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*Lesley Ann, Editor*

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This year Connecting Leeds will start construction on several major highways' schemes, which are all part of transforming travel in the city and across the district.

Connecting Leeds construction works will begin first on the Armley Gyratory, before focusing on roads around City Square, Leeds train station and along routes linking to the city centre. This will be the first phase to create a world-class public space and arrival gateway to the city centre for train, bus users, pedestrians, and cyclists, and will eventually see City Square closed to through traffic in readiness for the Year of Culture in 2023.

These are all part of over £100 million of transformative highways works to overturn historic barriers and issues developed from the 'Leeds Motorway City' of the 1970's. This created substantial 'through traffic' across the city centre, which has contributed to environmental issues and disconnected neighbourhoods – which can make it more difficult for people to travel on foot or cycling between different areas. Leeds City Council's approach to re-route traffic away from the city centre on to the more appropriate Inner Ring Road and the M621 orbital route following the closure of City Square, will enable public transport, walking, cycling and public realm plans to be realised in the city.

Although still subject to programme changes, the construction timetable covers these affected areas:

#### Spring 2022

- Great Wilson Street
- Aire Street, King Street and Wellington Street
- Lady Lane

#### Summer 2022

- East Parade bus gate and Calverley Street
- Bishopgate Street and Dark Neville Street
- Quebec Street
- Late summer - the final closure of vehicular access to City Square

#### Winter 2022

- Armley Gyratory starting with off-highways, then on-highways
- Boar Lane
- Crown Point Road
- Neville Street / Meadow Road
- Bishopgate Street – works for diverting utilities

This spring will also see works complete around the Corn Exchange gateway scheme, Leeds bus station, A647 Leeds to Bradford route, the A61 south towards Stourton, Regent Street flyover, and the extension to Temple Green park and ride. This follows schemes

completed in 2021, despite the disruption of the Covid pandemic, like the UK's first solar powered park and ride at Stourton, the Headrow Gateway scheme, Cookridge Street, Park Row, and Infirmary Street.

Over the past three years the council has made big progress in the delivery of people-first infrastructure and public spaces across the city centre. There has been around £200 million invested in improving Leeds City Centre, including the Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme (LPTIP) Connecting Leeds works delivered in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, with major investments enabling support of the 3.5-hectare green City Park, and the delivery of the Our Spaces schemes.

The works have been delivered at the same time as one another, and at unprecedented pace to meet the deadlines of government funding. The transport conversation findings in 2016 made it clear the public wished for improvements to be made as quickly as possible.

Last year the majority of respondents also supported the council's Connecting Leeds transport strategy and ambition - to be a city where you don't need a car. It promotes a range of solutions intended to reduce carbon dioxide emissions towards the council's climate emergency 2030 target. This means creating better experiences that make it easier for walking and cycling, along with seeing public transport more reliable and accessible. Post-covid, this approach is considered crucial to the city's recovery in achieving the ambitions of economic recovery, inclusive growth, health and well-being, and addressing the climate emergency.

Connecting Leeds are working hard to deliver these improvements as quickly as possible and apologise for some significant disruption to journeys over the coming months. Specific details around the schemes will be publicised well in advance, along with highways signage and targeted communications in affected areas.

In the meantime, Leeds visitors, workers and residents are being urged to plan ahead with a new website page;

[www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/new-route](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/new-route)

Before travelling and to sign up for regular email updates or follow Connecting Leeds on social media.

These plans are on top of the already large number of temporary road closures and street works to facilitate works by utilities companies, private building developers, contractors acting on its behalf and its own in-house contracting team. In despite of these challenges, plus Covid-19 approximately 900 road closures and 30,000 street works have been overseen by the council in the last 12 months.

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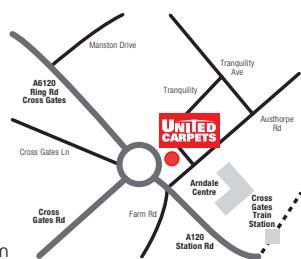
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# Next Step Leeds – New Campaign Launched To Promote Careers In Health And Social Care



**People who are looking for a rewarding career making a difference to people's lives are being encouraged to apply for a range of health and social care roles as part of a new recruitment campaign.**

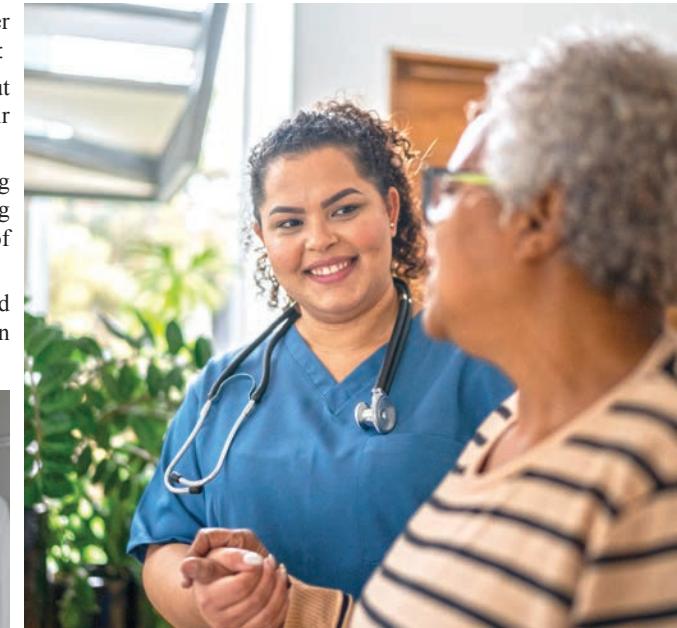
Leeds City Council and the NHS have joined forces to launch Next Step – Leeds, a campaign to highlight health and social care work as a rewarding career and to encourage people from all backgrounds to apply for a range of roles currently available. Care assistants and children's social workers, nurses and occupational therapists, porters and cleaners are just some of the roles on offer, working in a range of settings and organisations across the city.

Councillor Fiona Venner, Leeds City Council executive member for adult and children's social care and health partnerships, said:

"All these roles have one thing in common – they are all about caring for people during their time of need and improving their quality of life."

"Working in health and care is about doing something valuable but it's also a rewarding career supported with training and development to help you progress and enjoy a range of opportunities and different roles."

"I would encourage anyone who is thinking of a new career and wanting to do something different and valuable, to come and join us in making a positive difference to people's lives."



Leeds has a strong record of partnership working in health and care and has done significant work to create ways to help people progress and gain new skills in different roles across the sector. The network of I Care... ambassadors across the council, NHS Trusts and independent care providers promote the diversity of careers in health and care and the Leeds Health and Care Academy has also been established to improve workforce skills using a range of T-Levels and apprenticeships.

*To find out more information about the roles available people can visit [leedshealthandcare.co.uk](http://leedshealthandcare.co.uk) where they will be asked to register their interest; they will then be contacted directly with more information.*

## Applications Now Open for New Construction T Level



**A new Construction T Level qualification is now open for applications at the UK's only specialist further education construction college.**

Leeds College of Building is one of a select number of education providers across England chosen to deliver a T Level programme in Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction from September 2022. At the heart of the course, a 45-day industry placement opens opportunities for the brightest talent entering the market.

T Levels are a new, two-year qualification for 16- to 19-year-olds. Designed with employers, each T Level is equivalent to three A levels and has been developed to meet industry needs and prepare students for work.

To gain approved provider status, the College applied to the Department for Education demonstrating a positive commitment from local employers and detailing the specialist equipment and expertise offered. This application was backed by the College's Good Ofsted rating in 2019.

Leeds College of Building is one of only a handful of providers in Yorkshire to offer the Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction T Level, and the only specialist further education construction college to

offer this in the UK. The T Level will use industry-standard equipment at both its North Street and South Bank Campuses, delivered by expert staff from the construction industry.

According to the Department for Education, T Levels give students the skills to progress and help rebuild the economy following the Coronavirus pandemic. Typical employment on completion might include technician roles in architecture, building services, civil engineering, surveying or town planning.

Nikki Davis, Vice Principal at Leeds College of Building, said:

"Leeds College of Building is the UK's only general Further Education college specialising in Construction and the Built Environment. As such, we are perfectly placed to work with our established network of regional and national employers to enhance T Level opportunities for students."

"T Level students at Leeds College of Building will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and specialist teaching expertise. Students also benefit from established progression opportunities within higher and degree-level apprenticeships at the College and employment opportunities through our construction partners."

"Leeds College of Building is committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion. This new qualification will help us to better serve the region's young people and workforce, opening up even more opportunities into high paying, skilled jobs."

Caddick Construction Limited is one of the employers offering Leeds College of Building T Level students work placements. Debbie Watson, Social Value Manager (Yorkshire) at Caddick Construction Ltd., said:

"The new T Levels are a great alternative to entry-level qualifications as they help students gain valuable 'on the job' experience whilst undertaking their qualification, which will give them a great advantage going forward in their career. It will also help employers gain an early insight into the latest talent pool, helping with recruitment and social value benefits. It also helps us to develop the knowledge, attitude, and skills of the students entering the built environment."

"Whilst working with us, students will spend time in each department at both our offices and on our sites to understand the workings of the main contractor. Students will also spend time with our consultants, such as the Architect, to understand how projects get to site, as well as spending time with subcontractors on our projects learning more about life on site."

Time is split between 80% classroom learning and 20% industry placement lasting approximately seven weeks. All students will develop a general understanding of construction, including accurate and appropriate measurements, construction methods and building regulations, digital engineering techniques, design principles and processes, mathematical problem solving, and sustainability and environmental impact.

In addition to the core content, students at Leeds College of Building will specialise in surveying and design for construction and the built environment. They will also study laser scanning - a land surveying method that can accurately measure and collect data from buildings and landscapes.

*For more course information and entry requirements, visit [www.lcb.ac.uk](http://www.lcb.ac.uk) or email [admissions@lcb.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@lcb.ac.uk).*

*Alternatively, if you are a business owner who could support students through T Level work placements, please email [epearson@lcb.ac.uk](mailto:epearson@lcb.ac.uk) and find out more about the business benefits and financial incentives available.*

# New Footbridge Will Commemorate Poignant Legacy Of David Oluwale

Work has begun to create a footbridge across the River Aire which will commemorate the lasting legacy of a man who drowned after being racially harassed.

David Oluwale, who had travelled to the UK from Nigeria, was tragically targeted because of his mental health, homelessness and race.

He died in the river in 1969 in an incident of racial injustice which left a lasting social and cultural legacy as well as inspiring a string of moving books and plays.

Working alongside the David Oluwale Memorial Association (DOMA) and local partners, Leeds City Council will name the new bridge crossing the river from Sovereign Street to Water Lane in his memory, both to commemorate his death and demonstrate a lasting commitment to equality and inclusion in Leeds.

Initial building work on the bridge has started, with the finished project forming one of the newest key elements of the ambitious South Bank regeneration programme.

It will also help fulfil one of the project's integral and long-standing priorities to ensure better pedestrian and cycling connection between the city centre, the train station, Aire Park and other green spaces around the city centre.

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's deputy leader and executive member for economy, culture and education, said: "David Oluwale's story must never be forgotten and naming this bridge for him will stand as a lasting and poignant memorial to his profoundly tragic death and the legacy which he left behind."

"It will also act as a symbol of the diverse place that Leeds is today and our shared hope that it will always be a better, brighter and more inclusive city which is better connected in every way."

Dr Emily Zobel Marshall, co-chair of the David Oluwale Memorial Association (DOMA) said: 'This is another positive decision by Leeds City Council, who have been incredibly supportive of DOMA's work over the past thirteen years.'



"David travelled to the UK in 1949 from Lagos, Nigeria, hoping for a brighter future and spent twenty years in Leeds. He was hounded to his death in the River Aire in 1969 by two Leeds police officers. At DOMA we keep David's story alive in our educational and campaigning work against racism, mental ill-health and homelessness today."

"Naming this bridge for David Oluwale gives residents and visitors alike a clear message that Leeds is dedicated to confronting the traumas of the past and becoming a place of welcome and sanctuary for all people."

West Yorkshire's Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Alison Lowe OBE added: "The case of David Oluwale highlights just how important it is to challenge the disparities that people still experience across our communities."

"This footbridge will be an enduring symbol of David's life and a continued reminder of our collective responsibilities in calling out racism and promoting diversity."

"As a national policing lead on Equality, Inclusion, Accountability and Transparency, I am doing all I can to place his legacy at the heart of our approach, ensuring that we all learn from the traumas of the past."

"It is crucial that we are truly representative of the people we serve, and this ambition forms the bedrock of the Mayor's first Police and Crime Plan, which is soon to launch."

The council is also very grateful to local businesses Asda and Leeds Building Society for their help and support to secure the landing rights for the bridge.

The proposals for the regeneration of the city's South Bank will provide 8,000 new homes and 35,000 new jobs, new educational establishments and a new city park.



## Chance To Have Your Say On Proposals For Kirkstall Abbey

People are being asked to have their say on proposals to introduce a new entrance charge for non-Leeds residents visiting Kirkstall Abbey.

A six-week online public consultation has launched, giving people across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to say what they think about the introduction of a charge for those coming from outside the city to explore the historic abbey.

The proposal has been put forward as part of the council's annual budget for 2022/23 and, if adopted, would contribute to the estimated £65.4million which the authority needs to save in the next financial year.

The consultation asks for feedback on plans to introduce a charge of £8 for those not registered as Leeds council tax-payers. Entry would remain free for Leeds residents, with proof of address required on entry.

Some income received from the charges will be reinvested in improvements at the site, including a renovated public café and new audio tours of the abbey.

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's deputy leader and executive member for economy,

said: "The introduction of new or additional charges at any of our sites or attractions is not a decision we'll ever take lightly, but the harsh reality is that we're facing budget pressures the likes of which we have never seen and across the council, we need to think of new and innovative ideas to help generate essential extra income and meet the daunting challenges of the coming years."

"With this proposal, we have tried to strike the delicate balance between providing an accessible and affordable visitor experience for the people of Leeds while also ensuring we have a robust and sustainable strategy in place to fund the protection, preservation and enhancement of this historic site."

"We really want to hear what visitors think of these proposals and I'd encourage as many people as possible to get involved, make your voice heard and help us to shape the future of the abbey."

The consultation will run until Feb 20, 2022 and once completed, a decision will be taken on whether the entrance charge will be introduced.

To take part and have your say please visit: <https://yourvoice.leeds.gov.uk/kirkstall-abbey-entry-fee>

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# CRIME DOWN IN WEST YORKSHIRE



The downward trend in crime continues across West Yorkshire.

There were 1,347 fewer victims of crime across the county in the twelve months to September 2021 when compared with the same period the previous year, according to the latest figures published by the Office for National Statistics.

Reductions have been recorded in many crime categories including:

- Violence with injury – down 2.7 per cent (689 fewer victims)
- Robbery – down 17.0 per cent (472 fewer victims)
- House burglary – down 26.9 per cent (3,512 fewer victims)
- Vehicle crime – down 18.9 per cent (3,225 fewer victims)

Chief Constable John Robins QPM, said: "I am pleased with the continued long-term reduction in crime, particularly acquisitive crimes offences such as burglary, robbery and vehicle crime."

"Our officers, staff and volunteers work around the clock to provide the best possible service they can to our local communities. This was recently recognised when the Force was judged one of the best in the country by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS)."

West Yorkshire Police performance was graded across ten areas of policing with the HMICFRS finding the force 'outstanding' in four areas, 'good' in four areas and 'adequate' in two areas.

Chief Constable Robins said: "HMICFRS stated that the Force is 'Outstanding' at preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, 'Outstanding' at treating the public with fairness and respect, 'Outstanding' at disrupting serious and organised crime and 'Outstanding' at providing value for money."

"They graded the Force as 'Good' at how it responds to the public, 'Good' at protecting vulnerable people, 'Good' at managing offenders and suspects and also 'Good' at supporting its workforce."

"It has also been recognised that despite having some of the highest demands nationally, the Force's call handling and deployment processes are 'Adequate' and that it effectively pursues offenders and suspects to protect the public from harm."

"These results are testament to the continued hard work of all officers, staff and volunteers across West Yorkshire."



# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

 An illustration of six cartoon cats standing in a row. From left to right: a ginger cat in overalls labeled "Splotch"; a grey cat in a purple shirt labeled "DIGIT"; an orange cat labeled "SCOUT"; an orange tabby cat in a red vest labeled "DOC"; a white cat with a pink bow labeled "Let's Count!"; and a white cat in a teal scarf labeled "SCRIBBLE". Each character is holding a small object related to the census.
 

## Award-Winning Census Education Programme Back In The Classroom

The hugely successful census primary school campaign Let's Count! is heading back to classrooms across England and Wales for 2022.

Last year more than 9,000 primary schools took part in the Census 2021 education programme, which reached 2.2m pupils and parents.

Now, with Census 2021 results due out later this spring, the Office for National Statistics has once again teamed up with education resource centre, iChild, to excite children and families alike about census and statistics.

Let's Count! has achieved accreditation from Mathematics in Education and Industry, National Association for the Teaching of English, and the Geographical Association, and was named as STEM Education Programme of the Year in 2021. With maths and statistics at its core, the programme provides flexible lesson plans and engaging activities for pupils to learn how they can use statistics across many topics.

This year's Let's Count! will include five new easy-to-use lessons designed to take children on the journey from data collection in 2021 to the published results and statistics in 2022. Each will be available in English and Welsh and are suitable for classroom and remote learning.

Phil Bird, CEO of Family & Education/iChild said: "We are delighted

to be working with the ONS again to offer primary schools the award-winning Let's Count! education programme. The new lessons help improve numeracy, geography and writing skills, using Census 2021, a significant real-life event, as a stimulus.

"Lessons cover the curriculum in England and Wales and can be used for both classroom and remote learning. We encourage primary schools to register today!"

Schools will be encouraged to take part in the 2022 Let's Count! day and a special video lesson is being developed for participating schools to be delivered by a senior ONS statistician.

Free registration for Let's Count! 2022 is open now, with resources available from March.

Census 2021 was a huge success with 97% of households across England and Wales taking part. The ONS is now busy turning the information provided into statistics we can all use, with the first results due out in late spring.

Register here: <https://letscount.ichild.co.uk/>

For information about Census 2021 head to [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk) or follow @census2021

## Making Tax Digital For VAT Is Coming, Are You Ready?

**Businesses are reminded to take steps to prepare for Making Tax Digital for Value Added Tax (VAT) before it becomes mandatory for all VAT-registered businesses from 1 April this year.**

Making Tax Digital is designed to help businesses eliminate common errors and save time managing their tax affairs.

Making Tax Digital for VAT is part of the overall digitalisation of UK Tax. In a recent independent study of over 2,000 businesses, 69% reported experiencing at least one benefit from Making Tax Digital. These included preparing and submitting returns faster and increased confidence that they were getting tax right. Sixty-seven percent of businesses also felt Making Tax Digital had reduced the potential for mistakes in at least one aspect of the record keeping, preparing and submitting returns process.

As of December 2021, nearly 1.6 million taxpayers had joined Making Tax Digital for VAT with more than 11 million returns successfully submitted. Around a third of VAT-registered businesses with taxable turnover below £85,000 have voluntarily signed up to Making Tax Digital for VAT ahead of April 2022, and thousands more are signing up each week.

Since April 2019, businesses with a taxable turnover above £85,000 have already been required to follow Making Tax Digital, keeping digital records and filing VAT returns using Making Tax Digital compatible software.

In July 2020, it was announced that all VAT-registered businesses must file digitally through Making Tax Digital from April 2022, regardless of turnover. HMRC is now reminding businesses below the £85,000 threshold of the steps which they need to take to be ready.

To sign up to Making Tax Digital VAT, businesses, or an agent on a businesses' behalf, need to:

- visit GOV.UK and choose Making Tax Digital-compatible software
- keep digital records starting from 1 April 2022 or the beginning of their VAT period
- sign up and submit their VAT Return through Making Tax Digital

If businesses have not yet signed up to Making Tax Digital for VAT, they should do so now to ensure they are ready in time for the April 2022 deadline.

Joanna Rowland, HMRC's Director General for Transformation, said:

"Making Tax Digital is fundamental to the delivery of a trusted and modern tax system, making it easier for businesses to get their tax right and supporting the UK to go digital."

"By signing up for Making Tax Digital, we expect most businesses to experience long-term benefits, including reduced errors and time saved in managing their tax affairs."

"We encourage businesses to explore digital record-keeping for their VAT affairs and use this time to choose the right software to support their business needs."

Businesses can find help and support on how to sign up for Making Tax Digital on GOV.UK. Agents can sign up on behalf of a business, although businesses remain responsible for meeting their VAT obligations. Those who do not join may be charged a penalty for failure to do so.

For businesses who need help and support on signing up for Making Tax Digital, HMRC is running a series of webinars. More information can be found on HMRC's Making Tax Digital help page.

HMRC recognise that some businesses will experience upfront costs in joining Making Tax Digital. There are a range of compatible software products available for Making Tax Digital for VAT, allowing businesses to choose which tools they use to run their business and tax affairs. A list of software compatible with Making Tax Digital for VAT, including low-cost options is available on GOV.UK.

Some VAT-registered businesses may be eligible for an exemption from Making Tax Digital, if it is not reasonable or practicable for them to use digital tools for their tax. If a business has previously been granted an exemption for VAT online filing, this will carry over to Making Tax Digital VAT requirements. Information on how to apply for an exemption is available on GOV.UK.

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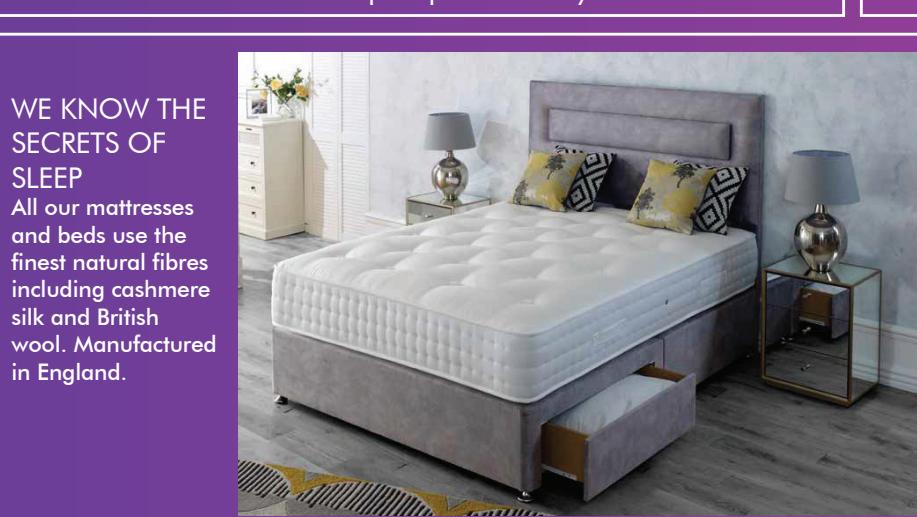
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## Work Has Started On The Transformation Of The Former South Leeds Golf Course

Work has started at the former South Leeds golf course on the creation of a 48-hectare country park and green space.

Much of the former golf course will be developed as a country park with new woodland planting and pathways.

There will also be a 'Peoples Woodland', delivered in partnership with Leeds Hospitals Charity, creating a space for reflection and peace in memorial of loved ones who lost their lives during the pandemic and to pay tribute to our hard-working frontline key workers.

Development of the site adds around five kilometres of new walking trails adjacent to the already popular park. A variety of new habitats are planned including over 20,000 trees, wildflower meadows and wetland habitat, plus rewilding practices such as reduced mowing will form part of the management plan.

The woodland creation supports the council's pledge to combat the climate emergency by planting 5.8 million trees over the next 25 years. The local population will also benefit from the economic, biodiversity and health benefits of good quality green space.

People will be given the opportunity to donate to the project or sponsor a tree in memory of a loved one or to thank our dedicated frontline key workers for their efforts.

More information on this can be found at;  
[www.leedshospitalscharity.org.uk/woodland](http://www.leedshospitalscharity.org.uk/woodland)

*People can also sign up to volunteer to plant trees on the site or elsewhere in the city. Email your interest to [woodlandcreation@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:woodlandcreation@leeds.gov.uk)*

## Local Care Home Announces Grants To Help Combat Loneliness

Cookridge Court care home in Leeds is launching three grants totalling £30,000 in the name of a former Barchester resident, Jeanette Gill, who generously donated part of her legacy to Barchester's Charitable Foundation. The Foundation is calling for deserving local charities and community groups to apply for these special awards.

Named in her memory, the Jeanette Gill Special Awards are open to groups and individuals in need in our local community, and will be awarded to projects that enrich lives and encourage an active lifestyle through arts, music, sports and culture for older people or adults with a disability, or those that may have challenges with mental health.

There are three awards available:

- £15,000 GOLD AWARD (open to groups)
- £10,000 SILVER AWARD (open to groups)
- £5,000 BRONZE AWARD (open to individuals)

The Foundation is particularly interested in innovative initiatives that tackle isolation and loneliness, and which bring sustained outcomes and positive changes for the people benefitting. To find

out more about how to apply for a Jeanette Gill Award please visit [www.bhcfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk). The closing date for applications for this round is 28 February 2022.

Dr Pete Calveye, CEO of Barchester Healthcare and Chairman of the Foundation, said: "We were extremely touched that one of our residents donated so generously to Barchester's Charitable Foundation. We thought it would be fitting to create these flagship grants in her honour and memory as a tribute to the lives she is helping. The charity does so much for local communities throughout the country to tackle and reduce loneliness for many people, and these grants will make a big difference to those in need. We hope to honour her legacy for many years to come."

Barchester's Charitable Foundation supports older people and other adults living with a disability by giving grants to help improve independence and quality of life.

*For more information on Barchester's Charitable Foundation please contact the Grants Management Team on 0800 328 3328 or email [info@bhcfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@bhcfoundation.org.uk)*

## Leeds Fundraisers Urged To GLOW The Extra Mile For Alzheimer's Society

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Alzheimer's Society is inviting fundraisers across Yorkshire to light up the night and unite against dementia at its Glow Leeds night-time walk starting from Armouries Square on 4 March, 2022 at 6:30pm. Whether it's to remember a loved one or spend time with family and friends for a good cause, the charity is urging walkers of all ages and abilities to shine a light on dementia with a 5km stroll along the city's beautifully lit canal.



Money raised from Glow Leeds will help ensure that Alzheimer's Society can reach those living in Yorkshire who need it most.

**Sign up or find out more at [alzheimers.org.uk/Glow](http://alzheimers.org.uk/Glow)**

# Coe's Fish & Chip Shop Celebrates Centenary With Fundraising And Great Customer Offers

— BY LINZI DAVIES —

Coe's Fish and Chip shop in Crossgates is celebrating its centenary this year! For the people of east Leeds, it holds fond memories with many pensioners remembering buying their meal from there as children, and then as teens and young adults getting a hot bag of chips generously covered in salt and vinegar to enjoy on their walk home from the cinema opposite.



However, when Mrs Coe decided to turn an old stables into a fish frying shop back in 1922, she faced fierce opposition as the area was green belt back then. Mrs Coe thankfully had the foresight to see that the area would become a thriving urban community and she ran her successful business until she retired in 1954. Coe's then remained in the Jaques family until 2013 when then manager Bernard Hopkins purchased the business from Robin.



■ Bernard Hopkins

Bernard is rightly proud of Coe's today, and told us, "There are not many businesses around today that have survived and thrived for 100 years. We recognise the heritage of Coe's and so we try to stick with tradition as best as we can. We only serve fish & chips, and we only cook it in beef dripping. Why diversify the menu when what we do, we do incredibly well – as it was 100 years ago when Mrs Coe first opened." Bernard also remembers, as the youngest of 12 siblings, that the cost of fish and chips for some families is just too much, and so he keeps the prices as low as he can to enable as many as possible to enjoy this traditional British meal.

To celebrate their 100th birthday, and to give something back to the local communities who have supported them over the years, Coe's are raising funds for the MND charity. To honour legendary Leeds Rhinos player Rob Burrows who is living with the disease, Bernard will be donating £7777 on the 7th of July to the charity to commemorate Rob's shirt number 7 which he loved playing rugby in for so many years. Each month, a different meal will be chosen with a percentage of the cost going into the charity pot for each portion ordered. Customers will be kept updated on the appeal via Coe's facebook page.



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Throughout the year as part of the celebrations, Coe's will also have some great customer offers, one of which is an exclusive competition for 10 of our lucky readers to win a £10 voucher to spend on fish & chips. See the advert below for more details!

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## World Triathlon Championship Series Leeds Routes Announced

**■ Roundhay Park**

Following the success of the event moving to see all races start and finish in Roundhay Park in 2021, this year's routes will once again see the park be the focal point of the weekend to create a festival atmosphere around the site.

The event provides the opportunity to compete on much of the same course as the world's best athletes, with the tree-lined routes around the park providing a picturesque setting for the thousands of amateur athletes who will be on the start line.

Waterloo Lake is a familiar start point for the event, with tens of thousands of athletes having swum their way around the course since the first edition back in 2016.

The bike and run courses will utilise the roads and paths around the park and see participants make their way past iconic locations such as Mansion House, Barrans Fountain and Upper Lake.

The bike route for the standard distance open races will see participants take to the roads outside Roundhay Park, whilst the shorter sprint and GO TRI races will see participants remain on roads immediately in and around the park.

The standard distance route will comprise a 1,500m swim, 36km bike and 10km run, the sprint distance will see participants complete a 750m swim, 18km bike and 5km run, with GO TRI entrants swim, bike, running 200m, 9.5km and 2.5km. To find out more about the options, including how you can enter as a team, visit the [leeds.triathlon.org](https://leeds.triathlon.org) website.

The finish for all the races from GO TRI to World Triathlon Championship Series will be back near the lake, with the single finish line offering all participants the same experience throughout the weekend.

The unique experience of a blue carpet finish will provide a memorable moment for athletes whether they're completing their first triathlon, represent the Great Britain Age-Group Team or competed in Tokyo last summer.

To go with the swim, bike, run at Roundhay, a range of food and drink concessions and entertainment will be on offer in the event village, once again making it

the place to be having raced or cheered on a loved one to enjoy watching the best in the world battle it out.

TriStar 2 and 3 routes have been announced as part of the release, with entries for these races coming soon.

View the routes - [https://leeds.triathlon.org/event\\_information/the\\_routes](https://leeds.triathlon.org/event_information/the_routes)

On the announcement of the routes, Andy Salmon, British Triathlon CEO, commented: "Roundhay Park is a great setting to be able to host swim, bike, run. The routes provide the chance to see a lot of what the park has to offer and, having it all within the same site, makes for a great atmosphere for both the participation and elite racing."

"Providing the same finish is fantastic because it helps to connect all levels of triathlon in the one weekend. We'll have individuals completing their first ever event and elite teams battling it out in the exciting mixed relay all crossing the same line and we hope to see you there."

Lindsay Impett, Event Director World Triathlon Championship Series Leeds, said: "From start to finish, the routes will show participants the best of Roundhay Park and our team have done a great job in mapping them out."

"With what's being planned for the event village and the chance to watch elite racing on both days, there's also the opportunity to enjoy the park and be part of the weekend whether you're taking part or not."

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's deputy leader and executive member for economy culture and education, said:

"We are delighted to once again be hosting the World Triathlon Championship Series Leeds. This is one of the biggest and best events in the city's calendar and we hope as many people as possible get involved, whether that's by taking part or spectating."

"Roundhay Park is one of Leeds' best assets, covering more than 700 acres of parkland, lakes and woodland, and we are proud that we will once again get the opportunity to showcase its beauty to the world."



*Andrew Parascandolo*



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# GARDENING

## Spring Is Closer Hour By Hour, Snowdrops And Daffodils Begin To Flower

As winter heads towards spring our thoughts turn to spending a little more time outside. Although a little unpredictable, February is usually sprinkled with teasing days of sunshine although often with a chill in the air. Not time to shed too many layers just yet but lots to do in the garden. Longer days do cheer me up, I hate dark mornings and early nights, often curtailing my urge to wander around the garden.

For those itching to start sowing there are some hardy vegetables that can be started this month, although they will need a little warmth. The trick is how you keep them going without them turning into spindly contorted seedlings that can barely hold up their leaves. Once germinated, they will need lots of light, a warm conservatory or greenhouse is perfect, but if you only have a windowsill make sure it is light but not in direct sunshine, and that it is a room that is on the cooler side. Living rooms and kitchens are generally too warm and encourage soft stretched seedlings. A spare bedroom with good light is much better and will provide a more stable temperature with good light. Check seedlings daily and turn the trays to give even light. If you have an unheated greenhouse then trays of seedlings can be moved there once they have well developed seed leaves, although it is helpful if they can be covered with horticultural fleece at night, removed early morning.



**Broad Beans**

Sowing should start no earlier than 14th February, and good ones to try are spring onions, lettuce, early cabbage and broad beans. Peas can be sown in a pot on a windowsill to harvest as pea shoots after they reach 3 - 5cm (1-2"). Early sown veg will need potting on before hardening off and planting out in April or May. Sow small quantities bearing in mind how much space you have to grow them on. Repeat sowings throughout the season gives steady continuous crops and avoid overcrowding limited space.

The most commonly grown hydrangeas are those termed 'mop-head' or 'lace-cap' and as the name suggests they are either large rounded heads or flat with flower like bracts around the edge.

I leave the previous year's flower heads on right through the winter as they give some protection to emerging buds. I prune in late February, removing the flower, cutting back to a healthy pair of emerging buds. Depending on how vigorous they are and what height I want, this may be two or three pairs of buds from the flower. With established bushes it's also good practice to remove two or three of the oldest branches completely as this will encourage new growth from ground. If you have a very old bush that is getting a little overgrown you can cut them quite hard down to a pair of buds 30cm (12") from the soil level, however they won't flower until the following year. It's also worth removing a third of all the branches right down to ground level which will

give a more open habit and stronger growth. I like to feed shrubs in spring just as they are starting into growth, a general garden fertiliser is fine, I use chicken pellets as they are fairly cheap and readily available.



Sort out your plant supports, canes, pea sticks or wire/plastic supports. Having them sorted, clean and organised means that you can find them easily. When herbaceous perennials have about 5-7.5cm (2 - 3") it's time to put supports in position. This avoids twisted lanky growth and a wrestling match with wayward stems. When tidying up the garden I put aside any woody branches that might be useful as plant supports, which gives a more natural effect. It goes without saying that any diseased branches are disposed of rather than using as supports.



Any hedges that have not been pruned or clipped should be dealt with now before birds start to select their nesting sites. I try to recycle or compost all the arisings from the garden so hedge clippings go through the shredder and either onto the compost heap or spread on the woodland path. Again it's a good idea to feed hedges in spring and I use the same as for the hydrangeas. Whilst you are trimming and tidying up the hedge think about whether you could find a spot for a nest box or two, there is nothing more fascinating than watching small birds raise their young, and you will also find that many small birds will feed their young on pests like greenfly and soil grubs.

Happy gardening,  
Martin

*Next month, (cutting back winter stems, get those beer traps out, pull the weeds before they seed.)*



BY MARTIN S WALKER

## Top Tip - Speedy Spring Onions?



Spring onions are fairly easy from seed, but the weather has to warm up a little before they can be sown directly and even then it will take several weeks for them to reach a usable size.

Bulb onions I grow from sets (small onions) started off in the cold greenhouse, planting them out when they have 5 - 7.5cm(2-3") shoots and a nice root system, they can be planted directly into the vegetable plot but I like to give them a head start.

There are two key groups of onion sets, those that can be planted in autumn and those that can be planted in spring. The benefit of autumn planted sets is that they will be ready at least a month before spring planted sets thereby extending the season. The reason I am rambling on about onion sets is that I have just been down to my local garden centre and they are selling off the bags of autumn sets, moving stock before the spring onion sets go on sale. This is a perfect opportunity to bag a bargain. It's too late to plant them into the veg plot as they will be a little dehydrated and may be just starting to shoot.

But all is not lost, sort out a couple of 15cm(6") pots and fill them with any spare potting compost, it doesn't have to be new, left over from last year is fine or even the remnants of last year's tomato grow-bag will do, you only want something for the roots to grow into and that will hold moisture when you water them. Firm the compost into the pot and push the onion sets into the compost up to about half their depth, and side by side so they are almost touching, you should get about 15 - 20 in a pot, water in then no need to water again until the compost is a little dry. Either place them near to the house wall on the path or better still if you have a greenhouse or cold frame put them in there. You can even put them on the kitchen windowsill if you have room.

The shoots will grow and when they are about 15cm(6") tall you can start using them. Yes, what you are harvesting is a young onion plant, pull off any papery skin, rinse under the tap and off you go, chop the whole thing leaves and all just as you would spring onions, they may have a slightly stronger taste but they are every bit a fresh vegetable, for sandwiches, salads, soups or any dish requiring onions. Just pick as many as you need and the rest will continue to grow until you need them. Don't forget you will get another chance to try this when the garden centres are selling off the spring planting onion sets in about May or June. It really is a good and easy way of growing without the worry of feeding or pests, perfect for the busy or younger gardener to try.

# The World Of Birds

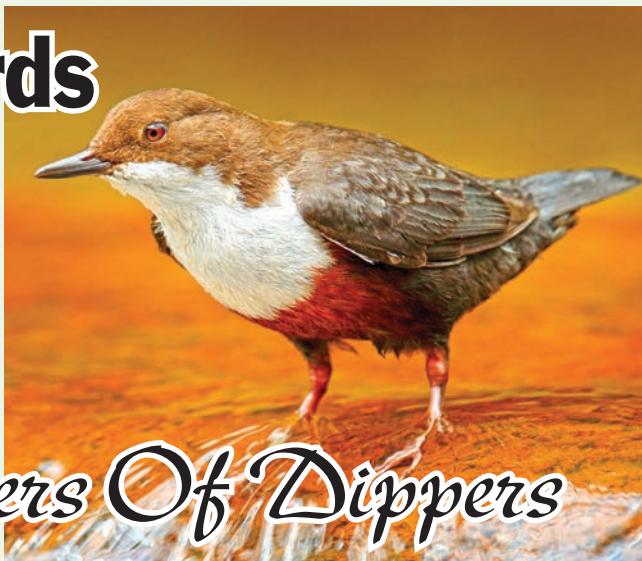


## The Superpowers Of Dippers

— BY LINDA JENKINSON —

The dipper is probably the first bird that every wildlife watcher hopes to find when walking along a river or upland stream in the Yorkshire Dales. However, despite their striking white breasts, dippers can easily be overlooked. The fact that they blend into their environment so well is probably due to their bobbing behaviour. This helps to camouflage them within their surrounding white, rippling water as it tumbles over rocks and stones. As well as its white breast, which probably serves to break the outline of this bird in the tumbling water, the dipper's eyelid is also covered by white feathers which creates a white flash when the bird is blinking. Dippers spend a great deal of time underwater, searching for invertebrates such as stonefly and caddis fly larvae. In fact, the dipper is the only diving passerine species (passerines are perching birds - from larks to buntings in your bird book).

As you can imagine, it can't be easy to find food under rocks in rushing water, against the flow, but the dipper specialises in this habitat. To do this, dippers have developed some unique adaptations. Completely different to other flying birds which have honeycombed bones, dippers have a solid skeleton making them heavier in water. Their short, stout wings have



strong muscles which allows them to swim under water and they have well developed muscles on their legs, and sharp claws, to allow them to walk along the riverbed. Because it's a passerine, the dipper doesn't have webbed feet unlike all other diving birds.

As a dipper dives, its dense plumage is covered by a film of trapped air. This is made possible by a specially adapted preen gland which produces extra oil to waterproof its feathers. This trapped air probably protects the dipper's feathers while swimming in fast-flowing water and replaces some of the buoyancy lost due to the density of its bones. The air helps the dipper to return rapidly to the surface once it lets go of the underwater rocks and the oil content of their plumage eliminates the necessity for them to stand and dry their feathers.

The amazing range of adaptations doesn't end there. Their ocular muscles have also evolved to enable them to change the curvature of the lens of the eye to enable them to see well under running water. This adaptation is shared with other diving species such as ducks, cormorants and gannets but the dipper's adaptation is the most highly developed of passerines. To prevent the dipper from drowning by having water forced into their nostrils during a dive, a nasal flap closes as they submerge. They also have specially adapted blood to allow them to dive for over 30

seconds. They have more haemoglobin than other birds allowing them to store more oxygen in the blood cells. They also have a slower metabolic rate for their size and are able to reduce their heartbeat during dives to save oxygen.

February is the start of the breeding season for dippers and it's possible to see them nest building and singing close-by. The sound of their sweet, warbling notes is most noticeable during the relatively song-less winter days. Both sexes sing and call. Their 300m to 3km linear territory is fiercely defended and, during disputes, there is an increase in bobbing and winking of white eyelids. Their nest is a large domed structure constructed of moss and lined with leaves, built under bridges, culverts, under waterfalls or beneath tree roots. They take to man-made nests constructed of pipes placed under bridges. Thankfully, urban waterways are now clean enough to support dippers in the city. Leeds is home to a growing number of dipper nests and they can be seen regularly on the River Aire and adjoining woodland streams.

Linda Jenkinson teaches people about birds in and around Leeds. For details of classes email [linda@startbirding.co.uk](mailto:linda@startbirding.co.uk) or call 07778 768719. Visit [www.startbirding.co.uk](http://www.startbirding.co.uk) or Start Birding on Facebook and Twitter



## Free Allotment Course In South Leeds



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The sessions run on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's at Lady Pit Lane – off Linden Avenue, opposite Tesco Express, Dewsbury Road and are free to attend, booking is essential. Activities include creating woodwork products such as herb boxes and growing and harvesting food to be eaten locally, learning how to take cuttings. Food grown will be given to participants as well as put in the "food cupboard" for local people to access and donated to local food banks.

Lou, Groundwork Project Officer, commented: "Being outdoors, active and caring for living plants whilst observing nature will improve health and wellbeing at the same time as receiving personalised progression plans"

Lady Pit Lane allotments is a hidden gem of the community, easily accessible by bus from Dewsbury Road, with room for bicycles to be brought onto the plot, on-site accessible toilets, hot drinks available and running water as well as a BBQ and socialising outdoor area. Sessions will run predominantly outdoors in a COVID safe manner so wrap up warm.

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# MUSIC

## Two New Yorkshire Bands!

**By Stuart Glossop**

A new year and two new Yorkshire bands who you will be hearing massive amounts about in the next year. Expect both to feature in end of year list and all awards.



■ Yard Act

Leeds outfit Yard Act have released their feverishly anticipated debut album *The Overload*. Spanning 11 entirely new tracks, *The Overload* is a record which rages with Yard Act's inimitable wit, musical dexterity and tasteful curation. Littered with Yard Act's signature dark humour and knowing cynicism, *The Overload* pokes fun at society without ever punching down from a place of superiority. "Lyrically, I think it's a record about the things that we all do - we're all so wired into the system of day to day that we don't really stop and think about the constructs that define us," says vocalist James Smith. "But also beyond that, it's kind of exciting, because there's still so much we don't understand; how a hive mindset is forged, how information spreads, how we agree and presume things without thinking. Some people think more than others, but a lot of this sloganising - 'I'm on the left, I'm not wrong' - doesn't achieve anything. Gammons, Karen's, Snowflakes, whatever - I find it all so boring. I'm just not into that."



■ Yard Act

Speaking about the first taste of their long awaited album, James said: "'The Overload' serves as an overture to the album. It's written from the perspective of someone sitting in a pub overhearing snippets of all these different conversations from different characters and acting as a vessel, a medium even, for their own thoughts and opinions. That cut and paste approach means it's hard to decipher where one person's musings end and another's statement begins, and that feels like a fairer representation of why human existence is at the point it is right now. Society doesn't prevail because of the absolute, it struggles on in spite of it. It's our ability to compromise which helps us to coexist."

Spearheaded by James Smith (vocals) and Ryan Needham (bass), the now four-piece, completed by Sam Shippstone (guitar) and Jay Russell (drums), have built a sound that speaks inherently to their birthplace of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and yet ties together observations from all walks of modern British life – the small-town bloke in the local pub, the anti-capitalist stuck at a desk job, the tired activist in all of us torn between easy complicity and the desire to fight. Whatever you need to do to see them live, do it. They are in Leeds 26th February at Brudenell Social Club and The Irish Centre 20th May



■ The Sherlocks

Bolton-upon-Dearne's The Sherlocks were certainly a slow-burn overnight sensation. Ascending swiftly from stints in working men's clubs to rammed, buzzing and riotous gigs on the nearby Sheffield scene, they were embraced as the city's next big guitar stars, set to launch the next wave of Sheffield alt-rock.



Which they did: and as they stepped onto the NME/Radio 1 Stage at the Leeds leg of Reading & Leeds 2017, they announced to a rammed tent that their debut album *Live For The Moment* had, that very day, entered the UK albums chart at Number Six. The band are soon set to release their anticipated forthcoming album, *World I Understand*. As well as this, the four-piece are currently touring the UK as part of their 'Keep Our Independent Venues Alive' tour – a run of shows across the UK's most cherished independent venues to help support these spaces during their most challenging times. We can't wait to get back out on tour with this new record", says Kieran Crook. "It is without a doubt our strongest one yet, and one that's ready-made for the live performances. It's gonna' be an absolute monster of a tour and we look forward to seeing you all at the front soon!" Catch them in York and Leeds in May.

It would be remiss not to end this month's column without mentioning the passing of Meatloaf. Music, at it's very best and most innovative, does change lives. When *Bat Out Of Hell* was released on 21st October 1977 and given as a late birthday gift it changed my life for sure. I have never met anyone who didn't like the record. Larger than life he will be sadly missed but he has left us a musical legacy that will influence music forever.



■ Meatloaf

## Glenn Tilbrook To Play Ilkley - King's Hall On Thursday 10th March!



Glenn Tilbrook has more than earned his place at pop's top table as one of our most cherished singers, guitarists and songwriters, not to mention an in-demand and endlessly endearing live performer. But more than 40 years after he first answered an ad placed by Chris Difford looking for like-minded sorts to form the band that became the much-loved evergreen Squeeze, an ending is nowhere in sight.

Such is the continuing work ethic of a fellow who's never been far from the action since Squeeze made their recording bow with the *Packet Of Three EP* in 1977. Those humble three tracks led to such enduring pop classics as *Take Me I'm Yours*, *Cool For Cats*, *Up The Junction*, *Another Nail In My Heart*, *Tempted*, *Labelled With Love*, *Black Coffee In Bed*, *Hourglass* (this could go on for a while...), not to mention landmark albums like *Argybargy*, *East Side Story* and *Some Fantastic Place*.

Squeeze's demise in 1998 (though not permanent) saw Glenn embark on a solo career that spawned the albums *The Incomplete Glenn Tilbrook* (2001) and *Transatlantic Ping-Pong* (2004), showcasing an ever-maturing songwriting talent. Arguably, though, *Happy Ending* is Glenn's most personal work to date, a series of evocative portraits of time, people and places, that included writing and vocal contributions by his own children Leon and Wesley, in addition to old friends Simon Hanson (Fluffers/reunited Squeeze drummer) and Dennis Greaves (Nine Below Zero, also Glenn's compatriot in the side project band The Co-operative).

Anyone who has witnessed Glenn on the live stage can attest to the properness of his doings, as it were. Armed with ready wit, raucous vibes and a shed load of grim-inducing great songs, there are few musicians able to connect with their audience on such an immediate and warm level. The ever burgeoning festival circuit is frequently enriched by Tilbrook the troubadour, whether he be leafing through the plentiful back catalogue of Squeeze or dashing off impromptu audience requests ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Tony Orlando & Dawn, and all points in-between.

*Ticket information:*

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### 06 February - Power Book IV: Force, Season 1 - StarzPlay

Joseph Sikora reprises his iconic role as Tommy Egan in the fourth instalment of the "Power" Universe.

### 07 February - 9-1-1 (911), Season 5 - Sky Witness

Procedural drama from Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk about the lives and careers of first responders – cops, paramedics, firefighters.

### 09 February - Disenchantment, Season 2 (Part 4) - Netflix

Adult animated comedy fantasy series from 'The Simpsons' Matt Groening.

### 10 February - Fear Index, Season Limited - Sky Atlantic

Fast-Paced thriller based on the novel by Robert Harris.

### 14 February - Bel-Air, Season 1 - Peacock

A dramatic reboot of 'The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air' from Will Smith & Morgan Cooper.

### 15 February - Traces, Season 2 - Alibi

Crime drama set at the Scottish Institute of Forensic Science.

### 17 February - Resident Alien, Season 2 - Sky Max

Adaptation of the Dark Horse comic book starring Alan Tudyk.

### 17 February - Young Wallander: Killer's Shadow, Season 2 - Netflix

A new original series based on Henning Mankell's best-selling Kurt Wallander novels.

Animated series based on the video game Cuphead.

### 18 February - Severance, Season 1 - Apple TV+

Workplace thriller starring Adam Scott directed and executive produced by Ben Stiller.

### 18 February - Space Force, Season 2 - Netflix

From the guys that brought you The Office (US). Welcome to Space Force.

### 18 February - The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Season 4 - Amazon Prime

Stars Rachel Brosnahan (House of Cards) as Miriam 'Midge' Maisel, a 1958 New York City woman, who discovers she has a talent for stand-up comedy.

### 21 February - The Walking Dead, Season 11b (Final) - STAR On Disney+

The US cable show about undead monsters returns for the first part of the 3-part final season.

### 25 February - Vikings: Valhalla, Season 1 - Netflix

A new original series from Vikings creator Michael Hirst that continues the storytelling of his beloved epic saga.

### 25 February - Wolf Like Me, Season 1 - Amazon Prime

As Mary and Gary's universes collide, both are terrified their baggage will tear them apart.



### 04 February - Dying Light 2 - PS4, PS5 & Xbox



### 17 February - The King Of Fighters XV - PS4, PS5 & Xbox



### 17 February - Assassins Creed - The Ezio Collection - Nintendo Switch

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### 25 February - Elden Ring - PS4, PS5, Xbox & PC



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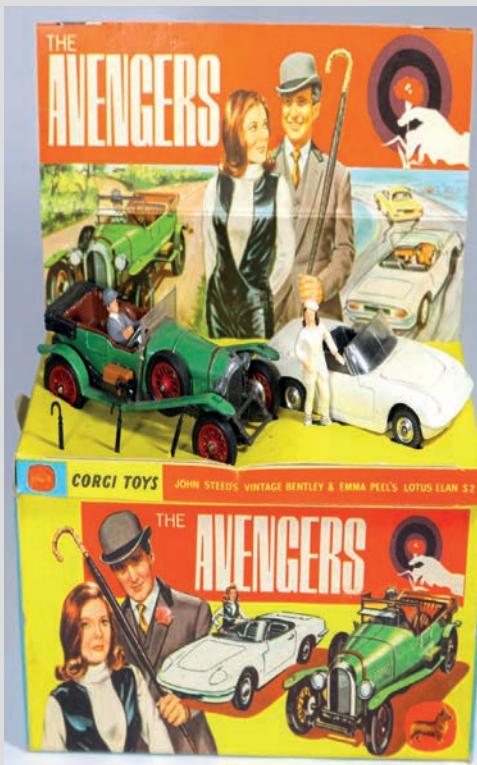
Dear Readers,

I was very pleased to receive a letter from a lady who didn't want to be named who sent me a direct valuation request after reading my article in The Yorkshire Reporter.

She told me she had a set of 'The Avengers' cars by Corgi Toys and remembered I had always said it was important to have the original box with toy cars and she had one in good condition. It was a Gift Set 40 containing John Steed's Green Vintage Bentley and Emma Peel's White Lotus Elan. It still had its two figures with it and the leaflet from the Corgi Club. She was unable to send a photo but could I tell her what it was worth.

This set is very rare and nearly always has the two figures missing. For those old enough to remember 'The Avengers' it was a secret agent thriller TV series from the 1960's.

I managed to find an image of the Avengers set. It may surprise you to know it would sell between £750-800 at auction.



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May we in anticipation, thank you for your services.

Our warmest regards Pat & Lilian Addleton

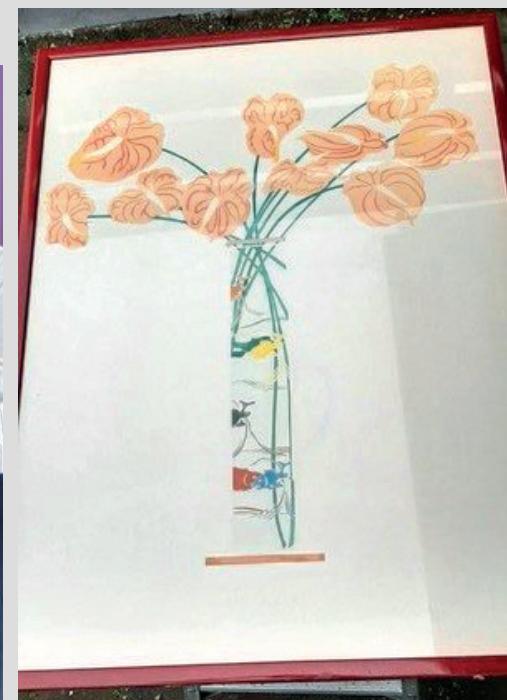


Hi Gary,

I have this print which I would like more information on.

Signed John Lander, also says Marci Lipman Graphics, Toronto and Nov 80, all across the bottom. Size is 38 inches by 27 3/4 inches. Any ideas what it's worth?

Thanks, Kevin Lumley



Dear Kevin,

Your lithograph print is quite a well-known piece by John Lander called 'Anthurium'. It was printed by Marci Lipman Graphics in Toronto in 1980.

I have found two examples selling at auction recently, one in the UK in a Cornwall auction for £60 and one in America for \$40.

Always worth hanging onto as prices on these types of items are always changing.

**- QUIZ QUESTION -**

*How much did this Mouseman figure by Robert Thompson of Kilburn sell for recently at auction?*



Hello Gary

I have a collection of 4 Goebel figurines. Can you advise whether they have any value and, if so, the best way to sell them?

Thanks, Barry Roberts



Dear Barry,

Thank you for your email. This style of figures including Goebel was very popular when my father ran the auction business in the 1970's. Collectors from all over the world and especially in America kept the market buoyant. Their popularity has now declined.

Although rare early examples of Goebel (Hummel) can still command a reasonable price, the market is flooded at the moment with general pieces. Sadly today I have seen examples of your figures on sites like Ebay asking as little as £8-10 each.

*Answer in Next Month's Yorkshire Reporter*

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# She LIKES Flowers But LOVES Our Jewellery!

Valentine's Day is one of the most romantic days of the year and a time to show appreciation and affection for the one you love.

Isn't it time you moved away from the traditional flowers and chocolates this year and gave something special such as a stunning piece of jewellery that she'll absolutely adore!

Giving a special piece of jewellery is exciting and if you are planning to make it official and give an engagement ring then we have a range of stunning range of hand-picked diamonds to choose from.

If you are already engaged or married then its time to buy her an eternity or dress ring.

An eternity ring is the test of time and shows lasting affection and never ending love signified with an unbroken circle or half circle of beautiful diamonds. A dress ring is a pretty gem set ring that can be worn on any occasion and most often on the opposite hand to the engagement ring. They needn't be expensive but are often so appreciated and beautiful to admire.



Necklaces are an excellent choice for almost any Valentine's Day situation. If she's long overdue for a really special Valentine's Day gift, go all out with a stunning diamond pendant. A true classic available in a choice of carat weights and styles, the traditionalist in her will love it, and she'll be able to wear it with any outfit at any time. We also have a range of stunning silver necklaces with hearts and stones that she will love which are on a 3 for 2 offer so you can really spoil her for less than the cost of a meal out.

Earrings are a wonderful gift and again can be diamond set or simple gold creoles or studs. Always appreciated, a girl can't have enough earrings and she will love the thought you have put into them.



Finally if you really want to show you care, how about a luxury watch. What better than to give the love of your life a symbol of lasting quality and perfection such as a ROLEX, CARTIER, TAG or OMEGA. It takes a special man to make that investment and it will show how timeless your love is for each other!

## DON'T FORGET THE MEN!



Love is a two way street and he needs to be shown that you appreciate him too!

Most men love watches. Whether you buy an everyday watch, smart dress / work watch or even splash out on a Rolex for him too, you will always make a man happy when you give him something practical he can play with.



If your man is a lover of gold then now is the time to buy some men's jewellery and buy him some pre-owned gold that lasts the test of time and will give you both a lot more for your money. Men's chains, bracelets and rings are always appreciated and will show him you really care as it's unlikely he will ever take them off and he will always be reminded of you when he wears them.

Whatever you wish for this Valentine's day – whether it's a dazzling diamond to say 'I do' or a simple piece of jewellery to prove you still care, buy it from Christopher Brown Jewellers in York, Seacroft, Shipley or Pontefract or Stockport or Brown & Gold in Batley, Toxteth or Prescot and you know your valentine will have smiles all-round on February 14th.

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— BY LINZI DAVIES —

In February, love is in the air. Valentine's Day is a day to show your partner how much you love them or let somebody know they have a secret admirer with a card and a gift such as a bouquet of red roses. The best way to let someone know you are 'sweet' on them though must surely be a decadent box of chocolates – and York is the city we have to thank for this delicious treat!

There is a whole story of chocolate in Yorkshire's capital, and in this month's feature we look at how even though York's history is woven in tales of Romans and Vikings, there is a much sweeter side to the heritage of this incredible city.

### What Actually Is Chocolate?

Chocolate comes from the seeds of the cacao tree, which are small evergreens native to the tropical regions of South America. When raw, they are incredibly bitter so need to be fermented. The beans are then dried and roasted, after which the shell is removed to harvest the cocoa nibs – natural chocolate in its rough form. The nibs get ground into cocoa mass which is then liquified by heating. Once it becomes liquid, the chocolate liquor is then cooled into its two parts of cocoa solids and cocoa butter. These are then used in varying combinations, with the addition of sugar and other ingredients to create the different types of chocolate. White chocolate contains no cocoa solids, only the cocoa butter mixed with sugar and milk. Although the cacao is native to South America, around two thirds of the world's cocoa today is produced in West Africa.

### Ancient History

Historically speaking, chocolate – or cacao was used very differently to how it is today. The Mesoamerican people including the Maya and the Aztecs gathered the seeds of the cacao tree and made it into drinks as early as 1900 BCE. But rather than the hot chocolate you imagine enjoying in front of a fire during winter, during this time, the white pulp around the beans was used as a source of fermentable sugars to create an alcoholic drink. By 400 AD, the Maya grew cacao trees and made a warm, bitter drink with the beans. By the 15th century, the Aztecs were in charge, but living in the Mexican highlands meant they could not grow cacao themselves, and it was instead a luxury item that they imported. Cocoa beans were often used as currency in the area, with an avocado being worth three beans, and a turkey 100! Rather than drinking it warm, the Aztecs drank the chocolate cold, and often flavoured with chillies. Both civilizations also associated chocolate with human sacrifice – the Maya identifying the removal of beans from the pods with removal of the human heart, and the Aztecs coloured their drinking chocolate with achiote to resemble sacrificial blood.

Christopher Columbus brought cocoa beans back to Spain, and the drink eventually spread across Europe where it was enjoyed with the addition of sugar, honey and sometimes vanilla.

### The Introduction Of Chocolate In York!

The very first experience of chocolate by the English was a missed opportunity. A Spanish shipment of cocoa beans was captured off the coast of Britain in the 16th century, but it was mistaken for sheep droppings and burned! Of course, it did eventually arrive on our shores to be enjoyed as a drink, as in the rest of Europe.

The beginning of York's reputation as the 'Chocolate City' can be attributed to a revolutionary woman by the name of Mary Tuke. As a 30-year-old spinster, she became head of her Quaker household when her parents passed away. In 1725 she decided to open her own grocery shop on Walmgate, and successfully rebelled against the trading restrictions imposed by the Merchant Adventurers Company who declared she was

ineligible as a woman to run her own shop as she was neither a widow nor a daughter of a member. Despite frequent threats to fine her or close down her business she carried on regardless, being quite the rebel for the times! She took on her 14yr old nephew William as an apprentice, who eventually took over the business from Mary in 1752. The shop had been a general grocer, selling all manner of goods, but under the control of William Tuke, it began to specialise in tea imported from India, and also in the manufacturing of cocoa. They became well known for their popular 'Tuke's Superior Rock Cocoa' – cocoa mixed with sugar and sold in solid blocks ready for making into a drink, and the shop moved to Castlegate. The Tuke business was passed down the family for three generations, until 1857.

### Tuke's Becomes Rowntree's

Just before the Tuke's family line ended, Samuel Tuke employed his good friend and fellow grocer Joseph Rowntree Snr's son Henry Isaac Rowntree. Within three years, Henry was able to take over the cocoa and chocolate side of the business and opened a factory by the river at Tanner's Moat. In 1866 his rock cocoa won a medal at the Yorkshire Fine Art and Industrial Exhibition and from then on was sold as 'Prize Medal Rock Cocoa'. By this point, J.S Fry & Sons from Bristol had developed the first solid chocolate bar for eating.



Henry invited brother Joseph Jnr to join him in a partnership in 1869, and the company went from strength-to-strength manufacturing pastilles and Fruit Gums as well as inventing 'chocolate beans' which would later become Smarties and offered customers a sweet treat at an affordable price.

In 1885, Joseph, or JR as he preferred to be called, set up a library for employees using a combination of his own money, other funds and docking a penny a week from workers' pay. The staff library was just the first step in looking after the welfare of their employees – Rowntree's were among the first companies to offer paid holidays, a pension and a doctor and dentist. The company also commissioned a new factory at Haxby Road as their fortunes improved, and it became a 'town within a town'.

Some of Rowntree's most famous chocolates include the Kit Kat and the Aero which were both created in 1935 and have certainly stood the test of time. One of their earlier bars though was 'Rowntree's Café Au-Lait Chocolate' which was one of the first to include milk. Another which didn't remain in production was the York Assortment which



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included York Milk, Plain York and York Motoring. They were revived again in 1976 under the name Yorkie.

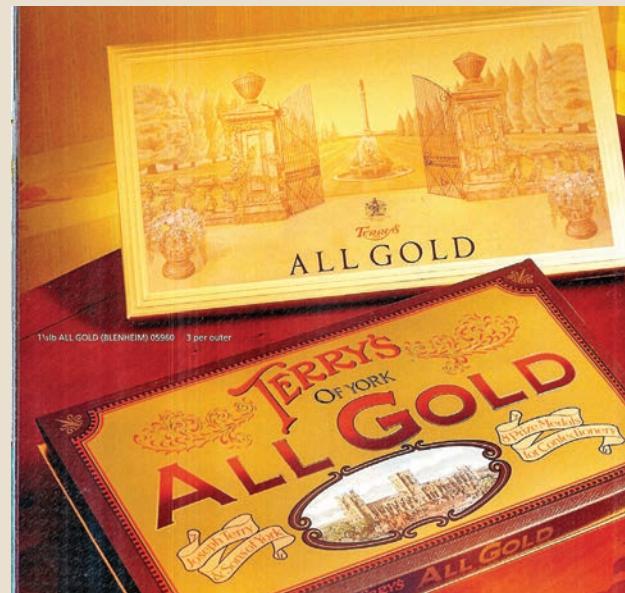
The legacy of Rowntree's still lives on in York with the village of New Earswick which was built for workers and the people of York. Charity still continues from the company too with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

### Terry's

Joseph Terry was born in Pocklington in 1793. He served as an apprentice apothecary in York before setting up his own chemist in Walmgate. At around 30 years old he married Harriet Atkinson and gave up his shop to work for her relative Robert Berry who owned a small confectioners. Joseph had not been there long when Robert Berry died, and his son George joined instead with the two men forming a new business named Terry & Berry. This was short lived with George leaving Joseph Terry to run it alone in 1828. Working independently, Joseph Terry gained a reputation in the city for cakes, sugared sweets, candied peel and marmalade, and by the time of his death in 1850, the name of Terry was becoming known around the UK.

His son Joseph Jnr built on the foundations his father had worked so hard to create and expanded the company swiftly. Within four years of his takeover, Joseph Jnr had leased a site along the riverside at Clementhorpe – the River Ouse providing an efficient connection to the North Sea for imports of sugar, cocoa, and coal needed for the new steam-powered machinery within the Joseph Terry & Sons factory.

A price list from Terry's in 1867 shows 400 items but only 13 of them were chocolate. Demand soon grew though and eventually a specialised chocolate section was created. The firm became a well-established fixture in York, and upon the death of Joseph Jnr in 1898 the Yorkshire Herald reported, 'There was no person in the city more beloved and respected, and no one who was more possessed of the qualities that constitute a genial and amiable Englishman.'



The company passed to his son Francis and grandson Noel, who relocated the factory to the new purpose-built premises off Bishopthorpe Road. It was here that the now famous Terry's All Gold was first produced in 1930, with the iconic Chocolate Orange following two years later. This much-loved staple was initially called the 'Dessert Chocolate Orange' and followed on from Terry's Chocolate Apple which was invented 6 years earlier. It looked very similar, but the apple flavoured chocolate didn't prove anywhere near as popular as its orange relative.



During WWII, production halted as F. Hills and Sons, based in Manchester took over the factory to fix and produce propeller blades for military aircraft. After the war had ended, the factory was returned to Terry's and officially named Terry's of York although full scale production of confectionery items did not happen for quite some time due to rationing and limited imports.

### Chocolate in York Today

Sadly, both the Rowntree's and Terry's factories in York are no longer used by the companies. Rowntree's was purchased by Nestlé in 1988 and they eventually relocated production of Smarties, Dairy Box and Black Magic to other countries in 2006. Nestlé still has a base in York on Haxby Road, but more modern production buildings and warehouses were built, and the original factory is currently being developed into a residential scheme. Terry's was taken over by Kraft and they closed Terry's Chocolate Works in 2005. The Chocolate Works has also been extensively developed into residential apartments.



■ Vintage adverts at York's Chocolate Story

Of course, chocolate still remains a large part of York's industrial heritage, and one place celebrating this is York's Chocolate Story which first opened its doors in 2012. York's Chocolate Story is an entertaining and informative guided tour through the history of York's most famous chocolate-making families and their finest creations. Visitors discover the origins of chocolate, how to make it, how to taste it like an expert and also discuss the sustainable future of the nation's favourite treat. The attraction comprises of a fully guided tour, live chocolate making demonstrations from skilled chocolatiers, hands on chocolate making where you decorate your very own treats to take home, and also the exhibition spaces which display some of the most iconic confectionery brands in the world. York's Chocolate Story is an enjoyable attraction for everyone – chocolate lovers, families and history enthusiasts alike. There is also a chocolate gift shop and café where you can enjoy a variety of sweet treats after the tour. For more information visit [www.yorkchocolatestory.com](http://www.yorkchocolatestory.com)

There are also chocolatiers in the city following in the footsteps of the pioneering men and women confectioners of York. You will find that you are easily able to find chocolate shops, book on chocolate making workshops and even factory tours. These modern-day chocolatiers are also pioneering in their own way – making chocolate in a sustainable and ethical way which is kinder to both the planet and the cacao farmers.

For many of us, it is hard to imagine life without chocolate, and we all have our favourite bar. So next time you are indulging, remember the inventive confectioners of York who helped make it all possible!



# Recipe Of The Month - Delicious Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry

By Langlands Garden Centre  
Chef Damian Gates



A tasty veggie curry dish that is simple to make and delicious to taste. Enjoy!

#### Ingredients (serves 4)

- x2 sweet potatoes
- x1 red onion
- 2cm fresh ginger or x1 tsp ginger paste
- Fresh coriander
- Tin of chickpeas
- Tin of chopped tomatoes
- 200ml coconut milk
- Olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 tsp Chilli flakes
- 1tsp Cumin
- 1 tsp Turmeric

#### Method

- Fry off the onion in large a saucepan along with the herbs, spices, garlic, and ginger. (alternatively you can use a curry paste) Cook for 10 minutes or until the onions are soft.
- Chop the sweet potatoes into chunks and add to the softened onion. Drain and tip in the chickpeas then cook for 5 minutes.
- Add the tin of chopped tomatoes and 100ml of water then bring to the boil. Reduce to a simmer and then cover and cook for 15 minutes.
- Remove the cover and stir, cook until the potato has softened, and the sauce has thickened. Stir in the coconut milk and add the coriander leaves.
- Serve with poppadoms and rice.

# BOOKS

## Yorkshire Grandad's Life At Sea

A Yorkshire grandfather's memoirs of a decade crossing the world's oceans is riding on the crest of a wave in the book charts.

Michael Lacey's nostalgic Full Circle has already reached number two in Amazon's nautical chart as well as attracting a lengthy string of five-star reviews.

The 79-year-old's rise through the Merchant Navy ranks from Deck Cadet to Chief Officer during the 1960s has been described by enthusiastic readers as 'wonderful', 'excellent' and 'truly enjoyable'.

At a time when sea routes from Australasia were one of the UK's most important food providers, 16-year-old Michael made his first sailing aboard the Taranaki in April 1959.

Over the next ten years, whether through the Suez Canal, Panama Canal or Cape of Good Hope, he would help supply Britain's dinner tables with the finest produce New Zealand and Australia had to offer.

Michael said: "This was a time when British merchant ships really did rule the waves.

"Full Circle is the story of sailing on a number of Shaw Savill Line cargo ships between the UK and Australasia, at a time when Australia and New Zealand really were our main food providers, and at a time when the family links between the UK and those countries were so much stronger.

"The book is also about going to sea as a 16-year-old and growing up in a world now lost to the seafarers of today, but not forgotten by those who sailed on the many ships of the Shaw Savill Line, or indeed the other shipping companies involved in the same and similar shipping services.

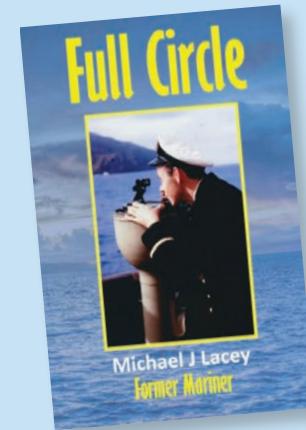
"It is about the days before mass tourism, and before containerisation when the Port of London was one of the busiest in the world, and about voyages to Australia and New Zealand which are the longest voyages possible."

For the next 13 years he worked in maritime law, and throughout the 1980s he was managing director of United Towing.

Michael returned to maritime law before being appointed as the Secretary General of the International Salvage Union.

But those early days at sea have never left the father of three – all his sons are sailors – although he admits his memory for writing Full Circle was helped by boxes of letters.

Michael explained: "I was fortunate when it came to research, as my mother and my wife had kept all my letters.



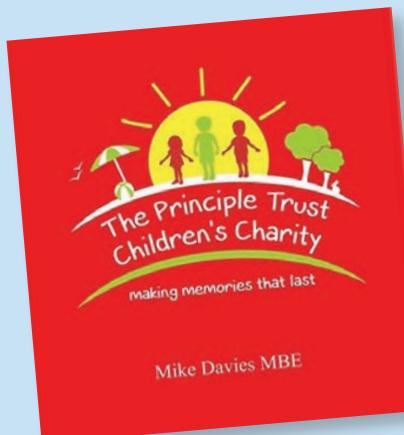
"The message I hope readers get from Full Circle is what a great life seafaring was in the 1960s."

In recent years Michael has been a regular guest on UK and Australian television news shows to provide expert analysis on shipping casualties.

He is currently planning a second book about his four decades of working in marine salvage.

*For more information visit Amazon and search for Michael Lacey, where the Kindle and paperback versions of Full Circle are available, published by PublishNation.*

## New Book Captures First Decade For Yorkshire Children's Charity



A Yorkshire charity is marking ten years of service to children with the publication of a new book.

Launched in 2011, The Principle Trust Children's Charity was set up by businessman Mike Davies, MBE.

Inspired by his own traumatic childhood, Mike established the Skipton-based charity in order to provide free respite holidays to children experiencing long term, life threatening or limiting illnesses, disabilities, mental health issues or social deprivation.

Since then, the Trust has raised over £1m, purchased six holiday homes and provided respite breaks for over 3700 children across North and West Yorkshire.

Now Mike has captured the charity's first decade by penning a book which pays tribute to the families The Trust has supported.

The book includes a foreword by Hannah Ingram-Moore, daughter of Captain Sir Tom Moore, and also acknowledges the charity's army of dedicated supporters and fundraisers.

Mike - the former CEO of Skipton based Principle Healthcare Group - was awarded an MBE in 2017 in recognition of his services to business and disadvantaged children.

The charity plans to kickstart its next decade by extending its support to families in South and East Yorkshire.

Commenting on The Trust's plans, Mike said,

"Over the past ten years we have helped thousands of disadvantaged, disabled and poorly children to escape their everyday troubles and create valuable, happy memories. As The Trust enters its eleventh year, the priority is to extend our services to families across the entire Yorkshire region."

*The book, entitled "Making Memories That Last" is available to order on Amazon, via the Trust's website or by emailing info@theprincipletrust.co.uk*

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# Yorkshire Coast – Main Events And Days Out For The Diary

The transformation of classic British seaside entertainment to world-class status on the Yorkshire coast is set to continue in 2022 with legendary groups and singers, from Simply Red to Westlife, performing at Europe's largest open-air theatre, the UK's last remaining professional seaside orchestra returning for a season of concerts and, 125 years after Bram Stoker's Dracula was first published, Whitby Goth Festival, the world's largest festival celebrating all things 'Alternative', proving that Whitby still rules as the capital of Goth.

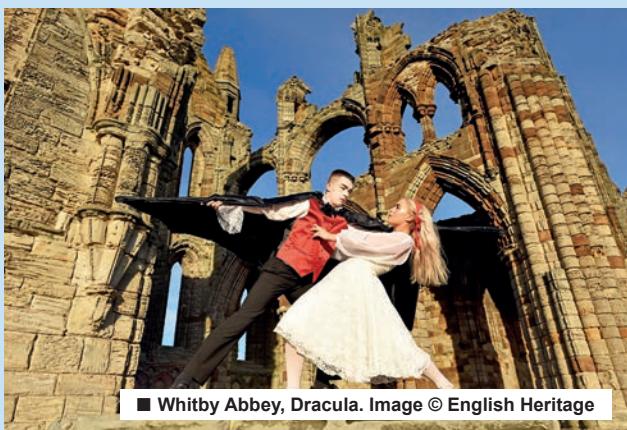


■ Whitby Goth Festival

As home to the UK's first seaside resort, the Yorkshire coast knows how to entertain, it has had 100s of years of practice! 2022 will see events and activities taking place across the seaside towns and their famous beaches, including the following highlights:

## Special Anniversaries In 2022

- Scarborough Open Air Theatre's 90th anniversary. Europe's largest open-air theatre opened in 1932 and has a packed programme of big acts for 2022.



■ Whitby Abbey, Dracula. Image © English Heritage

- 125 years since Bram Stoker's Dracula was published. Whitby Abbey will hold several commemorative events this year.
- The 70th anniversary of the creation of the North York Moors National Park (28 November)
- Scarborough will host the prestigious Armed Forces Day National Event, 24-26 June.

## Celebrating Live Music In The Great Outdoors



■ Scarborough Open Air Theatre. Image © Kluens Cuffe & Taylor

- Scarborough Open Air Theatre: Europe's largest open-air theatre is 90 years old this year and has the summer's biggest shows. Each year, there are between 10-12 large-scale concerts, featuring Britain's favourite performers. Star vocalists and entertainers confirmed for 2022 include: The Wombats, RuPaul's Drag Race, Crowded House, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Bryan Adams, Lionel Richie, Lewis Capaldi, The Script, Tears for Fears (with special guest Alison Moyet), Simply Red and Westlife. Various dates.
- Scarborough is the last seaside resort in Britain to maintain a professional orchestra. They will take to the stage once again for a season of 130 summer concerts. Various dates.
- Whitby Folk Week, 20-26 August: a seven-day celebration of traditional music, dance and song of the British Isles with hundreds of events from concerts, workshops, sing-arounds, sessions and street entertainment. Attracts top artists from across the UK.

## Celebrating Seaside Specials

- Scarborough Cricket Festival – now over 130 years old - is one of the world's most historic sporting events, and has welcomed the world's most famous cricketers, including WG Grace.
- The world-famous Peasholm Park Naval Warfare in Scarborough is possibly the longest-running show of all time – an 80-year-old miniature sea battle of model ships, aircraft and submarines (and Britain's smallest manned navy!), taking place every summer.
- Books by the Beach, 11-12 June, Scarborough: a major literary festival starring some of the country's favourite authors and actors. Previous participants have included: Joanna Trollope, Daisy Goodwin, and Declan Murphy.

The Yorkshire coast has become one of the UK's most vibrant areas for shows and culture on a par with what's on in the West End or O2 Arena, as Janet Deacon, head of tourism and culture at Discover Yorkshire Coast, explains: "Where else in the UK could you come and see a big-name performer, watch world-class theatre and listen to a performance by the UK's last remaining professional seaside orchestra? While, of course, there'll always be room for the more traditional forms of seaside entertainment, holidaymakers are being drawn to the Yorkshire coast's very varied and ever-changing cultural offer, which competes with the West End on quality and price."

## Where to find out more

*For further information and advice when planning a trip to the Yorkshire Coast, talk to the friendly and dedicated team at the Tourism Bureau on 01723 383636. Alternatively, you can find everything you might need to plan your trip at [www.discoveryorkshirecoast.com](http://www.discoveryorkshirecoast.com)*



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## Recharged & Electrifying: The Classic Mini Launches Into The Future

Originating from a dedicated team at MINI Plant Oxford, sustainable driving is now being created in a classic car. An electric motor for the original Mini combines tradition with pioneering technology - all in the spirit of circular economy.

If Alec Issigonis could design the classic Mini again today, the iconic small car would have an electric motor. The original launched in 1959, created during an oil crisis and based on the idea of saving fuel and transporting four occupants and their luggage in the smallest possible footprint. Today, MINI remains connected to the design principles of Issigonis with its creative use of space and driving fun. The MINI Recharged project is an opportunity to continue telling the story of the classic Mini in the 21st century, in a sustainable way.

The electric conversion of classic Minis combines traditional values with future-oriented technology. The idea was born even before the brand had the MINI Electric on offer (electricity consumption combined: 17.6 - 15.2 kWh/100 km according to WLTP; CO2 emissions combined: 0 g/km.).

A one-off, classic Mini Electric was built in 2018 and presented at the New York Auto Show. The reactions were so positive that a dedicated team from MINI Plant Oxford set to work and developed the plan to make a corresponding offer available to customers who own a classic Mini.

To experience traditional go-kart handling with an emission-free drivetrain, the original petrol engine of the classic Mini is replaced by a modern electric drive. During the conversion, MINI Recharged makes reversible changes to the substance of the vehicle. Careful handling of the car's historical heritage is an important part of the concept. This makes it possible to restore the classic Mini to its original condition at a later date. During the conversion, the original engine of each vehicle is marked and stored so it can be reused in the event of a future retrofit of the classic Mini.

The bespoke upcycling of the classic Mini is carried out exclusively in the United Kingdom. Each converted vehicle is given an individual number, making it unique.

## RAC PATROLS ATTEND HIGHEST NUMBER OF POTHOLE-RELATED BREAKDOWNS IN THREE YEARS

The RAC's patrols attended over 10,000 pothole-related breakdowns last year – the equivalent of 27 every single day and the highest annual total since 2018, new figures show.

The breakdown company's individual members experienced a total of 10,123 breakdowns for broken suspension springs, distorted wheels and damaged shock absorbers through last year, 10% more than in 2019 (9,198) and 19% more than in 2020 (8,524). Last year's total represented 1.5% of all the RAC's call-outs, which is up from 1.2% in 2020, 1.1% in 2019 and 1.4% in 2018.

Looking at just the last three months of 2021, which was characterised by generally mild, damp weather across much of the UK, drivers experienced 1,688 pothole-related breakdowns which represented 0.9% of all the RAC's call-outs over this period. But as a rolling average of the

last four quarters, the share of breakdowns represents 1.5% of all RAC breakdowns – the highest such figure since the four quarters to the end of September 2018 (also 1.5%).

The RAC Pothole Index, which analyses pothole-related breakdowns together with the seasonal effects of the weather to give a true long-term indication of the condition of the UK's roads, now stands at 1.63, up from 1.48 at the end of September 2021. This means drivers are more than one-and-a-half times more likely to breakdown after hitting a pothole today than they were when the RAC started collecting this data back in 2006.

Research for the RAC Report on Motoring shows that the condition and maintenance of local roads is by far and away drivers' top motoring related concern. Nearly half of respondents (46%) last year said the quality of local roads was a problem, up from 38% a year earlier.

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# The New BMW 8 Series Coupé, Convertible And Gran Coupé



BMW has evolved the profile of its luxury sports cars - the BMW 8 Series Coupé, Convertible, and Gran Coupé, with striking design revisions and specification enhancements that strengthen its blend of performance, refinement and exclusivity.

Notably, a redesigned front section makes for an exterior look that is as exciting as it is elegant. All 6-cylinder petrol variants of the new BMW 8 Series Coupé, Convertible and Gran Coupé continue to come with the M sports pack as standard, ensuring the interior design reflects the level of driving pleasure these cars offer. Convenience and connectivity are further optimised with a larger 12.3-inch Central Information Display as part of the BMW Live Cockpit Professional system.

The BMW "Iconic Glow" kidney grille premiers for the very first time

on the 8 Series, which is standard on all model variants, whilst the interior ups the luxury ante with the BMW Individual Merino leather upholstery and galvanic controls as standard features.

Based on changing customer demand, the BMW 840d xDrive variant across all three body-styles has been withdrawn from offer in the UK, leaving a choice of either the range-topping V8 M850i xDrive or the six-cylinder 40i engines – both providing effortless performance. Dependent on the power unit, new 8 Series variants feature four-wheel drive or classic rear-wheel-drive propulsion.

The new BMW 8 Series is priced from £72,225 RPP and is available to order now, with the first deliveries due this Spring.



## New MICHELIN Road 6 Tyre Range

As the latest in a long line of class-leading sport touring tyres, Michelin is pleased to announce the launch of its MICHELIN Road 6 tyre range, a tyre range designed to offer riders of roadsters, trail bikes, sportsbikes and GT motorcycles the optimised performance in terms of wet grip, longevity, comfort and handling.

Alongside the standard MICHELIN Road 6 tyre range, which now incorporates sizes for big trail bikes, there is also the MICHELIN Road 6 GT tyre designed for grand touring machines.

Using technologies developed by engineers in Michelin's R&D centres, the new MICHELIN Road 6 tyre offers a 15 percent improvement in wet grip and a 10 percent increase in tyre life compared with its predecessor, the MICHELIN Road 5 tyre.

These improvements in performance have been made possible by a new

tread design, advances in raw materials and an optimized tyre architecture.

Bearing in mind the pride that most riders have in the appearance of their motorcycles, a first for a MICHELIN Road tyre range is the use of MICHELIN Premium Touch Design in the design of the sidewalls of the MICHELIN Road 6 tyres. This exclusive technology uses micro geometry on the sidewalls to create texture, which in-turn allows it to modulate contrast and create shades of grey to highlight the tyre markings and give an attractive finish.

Available now, the new MICHELIN Road 6 tyre range comprises six front and eight rear sizes, while the MICHELIN Road 6 GT tyre range is available in one front and three rear sizes. This range provides fitments for everything from small roadsters such as the KTM 390, through sports bikes and trail bikes, up to GT machines such as the BMW K1600 GT/GTL.

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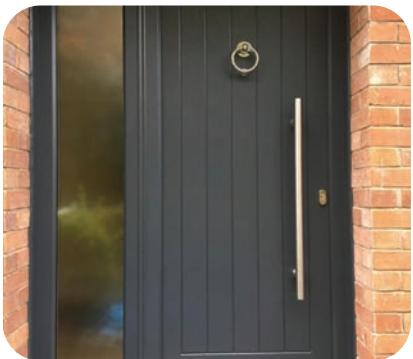
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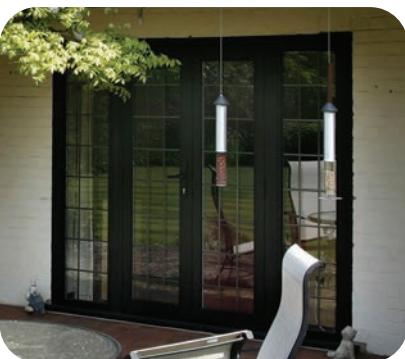
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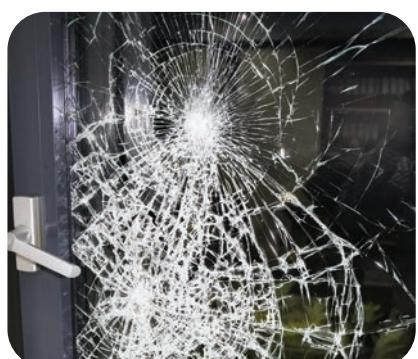
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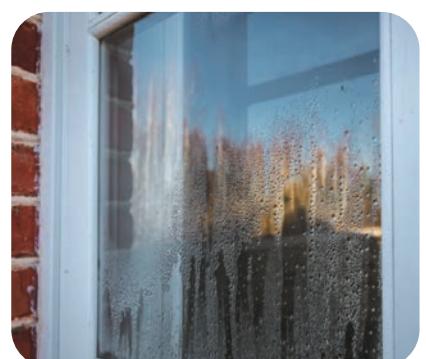
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# WAGGING TALES!

## Researchers Confirm Dog Sickness Outbreak In Yorkshire



The University of Liverpool's Small Animal Veterinary Surveillance Network (SAVSNET) has issued a new update on a recent suspected outbreak of gastrointestinal disease in dogs.

In January, SAVSNET began investigating media and social media reports of a spike in cases of acute vomiting and diarrhoea in dogs in various parts of the UK. These concerns were first raised in Yorkshire and have since spread to other regions.

Their latest data confirms there is an increase of gastrointestinal disease affecting dogs around the country, with levels in Yorkshire high enough to qualify as an outbreak.

Professor Alan Radford, academic lead for SAVSNET, said: "Analysis of real-time data collected by SAVSNET from veterinary practices suggests that in Yorkshire, levels of disease have been statistically higher than we would expect for three weeks – we can therefore call this an outbreak in Yorkshire."

"In other regions, the increases we have seen so far look more like normal seasonal variation. However, such signals can change quickly, and we will continue to monitor the situation."

SAVSNET data collected from collaborating laboratories suggests

## Lifesaving Dogs Needed To Become Blood Donors In Yorkshire!

Could your dog be a lifesaver? Pet Blood Bank UK is currently appealing for dogs in Yorkshire to come forward as blood donors to help save the lives of other dogs. Donation venues in Huddersfield and Wetherby are looking for happy, confident dogs to come along to donate blood at their upcoming donation sessions.

Pet Blood Bank is just like the human blood service, but for dogs. They collect blood donations from donor dogs across the UK which then go towards helping to save the lives of other dogs in need. Every donation a dog gives can help to save the lives of up to four other dogs. Dogs in Yorkshire, as well as all dogs across the UK, have access to the lifesaving blood should they ever need it, so it really is a vital service.

To become a donor, your dog must weigh more than 25kg, be between the ages of 1 and 8, and be fit and healthy. It is also important that they are confident, enjoy meeting new people, and having new experiences.

The donation itself only takes 5-10 minutes, but owners should expect their dogs to be with the team for around 35-40 minutes. Dogs receive a

full health check from the Pet Blood Bank vet before donating and get showered with treats, fuss, and attention throughout their appointment. They even get a goody bag and toy to take home, as well as the pride of being a lifesaver.

Bethaney Brant, SAVSNET project coordinator, added: "Although the cause is unknown it is likely to be infectious. It therefore makes sense for owners and vets to handle suspect cases carefully, and limit contact between affected and unaffected dogs."

"Thankfully affected dogs usually make a full recovery with appropriate care and there is no known risk to people. Owners of suspect cases should contact their veterinary practice for advice."

The SAVSNET research response is being facilitated through the SAVSNet-Agile programme, which is funded by Dogs Trust and brings together colleagues across the University of Liverpool, University of Manchester, Lancaster University, University of Bristol.

*For the latest SAVSNET updates on the outbreak please visit [www.liverpool.ac.uk/savsnet/dog-gi-investigation/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/savsnet/dog-gi-investigation/)*

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Like humans, dogs have different blood types and negative blood is in very high demand as this can be given to any dog in an emergency. However, with only 30% of dogs having this blood type, keeping up with supplies is challenging. Therefore, Pet Blood Bank is also calling for certain breeds to come forward, as they are more likely to have his vital blood type. These breeds include German Shepherds, Dobermanns, Flat Coated Retrievers, Greyhounds, Lurchers, Boxers, Old English Sheepdogs, and Weimaraners.

If you are interested in registering your dog to become a lifesaver or would like to book an appointment for one of the donation sessions at Donaldson's Vets in Huddersfield or Swift Referrals in Wetherby, please visit [www.petbloodbankuk.org](http://www.petbloodbankuk.org) or call 01509 232222.



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# HEALTH

## West Yorkshire Leaders Urge Continued Caution In Our Return To Normal

West Yorkshire Prepared – the region's Local Resilience Forum – are once again urging caution in our return to 'normal' life.

As with previous waves, while COVID-19 rates have reduced in London and the South East, case rates in West Yorkshire remain very high. Though we're expecting to see infection rates level off and reduce in the coming weeks, we would urge everyone to keep doing all they can to keep themselves and others safe.

As part of our 'Let's Keep West Yorkshire Going' campaign – which we're delivering with West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership and the West Yorkshire Vaccine programme – we're asking everyone to continue following some very simple steps:



This latter ask is particularly important in helping to limit the spread of the virus. If you plan to meet with friends and family, it is highly advisable you take a Lateral Flow test in the hour before you meet to get the most up to date and accurate result. For those going back into the workplace, now the Government guidelines no longer require people to work from home, we would particularly urge you to take an LFD test before heading in.

Please remember to report LFD test results online ([www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)) even if negative, as this can help scientists track the spread of COVID-19 and spot new outbreaks faster.

For reliable, up to date information on Covid-19, please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). For news and information from West Yorkshire Prepared, visit [www.westyorkshireprepared.org.uk](http://www.westyorkshireprepared.org.uk) or follow us on Facebook (@WYPrepared) or Twitter (@WYRForum).

## AROUND 1 IN 10 CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL AT RISK OF MEASLES



**A new campaign warns parents and guardians of the serious risk to children's health from measles, reminding people to ensure their children are protected by 2 doses of MMR vaccine.**

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the NHS are calling on parents and guardians to ensure their children are up to date with the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, and all other routine childhood immunisations, as the latest data shows MMR vaccination uptake has dropped to the lowest level in a decade.

In a new campaign drive, parents and guardians are being reminded that during the pandemic, the NHS has continued to provide routine childhood immunisations and they are crucial in protecting children against preventable diseases.

Since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, in March 2020, there has been a significant drop in the numbers getting their children vaccinated against MMR and other childhood vaccines at the right time.

Coverage of the first dose of the MMR vaccine in 2 year olds has dropped below 90%. Coverage for the 2 doses of MMR vaccine in 5 year olds in England is currently 85.5%, well below the 95% World Health Organisation's (WHO) target needed to achieve and sustain measles elimination. This means that more than 1 in 10 children under the age of 5 are not fully protected from measles and are at risk of catching it.

Measles is highly contagious so even a small decline in MMR uptake can lead to a rise in cases. As international travel resumes, it is more likely that measles will be brought in from countries that have higher levels of the disease and so it is important that we recover MMR vaccination rates to help prevent a rise in cases.

Measles can lead to complications such as ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation and on rare occasions can lead to long term disability or death.

Since the introduction of the measles vaccine in 1968 it is estimated that 20 million measles cases and 4,500 deaths have been prevented in the UK.

New research commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and UKHSA, conducted by Censuswide, shows that many parents are not aware of the risks measles poses to their unvaccinated children.

- Out of 2,000 parents and guardians of children aged 5 and under:
  - almost half (48%) are not aware that measles can lead to serious complications such as pneumonia and brain inflammation
  - only 4 in 10 (38%) are aware measles can be fatal
  - more than half of parents (56%) are not aware that 2 doses of the MMR vaccine gives 99% protection against measles and rubella

Children are offered 2 doses of the MMR vaccine by their registered GP surgery, the first when they turn one and the second at around 3 years and 4 months, before they start nursery or school.

The NHS has continued to prioritise routine vaccinations throughout the pandemic, however, some parents who haven't had their child vaccinated against MMR said this was because they didn't realise the NHS was still offering appointments, or they didn't want to burden the NHS.

Dr Vanessa Saliba, Consultant Epidemiologist at UKHSA, said:

"The MMR vaccine offers the best protection from measles, mumps and rubella, which is why we're calling on parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 doses.

"Even a small drop in vaccine coverage can have a big impact on population immunity levels and lead to outbreaks.

"I would urge parents to check if their children are up to date with their MMR vaccines and if not to get them booked in as soon as they are able. It's never too late to catch up."

Dr Nikki Kanani, GP and medical director for primary care at NHS England, said:

"It is incredibly important that all parents and guardians ensure their child is up to date with their routine vaccinations, including MMR, as these vaccines give children crucial protection against serious and potentially deadly illnesses and stop outbreaks in the community."

"If your child has missed a vaccination, please contact your GP practice to book an appointment as soon as you can to make sure they have maximum protection against disease."

Vaccines Minister Maggie Throup said:

"Measles is highly contagious and can be dangerous, and it is very concerning to see falling levels of uptake for the MMR vaccine. It is absolutely crucial we make sure our children are fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella with both doses of the jab."

"We have all seen the incredible power of vaccines during the pandemic – they have helped us turn the tide and live with COVID-19 without restrictions."

"Parents and guardians – if you are unsure whether your child has had their full course of the MMR vaccine, check their Red Book or talk to your GP. The vaccine is safe, it will protect your child and their school friends and is very easy to access."

Parents who are unsure if their child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations should check their child's Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance.

If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, contact your GP practice to check and book an appointment. To find out more about the MMR vaccine, please visit the NHS website for more information.

# Former Leeds Footballer Praises The “Super Heroes” Who Saved His Life



■ L-R: Dominic Matteo and Ryan Mathew

Former Leeds and Liverpool football star Dominic Matteo refers to the doctors and nurses at Leeds General Infirmary as his “super heroes” after treating him for a brain tumour two years ago.

Dominic was back at Leeds General Infirmary to hear about the latest designs for a new state-of-the-art adults hospital and a new home for Leeds Children’s Hospital – and to meet Ryan Mathew, the Consultant Neurosurgeon who he credits as his life-saver.

Just over two years ago Dominic was fighting a battle bigger than anything he ever faced on the football pitch – a life-threatening brain tumour.

Surgeons in Leeds removed the tumour and now the 47-year-old is taking everything step-by-step and day-by-day. He cherishes the care he received from those he says without hesitation “saved my life.”

“From my point of view the care at the hospital is second to none,” said Dominic, who lives with wife Jessica and his three children Luisa, 16, Elin 12, and Luca 8 near Halifax. “I can’t praise the hospital enough. It was absolutely amazing from top to bottom.

“Everyone was so friendly and compassionate and made me feel at ease. Listening skills are so important and there was always that personal and caring touch.”

He says his life-changing situation was made more bearable thanks to the hospital staff. “They are very aware of what you have been through. It was very scary for me and my family to see me in that way and the staff took that fear away from me.”

Dominic, who has had fantastic support from ex-footballers and

the fans, continues his recovery and also praises the care of the oncology team in Leeds led by his oncologist, Professor Susan Short.

He was impressed to see the plans for the new adults’ hospital which will include a 24-bed critical care unit and a diagnostic imaging facility to increase capacity. There will also be a neurology day-case unit in the new hospital plans.

“It’s great that the new hospitals have been designed around the needs of the patients to enhance their experience of the care they are being given,” said Dominic who has been well enough to take on a new role with Leeds United.

Dominic, who is now an ambassador at Leeds United, was also pleased to see there will be an emphasis on staff well-being in the new hospitals, with more facilities for those who work there. “Between the staff and my surgeon Ryan Mathew they kept me alive and I will be forever grateful,” he added.

Ryan Mathew, Associate Professor & Honorary Consultant Neurosurgeon at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust said he was delighted at the progress Dominic has made.

“It is simply fantastic to see Dominic looking so well, enjoying time with his family, getting back to the work that he is so clearly passionate about, and making the most of life,” he said. “Seeing our patients like this makes all of the hard work that we do as a team worthwhile.

“When I see the plans for the new hospitals, I get so excited about how much more we can do for patients like Dominic in the future, using cutting-edge facilities and technology. It’s a great time to be a consultant at Leeds Teaching Hospitals.”

## Over 60% Of People In Yorkshire And Humber Region Would Be Worried About Having A Colonoscopy

Bowel Cancer UK has launched a colonoscopy confidence campaign after new findings show that 61% of people in the Yorkshire and Humber region would be worried if they had to undergo a colonoscopy. The new campaign encourages the public to attend their colonoscopy appointment if referred and not delay due to anxiety over the procedure.

Colonoscopies are very common. They give clinicians a close-up view of the inside of your bowel so they can clearly see if there’s anything wrong. The procedure involves putting a long thin flexible tube with a camera on the end up your bottom to get a clear view inside your bowel. If you’ve been asked by your doctor to have a colonoscopy it’s because they suspect something isn’t quite right about your bowel, and they’d like a specialist to take a closer look.

During a colonoscopy, if the doctor sees anything that needs further investigation, photographs and samples (biopsies) can be taken and simple polyps, which could turn cancerous in the future, can be removed.

Genevieve Edwards, Chief Executive of Bowel Cancer UK, comments: ‘I totally appreciate why some people worry about possible pain or embarrassment during a colonoscopy, but clinicians will go out of their way to make patients comfortable and at ease during this common diagnostic procedure.

‘Often, hearing from others what a colonoscopy is really like can help take the worry out of an appointment. We’ve gathered top tips and real-life experiences from people who have had a colonoscopy, and I’m so grateful to everyone who has shared their advice as part of this campaign to help reassure others.

‘Bowel cancer is the UK’s second biggest cancer killer but it is treatable and curable if diagnosed early and that’s why keeping a colonoscopy appointment is so vital.’

To find out more visit [bowelcanceruk.org.uk/colonoscopyconfidence](http://bowelcanceruk.org.uk/colonoscopyconfidence)



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## Leeds Man Is One Of First To Undergo Robotic Assisted Surgery At Spire Leeds Hospital



Richard Beardmore, a retired telecoms engineer from Leeds, is one of the first patients to benefit from next-generation ROSA robotic-assisted total knee replacement surgery at Spire Leeds Hospital.

Before having the procedure last September, Richard, 87, was unable to walk more than a few yards due to severe pain in his left knee. Today, the father of two who has two grandsons, is planning to get back to living his life to the fullest and is pain free.

"It's early days but I'm delighted with the results. I wouldn't know I had a replacement knee and am back to doing my normal daily activities. I've regained my mobility. I'm walking up to three miles with ease and doing recommended exercises," said Richard.

"Before the operation, I couldn't walk without severe pain due to osteoarthritis as my knee was worn out and rubbing bone on bone."

Spire Leeds Hospital is one of the first hospitals across the whole of Europe, to offer pioneering ROSA robotic-assisted surgery to patients needing a knee replacement.

Designed to assist highly experienced knee surgeons, ROSA (which stands for Robotic Surgical Assistant) works by collecting data and X-rays before and during surgery which are used to generate a 3D imaging software model of the patient's bone structure. ROSA then conveys this unique information onto a screen for the surgeon, enabling them to plan and perform precisely accurate and personalised surgery in real time based on the individual's needs.

ROSA was recently introduced into their practice at the Spire Leeds Hospital by Mr Mark Emerton and Mr Veysi Veysi who are members

of the JointMotion Healthcare Group based in Leeds.

Mr Veysi Veysi, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Spire Leeds Hospital who performed the procedure said, "We are very excited about the significant benefits this new system offers, both for our patients and our surgeons. Using the robot to assist in surgery delivers a personalised approach to knee surgery leading to increased accuracy. This should result in better outcomes and decrease the rates of reoperation."

A common misconception about robotic knee replacement is that it's often viewed as an autonomous robot performing the procedure without human interaction; however, this is not the case. Mr Veysi said, "ROSA does not operate on its own, meaning it does not move unless the surgeon prompts it to. The surgeon is physically in control of the robot, making all the decisions based on specific information provided. This ensures the exact positioning of the new knee implant which varies for each individual."

Mr Veysi added, "We are noticing that patients are mobilising and reaching their recovery goals quicker following their surgery. We expect them to have better function in the long term and their implants last longer."

Richard returned home two days after having the operation and is now looking forward to a caravanning holiday with his wife Jenny in Scotland where they plan to enjoy some walking trips. He also plans to return to cycling.

He added, "The whole experience at Spire was excellent. The surgical team and staff looked after me really well and I'm very thankful to Mr Veysi who made me feel reassured from the start, explaining everything in detail and looking after me every step of the way."

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# QUIZTIME

## WELCOME TO OUR QUIZ PAGE

Every month we give you new and hopefully challenging puzzles for your enjoyment.

*Make sure to pick up next month's issue for all this month's answers & solutions.*

## Wordsearch



- CANDLE LIGHT
- CHOCOLATES
- CUPID
- FLOWERS
- HEART
- LOVE
- PASSION
- PINK
- POEM
- PROPOSAL
- ROMANCE
- ROSE
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINES
- VIOLETS

### HOW MUCH INFO HAVE YOU RETAINED?

Can you answer these questions about articles in this edition?

- 1 - Which hugely successful census primary school campaign is heading back to classrooms across England and Wales for 2022?  
 2 - Which Yorkshire Grandad's memoirs are riding the crest of a wave?  
 3 - Who are spearheaded by James Smith?  
 4 - When is the Scarborough Sci-Fi Festival to take place?



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## Sudoku

Just like a regular 1-9 puzzle, only this time using the letters A-L in a 12x12 grid. Good luck!

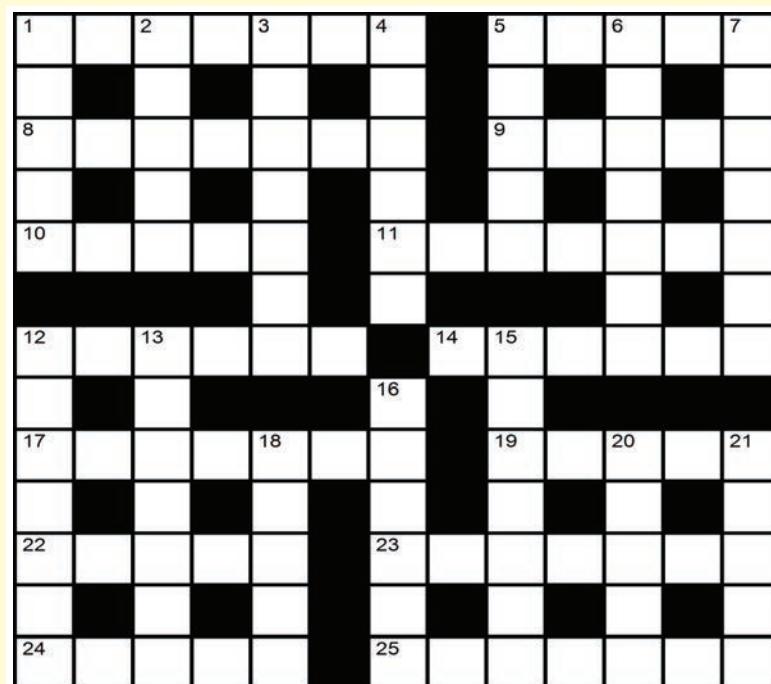
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How Much Info Have You Retained answers;  
 1. Yorkshire Water  
 2. Welcome To Yorkshire  
 3. RSPB 4. York, The Cresent  
 5. £16,630 6. Crufts 2022  
 Drop Quote Answer;  
 Beauty is indeed a good gift of God; but that the good may not think it a great good, God dispenses it even to the wicked

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## Crossword



### Clues:

#### Across

- 1 Cracked (of lips or skin)  
 5 Chronic nag  
 8 Jamaica pepper  
 9 When hell freezes over!  
 10 Tasty Japanese delight  
 11 Person in overall authority (Brit informal)  
 12 Fret  
 14 Assault  
 17 Beat up (slang)  
 19 Tangle  
 22 Precise  
 23 Warn  
 24 Long for  
 25 Siblings

#### Down

- 1 Sleeveless cloaks  
 2 High points  
 3 Fund paid to over 60's  
 4 Lethargic  
 5 Dawn  
 6 Mediterranean resort region  
 7 Sorcerer  
 12 Shaky  
 13 Proportionately, (3,4)  
 15 They are used to blow your nose  
 16 Trails  
 18 Orchestra stick  
 20 Comment to the audience  
 21 Highway strips

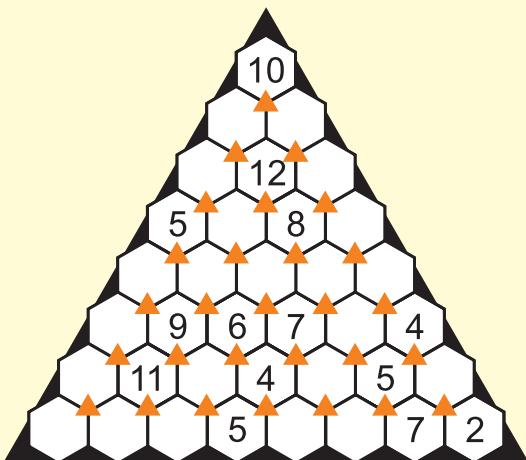
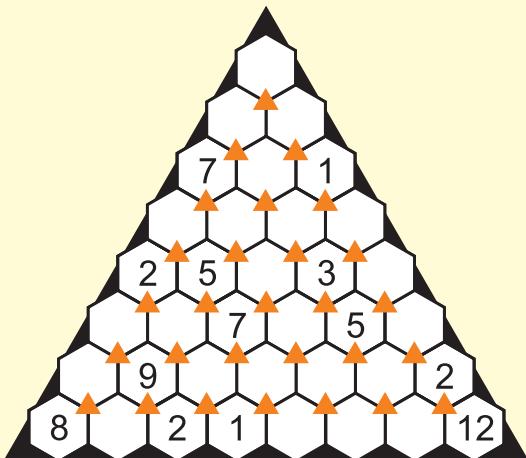
## Drop Quotes

Drop Quotes are similar to cryptograms, in that the goal is for the solver to uncover a hidden quote. A black-and-white crossword-style grid is set up for each quote, with a number of letters "hovering" above each column. Your task is to "drop" each of those letters into the appropriate square in each column, until the entire quote is revealed. All punctuation (commas, periods, dashes, etc.) has been removed. Good luck!



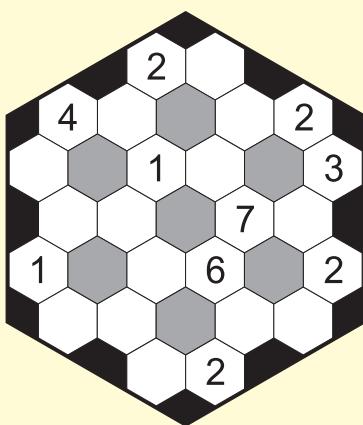
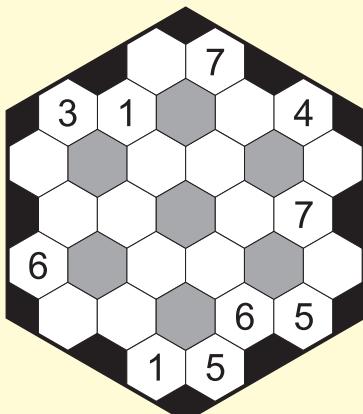
## Subaddo 3D

Each orange triangle connects a set of three numbers. Two numbers must add or subtract to equal the third. All numbers must be between 1 and 12 and no number can be repeated in a horizontal row or diagonal row.



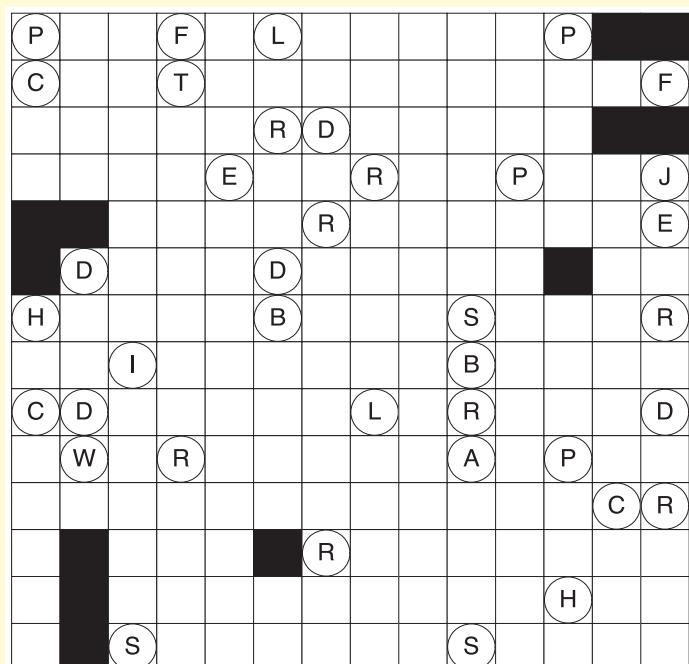
## Rosetta

Fill in all 7 Rosettas with each number between 1 and 7 in no particular order while also ensuring that no number is repeated in a horizontal row and each number from 1 to 7 are represented in the 7 grey colored hexagon cells



## Reverse Wordsearch

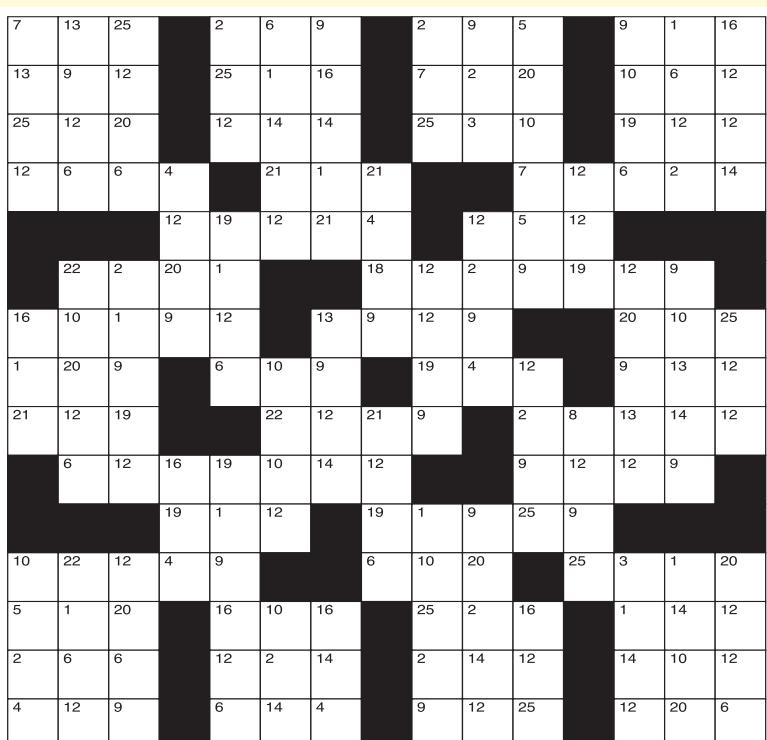
A bit more challenging than a regular word search puzzle. Build the grid up until every single empty square is filled, and all words are placed. The first letter of every word is given and circled to get you started. Note that more than one word might start on the same exact letter! Good luck!



Annoy	Drizzle	Pixie	Scary
Beige	Elder	Poached	Snuggles
Bleed	Every	Puffy	Squads
Buttery	Ferrets	Rages	Tiers
Castes	Flagships	Reaped	Wired
Cleaned	Hacksaws	Rears	
Congregations	Heliport	Rebuilt	
Darts	Idiots	Redistributes	
Devise	Jeered	Rigid	
Ditto	Leased	Ripping	
Doers	Leaves	Risen	
Dowdy	Panel	Rulings	

## Clueless Crossword

Think of a Clueless Crossword as a mix between a regular crossword puzzle and a cryptogram. Unlike many crossword puzzles, this grid is filled only with common, everyday English-language words - no abbreviations or other special "crossword" spellings are allowed. Each square in the grid is numbered 1 through 26, and each number corresponds to one (and only one) letter in the alphabet. Your goal is to completely fill in the crossword grid by gradually uncovering the letter that belongs to each number. We've given you three "giveaway" combinations - fill those into the solution grid and into any corresponding boxes in the crossword grid to get started. It helps to cross out each letter in alphabet as you use it in the grid, since no letter can be used more than once. Note that not all letters of the alphabet may be used in any given puzzle. If a number isn't used in the puzzle, it is greyed out in the solution grid.



SOLUTION GRID

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	N/A	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
N/A	23	24	25	26	N/A		

GIVEAWAYS

#13 = U  
#10 = O  
#2 = A

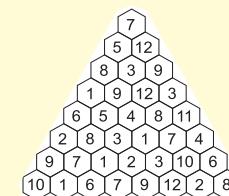
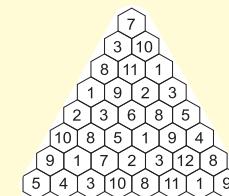
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V W X Y Z

## Word Scramble

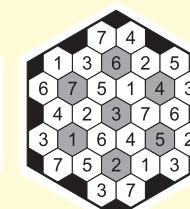
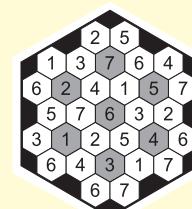
Can you solve these word scrambles?  
Each word is taken from this month's edition.

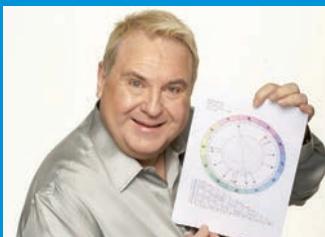
- 1 - CHSOPTL  
2 - LTOIRA MDAE  
3 - UOCHARBEES SIPNEELRAN  
4 - KMEIVSEADI  
5 - NHRTCEMA NVYA  
6 - ETH KSLEOSCRH  
7 - NNDANSEMETHCT  
8 - OYRSK COLOCTEHA YTRSO  
9 - IECINLHM  
10 - PTE ODOLB NABK

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- Word Scramble;  
1. Russell Grant 2. Yorkshire Water  
3. Spider Wellies  
4. Big Garden Birdwatch  
5. Vicky Pointing  
6. Local Lending  
7. Conjunctivitis  
8. Porsche Taycan 9. Squires Cafe  
10. Langlands Garden Centre





# Monthly Horoscopes By Russell Grant

## **ARIES** March 21st - April 20th

Prioritise and take time to reflect. You've reached a point in life where you need to decide about certain relationships and situations. If other people's demands and expectations of your behaviour are too high, don't be afraid to set boundaries. A little reflection at the beginning of each month can help you see what in your life is not serving you and which relationships work for you. Learn from experience, be prepared to let go and release anyone in your heart that is holding it back. You'll settle into new routines by the 2nd. The more you love, the more love will you experience. Your hard work has paid off. You can look ahead to some free time for fun activities.

## **TAURUS** April 21st - May 21st

You have given away too many of your powers to other people. It's now that you have the power to take control of your life. You've made commitments that were too big for you and you find it difficult to say no. You feel trapped in either your career or in a relationship. Now you're looking at the value of friendships. Too many people have had too big an impact on your life, so it is important to establish boundaries. After all, you are the one who is giving the most. It's okay to remind family, friends, or partners of your needs. Being in nature can help you feel better about yourself. It doesn't matter if you're looking for work or money.

## **GEMINI** May 22nd - June 21st

Clear the air before February begins. Take this opportunity to be kind and generous with colleagues and friends who have been in conflict. Strange events are taking place now. While these might seem alarming, it could be just what you need to get rid of stagnant energy at your home and workplace. You're starting to seriously consider the value of some friendships. It might appear that your mutual hopes and desires have been put on the back burner for several months when you are in a committed relationship. Be confident that your goals will be realised. It doesn't matter whether you're buying a house or getting married. Are you single? It's a good idea to join groups that have like-minded people. This will help you find a compatible date.

## **CANCER** June 22nd - July 23rd

When you think about all you've gone through, all the accomplishments you've achieved and all the times you've had to overcome, you should be so proud. There are still people who believe that they can impact you. It's time to take initiative and change the direction of your life. Take responsibility for your own life. Be more assertive in your relationships. Take the initiative to address any issues you are having with your partner or yourself. You'll be amazed at how others view you once you after the 10th. If you are direct and positive, your friends and partner will begin to show you renewed respect. You might have to put money into safety equipment if you take up a sport. This investment is good for your health.

## **LEO** July 24th - August 23rd

You're ready to have some good times as February begins. You've been working hard. Your responsibilities have been taken seriously. Now is the time for your inner child. Your days should be filled with activities that you find enjoyable and enjoy. You need some time for yourself. You're worthy of this. If you are more involved in pleasure, your relationship will benefit. This is the time to inject some spice into your romance. It's time to plan a special trip for you both. Your charisma will rise to a new level mid-February. You bring out all the best in people, no matter where they are. Are you single and lonely or are you looking for love? Remind yourself of how beautiful and worthy you are of true love.

## **VIRGO** August 24th - Sept 23rd

Your efforts are beginning to show results. It's possible to achieve the goals that you have been working towards. Your hard work will begin paying off in many ways. It's about more than the money. It's all in the passion, the energy, the effort and the hard work that you put into building a foundation for your life. Romance is the best way to express your love and appreciation to your partner. If you aren't seeing anyone right now, it could be because you've been too focused on your career and other responsibilities. You can feel therapeutic by taking a quick getaway for pleasure in mid-February. You may meet someone special on your journey. The romance journey will provide you with excitement for your future.

## **LIBRA** Sept 24th - Oct 23rd

You may have struggled with making big decisions in the past so February could be an overwhelming month. The more you think it through, the more confusing you'll become. Retire. Clear your mind. You won't make the right decision if your mind is running at high speed all the time. An intimate relationship can lead to confusion. A person you love may expect too much. There are times when they may have experienced a difficult time. Now is the time to go back to normal. You will need to allow yourself more time for independent interests. You have doubts about joining a group project or going out with your friends, but you still want to be there.

## **SCORPIO** Oct 24th - Nov 22nd

Talking to family members can help you relieve any anxiety you have. It is a time of big changes. This makes it easy to be both excited and nervous. February is a powerful period for healing family wounds. The challenges you face in your own home could help you learn valuable lessons. There may be many opinions between you and your partner on an issue of morality, education or medical. Arguing about the same issue will drain your energy. You must resolve this issue to move on to other important areas. You've had the chance to show your creative side and are realising that it's a good way to make money. All the dreams you've envisioned are becoming a reality.

## **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 23rd - Dec 21st

You might find yourself in a difficult position as the month begins. Although you are likely to prefer your own solutions, there is one situation where you might benefit from the advice of another person. You might feel obligated to fulfil some obligations for a family member or partner. This may be an inconvenience for them but they will not be able to do it alone. You are the best person to do this job. You will find it feels like a mundane job, as these are challenging and time-consuming tasks. Your kindness will always be remembered. For Valentine's Day, take a break to have fun with your partner. On a journey, you could find someone special.

## **CAPRICORN** Dec 22nd - Jan 20th

As the month begins, it seems like your sensitivity levels have gone on overload. Don't believe every word you hear. Avoid drama, in particular the drama of others. If you're having difficulty coping emotionally, get support from a friend. Romance is not about pretending you don't feel affected by your best friend's or partner's actions. You may feel as though they are intentionally trying to upset or hurt you. Maybe they didn't mean to cause you pain but they are sending conflicting signals which makes it difficult to keep your emotions in check. Give them the benefit of doubt if they are being honest with you and you will be able to move on. Make it romantic for the 14th. Reconnect over a candlelit dinner.

## **AQUARIUS** Jan 21st - Feb 19th

The 1st of February marks the end of a cycle in your life. It can feel like your life has been on an emotional rollercoaster. But you find that the next few weeks will be more peaceful. As you get over this, you will be able to open new doors. It's time for you and your partner to let it go. Old situations, ties, people or habits. New things are waiting for them. If a relationship feels stale, boring or uninteresting, but you keep holding on to it because it feels familiar, then you are trading your happiness for security. You have the power to end the relationship now or make it better. Get over past hurts and disappointments. Do not retell your past stories.

## **PISCES** Feb 20th - March 20th

You will set goals for the month and be focused on what you want to do. You're making good progress and the more you learn the skills you need to succeed, the more confidence you will have. Romance is about you feeling more confident and independent with your partner. You don't need the other's approval to pursue the things you want. You will be grateful for your family's support and love, but they'll also see how stubborn you really are. It will bring you a sense of balance in your life by embracing a new spiritual practice based around the 10th. Are you single and looking for love? It is possible to find a companion while on an advanced course.



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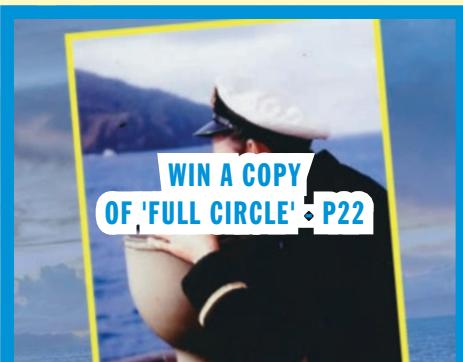
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