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FINDING PRIVATE ERNEST





In the summer of 2026, long-time local resident Carol Strange travelled to northern France to retrace the final weeks of her great-uncle, Private Ernest Sampson, and to finally pay respects at a grave that hadn't been visited by family in a century. Building on research begun by her daughter Terri-Anne and later expanded by her second daughter Lynne, the family followed Ernest's footsteps from the day he landed in France to the front-line trenches of the Somme, the site of his severe wounding weeks later, and his peaceful passing in hospital months afterward. This is the story they uncovered. (Continues on p5).

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FINDING ERNEST - CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT COVER

A LIFE BUILT ON PITHEAD TIMBER

Ernest Sampson was born in Conisbrough near Doncaster in 1888, the son of Frank Sampson, a brickmaker, and his wife Mary Ann. Raised in the Burcroft district—an area shaped by local brickworks and expanding coal mines—Ernest learned early on what hard manual labour entailed.

Following the early death of his father, the 1911 Census records a 22-year-old Ernest living with his widowed mother at Gashouse Cottage in Conisbrough. To help keep the household afloat, Ernest worked above ground as a "Tub Maker" for the local coal mining industry, servicing the pit community at Cadeby Main Colliery. His daily work involved shaping heavy timber, repairing wooden coal tubs, and maintaining colliery equipment—a tough, physical trade that gave him both the stamina and hands-on skill that would soon be tested in uniform.

ENLISTMENT AND COASTAL SHIELD

With the expansion of the British Army following the outbreak of the First World War, Ernest voluntarily enlisted at Pontefract Barracks on 3 November 1915. He was assigned to the York & Lancaster Regiment, receiving service number 23332.

Upon completing initial processing, Ernest was posted to the regiment's 3rd (Reserve) Battalion. Throughout late 1915 and the first half of 1916, he was stationed at Roker, near Sunderland, as part of the Tyne Garrison. Billeted along the chilly North Sea coastline, Ernest and his comrades fulfilled a crucial dual role: defending the River Tyne estuary against potential German naval raids while undergoing rigorous infantry training—marching, live rifle practice on Cleadon Ranges, and learning the brutal mechanics of trench warfare.

THE ROAD TO THE SOMME

On 27 June 1916—just four days before the launch of the Battle of the Somme—Private Ernest Sampson boarded a troopship at Folkestone bound for France. Upon landing at Boulogne-sur-Mer, he was sent directly to No. 3 Infantry Base Depot at Étaples, a sprawling military staging hub built across the coastal sand dunes.

At Étaples, Ernest spent a fortnight at "The Bull Ring," the infamous high-intensity training ground where reinforcements were put through grueling conditioning in gas-mask drills, rapid bayonet work, and bomb-throwing tactics.

On **13 July 1916**, Ernest was picked for a major reinforcement draft dispatched to replace heavy losses sustained in the opening attacks on the Somme. He joined the 8th Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment (70th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Division) at the mining town of Bruay-la-Buissière. Within days, Ernest and his new battalion were swept up in high-speed troop movements toward the frontline sector:

16 July: The battalion entrained at Pernes Station before dawn, detraining at Longueau railway hub outside Amiens and marching to billets at Poulainville.

17–20 July: Moving east through Mirvaux, the men received anti-gas lectures and tactical brigade drills.

21–24 July: The unit marched 18 kilometers to bivouac under the canopy of Baizieux Wood, held on "half-hour readiness" as battle reserves.

INTO THE SHELL-TORN RIDGE AT CONTALMAISON

On the evening of 25 July 1916, the order came. Moving off under cover of darkness at 8:15 PM, the 8th York & Lancs marched forward into the ruined landscape of Contalmaison to relieve the 8th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Contalmaison was an inferno. The village had been captured by British troops earlier in the month, but enemy artillery held high ground observation points toward Pozières Ridge and High Wood. From 25 to 27 July, Ernest's battalion occupied exposed frontline and support trenches around the village, subjected to severe, non-stop German counter-artillery shelling. High-explosive shells tore into the chalk parapets day and night, killing officers and men alike—including the battalion's second-in-command, Major C. R. Smith.

It was during this heavy, inescapable artillery bombardment in the support lines at Contalmaison that Private Ernest Sampson received severe shrapnel wounds.

EIGHTY-SIX DAYS AT ABBEVILLE

Extricated from the Contalmaison trenches by field stretcher-bearers, Ernest entered the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) casualty evacuation chain. Passed through a Field Dressing Station and transported via motor ambulance to a Casualty Clearing Station, he was loaded onto a medical train headed west to the major RAMC base hospital centre at Abbeville.

Admitted to a base hospital near the Somme estuary, Ernest began a long, courageous fight for life. While many battlefield casualties succumbed within hours or days, Ernest survived in hospital for nearly twelve weeks—86 long days—under continuous care. Tragically, despite the best efforts of military medical staff, Private Ernest Sampson succumbed to his wounds on 10 October 1916. He was 28 years old.

INSCRIPTION FROM HIS MUM

Because Ernest died at a base hospital rather than on the open battlefield, he was laid to rest with full military honors by RAMC chaplains in the nearby municipal burial grounds. His grave stands today at Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension.

When the War Office contacted his widowed mother, Mary Ann Sampson, back in Conisbrough to select a personal inscription for his official Commonwealth War Graves headstone, she chose six simple, powerful words that still echo down through the decades:

GONE BUT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

Ernest was posthumously awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

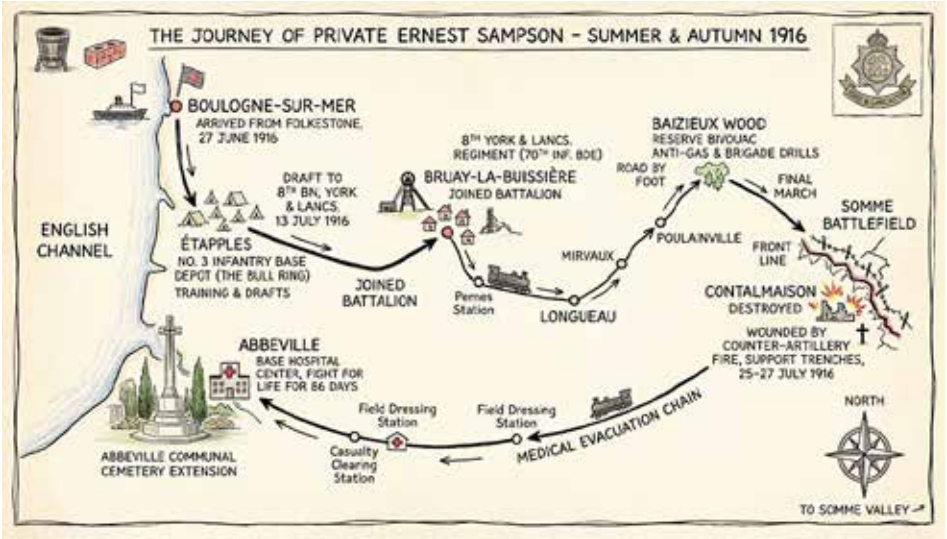
True remembrance is rarely found in grand totals or sweeping statistics; it lives in the thousands of individual stories that started quietly in villages and towns all over the country—lives so easily lost behind the sheer scale of the numbers. Through Terri-Anne's dedicated research, and the time Lynne and Carolspent walking the fields of the Somme and keeping a quiet vigil at his headstone in Abbeville, Ernest's story has been brought home, helping is to remember that behind every carved name on a war memorial remains a human life truly remembered.







Preserved trenches (top) near to the site where Ernest was wounded (middle) in the destroyed village of Contalmaison, 1916. Bottom: Carol and Lynne inspect the hospital memorial records in Abbeville.



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We also have our popular Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 22nd November where you can get all your cards, decorations, crafted items and presents.

Plans are going ahead for extending the hall to make a good storage area so that our extension room can be used to better effect for smaller events, so please help the committee in all their endeavours by supporting these events.

Please visit our Facebook page, 'Ollerton Jubilee Hall', to keep you informed of the activities taking place at the hall. Come along to one of our events or regular activities. If you would like to start an interest group, weekday and weekend dates are available. Contact our booking secretary, Sandra, on 07583 570134, or book online at hallbookingonline.com/ollerton. If you wish to contact us our email address is email@ollertonjubileehall.org.uk.

The Jubilee Hall is an important asset to our village and is managed by quite a small dedicated committee. If you're looking to make a difference and cherish community values, consider joining the team because many hands make light work. We would love to see other people coming forward to join us so that the hall continues to flourish and be at the centre of our community for years to come. We meet at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month in the Hall where you would be made most welcome.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the 100 Club draw for October! If you want to join and have a chance to win some cash prizes, why not sign up for the 100 Club today? It's very simple. Just call John on 07875634713 and he'll help you.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st All Saints Day
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10.30am St Paulinus
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday
10.45am Memorial Gardens Ollerton Village
4pm St Giles
Sunday 15th Nov
10am St Giles
10.30am St Paulinus
Sunday 22nd Nov
10am Confirmation Service at Southwell Minster
4pm St Giles
Sunday 29th Advent Sunday
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The Broadleaves Service
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Kirton 10.30am Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Wellow 4pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 8 Nov Wellow 10.30am Service of Remembrance with Dedication of new war memorial
Walesby 10.30am Service of Remembrance
Saturday 14 November
Egmanton 12 noon Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Egmanton
Sunday 15 November
Wellow 10:30am Morning Service
Sunday 22 November
No services in villages - please attend Eakring/Bilsthorpe/Ollerton
Sunday 29 November
Kirton 10.30am Holy Communion with Advent carols
Saturday 5 December
Laxton Christmas Tree Festival (continues on Sunday)
Sunday 6 December
Kirton 10.30am Holy Communion (tbc)
Laxton 10.30am 'Christmas Trees and Carols'
Wellow 4pm Evening Worship

OLLERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have finally completed building our summerhouse and it was put to great use at the annual light trail.

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The first half featured music from the popular films, Brassed Off (which is currently celebrating its 30th Anniversary), The Mission, The Little Mermaid, Hercules and Wicked. After plenty of singing in the first half the audience was then encouraged to become the promenaders for the second half and join in with the Last Night of the Proms favourites Radetsky March, Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory, Fantasia on British Sea Songs and You'll Never Walk Alone.

The band's attention is now turning to the Christmas Season so look out for us in Clipstone, Edwinstowe and Laxton and join us at these events.

26th Nov - Edwinstowe Light Switch On 6:15pm

28th Nov - Clipstone Light Switch On 4pm

29th Nov - Farnsfield Light Switch On 4.30pm

11th Dec - Laxton Church, Christmas Concert 7pm

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Carols by Candlelight. Saturday 5th December – Doors open 2.30pm - to be seated by 3pm.

The list for this extremely popular event may be full by the time you read this. The event is free and we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies to all those who have booked a place. We are grateful for any donations on the day, and a donation plate will be situated on the refreshments table. This event received amazing reviews last year so we will be repeating that format. We will be holding a seasonal raffle. Parking is along The Avenue. For any enquiries, please phone 01777 811219, 01777 811358 or 01777 870300.

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It was packed to the rafters, and a brilliant night was had by all. The evening featured an excellent raffle, a trophy and meal for four at The Harrow Pub for the winning team, and even a booby prize for last place! That honour went to a team from The Hidden Gem—a lovely little cafe in Edwinstowe House well worth a visit. Fortunately for them, they each walked away with a tin of pilchards, so if you pop in for a bite, keep an eye out on their specials board!



This is just one example of how we combine fun with raising vital funds for the community. In many ways, it is the calm before the storm. Coming up next is our massive Christmas Santa Sleigh collection. As local residents know, our villages are expanding rapidly, making it increasingly difficult to reach every street. Because of this, we urgently need extra volunteers to help us collect in Ollerton, Edwinstowe, Bilsthorpe, and surrounding areas.

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Thank you Mog, The entire spread looked like a work of art, beautiful food, making it an unforgettable afternoon
A big thank you to everyone who supported us.

FOX REPAIR CAFE

Thanks everyone for your valuable support on Saturday 12th September. It was busy and resulted in happy customers and quality repairs. It's good to see people returning and spreading the word.

We have an amazing team with a great balance of skills to tackle most items; bringing them back to life and keeping them from landfill.

long may it continue!!

COFFEE MORNING

Jacqueline and Reg held a coffee morning at their home. They raised £448 in aid of the John Eastwood Hospice. It was a lovely morning enjoyed by friends old and new. They would like to say a massive thank you to Lewis Reeves estate agent, Bakkavor cakes, The Fox at Kirton and all the many friends that made the event possible.

RIDE AND STRIDE

Jonathan, together with 9 others and a baby took part in the Historic Churches ride and stride event in September. Together, they cycled to 13 churches, starting at St Giles in Ollerton and finishing at Holy Trinity Church, Kirton.

This effort raised a wonderful total of approximately £1000 in sponsorship (money still coming in and will be confirmed later). Thank you to the stewards who sat in Kirton Church to welcome cyclists from other parishes, offering them well earned refreshments. Historic Churches will keep half of the total raised and the other half will go into Kirton Church Funds.

A massive 'thank you' to all those who participated, especially the baby!!

HISTORIC CHURCHES TALK

Walesby and Kirton had a visit from members of the Historic Churches Trust. Dr Chris Brooke gave two historical talks, dating the buildings by describing architectural details and pointing out certain features of interest. There were about 40 people in attendance.

Walesby and Kirton contributed toward the refreshment table which was groaning under the weight of delicious savouries and cakes. The whiskey flavoured Pimms was a pleasant surprise and went down a treat.

Thank you to everyone for their support, particularly The Fox pub and Martin Hempsall.
Future events at The Fox unless otherwise stated:
Wednesdays: indoor games including board games, table tennis, pool and darts.
Thursdays: Qi Gong, 12.30pm with lunch after if you fancy it.
Feel free to join us just for a chat should you wish.
Fun Fox quiz 7.30pm, includes Sticky 13's and PYCR.
Halloween Celebration with live entertainment Saturday 31st Oct
Bonfire Event Saturday 7th November
Fox Repair Cafe are meeting on Saturday 14th Nov 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.
Hope to see you there; together we can save more items from the tip.
Kirton Book Club are meeting on Wednesday 18th November at 6.30pm. We are currently reading The Haunted Shore by Neil Spring.

Roundabout are looking for a volunteer/ volunteers to deliver magazines to 120 homes in Kirton.
Currently, Kirton residents can be pick up Octobers magazine from The Fox.
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Wellow Maypole Committee invite you to their ever popular Winter Fair taking place in Wellow Memorial Hall on Saturday 28th November. Doors will open at 10am and the hall will be filled with local and artisan craftspeople offering wonderful ideas for your Christmas shopping! Come and shop in comfort, take part in a super raffle and buy some delicious home made cakes too. There will be hot drinks and light lunch refreshments available, so bring your friends and family to enjoy some retail therapy then have a catch up over a bite to eat!

Wellow residents will also have the opportunity to cast their vote for next year's Wellow May Queen, so please support the girls who are putting themselves forward for this special honour.

Everyone is welcome at Wellow's festive Winter Fair - 10am-2pm on Saturday 28th November (it's free entry too!)

RBL OLLERTON & DISTRICT 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.
We meet in The Ollerton House PH, Wellow Road at 7.00pm. Meetings are generally made up of a short time spent on the business such as finance, information from County & National RBL and any upcoming events followed by social time with refreshments. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.
Members are also looking forward to a variety of speakers and trips in the future.

BRANCH AGM

Our AGM was held on 30th September 2026 where elections for the various positions on the Committee took place. We are pleased to announce the following members were nominated and elected: Janine Fletcher – Chair/President; Rev Richard Hanford – Vice Chair; Jurgen Halligan – Treasurer; Phil Elford – Secretary; Ken Benton – Standard Bearer.

POPPY APPEAL – COLLECTING AND WREATHS

Should you wish to lay an RBL wreath or one of your own at the Remembrance Service on 8th November please use the contact details below to ensure that you are not missed off the list. If there is no answer please leave a message.
The Poppy Appeal collections will start on 26th October 2026, please say hello to our volunteers and the local Army Cadets who will be on the stalls outside local shops and along Forest Road in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.
Should you wish to assist with the Poppy Appeal in any way, this year or next, please contact Janine Fletcher on the details below. You do not need to be a member of the Royal British Legion to do so and all help is gratefully received.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST

Sherwood Forest Trust is expanding its Community Tree Nursery, creating the capacity to grow thousands more native trees for historic Sherwood and communities across Nottinghamshire.

Established in 2023, the Community Tree Nursery is set to grow thanks to a combination of funding from the Defra Tree Production Capital Grant (TPCG), an incredibly generous £8,200 donation from Roy Smith in memory of his brother, Barry, and the provision of additional land by one of the Trust's trustees.

The investment will enable the nursery to significantly increase production, particularly of larger, feathered trees, helping meet growing demand for locally sourced native trees for woodland creation, restoration and community planting projects.

New infrastructure will include expanded rainwater harvesting, automated irrigation and additional growing space. These improvements will increase the nursery's capacity, improve the quality and resilience of the trees it produces, reduce reliance on mains water and free up valuable staff and volunteer time.

The expansion will also allow the nursery to grow a wider range of native species and increase genetic diversity through the careful collection and tracking of locally sourced seed from across the Sherwood area. Species include oak, wild cherry, rowan, silver birch, hawthorn, hazel, field maple, holly, yew and several willow species.

Demand for locally grown, UK and Ireland Sourced and Grown native trees continues to exceed supply, and there is already interest in the additional trees the nursery will produce.

Alongside the grant funding, the Trust has received a particularly meaningful donation from Roy Smith in memory of his brother Barry, who passed away in 1994.

Roy is supporting causes that were important to Barry and chose the Sherwood Forest Trust because it provides a lasting legacy, helping future generations benefit from projects that invest in nature and the landscape Barry loved.

"This donation is a wonderful investment in the future trees we will grow, benefiting both people and wildlife for generations to come.

What makes the Community Tree Nursery so special is the generosity that runs through it. Thousands of volunteer hours, community groups ready to plant, supporters who donate, and partners who invest in our work are all helping to grow the future of Sherwood. We are hugely grateful to Roy for his support, and to the Defra Tree Production Capital Grant for helping make this expansion possible."

Helen Sullivan, CEO, Sherwood Forest Trust

The nursery will continue to grow over the coming years, and there are many ways for people to support its future.

Whether you're looking for locally grown native trees for a community project, farm, estate or woodland, interested in volunteering, or would like to make a donation in support of Sherwood's future trees, the Trust would love to hear from you.

Want to help grow the future of Sherwood?

Talk to us about tree planting opportunities on your land, support the nursery through a donation or gift in memory, or join our volunteer team.

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Memorial sign at the Community Tree Nursery, made by Conservation Manager Graeme Turner

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OLLERTON RUGBY

Ollerton Hoods travelled to Southwell Bandits in the Merit league and won 22 - 17.

This was a very close game played in great spirit. Southwell played some excellent rugby and scored 3 fine tries. Ollerton just had the edge scoring 4 tries and picking up a bonus point. They were scored by Super Prop Frederick Henshaw, impressive No 8 Damien Butler, Centre Damien Pope and Veteran Eric Cranmer. Man of the match went to James Foster who was outstanding.





Photos of Frederick Henshaw, Damien Pope, Eric Cranmer, Damien Butler and James Foster upper right.

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Ollerton played host to Market Rasen 2nds in the Midlands Counties 3 league and won 36 - 19.

This was the first home League fixture this season. Ollerton's Pack had a great afternoon with some awesome scrummaging, this made the platform for the backs to run in 6 tries. Market Rasen replied with some quality rugby and scored 3 fine tries.

Ollerton's tries came from Scrum Half Jack Cranmer and Jones&Co Man of the match, Flying Winger Jonny Brannan who scored 5 beauties, Jonny produced a masterclass of Wing play with precise finishing. 3 fine conversions from Fly Half John Ross Ward.



Pics of Jonny Brannan and Jack Cranmer.

Ollerton Hoods travelled to Grimsby 2nds in the Merit league and fell 63 - 10. The game was played in good spirit.

Grimsby had a large squad and were too strong for the Hoods. The Seasiders scored some great tries. The Hoods never gave up and were rewarded with 2 super tries from Fly Half Damien Pope and Jones&Co Man of the match Captain Joe Copestake.



Damien Pope and Joe Copestake.

THE LONG WALK AGAINST CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Long-time Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lion Paul Kitson (aka "Kit") is planning to take the 27mile Robin Hood circular walk on Saturday 5th December to raise money to assist in the fight against cystic fibrosis, which is a genetic condition causing serious lung and digestive problems. His journey, covering Thoresby, Clumber, and Welbeck Estates will start and finish at the Olde Red Lion in Wellow.

Sufferers from CF and also their families are impacted daily by the challenges of dealing with it's effects, and more funding is needed both for their ongoing support, and for continuing research to tackle a very distressing condition. Kit is no stranger to raising money for this excellent cause, and his previous efforts for CF include four London marathons and two long-distance walks and have already raised around £35,000. This is a great achievement, and Kit is also actively involved in the Lions' numerous charity fundraising events. He is supported by family and friends including of course by the Lions family. If you feel able to help with this very worthwhile cause, Kit's Justgiving page details are shown below; thank you for any help you feel able to give.

To donate and findout more visit justgiving.com and search for "Paul Jitson 6"



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning at "The Beeches".

It was an incredible community effort, and we are absolutely thrilled to announce that together, we raised just shy of £3,000 for such a vital cause! This amazing achievement wouldn't have been possible without our wonderful helpers—"the ultimate Dream Team"—who worked tirelessly to make the event run smoothly.

A special thank you also goes out to all our talented cake bakers for providing such delicious treats, to every single person who came along to support us on the day, and to everyone who generously donated via our JustGiving page.

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JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL

Children from St Joseph's School, Finn, Iyla, Emmanuel and Isla, have been appointed as our new Junior Town Councillors, proudly representing our school in the local community.

Their first meeting took place in September where they were joined by Junior Town Councillors from Forest View and Park Gate. As this was the first meeting of the new school year, the councillors gave speeches before voting to elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

We are delighted that Finn was elected as Chairperson, with Iyla chosen as Vice Chairperson. This is a wonderful opportunity for all four councillors to develop their leadership and communication skills, share ideas and work alongside other young people to make a positive contribution to the local community. Finn said he was nervous when giving his speech but felt proud and trusted that he would do a good job as Chairperson. He is looking forward to being part of the Junior Town Council and having the opportunity to express his ideas.

Iyla felt happy and excited about the challenge of being Vice Chairperson. She is looking forward to working with the other councillors and contributing to the community.

Isla is excited about being part of the Junior Town Council and feels that the experience will help to build her confidence when speaking in front of others. Emmanuel is also looking forward to building his confidence and having the opportunity to share his ideas.

During the meeting, the councillors discussed several exciting projects planned for the year ahead. One of the highlights will be this year's Christmas Tree Competition, which everyone is already looking forward to.

The councillors also enjoyed an interesting and informative talk from the Forestry Commission. They learned more about the important work carried out to care for, protect and manage our forests and woodlands. It was a fantastic first meeting, filled with new ideas, opportunities and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of our Junior Town Councillors and look forward to seeing all that they achieve throughout the year!

HOME-START NEWARK'S NOT SO SUMMERY TRIP

Each year Home-Start Newark hires coaches and provides a free summer trip for their families to a chosen destination. This year Sundown Adventureland was the choice on possibly the wettest August day on record. However, despite the dark clouds and torrential rainfall two coaches full of excited children set off for a fun filled day of water rapids, soft play and even a go on the famous Father Christmas ride (weather quite fitting!). The children were happy splashing in the puddles, while the adults were desperately trying to dodge them with waterproofs being packed away for the latter months. Over lunch families enjoyed their indoor picnic while connecting with other families, volunteers and staff.

It is fair to say that everyone was soaked to the skin, but nothing a warm bath and dry clothes couldn't fix at the end of a very busy but memorable day, with one child asking on the way home 'when can we go again?.

A huge thank you to funders BBC Children in Need, staff at Sundown Adventureland and Marshalls coaches for enabling families to share experiences and make wonderful memories.

Home-Start Newark works with families in and around Newark as well as Ollerton, Boughton and Bilsthorpe. They train volunteers to provide one to one support to local families who are facing challenging times. Volunteers visit families at home and provide listening support and encouragement, as well as practical help with family life. They also offer Family Group twice a week, offering support to families who would like to meet other parents, enabling their children to play in a safe environment, supporting children's development, and providing a healthy breakfast to every child. Staff and volunteers are onsite to offer emotional and practical support to families.

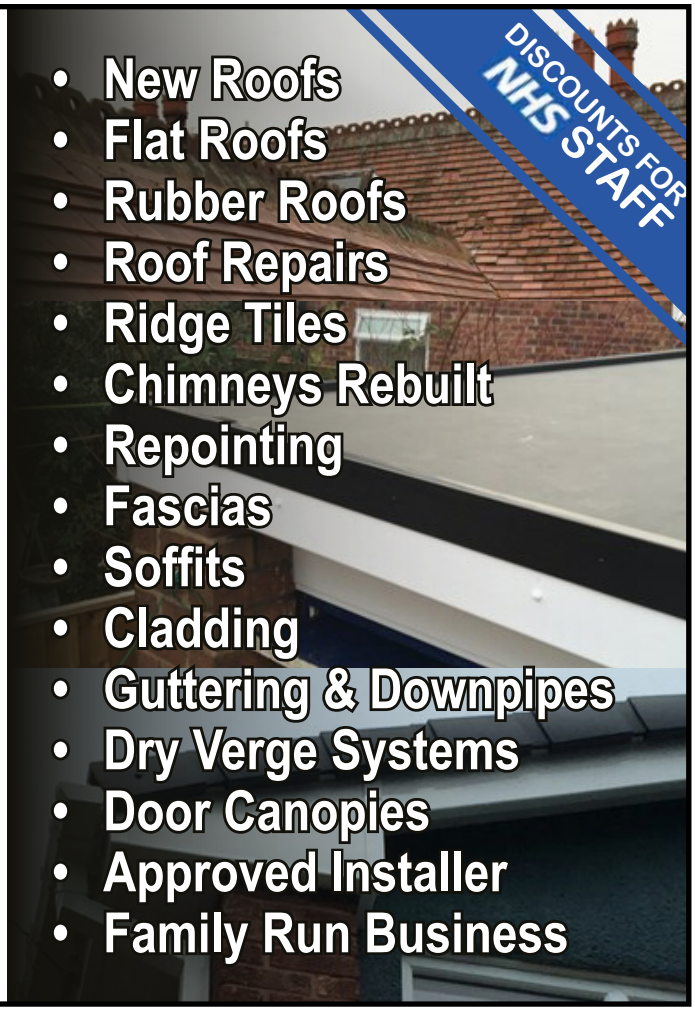
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OVRA NEWS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As the long, hot summer drifts to a quiet autumn close, our thoughts have turned to upcoming seasonal events. We'll soon be in remembrance season and the annual ceremony on 8th November will once again be honouring those who have given their lives in order to preserve our way of life, and those who continue to serve in that cause. Join us in the Remembrance Garden in the village for the arrival of the parade, and the service from 10.45am.

FLOOD RESILIENCE

OVRA is doing its bit to aid the District-wide volunteer support for action in the event of flooding in the village. We are working with the Town and District Councils to establish a store of emergency equipment, and training for volunteers who can be called into action in the early stages of a serious flood warning so that properties at risk can be helped. More on this to follow.

CLEANING UP

OVRA carries out regular litter picks and weeding in public areas around the village, but we shouldn't go without mentioning the regular efforts of Kate Mettam of the Ollerton Watermill. Kate is often to be found cleaning, sweeping and generally tidying up around the village, and has planted and maintained the flower bed in Market Square. Thanks Kate, a true community champion.

MILL FIELD

So where are all the wildflowers? We think a later than ideal sowing date last autumn, and the very hot summer, has left them waiting for better conditions to poke their heads up. A few did manage to pop up despite the very heavy grass cover, so we will be topping up the seeds once the field has had its last cut of the year. Fingers crossed.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Make a note in your diary for the Christmas Carol Service to be held at 4pm on Sunday 20th December at St Giles Church at the heart of our lovely village. We will once again be supporting this event, which will have a live band, traditional carols, and mulled wine and mince pies. This is a family friendly service that will be the perfect preparation for your Christmas festivities.

EMPTY VILLAGE PROPERTIES

You may have seen that the White Hart Inn on Market Square and the former Sherwood Forest Garage site on Main Street are for sale (check out Rightmove commercial if not). This is an important time for the village, which has been sadly neglected by Sam Smith's Brewery for too long, but we need to be vigilant about what may take their place. This is a Conservation Area and needs sensitive development that will revitalise the village. Anyone who visits Edwinstowe will know how much buzz there is around their High Street and it's boutique-style shops and service/hospitality economy.

LOCAL GIRLS IN FINAL REHEARSALS FOR DEBUT SINGLE

Four Robin Hood Dramatics students are putting the finishing touches to their debut single ahead of its release on all major streaming platforms.

Caitlin, Heidi, Nisha and Phoebe make up the new girl band, managed by Kieran Brooks and sponsored by Robin Hood Dramatics. The track, Meet My Girls, is the group's first release, and the four have been in launch rehearsals as the date draws closer.

The band has also secured a deal for a professional music video, which will be produced by West Notts.

It has been a busy stretch around the rehearsals. Mansfield panto favourite Adam Moss, currently appearing in Cinderella at Mansfield Palace Theatre, made a guest appearance at St Joseph's after-school club.

Willmott Dixon also came in to run a STEM workshop for the young people. The construction firm spent the session with the students on science, technology, engineering and maths, giving them a practical look at the kind of work that goes on behind building projects in the area. For a group better known for singing, dancing and stage work, it was a change of pace, and a chance to try something hands-on away from the rehearsal room. Organisers said the visit sat well alongside the performing work, showing the students there is more than one route into a career, whether that is on stage or building one.



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Dawn has a wealth of knowledge to tap into. Previous attendees have said:

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"Dawn was direct and honest and I thoroughly enjoyed speaking to her. She offered a perspective I had not thought of and I feel I am better equipped going forward"

This support is fully-funded, however spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Support is available for businesses that are based in Newark and Sherwood and have been trading for three years and above.

Date: Thursday 26th November 2026
Venue: Ollerton Advice Centre, Sycamore Road, Ollerton, NG22 9PS
Timings: 6 hour-long slots are available between 9.30am and 4.15pm

To book a place, or for more information please contact
will.parkinson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

If you would like to access this support but cannot make these sessions an ad-hoc meeting can be organised. Future surgeries are being arranged on a quarterly basis.

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DUKERIES U3A

One of the great things about our local U3As is that occasionally we like to combine forces and take our members somewhere a bit special. This last month, for instance, Dukeries U3A teamed up with Ashfield U3A to run a joint trip to RAF Cosford in Shropshire – and what a memorable trip it turned out to be!

The museum contains a most impressive – and comprehensive – collection of aeroplanes from both World Wars and the Cold War, including the world's oldest Spitfire, a Hurricane, a newly restored Vickers Wellington and a Bristol Blenheim, together with a German Messerschmitt and Junkers JU88. Two talks from Museum volunteers certainly helped to bring the planes, and the heroic pilots who flew them, back to life.

In addition to the display of aircraft, the museum offered a range of simulators and immersive experiences for us to try and feel something of what it must be like flying some of these iconic aeroplanes. A Red Arrows 4D display certainly gave us a very realistic sense of what flying in these iconic planes must be like – and all without feeling at all queasy!

Elsewhere, our Ramblers have been enjoying some glorious early Autumn weather with two walks. The first left the Pumping Station at Budby and explored Birkland Woods; the second meandered along the banks of the Trent from Sconce Park in Newark. The Ukelele Group travelled to Nettleton, near Caistor, in Lincolnshire for a two hour 'jam' session with their ukelele group. Reportedly, a great time was had by all!

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 now costs just £12 pp and includes access to





all activities and interest groups for the rest of the year to March 2027, 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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Join in our regular events:

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 3rd November and Tuesday 1st December.

PLACES OF WELCOME takes place every Wednesday morning between 9.30am and 11am. Enjoy a complimentary drink and biscuit as you make new friends or catch up with old friends in a friendly and welcoming space. Pick up a great book at the same time.

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?

10th Birthday 10-week challenge

Celebrate a decade of Inspire with 10 weeks of reading. Join in the 10th birthday 10 week reading challenge to discover how many books you can read in 10 weeks. Challenge yourself to read more books in a week than you already do. Whether you are a reluctant reader or an avid reader, join in 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.

There is still time to complete the 10th Birthday 10-week challenge.

Hand your challenge sheet back by 20th December to be entered into a prize draw, prizes include signed books.

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.

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COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION

The recent Macmillan Coffee Morning, held at the Major Oak Medical Practice Edwinstowe, was a fantastic success.

Before visitors arrived, a team of enthusiastic bakers had been busy behind-the-scenes by producing an utterly scrumptious spread of cakes and pastries. Move over, Nigella Lawson, the Edwinstowe bakers are the best!

An array of tempting cakes saw slimmers throw waistlines to the wind and slice straight into a divine, king-size chocolate cake. Lo and behold, Dr. Mikhail headed the queue and Dr. Gopi wasn't too far behind!

Bringing people together for charity, the morning proved to be a real winner and at the same time supported a wonderful cause.

Helen (Operations Manager) organised a fun-filled tombola, which saw most visitors leaving with a prize.

A raft of guests included the Deputy Mayor of Ollerton & Boughton, Councillor Raja Fizil, who enjoyed a cup of strong tea and said, "I would like to thank Macmillan Cancer Support along with today's organisers and volunteers for bringing us together. An event such as this is not only about raising funds but also showing solidarity, kindness and support to people affected by cancer and their families. The work of Macmillan is incredibly important by providing practical and emotional support when people need it the most."

Special guest at the event, Janice Dixon, donated a more than generous cheque on behalf of Dixon and Young, vets (Ollerton). She attended with her border terrier, Pringle. The supportive cheque came as an unexpected surprise and the giant charity cherry on a busy morning of fund-raising.

Later, Jacquie Mikhail, Practice Manager, gushed, "Special thanks go to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Raja Fazil for taking time to join us and Janice from Dixon & Young, vets for a hugely generous donation. Also, thanks to Helen and all the staff at the Major Oak Medical Practice for making the event a resounding success. Well over £1,000 was raised and still counting. This contribution will help Macmillan continue its vital work for patients and their families."

The Major Oak Medical Practice serves the communities of Edwinstowe, Ollerton, Boughton and surrounding areas.



The happy photograph of coffee and camaraderie for charity shows Jacquie Mikhail (Practice Manager) Councillor Raja Fizil (Deputy Mayor of Ollerton & Boughton), Dr. Mikhail, Janice Dixon (& Pringle) and Dr. Gopi.

BROWNIES, GUIDES AND RANGERS SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY



Ollerton Brownies, Guides and Rangers have worked hard to support their community by completing different elements of the 'I helped a food bank' badge.

Brownies learnt what can and can't be donated and why, why do we have food banks and what feelings might you feel if you needed to use a food bank. The Brownies were challenged to make a meal plan using only the things that had been donated to the food bank.

Guides and Rangers furthered their knowledge about food banks and in particular the local food bank at the Lifespring centre. The guides had the challenge of creating a meal plan for the whole day. The Rangers had to plan for the whole week from the food that had been donated.

The Guides also discussed the feelings and emotions that would be attached to using a food bank. They made cards and notes of positivity that are going to be given out in hampers to people in need.

The leaders are all so impressed and proud of our young members who also made donations that were taken to the lifespring centre. The leaders had the chance to speak to the volunteers at the centre who do an incredible job of supporting those in need and learnt how vital donations like ours are to the centre. If you all can support with even a small amount that would make such a difference.

1ST OLLERTON RAINBOWS

Since our return after the summer holidays we have welcomed Bea, Felicity and Esther to our unit. We did an "All about me" activity. It was surprising to see how much we all had in common.

We have worked on the Agility interest badge. We had the fantastic Rach from refit come to put us through our paces with dance moves and games.

Rainbows are taking part in this year's annual Scarecrow festival and our entry will be at St Paulinus next to the community garden. To get us in the mood all the Rainbows made their own little Scarecrow to take home.

We do have spaces at our unit. We meet Monday evenings 5-6pm at St Paulinus church hall. Go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and register.

Kanga and Roo

2ND OLLERTON BROWNIES

After our summer break we have welcomed Sinah, Eadie, Sienna, Elli, Daisy and Molly to our unit. We did a fire drill and evacuated the building and met in our designated area, the Brownies listened really well to the instructions given.

We have completed the "My Rights" interest badge. We discussed the 4 main rights for children. The right to be safe and looked after. The right to learn and play. The right to speak out and be heard. The right to be yourself. To Complete the badge each "six" put on a little play to show one of the "Rights".

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TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Starting as the new Town Clerk was always going to be an exciting new chapter for me but joining at this time of the year is an added bonus! Each year in October and November our community comes together for the Scarecrow Festival and Xmas Lights Event animportantly to pay our respects during the Remembrance Day Parade in partnership with the Royal British Legion. I'm looking forward to supporting our Town Council and our community to ensure these events and others over the year are a success.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE

The parade will be leaving from the Town Hall at 10.15 on Sunday 8 th November. If you are taking part please be on Sherwood Drive for 10:00. If you or your organisation has arranged a poppy wreath through the Royal British Legion please collect this from the Town Hall before 2pm on Friday 6 th November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are still looking for volunteers to support with the official Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 8th November 2026. This is being done in partnership with the Ollerton Royal British Legion Branch. The parade will start on Sherwood Drive, with stewards/marshals needed at road junctions along the route to the War Memorial Gardens. The services of a professional traffic management company have been engaged to deal with the road closure with the costs being met by Ollerton & Boughton Town Council. If you wish to volunteer you must be over 18 years of age and be available from 9.30am to 11am on Sunday 8 th November. A short briefing session will take place at 9.30am on the day of the event at Ollerton Town Hall. The Town Council and RBL are hoping that the public will give this their full support. Please contact Ollerton Town Hall for more information

POPPY DISPLAY

There is still time to let us know if you would like to add to the community display of poppies outside your home, school or business. Please let us know if you are taking part so that we can include them in our commemorative publicity. If you are a community group not already working with the "Ollerton Together" networking group and would like more information please contact Ollerton Town Hall.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

At the Town Hall we are getting excited for our Christmas event this year on Friday 20th November which is a great way to kick off the Christmas season! We are looking forward to ensuring that we have a wonderful event for you all enjoy it and hoping that it is a dry day and not too cold! We have some wonderful entertainers arranged across the day, tasty food and drink and wonderful market stall holders lined up. We just need you to come and enjoy it! If you would like to get involved and volunteer with manning the barriers for 2 hours we would welcome your help on the day.

If you wish to have a market stall or volunteer on the day please contact Ollerton Town Hallfor further details on 01623 860811 or email office@ollerton-tc.gov.uk

DEFIBRILLATORS

A defibrillator is available outside the Town Hall on Sherwood Drive and other locations throughout the town. The Town Hall defibrillator now also contains a bleed kit. For



information, when an 999 emergency call is made, East Midlands Ambulance Service have a list of all the locations and will direct the caller to the equipment if appropriate. They will also supply the access code if required.

MEETINGS

Residents are very welcome to attend Town Council meetings:
Full Council – 3rd November 2026, 6pm
E**nvironment Committee** – 17th November 2026, 6pm
Planning Committee – 24th November 2026
Other meetings may be scheduled and the details will be published per the information below:
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

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WALESBY FC

WALESBY JUNIORS OFF TO AN ENCOURAGING START

Walesby Juniors have kicked off the season with encouraging performances across all age groups, showing great teamwork and competitive spirit. Under 8s & Under 9s: The U8s have delivered high-scoring, entertaining matches. The U9s have won two of their opening three games, taking plenty of positives from their sole defeat against a top-tier side. Under 12 United: Currently sit on two wins and two defeats as they continue to build momentum.
Under 18s: Sitting fourth in the league (2 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses), playing creative passing football. Nine different players have scored, led by Joseph Hogg with 7 goals and Jacob Brackenbury with 2. Community Sessions: Tuesday night fun sessions at the Dukeries and the Monday night WJFC Footie 1st Steps (for Years 1 & 2) continue to grow, offering young players of all abilities a welcoming environment to build confidence and enjoy the game.

WALESBY FC U23S & AFC WALESBY UPDATE

Walesby FC U23s: Made a flying start in Development Division Pool A with a 3–1 win at Calverton and an 8–3 victory over Willow Wanderers. They welcome league leaders Grantham Town this Saturday. AFC Walesby: Earned their first Mansfield Sunday League Division One point with a hard-fought 1–1 draw against AFC Rainworth, rebuilding their defensive resilience ahead of facing top-of-the-table Bluetooth Welfare.

WALESBY VETS & SUPER VETS CONTINUE TO GROW

Both Veterans sides prove that football doesn't have to stop as the years go by—even if recovery time takes a little longer! Off the pitch, the club stays thriving thanks to local supporters, fundraising, and an infamous fines system for missed sitters and questionable mistakes. As they say at Walesby: getting older doesn't make you wiser, just makes your mistakes more expensive!

Walesby Vets: An impressive 18-month unbeaten league run ended in a 3–0 loss to Local Inn (discussed in forensic detail over a pint!). Under new managers Gaz Tye and David Bracegirdle—who bring great experience and a few extra grey hairs—the Bees bounced back in style with a 5–2 away win over Smithy Street.

Super Vets: Managed by Andy Lobley and Robert Kitchen, they kicked off with a 3–1 win over Long Bennington. The mind still knows exactly what to do—whether the hamstrings agree is another matter! There are still plenty of games, goals, aching knees, and Monday-morning excuses to come!

WALESBY VILLAGE SPORTS ASSOCIATION SAYS A HUGE THANK YOU TO MURPHY PLANT

Walesby Village Sports Association has recently benefited from Murphy Plant's Giving Back Days Community Engagement Scheme, with a team from Murphy Plant spending two days carrying out much-needed improvements around the association's playing field and clubhouse.
Matt, Andy, Mitch, Kizzy and Rhianna worked incredibly hard throughout the two days, putting their time, skills and enthusiasm into helping improve the facilities. Their efforts have made a real difference to the appearance and condition of the site, which is used by local sports teams, members and the wider community.
The Walesby Village Sports Association Management Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to Murphy Plant and the whole team for choosing to support the association through the Giving Back Days scheme.
Community facilities rely heavily on the support of local organisations and businesses, and initiatives such as this make a genuine difference to small community associations like Walesby Village Sports Association.
The Committee is extremely grateful for all the hard work carried out over the two days and for the positive impact it will have on the club and everyone who uses the facilities.
A huge thank you to Murphy Plant, Matt, Andy, Mitch, Kizzy and Rhianna for giving up their time and helping to make a difference to Walesby Village Sports Association and our local community.







OLLERTON W.I.

At our meeting on 1st October 2026, members were given an interesting talk by Janine Buckley entitled 'Pit Ponies'. With mining having played a huge role in many lives in our Community this was a much anticipated talk. It proved to be a great insight into the conditions the ponies were kept in and also how much they contributed to our local mining heritage. It was lovely to see photographs of them and also to know that they too managed to have a holiday above ground when the collieries were shut for the summer.

The competition this month 'Mining Memorabilia' was won by Judy Smith. Lots of really interesting and fabulous entries were provided by members this month. A hard task for the speaker to judge.

Many of our members helped to fill a large collection basket and additional bags by donating items to the collection for Action Against Breast Cancer. A very worthy cause.

Next month we are looking forward to enjoying a social evening together making various Christmas crafts. The competition will be 'A Short Bedtime Story'.

Our walking group, the 'Walkie Talkies' enjoyed a lovely walk around historical Creswell Crags, once again ending with a cuppa, cakes and more chat.

Our Darts team are due to start the season soon and continue to meet on a Monday evening in The Harrow PH for practice sessions and lots of social time. We again thank The Harrow for welcoming us back to our original darting home following our previous time there for several years prior to its short term closure.

We have the following social events to look forward to before the end of the year; skittles, afternoon tea at The Hostess, a day trip to Beverley to enjoy their Christmas festivities and also a Christmas wreath making session.

Fundraising continues with our support being given to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance along with a contribution to Ollerton Jubilee Hall towards the continued provision of their defibrillator.

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

To find out more information about our monthly meetings and future activities 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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EDWINSTOWE IN BLOOM



The bowser was used for the last time. It was emptied out on Linda's meadow and the allotment and put into its winter home. This month we spent time raking, seeding and uncovering at the meadow, and as the soil is moist and the weather still warm we hope that the seeds will germinate and we will be able to get a head start on a spring sowing. Some of the volunteers made a start at clearing Mansfield road beds. The area by the fire station was strimmed and raked. The idea was to clear patches and scatter yellow rattle seed to help suppress the grass. We also want to introduce more low growing herbs, as there are some there already. On the bigger bed we have cut down a lot of the plants that are past their best but we have left some for seed and winter cover. some clumps needed splitting and some other plants needed moving. It looks a bit ragged at the moment but there are good plants there and hopefully it is becoming a largely self-managed area.

There was not much growing earlier in the month but we still managed a delivery for the food hub. Amazingly the kale survived the flea beetle and this is the second drop this month, with some added items from other allotment holders.

On the 17th September several EiB members got together for an ideas and planning session for the coming year at The Olive Tree.

It is the time of year for the Scarecrow competition, and it starts off our new 'In Bloom' theme which this year is Sherwood Forest. Entries had to be confirmed by 16th October and to be on display from Friday 25th October. They have to be able to be seen from the road and a minimum of one metre high.

The results of the East Midlands in Bloom competition were announced to EiB members, volunteers and residents at the Big Reveal event on Friday 25th September at the village cricket club. Everyone was invited to join in with live music and bar starting at 4pm, with the East Midlands Awards announcements then a further live music set, people were asked to bring picnic chairs and picnics so that they could settle in for a whole community celebration. There was plenty to celebrate as we achieved the highest level, a gold award. There were many other awards the full details of which can be seen in our press release and on our Facebook page.



Now all we have to do is wait for the Britain in Bloom results due at the end of October. The results of that competition and the final winning photo, for September, in the old photography competition will be announced in the next edition.

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FARNSFIELD CRICKET CLUB RETAIN JOHN MALLEN T20 TROPHY

Bassetlaw and District Cricket League – John Mallen T20 Trophy Final
Venue: Station Lane, Farnsfield
Date: Sunday 5 July 2026

Result - Farnsfield CC Won by 5 wickets Worksop CC 157 for 7 Farnsfield CC 158 for 5 (19.1 overs)

After progressing through four qualifying rounds during May and June, Farnsfield Cricket Club and Worksop Cricket Club met in a highly anticipated John Mallen T20 Trophy Final at Station Lane.

For Worksop CC, it was their first appearance in the final for several years, while Farnsfield CC entered the match as the reigning John Mallen T20 Trophy holders. The hosts also came into the contest as the 2025 ECB Vitality T20 Club Plate Northern Regional Champions and reigning National Champions, having defeated Waltham CC in last year's national final.

Winning the toss, Worksop CC elected to bat and made a solid start to their innings. Despite a number of wickets falling through the middle and latter stages of the innings, Worksop posted a competitive **157 for 7** from their 20 overs. Overseas player **Jay Noorbergen** was the standout performer, producing an excellent innings of **88 runs**.

Chasing 158 for victory, Farnsfield made an aggressive start, matching the required run rate from the outset. However, the home side also lost wickets at regular intervals, ensuring the contest remained finely balanced throughout.

Calm, sensible batting from the middle order, followed by some powerful late hitting, saw Farnsfield edge closer to their target before reaching the winning total in the final over of an absorbing contest. Captain **Joel Brett** led by example with a composed and unbeaten **50**, guiding his side to victory and earning the Player of the Match award.

The victory means **Farnsfield Cricket Club retain the John Mallen T20 Trophy**, becoming **2026 Champions** for the second successive year.

Success in the competition also earns Farnsfield the honour of representing the **Bassetlaw and District Cricket League** in the **ECB Vitality T20 Club Plate** national competition.

Farnsfield will enter this year's tournament as the **defending Northern Regional and National Champions**, having completed a remarkable double in 2025 by lifting both titles, culminating in victory over **Waltham CC** in the national final.

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OLLERTON ST. GEORGE'S CELEBRATION GROUP

Thank you to all who attended our AGM in October especially new members Kim , Ryan , Christopher and Ruth.

Melanie Vallance continues as Chairperson, Emma Gardiner as Secretary and Ian Peabody as Treasurer.

Our next meeting is on 5th November , 6.45 pm at at St. Paulinus Church Hall , and all are welcome to attend and contribute to the continued success of the event.

We are now seeking the public's support in putting forward nominees for the annual Knights in Shining Armour award , for a group or individual that goes above and beyond for the community.

Last year this was deservedly won by David and Janice Leatherland.

Forms will be available at the Christmas light switch on (20th November) and also our stall at the St. Paulinus Christmas Tree event (28th November).

RAISE MONEY. GET REWARDED.

The Robin Hood Club has officially launched and the platform describes itself as "the modern way" to raise money in Bilsthorpe, Ollerton & Boughton and Edwinstowe.

It's been created by lifelong local Rob Rose, who setup the community interest company back in June. Rob says he spotted the same theme whilst covering news stories in North Nottinghamshire - great local causes struggling to find funding.

"I've been reporting from the heart of communities for nearly a decade and I've met some amazing people who were all achieving so much good in their local area, but they were constantly distracted by trying to find funding. So I've sat on this idea, where people pay a small amount to make a big difference, and I've finally brought it to life".

The platform costs £3 a month to join, with at least £2 being used for the good of the community. The other £1 is spent keeping the club online. Local businesses are getting involved too, by offering rewards and discounts called "perks", it means paying members can save money whilst shopping local.

Rob says for the first few months, £1 will go directly to the Edwinstowe and Dukeries Lions, as they prepare to tour Santa on his sleigh. A joyful memory he recalls from his childhood.

"No one person can fix everything... But a whole community, chipping in together? That's a different story."

Sign up now www.therobinhoodclub.co.uk

PAUL'S PIT STOP RECEIVES FANTASTIC SUPPORT FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

Paul's Pit Stop is delighted to have received two generous donations from local organisations, highlighting the wonderful community spirit and support for its work in promoting mental health and suicide prevention.

EDWINSTOWE COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUB

Edwinstowe Community Cricket Club has made an incredible £2,000 donation to Paul's Pit Stop, following its fundraising efforts throughout the year.
The charity was overwhelmed by the generosity of the club and would like to thank all its members, volunteers, supporters and everyone who attended and contributed to its fundraising activities.
This fantastic donation will make a real difference to Paul's Pit Stop's work in local secondary schools, where it helps young people look after their mental health, encourages open conversations, promotes looking out for one another and reminds pupils that it is always okay to ask for help.

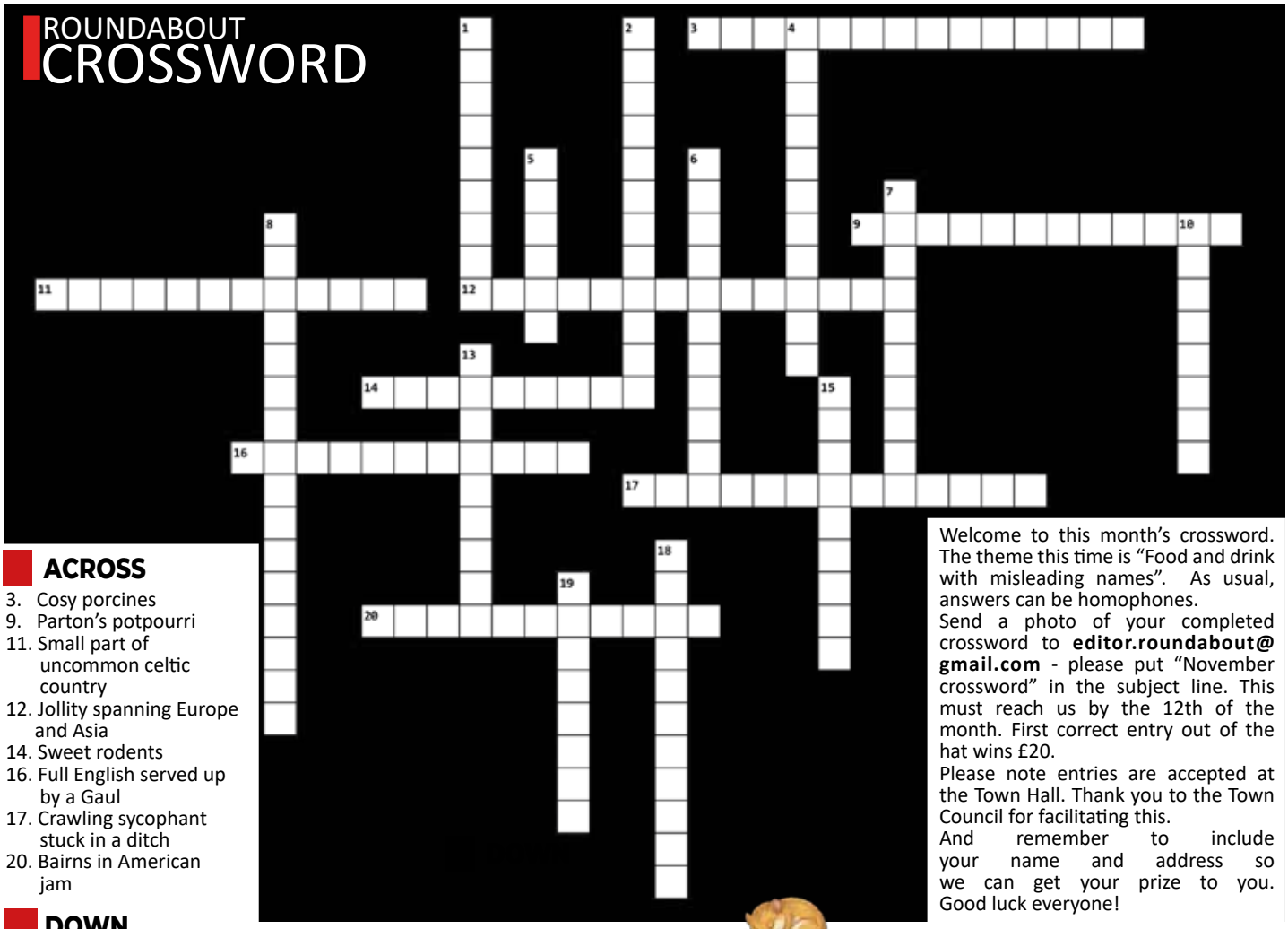
THE DOVEY DRIVE-IN

A further £135 was raised at the final Dovey Drive-In, hosted by The Dovecote Inn, which chose Paul's Pit Stop as its charity for the event. Despite the rainy weather, the evening was a great success, with a tombola and generous donations from customers helping to raise the money.
Paul's Pit Stop would like to thank all the staff at The Dovecote Inn for their support and for choosing the charity, along with everyone who bought tombola tickets and made donations.
Both donations will help the charity continue its vital work supporting the next generation with their mental health and suicide prevention.
Jane, from Paul's Pit Stop, said: "We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and support shown by our local community. Every donation, no matter how big or small, helps us make a difference to young people's lives. It is wonderful to see local clubs, businesses and individuals coming together to support such an important cause.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported us. Together, we really can make a difference."

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3. Cosy porcines
9. Parton's potpourri
11. Small part of uncommon celtic country
12. Jollity spanning Europe and Asia
14. Sweet rodents
16. Full English served up by a Gaul
17. Crawling sycophant stuck in a ditch
20. Bairns in American jam

DOWN

1. Butchered muscle causes funny walk
2. 007 with a crook
4. Richard with acne
5. Condensed metallic infusion
6. The largest state cooked in the oven
7. 3.14 in a cosy house
8. t'dessert
10. Oscillating incrustation
13. Overweight rogue from Yorkshire
15. Firewater decisively puts an end to the clutch
18. Cute loafing
19. Ashen nobleman

Welcome to this month's crossword. The theme this time is "Food and drink with misleading names". As usual, answers can be homophones.

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

FIND THE DORMICE



Dormice are very rare these days. They do still live in Notts but only in very special, secret locations known only to those that work to conserve them. Unexpectedly six have decided to hibernate in the pages of this edition. Can you find them? They look like the one above, but don't count that one!

If you find them all, send us an email to editor.roundabout@gmail.com with the subject line "Find the dormice" 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 November. The first correct entry out of the hat wins £10. Good Luck!

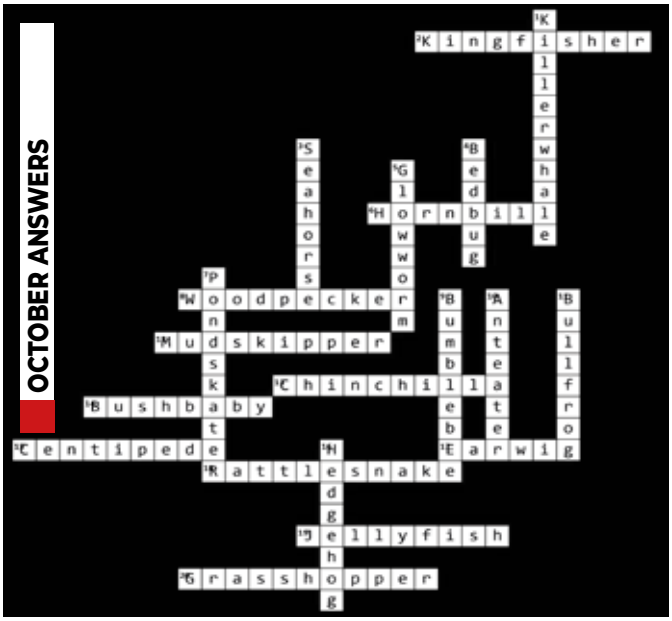
WINNERS

Thank you everyone that entered last month's competitions. The winner of the Find the owls competition is Paula Miles. The prize will be with you shortly. Well done Paula! The owls were on pages 1,3, 5, 7, 9 and 22.

The winner of last month's crossword was Ruby Townsend of Ollerton who got all the answers correct and was the first out of the hat. Well done Ruby! £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!

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