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New peace garden set to mark town's finest



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'REMARKABLE' Rugbeians from different generations of the town's history are set to be commemorated in a special peace garden at a town centre church.

St Andrew's Church has announced plans to create a peace garden in memory of former Lawrence Sheriff School headmaster Dr Rex Pogson, which will also feature a memorial to the Rev Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy - better known as Woodbine Willie from his time as an army chaplain on the Western Front in the First World War.

The garden will be situated in a quiet grassy spot in front of the church's west tower.

A plaque will commemorate Dr Pogson and also contain the memorial to Woodbine Willie - whose life, writings and witness Rex greatly admired.

Canon Edmund Newey, the Rector of St Andrew's, said: 'We are so pleased that our dear friend Rex is being commemorated alongside one of his great heroes, the poet and priest 'Woodbine Willie'.

'Rex's contribution to the life of our town and county was remarkable for its breadth and depth and he is hugely missed by so many



A blue plaque commemorating 'Woodbine Willie' adorns the wall of a building in nearby Windsor Court that was his home during his time as assistant curate of St Andrew's from 1910 to 1912.

His nickname refers to the brand of cigarettes he would give to the soldiers he encountered in the daily horrors of the war, though his support was also in words and direct action.

In 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross after going into no man's land at Messines Ridge to help the wounded.

A campaign to raise £28,000 for the new peace garden will be launched with a special community celebration of music and song at the church on Saturday June 27, at 4pm.

It will be a concert inspired by the life and work of Dr Pogson and will include a variety of contributions drawn from his friends, collaborators and family.

Admission will be free with donations in aid of the peace garden and Myton Hospice.

To make a donation and for more information, visit Friends@rugby-church.org.uk or collect a donation form from the church.

people.

'Working closely with Rex's family and with the Friends of St Andrew's Church, we look forward to this new Peace Garden being a blessing for all the people of our town.'

Dr Pogson, who died in 2024, was Headmaster of Lawrence Sheriff School from 1985 to 1998, and was active in the community through his work and support for The Bradby Club, The Rotary Club of Rugby, and St Andrew's Church.

The memorial will be a boulder, mounted on a plinth that will be inscribed with quotations from Rev Studdert-Kennedy's writings.

INSET: Reverend Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy - better known as 'Woodbine Willie'.

Dr Rex Pogson, pictured in 2022 at Lawrence Sheriff School's Pogson Library which takes his name. Picture by Marcus Mingins 1822007MMR1 © Bullivant Media



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Policy aims to restore nature

WCC officers, county councillors, volunteers and partners gather at Ryton Pools to celebrate the launch of the local nature recovery strategy. s

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A POPULAR Warwickshire country park has celebrated a milestone and marked the launch of a new plan to boost the county's parks, rivers and wildlife.

Ryton Pools Country Park's 30th anniversary fun day coincided with the launch of Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) local nature recovery strategy (LNRS).

The policy aims to restore natural habitats, improve river quality, help the vulnerable species recovery and create more green spaces in towns.

The strategy was launched as hundreds of visitors gathered at Ryton

Pools to celebrate three decades of conservation and recreation.

Attendees enjoyed traditional activities including ranger-led pond dipping and 'mini-beast' hunting, miniature train rides, maypole dancing, live music from a local brass band, a charity barbecue and market stalls showcasing local environmental groups and sustainable businesses.

The LNRS, developed in collaboration with the Warwickshire Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership, focuses on eight priorities to help reverse biodiversity decline, based on local knowledge and evidence.

The policy aims to create more nature-rich habitats, support the recovery of vulnerable species and

improve water availability for wildlife and communities.

The strategy will also aim to embed more 'green and blue' spaces into towns and new developments; connect people to accessible natural places to enjoy nature's health benefits; and support farmer and landowner-led sustainable land management.

By working with natural processes and nature-based solutions, the strategy is also intended to tackle challenges such as flooding.

With the UK now identified as one of the most nature-depleted countries on Earth, the statutory strategy – introduced under the Environment Act 2021 – provides a blueprint for nature recovery across the county.

The LNRS was shaped by discussions with landowners; collaboration with environmental groups and government agencies; and a public consultation exercise.

Coun Darren Cheshire, WCC environment spokesperson, said: "There was no better setting to launch our ambitious LNRS than at Ryton Pools Country Park as it celebrated 30 remarkable years of connecting our communities with the great outdoors."

"It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the park and engaging with our rangers."

"This strategy represents a critical turning point for Warwickshire, providing a tailored blueprint to reverse biodiversity decline and protect our natural environment."

"By launching this strategy at such a well-loved community event, we hope to inspire residents of all ages to actively support the recovery of our local wildlife and green spaces in their daily lives."

Emma Johnson, Natural England West Midlands deputy director, said the strategy set out clear priorities for where effort is needed.

She added: "I encourage everyone to explore the strategy and consider what part they can play in creating a more nature-rich future for Warwickshire, which will secure our future as well as that of the wildlife we live alongside."

The strategy will now be submitted to the government for final adoption. Visit www.wcslnp.co.uk for more information.



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Ukrainian refugee has built a new life

Former circus gymnast is now a graphic designer

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A “DETERMINED work ethic” helped a Ukrainian refugee “rebuild her life from scratch” in Rugby and rise to the top of her new career, after she fled the Russian invasion with her 11-year-old son.

Iryna Kryshmar, who worked as an aerial gymnast in a circus, left Ukraine with her son and just two small suitcases in 2022, after sheltering from Russian attacks for three weeks.

A fitness trainer and accomplished artistic gymnastics coach, Iryna and her son arrived in the UK after struggling to find work in Poland.

For almost a year,



Iryna and her son. s

mother and son lived with a host family in Rugby who helped them rebuild their lives.

Quickly learning English, the pair eventually found their own home and a new school and Iryna secured coaching work – but her resolute mindset pushed her to achieve more.

Iryna, 41, discovered graphic design and, over the course of a year, took multiple courses at the same time with the goal of building a new career.

Using EqualReach, a scheme which connects tech-skilled refugees with digital opportunities, Iryna found a position at Amazon and for more than a year has been thriving at the online retail platform.

Iryna said: “My life is divided between ‘before’ and ‘after’ the war.

“It was devastating to lose our sense of safety, meaningful work, plans for the future, and even loved ones. Every day was a frustrating, stressful step into an unknown new world but a determined work ethic has made all the difference.”

At Amazon, Iryna is one of two graphic designers covering the UK and European market, creat-

ing a high volume of premium content.

Iryna added: “One of my designs helped a product seller increase their revenue by 400 per cent, which was a very motivating result. I am truly grateful for the chance to be part of the Amazon team, and to EqualReach for their support, trust and belief in me to open a new professional chapter in my life.

“Step by step I continue to build a life from scratch, having only hope, belief in the future, perseverance and resilience to keep moving toward my goals.”

EqualReach founder and chief executive Giselle Gonzales said Iryna was the perfect example of a highly motivated refugee who can add value to a business.

Giselle said: “The International Monetary Fund [anticipates] a shortage of 85 million tech staff by 2030 and displaced talent is ideally placed to plug that skills gap, for both profit and purpose. Hiring or outsourcing projects to vetted teams of refugees is changing lives but it isn’t charity; it makes great business sense because tech-skilled workers like Iryna are delivering world class results.”

Visit www.equalreach.io for more information.



Iryna Kryshmar is now a graphic designer at Amazon. s

Siblings saddle up for cause

“INSPIRATIONAL” siblings from Rugby are gearing up to cycle more than 60 miles to raise money for the charity which looks after the Hospital of St Cross.

Mithra and Aadhiran Sathiyamurthi will ride from Rugby to Stratford and back alongside 20 of their friends, with the aim of raising at least £2,000 for The Friends of St Cross.

Aadhiran, aged 11, took on a similar challenge in 2024 and eight-year-old sister Mithra followed in his tyre

tracks with a 40-mile ride last year.

The Rugby Rotary Clubs’ youth committee recognised the pair’s achievements by nominating them for rotary district-level young citizen awards, which they received from outgoing mayor Barbara Brown.

Mithra and Aadhiran’s proud mum and dad, Swathika and Sathiyamurthi, said: “What began as a simple family initiative has grown into something far more meaningful: a shared

mission to promote physical and mental wellbeing, not just within our family but across the wider community.

“Both have turned their personal milestones into something bigger – raising funds for their school and for the Friends of St Cross Hospitals.

“As a family, that’s something we are incredibly proud of.”

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Mithra and Aadhiran received rotary young citizen awards from former Mayor of Rugby Barbara Brown, towards the end of her mayoral year. s

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Bumper field at Two Castles

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**A RECORD-BREAKING
42nd annual Two
Castles Run saw more
than 5,000 runners
put their best foot
forward.**

A total of 5,220 finishers completed the 10k course between Warwick and Kenilworth castles on Sunday – the biggest number of entrants in the event's history.

The annual race, organised by Kenilworth Runners and sponsored by Leamington-based Blythe Liggins Solicitors, was opened up to 1,000 more runners this year.

Richard Clarke, Kenilworth Runners-affiliated race director, said the event has the scope to become even bigger in future as more than 3,000 runners were on the waiting list this year.

At the finish line, Paddy Roddy took the spoils in the men's race with Ian Allen finishing second and Tesfaye Weday coming home third.

Marijke Tear-Verweij was victorious in the women's race, ahead of Becky Fleet, with Paz Torres taking the final spot on the rostrum.

Race director Richard said: "It was really rewarding to see everyone enjoying themselves on the day. The weather was perfect, it felt like the first weekend of nice weather we've had in June.

"We had a lot of runners say they are already looking forward to signing up for next year, along with volunteers too. Everyone is very committed to the future of the event.

"We took a step up in numbers this year and we know there is the appetite for it to grow further. We had more than 5,000 runners but there were also 3,000 on the waiting list.

"We'll work with Warwick Castle and Kenilworth Castle to see if we can safely increase the capacity because the scope and ambition to do it is definitely there."

The Two Castles Run helps to raise money for various good causes and runners are invited to contribute to The Myton Hospices when they sign up.

A total of 77 runners from The Myton Hospices took part in the race – another record – to raise funds for the charity.

Blythe Liggins, which has been a long-term supporter of the run, recently pledged to sponsor the event for another five years.

Donna Bothamley, partner at Blythe Liggins, said: "This year's Two Castles Run was the biggest yet and it was clear to see, from the size of the crowds and smiles on everyone's faces, that it was a huge success.

"It's really heartening to see how support for the event just grows and grows as it makes such a difference to The Myton Hospices and other great causes locally."

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First man home Paddy Roddy. s



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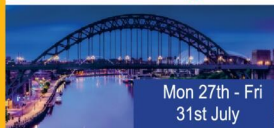
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Hitesh named in birthday honours

A "SELFLESS" Coventry man who volunteers for West Midlands Police has been recognised for his work in the King's Birthday Honours.

Special Constable Hitesh Mehta (pictured) has been awarded the British Empire Medal for his dedication towards helping and protecting others as a volunteer officer, writes *Andy Morris*.

Hitesh, who grew up in Hillfields, in Coventry, became a special constable in 2003 because he wanted to make a difference to his local community. He continues to actively volunteer within both policing and his local community.

Alongside his job, Hitesh is a charity trustee at the city's Shree Krishna temple.

Hitesh has been involved with the temple since the age of seven and has maintained a strong commitment to faith and community service throughout his life.

During his time working as 'a special', Hitesh has met His Majesty King Charles on two occasions: during The King's visit to mark Coventry's City of Culture year and at the opening of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Hitesh has previously been awarded the platinum champion award by Her Majesty The Queen, as part of the Royal Voluntary Service, along with a host of other awards for his commitment to volunteering in policing and the community.

The special constable has taken on leadership roles including helping colleagues obtain independent patrol status and supports new special constables during their training.

West Midlands Police (WMP) special chief officer Steven Rice said: "We are extremely proud of Hitesh for receiving this award. "He has selflessly volunteered many, many years to making a difference in policing and within communities.

"The honour is well-deserved and, like everyone at WMP, I want to say a massive thank you and congratulations."



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City's promotion as champions of the EFL Championship was celebrated at the We Are Back: Live festival in War Memorial Park on Bank Holiday Monday May 4. Picture by Dave Archer.

Sky Blues set to be given top honour by a grateful city

THE SKY Blues are set to be granted the Freedom of the City of Coventry.

Coventry City Council has called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at which councillors will be asked to award the Freedom of the City to Coventry City Football Club.

It is the highest honour a local authority can confer and is in recognition of the club's promotion to the Premier League and its outstanding contribution to the life of the city.

The proposal follows a historic 2025-26 season in which the Sky Blues were crowned EFL Championship champions and sealed their return to the top-flight of English football for the first time in 25 years.

If approved by councillors at the EGM on Tuesday (June 23), the honour would be conferred on the club in its entirety, recognising the players, management, staff, owner and the supporters and communities who have stood behind the club.

Under manager Frank Lampard, Coventry City secured promotion on April 17 with three matches to spare, before going on to lift the Championship trophy as champions.

It marks the club's return to the Premier League for the first time since 2001 and a remarkable turnaround for the club.

The achievement was celebrated by the whole city on Bank Holiday Monday May 4, when an open-top bus parade wound through Coventry's communities - watched by an estimated 200,000 people along the route - culminating in the We Are Back: Live festival in War Memorial Park, attended by almost 50,000 fans.

The celebrations were delivered by the club in partnership with Coventry City Council.

The Freedom of the City is the most prestigious civic honour a council can award. It is conferred under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 on persons - or, exceptionally, organisations - of distinction, or who have rendered eminent

services to the city.

By law, the honour can only be granted at a meeting of the full Council specially convened for that purpose, where at least two-thirds of councillors voting are in favour - which is why an EGM is being called.

The honour was most recently awarded in Coventry in 2022, when the city conferred the Freedom of the City on the staff of University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust in recognition of their service during the pandemic.

Benefit

Beyond the sporting achievement, Premier League status represents a significant opportunity for Coventry. The wider benefit to the city and region is expected to be felt across hospitality, retail, tourism and the visitor economy, with Premier League fixtures placing Coventry on a global stage every week.

Coun George Duggins, Leader of Coventry City Council, has nominated the football club for the prestigious honour.

He said: "Coventry is immensely proud of our football club, and the Sky Blues' return to the Premier League is a moment of huge significance for our city.

"This is an extraordinary achievement which deserves an extraordinary honour. That is why I am asking councillors to come together to award Coventry City Football Club the Freedom of the City - the highest honour this council can bestow.

"This achievement belongs not only to the team and everyone at the club, but to the generations of supporters and communities who have always stood behind them.

"Awarding the Freedom of the City is our way, on behalf of the whole city, of saying thank you and recognising everything the club has given to Coventry."

If approved by Council, the award will be formally presented to the football club at a date yet to be confirmed.

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Mayor Nooria Sayani with Mayor's Cadet Corporal Joshua Tan and Mayor's consort Azhar Malakzi.



Mayor Nooria Sayani encouraged community, compassion and cohesion at the Civic Sunday service.

A message of peace

PEACEFUL coexistence was the theme when the Mayor of Rugby joined a host of dignitaries at St Andrew's Church on Sunday for the annual civic service.

Civic Sunday traditionally welcomes Rugby's new Mayor to the role and recognises the part played by councillors and council officers in the life of the borough.

Mayor Nooria Sayani joined fellow councillors, Freemen of the Borough, former Mayors and senior council officers in a procession from the Town Hall to St Andrew's Church for the service, which was led by the Rector of Rugby, the Reverend Canon Edmund Newey.

The theme of the service was pluralism and the three 'Cs' – community, compassion and cohesion

– chosen by Coun Sayani as the theme for her Mayoral year.

In addition to traditional hymns, the service included a rendition of What a Wonderful World by the Rugby Male Voice Choir and a performance of Let All the World in Every Corner Sing by the St Andrew's Church Choir.

The Mayor's Cadet – Corporal Joshua Tan from Rugby St John Ambulance – read a Prayer for the Borough of Rugby during the service, while Dr Nour Hanga read an excerpt from the Holy Quran Surah An-Nur in both Arabic and English.

Junaid Hussain, chief executive of EQuIP – one of the Mayor's charities – read the Act of Commitment and the service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Coun Sayani said: "The Civic Sunday service delivered a powerful message about community, compassion and cohesion, reminding us life is temporal and what we do for others can bring spiritual and worldly balance to our lives.

"A pluralistic community shares with one another, connects, asks positive questions, builds friendships and learns to co-exist peacefully for a safer and prosperous Rugby.

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The Myton Hospices is holding a recruitment drop-in session at its shop in the Rugby Central Shopping Centre on Thursday (June 26) from 11am to 2pm, to showcase vacancies in the charity's retail and e-commerce teams.

Staff will share their experiences

of working for Myton and opportunities for career development.

Anil Gupta, Head of Retail and Trading at The Myton Hospices, said: "Our retail and e-commerce teams play a vital role in raising the funds that help us provide care and support to patients and their families across Coventry and Warwickshire, and we're always looking for passionate people who want to make a difference while

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Firms urged to support young

EMPLOYERS in Rugby have been called on to do more to help young people into work by the town's MP.

Speaking in the House of Commons, John Slinger asked businesses in the town to invest more in training and career paths.

He called for a parliamentary debate to 'champion businesses that take their responsibilities to young people seriously', after raising his recent visit to McDonald's at Junction One Retail Park during questions in the House.

During his visit, Mr Slinger - who worked at McDonald's through school and university - met franchisee Glyn Pashley and his team and got behind the counter.

He also saw first-hand the McDonald's Work Experience Programme, which offers young people work placements, CV writing support and interview preparation.

Speaking in the House, Mr Slinger reflected on his visit, and pressed the case for recognising employers who invest in young people. He has called for a debate so that business success stories of this kind get the recognition they deserve.

He said: "I worked at McDonald's from the age of 16 to 21, and the training was serious and the teamwork was real.

"Those skills carried me into everything that came after. So it was a genuine pleasure to get behind the counter in Rugby and see the same standards and the same camaraderie, and to hear about the work experience programme that is opening doors for local young people.

"This Government is taking its responsibility to young people seriously, through the Youth Jobs Grant, the jobs guarantee and more.

"But Government cannot do this alone. We



John Slinger MP called for a parliamentary debate to 'champion businesses that take their responsibilities to young people seriously'.

need employers across Rugby investing in training and in real career paths. McDonald's and many companies like it are already showing what that looks like, and Parliament should say so."

The Government's Youth Jobs Grant gives firms a \$3,000 grant for every person they hire aged 18 to 24 who is on benefits and has

been seeking work for six months or more. An existing scheme supporting employers to take on people who have been out of work for longer is also due to expand.

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Plea for support to help get Wilma back on her feet

by **Philippa Mingins**
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A "LIFE-SAVING" rescue dog who helped her owner through her darkest mental health moments is in desperate need of surgery - and her family can't afford to help her.

Lauren de Lancey, from Stratford, has set up a gofundme page in a bid to raise the cash needed to get her seven-year-old Staffy Wilma back on her feet.

Wilma was recently diagnosed with severe arthritis in her elbow, along with a painful a small fracture in the joint. As a result she is struggling to walk, play, and do the things she loves most.

A vet has recommended arthroscopy surgery to properly assess and treat the damage inside the joint and give her the best possible chance at a pain-free life. Without it, her condition will continue to worsen and her quality of life will decline.

But Wilma's pet insurance is now fully maxed out, leaving her family with no financial way to cover the cost of the urgent procedure after spending thousands to even get it diagnosed.

Lauren, who works for Warwickshire Police, said: "We are reaching out during one of the hardest moments our family has ever faced. Our seven-year-old

Staffy is not just a pet she is the heart of our home, our constant companion, and a dog who truly saved us just as much as we saved her.

"She was rescued into our family after a difficult start in life, and since then she has blossomed into the most loving, gentle, loyal soul you could ever meet. She follows us from room to room, comforts us on our worst days, and brings joy and laughter into every part of our lives. She is family in every sense of the word.

"We are not asking lightly. This is truly a last resort. But we cannot stand by and watch her suffer when there may still be a chance to give her comfort, mobility, and many more happy years with her family.

"Any donation, no matter how small, would mean the world to us and would go directly towards her surgery, treatment, and recovery care.

"She's saved my life through some really serious mental health struggles. There have been times where I genuinely don't think I would've made it through without her. She gave me a reason to get up, to keep going, and to stay grounded when everything felt like too much. She's not just a dog, she's been my emotional support through it all."

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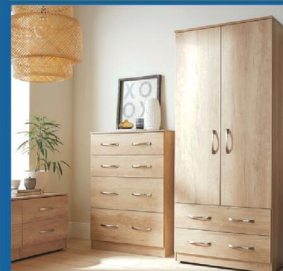
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Forces service

A SERVICE to mark armed forces day will take place in Hillmorton on Saturday, June 27.

The Royal British Legion's Hillmorton branch will host the service at the Hillmorton War Memorial.

In the presence of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, David Kelham, members of the Royal British Legion will gather at the memorial at 10.50am for a short service led by Rev Alison Baxter which will include a two-minute silence.

Veterans and members of the public are invited to gather at the war memorial at 10.45am.

The service will include a commemoration marking 15 years since the end of operation Telic, which saw men and women from the UK armed forces join the US-led coalition for the invasion of Iraq, in March 2003. British combat operations ended in 2009. The last British personnel departed in May 2011, bringing the operation to an end.

During the war, 179 British armed forces personnel lost their lives and many more were wounded, often with life-changing physical injuries. Other service personnel experienced emotional or mental ill-health as a result of their service in Iraq.

Kathryn Lawrence, chairman of the Hillmorton branch of the Royal British Legion, said: "We do hope that, once again, members of the public will attend to mark the service of military personnel past and present."

"We hope that veterans of deployment in operation Telic will be able to join this service as we recognise the events of 15 years ago."

■ The service will take place at the Hillmorton War Memorial. s



Princesorpe College DofE young leaders and pupils, with their certificates from the award team. s

by **Andy Morris**
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DEDICATED volunteers at a secondary school near Rugby have been praised for their work in the community.

Over the last 12 months, nearly 200 Princesorpe College pupils, from Year 9 to the upper sixth have spent more than 5,317 hours volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) award activities.

The DofE award team has calculated the social value of those hours is more than £40,000.

In recognition of their achievement, the awards team presented the college with certificates and said: "We are immensely

proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community."

Princesorpe pupils have worked in charity shops and libraries; joined conservation projects and wildlife surveys; helped look after and restore heritage sites; backed community services; supported young people, through the Scout Association UK; and coached junior sports teams.

Assistant head for co-curricular at the school, Neil McCollin, said, "Volunteering is often the most rewarding and uplifting part of a young person's DofE award, encouraging young people to put others first. Our DofE volunteers have shown themselves to be outstanding ambassadors for the college and we applaud them for the difference they make to their communities every day.

"Through their volunteering, pupils have lived the Princesorpe College spirit-of-family ethos, demonstrating our school values to be kind and do your best.

"We are tremendously proud of the positive impact our pupils make, their commitment and dedication reminding us that small acts of service, carried out with integrity, compassion and kindness, can have a lasting impact on the lives of others."

Volunteering is a central part of the DofE programme – alongside the skill, physical and expedition requirements – and is a required element for the bronze, silver and gold awards. Volunteering enables pupils to broaden their horizons and develop their skills while providing a positive contribution supporting and helping others in their community.

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Standing down after five years

THE LEADER of a Rugby-based charity is stepping down after five years at the helm.

Sarah Roberts, the CEO of Practical Action, will leave the role in August.

Sarah (pictured) became CEO during the pandemic and has led the organisation through a period of change.

The charity, which has its headquarters in Albert Street, works with people in developing countries to help them lift themselves out of poverty.

The charity said it had strengthened its global leadership, launched its 2025-2030 Resilient Futures strategy, and expanded major partnerships across Africa, Asia and Latin America during Sarah's tenure, despite 'one of the most turbulent periods for the development sector'.

Sarah will leave in August to take up the position at a UK-based charity which works with communities nationwide.

She said: "It has been a privilege to lead Practical Action and to work alongside such dedicated colleagues and partners around the world. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together.

"The life-changing impact for people facing the twin challenges of the poverty and environmental crises, and the way that this is linked to longer-term changes will stay with me.

"In these challenging times, the work that Practical Action does is needed even more urgently. We have worked hard to develop

and adapt so that we can continue collaborating closely with local partners to achieve the change that is so desperately needed."

She said it was a 'wrench' to leave the charity, but was excited about her new role helping people facing disadvantage in the UK.

She added: "There is much that I have learned from my experience leading Practical Action that will continue to inform the way I work."



Sazini Mojapelo, Chair of Practical Action's Board of Trustees, said Sarah had guided the organisation with clarity, integrity and purpose, strengthening its global impact and positioning it for the future.

She added: "Sarah has made a significant contribution to advancing Practical Action's mission and will leave the organisation in a strong and focused position for the future.

"Under her leadership, Practical Action's 2025-2030 Resilient Futures strategy is already achieving significant milestones, as partnerships deliver resilient livelihoods and build thriving inclusive economies that work for people facing the interlinked challenges of poverty and the climate crisis.

"Her leadership has strengthened both our impact and our ambition, and we are grateful for the action-driven mindset, resilience and momentum she has brought to the organisation.

"We wish her every success in this next chapter."



Representatives of the three Rotary Clubs in Rugby, The Rugby Heritage Lions and the Rugby Heritage Round Table – all of whom organised the Rugby Spring Fair – met Simon Fox of PTI Express and Rugby Foodbank Manager Adi Robinson to make the donation and take a tour of the Foodbank.

WELCOME CASH: VITAL funds raised by Rugbeians at the town's Spring Fair last month have begun to reach local good causes.

The team which organised the fair – which was attended by around 4,000 people and raised over £12,000 – have begun to distribute some of the funds to organisations which supported the event free of charge.

They included PTI Express, which provided a curtain-sided trailer for use as a stage for musicians, and a van to collect and return tables and chairs loaned from the Rugby Baptist Church – which also received a donation from Spring Fair proceeds.

The company has since passed the donation on to Rugby Foodbank in the form of essential food items for struggling families. Simon Fox, of PTI Express, said: "We

were delighted to support the Spring Fair and to receive this unexpected donation from the team.

"We quickly decided to spend the donation on items for the Rugby Food Bank and matched the funds received with a donation of our own."

Rugby Foodbank Manager Adi Robinson expressed his gratitude.

He said: "It was fantastic to receive this generous donation, which will provide vital support to people in our community who are facing real hardship.

"The Foodbank currently supports a significant number of families across Rugby, and the need continues to rise as the cost of living crisis affects more households.

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Windrush events bring five days of fun to city



The Roots in Motion event at the Godiva Statue in Broadgate on Saturday (June 20), celebrating Caribbean culture through music, dancing and food. Windrush Day marks the anniversary of the arrival of Caribbean migrants in 1948 on the Empire Windrush. Picture by Douglas Miller/Keystone/Hulton Archive/Getty Images.

COVENTRY'S first ever Windrush Festival is under way.

The city is hosting five days of events and activities to mark Windrush Day and pay tribute to those who travelled to build new lives and a new city.

The Festival – developed in partnership with the Windrush Community, and partners Septimius Severus Community Action Coventry, Arawak Community Trust and Coventry University – began on Thursday (June 18) and runs until Monday (June 22).

It tells the stories of the courage, creativity, and contribution of migrants through music, art, storytelling, and the creation of a lasting digital archive.

It has been designed to raise awareness, foster pride, and inspire young people, while establishing a meaningful and lasting legacy.

Windrush Day is celebrated around the UK on June 22. It marks the day in 1948 when people from the Caribbean arrived in

England on HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks. They had travelled to the country to find work, helping to rebuild following the Second World War.

Those people came to be known as the Windrush Generation, and Windrush Day encourages communities across the country to celebrate the contribution of those first arrivals and their descendants.

Coventry has secured £22,500 of Government funding to stage the Windrush Festival, and the programme features events in the city centre and other venues, including film screenings, public lectures, a



flag-raising ceremony, live performances, an awards ceremony, and a service at Coventry Cathedral.

Young people are involved to promote learning, and it is hoped the Festival will become an annual event in the city, embedding recognition of Windrush heritage into the city's cultural life.

A main feature will be the creation of the Windrush Cultural Archive, which will be permanently housed at Coventry University. Open to the public, the Archive will preserve the stories of those who travelled here and their families.

Coun John McNicholas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion at Coventry City Council,

said: "We are delighted to be staging our first ever Windrush Festival and honouring the brave people who travelled across the world to start new lives and build a new future.

"That day, 78 years ago changed the world, and it changed Coventry. We will be forever grateful to the Windrush Generation.

"The people who made that voyage helped rebuild our city after the devastation of the war, but they did so much more. They, their children and grandchildren, helped to create the wonderful multicultural city we love today.

"Without them, we would not be a City of Peace and Reconciliation,

a City of Welcome and Friendship, a City of Communities, a City of Languages, a City of Culture, and so much more. Windrush helped to start it all.

"This Festival, which will become an annual fixture in our calendar, is a city-wide act of remembrance, recognition and cultural celebration, and I hope people and communities across the city will join in to learn, reflect, honour and celebrate a moment in history that has brought so much to our city."

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Artists Shelley Chapman, Jacky Buckingham, Kevin Alexander, Jacqui Smithson and Annie Brenchley prepare the artwork to be shown as part of the Warwickshire Open Studios. Picture by Marcus Mings 2026002MMR



Art dolls by Sonya Vengrova.



Coventry printmaker Alix Almond will be displaying her work.

Opening up to display their art

ARTISTS will be opening their doors for Warwickshire's biggest free art event.

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ing place since 2000, encourages amateur and professional artists to display their work in their own homes or in venues including cafes, museums and church halls.

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ed the huge range of visual art to be found across Coventry and Warwickshire – including paintings, photography, installations, ceramics, glassware, stoneware, jewellery, drawings, printmaking, textiles and metalwork.

Highlights this year include Sonya Vengrova's exhibition at Warwick Visitor Information Office of art dolls and mixed media sculptures of mythical and imaginary creatures, handmade contemporary glass art by Adam Hussain at his studio in

Alderminster, and Coventry printmaker Alix Almond who creates art in her kitchen, usually using a spoon.

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Basking in the sunshine - The Peace Festival crowd at the Riverside Marquee stage.



ABOVE: David Bradley and Matt Western with volunteer organisers Tom Meade (left) and Dave Steele.

LEFT: Leamington Mayor Sarah Boad with Bandstand MC Barry Patterson.

A peaceful gathering

THERE were one or two familiar faces at Leamington Peace Festival at the weekend.

The annual event was held in the Pump Room Gardens saw over 30 bands perform, including local choirs, The Del-Chronics, Mudlands String Band, Moleface, Dr Trippy and Seize The Day.

There were around 80 stalls, from campaigners like Amnesty International, faith groups such as Quakers, Triratna Buddhists and Ahmadiyya muslim commu-

nity to food crafts and clothing.

There was a packed programme for children with storytelling, circus skills workshops, mirror mosaic making and much more.

Visitors of all ages could also try their hand at recycled peace poppy making, seeds of hope and peace planting, international flag friendship bracelet making, together with collaborative bunting making to represent all the children who visited the festival.

Other activities and workshops included salsa, belly dancing, Tai

Chi/Qiqong, singing and poetry writing.

Harry Potter star David Bradley and MP Matt Western were among those to drop by the festival.

And Charlotte Ashton of Generation Focus gave two peace talks on the topical subject of banning smart phones in schools.

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Phoebe Dann plays Sherrie and Harry Bowser is Drew and in Talisman Theatre's production of Rock of Ages.

CLASSIC ROCK: A RIOT of 80s pop takes over the Talisman Theatre stage in Kenilworth last month.

The hit musical Rock of Ages, set on Los Angeles' legendary Sunset Strip in 1987, runs from June 22 to 27.

It transports audiences back to a world of big dreams, big hair and even bigger guitar riffs as aspiring rocker Drew and small-town dreamer Sherrie pursue their Hollywood dreams while navigating a whirlwind romance.

And all the while the beloved Bourbon Room is under threat from developers determined to bulldoze the iconic venue and replace it with a strip mall, setting the stage for a battle to keep rock 'n' roll alive.

Director James Harris said: "Rock of Ages is both parody and tribute – joyfully sending up the decade while celebrating the music, optimism and rebellious spirit that made it unforgettable. Beneath the big laughs and even bigger guitar solos lies a genuine

affection for a time when rock stars ruled the world, MTV still played music videos, and every emotional crisis could apparently be solved with a power ballad and a wind machine."

The production brings together a company of 19 performers, combining familiar Talisman faces with several performers appearing with the company for the first time.

Leading the cast are Harry Bowser as Drew and Phoebe Dann as Sherrie. They are joined by Daniel Gough as fan-favourite narrator Lonny, Phil Spencer as Bourbon Room owner Dennis Dupree, Sam Harris as activist Regina Koontz, Sally Jolliffe as Justice Charlier and Ben Ionoff as rock superstar Stacey Jaxx.

The production also features a live five-piece rock band, led by local singer-songwriter Daniel Barrie in his role as musical director.

Visit www.talismantheatre.co.uk for further details.

Creative festival proves a success

CREATIVITY and discovery were the order of the day at the University of Warwick's Resonate Summer Festival.

More than 1,000 people enjoyed the free-to-attend festival to enjoy a wide range of activities, from interactive experiences and performances to technical demonstrations and creative storytelling.

Dr Kerry Baker, associate director of the Warwick Institute of Engagement at the University of Warwick, said: "It was fantastic to see so many people of all ages coming onto campus to explore, learn and experience the wide range of research, culture and creativity that takes place at Warwick."

"Creating opportunities for people to engage with the University in fun, accessible and interactive ways is incredibly important to us."

"The atmosphere throughout the day was brilliant, and it was great to see families, students, staff and local communities all coming together to share in the experience."

This year's festival featured a Summer Science Zone, alongside returning favourites and an expanded programme of activities for under 5s.

Throughout the day, visitors discovered the science behind lasers and light in live demonstrations, explored how orangutans engineer intricate sleeping nests, and took part in creative activities designed to spark imagination and discovery.

Student societies also returned with



15-minute pop up shows, and teams from the Warwick Innovation Campus showcased work from plants to pollinators.

Libby Ainsworth, an undergraduate student studying English and Comparative Literary Studies, who volunteered with the English department's Transformations programme delivering Gothic literature-inspired activities, said: "It was really rewarding to be part of something that encouraged creativity and brought people together in such a fun way."

"Developing and running an activity felt important because it gave us a chance to make literature more accessible for younger visitors, and it was great to see families getting so involved and building their own spooky characters and stories."

Undergraduates bring a splash of colour to the Resonate Summer Festival.

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I also started to enjoy a little exercise. What began as walking a mile or so soon became 5, then 10, and eventually 15 miles. In July 2025, I decided to give the Couch to 5K programme a go and was delighted to complete it at the end of September. I now run at least 5K three times a week. I've even

completed two races and raised nearly £2,000 for charity – something I never thought I'd be able to do in a million years.

With the help of these incredible tools, and a little determination, I slowly but surely rebuilt the confidence I thought I'd lost forever and reached my target weight in December 2025, achieving a total weight loss of 5½ stone.



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My belief in the Slimming World plan is absolute because I live it every single day. It hasn't felt restrictive – it has felt freeing. It provides structure without pressure, flexibility without guilt, and a sustainable way of living that supports both physical and emotional wellbeing.

The most powerful part of my journey has been being surrounded by a completely



non-judgemental environment. Not once did I feel criticised or judged, even during the times I stopped and started again. As a new Consultant, my top priority is to create that same safe and welcoming space because I believe every member deserves encouragement and support, no matter what their result is each week.

This journey has taught me consistency, resilience, and a genuinely positive mindset. I've learned that progress isn't always linear and that setbacks never define success. What matters most is showing up each week, meeting the new friends I've made along the way, hearing all the great hints and tips shared in group and, best of all, celebrating other members' successes.

Slimming World has given me back my confidence, health, and self-belief. I truly understand the emotional journey behind the weight, and I want to help others experience the same transformation in a supportive, uplifting environment where they feel safe, valued, and capable of success.

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CHARITIES and other community groups across the West Midlands are being offered funds for green spaces.

National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) is offering grants up to £5,000 to develop parks, gardens and other open spaces, raised flowerbeds and 'living walls' in public areas.

Projects boosting biodiversity – such as bee hives, ponds, tree, hedge and wildflower planting – will be supported too.

The Community Matters

Fund is offering grants of up to £5,000 for registered charities and up to £2,000 for other community groups.

Projects to help underserved or vulnerable groups overcome barriers to benefiting from natural settings are particularly encouraged to apply to the fund.

Laura Bartle, NGED's head of environment and sustainability, said: "As environmental challenges continue to grow, protecting and enhancing green spaces has never been more important."

"These spaces play a vital

role in supporting biodiversity, strengthening climate resilience, improving health and wellbeing and creating more vibrant, connected communities. We all have a part to play in caring for the environment around us and we're proud to support initiatives that help protect and enhance green spaces for the future."

For more details, and to apply, visit <https://localgiving.org/community-matters-fund-2026-110071>.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on June 26.



NGED is offering funds to improve green spaces across the region. s

Podcast episode helps explain Parkinson's to young children

by Sarah Mason
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CHILDREN across the West Midlands can find out about life with Parkinson's Disease thanks to a new podcast.

Creative arts organisation Made By Mortals CIC (community interest company) has teamed up with Parkinson's UK to create a special new *Armchair Adventures* episode, to help children aged six to 10 understand Parkinson's in a fun, accessible and imaginative way.

Part of the award-winning *Armchair Adventures* podcast, *A Planet Exercise Adventure!* is a three-part adventure co-created with Parkinson's UK and developed with people living with Parkinson's and their loved ones and carers.

During the adventure, listeners join chief adventurer Connie, her nanna Debs and a gang of explorers as they travel to Planet Exercise: a vibrant, musical world filled with different ways to move, from stretching to dancing. Along the way, the characters find exercise can be different for everyone.

Inspired by Nanna Debs' Parkinson's diagnosis, the adventure follows Connie's desire to help her stay well, leading to a heart-felt journey about understanding change, listening to others and learning how to support loved ones who may have the disease.

Andy Smith, artistic director at Made By Mortals, said: "*Armchair Adventures* is all about turning real experiences into joyful, imaginative stories for families."

"Working with Parkinson's UK and people living with Parkinson's has helped us create something that

feels both playful and truthful, helping children understand a complex condition in a way that's accessible and reassuring."

"Partnerships like this are vital to what we do; they make sure the stories we tell are not only creative, but genuinely meaningful."

Parkinson's is a complex brain condition that gets worse over time.

It has more than 40 symptoms, from tremor and pain to anxiety, and there is no cure for it.

Helen Sturman, area development manager at Parkinson's UK,

said: "We're really excited about the launch of this *Armchair Adventures* episode. Explaining Parkinson's to children isn't always easy and this is a fun way to help them understand how it can affect people. A big thank you to everyone with Parkinson's who shared experiences of living with Parkinson's in the making of the story."

Armchair Adventures is available for free on all major podcast platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify and YouTube, or at www.podfollow.com/Armchair-Adventures.

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Number of cases of measles rises in the county

by Sarah Mason
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ADULTS and children are being urged to get protected against measles as the number of cases continues to rise across the West Midlands.

In the two weeks to June 11 there were a further 106 laboratory-confirmed measles cases reported in England, according to data revealed by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

That brings the total number of cases confirmed between January 1 and June 8 to 736, compared to 959 cases for the whole of 2025.

The UKHSA added, in the most recent four weeks, activity has been highest in London, the East of England and the West Midlands – with 16 cases in Worcestershire between May 11 to June 8.

This year there have been two measles deaths in children in England.

The UKHSA said while the majority of cases in the region were seen in school-aged children across the Birmingham area, since the start of May there has been a steep rise in cases in Worcestershire – with mainly adults affected.

Emma Booth, consultant in health protection leading on vaccine preventable diseases for the UKHSA in the West Midlands, said: “Our thoughts and condolences are with the families who have so tragically lost their children.

“Measles continues to circulate in the West Midlands region, as in many parts of the country and, as we have seen, it can be very serious and even fatal.

“While many cases are in school-aged children we are now seeing a significant number of adults catching measles in the West Midlands, especially in the Worcestershire area.

“That’s why we want to remind people that measles doesn’t just affect children, anyone unvaccinated is at risk. We’re urging anyone who hasn’t had two doses of the



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MMR [measles, mumps and rubella] vaccine to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Measles can spread quickly in unvaccinated communities and can cause serious complications, especially in young children, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems. The MMR vaccine is the best way to protect families from measles, mumps and rubella. It’s safe, free of charge and can be given at any age.”

For those who do not touch pork

products, there is a version of the MMR vaccine, Priorix, which has no pork ingredients. It can be requested from GPs.

Measles symptoms include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, cough, and a rash, which appears days after cold-like symptoms.

Anyone who suspects measles should contact NHS 111 or phone a GP surgery. Doctors and hospitals should be warned ahead to let

them know measles is suspected. In such cases, staff will make special arrangements to see patients and their children so that, if they do have measles, they won’t pass it to others.

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Complete the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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6			8					4
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PATHFINDER

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Cartoon characters

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Solutions opposite

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 7. Join (5)
- 8. Came in (7)
- 9. Serious (7)
- 10. Spikes (5)
- 12. Confused fight (4-3-3)
- 15. Infidelity (10)
- 18. Robust (5)
- 19. Component (7)
- 21. Related (7)
- 22. Healthy (5)

DOWN

- 1. Replaces (10)
- 2. Flaming (5)
- 3. In this place (4)
- 4. Boil (6)
- 5. Be conspicuous (5,3)
- 6. Advent (7)
- 11. Anxiety (10)
- 13. Cocks (8)
- 14. Amaze (7)
- 16. Recompense (6)
- 17. Object (5)
- 20. Simple (4)

Scribble pad

LADDER

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.

- First light
- Condemn
- Titled woman
- Domesticated
- Heavy book



NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 82354 gives an animal;
- 96743 gives another animal;
- 143349 gives a third animal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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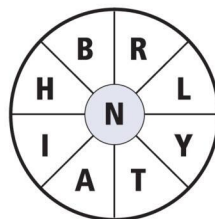
CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

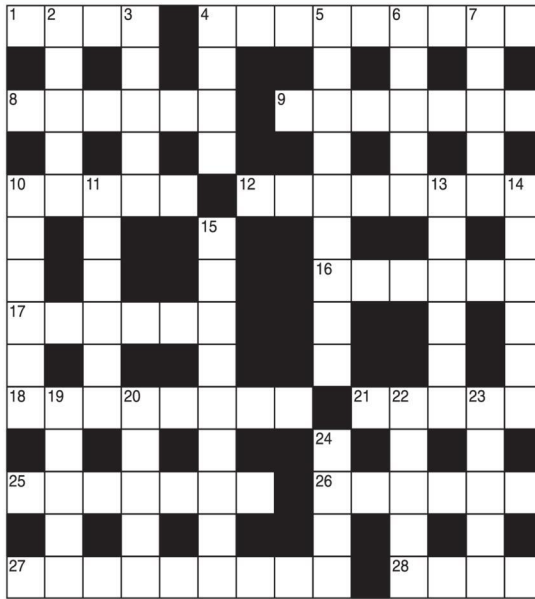


How you rate
 15 words: average 25 words: very good
 20 words: good 30 or more: excellent.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Scottish loch forming part of the Caledonian Canal (4)
- Crystalline iron pyrites, used in the gem trade (9)
- 24 & 11 Down. American who patented over 1000 inventions including the microphone (6,4,6)
- 9 & 10 Down. Pen name of the French novelist famous for *The Crime of Sylvestre Bonnard*, *Thais*, etc. (7,6)
- A group of warships organised as a tactical unit (5)
- Occurring every two years (8)
- 16 & 18 Across. Mathematical physicist famous for his *Theory of Relativity* (6,8)
- Village in Northamptonshire, scene of the battle in 1645 where the Royalists were defeated by Fairfax and Cromwell (6)
- See 16 Across
- Short gaiters covering the instep and reaching just above the ankle (5)
- Spanish guitarist for whom many works were specially written (by Falla, etc.) (7)
- A pea, bean, etc. (6)
- Novel by F. Anstey, about the transformation of a father into his son, and of the schoolboy into his father (4,5)
- Seasoning consisting mainly of sodium chloride (4)



DOWN

- The base of common alcohol (5)
- River of north-eastern France, running into the English Channel (5)
- Substance secreted by a kind of male deer and used as a basis of some perfumes (4)
- One hundredth anniversary (9)
- Closely woven silk with an unbroken, lustrous surface (5)
- Industrial town in Oklahoma which is a major oil centre (5)
- See 9 Across
- See 8 Across
- Peninsula comprising Spain and Portugal (6)
- Substance turned red by acids, blue by alkalis (6)
- Syrupy, sweetish liquid used as an ointment, in the manufacture of explosives, etc. (9)
- Ancient British tribe inhabiting an area roughly corresponding to Norfolk and Suffolk (5)
- 20 & 22 Down. Village in Buckinghamshire whose churchyard was probably the scene of *Gray's Elegy* (5,5)
- See 20 Down
- Dravidian language of parts of India and Sri Lanka (5)
- See 8 Across

SOLUTIONS

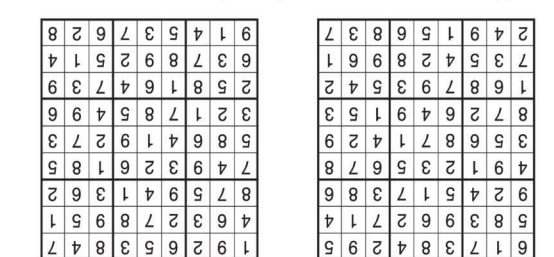
ACROSS: 1 Ness; 4 Marcastel; 8 Thomas; 9 Analole; 10 Fleet; 12 Biennial; 16 Albert; 17 Nasby; 18 Einstein; 21 Spats; 25 Segovia; 26 Leguina; 27 Vice versa; 28 Salt. DOWN: 2 Ethyl; 3 Somme; 4 Musk; 5 Centenary; 6 Sait; 7 Tulsa; 10 France; 11 Edison; 13 Iberia; 14 Litmus; 15 Glycymeris; 19 Icen; 20 Stoke; 22 Poges; 23 Tamil; 24 Alva.

General Knowledge Crossword

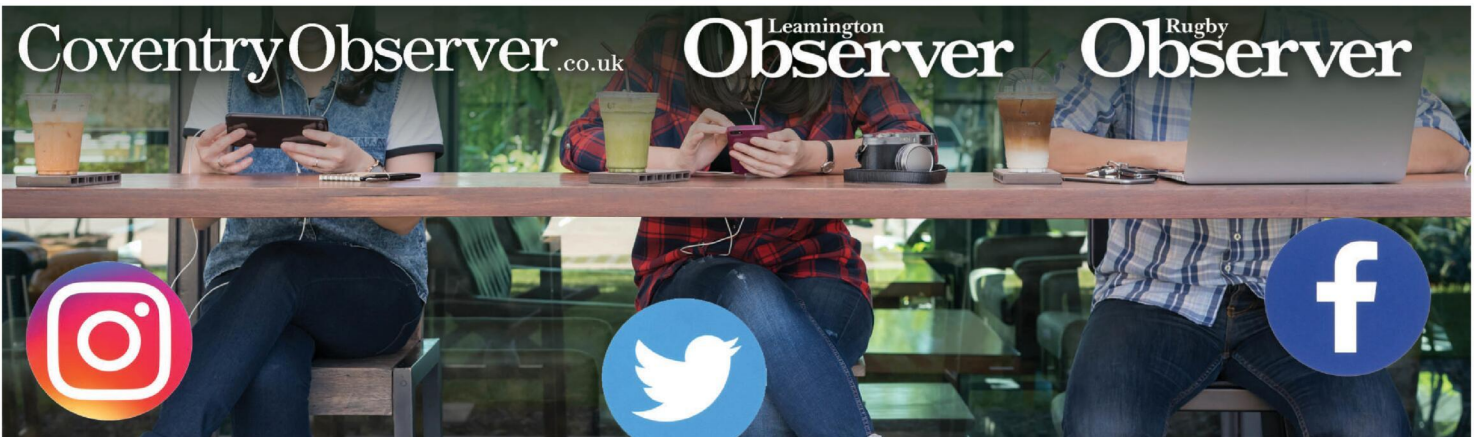
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ACROSS: 7 Unite; 8 Entered; 9 Earnest; 10 Nails; 12 Free-for-all; 15 Disloyalty; 18 Stout; 19 Element; 21 Kindred; 22 Sound; Down: 1 Supersedes; 2 Feign; 3 Here; 4 See the; 5 Stand out; 6 Arrival; 11 Soliditude; 13 Roosters; 14 Astound; 16 Amends; 17 Demur; 20 Easy.

Wordwheel Pathfinder
LABYRINTH
Scooby-Doo, Olive Oyl, Johnny Bravo, Angelica Pickles, Majo Jojo, Donald Duck, The Grinch, Penelope Pitstop, Bart Simpson, Pink Panther, Betty Boop, Speedy Gonzales, Wilma Flintstone, Lilo, The Powerpuff Girls, Yogi Bear, Top Cat.

Ladder
Down, Dawn, Darn, Dame, Fame, Tome, Time.
Codeword
1 K, 2 I, 3 F, 4 L, 5 P, 6 A, 7 G, 8 I, 9 R, 10 D, 11 Z, 12 C, 13 X, 14 Q, 15 H, 16 J, 17 F, 18 M, 19 N, 20 Y, 21 W, 22 S, 23 U, 24 B, 25 O, 26 V.



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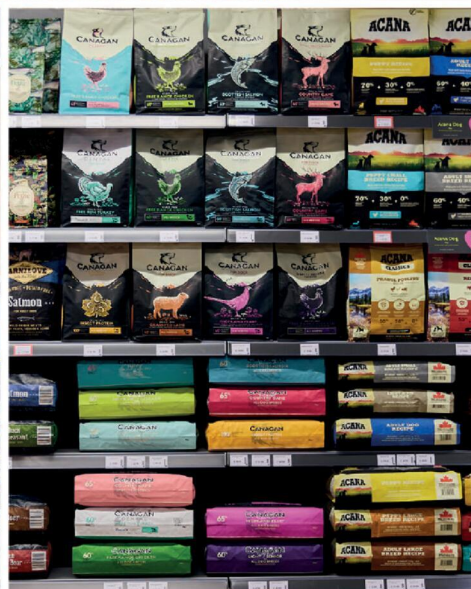
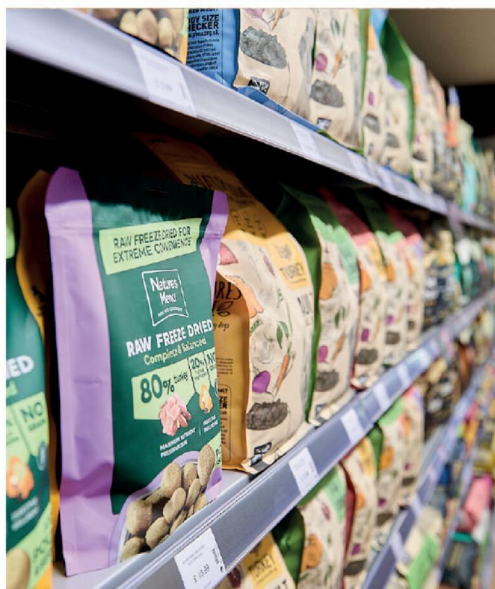
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RYTON ROAD (ACCESS ROAD), RUBBENHALL

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic. Reason for Order: To enable new duct laying works, 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.

Order Commences: 24 June 2026 for up to 18 months. Anticipated Completion: 26 June 2026.

Access & Diversion: Ryton Road.

Contractor: Openreach, Tel: 03710 500792.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

PUBLIC FOOTPATH M342-1 FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic at Grid Ref: SP309894-SP299900.

Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while works in connection to Meridan water infrastructure improvement works are in progress.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 6 months. Please note that the work period may be extended.

Access & Diversion: Please find an alternative route where/ if available.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water Email: CommunityComms@severntrent.co.uk, Tel: 0800 783 4444.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH M346-3 FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic Grid Ref: SP291869-SP291871.

Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while works in connection to Meridan water infrastructure improvement works are in progress.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 6 months. Please note the closure period may be extended.

Access & Diversion: Please find an alternative route where/ if available.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water Email: CommunityComms@severntrent.co.uk, Tel: 0800 783 4444.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH M345-3 FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic at Grid Ref: SP291869-SP291871.

Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while works in connection to Meridan water infrastructure improvement works are in progress.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 6 months. Please note this closure period may be extended.

Access & Diversion: Please find an alternative route where/ if available.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water Email: CommunityComms@severntrent.co.uk, Tel: 0800 783 4444.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH M459/2 FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic at Grid Ref: SP289867-SP289868.

Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while works in connection to Meridan water infrastructure improvement works are in progress.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 6 months.

Access & Diversion: Please find an alternative route where/ if available.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water, CommunityComms@severntrent.co.uk, Tel: 0800 783 4444.

B4065 MAIN ROAD, ANSTY

Order Effect: Road Closed to vehicular traffic from Grove Road to B4029 Brinklow Road.

Reason for Order: Bridge maintenance and associated works.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 27 July 2026.

Access & Diversions: Main diversion route – A4065 Hinckley Road, A46 Coventry By Pass (M6 J2 19b), A4600 Hinckley Road, A4600 Ansty Road, A4600 Walsgrave Road, A444 Jimmy Hill Way, A428 Binley Road, A428 Brandon Road, A428 Rugby Road, A428 Brandon Road, A428 Bretford Road, B4455 Queens Road, B4455 Fosse Way, B4455 Rugby Road, B4428 Coventry Road, B4029 Shilton Road, B4029 Ansty Road and vice versa.

Diversion for Ansty/M6 traffic from the Southeast – B4029 Church Road, B4065 Leicester Road, B4112 Whithybrook Road, B4112 Main Street, B4112 Rugby Road and join main diversion route onto B4455 Fosse Way. The diversion route will be symbolised with a solid triangle symbol.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415302.

MERIDEN ROAD, FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: To safely enable works to renew pole.

Order Commences: 7 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 7 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Meriden Road, Dusterne Lane, Coventry Road, Tamworth Road, Rock Lane, Tamworth Road Service Road, Hollyfast Lane, Long Lane, Coundon Wedge Drive, Holyhead Road, Pickford Way, Dunchurch Highway, Birmingham Road, Old Road, Main Road, Fillingley Road and vice versa.

Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 07974 621395.

B4098 TAMWORTH ROAD, FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from B4102 Nuneaton Road/Meriden Road to Black Hall Lane.

Reason for Order: Footway reconstruction & associated works, 0930-1500hrs weekdays.

Order Commences: 10 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 21 August 2026.

Access & Diversion: B4098 (Tamworth Road, Station Hill, Tamworth Road), B4114 Nuneaton Road, B4112 (Birmingham Road, Anstey Road), B4102 (Astley Lane, Park Lane, Nuneaton Road) and vice versa.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415302.

SOLOMONS TEMPLE LANE, FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: telegraph pole renewal works.

Order Commences: 7 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 7 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Culvers Lane, Green End Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Openreach, Tel: 0370 050 0792.

STONEHOUSE LANE, CORLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Telegraph pole renewal works.

Order Commences: 7 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 7 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Wall Hill Road, Common Lane and vice versa.

Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 07974 621395.

GREEN END LANE, FILLONGLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Works to renew pole.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 6 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Gorse Green Lane, Stoney Lane, Green End Road, Newhall Green Lane, Green End Lane and vice versa.

Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 01543 547 118.

LAYBY ON TAMWORTH ROAD, CORLEY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Works to rebuild hydrant chamber.

Order Commences: 8 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 10 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: No diversion available.

Contractor: Chevron Traffic Management, Tel: 0330 008 0820.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible. To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, C32 STONELEIGH ROAD AND BIRMINGHAM ROAD, STONELEIGH (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2026

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DISTRICT OF WARWICK) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS, ON STREET PARKING PLACES AND RESIDENTS' PARKING) (CONSOLIDATION) (VARIATION K) ORDER 2026

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the above-named Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to:

- impose a 50mph speed limit upon those lengths of road as described in Schedule 1 below; and
- vary the existing Warwickshire County Council (District of Warwick) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions, On Street Parking Places and Residents' Parking (Consolidation) Order 2017 to prohibit vehicles stopping in a maintenance bay (except in an emergency), in the length of road as described in Schedule 2 below.

A copy of this notice, a plan showing the lengths of road affected, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for the proposals, may be inspected at Shire Hall, Warwick and on the Warwickshire County Council website: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/20210/warwick-district

Any queries relating to these proposals may be made to Mike McDonnell, Communities Group, Warwickshire County Council (telephone number: 01926 412954).

Any objections to, or representations in support of, the proposals, which must be in writing and specify the grounds on which they are made, should be addressed to Mike McDonnell, County Highways, Minor Works, Shire Hall Post Room, Rear of Shire Hall, Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4RL, or sent by email to chinmironws@warwickshire.gov.uk using the subject heading "A46 Stoneleigh Road Development". (Objections, representations, and the name of the objector or person making a representation, will normally be treated as public information and may be published. For further information on how Warwickshire County Council processes personal data please refer to the Customer Privacy Notice which is available at https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy). Objections and representations must be sent so as to be received by 13th July 2026.

SCHEDULE 1

PROPOSED 50mph Speed Limit

Birmingham Road/C32 Stoneleigh Road -50mph

(i) From a point 39 metres northwest of the centre of its junction with Hall Close in the in the village of Stoneleigh, in the north westerly direction, to the Coventry City Council/Warwickshire County Council boundary line, a distance of 2100 metres (including the island over the A46 and the island at junction at Dalehouse Lane).

A46 Slip Roads from Island Junction with C32 Stoneleigh Road

(slip roads outside of National Highways boundary) - 50mph

- (ii) A46 northbound on slip (From the C32 onto the A46) From the tip of the Nosing on the A46 north bound on-slip, for a distance of 21.5m in a north easterly direction
(iii) A46 southbound on slip (From the C32 onto the A46) From the tip of the Nosing on to the A46 south bound on-slip, for a distance of 14m in a south westerly direction.
(iv) A46 northbound off slip (From A46 into the C32) From the tip of the Nosing on the A46 north bound off-slip to a distance of 11.5m in a south westerly direction
(v) A46 southbound off slip (From A46 onto the C32) From the tip of the Nosing on the A46 south bound off-slip, for a distance of 24.5m in a north easterly direction

Unnamed road (opposite Dalehouse Lane, (Northeast end) off the roundabout junction with C32 Stoneleigh Road - 50mph

- (vi) From the roundabout junction (with Dalehouse Lane and the C32 Stoneleigh Road) in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 14.5 metres on the unnamed road.

SCHEDULE 2

No Stopping (except in emergency) C32 Stoneleigh Road, Maintenance Bay on Island over A46 - No stopping except in an emergency

- (i) The maintenance bay located on the Island over the A46 on the C32 Stoneleigh Road; from the splitter nosing for the northbound on slip in a north easterly direction, for a distance of 16 metres and in a south easterly direction (following the kerbline) for a distance of 30 metres

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 18 June 2026

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

LEICESTER ROAD, CHURCHOVER

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic south wards only from Gibbet Roundabout.

Reason for Order: To safely enable roundabout surveys, overnight 20.00hrs-06.00hrs.

Order Commences: 21 June 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 22 June 2026.

Access & Diversion: Leicester Road, M6 Junction 1 To M1 Junction 19 On Slip, Newbold Road, Rugby Western Relief Road, Lawford Road, Warwick Street, Corporation Street, Lawrence Sheriff Street, Dunchurch Road, Rugby Road, Southam Road, Southam By Pass, Davenport Road, Shuckburgh Road, Napton Road, Main Street, Park Hill, A425 Davenport Road, A425 Staverton Road, Leamington Way, Stefan Way, A361 Badby Road West, London Road, Weedon Road, A45 Davenport Link Road, Watling Street, A5 and vice versa.

Contractor: H W Martin, Tel: 07785 541692.

MERE LANE, COPSTON MAGNA

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Works mains renewal works.

Order Commences: 22 June 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 6 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Cloudesty Bush Lane, Lutterworth Road, Smockington Lane, Watling Street, A5, Coventry Road, Fosse Way and vice versa.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water, Tel: 0800 783 4444.

LUTTERWORTH ROAD, PAILTON & MONKS KIRBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: To enable water mains renewal works.

Order Commences: 22 June 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 9 August 2026.

Access & Diversion: Lutterworth Road, Rugby Road, Pailton Road, Harborough Road, Main Street, Newbold Road, Leicester Road, Watling Street, A5 and vice versa.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water, Tel: 0330 008 0820.

MOOR FARM CLOSE, STRETTON ON DUNSMORE

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Repair/replacement of defective manhole covers and frame.

Order Commences: 22 June 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 22 June 2026.

Access & Diversion: No diversion available.

Contractor: Go TM, Tel: 0161 351 5370.

AMBLESIDE, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: To enable duct laying works.

Order Commences: 23 June 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 25 June 2026.

Access & Diversion: Helvellyn Way, Bow Fell, Hawlands, Buttermerer, Ambleside and vice versa.

Contractor: Openreach, Tel: 03700 500792.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

A4071 COVENTRY ROAD/RUGBY ROAD/BLUE BOAR FLYOVER, CAWSTON

Order Effect: Road Closed to vehicular traffic between the B4642 Coventry Road (Potfords Dam Island) and Blue Boar Flyover. In addition, until works are completed a temporary 40 mph Speed Limit will be imposed from junction with the Blue Boar Flyover (Overpass Road to A45) to existing 40 mph speed limit (north and southbound carriageways).

Reason for Order: Carriageway resurfacing & associated works, weeknights 20.00hrs-06.00hrs.

Order Commences: 9 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 25 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: A4071, A428, A426, B4429 Coventry Road, A45, A4071 and vice versa.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415302.

WYTHBURN WAY, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Duct laying works.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 8 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: No diversion available.

Contractor: Quantum TM, Tel: 01724 786286.

LOWER STREET, WILLOUGHBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Telegraph pole replacement works.

Order Commences: 8 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 8 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Main Street, London Road, Woolscott Road, Lower Street and vice versa.

Contractor: Openreach, Tel: 03700 500792.

TEESWATER CLOSE, LONG LAWFORD

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Works to repair/replace defective manhole frame and covers.

Order Commences: 9 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 9 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: No diversion available.

Contractor: Customer Solutions Plus, Tel: 07918 298599.

WEST STREET, LONG LAWFORD

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Engineers to access telegraph poles for fibre overhead cabling, closed 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.

Order Commences: 8 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 7 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Chapel Street, Railway Street, Main Street and vice versa.

Contractor: Sunbelt Rentals Ltd, Tel: 03700 500792.

GRASMER CLOSE, RUGBY

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.

Reason for Order: Works to lay approx 21m of duct.

Order Commences: 6 July 2026 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 8 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: No diversion available.

Contractor: M J Quinn, Tel: 01543 547118.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 18 June 2026

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PROPOSED NEW HOMES & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Catesby Estates is preparing proposals for up to 40 new homes (including affordable housing) and public open space on Land West of Barb Lane, Hillmorton.

This is an opportunity to review and provide feedback on our proposals via the consultation website: www.catesby-hillmorton.co.uk

You can submit feedback via the website, feedback@catesbyestates.co.uk, or by Freepost CATESBY ESTATES.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK BY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED NEW HOMES & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Catesby Estates is preparing proposals for up to 110 new homes (including affordable housing) and public open space on Land North of Leamington Road, Long Itchington.

This is an opportunity to review and provide feedback on our proposals via the consultation website: www.catesby-longitchington.co.uk.

You can submit feedback via the website, feedback@catesbyestates.co.uk or by Freepost CATESBY ESTATES.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK BY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 19th JULY 2026

PUBLIC NOTICES

GLADYS CODLING (Deceased) Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Bablake House, Birmingham Road, Coventry, CV5 9AZ, who died on 08/05/2026, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 20/08/2026, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice. Angels Solicitors LLP, 117-119 New Union Street Coventry CV1 2NY

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Rugby Borough Council
Town and Country Planning
Act 1990 (as amended)

Application Number R26/0440
ROSEMARY COTTAGE, BIRDINGBURY ROAD, LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, RUGBY, CV23 8EB

Proposed loft Conversion, Internal Alterations, construction of small extension, new rooflight, replacement doors and windows, rear outbuilding.

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R26/0441
ROSEMARY COTTAGE, BIRDINGBURY ROAD, LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, RUGBY, CV23 8EB

Listed building consent for proposed loft Conversion, Internal Alterations, construction of small extension, new rooflight, replacement doors and windows.

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R26/0459
PLOT 9 PROSPERO ANSTY (ANSTY AERODROME), COMBE FIELDS ROAD, COMBE FIELDS, COVENTRY, CV7 9JR

Erection of one commercial unit for flexible use within Use Classes B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) and associated development including drainage, earthworks, highways, car parking, HGV parking, service yard and landscaping

This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Conservation Area. This development may affect a Public Right of Way. This is a major development

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and documents submitted with it online at:

www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk or in an electronic form at: Town Hall, Vereux Way, Rugby CV21 2RR between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday until 10 July 2026. Please note a planning officer would not be present.

If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the application, please contact the case officer.

Any person who wishes to make representation to the above mentioned Council about the applications should make them online - www.planningportal.rugby.co.uk (search for application number and select comment) - or in writing by that date to Chief Planning Officer, Town Hall, Rugby, CV21 2RR.

If an application is determined by the Planning Committee, members of the public may have the opportunity to speak at the meeting. More details about public speaking are available from the Council or on-line at: www.rugby.gov.uk/speakingatplanning

For householder or minor commercial applications, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.
Nicola Smith - Strategic Director for Place

PUBLIC NOTICES

THOMAS JOSEPH WALSH
(otherwise Thomas Patrick Walsh) (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Compton Manor Care Home Compton Road Coventry CV6 6NT, who died on 23/05/2026, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 20/09/2026, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Angels Solicitors LLP,
117-119 New Union Street,
Coventry, CV1 2NY

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

GODSONS LANE, NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL

Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to install LUPT onto existing AC water main.

Anticipated Commencement: 6 July 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 10 July 2026.

Access & Diversion: Dog Lane, St Lawrence Close and vice versa.
Contractor: RNR Traffic Management, Tel: 07852 380338.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance,
Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 18 June 2026

Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of an irregularly shaped western part width of Brisbane Close at Coventry, in the City of Coventry.

If the order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only to enable development as permitted by Coventry City Council under reference PL/2023/0000077/FUL.

Copies of the draft order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Central Library, Smithford Way, Coventry, CV1 1FY in the 28 days commencing on 19 June 2026, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State (quoting NATTRAN/WMS2476340) at the address stated below.

Any person who objects to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcaseswork@dft.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, PO Box 1393, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE99 5FQ, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 17 July 2026. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

Licensing Act 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that on 15 June 2026 Successful 88 Limited of 32 Sheep Street, Rugby, CV21 3BX applied to Rugby Borough Council for Grant of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensable activities are: Regulated

Entertainment & Sale of alcohol:

Mon 17:00 - 21:00, Weds 17:00 - 21:00,

Thur 12:00 - 15:00/17:00 - 21:30,

Fri- Sat 12:00 - 15:00/17:00 22:00,

Sun 12:00 - 15:00/ 17:00 - 21:00

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: Head of Environmental Services, Rugby Borough Council, Town Hall, Rugby, CV21 2RR. Representations must be received no later than 14 July 2026

The Licensing Authority's Register may be viewed during normal officer hours at the above address. It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to level 5 on the standard scale (unlimited).

SALES & WANTS

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BEDS NEW/Doubles £95 Singles £59 King size £159. Second hand doubles £49 Singles £29 Fridges £49 Freezers £59 Can deliver 07703 925662

RECLINER CHAIR Electric rise & recline £169 Manual recline chair £60 High seated chair £40 Can deliver 07703 925662

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FOOTSTOOL in real brown leather from Oak Furniture Land. Like new condition. Located in Bromsgrove £220 07460943678

PAIR Zenith 10 x15 lightweight Binoculars in leather case, good condition £20 Tel 0121 744 7579

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ILFORD Sporti 4 camera, excellent condition in leather case, ideal for collector £10 Tel: 0121 744 7579

KARCHER K2 power washer. Includes accessories and patio cleaner. £50 ono. 07702 975302

CHILDS cot - Wooden with sliding side access, no mattress £20 Tel 07925170951

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Coventry City's Brandon Thomas-Asante provided an assist in Ghana's World Cup opener.

Sky Blues forward stars on World Cup debut for Ghana

FOOTBALL: BRANDON Thomas-Asante came off the bench to inspire Ghana to a 1-0 win against Panama at the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The Coventry City forward teed up Caleb Yirenkyi for a 95th-minute winner in the Group L match which took place in Toronto, Canada.

Thomas-Asante started the game on the bench and replaced Atalanta's Kamaldeen Sulemana on 58 minutes with the match still goalless.

And with the game heading for a stalemate, Thomas-Asante burst down the left and flashed a low ball across

the box which Yirenkyi turned in from point-blank range.

The victory boosts Ghana's chances of qualifying for the knockout stages with games against England and Croatia still to come for the Black Stars.

Thomas-Asante will hope his impact from the bench will earn him a start against the Three Lions next week (Tuesday, June 23, kick-off 9pm).

Ghana now sit second in Group L behind England after Thomas Tuchel's side started their World Cup campaign with an entertaining 4-2 win against Croatia.

City see club-record bid for keeper rejected

COVENTRY City have seen a club-record \$20million bid for goalkeeper Carl Rushworth rejected by Brighton and Hove Albion.

According to The Athletic, Brighton have turned down Coventry's bid for the shot-stopper.

Rushworth spent the 2025/26 season on loan at Coventry from the Premier League side.

He impressed between the sticks and won the Championship's golden glove award after recording 17 clean sheets.

Coventry want to make Rushworth's loan move permanent this summer.

However, Brighton have knocked back Coventry's first offer for the player.

Rushworth has one year left on his current deal at Brighton although the Seagulls hold an option to extend his contract by a further year.

Brighton currently have Dutch shot-stopper Bart Verbruggen and veteran goalkeeper Jason Steele on their books.

The Sky Blues are also exploring deals for Francisco Moura and Matheus Martins according to reports.

Moura plays as a left-back for Portuguese champions Porto.

The 26-year-old has spent the last two seasons with Porto following spells with Braga and Famaciao in Portugal's top flight.

He scored two goals and provided two assists in 21 league games for champions Porto last season.

Moura also featured seven times in the UEFA Europa League as Porto reached the quarter-finals of the competition.

Young forward Martins plays on either wing in his native Brazil for Botafogo.

The 22-year-old has scored four goals in 15 games for the Brazilian side this season.

Martins spent 18 months on loan at Watford from January 2023 through to the end of the 2023/24 season.

He scored five goals in 45 appearances for the Hornets in the Championship and has been capped by Brazil at under-16 and under-20 level.

Martins came through the ranks at Fluminense before signing for Udinese and later returned to his homeland with Botafogo.

County's RFU Council member resigns from role over discriminatory post about Alphonsi

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RUGBY UNION: WARWICKSHIRE'S representative on the Rugby Football Union (RFU) Council, Matt Smith, has resigned from his role after posting discriminatory comments about former England World Cup winner turned pundit Maggie Alphonsi.

Smith posted a comment on Facebook during coverage of France's 48-46 win over England in the Six Nations back in March.

In a now-deleted post, Smith questioned Alphonsi's knowledge of men's rugby which led to the RFU stripping the perks of his position for seven months following a disciplinary hearing.

The panel determined Smith's comments were discriminatory and in breach of the RFU Council code of conduct.

Smith removed the post, accepted the charges against him and, after receiving his punishment, reportedly sent a letter of apology to Alphonsi.

Alphonsi, who won 74 caps for England and lifted the World Cup

in 2014, questioned the punishment handed down to Smith by the RFU in a post on social media.

RFU Council members are volunteers elected by clubs which means the RFU does not have the authority to remove a Council member from their role.

The RFU code of conduct states the organisation has a "zero tolerance approach" to any form of discrimination and harassment.

A statement from the Warwickshire RFU reads: "On behalf of Warwickshire RFU we would like to announce that Matt Smith has resigned from his position as chair of Warwickshire RFU, in light of a recent disciplinary process.

"The board has accepted his resignation and will begin work on finding a replacement chair and RFU Council member in the coming weeks.

"We recognise that this situation has raised important concerns and as a constituent body, we want to be clear that we take issues of sexism and misogyny seriously.

"Creating a respectful, inclusive environment across our game remains a priority for us all.

"In the short term, Damian Dixon (honorary president) will become

interim chair, until the AGM on Thursday, July 2.

"Charlie McGinty will act as interim council member for Warwickshire until a new appointment is made."

Smith played for Old Leamingtonians RFC for more than 20 years and later became secretary at South Warwickshire RFU.

He also acted as team manager of Warwickshire under-20s for a decade and became president of the county's RFU from 2019 to 2021.

A statement from Old Leamingtonians reads: "Following a review by the management committee, Old Leamingtonians RFC can confirm that Matt Smith will not be offered the right to renew his membership for the 2026/27 season.

"Any future application to rejoin the club will be subject to completion of appropriate equality, diversity and inclusion training and the management committee being satisfied that the standards of conduct required under the club's constitution, rules and policies can be met.

"Old Leamingtonians RFC remains committed to providing a welcoming, respectful and inclusive environment for all players, volunteers, members, parents and supporters."

Blaze bring in Canadian defenceman Grima

ICE HOCKEY: COVENTRY Blaze have confirmed the signing of Canadian defenceman Nick Grima for the 2026/27 Elite League season.

The 27-year-old joins Blaze after spending the past two seasons with the ECHL's Indy Fuel.

He recorded 28 points (three goals, 25 assists) in 112 regular-season appearances for Indy Fuel, adding one assist in nine play-off games.

Blaze head coach, Kevin Moore said: "Nick is a defenceman who is very detailed in his approach at both five-on-five and on special teams.

"He has good gaps, is physical along the boards and makes a great first pass.

"Nick will also strengthen the character in our dressing room as he is a hard worker and a good communicator.

"We look forward to having Nick in Coventry this season."

A six-foot, right-shot blueliner, Grima previously completed a four-year collegiate career with the Toronto Varsity Blues.

During his time with the Varsity Blues, he registered 41 points (nine goals, 32 assists) in 67 games and helped the team reach the U Sports play-offs in each of his final three seasons.

The Toronto native led all Varsity Blues defencemen in scoring during both the 2023/24 and 2021/22 campaigns.

Before moving to the university ranks, Grima spent five seasons in the OHL with the Peterborough Petes, Sarnia Sting and North Bay Battalion.

He also participated in the 2018 development camp of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Nick Grima has joined Coventry Blaze. Picture courtesy of Indy Fuel.



Grima finished his OHL career with 111 points (14 goals, 97 assists).

Blaze have also confirmed their first couple of pre-season games ahead of the 2026/27 season.

Coventry will face Elite League rivals Guildford Flames in their final fixtures before the start of the competitive season.

Blaze will travel to the Guildford Spectrum on Saturday, September 5 with the face-off at 6pm.

And Coventry will then host Guildford at the Skydome Arena on Sunday, September 6 with the face-off at 5.30pm.

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Blackwell receives Blitz Golf wildcard

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GOLF: PAUL Blackwell, from Rugby, has received a wildcard entry into the first-ever Blitz Golf West Midlands competition.

The event features professional golfers, celebrities and golf influencers with players competing for a £10,000 first place prize.

Blackwell will play in a 24-strong field and enters the competition with a 7.2 handicap.

Golf enthusiasts voted for Blackwell to appear in the event which takes place at Gaudet Luce Golf Club in Droitwich.

Digital content creator Blackwell has more than 14,000 followers on his

Paul Blackwell will represent Rugby in a Blitz Golf event. ©



blackertz_golf Instagram account.

The opening round features only six holes with scores reset before the field is cut down through further knockout stages.

The unique format combines three progressively shorter rounds, with each cut more difficult to make, leading to the ultimate sudden death hole.

The action revolves around a central stadium hole that is in play continuously with action throughout the event.

Players who finish second to fourth will all receive £1,000 in prize money.

Former footballer Jamie O'Hara features as a celebrity player in the competition.

Blackwell will play on hole two alongside pro golfer Tom Power-Horan, former European number one long driver Owen Meeds and advanced PGA professional Hannah Bowen.

The event takes place on Sunday, June 21 with the action to take place from 3pm to 6pm.

Karelse powers team to dominant eight-wicket win

CRICKET: RUGBY CC cruised to an eight-wicket win against Solihull Blossomfield as Tyrese Karelse blasted a half-century with the bat.

The home side bowled Solihull out for just 140 in 49 overs at Webb Ellis Road.

And Rugby reached the required total in 37.3 overs as Karelse found the rope 11 times in an unbeaten knock.

Rugby won the toss and elected to field as the hosts made an immediate impact with the ball.

Noah Massey (3-35) accounted for Solihull opener Jake Sammons (0) who departed for a six-ball duck.

The early wickets continued to fall as Karelse (2-40) clean bowled Lawson Atwood (14).

And Massey claimed the scalp of Solihull opener Marc Cyrus (10) before then taking the wicket of Dominic Harding (8) to leave the visitors in trouble on 35-4.

However, Solihull captain Chris Kenny (17) showed resistance with the bat in a 60-ball knock.

Alex Watson (2-16) accounted for Palaneesh Patchabatla (8) and struck again to remove Tom Reid (4).

And Daanyal Sadiq (2-26) trapped Kenny LBW before Karelse removed Richard Weaver (1) by the same method with Solihull struggling on 75-8.

However, Solihull's tail order top scored with the bat as Jack Seifas (35 not out) and Bhrijesh Parmar (18) combined for a 31-run partnership to boost the away side's total.

Rugby made a solid start in reply as openers Jeevan Barhey (22) and Darshan Desai (10) produced a 26-run first-wicket stand.

The wickets of Desai and Barhey brought Karelse (68 not out) and Darry De Souza (30 not out) together at the crease.

And the duo steadily guided Rugby to the required target with De Souza's runs coming from 84 balls in a patient innings.

Karelse played the role of the aggressor with 68 runs from just 66 balls which included four sixes in a comfortable victory.

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