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Local Lady Celebrates 100th Birthday

A resident at The Grand Care Centre in West Bridgford, Nottingham, has celebrated a very special three digit birthday milestone.

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Councils Join Forces to Tackle Rogue Taxis

Nottingham City, Gedling, Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood have all signed the 'Cross Border Enforcement Protocol.' In a first for the region, it will give officers from each council the ability to check, challenge and enforce against each other's licensed private hire vehicles and hackney cabs.

The agreement follows concerns that private hire drivers are illegally operating across different areas without the fare being

'pre-booked' – a criminal offence known as illegally plying for hire. Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, private hire taxis cannot be hailed in the street and councils are urging to people to ensure they travel safely by pre-booking through a reputable firm or using a licensed hackney cab.

As well as a criminal offence, the act of plying can also leave the driver and passengers uninsured. There are a number of other offences, behaviours and standards officers will be looking out for.

Nottingham City Council's portfolio holder for community and customer services, Councillor Toby Neal, said: "The joint protocol will allow officers to work together with the aim of keeping the public safe, as

well as helping to ensure we have a healthy private hire trade operating in our area."

Under the protocol, officers will be able to check vehicle standards and remove its licence if they believe it poses a risk. They will also be able to check the driver's identity and ensure they are operating legitimately.

Gedling Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, said: "This joint work will raise the standards we provide for customers using taxis across the region and will give our officers the tools they need to continue to enforce against illegal pickups, wherever they happen. This should act as a warning that we will prosecute drivers, wherever they are, who pick up passengers knowing it's illegal to do so."

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Explore our county's amazing heritage with The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair coming to Mansfield this month! Into its sixth year, the event at Mansfield Central Library, on Sunday, 13 May, from 11am to 3pm, is Inspire's biggest annual Heritage event and promises to be a free fun day out for all the family with lots of stalls and activities, plus the chance to have a go at traditional circus skills led by The Joker Entertainment. Inspire delivers libraries and a range of cultural and learning services on behalf of Nottingham-

shire County Council. The Local History Fair will feature special displays about Nottinghamshire's mining heritage including a micro mining museum and Virtual Reality apps so you can take a trip down a virtual coal mine! Peter Gaw, Chief Executive of Inspire, said: "This is a popular annual event which will appeal to people of all ages, with fun craft activities for the children and the chance to learn circus skills, as well as a treasure trove of displays and information highlighting our county's fascinating history."



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Audrey Johnson marked her 100th birthday surrounded by family, friends and the staff team at The Grand, where she has been a resident for the last 12 months.

Joining Audrey for her special day and birthday party, complete with afternoon tea and two birthday cakes, was her daughter Liz, son Jamie and grandson Harvey, nephew Alan and his wife Sue, plus the many friends she has made while living at The Grand since last April.

Born and raised in Nottinghamshire, Audrey has enjoyed a long and happy life in the area. She spent much of her childhood in Nottingham, before meeting her husband Philip and marrying

in Burton Joyce church in 1943, after which they moved to Tollerton to bring up their two children Liz and Jamie. Sadly, Philip passed away (aged 91) just after they had celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

For more than half a century, Audrey devoted much of her time to art. A great passion of hers, she joined the Nottingham Society of Artists in 1966, was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1980 and served for two years as President from 1986-88.

Able to express her art through any medium, she particularly enjoyed painting portraits, figures and movement, as well as atmospheric scenes using oil, pastel, watercolour, gouache and acrylic.

Jamie and Liz both remember their mother driving to and from London to take her paintings to exhibits in many of the London galleries, and it was the highlight of her career when one of her paintings was chosen for the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. Her paintings continue to delight, and only recently three of her works were hung in the Fellows Exhibition at the Nottingham Society of Artists Gallery at St Luke's House in April.

Audrey's artistic talent was also put to good use in other areas. For more than 12 years she designed and drew more than 75 covers for the Parish Magazine of St Mary's Church, Plumtree, where she also headed the team of flower ar-

rangers for nearly 21 years. Daughter Liz Johnson said: "My mother is thrilled to have reached her 100th birthday. She hasn't had the best of health for the last few years, but she is very strong-willed and was determined to reach this milestone. We have enjoyed spending this special day with her at The Grand."

Audrey puts her long life down to keeping her brain active: "Painting is wonderful for that," she said, "You never stop thinking and learning."

Registered manager at The Grand, Yana Whitehouse, added: "It was a privilege to share this special day with Audrey and to organise a memorable party for her here at The Grand where she is very much part of our family."

With two care homes in Nottingham, The Grand Care Centre in West Bridgford which has been open since 2015, and the soon-

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School Celebrates Two Outstanding Performances



The Nottingham Emmanuel School is celebrating the achievements of two of its Year 7 Gymnasts who brought home a wealth of medals from the East Midlands Championships.

Bailey Yates is 12 years old and took part in the Under 13's Level 5 events, gaining a Gold in Floor, Pommel, High Bar and, especially exciting for Bailey, he won an overall Gold trophy. He said, "I honestly thought I was going to go out there and make a few silly mistakes, which I kind of did! But I didn't expect to get the Gold medals and the overall Gold. My sisters were cheering me on the whole time with my

parents. I was five years old when I started doing gymnastics and my Dad is a coach, so he comes with me to all of my training and competitions."

Fellow student Kaydon Kennedy is 12 years old and took part in the U13 Level 4 events, gaining a Bronze in Floor and Gold in Pommel. Kaydon said, "I have been doing gymnastics since I was four and I didn't feel nervous when I went into this competition. I felt pretty confident about my routines, but I still didn't expect to get a Gold in the Pommel!"

Kaydon and Bailey both agree that The Nottingham Emmanuel

School is a constant supporter to their efforts. Kaydon says he feels the whole school is behind them.

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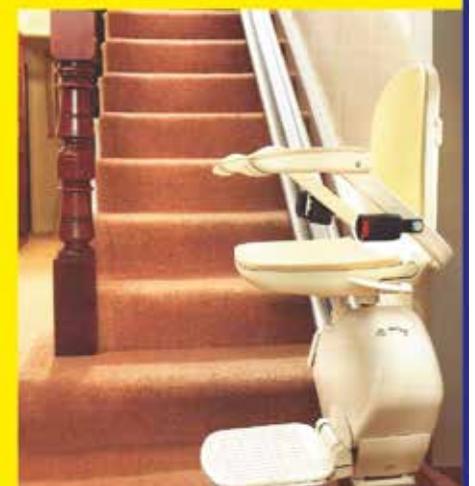
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Nottingham Clinic Expanding With Recruitment of 'The Running Man'

A Nottingham Osteopathy clinic is expanding its service offering to include Slow Motion Video Analysis of running technique and Technical Running Training with the recruitment of Tom Daw, Nottingham's 'Running Man'.

Tom, who heads up the Advanced Running Group at Nottingham University, will be joining the team at Lace Market Clinic, just off Talbot Street. He is a renowned running coach with the experience of over 30 marathons and Ultras under his belt. The new appointment comes at an exciting time for Lace Market Clinic, with the team recently moving to a fully refurbished, period property at 7 Russell Place in the city centre. The business has been running for more than a decade and was founded by Osteopath Adam Richmond.

Adam said: "I'm very excited to have Tom join us. He has exactly the talent and energy I want to support and nurture in our fantastic new location."

As part of the new service offering, Tom will be performing slow motion video analysis of client's running technique using the clinic's in-house video and software equipment. He will also provide technical and strength training to give the runners the tools they need to become more resilient to injury and possibly a bit faster too.

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A survey of more than 1,000 Sherwood Forest Hospitals staff revealed that nine out of ten staff across the Trust would recommend the organisation as a place for family and friends to receive treatment. The results also show that more than three quarters of staff across all three sites would recommend the Trust as a place to work. Sherwood Forest Hospitals carries out an anonymous 'pulse' survey of staff every quarter with the latest results (2017/18, Q4) demonstrating continued growth in staff confidence in the services that the Trust provides. The results were presented at the Sherwood Forest Hospitals' public Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday 26 April.



Of the 1,164 respondents:

90% said they were either 'extremely likely' or 'likely' to recommend the organisation to friends and family for treatment

77% also said that they would be either 'extremely likely' or 'likely' to recommend the organisation as a place to work.

Both figures are up significantly from the recent annual NHS staff survey which was published in March 2018 when the figures were 78% and 70% respectively.

Richard Mitchell, Chief Executive at Sherwood Forest Hospital said:
 "We want to provide safe, personalised care to local people, with every patient treated as if they are a member of our own family.
 "It is hugely positive that the vast majority of our colleagues are telling us that they have pride and confidence in the services that we provide, and also view the Trust as a good place to work."

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Mayor Welcomes New Zealand Paralympian to Mansfield



Mansfield's Executive Mayor is very pleased and proud to welcome New Zealand's most successful Paralympian to the district for three months.

Para swimmer Sophie Pascoe arrived in Mansfield last week to train with para swimming champion Ollie Hynd and his coach Glenn Smith, Mansfield District Council's Swim Coach and Development Officer, at the Water Meadows Swimming and Fitness Complex. Sophie has joined the Nova Centurion Swim Squad in Mansfield as a temporary member for the three-month period.

Sophie has represented New Zealand at three Paralympic Games since 2008, winning a total of nine gold medals and six silver medals, making her New Zealand's most successful Paralympian. Most recently Sophie was New Zealand's flagbearer at the opening of the Commonwealth Games on Australia's Gold Coast, where she went on to win two gold medals.

Sophie said she chose to come to Mansfield so that she could train with some of the best in the sport. Ollie is the Paralympic, World and European champion and World Record holder in the SM8 200m Individual Medley event and is now working hard on the 2020 Paralympics. The Mayor said: "This is very exciting news for Mansfield and testament to the top-class facilities that we have. It's long been said that there must be something in the water in Mansfield for us to have produced so many world-class Olympic and Paralympic swimmers so we aren't at all surprised that Sophie has chosen to come here above anywhere else."

Two New Directors for Nottingham Firm of Solicitors

Robert Barber Solicitors, one of Nottingham's longest established firm of Solicitors, are pleased to announce they have two new Directors.

Andrea Mulcahy, the firm's Practice Manager who has been with the firm for 11 years and is the Compliance Officer for Financial Administration for the firm. Andrea has also recently won the Nottinghamshire Law Society's Practice Manager of

the year Award for 2018.

Mandy Smith, who deals with Residential Conveyancing at the firm's West Bridgford office. Mandy is a member of CILEX and has over 25 years of experience in property leases, sales and purchases. Andrea and Mandy join the current Directors who are: Patrick Mullins (Family Law and Mediation), Donald Howard (Commercial Property), Samina Hussain (Client

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be available. Their duties include tea bar, reception, gardening, transporting patients from home to the day hospice, supporting day hospice services and providing clerical support to the nursing staff and Hospice Trust staff. The Hospice also has teams at its two charity shops in Mansfield. As well as their very important role of raising vital funds, the shops also raise awareness and maintain the Hospice's profile in the community. Thanks to the continued generosity of its supporters, the charity is able to offer a wide range of good-quality clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac and books for sale at both locations.



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Aries

Be careful what you say over the next few days because you will be taken seriously even when you are clearly coming across as being a little unsure about your intentions. One mistake you want to be in a romantic relationship and in the end you are yearning for freedom with no emotional ties. The state of your finances are giving you good reason for concern, especially if you are living beyond your means and refusing to rein back the spending.

Taurus

Someone may make you an offer of something that sounds really good and at one time you would normally accept their generosity except that this time you are choosing to take a few steps back as careful consideration must be given to your next move. No need to worry, when one door closes another one opens. Someone who was once very close to you may have disappointed you with their selfish behaviour.

Gemini

A new friend is proving to be an absolute gem because its obvious they have your interests at heart and only interested in your happiness. You can soon breathe a sigh of relief over a personal matter that you have remained very discreet about. Things are definitely going your way and you have no intention of jeopardising any future prospects of success.

Cancer

Your mind is more flexible than you realise and someone may try to change it for you because they are trying to persuade you to suit their needs. You are so sensitive at times that you can almost feel what others are thinking and if you take heed of your intuition you will always be proved right in the end. A fantastic opportunity to take on a new position with your work will be a bonus and will give you a fresh new start.

Leo

Check your social calendar because making plans of all kinds will prove exceptionally exciting. You may even bump into someone who you immediately connect with on all levels. Optimism attracts admirers, like bees to honey. You have been in the doldrums for long enough so if its fun and romance you are sadly lacking in your life, do something about brightening up your mood.

Virgo

Whilst you are full of positive energy you still need to direct it outwardly towards people and situations which are going to benefit you in the long term. Great opportunities in the job market seem tailor made for someone with your skills and high work ethics. There is some serious money to be made if you are willing to invest your time and experience into a new project. You may involve a friend who is keen to join your venture because they too have some great ideas.

Libra

Someone may try to sell you a 'get rich quick' business idea, but like with all things, there is no substitute for hard work. Fortunately you are blessed with fantastic communication skills and you are certainly going to need them if you are going to impress the right people. Finances continue to be very up and down so its important that you do not overspend on impulse at this moment in time.

Scorpio

You have waited a very long time to reach this important milestone in your life and you can look forward to numerous great opportunities to spread your wings and start living for yourself once more. What is gone is gone and what is done is done, there is no turning backwards even when you are contacted by someone who desires a reunion, but you will show little or no interest at all in taking anything from the past into your future.

Sagittarius

When you feel cornered and under pressure you always seem to be able to think of the right things to say at precisely the right time. What a good thing because you are going to explain yourself out of an awkward situation. Sideways glances coming your way from others will remind you just how important your freedom is. If it means breaking away from a difficult partnership or association, now is the perfect time to put plans into action.

Capricorn

This is an important time of great change in your world both in your personal and professional life. If you are unattached and looking for excitement you may get more than you bargained for, but do remember, you are living in some very exciting times and must see every situation as a golden opportunity to improve your lifestyle. Someone with a taste for adventure and who is daring and fearless will open a few very interesting doors for you.

Aquarius

You are right in making it known to others that you have very high standards that drive you to excel in everything. Failure or settling for second best is just not in your mindset and you will become very bored and frustrated when in the company of people who are negative or just downright lazy. If single you may even doubt that there is anyone out there who is right for you, but it seems you can expect a few pleasant and positive surprises in the love and romance department.

Pisces

Duty and responsibility is very very high on your list of priorities and you also expect others to work as hard as you. Flexible excuses do not go down well as there is a very intolerant side to your personality and those closest to you are well aware of that. You are known for kindness and generosity, but once trust and respect has gone out of a partnership you can never feel the same about that person again because you know that locusts never change their spots.

Beauty Temple expands to West Bridgford

From a blow dry menu packed with the latest hair trends to popular beauty treatments including HD brows, LVL eyelash extensions, manicures and facials, Beauty Temple has expanded its Nottinghamshire offering with a third salon.

Located just two miles out of Nottingham city centre on Gordon Road in West Bridgford the new salon, which opened on 1 May, is hoping to bring something different to the area with a dedicated Blow Dry Bar – where guests can choose to receive a fabulous Chelsea Blow Dry (better known as a Kate Middleton) for a special occasion to a particular hairstyle from a menu of packages.

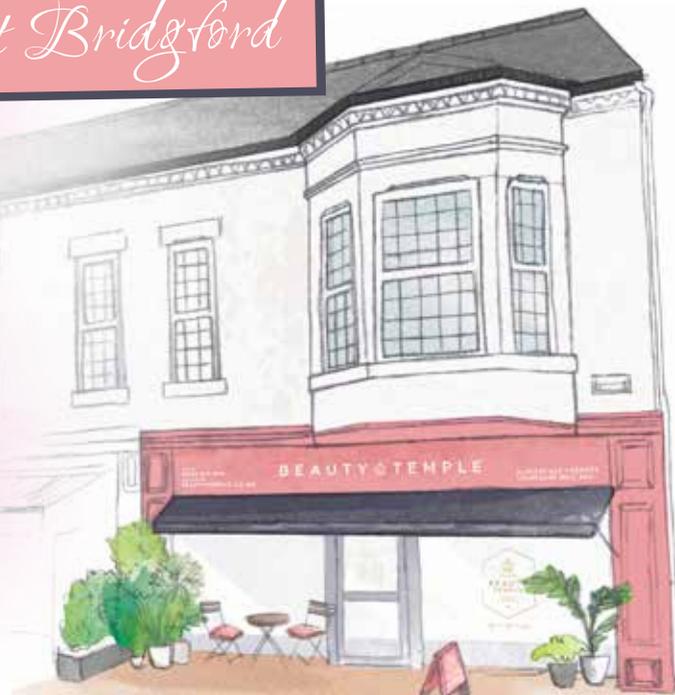
This is the fourth business venture for owners Lucy Goodwin and Martin Goodwin, after initially launching their flagship salon on Queen Street in February 2006, the Owl House Day Spa, in Diseworth, in July 2011 and then Beauty Temple Mapperley in July 2017. As well as offering hair services at the new West Bridgford salon, the business

is sticking to its roots in the beauty and spa industry and has a packed brochure of treatments available for men and women. Including Elemis Biotec anti-aging facials and detox body wraps.

Similar to the other two salons, the new venue also has a luxurious champagne nail bar where guests can be pampered while enjoying a glass of bubbly. Available treatments include the Bottomless Bubbly Manicure for £36, the Rose Garden Hand Treatment for £22 and the Royal Pedicure for £32.

The new salon is open seven days a week with late night openings until 8pm on Thursday and Friday nights where customers can get royally pampered whilst enjoying a cocktail or glass of prosecco before heading out for a glamorous night on the town.

Owner Lucy Goodwin said: "I am delighted to have opened another Beauty Temple salon. It's been a dream of mine to open a salon in West Bridgford as I knew that this would be the perfect location to bring all the luxury and glamour that the Beauty Temple has to offer."



The Beauty Temple is located at 1 Gordon Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5LN. For more information call 01159811899 or go to www.beautytemple.co.uk.

Protect Your Garden This Summer

Broxtowe residents are being reminded to protect their gardens as well as their homes this summer to prevent opportunists from stealing valuable tools and equipment.

"Garden crime is an unfortunate reality. Although many of us take steps to protect our homes and the property inside them, we leave valuable equipment in gardens and unsecured sheds, providing easy pickings for opportunist

thieves. There are some simple but effective tips that you can follow to protect yourself so you can enjoy the summer season" said Councillor Jan Goold, Chair of the Community Safety Committee.

Effective garden security includes everything from boundary fences, gates, out-buildings and the valuables stored inside them.

Follow the tips below

to protect your property from garden thieves:

- Fit well positioned external lighting
- Strong gates, fences and walls kept in good repair can deter intruders from accessing your property, keep gates locked at all times
- Most garden sheds are not

designed for safe storage. Ideally, expensive items such as power tools, mowers, garden tools and bicycles should not be stored in them.

- Chain large items such as bicycles together - it is more difficult for a thief to carry away a lot of large heavy

items all at once. Lock ladders to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they cannot be used to reach windows in your home.

To find out about crime in Broxtowe checkout the Neighbourhood Alert System at www.broxtowecommunity.co.uk.

Up Your Steps

If you're interested in health and wellbeing, you've no doubt come across the positive benefits of walking 10,000 steps a day – with the increasing popularity of wearable fitness trackers; it's a concept that's as relevant as ever. With many of us working in sedentary jobs, it can be a struggle to hit this goal. The wellbeing experts at CABA are here with an article on how to achieve those 10,000 steps a day.

Start Slowly

If you're new to exercise, 10,000 steps may seem an insurmountable challenge to begin with, so you may want to build up your fitness gradually. If this is the case, it's a good idea to aim for 4,000 steps a day to begin with, and then add 1,000 extra steps every few weeks until you reach the magic 10,000.

Boost Step Count at Work

Look for opportunities to move; if you live close to your office, walk to work or take the stairs, instead of the lift.

Make an effort to walk over to speak with colleagues, rather than email. Or why not use a kitchen on another floor to make a hot drink? Setting a reminder to get up from your desk and walk around the office every hour could boost your step count and ensure you're not sitting at your desk for long periods of time.

Walking is not the only way to increase your step count; even things you may not think of as exercise can help, such as gardening, housework and shopping.

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First of all, talk to a planner, you'll need to establish your desired theme and colours before you decide what kind of venue to seek. Whilst more modern locations include fancy restaurants and spacious art galleries, a more traditional approach might mean your wedding is outside or in a church, creating a more natural theme. You need to know your guest list, this is very important for knowing what impression you want to give your guests on the

big day. You need to ensure you will have enough space for all the people whom you wish to invite at your chosen venue and that the location meets all the needs of your friends and family who plan to attend.

Finally, make sure to keep your budget in mind. I can only imagine how easy it is to dream up far-fetched fantasies about the perfect wedding, but keep your feet on the ground and make realistic decisions to ensure you're getting the best for your money. You need to know exactly what's included in the packages you select and most important of all, do not let anyone change your mind or sway your choices. Stick to what you want.

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Home to a dedicated team of staff who are always happy to help, you can relax knowing the preparation for your big day is all taken care of by professional and friendly people. Incorporating the element of choice, your

day is completely your own from the gorgeous gardens to the food, music and company – each selection is carefully made to please you and your guests.

An exclusive experience, the venue never holds two events on the same day meaning the location is all yours, eliminating any potential disturbances and allowing the staff to focus entirely on your happiness during the day.

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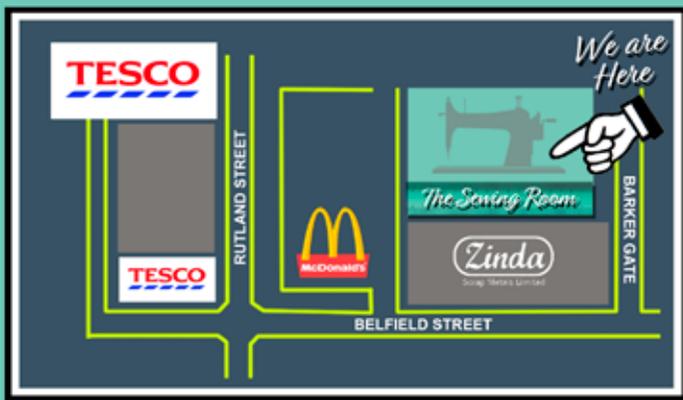
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On Saturday 28th April families joined the Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor Halimah Khaled MBE at Broadgate Park to launch the finishing touches.

Funded with contributions from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental), United Living North and more, the play area is designed to be accessible to a wide range of ages and abilities.

It now features sand and water play tables, a giant swing, trampoline, climbing units and a 30 metre zip wire, fitted by local installers Land Restoration Services.

The improvements come as part of the Council's Pride in Parks initiative, with £500,000 being dedicated to improving parks, open spaces, and play areas throughout Broxtowe.

Chair of the Leisure and Environment Committee, Councillor Shane Easom said:

"I really hope that families are looking forward to enjoying the new

and improved Broadgate Park Play Area. It's a chance for kids to keep active and have fun in the great outdoors."

Cheryl Raynor, WREN's local grant manager said:

"It's wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to children in the local area."

For more information about WREN funding visit <http://www.wren.org.uk/> or for information on the play park, please contact Broxtowe Borough Council on 0115 917 3643, or visit www.broxtowe.gov.uk/parks.



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Local Housebuilder Announces Charity For 2018

"We're so grateful to Barratt Homes for supporting Alzheimer's Society"



Nottingham-based housebuilder Barratt and David Wilson Homes North Midlands has announced its charity of the year for 2018 as Alzheimer's Society, which supports people living with dementia and their carers. Staff that work for the developer will commit 2018 to raising funds for the worthy cause and will do this via dress down days and other fundraising events. Chris Southgate, Managing Director at Barratt and David Wilson Homes North Midlands, said: "We are delighted to announce that we have chosen our charity of the year for 2018 as the well deserving Alzheimer's Society."

"It is a pleasure to be able to support the vital work being carried out by the team and the work they do for people with dementia is very admirable."

"Each year our company commits its fundraising efforts to a particular charity and we are looking forward to supporting the Alzheimer's Society throughout 2018." Now that the charity has been announced, they will begin to plan fundraising events throughout the year. Olly Larkin, Community Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society in the East Midlands said: "We're so grateful to Barratt Homes

for supporting Alzheimer's Society.

"Across the East Midlands there are 60,000 people with dementia and support like this makes a real difference. All the money raised will provide information and support, improve care, fund research, and create lasting change for people affected by dementia."

For more information about Alzheimer's, please visit www.alzheimers.org.uk.

The Luck of the Draw

The first draw of the Robin Hood Lottery took place on Saturday 28 April 2018 with two cash prizes and more than 30 free tickets won. Mansfield District Council established the local lottery to give support to local groups and bring benefit to the community. By the day of the first draw Robin Hood Lottery had 612 supporters who had bought 1255 tickets to benefit 58 good causes working and delivering benefit to Mansfield residents.

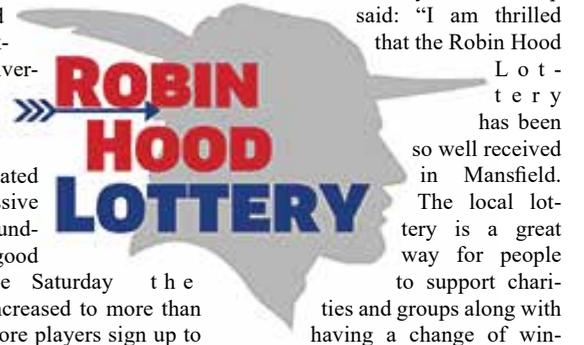
This had created an impressive £39,156 of funding for local good causes. Since Saturday the funds have increased to more than £47,000 as more players sign up to the Robin Hood Lottery.

Supporters can play for a specific cause or nominate the Community Fund to receive 60p of their £1 ticket sale.

Good causes range from well-known charities such as the Mansfield Soup Kitchen and Portland College to smaller groups such as Feel Good Gardens and Kool Kidz. The cause with the most supporters is the John Eastwood Hospice which has 75 supporters and stands to gain over £4,000 annually based on current ticket sales.

Executive Mayor Kate Allsop said: "I am thrilled that the Robin Hood Lottery has been so well received in Mansfield. The local lottery is a great way for people to support charities and groups along with having a change of winning up to £25,000."

Gatherwell, the council's external lottery provider suggests that the Robin Hood Lottery could be supporting 75 causes in the first year.



Signing up is easy and can be done online at www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk

Thousands of Children Missing Out On Eye Tests

Research by SeeAbility, the national learning disability and sight loss charity, suggests that thousands of children with learning disabilities in the East Midlands are missing out on vital eye care despite being 28 times more likely to have a sight problem than other children.

Around 8,700 children attend special schools in the East Midlands, including the majority of children with severe learning disabilities or autism. SeeAbility's study indicates that up to half of these children are likely to have a problem with their vision, yet an estimated 3,800 children have never received eye care.

This means thousands of children who desperately need glasses are going without, many suffering from extremely poor vision, impacting on their ability to learn, play and socialise.

SeeAbility is calling on NHS England to make wide reforms to community eye care for people with learning disabilities and introduce adjusted eye tests in special schools.

SeeAbility has supported over 1,200 school children across England, providing eye tests and collecting data.

Of the children using the SeeAbility service over a four year period:

- Nearly half (47.5%) had a problem with their vision.
- A third (31.7%) needed glasses.
- Over four in ten (43.7%) had no history of any eye care.
- Only 7% had ever used a community optician.

It costs around £135 for SeeAbility to provide an adjusted eye test; the charity is doing this on standard NHS funding of £21.31 per eye test, and subsidising the rest of the cost of its service through fundraising.

More on the campaign and information and advice on eye care for children with learning disabilities is on SeeAbility's website www.seeability.org/equal-right-to-sight.

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chance to see accomplished acts, whilst also discovering the latest emerging talent. Head to Pedalfest at Sherwood Pines to take the latest bikes out for a spin at this free bike festival, set in the heart of beautiful Robin Hood country. For those looking to try out some new taste sensations, Nottinghamshire's array of food and drink purveyors have ensured this month is full to the brim with events. The School of Ar-

san Food focuses on educating in the fine art of beer and cheese pairing on its Beer and Cheese Tasting Session. Castle Rock Brewery bring back their Yard Party after last year's success, promising a wide variety of world beers, BBQ food and local live music. Nottingham's New Art Exchange showcases the variety of cuisines on offer within the local area on 12 May. It's Melting Pot Festival brings together authentic African food, music and children's crafts for an afternoon which celebrates Nottingham's cultural diversity.

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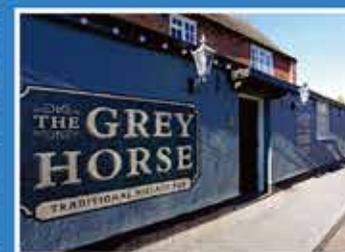


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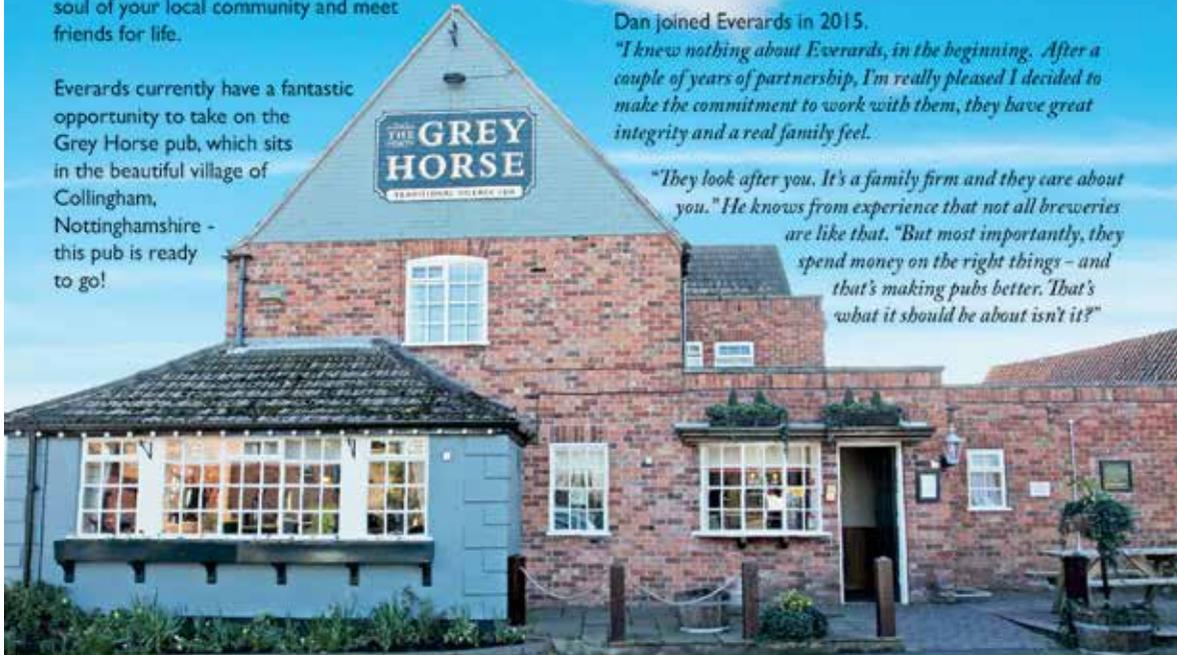
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This month sees the launch of the Correct Hearing TotalCare initiative, which we have been working on for some time. We are really excited that we can now tell people about it for the first time.

At Correct Hearing we say that we don't sell hearing aids - we provide a hearing healthcare service. We are passionate about the wellbeing of people in our community and we want to make sure that we deliver an outstanding and comprehensive service that no one else can match.

This is why we have introduced our TotalCare scheme. When you trust us with your hearing healthcare, TotalCare is our 'promise to deliver' and your 'peace of mind'.

TotalCare includes many benefits that you will not get from any other provider. You will have check-ups every six months and annual full assessments. Things like batteries and ear wax removal may not involve any additional cost (depending on the level of technology you buy). The manufacturer's warranty may be extended up to 4 years - depending on what hearing aids you are fitted with - without additional charge. TotalCare also includes a Correct Hearing unique self-funded insurance scheme

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For those who choose a hearing aid from our TotalCare Premier Range we are also introducing the Correct Hearing Premier Club. Members will be entitled to a number of exclusive benefits, which will be made available at various times of the year.

You may also have spotted our new logo. We've had the old one for eight years and decided it was about time for a change. I think that you will agree that this is much cleaner and more modern. We have done this as it reflects our desire to constantly improve. However, the tick is still there!



Correct Hearing is an independent, community-based hearing healthcare practice and TotalCare is another area where our service goes beyond just the sale and fitting of hearing aids. To find out more or to make an appointment phone 0115 961 8351 or email info@correcthearing.co.uk stating if you would like either a 15-minute screening or a full hearing assessment.

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Alongside the encouragement of a fully deserved congratulations owed to nurses, past publications have focused on working with the poor, fighting AIDS, equal access to care and sustainable development.

The 2018 theme, Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Health is a Human Right, goes hand in hand with Nursing Now campaign's aims to encourage health leaders to listen to nurses, and to invest in new models of care that maximise nurses' potential to help achieve universal health coverage.

The tools produced for Nurses' Day provide practical examples of how nurses can influence health, health policies and health systems, exploring the critical role nurses play in delivering universal health coverage and improving access to quality health care.

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Collingham is ideal for active families who prefer an outdoor life. There are plenty of parks and open spaces for you to enjoy within easy reach. The National Water Sports Centre is located close to Nottingham in Holme Pierrepont Country Park where families can enjoy a host of water sports and adventure activities while the resorts of the East Coast are just a day trip away.

Collingham has a range of amenities not usually found in modern villages including a village pub, take-ways, independent shops, a post office and local convenience stores. Collingham also boasts more than 50 local special-interest groups, including very high-quality cricket, football, tennis and bowls clubs, and a library.

Transport links are excellent. Collingham station offers a regular rail service throughout the day to Lincoln, Newark and Nottingham, with onward connections via the national rail network. A popular and frequent service to and from London



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Collingham has a popular and thriving primary school, which is well-integrated into the life of the village. A range of other school options are available in the area, including the Newark Academy and the Tuxford Academy and there are excellent university options in Lincoln and Nottingham. For more information and to check availability at the exciting new Collingham Brook development call the Larkfleet Homes sales office on 01778 391555 or visit our website at www.larkfleethomes.co.uk/collingham-brook-collingham/newhomes



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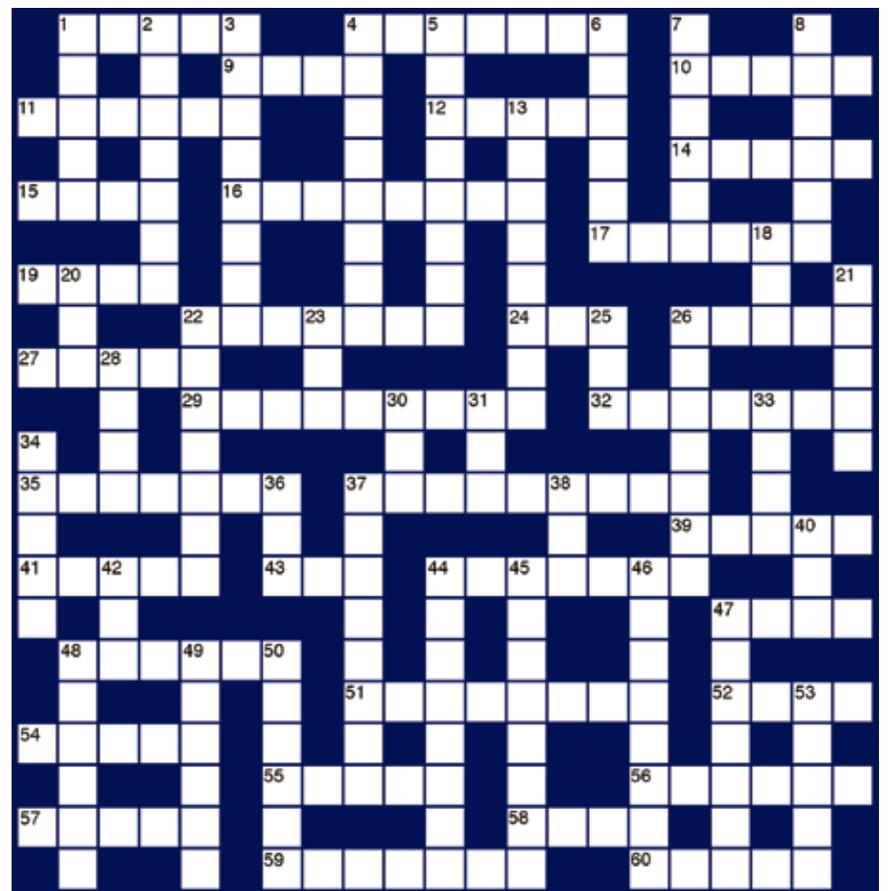
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- 1 Adhesive substance (5)
- 4 Circus gymnast (7)
- 9 Thick slice of cake (4)
- 10 Oarsman (5)
- 11 A specialist (6)
- 12 To teach a skill (5)
- 14 Sharp fold in a garment (5)
- 15 Family war (4)
- 16 A ruthless slaughter (8)
- 17 Fame (6)
- 19 Couple (4)
- 22 Pudding course (7)
- 24 Bath (3)
- 26 Front lean-to (5)
- 27 Privet boundary (5)
- 29 Any edible provision (9)
- 32 Marine mammal (7)
- 35 Gift for the needy (7)
- 37 Wrinkle at the side of the eye (4'1-4)
- 39 The trunk (5)
- 41 Military student (5)
- 43 Prohibit from entry (3)
- 44 Industrial oven (7)
- 47 A twist in wire (4)
- 48 Unrepeated item (3-3)
- 51 House in its own grounds (8)
- 52 Ornamental beer jug (4)
- 54 Sound of angry bull (5)
- 55 Wading bird (5)
- 56 Repeated sounds (6)
- 57 A country, say (5)
- 58 Courtship meeting (4)
- 59 Just returns (7)
- 60 Used a keyboard (5)

- 1 Elf (5)
- 2 Gracefully slim (7)
- 3 Approximate cost (8)
- 4 Irrksome or rough like sandpaper (8)
- 5 Reluctant to speak (8)
- 6 Fiddle with repairs (6)
- 7 Call by on a visit (4,2)
- 8 Hold in custody (6)
- 13 Appetiser (8)
- 18 Armed conflict (3)
- 20 Chopper (3)
- 21 Glow (5)
- 22 Thaw the freezer (7)
- 23 Unhappy (3)
- 25 Unopened flower (3)
- 26 Paint-mixing board (7)
- 28 Soft feathers (4)
- 30 Rocky hill (3)
- 31 Not many (3)
- 33 Sixty minutes (4)
- 34 Young bird (5)
- 36 Drinks bill (3)
- 37 Passage between rooms (8)
- 38 Fish stabilizer (3)
- 40 Male offspring (3)
- 42 A study room (3)
- 44 Zip or button (8)
- 45 Parachute release wires (3-5)
- 46 Loss of nerve (4,4)
- 47 Tomato sauce (7)
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Tom and Joanne knew the pub from when they moved to Barrowden 14 years ago, and they also knew that one day they would like the opportunity to run it. Looking back they acknowledge that, as first time pub owners, the first six months were very challenging with so much to learn so quickly. They are very proud to say that two years down the line they feel they have now created their vision of a characterful, relaxed, warm and welcoming environment for all customers new and old to enjoy. The pub, restaurant and B&B is a warm and friendly destination with a welcoming log burner to keep you cosy in the autumn and winter seasons, and an extensive south facing terrace with beautiful views overlooking the traditional village green and duck pond to be enjoyed in the spring and summer. At the rear there is ample car parking and a very large beer garden where adults can find a quiet picnic bench in the sun or children can safely play. Over the past two years, Tom and Joanne have developed an extensive programme of events which include; Lunch-Time specials, Take-Out Tuesday's, Wicked-Wednesday Steak nights, Thirsty Thursday Happy Hours, Family Friday's, a monthly Quiz Night and an Open Mic Night where talented local musicians and vocalists from Rutland and neighbouring counties showcase their talents every third Thursday of the month. So there should be something for almost everyone! The pub is also supports a variety of village groups and events including a petanque team,



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Meet your favourite farmyard animals over in the ever-popular Countryside Area, courtesy of Rand Farm Park, and watch the amusing antics of the Mount Grace Gun Dogs who will be sharing the limelight with entertaining displays by Derek Tindall's Birds of Prey. The organisers are delighted to welcome the return of the

by Chan Brown using various fibres, including alpaca, cotton, and hair from dogs, cats and rabbits. John Kay will have bucks, does, cavies and poultry on show and there will be displays of heritage hand-tools from a bygone age by Mr Arthur Crust, and hand-carved walking sticks, etc from Dave Gater of Sticksnbits. Learn about the life cycle of bees from the Nottinghamshire Beekeepers Association with opportunities to sample honey as well as other bee products to buy. Children interested in candle rolling will be encouraged to give it a try. The County Show is delighted to have Froojampatlip, an 8ft stilted animatronic character, visiting the Show. Frooj will be accompanied by his knowledgeable side-kick, Fred, a human gardener who will be handing out free seeds to anyone keen to try their hand at growing their own produce. This unique garden-themed duo, produced by Curious Creations of Lincoln, is brand new on the show circuit. Full of quirky details they are especially designed to engage with youngsters to encourage healthy eating, buying local produce and understanding the natural environment.

Featuring as the Main Ring attraction are the famous Atkinson Action Horses who have recently appeared in the TV series, Poldark, Victoria and Peaky Blinders as well as in many recent films. Trainers will be performing breath-taking stunts twice daily in the Main Ring with these wonderfully intelligent and responsive horses.

This year some of the countryside attractions will also be performing in the Main Ring so check the timetables on the Show Map, given away free at the entrance gates. There will be music, lots of fun, a tasty food experience

area, and ample opportunity to shop for crafts, gifts and clothing – many items on sale will not be available in the high street stores. Hot food and delicious treats will be available at various food & drink outlets around the show.



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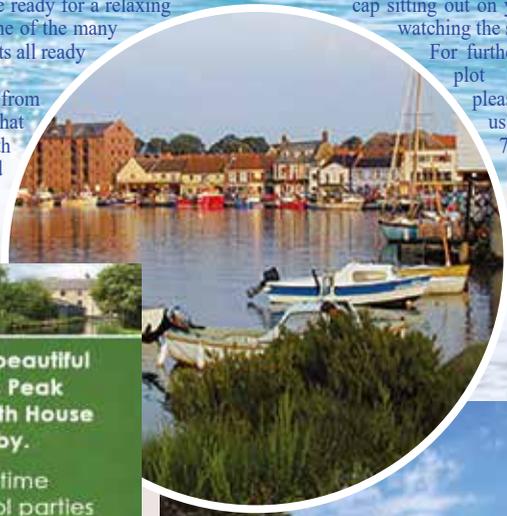
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woods and back to the town centre, by this time you should be ready for a relaxing evening meal in one of the many pubs and restaurants all ready to serve you.

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Senior Appointment at Nottingham's Fostering People

Leading independent fostering agency, Fostering People has appointed Oliver Kirkland as registered manager in waiting as it continues to grow its national network of foster carers.

As a qualified social worker, and bringing with him 20 years' experience in children's services, 48 year old Oliver has spent his entire career working within social care, including six years as a registered manager in Birmingham, as well as for a local authority in the West Midlands.

Oliver commented: "Having worked in children's services all my adult life, I can see the impact that a caring and stable home environment can have, and foster carers are a critical part of achieving this."

"I am absolutely passionate about ensuring children and young people who live with foster carers are safe and well looked after. This passion is mirrored in

Fostering People and the incredible staff and carers they've nurtured, so I'm excited to be joining the team helping to deliver the highest possible standard of care and services across the country."

Since its inception in 2000, Fostering People has established itself as a preferred fostering provider for local authorities across the UK. Consistently rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Fostering People is part of Core Assets Group, the UK's leading holistic children's services provider.

John Platt, managing director at Fostering People concluded: "Foster families are a vital part of Britain's DNA and with a

shortage looming, Oliver joins us at a time when our services are increasingly in demand, locally and nationally.

"With young people at the heart



Oliver Kirkland

of all that we do, it was critical for our new registered manager to support our aims of having a positive and lasting effect on young lives. Oliver shares our high expectations, and we are delighted to welcome him to the team."

Hospice Throws Open Its Doors



The Open Hospice Day runs from 10.30 - 12 and from 13.30 to 3pm on Friday 18 May. All are welcome

Nottinghamshire Hospice will open the doors to its historic premises on Friday 18 May as part of Dying Matters awareness week.

Members of the public are invited to see first-hand how the hospice supports people with a terminal or life-limiting illness, their families and carers.

The Open Hospice day rounds off a week of activities including a 'Pop-

up Hospice' at the Hive, Mansfield, and a community information day at the hospice for nurses and GPs. A team will also be taking a 'Before I Die' chalkboard on the road to the Nottinghamshire Hospice shops at Calverton, Mapperley, Sherwood, Wollaton and Burton Joyce.

Clinical Nurse Specialist Liz Morgan says: "Being diagnosed with a terminal or life-limiting condition can be

devastating for people so the hospice is here to help. The services we provide help patients and their carers cope with such a diagnosis and make the most of the life they have left.

"We are opening our doors during Dying Matters Week and taking the hospice on the road to help raise awareness across Nottinghamshire that we are here to serve local communities."

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Thinking Of Becoming a Foster Carer?

Every year, tens of thousands of children across the UK need foster carers while they can't live with their own

families. That means thousands of new foster carers are needed every year.

Could you be one of them?

Just as there is diversity in fostered children, foster carers need to come from a variety of backgrounds and have different life experiences, skills and qualities to help meet the needs of children and young people in foster care. There are, however, some common criteria that most fostering services need from you:

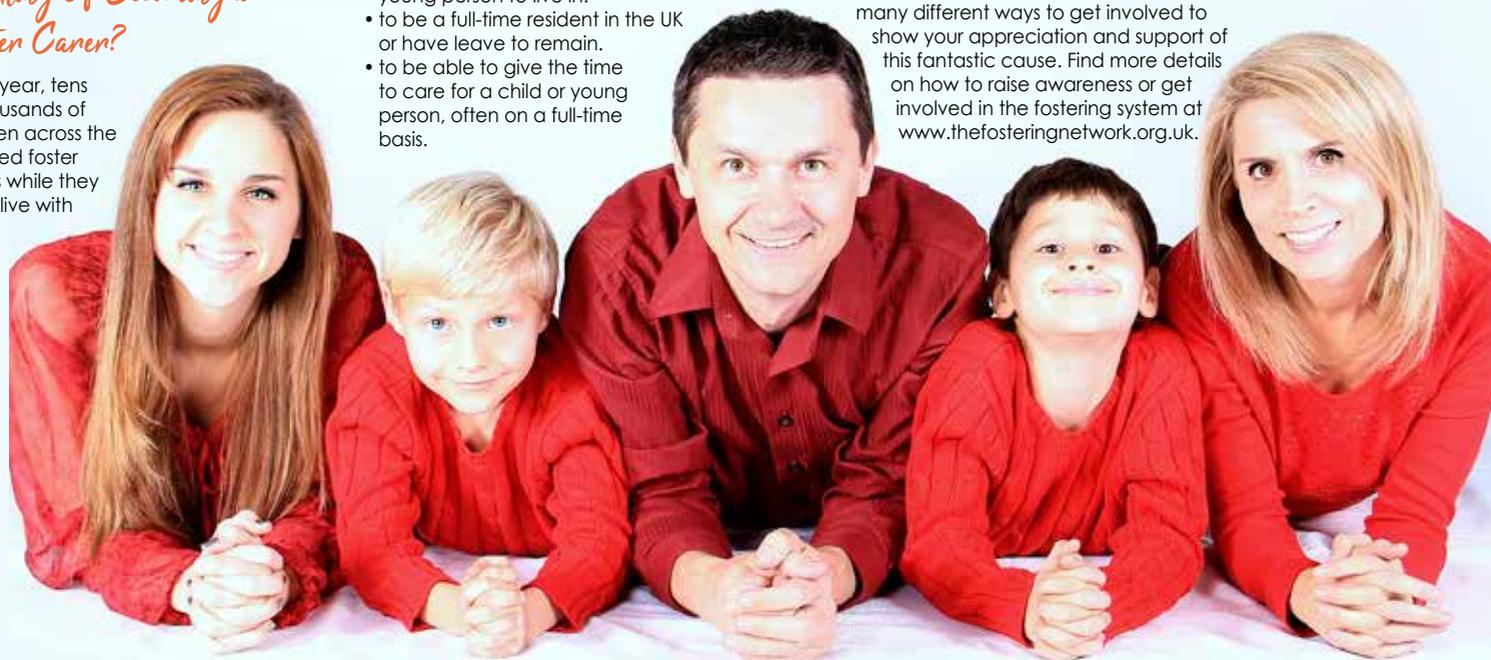
- to be at least 21 years-old (although by law you can apply to foster from 18).
- to have a spare bedroom big enough for a young person to live in.
- to be a full-time resident in the UK or have leave to remain.
- to be able to give the time to care for a child or young person, often on a full-time basis.

Could You Foster?

"Becoming a foster carer is the best thing I've ever done. Every day I'm helping young people to turn their lives around."

Get Involved

Not everyone is in the situation where they are able to become a foster carer, but there are many different ways to get involved to show your appreciation and support of this fantastic cause. Find more details on how to raise awareness or get involved in the fostering system at www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk.



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Education and Training

Magnus Church of England Academy Celebrates 'Good' SIAMS Report



Magnus Church of England Academy has been rated as 'Good' in a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools report or SIAMS. This new report is further evidence of the school's rapid progress and is an improvement on its previous inspection of 2013.

The new report says that strategies are in place that are giving rise to higher standards and that the Academy 'will not give up on anyone' and has an 'unerring commitment to the value and potential of every individual. The principal, and others with leadership roles, speak with infectious passion about creating an environment in which every individual is loved.' It also says, 'The principal's

faith-inspired leadership has put at the heart of the academy a belief in the value and God given potential of every individual which underpins a relentless endeavour to meet the holistic needs of all learners.' Principal Anna Martin says that the report is welcome news of the progress taking place at Magnus: "We are really pleased with this result. It was fantastic to see that we are recognised for developing young people of good character, who are working hard to make valuable contributions to their community. Magnus wants to give every student the best opportunities and choices it can, in a calm and welcoming environment, and I think this report shows that along with higher standards, that we are creating an environment where students will thrive, both during their education and in the world of work."

“It really is testament to the support and dedication of the staff and students who are all working so hard to be the best they can be”



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Sometimes, busy work lives result in those all-important home improvements being delayed and neglected. Make your home more welcoming this spring by taking a few simple steps to improving your property. A home health check is an essential start – assessing essentials such as your heating, facili-



ties and home security are all important steps to this process.

A splash of colour is a quick and easy way to revive an old space and brighten your home. A lick of paint is one of the easiest and most budget-friendly ways to freshen up your home and garden – whether it's touching up a few walls or up-cycling an outdoor furniture set. Why not switch up your theme colour by swapping your cushions and introducing a few new ornaments? One of the first things to think about

are any structural changes to the building you might desire – extensions, conservatories and adjustments to the foundations of your home are all big jobs, and therefore will require more forethought and planning than redecorating your spare bedroom. Now is the perfect time to start calling professionals to arrange quotes and put plans in place for later in the year.

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With a passion for nature, the family have always produced their own crops and mixes and pride themselves on offering everything 'from seed to feed'. Due to a growing demand and interest, the team have decided to develop their country gifts and garden accessories range even further, making the new building a one stop shop for everything outdoors!

Whether you're an experienced bird lover or have recently discovered your passion for nature, Hall Farm has all of your outdoor feeding, storage supplies and accessories covered both in store and online.

Along with the expansion comes an exciting range of new and varied products. Specialising in bird supplies, Hall Farm is expanding its range of bird seeds, feeders and bird boxes, and is growing its other ranges with new stock.

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