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## Hundreds of Scooters Deliver Easter Eggs to Children

Hundreds of scooters took to the streets of Mansfield to deliver Easter eggs, gifts and money from fundraising to the children's ward and neonatal unit at Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

The Mansfield Roadrunners Scooter Club travelled from the Sir John Cockle pub in Mansfield to King's Mill Hospital, which is run by Sherwood Forest Hospitals, on Sunday 25 March to deliver the eggs as part of an annual 'Eggs to the Mill' event.

The 'Eggs to the Mill' run - now in its 13th year - saw more than 400 kind-hearted riders travel to the hospital to present a cheque for a staggering £2,500 to the hospital's Neonatal Unit, as well as hundreds of Easter eggs and gifts to the children's ward.



Throughout the following week, local businesses and sports teams have also helped to make Easter extra special for children who are in King's Mill Hospital. On Monday 26 March, Mansfield Town Under 14 football team visited the children's ward with egg donations and on Tuesday 27 March Kirkby-in-Ashfield-based educational products company TTS delivered more than 100 chocolate eggs donated by their staff. More eggs also arrived throughout the week

from Cherubs Nursery onsite at King's Mill Hospital, GAP Outlet at East Midlands Designer Outlet, Gi Group, Mansfield Police Cadets, Weight Watchers Ashfield and Derbyshire Hotel. Some parents of children who have had a stay on the ward also visited with Easter eggs and gifts.

Play Leader on the Children's Ward at King's Mill Hospital, Nicola Armstrong, said: The support and generosity we receive each year from The Mansfield Roadrunners Scooter Club, local businesses and patients is amazing and really brightens up the a child's stay with us over Easter. "These kind of donations really do make a difference and the children's faces when they see the eggs and the gifts is unforgettable. "We want to thank everyone who has been involved this year for their generous donations." Elderly patients staying on the hospital's Woodland Ward will also be treated to Easter eggs thanks to house builder Rippon Homes.

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Adult volunteers and cadets from Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force's B Company delivered Easter Eggs and craft items to children in Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

The volunteers and cadets made the trip to the hospice on Sunday 25 March and met some of the children and families who use Bluebell Wood.

Sergeant Instructor Lee-Ann

Lloyd, the adult volunteer who organised the collection, explained: "A lot of us have been wanting to do more for local charities and we thought this was the perfect opportunity to show our support."

"It was great to meet some of the families and I am sure all the Easter Eggs will put a big smile on the children's faces this Easter."

parents and volunteers who happily donated lots of eggs and gifts."

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice is the charity that B Company has pledged to support in 2018.

Lee-Ann explained: "At Christmas Nottinghamshire ACF did a toy run and we were able to donate a substantial amount of toys and gifts."

"The response from the children and families at the hospice was overwhelming; we knew that we had to do something else."

"I want to thank everyone that has helped us achieve this, the ca-

"We have other events planned with Bluebell Wood in the near future where we hope to do even more for all the families that use this vital service."

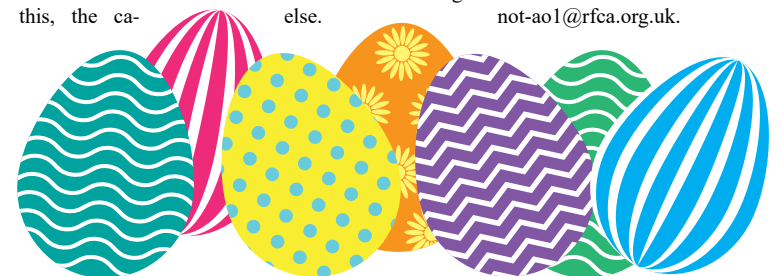
B Company is based in the north of Nottinghamshire with detachments in Clipstone, Harworth, Ollerton, Retford, Warsop and Worksop.

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ting-h a m - shire County Council's waste contractors) are encouraging residents to use their household recycling bin for paper and card – including Easter egg cardboard packaging, egg boxes, newspapers, magazines and junk mail.

If you're worried about egg-cess packaging follow our tips for reducing, reusing and recycling over Easter:

- Reduce
- Look for Easter eggs with the least amount of packaging
- Make Easter treats instead of buying shop-bought eggs. Children will love to help make chocolate cornflake cakes, or create Easter bunny-shaped biscuits
- If you are planning a big Easter Sunday lunch, try to buy loose vegetables rather than pre-packaged ones and put the peelings in the compost bin
- Reuse
- Use old Easter egg plastic packaging as a mould to make your own Easter eggs!
- Make your own Easter cards using left over materials
- The foil from Easter eggs can be re-used to make Easter decorations or to wrap up leftover food. Once you have re-used it, please put it in your general waste rubbish bin.
- Recycle
- Cardboard Easter egg boxes can go into your kerbside recycling bin
- The plastic egg moulds are unfortunately not recyclable, so if you can't re-use them, please put them in your general rubbish bin
- When the celebrations are over, pop your Easter cards in your recycling bin
- Don't forget to compost the vegetable peelings from your Easter lunch

Lea Hawkes, General Manager for Veolia in Nottingham-

## Bluecoat Beechdale Academy in Epic Rowing Event for Sport Relief

Staff and students of Bluecoat Beechdale Academy in Bilborough have undertaken a mammoth rowing challenge in Nottingham's Old Market Square for Sport Relief.

The challenge set was to collectively row the 1587 miles distance from their own school, to Barcelona, Brussels and Amsterdam, spelling out the initials of Bluecoat Beechdale Academy or BBA.

Hitting the machines at 9am, in thankfully more clement weather than recent times, the challenge continued until 7pm. Throughout the challenge, the students were joined by local business people and game shoppers and passers-by who helped to clock up the miles.

Organiser Mr Alan Butters, Enrichment Co-ordinator at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy said that the event became a community effort. "The day has been a fantastic success with enthusiastic volunteers joining the students

providing transport for our students and to Concept 2 from Lenton, who let us use 20 of their fantastic rowing machines, and also to Notts Anaconda Dragon Boat team for being there with us throughout."

Students were also joined by a passer-by called Jonathan Rawling who kindly spent some time helping to raise the

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to achieve the target and raising as much money possible for Sport Relief. In all we rowed 1900 miles and raised a whopping £1100 and we are so grateful for everyone who helped in any way to make this happen.

"We would like to thank Capital One for generously

total: "I feel passionate about Sport Relief. I was walking by when I noticed what they were doing and decided to join in! Hopefully we can we can raise a lot of money." Jonathan even came back a second time! "I try to join in doing something every year for Sport Relief. I wish them all well!"

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# Ashleigh Barty Confirmed For Nottingham Open



Australian No. 1 Ashleigh Barty has become the latest player to confirm her entry at this year's Nottingham Open.

The World No. 20, who was a quarter-finalist in Nottingham last year, joins British number one Johanna Konta and 2017 winner Donna Vekic in committing to the tournament which runs from 9-17 June.

The 21-year-old Australian, who returns to Nottingham for a third successive year, said: "I'm excited to start my grass season in Not-

tingham again this year.

"I feel very much at home on the UK grass courts and always enjoy playing this tournament."

The fourth Nottingham Open has created a lot of interest and tickets sales are high throughout the week, which includes limited capacity for the semi-finals on Saturday 16 June.

Nottingham Open Tournament Director, Rebecca James, said: "It's wonderful that Ashleigh will be returning to Nottingham this year. As a former Junior Wimbledon Champion she has great skills on grass and is an exciting and talented player to watch. She adds strength to the WTA player field which just builds the anticipation even more as

we get nearer to this year's event.

"Tickets are selling really well, so players and spectators alike will be in for a fantastic experience, with the sell-out crowds last year providing such a buzz around the venue. It shows how popular the Nottingham Open is becoming and it is shaping up to be another thrilling week of tennis."

## It's In Nottingham Home and Living Initiative Launched

A new It's in Nottingham home and living initiative has been launched by Nottingham Business Improvement District (BID).

The Home and Living campaign is designed to highlight the great range of homeware from Nottingham BID members and to encourage people to come and shop in the city centre, the initiative has a number of elements and runs through until Easter.

There is a 16 page glossy magazine which is a one-stop shop for inspiration, tips and shopping advice on all things interiors within Nottingham city centre.

It contains features on accessories, garden products, the latest in home technology, kitchen products, wall art, furniture and independent interiors specialists as

well as the latest de-



To give people further interior shopping inspiration over the Easter break, a number of retailers will be hosting in-store events and offering special discounts. For more information, visit: [itsinnottingham.com/home-living](http://itsinnottingham.com/home-living)

sign trends in interiors including tropical and metallic designs. 20,000 copies of the

magazine are being distributed to homes around the region. The magazine will also be available from businesses and the Tourist Information Centre.

The initiative also includes an opportunity to win £1,000 of homeware vouchers plus an opportunity for an interior designer to visit the winner's home to provide styling advice.

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#### Aries

What you are about to discover is complex and almost unbelievable, yet fate has decided that you are better to know the truth concerning a certain situation than to be kept in the dark. Some exciting challenges are ahead, but you may have to exert yourself even more than usual to meet or overcome them. A close friend has ideas that involve you cancelling an arrangement, but it's important that you follow your gut instincts and do only what feels right for you. Your days of people pleasing are long over.



#### Taurus

Exciting new developments in your personal life will give you a much needed lift and put you in a most positive frame of mind, especially if you are currently communicating with someone you find fabulously attractive and developing a growing fondness for. The heady days of romance are upon you and even your closest friends will not be able to believe the sudden change in your mood. Plan a weekend away and do something different to what you normally feel safe with. You are finally beginning to realise what life is all about.



#### Gemini

Your popularity is reaching new people and areas and you will be sought by a number of would be admirers. However, perhaps in the background there is still some unfinished business with someone you still hold dear in your heart and simply cannot let go of that easily. There is no need for you to make any decisions about anything right now because what is meant for you will find you and in your case, you won't be disappointed. Major changes at work will not necessarily be received well by everyone. Ignore gossip because it will be vile. Keep your own counsel.



#### Cancer

Always expect the unexpected and never be surprised by anything you see, or hear. You may be propositioned by someone who finds you intriguing and wants to get to know you better, but be on your guard because they will have a hidden agenda. A sudden change of direction in your personal or working life will work out to your advantage in the long run as long as you do things your way. A close friend may need your advice regarding a very serious matter. Your finances look set to improve because of all the changes you are making as you are no longer waiting your hard earned cash.



#### Leo

It's been a very long time since you felt this good because of all the unwanted stress you have had to deal with over a long period of time. Because you have now learned to say 'no' and mean it, you are now back in control of your life. Unexpected developments in your love life will give you a good reason to give up your ideas and your image. You may decide to travel your money in a business venture or property. Think twice before agreeing to enter partnership which could turn out to be a sinking ship if you are not careful.



#### Virgo

Pressure at work will be building up over the coming months so you must endeavour to make yourself perfectly understood, otherwise plans may not go exactly the way you would like them to. In your private world you may be harbouring a secret because you feel the need to be discreet and keep things to yourself, probably because you have learned from past experience that not everyone can be trusted. Plan a much deserved and hard earned holiday that will give you some breathing space and the chance to rest.



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#### Scorpio

When you think back to this time last year and compare it with now, your life has been turned upside down on its axis and it's now almost unrecognisable. Perhaps you have recently been communicating with someone who you feel instantly drawn to but still uncertain that you want to take things any further. You are experiencing restless changes in both your personal and working life, but everything happens for a reason and one day you will see that no matter how you may feel right now, things have happened for the best.



#### Sagittarius

Are you having difficulties in concentrating on daily matters and routine because you are distracted by a certain person entering your thoughts every moment of each day? The time has come for you to have some fun at long last, but something is still holding you back. You have recently cleared out your head space, your living space, your wardrobe and now you can really reach for the stars. Look forward to lots of travel, writing and doing and doing things totally different to before.



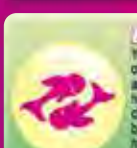
#### Capricorn

Have you noticed there is a lot of romantic tension surrounding you right now? Not everyone is feeling relaxed, happy with their lot or even at ease with themselves. Perhaps you have touched a few raw nerves lately just by being truthful when asked a specific question. A possible new romance beckons for those of you who are single and feeling ready for a new relationship. Telephonic conversations will be steering because of all the chemistry that is taking place between the two of you and pretty soon you will be making a few life changing decisions.



#### Aquarius

The time is now approaching where you must now think seriously about your true priorities and learn to relax and enjoy the companionship of both a loved one and that of good friends. Work will always be there, you know that! In the past you have been your own worst enemy, always driving yourself to the point of distraction, but this all seems to be changing now as you start to loosen up and recognise that there is an opportunity for you to develop your interests and meet potential new friends.



#### Pisces

You can normally sense trouble and impending problems mile off. You have intuitively felt that can detect anything unseemly and the person responsible. Your closest friends already know how uncertain you can be at times and they are happy to champion you through any challenging situation. If you have been willing for a companion to go out and about with, not necessarily in with all hours of the day, you are about to meet someone who will meet all your requirements on just about every level, which is unusual, and possible.

## Kind-Hearted Nikita Urges More People

A Nottingham mum is looking to raise money in memory of her mother-in-law after deciding to turn a skydiving experience present into a sponsored event.

Nikita Cochran wants to raise the money for Nottinghamshire Hospice after her husband, Andrew, bought her a skydiving day at Langar Airfield as a Christmas present.

The 30-year-old, who has a six-year-old daughter, Sophia, and lives in Hemphill Vale, is due to perform her leap in August but decided early on to use the opportunity to ask friends and family for sponsorship as a way of

saying thank-you to the hospice for the care its palliative nurses showed for Andrew's mother, Ellen, who died last year from cancer, aged 69.

And she is urging more people to follow in her vapour trails by signing up to two more fundraising skydiving days which the hospice has set aside for June and September this year.

She said: "I will never forget what the nurses did for Mum. We were looking after her full-time and it was a very dark and difficult time, not least because Andrew hadn't had a decent night's sleep for four weeks.

"Someone suggested we got

in touch with the hospice and I remember thinking that the nurse who came on the first night was amazing. She was so caring and so professional, and her being there made a huge difference because she helped to lighten the load, which really helped us all to cope."

To find out more about the hospice's skydive days and its other Challenge Events, contact the fundraising team on 0115 910 1008 or email fundraising@nottshospice.org.



## to Take the Plunge

## Celebrating a Decade of Difference



Treetops Hospice Care is celebrating a decade of support from the Nottingham and Derby branches of Yorkshire Bank including donations of over £11,000 and dozens of employees volunteering for the hospice.

Treetops, based in Risley, provides nursing care and emotional support for adults in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

In February 2008, Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks announced a new fundraising partnership with Hospice UK leading to 124 local hospices, including Treetops, directly benefitting over the last 10 years.

Activities by Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank employees for the local charity include:

- Volunteering in the hospice grounds and gardens gardening, weeding, clearing paths, painting benches and moving sheds
- Female employees taking part in the Treetops Starlight Strut (formerly known as the Moonlight Walk), the women's-only night-time charity walk, as well as male employees marshalling the route
- Donations from an employee's wedding day
- A team of non-cyclist staff completing the 172 mile Coast 2 Coast bike ride
- Across the country, over £6 million has been raised by Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank employees and hospices have benefitted from over 40,000 volunteer hours generated by the partnership.

The money raised by employees is matched by the company, with 50% of the additional funds going to the local hospice and the other 50% going to Hospice UK. So if a branch raises £100 for a local hospice, the hospice will receive £150 in total, while Hospice UK receives £50.

Jennifer Sheehy, head of fundraising at Treetops said: "The relationship with Clydesdale and Yorkshire banks has been very special. For ten years they have been part of Treetops – supporting our events, volunteering at the hospice and raising a fantastic amount of money. They are a remarkable team – thank you!"

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# Teenage Fencer Receives Support at Sportsaid Charity Lunch



Up-And-Coming teenage fencer Owen Jordan was awarded a £500 cheque at a charity lunch to raise money for SportsAid – which helps to support the next generation of British sports stars.

The 19-year-old, from Nottinghamshire, is currently ranked sixth in the U20 world rankings and recently won the Leon Paul U20 GBR qualifier, the Senior Men's Elite competition and the Welsh Fencing Open.

Owen was presented with the cheque at the SportsAid Lunch, which took place at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground on Friday, 16 March.

Nottinghamshire business profes-

sionals also raised £725 for the national charity at the event – sponsored by Nelsons Solicitors, Yorkshire Bank, Musson Liggins and Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. The money will go towards providing financial support to local, talented, young people who have no other access to vital funding to assist them with training and ultimately enable them to reach their sporting potential.

Tim Lawler, chief executive for SportsAid, said: "The support businesses in Nottingham provide for local athletes through their fundraising activity is brilliant. The financial award from SportsAid not only helps young sports stars

with their training and competition costs, but also gives them a motivational boost as they feel their potential is being recognised."

Stewart Vandermark, chief executive at Nelsons Solicitors, added: "SportsAid is a fantastic charity, which helps athletes progress in their chosen sport and we are very pleased that we are able to help make their dreams become a reality."

The lunches are held three times annually and the sponsors choose an athlete to present with a £500 donation. Previous recipients of SportsAid support have included Sir Steve Redgrave and Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill.

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# THE HEAD OF STEAM LAUNCHES WITH A BANG



Nottingham's newest real ale and craft beer destination has opened its doors to the public following three days of celebrations.

The Head of Steam, located in the former Missoula Montana Bar & Grill on High Pavement, officially launched on 22 March, when guests were invited to choose from more than 120 local and world beers, and sample dishes from the menu.

Owned and operated by Hartlepool-based Camerons Brewery, the new-

ly-renovated pub is set across two floors and has 38 beer taps, including 22 specialty keg lines. It offers a regularly-changing selection of guest ales from some of Nottinghamshire's best-loved breweries such as Blue Monkey, Black Iris, Neon Raptor and Castle Rock.

Commenting on the Nottingham launch Chris Soley, chief executive at Camerons Brewery, said: "We are really pleased to have received such positive feedback from mem-

bers of the local community, who came along to try our beers and food ahead of opening night. It was also great to welcome so many pooches, including a Miniature Schnauzer, Jack Russell and King Charles Spaniel – clearly, word has got out we're a dog-friendly pub!

"Beers, Oskar Blues Death By Coconut and Black Iris Bajan Breakfast have proven to be our most popular beers in the first week, while the Full Head of Steam Burger was the

choice among diners. Now the pub is officially open, the team is looking forward to meeting even more people, especially as we go into spring bank holiday season."

Established in 1995, The Head of Steam has 13 pubs across the North of England in cities such as Leeds, Newcastle, Hull, and Liverpool. Its launch in Nottingham has seen the creation of 25 new jobs and it is now set to open a venue in Leicester at the start of April and another in Birmingham after that.



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# Secretary Of State for Education Visits Bluecoat Aspley Academy



The Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, visited Bluecoat Aspley Academy, meeting staff and students at this long-established Nottingham school, part of Archway Learning Trust.

Sian Hampton, CEO of Archway said, "It was a real honour to be selected to host this visit. Our growing reputation as an inclusive and successful Trust, which doesn't give up on students, has prompted this wonderful opportunity to meet the Secretary of State."

"In addition, we were delighted to host Sir David Carter, National Schools Com-

missioner, at a roundtable conversation about teacher workload and teacher recruitment. He was accompanied by our Regional Schools Commissioner, John Edwards, on his second visit to Archway Learning Trust."

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP said: "Bluecoat Aspley Academy is clearly a great school with high ambitions for its students. I enjoyed meeting with sixth formers to hear about their plans for the future and the different paths, including apprenticeships and university courses,

that they are set to take, as well learning about what the academy is doing to make sure pupils at risk of exclusion are given the tailored support that they need.

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KLG Rutland and was taken home by Doreen Redmond. 270 guests enjoyed a delicious three course meal and danced the night away to live music from Audio Wave at the Bollywood themed event. One lucky guest also took home a Paul Smith handbag worth £500 after beating other bidders in a charity auction. The bag was just one of a host of fantastic prizes which were generously donated by local businesses and individuals. Councillor Khaled has been fundraising for the charity during her year in office with a final total to be announced in the next few weeks.

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The council itself will be placing orders for a small number of stylish new Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) models to lease back to drivers, as well as investing £700,000 of Government funding into a network of electric charging points around the city.

Portfolio Holder for Community and Customer Services, Councillor Toby Neal, said: "It's great to welcome the first of hopefully many electric taxis to Nottingham. New low-emission taxis along with a user-friendly e-hailing app will bring our taxi service up to the high passenger and air quality standards as the rest of our superb transport system in Nottingham.

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Tarmac plays an active role nationally in supporting young people's educational and employment development, particularly by offering apprenticeships at many sites and

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For the Year 10 interview day, colleagues Niki Heath (HR Advisor) and Louise Pattison (Health and Safety Advisor) went along to work with the students on their interview skills and their CVs.

"In Year 10 students are starting to think about their next steps for both Post 16 and 18 education/training," said Niki. "It is really rewarding

to play a part in helping them develop their personal presentation and interviewing technique and to give them constructive feedback on their CVs. We are keen to support local education where we can and events like this are good opportunities to share our own expertise." Fiona Farmer, Head of Careers said "The 1-1 interviews give Year 10 students the opportunity to demonstrate their employability skills, academic achievement, interests and talents to an employer. This is an invaluable opportunity for students before embarking on work experience. We really do appreciate the support that employers like Tarmac give the School in inspiring and informing young people."

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The free event on Sunday 8 April will also see children who have already registered online be slimed within a specially created "SLIMEULATOR" that is touring 13 of Intu's UK shopping destinations.

Parents could also win a VIP family ticket to Nickelodeon's SLIMEFEST 2018, which takes place in Blackpool later this year, by visiting [intu.co.uk/easter](http://intu.co.uk/easter).

Nigel Wheatley, general manager at Intu Victoria Centre, said: "We know that many of our younger customers love SLIME and we want to make them smile this Easter with this fun, free, and messy experience that will even involve exclusive sliming for some lucky children."

"Anyone with a creative streak will love our slime themed colouring wall where they can grab some pens and help us to complete a magnificent messy masterpiece. And don't forget to grab a slime-selfie with the finished design."

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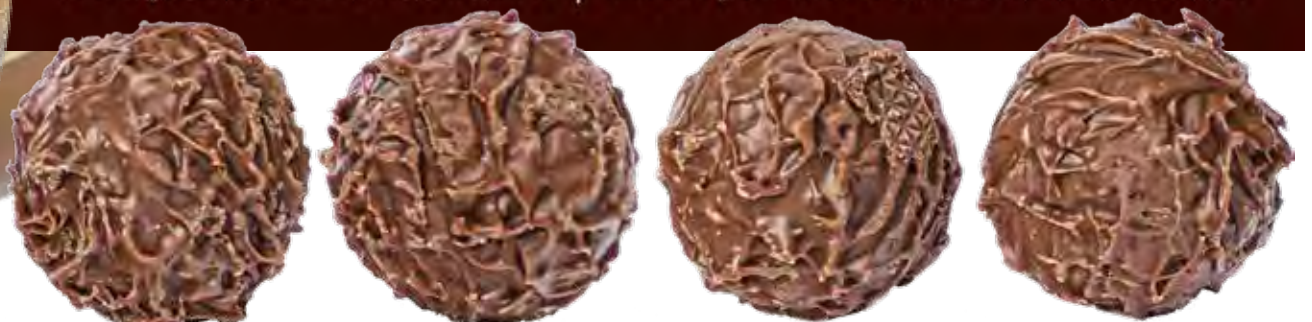


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At nearly 300 metres long, The Monster is one of the world's largest inflatable obstacle courses and hands down the craziest nostalgic bouncy castle experience for adults.

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Beast in London (Alexandra Palace) and Birmingham (NEC) in 2017, The Monster is bigger, better and more bonkers than ever before.

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Tickets can be purchased online at [www.motorpointarenanottingham.com](http://www.motorpointarenanottingham.com) via 0843 373 3000 or in person at the Motorpoint Arena Box Office, Bolero Square, The Lace Market, Nottingham, NG1 1LA.

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Rocking birds, animals and Easter hats will add a touch of spring to the creative crafts on offer for children this Easter at The Harley Gallery.

The one hour crafty fun sessions include making a Spring Mini Hat; designing an animal and bringing it to life and creating a menagerie of rocking birds. Taking place in the Gallery, all the Hands on Holiday sessions are led by education manager Dayle Green, who has been busy trialling out the crafts ahead of the Easter holidays.

Hands on Holidays:

4 April – Split Pin Animals

11 April – Rocking Birds

Over in the Pottery Studio, Paint a Pot sessions are a great fun way for children to express their creativity by decorating a piece of ready-made pottery of their choice and take home. Sessions for children of all ages are running on 5, 7 and 12 April.

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"It teaches children balance, strengthens their muscles and strengthens their core. There is little or no competition when it comes to scooters and children are very compassionate towards each other, they do their own thing in their own time. It's also great fun and they don't realise they are getting fit because they are having such a good time."

Head Teacher at the Farndon based school says there is a benefit to improving core strength in children which helps in both literacy and writing skills, and that the school is developing methods to improve this for children. "Children are getting a quality experience with exercise, strengthening their muscles and increasing their enjoyment of school too. Looking at their faces when they were on the scooters was an absolute joy and even children who are sometimes shy of new experiences were really enjoying themselves. We know a lot of children come to school on their scooters and we want to support them to do it safely."

Delilah Durham, age 8, surprised herself and her fellow pupils at the control she managed to gain of the scooter during the lesson: "I went slowly, tried hard and also did a trick! I like scooters because they can go fast and when you wear elbow pads and knee pads and a helmet it helps you to stay safe."

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- 8 Eight-legged creature (6)
- 13 Hygienic (8)
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- 28 Implement (4)
- 30 Also (3)
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- 33 Without work (4)
- 34 Indulge to excess (5)
- 36 Backchat (3)
- 37 Remove a limb (8)
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- 42 Equip with weapons (3)
- 44 Hard-hearted and unsparing (8)
- 45 Melt in a solution (8)
- 46 Fit together and construct (8)
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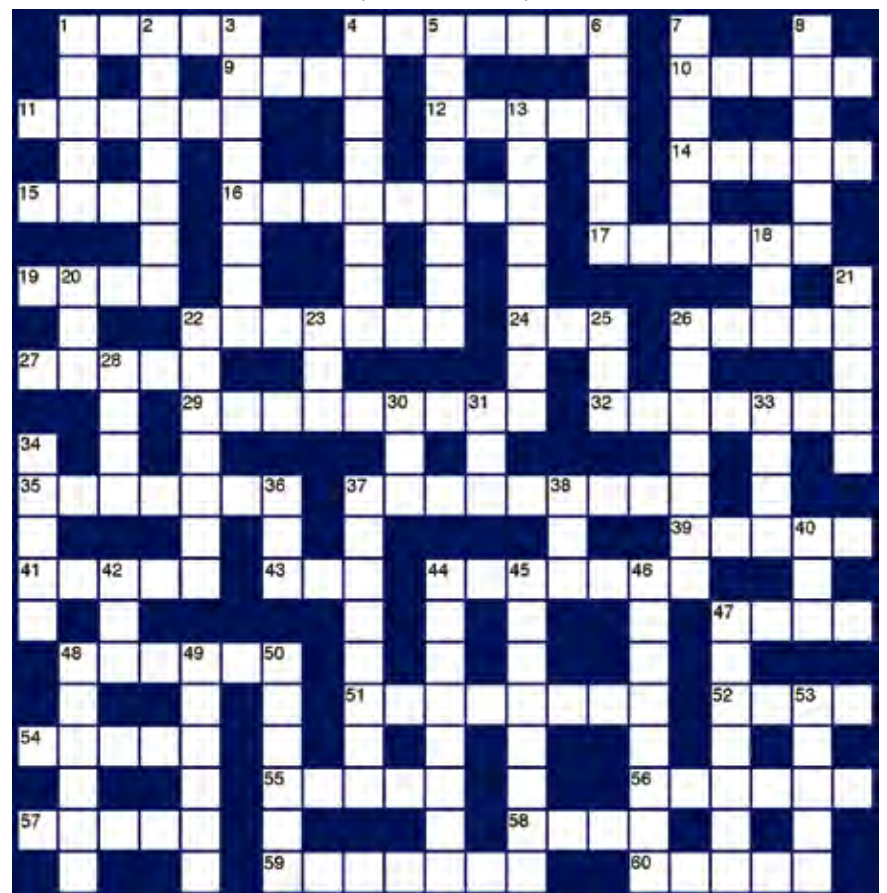
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## Essential Projects Work On £5m Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre



Sherwood Forest Country Park is currently undergoing a transformation and bespoke metalwork manufacturer Essential Projects has been appointed as one of the contractors to work on the £5.3m project which includes the building of a new visitor centre. Bulwell, based Essential Projects, has been appointed to manufacture and install a bespoke feature staircase within the new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, which is due to be open to the public for Summer 2018. The visitor centre has been designed to create a 558sq metre split level structure and the bespoke stainless

steel and glass staircase will be incorporated to provide access to the upper floors of this split-level structure to create a stunning focal point to the architectural design of the building interior and the welcome area. The feature staircase will be manufactured out of powder coated mild steel with a glass balustrade and stainless steel handrails. Solid oak treads will be installed in order that the finished look remains in keeping with the woodlands environment. Commenting on the appointment, Eliot Saxton, Managing Director,

said "It is a privilege to be appointed as a trusted contractor on such a prestigious Nottinghamshire project that is world renown and steeped in so much history." Founded in 2008 by Eliot Saxton, Essential Projects specialises in manufacturing staircases, balconies, canopies, metal railings and other glass and stainless steel structures used within retail, commercial offices and heritage buildings. The company employs five designers, engineers and fabricators, and also has a team of sub-contractors who work on sites across the UK.

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## New Gym Aimed At Teenagers and Millennials to Open In Calverton



A new expansion to the gym at Calverton Leisure Centre is due to open in April.

An underused squashed court, at the Gedling Borough Council owned leisure centre, has been converted to make way for a new strength and conditioning free-weight training studio. The new £20,000 expansion includes an Olympic lifting platform and bench press, squat rack, cable crossover, benches, dumbbells and

weight plates. The new gym expansion will double the existing capacity.

68% of members at Calverton Leisure Centre fall into either the millennial 22-37 age range (36%) or are teenagers aged 14-19 (32%). The investment in the facilities reflects customer needs and current trends in the health and fitness industry.

The new facilities will open to the public from Tuesday 3 April. Coun-

cillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health & Well-being said: "The new facilities look fantastic and are a great addition to Calverton Leisure Centre. With UK gym memberships increasing all the time, we understand the need for modern equipment and extra space. We are very proud to offer affordable facilities like this one at Calverton for our residents, on their doorsteps."

**For more information about Gedling Borough Council's leisure facilities visit [www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure)**

## Be In It to Win It!



Tickets are now on sale for the Robin Hood Lottery and cost just £1.

The online lottery has a maximum prize draw of £25,000 and a range of smaller prizes including tickets and cash prizes from £250 to £2,000. The chance of winning the local lottery top prize is one in a million.

Mansfield District Council established a local lottery to support good causes that deliver a direct benefit to residents across the district. 60p from every ticket sold goes to charities, voluntary groups and support services.

More than 30 local good causes have signed up to benefit from the ticket proceeds so far including: the John Eastwood Hospice Trust; Mansfield District Corps of Drums; Warsop and District U3A; and Ladybrook Community Centre.

Executive Mayor Kate Allsop said: "I am delighted to be purchasing my first ticket for the Robin Hood Lottery. I have chosen to support the Robin Hood Community Fund so that local groups can apply for funding via the council's grant in aid process. I know that my 60p will be well spent in the commu-

nity." Tickets are available online at [www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk](http://www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk)

Players can select a good cause to play for and 50p of the £1 ticket goes straight to that organisation, a further 10p is directed to the Robin Hood Community Fund and a further 20p is collected by Gatherwell, the External Lottery Company appointed by the council to manage the lottery on its behalf. The final 20p goes towards the prize fund. There is just one month to go before the first draw takes place on 28 April, with a weekly draw thereafter.



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A Group of 12 students from Newark College received an exclusive tour of intu Victoria Centre on 21 March, to support their business studies. Nottingham's intu Victoria Centre hosted the tour providing students with the opportunity to learn more about the centre's day-to-day management and intu's work developing both its centres in the city. The students are studying for a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business and this visit was part of their 'changing face of retail' unit.

Amanda Bradford a business studies

lecturer at Newark College, said: "It's incredibly worthwhile to bring our students out of the college and Newark's town centre and into the heart of Nottingham city centre, showcasing the whole shopping centre retail experience."

"Our students are currently focusing on visual merchandising as part of their studies and have thoroughly enjoyed and gained valuable experience from the visit to intu this year. We will be delighted to visit again next year to further enhance the studies of our students!"

During the tour Newark College student, Liam Kempson (18) was impressed by the visual merchandising in-centre and intu's work redeveloping both its centres, he said: "The tour was really interesting - it helped me to understand the importance of entrances and signposting in shopping centres and also gave me the chance to look at how retailers advertise through their windows and shop fronts."

"I was really impressed by the sheer scale of how intu has redeveloped intu Victoria Centre and also the exciting plans for intu Broadmarsh."

## Retail Sector Know-How from Intu



## Bestselling author Matt Haig returns to Newark for book festival

The bestselling author of *Reasons to Stay Alive*, *A Boy Called Christmas* and *How to Stop Time*, Matt Haig, has been confirmed as the headline speaker for this year's Newark Book Festival.

Returning to the Festival after a sellout talk in 2017, Haig will be discussing his upcoming book *Notes on a Nervous Planet*; the much-anticipated follow-up to the number one Sunday Times bestseller *Reasons to Stay Alive*.

The internationally renowned author and well-known mental health campaigner grew up in Newark. Returning to his hometown, he will be speaking at Newark Palace Theatre on Saturday 14th July in an event sponsored by Trigger Press.

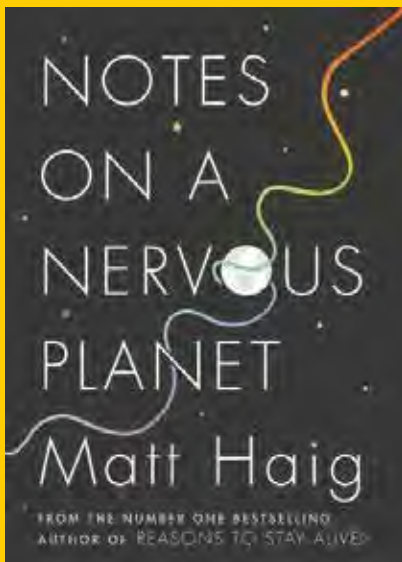
Tickets go on sale from Tuesday 3rd April for Friends of the Festival; who also get a special invite to the festival's VIP launch event (to become a Friend, visit [newarkbookfestival.org.uk](http://newarkbookfestival.org.uk)). The event then opens for general ticket sales on Tuesday 10th April.

Newark Book Festival Organiser, Sara Bullimore said:

"Matt Haig is an amazing author who grew up in Newark and he's gone on to do inspiring work. His books have sold far and wide to critical acclaim and his insight into mental health is eye-opening. I'm delighted that Matt is coming back to Newark Book Festival with his

much awaited follow up to *Reasons to Stay Alive*.

"Last year, the newly revamped book festival drew almost 2,500 people to Newark, but this year should be bigger and better than ever with new events and new venues. One of those venues is Newark Palace Theatre and we're delighted to be working with them



as they host Matt's talk."

Festival Friends receive priority booking, discounts, and an invite to a VIP launch event when the festival opens, among other benefits.

As with previous festivals, a special postcard has been produced by

illustrator Mark Chambers based on this year's theme of *Landscapes in Literature*. The postcards will be available to festival visitors for free.

Businesses and community groups that wish to support Newark Book Festival still have until the end of March to sponsor the event by contacting Sara via the website.

Current sponsors include Duncan & Toplis, Ambitious Personnel, Creative Apostrophe, Karrot Entertainment, Talents Solicitors and Trigger Press. The festival has been awarded funding through Grants for the Arts from the Arts Council of England as well as funding and support from Newark & Sherwood District Council and Newark Town Council.

Tickets for other festival events will go on sale on 30th April, with Friends of the Festival having early access to tickets from 23rd April. Tickets can be purchased from the Newark Palace Theatre box office by calling 01636 655755.

You can stay up to date with the latest festival news by following Newark Book Festival on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/newarkbookfest/](http://www.facebook.com/newarkbookfest/)) or on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/NewarkBookFest](http://www.twitter.com/NewarkBookFest)). For ticket information, please visit the Newark Book Festival Website ([www.newarkbookfestival.co.uk](http://www.newarkbookfestival.co.uk)).



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The spring months mark an opportunity to assess your home and start planning those all-important home improvements for 2018.

A home health check is an essential start to your home improvement preparations, and assessing essentials such as your heating, facilities and home security are all important steps in this process.

One of the first things to think about are any structural changes to the building – 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.

Home security is another important home improvement factor – assessing your doors, windows and alarms to keep your home secure and the people and items inside safe is something that shouldn't be overlooked.

Take note of other factors that could be improved such as your heating, loft insulation and double glazing – these home improvements may not be the most exciting or decorative, but they can help to save you money in the long run.

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# Get Motivated This Spring

"We've compiled this list of helpful tips for our customers so they can start preparing their gardens for the warmer weather. These are a great way for people who are currently in the process of moving, or existing homeowners, to achieve a stylish look in their own garden."

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Now the January Blues are (finally) behind us, leading developer Barratt and David Wilson Homes North Midlands is encouraging budding landscapers in Nottinghamshire to start thinking ahead and prep their garden for spring with a few helpful hints and tips.

## Spruce up

Be sure to have a tidy up and remove leaves and debris from your flower beds and lawn as they will have been subjected to all kinds of weather during the winter months. This will also save you time when the warmer weather kicks in and you start planting your summer bulbs. Preparation is key.

If you want to grow flowers or have your very own vegetable patch, make sure you've prepped your soil for planting. You can do this by turning over the soil lightly with a pitchfork and raking it. Ensure when you do this you clear out any weeds that may have grown over the last few months.

## Sow seeds for the spring

A variety of different flowers are often

the key to having a colourful garden and once planted can be fairly easy to maintain. In winter, you can start to plant seeds which require a longer growing season, such as lilies, agapanthus and Galtonia – just don't forget to water them regularly. Jan Ruston, Sales Director for Barratt

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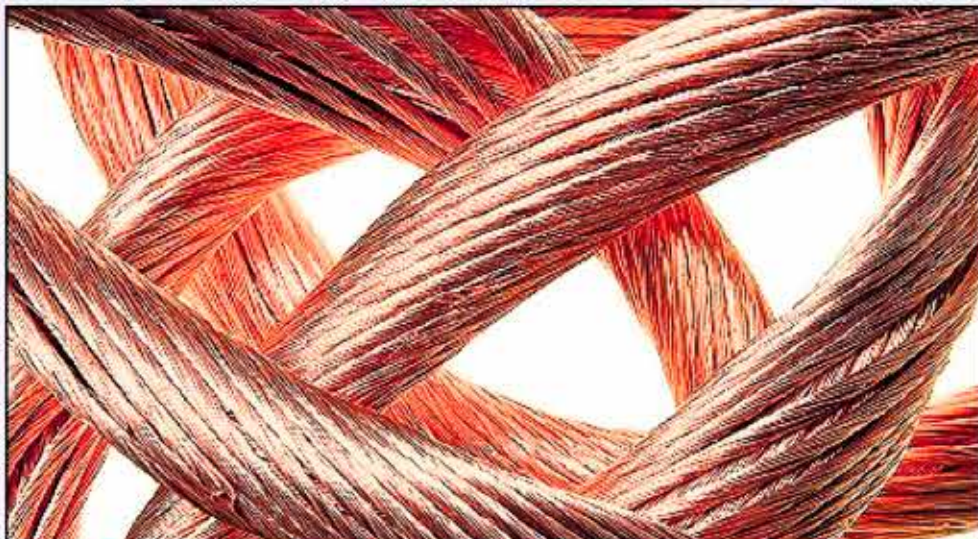
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