** carve wooden creations with their chainsaws, have a go at blacksmithing, willow weaving, and pole lathe turning with local bodgers, or test your aim with archery alongside the **Sherwood Outlaws**. Most activities are free or pay-what-you-want, and some charge a small fee.

This year also introduces a special *Wellbeing in the Woods* area, offering visitors the chance to slow down and reconnect with nature. Join guided forest bathing sessions with **The Nature Coach**, discover the healing traditions of forest medicine with **Muji**, and join Hannah from **Kindful and Wild** on her foraging walks, where you can spot edible plants and even sample syrups she's made from foraged finds.

There will be market stalls from local crafters and businesses, and food and drink will be available over the weekend, with **Tucks Brewery** on site offering refreshing local and exceptional beers. Please bring cash as not all shops will be able to take card payments.

The Woodland Festival is made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, including main sponsors Bowring Transport and B&B Tractors, alongside valued partners The

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Come for a weekend of learning, playing, or simply soak up the beauty of Thoresby Park, the Sherwood Forest Trust **Woodland Festival 2026** has something for everyone!

For more information, visit sherwoodforest.org.uk

OLLERTON WI

Our January meeting was sadly cancelled due to the forecast snowy weather.

Sunday 25th January saw many of our ladies plus several visitors attending an afternoon social event. There were several fun games, helping us get to know each other more and discovering many interesting facts we did not know. Lovely food and drink was provided throughout the afternoon and everyone said how much they had enjoyed themselves. A further social event is in the pipeline.

At our Members meeting on 5th February we were entertained by Amanda Crossland, and her colleague Libby, with tales of how she started out playing the ukelele which then led to her being a member of several ukelele groups. She also gave us a crash course on how to play the ukeleles she had supplied us with resulting in lots of singing and laughter. Not sure we are ready to go out on the road as a band yet but who knows what the future holds.

This time of year we as members vote on the proposed WI Resolutions. Very interesting topics had been put forward and nationally WI members are proud to be at the forefront of some very important campaigns over the years.

Our walking group, known as the 'Walkie Talkies', are due to restart their walks following the winter break and copious amounts of hot drinks and cake will also be on their agenda.

Our darts ladies are coming to the end of the match playing season and are always happy for members to join us for a 'chuck' on practice nights. Though be prepared that once you have been to a few of them you may end up on the team!

Please feel free to come to a meeting as a visitor to get a feel for the WI. We are a friendly group and will make you feel 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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OVRA RACE NIGHT

Our sincerest apologies to those who had tickets to our Race Night evening in May - sadly we had to cancel as we hadn't sold enough tickets to cover our costs. This is the second time of offering this event, and we may have to stick with our tried and tested social nights to have a good evening out whilst raising a few pounds to help our local causes. We are thinking again, and will hopefully be able to invite you to events later in the year, whilst also looking ahead to next summer.

MILL FIELD WILDFLOWER PROJECT

We suggest you don't rush down to see a dazzling display of wonderful colour just yet - but there are some good signs of our seeding last autumn beginning to poke through the grass. Fingers crossed for more to come, and we suspect that it may take another year or two to put on a show. Keep your eyes out.

HISTORY STROLLS

Our resident history enthusiast will be available for guided tours of the village through most of the summer and autumn. You can find out the often surprising links Ollerton Village has to national events, featuring invasions, civil wars and the central role the St Giles Church played

in local life.

Open to groups of up to 10, so if your organisation would like a Stroll (it really is a gentle amble for about 90 minutes) contact us at ovraollerton@gmail.com and we can usually work around your meeting day/times. If you are an individual who would like a tour, let us know and we can try and fit you in somewhere when there's space. No fee, although a donation to OVRA is very much appreciated if you enjoy the walk.

A614 PROJECT

No action at Ollerton just yet, but archaeological survey work has begun at Lowdham and will head this way. An autumn start to the roundabout is still looking likely.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL

Our Junior Town Council continue to astound us with their enthusiasm and maturity and are busy organising their Health Roadshows and Road Safety Events in school

EVENTS

Dates for your diary:

Scarecrow Festival – Saturday 17th October 2026. Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 8th November 2026. Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 20th November 2026

MEETINGS

Residents are very welcome to attend Town Council meetings:

Environment Committee – 7th July, 6pm
Finance & Audit Committee – 15th July, 6pm
Full Council – 22nd July, 6pm
Planning Committee – 28th July, 6pm

FURTHER INFORMATION

More information regarding meetings and all Town Council matters can be found on the official noticeboards situated outside the Town Hall on Sherwood Drive and adjacent to St Giles Church in Ollerton.

Details can also be found on the website www.ollerton-tc.gov.uk and our Facebook page Facebook

Karen Wakefield CiLCA PSLLC
Town Clerk

OLLERTON & DISTRICT RBL BRANCH

BRANCH MEETINGS

Ollerton & District Branch of the RBL would like to invite Veterans, serving members of the forces and any members of the public who wish to support the RBL to attend our regular Branch meetings. We are a friendly group who are striving to keep our local RBL Branch alive in Ollerton.

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 18th August 2026 and then on 20th October 2026 which will be our AGM.

Our Annual Battle of Kohima Service took place on Sunday 28th June 2026. Clipstone and Forest Town Band led the parade from outside the Hope Pole Hotel in Ollerton Village to the War Memorial Gardens where a short service took place led by Rev Richard Hanford. Photographs will be in next months issue of the Roundabout.

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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A BUSY SEASON FOR THE EDWINSTOWE AND THE DUKERIES LIONS

The Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions have had a packed calendar recently, jumping from St George's Day celebrations in Old Ollerton straight into the Wellow Maypole events, and wrapping up with our spectacular Ladies Fashion Show in Edwinstowe.

Although we were a little short on helping hands, our dedicated team pulled out all the stops to make every single event a professional success.

St George's Day was all about connecting with the community and sharing what the Lions are all about. We have a rich history of service to tell, and our Message in a Bottle scheme is always at the top of our conversation list. Do you know what Message in a Bottle is? If you don't, please get in touch with us. It is a completely FREE initiative that keeps your personal and medical details in a recognizable bottle in your fridge, where emergency services can easily find it. It truly saves lives.

Following St George's Day, we supported the Wellow Maypole Committee at their famous annual event (middle left photo). The Lions helped manage their raffle, ran the children's swing boats, and hosted our own stall. We did it all in searing heat, and it was pretty exhausting, to be truthful! But we absolutely love helping our community. However, to keep providing this level of support, we desperately need a few more members to join our ranks.

Finally, our Ladies Fashion Show! Wow—after a massive amount of hard work, we had a truly fabulous evening. Our volunteers even supplied the models! It was a brilliant night that raised vital funds for both our club and our chosen charity for the event: an amazing organization called Paul's Pit Stop. They do vital work running workshops for young people in schools to help prevent youth suicide.

GLEANNING IN SOUTHWELL

We've included a photo of the wonderful Kim Jones gleaning Leeks as part of our efforts to donate and use as much local produce as possible. Kim has visual impairment but that doesn't stop her helping us out, or indeed completing the Roundabout crossword every month. Thank you Kim.

STAGFEST TICKET DOES ITS OWN TOUR

Emma on the right (photo bottom right) won tickets to Mansfield Town's Stagfest in the Duck Race at the St. George's Day celebrations and kindly donated them to the Lions. The Lions raffled them at the fashion show, but the winner couldn't attend the date. Hopefully they've been sold since going to press!

GET IN TOUCH

This is just a snapshot of what we get up to, but as we've mentioned, we desperately need more helping hands. The Lions also enjoy an active social calendar. It is a fantastic way to meet new people, form lifelong friendships, and have fun—all while supporting the community you live in.

Please don't put it off! Get in touch today to find out more, request a free Message in a Bottle, or arrange to come along to one of our meetings.

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WALESBY FOOTBALL

WALESBY JUNIORS FC

The football season has come to an end for Walesby Juniors Football Club, and what a successful year it has been. As attention now turns to summer leagues and tournaments, there is plenty for everyone involved with the club to celebrate.

Throughout the season, Walesby Juniors enjoyed tremendous success both on and off the pitch, with teams across the club winning league titles, cups and trophies. The hard work, commitment and dedication shown by players, coaches and volunteers have once again been rewarded with a campaign full of memorable achievements.

Presentation events held across the club provided an opportunity to recognise the efforts of all involved. Many children attended award ceremonies at Nottingham's Concert Hall, Clipstone Welfare and Walesby Social Club, where individual and team successes were celebrated in front of proud families and supporters.

The summer tournament season is already underway, and the club has made a flying start. Walesby Juniors U11's has already lifted the prestigious Filey Cup, a tournament the club attends every year, continuing a proud tradition and adding yet another trophy to the club's growing collection.

While the playing season may be over, work behind the scenes never stops. Preparations are already underway for the new campaign, with pitch maintenance taking place to ensure facilities are in the best possible condition for players returning in the months ahead.

The future continues to look bright for Walesby Juniors. With strong participation levels, continued success on the field and a dedicated team of volunteers supporting the club, it is very much a case of onwards and upwards as Walesby looks forward to another exciting and successful season.

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The Bees have brought their season to a close with a highly respectable fifth-place finish in the Newark Football Alliance Premier Division. It has been a challenging campaign, particularly in terms of player retention and availability, making the team's final league position all the more remarkable. Credit must go to the management team and a dedicated core of players who consistently rose to the challenge, producing a number of outstanding results against the odds throughout the season. In addition to their league success, the Bees enjoyed strong cup runs, reaching two quarter-finals and one semi-final, highlighting the team's resilience and competitive spirit. Looking ahead, the club is determined to address the uncertainty surrounding player availability that has affected the squad this season. Senior club officials are already working hard to secure player commitments and strengthen the squad through recruitment ahead of the upcoming league application deadline.

If plans come together as hoped, the Bees will be looking forward to continuing their Sunday football journey in what would be their 11th season competing in the Newark Football Alliance.

The club would also like to place on record its sincere thanks to all loyal supporters who stood by the team throughout what proved to be a difficult season for everyone involved. Their continued backing has been greatly appreciated and remains an important part of the club's ongoing journey.

WALESBY FC U23S

Walesby FC U23s are already preparing for the upcoming season in the NSL Development Division after deciding to remain at development level for another year rather than progressing into the NSL Men's Division Three as originally planned.

The decision has been made to support the continued individual and collective development of the club's young squad, allowing players additional time to gain experience and build on the progress made in recent seasons.

Management duo Lewis Butt and Mackenzie Hannah have wasted no time in planning for the new campaign and are currently working hard on player retention and recruitment. Details regarding pre-season training and a programme of friendly fixtures are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, Walesby Village Sports Association has begun a programme of pitch repairs and improvements aimed at enhancing the club's facilities for the future. As a result, the U23s will utilise an alternative venue for all pre-season activities while work is carried out on the Walesby pitches.

The team remains optimistic about the season ahead and is committed to providing a strong environment for the development of its talented young players.

WALESBY FC VETS

Walesby FC Veterans completed a remarkable league campaign by securing the Conference North Division title with a flawless 100% record, earning promotion to the Championship Division for next season.

Their final fixture of the season saw them face Eastwood CFC Veterans in the Keith Radford Cup Final at Basford United's ground. With both sides enjoying excellent seasons in their respective divisions, a closely contested encounter was always expected — and it certainly delivered.

On a warm but overcast afternoon, the match began at a frantic pace, with both teams pressing aggressively and competing fiercely across the pitch. While there was no shortage of commitment and endeavour, clear-cut chances were at a premium. Walesby thought they had broken the deadlock on two occasions through James Munson and Jamie Charlton, but both efforts were ruled out for offside.

As the first half progressed, Eastwood gained the upper hand and looked the more likely side to score. However, the Walesby defence stood firm, ensuring the teams went into the interval level.

Manager Gaz Tye made a tactical adjustment at half-time, introducing Craig Bradford to strengthen the midfield and leaving James Munson as the lone striker. Despite the change, Eastwood continued to apply pressure and eventually took the lead. After an excellent save from Walesby goalkeeper Brett Millar, an Eastwood forward reacted quickest inside the six-yard box to convert the rebound.

Walesby responded positively, with Tye reintroducing striker Jamie Charlton in search of an equaliser. The move sparked the team's best spell of the match, and they came agonisingly close when Munson was released by a superb through ball, only to be denied by a sharp save from the Eastwood goalkeeper.

The intensity never dropped, with both teams continuing to battle tirelessly until the final whistle. Despite Walesby's efforts, Eastwood held on to claim a 1-0 victory.

While the result was not the ending Walesby had hoped for, it did little to overshadow what has been an outstanding season. The players can be immensely proud of their achievements, having secured a league title, promotion, and represented the club with great distinction throughout the campaign.

The Club would also like to thank the many supporters who travelled to Basford to cheer on the team in the final.



WELLOW MAYPOLE CELEBRATIONS 25/5/2026

DANCING THROUGH THE HEATWAVE!

The vagaries of the British weather often present the greatest challenge to the organising committee of Wellow Maypole Celebrations, but 2026 will stand out for the exceptional record-breaking heat on the day. However, with some adjustments to help keep the participating children safe in the soaring temperatures, Wellow's Maypole Celebrations went ahead as planned.

In one of their last outings before disbanding later this year, Ollerton Town Drum Corps started the event by accompanying the retiring May Queen Gaby Cooper to the stage. Jessica Rose, the current Chair of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, and a former Wellow May Queen herself, welcomed everyone to the event. Entertainment during the afternoon included local musician and singer/songwriter Ollie Hayes, circus act Storm in a Teacup, Punch and Judy and Rattlejag Morris.

The highlight of the day is always the children's procession onto the maypole green, followed by the crowning of the May Queen and the maypole dancing. This year's May Queen is Rose Baugh, whose family have been involved with the Maypole Celebrations for several generations. The maypole dancing this year included the welcome return of 'Spider's Web', a more complex dance last performed in 2019. The extremely hot weather resulted in visitor numbers being down, with a consequent drop in income. However, it's possible to support Wellow Maypole Celebrations financially throughout the year by taking part in Newark and Sherwood District Council's online Community Lottery. For only £1 per week, your favourite good cause – hopefully Wellow Maypole Celebrations – can be nominated with the chance of winning an excellent prize each month.

Rest assured, whatever the weather, Wellow Maypole Celebrations will return next year on 31st May 2027!



Above - Wellow Jack (Henry Baugh) stealing the Crown from the May Queen

Top - Dancing Teacher Sylvia Rose (left), the Dancers and the Helpers

Circle- May Queen Rose Baugh

Third from top - An excellent Maypole Dance

Bottom- Wellow Jack and the Bogies make mischief.

GIRLGUIDING OLLERTON

1ST OLLERTON RAINBOWS

This month we have had a really musical evening and thought of different ways to make music using our bodies.

We became toy makers and made some wonderful puppet pals bringing them to life by giving them moving parts.

Another evening was spent giving and listening to instructions. We all became "Gobots" and had to listen very carefully so we didn't all end up in a corner.

Always a favourite the Rainbows spent one evening decorating biscuits.

Our final evening was spent finishing the Spring challenge. In the pouring rain we all went into the community garden and planted sunflowers. We will be keeping an eye on them and seeing how tall they grow. We said goodbye to Isla as she continues her Guiding journey with Brownies.

Kanga and Roo.

If you know someone that likes to laugh, sing and make a happy mess then we are the place for you. We have spaces, we meet on Monday's 5-6pm at St Paulinus hall. Go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and register

2ND OLLERTON RAINBOWS

Our June meeting the Rainbows worked hard to earn their Bee rescuer interest badges. We searched for different types of bees and learnt that there are so many different types of bees and not all are stripey with black and yellow. We made Bee drinking stations that the rainbows took home to put in their gardens. We also made posters to display to encourage more people to help bees as they are so important to the world.

We also had a game of echo, echo, echo learning how different animals use echolocation to find different things.

The Rainbows looked around the outside area and found things that they loved and didn't love. We saw a lot of litter and discussed how we could make the area better.

2ND OLLERTON BROWNIES

The Brownies this month have been looking at how we are all different, we all think and learn in different ways. They had a go at telling a story while only using hand gestures and facial expressions, they've also been writing secret codes and trying to work out each other's.

One of our older Brownies led an evening, she has worked really hard and earned all six theme awards so is well on her way to achieving the Brownie Gold award. She taught all the Brownies and leaders how to finger knit. A very enjoyable evening and a new skill learnt. Well done Amelia.

Our final evening was turning plain old socks into sock puppets, we had some very colourful characters from a dragon to Rapunzel. The Brownies certainly have good imaginations.

The Owls

If you'd like to join or volunteer at Girlguiding go to our website and register.

3RD OLLERTON GUIDES

Some of our Guides attended our May camp at Whiteley woods where they got stuck in with



all the activities.

Our camp theme was Shipwrecked, the Guides had a go at shelter building after learning how to tie different knots. Their shelters were put to the test by "bad weather" and the first attempt they got a bit wet. After making adjustments for round 2 of the bad weather hit (the leaders had great fun with water pistols and buckets). They also made camp gadgets, we had some excellent things to improve our camp including a plate bag holder, and washing line. We learnt how to waterproof matches and put them to the test after it had "rained" on them.

A highlight of the camp was the crate stacking and archery. They really pushed themselves to reach new heights and worked so well as a team.

There was so many other things that we got up to if you want to see for yourself what we got up to head to our facebook page, Ollerton Guides and Rangers to see all the amazing things we do.

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Sunday morning services start at 1030. They are followed by an opportunity to share refreshments and share our thoughts with others. All are welcome – to the service and afterwards.

5th Holy Communion with Rev Debbie and Deacon Dave Keegan
12th Mrs Marilyn House
19th Mr Robert Vickers
27th Circuit Service at Trinity Mansfield Woodhouse

Holy Communion with Rev Andy Fyall and Mrs Melanie Ellis

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.

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WEEKLY GAME OF TABLE TENNIS

Lots of banter and plenty of hilarious missed shots. It's been a great way to unwind. The game's done wonders for our fitness, along with keeping our minds active. The beauty of the game.... there are no age barriers!!!

RAFFLE

We are thrilled to announce that our recent raffles raised £884 for The Alzheimer's Society to help fund vital support and research.

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COFFEE MORNING

In spite of the inclement weather, the coffee morning held at "Hopland Cottage" Kirton was extremely well attended and proved to be a lovely social occasion.

A massive thank you to those who came and worked hard helping on the day, to those who were unable to attend but who gave donations, to all who supplied raffle prize, Bric-a-Brac or who baked and to all those who supplied plants for the plant stall.

Lastly, a very big thank you to all who joined us on the day. These events cannot succeed without you all. At risk of repetition, it has to be said, that we are very lucky here in Kirton to have such generous support, both from the village and surrounding areas.

So far, we have raised the very healthy sum of £1280 and this will be divided between the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and Holy Trinity Church at Kirton.

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I have been trying to get rid of the invasive lupins from the site and this will be a battle that takes years. I have only seen them around the pond and let's hope there are no others. Please do let me know if you see any others. The key is stopping them seeding and then either cutting the leaves off frequently so that the roots don't get any food and die. It's a labour of love but I am keen to achieve it. All help welcome! Any questions or info give me a shout amy.chandler@forestryengland.uk.





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Our thanks to Andy from Viking Decorating for his work decorating the community hall on church circle this year. Andy generously agreed to finish painting over a bank holiday weekend so none of our regular bookings needed to be rearranged. He also replaced the lightbulbs in the ceiling while the scissor lift was available! Thank you for everyone who hires our hall for supporting the work of the church particularly our regular hirers for all they do to enrich our community. The hall is available to hire weekdays at £12p/h and weekends at £14p/h for community groups or private functions. Please call our bookings manager on 07598415392 or email stpchurchhallbookings@gmail.com for full details.

This summer our church is worshipping every Sunday at St Paulinus Church New Ollerton at 10.30am and St Giles Church Ollerton Village at 6pm. All are welcome to worship God or find out about faith in God with us.

Parish Contact:

07508823512, rev-richardhanford@hotmail.com.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 4th July, Church Circle, New Ollerton, 11am-2pm. Free entry.

ChurchCircle@10.30am:

Every Sunday at St Paulinus Church with breakfast served from 10am.

StGiles@6pm:

Every Sunday at St Giles Church Ollerton Village.

The Broadleaves Service:

Friday 17th July, 2pm at The Broadleaves, Main Road, Boughton.

StP Youth Church:

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VILLAGE CHURCHES IN JULY

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Sunday 12th	Kirton 10:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	Walesby 10:30am Holy Communion



	Wellow 10.30am Morning Service (TBC)
Saturday 1st Aug	Egmanton 12 noon Pilgrimage Service
Sunday 2nd Aug	Wellow 4pm Evening Prayer

FARNSFIELD CRICKET CLUB CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Sunday 10 th May saw Farnsfield Cricket Club, the Northern Regional Champions, take on Waltham CC, the Southern Regional Champions, in the 2025 National Final of the ECB Vitality T20 Club Plate at Kibworth CC, Leicestershire. The final had originally been scheduled for September last year but was rearranged due to bad weather.

Having won the toss, Farnsfield elected to bat first and posted an impressive 159 for 4 from their allotted 20 overs. Captain Joel Brett led from the front with a superb unbeaten 70, earning him the Player of the Match award. Valuable contributions also came from Dom Cumming (32), Alex Ainger (22), and Krrish Patel (18). A crucial 58-run partnership between Jack Rogers and Joel Brett further strengthened the innings.

Disciplined bowling, including a three-wicket haul from Alex West, combined with excellent catches from James Bowker and Joel Brett, restricted Waltham's chase. One pivotal moment came when Krrish Patel produced a magnificent catch off Alex Ainger's bowling to dismiss Shahbaz Khan, Waltham's top scorer.

Waltham eventually finished on 135 for 7, giving Farnsfield a memorable 24-run victory.

The match was enthusiastically watched by a large number of supporters from the club, and the Farnsfield team greatly appreciated their backing on what proved to be a fantastic day of cricket — and a result that the club takes immense pride in.

Representing the Bassetlaw and District Cricket League, Farnsfield CC became the first team from Nottinghamshire to be crowned National Champions in this competition.

The Farnsfield teams now look forward to what they hope will be an equally successful 2026 season.

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THE DUKERIES SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT TO REMEMBER

The Dukeries Singers' recent Summer Concert was a resounding success, bringing together a wide variety of music, from the musicals over the years, outstanding local talent, and the strong sense of community that defines the choir.

Under the direction of Musical Director John Pope, with accompanist Sue Bennett, the choir delivered an uplifting and engaging programme, filled with energy, warmth, and charm. A particularly special moment was a song we'd first sung in April this year at the St George's Day Celebrations, a newly commissioned work, reflecting the choir's ongoing commitment to supporting fresh music and engaging with the local community.

The concert also featured impressive instrumental contributions, with talented guest performers playing flutes and saxophone, adding richness and variety to the afternoon. The audience warmly appreciated their confident and expressive playing.

During the interval, guests and performers enjoyed a relaxed afternoon tea, complete with fresh strawberries and Prosecco in a friendly, sociable atmosphere that enhanced the event's enjoyment.

A highlight of the day was the celebration of June Nunn's 90th birthday. A long-standing and much-loved member, June's dedication and enthusiasm have made her an inspiration to all, and it was a joy to share this special milestone with her.

The concert was met with many complimentary comments from the audience, who praised the choir's musicality, the enjoyable programme, and the welcoming atmosphere that made the afternoon so memorable.

Above all, the event captured everything The Dukeries Singers stands for: a love of music, friendship, and inclusivity. New

members can be assured of a warm welcome, encouragement, and the opportunity to make lasting friendships while sharing in the joy of singing together.

For enquiries about joining, contact John Banbury on 07795 086132.

ST. JOSEPHS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This month, we began celebrating our fantastic Year 6 children, who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year preparing for their SATs assessments. We are so proud of the determination, resilience and positive attitudes they have shown during this important time.

To mark the end of their final assessment, the children were treated to a special surprise celebration around school. After leaving their last SATs paper, they were given a series of clues which sent them racing around the school grounds in search of a secret location. After lots of excitement and teamwork, they finally discovered their much-anticipated leavers' hoodies hidden away for them! The children had great fun taking part and it was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of SATs week together.

The celebrations continued with an end-of-SATs party at the Dukeries Youth Centre, where the children enjoyed spending time together and making more special memories with their friends.

There is still lots more excitement to come during their final few weeks with us. The children are looking forward to an adventurous residential visit to Walesby Forest Activity Centre, as well as an exciting trip to Warner Bros. Studios.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and look forward to celebrating many more memorable moments with them before they move on to the next stage of their journey.



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The 2025 Concert was outstanding in many ways with the Conductor Vicki, Band and Martin connecting to the audience at all times. It was a really special evening which we aim to replicate.

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EDWINSTOWE IN BLOOM

UPDATE AND ACTIVITIES

This month has been a lot warmer and the bowser has had to be put to good use throughout the month as there has been very little rain. A lot of work has been done at the allotment; the green net was replaced on the second tunnel. New path matting was put down to widen the end of the central path, from the gate to the big shed and the paths widened to improve accessibility. We had a lot of earth donated and the grass was cleaned out of the earth so that it was ready to go out into the planters, saving us from buying more compost this year.

Another fabulous and creative willow weaving day was held at the Thoresby Vale workshop on the 10th May. You can see some of the obelisks in the planters, thanks to everyone who came along. EIB Volunteers have been out and about this month transplanting flowers grown from seed at the allotment into the planters around the village, along with the obelisks. This year we've chosen a colour theme of purple, pink and white to celebrate the Inspiring Women of Edwinstowe theme.

A Fun Outdoor day was held at the allotment on Wednesday the 27th May from 10.00 to 12.30. The fun included watering, caterpillar spotting, rock painting, tie dying, keyring making and making envelopes to take home beans to plant.

Thanks to the brilliance of some of our volunteers we now have a new roof on the large shed, as the boards which had rotted had to be replaced. Even in the heat at the later part of the month more seeds were planted, weeding and watering done. more planting out, tomato growing was set up and lots of flowers started blooming. Everyone has been working hard, helping out with the planting, weeding, tidying up and watering all of the beds and planters to get them ready for the judging in June.

In the Photography competition the winning photograph for May was "Posing Woody" the beautiful bird photo by Paul Neal. If you take a photo of anything of interest in the Edwinstowe area in the month please submit it for the July 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 see Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=edwinstowe%20in%20bloom>



ROBIN HOOD DRAMATICS

Robin Hood Dramatics Launches Summer School and Celebrates Student Success Robin Hood Dramatics is delighted to announce its exciting Summer School programme, offering children an unforgettable week packed with creativity, adventure and fun.

Taking place from 3rd–7th August across Edwinstowe and Ollerton, the Summer School is designed to inspire young people through a variety of engaging activities. Whether children enjoy performing on stage, creating artwork, exploring the outdoors, or simply trying something new, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The experienced Robin Hood Dramatics team is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where children can build confidence, make new friendships, and develop their imagination throughout the summer holidays. The programme is open to children of all abilities, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow and have fun.

Alongside preparations for Summer School, Robin Hood Dramatics is also celebrating the Achievements of one of its talented students, Nisha Holmes. Recently, Nisha performed in the Ignite dance show at Mansfield Palace Theatre, where RHD staff and friends attended to show their support. She delivered an outstanding performance.

Nisha began dancing at just six years old and has since appeared in multiple productions at Mansfield Palace Theatre as well as performing at the prestigious Sadler's Wells Theatre in London. She also competes successfully in lyrical and jazz dance, both as a solo performer and as part of a squad.

To book a Summer School place, contact Robin Hood Dramatics via WhatsApp on 07476 841205, mobile 07835 867805, or email robinhooddramatics@gmail.com. Spaces are limited so early booking is recommended.



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ROBIN HOOD CLUB LAUNCHES

A new online initiative aimed at plugging funding gaps in local communities has officially launched, with a local charity named as its first beneficiary.

The Robin Hood Club, founded by television and radio presenter Rob Rose, invites members to pledge £3 a month. In return, subscribers receive exclusive discounts and perks, while the subscription fees are funneled directly into community projects.

The Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lions Club have been earmarked as the very first group to receive a cash injection from the scheme.

Rob Rose said he dreamed up the initiative after noticing a recurring theme while reporting on local community stories - excellent causes consistently struggling for vital funds.

"This is a win-win situation," says Rob.

"The more people who sign up, the greater leverage me and my team have at securing exclusive perks for members, to reward them for parting with a couple of quid a month."

'Real impact'

Organisers say that if just 10% of readers from the local Roundabout publication signed up, it would boost the community pot by £600 every month.

"The best bit is the community gets a bigger pot of money too. There's so much potential from small monthly contributions if membership continues to grow.

"I have so many ideas, from funding trips to the East coast and booking free attractions to boost local events, to giving a cash boost to the many existing great causes that already do amazing things."

The project is pitching itself as a modern, crowd-funded solution to localised funding shortages, relying on "everyday people" to drive "real impact."

The Robin Hood Club membership is now live, with details on how to join available on the group's website www.therobinhoodclub.co.uk or by scanning the QR code.



PEONIES FOR THE PAPER BOY

Delivering our community newspaper has many perks, fresh air, exercise, a sense of supporting the community, meeting people and many more.

I had a special reason to feel appreciated when I was presented with a small bunch of flowers. Terry, who lives on Manor Close in Walesby cut some beautiful peonies and gave them to me as a thank you for delivering her monthly Roundabout. How kind.

Since 1978 the Roundabout has been delivered by willing volunteers to our community. We are always looking for more, as the local population increases. Please call me if you would like to help our community to be kept in touch with local news from our organisations and the fantastic people who run them.

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DUKERIES U3A

At our recent AGM, we have been reflecting on what a memorable and exciting year we have had – and what adventures we have been on together!

We have stepped into the Second World War with a visit to the Bomber Command Centre in Lincolnshire; we have revisited our rich local Mining heritage with our trip to Clipstone Headstocks Museum. We have rejoiced in the Wakefield Rhubarb Festival. We have relived the heady years of our youth with the 60's Juke Box Jury show, and we have recreated the Golden Era of Hollywood with our Easter Bonnet Parade.

The Walkers and the Ramblers have wandered up hill and down dale, celebrating the considerable beauties of our local area; the Lunch Clubs, with their trips to such a wide range of local hostleries, ensure that, for a couple of lunches at least a month, eating and drinking together is the joyous and convivial experience it always ought to be. The Quiz Night and the Irish Night, to name but two, have tempted many of us to venture out from the seductive comforts of our fireside and the TV.

We have had many opportunities to learn new crafts and skills – or to revive and foster talents we may have had in the past but which have lain forgotten through the years. The Ukelele, Banjolele and Guitar groups are all joyful, all celebratory – and tremendous fun both to play in and to watch. Pickleball, Soft Tennis, Bowling and Badminton have all been on offer at different times of the year, reminding us all of the absolutely vital need to keep moving and to keep fit throughout our own, personal, 'Third Age'. The All Sorts and Gardening Group, is, simply, frankly, inspirational. You can learn to sew, to play Bridge, or Scrabble, or Mah Jong or Rummikubs – all to keep the mind – and the fingers – active.

And all of that is in addition to some marvellous – and frequently very sensitive and thought-provoking - Speakers at our Monthly Meetings. The painstaking, diligent and caring work of the War Graves Commission; the all-action presentation of the life and work of the Beatles – complete with giant 'Can you see what it is now?' painting; our magical guided trip along the River Trent, exploring its byways and its history, and last, but by no means least, George Nelson's hair-raising and moving account of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean in aid of Dementia charities.

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>.

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The radio station is already a local institution and the new owners along with their experienced and talented team are looking forward to growing the brand, the listenership and the profitability of the



business to a new level.

Managing Director, Paul Chadbourne said: 'We are a local business ourselves, and we're here to help other local businesses grow. We love what we do, and we encourage all local businesses, both large and small to get in touch. It all starts with a conversation to see how we can help.' For all sales enquiries call 01623 646666 or email sales@mansfield103.co.uk. Mansfield 103.2 is available on 103.2FM, online, on Smart Speaker and on a FREE App.

OLLERTON RUGBY

Ollerton Rugby Club would like to extend huge appreciation to all who came down to support our club and all those who received honours on the night, the awards were as follows:

First team Managers player awarded to Mitchell Rose by first team manager Paul Hodson

First team player's player awarded to Tom Dilworth as voted by our players and officials

Hoods managers player awarded to Frederick Henshaw by hoods manager Darren Wilford

Hoods player's player awarded to Eric Cranmer as voted by our players and officials

Top Try Scorer for the 25/26 season was awarded to Jonny Brannan

Most Improved Player was awarded to Tom Dilworth who collected his second honour of the night

Clubman of the year (for non officials) was awarded to Richard Smith for going above and beyond for our club this season

Dave Price trophy (for officials) was awarded to Darren Wilford for going above and beyond for our club this season

Rian Bartle memorial trophy was awarded to Braiden Lee for being tourist of the year on our Easter tour to Morecambe

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

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026

Read to the Beat, takes place between 4th July and 6th September.

This summer as part of the Summer Reading Challenge Inspire libraries will be asking children find their reading rhythm.

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How to take part in Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries

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The Summer Reading Challenge can help children discover a love for reading. Being able to choose the books they want to read and by being encouraged to give an honest opinion about what they have read can help children find out what books suit them. Children who take part:

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Read to the Beat is suitable for children aged 4 – 11. It's completely FREE to take part.

Under 4s can take part in our mini challenge too.

Find out more at www.inspireculture.org.uk/summerreading

HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY TO INSPIRE

On 1st April 2026 Inspire marked 10 years since being established.

Since Inspire was established in April 2015, we've built something special for the people of Nottinghamshire; by creating spaces and services that bring reading, learning and culture to life. None of this could have been done without you - our wonderful customers, audiences, learners, and members.

We're spending the whole year celebrating, why not join us.

10th Birthday 10 week challenge

Celebrate a decade of Inspire with 10 weeks of reading. How many books do you usually read in a week? Do you think you can read anymore in a week than you already do? Whether you are a reluctant reader or an avid reader, join in

the 10 week challenge to discover how many books you can read in 10 weeks. You might be surprised how many books you read. The books can be of any length and any style. Whether it is your favourite book or something new, pick up your challenge sheet today and start reading.

Hand your challenge sheet back by 1st December to be entered into a prize draw.

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 curated list of titles suggested by our staff. Check our webpage to get involved by voting for your favourite!

2026 IS THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

The National Year of Reading 2026 is all about inspiring people to read more. Whatever your passion, Ollerton library has something for it.

If you visit to use a computer or to find a quiet space, why not explore our shelves too?

Membership is free and we have books, magazines and e-lending for every age and interest.

BOOK SALE: Our yearly book sale is starting 29th July. There's only one week to browse the large selection of adult and children's books for sale. This is a great opportunity to try something new at a bargain price.

ADULT EVENTS

The CRIME READING GROUP meets on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss the monthly book and have a friendly chat. The next meetings are Tuesday 7th July and Tuesday 4th August.

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.

CHARITY KNITTING CHALLENGE 2026 - STORY SNUGLERS

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

Pick up a free pattern from your local Inspire Library.

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.

Find a library craft group to knit, crochet, and share ideas with creative friends at: yournottsdirectory.org.uk

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?



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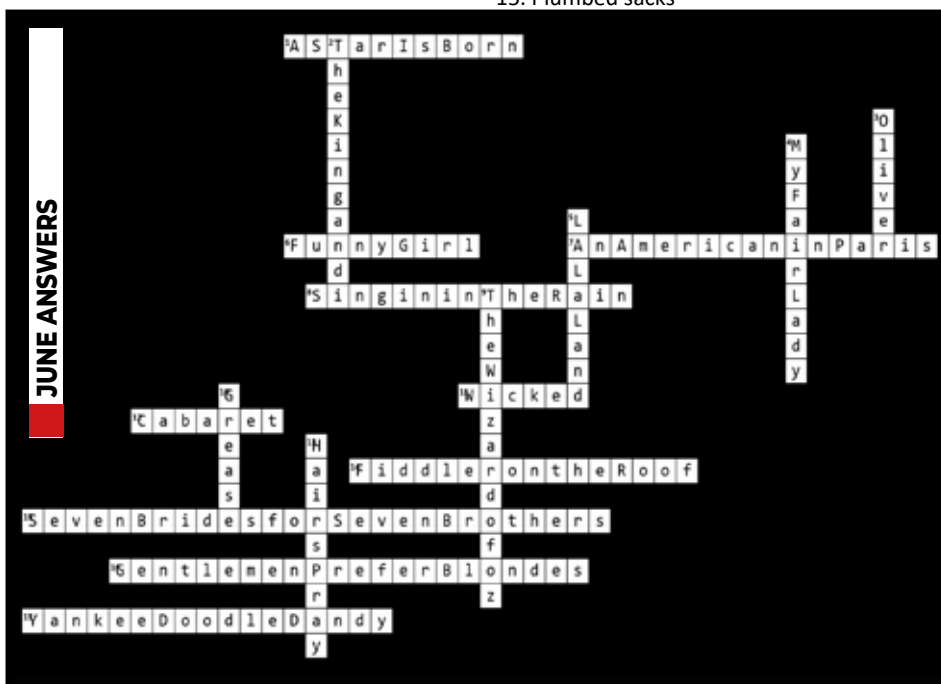
ACROSS

3. Johnathan Ross says it's too dangerous on the rocks
4. Marilyn's peaks
6. Multiple pigs see in the New Year
8. Marginal hair
9. Ure going to be bitten
12. Flights for boats
13. Fungal seeds moving quickly on foot
14. Smooth the wrinkles out of beer (3,3)
16. Short thank you for melanin
17. Chess and hungry hippos on the top of Everest (8,5)

18. Big burger in upper class rubbish
19. Where you can shelter behind Fawltw Manuel's questioning utterance

DOWN

1. If a popular Swedish pop group had an academic administrator
2. Murder the newly-wed
5. A ready crisp when becoming exhausted
6. The ugly old woman, about to be defined.
7. Cereal crop studying for a degree, it's mythical
10. Half a loaf
11. Nickname for the Plesiosaur
15. Plumbed sacks



JUNE ANSWERS

1. ASTARIS BORN
 2. HE KILLIN' GAG
 3. FUNNY GIRL
 4. SINGIN' IN THE RAIN
 5. WICKED
 6. CABARET
 7. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
 8. SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS
 9. GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES
 10. YANKEE DOODLE DANDY
 11. Y
 12. Y
 13. Y
 14. Y
 15. Y
 16. Y
 17. Y
 18. Y
 19. Y

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

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

WHERE'S THE MAYPOLE DAY CROSSWORD?

If you entered the Maypole Day crossword after picking one up on the day itself or collected one from the pub then do not worry - you can still enter. We have extended the deadline to allow as many entries as possible. Answers and a winner will be in the August edition.

FIND THE FOOTBALLS



We are well in to the World Cup now and footballs are everywhere, including the pages of the Roundabout. Six are bouncing around this edition. Can you find them? Once you have, send us an email to **editor.roundabout@gmail.com** with the subject line "Find the Footballs" 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 July. 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 bees competition is Mattie Wakefield of Ollerton. The prize will be with you shortly. Well done Mattie! The bees were on pages 3,4,19,25,26,32.

The winner of last month's crossword was Carol Whyke of Edwinstowe 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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