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Eye Examinations with Dr. Janjua

Your eye examination with Dr. Janjua will last around 40 minutes. The reason we allow a longer time for your appointment is not just about the technical bits of doing an eye exam. The extra time that Dr. Janjua spends with you means we can give you better advice and recommendations.

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Dry Eyes Treatment

If your eyes feel dry, irritated, or painful for most or all the time, you probably suffer from Dry Eye Disease (DED), especially if you continually feel "there's something in my eye". Having researched dry eye syndrome while gaining his doctorate, Dr Janjua has been treating patients for this condition since 2023. The treatment is known as Intense Pulsating Light® (IPL) and Low-Level Light Therapy® (LLLT), also known as Photobiomodulation (PBM). We combine IPL and LLLT with the complimentary steaming, cleaning, and massaging of your lids and glands as part of a comprehensive treatment protocol.

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Full cast announced for the first ever UK and Ireland tour of Tina – The Tina Turner musical visiting Theatre Royal, 15th July – 2nd August 2025

The producers of the hit production, TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL are delighted to announce the full cast for the first ever UK and Ireland tour, opening at Curve Theatre, Leicester in March 2025 before visiting Theatre Royal Nottingham from Tuesday 15th July to Saturday 2nd August.

Elle Ma-Kinga N'Zuzi and Jochebel Ohene MacCarthy will share the iconic role of Tina Turner, alongside David King-Yombo as Ike Turner.

Martin Allanson will play Record Producer Phil Spector, with William Beckerleg as record company Marketing Manager Erwin Bach, Rushand Chambers as Tina's father Richard Bullock, Claude East as Tina's grandmother Gran Georgeanna (GG), Isaac Elder as Tina's Manager Roger Davies, Georgia Gillam as Tina's sister Aline Bullock, Letitia Hector as Tina's mother Zelma Bullock, Kyle Richardson as Tina's first love Raymond Hill, and Gemma Sutton as Ike and Tina's manager Rhonda Graam.



Elle Ma-Kinga N'Zuzi joins the UK and Ireland

touring company having alternated the role of Tina Turner in the Stuttgart production of TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL. Her other theatre credits include Moulin Rouge! Das Musical at the Musical Dome, Cologne, Starlight Express at the Starlight Express Theatre, Bochum, Sweet Charity at Nottingham Playhouse, Kiss Me, Kate at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, Andrew Lloyd Webber's CATS in France and the USA, The Lion King – Rhythm of the Pridelands and The Lion King, both in Paris, and West Side Story in Orléans. She was awarded the Trophée de la Comédie Musicale for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for her performance as Rizzo in Grease at Théâtre Mogador. Elle's television credits include Le Monde de Demain for Netflix and her film credits include Le Temps d'aimer at Cannes Film Festival.

Jochebel Ohene MacCarthy joins the UK and Ireland touring company having alternated the role of Tina Turner in the original Australian production of TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL, playing to audiences in Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne.



Her other theatre credits include UK and International Tours of Ghost the Musical, The Color Purple at Curve, Leicester and Birmingham Hippodrome, Hairspray at the London Coliseum and the UK Tour of The Lion King. Jochebel's film credits include Six Triple Eight for Netflix, and her television credits include Go Buster for Disney+ and Prime Video.

TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL continues to run in the West End at the Aldwych



Theatre, where it has played for over six years following its world premiere, receiving critical acclaim, and breaking all Box Office records at the venue. It is currently booking until 25th October 2025 - making it the longest running show to ever run at the Aldwych.

The production is also a global success, with eight productions having opened worldwide since 2018, including on Broadway and across North America, Germany, Spain, Netherlands and Australia. The show is currently on tour in both North America and Australia.

TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL is the story of legendary artist Tina Turner, the twelve-time Grammy Award winning Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. Set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her iconic hits, including The Best, What's Love Got To Do With It?, Private Dancer and River Deep, Mountain High, the musical is an inspiring true story of a woman who dared to dream fiercely, shatter barriers and defy the bounds of age, gender, and race to conquer the world against all odds.

TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL is dedicated to the memory of Tina Turner, who sadly passed away in May 2023.

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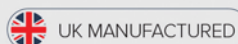
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Beeston WI – It's Not What You're Expecting!

Think the Women's Institute (WI) is all about knitting and Victoria sponge? Think again!

"Since its launch in March 2017 by five local friends, Beeston WI has been on a mission to bring women together in a modern, vibrant and welcoming space. Whether you're new to the area or simply fancy trying something different, Beeston WI is the perfect place to meet new people, pick up a new hobby, and feel like part of something special. Why not come and join us? Beeston WI might be exactly what you didn't know you needed.

Our monthly meetings are a blend of inspiration, entertainment and good old-fashioned fun. From learning to paint to playing steel drums, curling to crafting, line dancing to food tastings – no two meetings are ever the same. One month you might be learning about women's wellbeing, the next you're learning to do the Charleston. Plus, there's always plenty of time to chat over a cup of tea, coffee or a glass of wine. Oh, and yes – there's often cake too.

Run entirely by volunteers, Beeston WI is a positive, exciting and ever-evolving group. And don't worry – you don't have to commit right away. You can come along as a guest for just £5 to try it out before joining. And if you do decide to become a member (we're pretty confident you'll want to!), there is an annual subscription fee (this year £51), which gives you access to eleven varied and welcoming meetings a year, along with other member benefits and opportunities.

Giving back is also a big part of what we do. Beeston WI proudly supports a variety of local causes. A few recent examples include Rainbows, Forever Stars, Maggie's and Radford Care Group.

We're a fun, friendly group of women of all ages, and no matter your background or interests, there's a place for you here. Some members come for the activities, some for the social side, and others just love having that one evening a month where they can relax, unwind, and enjoy a bit of "me time".

So, whether you're looking to learn something new, give back to your community, or just enjoy a glass of wine and a natter – come along and see what Beeston WI is really all about. We promise, it's probably not what you're expecting!"

To find out more or to join, email: beestonwi@outlook.com

"We'd love to welcome you"

The group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 8pm to 10pm at Chilwell Memorial Hall, 129 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 4AT.

What is the WI?

The Women's Institute (WI) is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK, founded in 1915 to empower women and address community issues. It offers women a platform to learn, share experiences, and campaign for positive change. The WI also provides life-long learning and self-development opportunities for women.

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The Attenborough Scarecrow Festival is back for 2025 and this year with the theme "Heroes and Villains". This year the village will host a weekend of scarecrows, exploration, and fun for the family on Saturday 28th June to

The Attenborough Scarecrow Festival is earlier than usual this year so we can take advantage of the more sunlight and warmer temperatures. Maps will be available for £2 on the day, and all proceeds will go to local charities in the village.

On Saturday there will be a craft fair at Attenborough Village Hall with lots of stalls and activities.

As well as displaying their scarecrows, many residents will be running their own stalls, selling cakes or don't miss out on getting one of the famous hot-dogs from St Mary's Close to support the Scouts! Silv's Ices will be there for a cool treat in the warm weather, and for the parents, don't forget to grab a drink at The Bird Hide or the Cricket Club bar (tbc).

St Mary's Church will be displaying their scarecrow and selling refreshments. Attenborough Nature Centre will have a fantastic scarecrow on display and is only a 15 minute walk from the village centre.

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Nottingham Triathlon Club is celebrating a series of major achievements after receiving multiple honours at the Triathlon England 2025 East Midlands Regional Awards. Both the club and several of its dedicated members have been recognised for their exceptional contributions to the sport, community, and development of triathlon across the region.

The club is proud to share the following award winners:
Triathlon England East Midlands Regional Award Winners 2025:

- Engagement Award – Paul Robinson
- Volunteer of the Year – Chris Thorne
- Official of the Year – Mike McCabe
- Participation Coach of the Year – Nick Verity
- Swim Bike Run Event of the Year – Swim Bike Run Local Nottingham, hosted by Nottingham Triathlon Club

Each of these awards highlights a vital aspect of the triathlon community – from inclusive coaching and volunteering to grassroots engagement and event delivery. The recognition celebrates the outstanding individuals behind the club, whose passion and commitment continue to inspire and support others in the sport.

"We're absolutely thrilled to see Nottingham Triathlon Club and so many of our brilliant members recognised," said Susan Wheatcroft, Chairman of Nottingham Triathlon Club. "These awards celebrate the dedication, passion, and community spirit that our volunteers, coaches, officials, and participants bring to the sport. It's a real testament to what we can achieve together."

"It's fantastic to highlight the efforts of Nottingham Triathlon Club. Their commitment to making triathlon more inclusive through Swim Bike Run Local, and fostering such a supportive club atmosphere, is truly commendable. This achievement reflects the dedication happening behind the scenes—congratulations to everyone involved," said Sarah Williams, British Triathlon East Midlands Regional Manager, who presented the Awards at the club's track session at Harvey Hadden Sports Village.

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The Swim Bike Run Local – Nottingham event, hosted at Harvey Hadden Sports Village. The event has become a cornerstone for local participation, providing a relaxed, friendly environment for people of all ages and experience levels to try triathlon for the first time.

"We've loved welcoming people from across Nottingham to give triathlon a try," Susan Wheatcroft added. "This recognition really shines a light on the incredible work of our members—our volunteers, coaches, and officials—who make every session welcoming, supportive, and fun."

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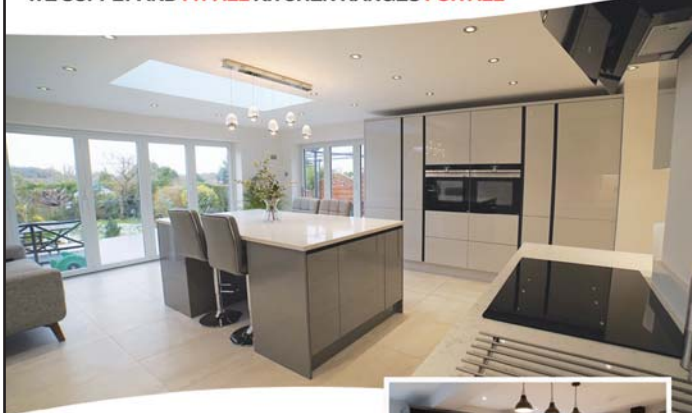
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Beeston Methodist Church is currently undergoing a significant transformation, with scaffolding now a familiar sight for residents. But beyond the modernisation efforts, something exciting is happening: the ongoing work has revealed glimpses into the past.

Since work began in February, the project, aimed at revitalizing and modernising the building, has inadvertently become an archaeological dig, albeit on a much smaller scale. As contractors peel back layers of the existing structure, they've been uncovering a fascinating assortment of artifacts and historical elements.

As part of the project, the church pews were removed and the floor flattened to make it more accessible. Under the floorboards the builders found an old boot, believed to have been placed there when the church opened in 1902.

For centuries it was a common tradition to put footwear in the foundations of buildings to ward off evil spirits. The BMC boot has been registered with the Concealed Shoe Index at Northampton Museum and it will be replaced under the church floor where it was found so that in future people will be able to uncover it again.

Items in the capsule include a bible, a hymn book, a statement written by the Minister, the Rev Andrew Checkley, a selection of current coins, a photograph of Junior Church members and staff and photographs of the church before the redevelopment started.

Chris Bridges, chairman of the BMC Redevelopment Group, said: "Some interesting bits and pieces have also been found under the balcony floor – cigarette cards, biblical quotations and a possible love letter. We think this must have been where the youth group met"

Items found under the balcony floor during renovation work at Beeston Methodist Church

The exterior and interior of the church is currently clothed in scaffolding. Main features of the £2m redevelopment will be a new church roof, installing a more efficient heating system and updating the historic pipe organ.

For the people of Beeston, the scaffolding surrounding their Methodist Church is now more than just a sign of ongoing renovations. It's a portal to the past, a tangible reminder of the legacy they are inheriting and the importance of preserving their local history for generations to come.



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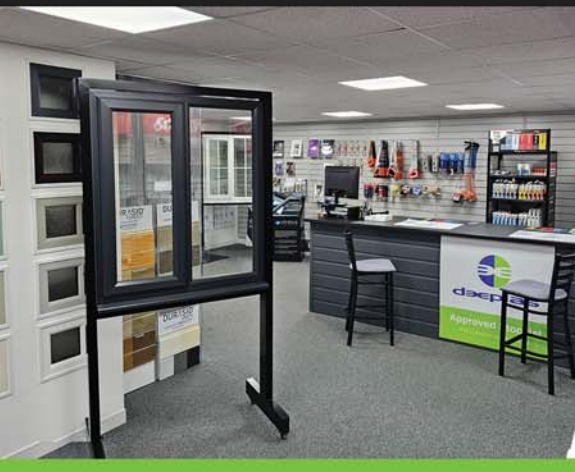
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The B'Oscar Winners! By Sam Kurd

Roll up the red carpet and sweep up the popcorn kernels, another Beeston Film Festival has come and gone. Another weekend of— wait, no, sorry, that's how last month's started! If you recall, I had to pierce the veil of illusions a bit and confess that I was actually writing before the festival had actually happened.

I'm happy to say that this time I can give a proper round-up of the festival, as it's definitely done and dusted by now, so much so that we've already started reviewing submissions for next year!

If you went to the festival, then you'll know how amazing it was.

My favourite part of the weekend was chatting to the visiting filmmakers and letting them know how much their films moved and inspired me. Seeing them on the huge Arc cinema screens really brings them to life, the way they deserve to be screened. We've come a long way from the days of a projector and screen set up in the room above a bar! We'll always remember our roots, but it feels damn good to have a bit of glitz and glamour as well!



Here are the winners of our coveted B'Oscar awards:

Best in Festival: The Pearl Comb
Best in UK Drama: Twain
Best in Women's Voices: Delivery
Best in Emerging Talent: A Day in June
Best in East Midlands Focus: The Rising of the Sap
Best in Crime: Saint Vassily
Best in Horror: Collection Only
Best in Non-Fiction: Unseen Eyes
Best in Science Fiction & Fantasy: First Sight
Best in International Drama: Silim
Best in Comedy: The Bell Never Rings Again
Best in Animation: Dragfox
Best in Pride: Sister Wives

Best Direction: Delivery
Best Cinematography: Ogham
Best Performance: A Wedding Day
Best Script: Quarantine
Best Sound Design & Soundtrack: Hold... Please!

Thank you to all the filmmakers who honoured us with their submissions, to my fellow festival teammates & interns, to the jury and most of all to you, the cinema-going public of Beeston. We can't do it without you.

See you there next year!



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Tips on how to be mindful of local wildlife when having a BBQ.

Garden boss, Chris Bonnett, has shared how to enjoy a wildlife friendly BBQ and advises setting up away from nesting areas, being mindful of rubbish that could be harmful and toxic to animals and avoiding harmful insect sprays.

Chris Bonnett, garden boss and founder of GardeningExpress.co.uk is urging people to avoid using insect repellent sprays and be mindful of where they set up their BBQ to avoid harming our furry friends when enjoying the sun.

HOW TO HAVE A WILDLIFE FRIENDLY BBQ:

Avoid setting up near nesting areas

Stay away from setting up your BBQ near nesting birds, trees, shrubs or tall grass. Although the area may look quiet, you could be disturbing an ecosystem.

Clean up food scraps

Leftovers and scraps such as bones and bread can be extremely toxic to wildlife so ensure you are cleaning them up at the end of your BBQ. Don't forget to clean any grease spills as this can also harm

wildlife.

Get rid of rubbish bags as soon as possible to avoid wildlife ripping into them in search of food.

Be mindful of rubbish

Things like beer bottle caps, napkins, foil and other rubbish pose a choking hazard to wildlife who could mistake the rubbish for food. Before going inside at the end of the evening, do a thorough check of your garden for any rubbish laying around or hiding in the grass.

Be careful with fire

Be mindful that your BBQ isn't set up anywhere where the embers or ash could catch fire. If lighting a firepit in the evening make sure it is away from dry grass, low hanging branches or wildlife habitats. Fully extinguish flames before going inside and stir the ashes to make sure no hot spots remain.

Avoid harmful insect sprays

Many people attempt to keep insects away from the BBQ using sprays but these are likely to harm pollinators like bees and butterflies. Even if it doesn't come into contact with them directly, the particles can contaminate nectar and pollen. Instead, opt for insect repelling scents such as citronella candles, mint, rosemary or lavender.

Be mindful of night visitors

Hedgehogs and foxes are more likely to come out later in the evening. If you're still hosting when darkness settles avoid bright lights or loud noises that could disorientate them. If you prefer to keep them away, use natural scents to deter them without causing them harm. This includes garlic, chilli powder or citrus peels.

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This summer, the UK's leading end of life charity Marie Curie is calling on golfers and golf enthusiasts in Nottingham to rally friends and family and organise a golf day to help ensure people living with a terminal illness get the care and support they need.



Supporters can also choose to get sponsored to do something different such as hold a golf-athon by playing a set number of holes or by playing for 24-hours.

Every person that signs up will receive a free Marie Curie golf marker and access to a step-by-step golf guide, golf fundraising tips, invitations, posters, social media graphics, bunting and more - to help make their fundraiser a hole in one.

Marie Curie is dependent on fundraising and public donations. The money raised will help Marie Curie continue to provide expert care and support for people living with any illness they are likely to die from and their loved ones.

It will also help fund Marie Curie's free Information and Support line which is available to anyone with an illness they're likely to die from and those close to them. It offers practical and emotional support on everything from symptom management and day-to-day care to financial information and bereavement support. In Nottinghamshire, Marie Curie provides a companion service that provide the emotional and practical support you want - at home, in hospital or over the phone.

Matt Nickson, Marie Curie Community Fundraiser for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, said: "Whether you're a golfing pro, new to the sport or just keen to try something fun, it would be tee-rific if you could get on the green and kickstart some friendly competition with your family and friends.

Michael's parents, Brian and Susan, were both cared for at home and in a Marie Curie hospice. Michael, who holds an annual golf day in their memory, said: "Mum was diagnosed with COPD and Marie Curie would do home visits to monitor her day-to-day wellbeing and offered respite when things got untreatable at home. The team at Marie Curie were absolutely amazing.

"When Dad was sadly diagnosed with prostate cancer, Marie Curie, again stepped in. Fay was his palliative care contact and was brilliant. Weekly visits reassured dad that there was always someone there for him. When times got really bad Fay was the one pushing for a stay in the Marie Curie Hospice, Bradford to ensure his medication was working correctly.

"My dad loved golf and there was always something in the back of my mind saying "you need to give something back to Marie Curie, as a thank you", that's when we ran our first golf day. To me it's the highlight of the golfing calendar."

To register and receive your free Marie Curie branded golf marker and download a step-by-step golf guide to help organise your event, visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/summer or contact your local Community Fundraiser, Matt Nickson on 07714 754 581 or by email at matthew.nickson@mariecurie.org.uk.



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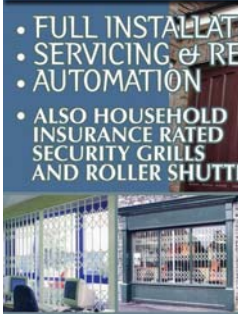


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will take place on Wednesday, the 18th June 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The Talk is entitled 'Let's Get Close To Our Owls' by Beverley Rhodes. Beverley will be telling us about Owls, bringing along a Barn, Little and Tawny Owl which can be held and shared.

"We meet at St. Leonard's Community Centre, Bramcote Lane, Wollaton NG8 2ND (opposite the Library) at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Free to members, visitors welcome £3 on the door".

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for a brilliant concert directed by Adam Summerhayes, virtuosic violinist and composer of two works in the concert. Short works by Vaughan-Williams and Honegger lead to the nine movement suite Pelleas and

Melisande by Sibelius that he originally wrote as incidental music for a play.

In the second half of the concert there are two world premieres; a chance to hear Adam perform his second violin concerto, titled 'Boiled in Lead', of which he wrote 'it should be very dancy, folky and fun', and before that a work also written by Adam which is a setting of a poem 'Hunger and the Swan', with words spoken by the poet, Jessie Summerhayes.

This is a chance to hear a small orchestra live in St John's Church, which is a lovely venue and on the tram route.

Tickets £15, £5 students, free for under 18 are available on the door and in advance from helixensemble@btinternet.com or tel: 07954 085009

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Launching this September at Greenwood Community Centre, the new centre will be led by Sammi – an experienced drama teacher and former Vice Principal with a passion for helping children find their voice, both on and off the stage.

Classes are small (no more than eight children per group), creating a warm, supportive space for children aged 4-18 to grow in confidence while working towards accredited LAMDA qualifications in Musical Theatre, Drama, Acting, and Communication.

“Little Voices is about so much more than performing,” says Sammi. “We help children feel good about who they are, build lifelong communication skills, and have fun doing it. For us, it’s not about creating future stars – it’s about helping every child discover their voice, whatever their future holds.”

Ahead of the official launch, fun and inclusive holiday workshops will run in August, where children can explore singing, acting, dance, and creative teamwork.

Weekly classes begin on Thursday 25th September. **Free trial lessons** are available – and places are expected to fill quickly.

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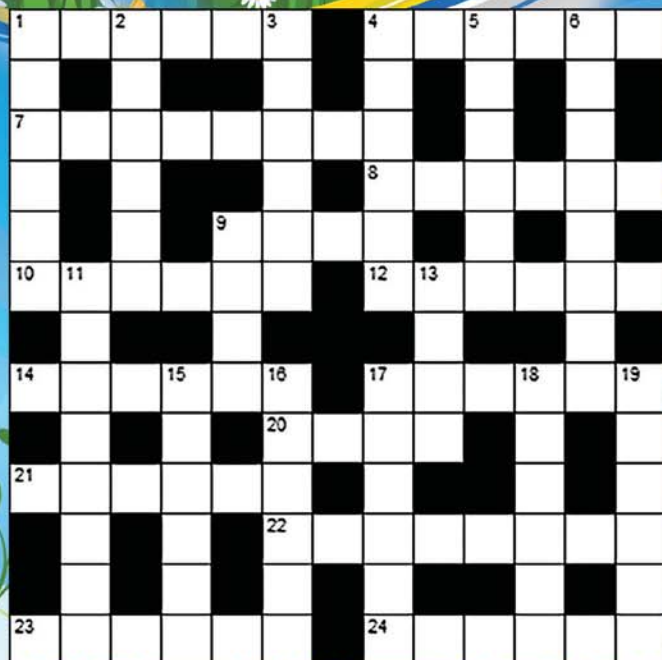
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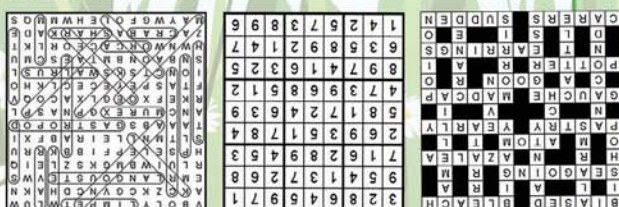
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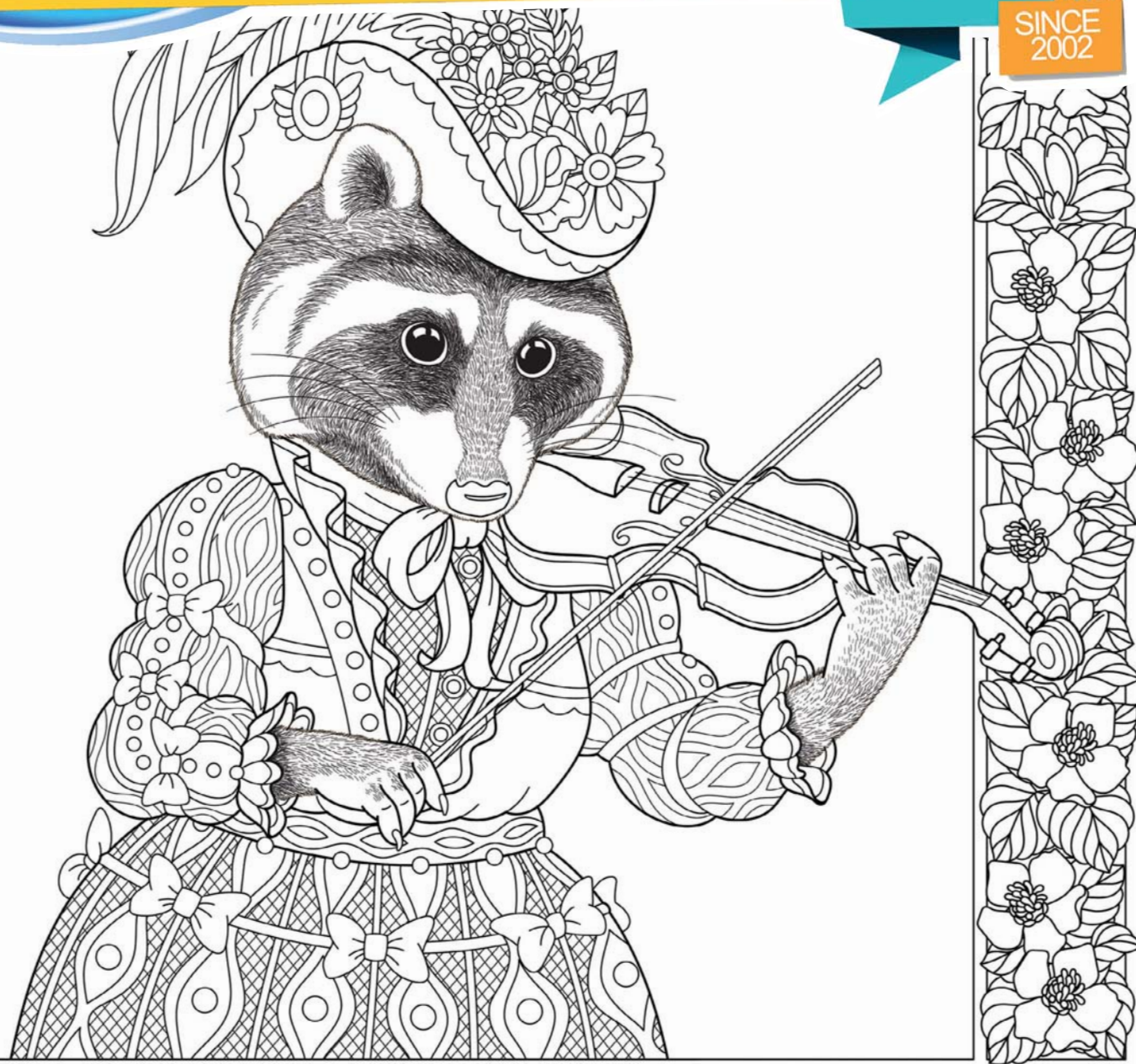
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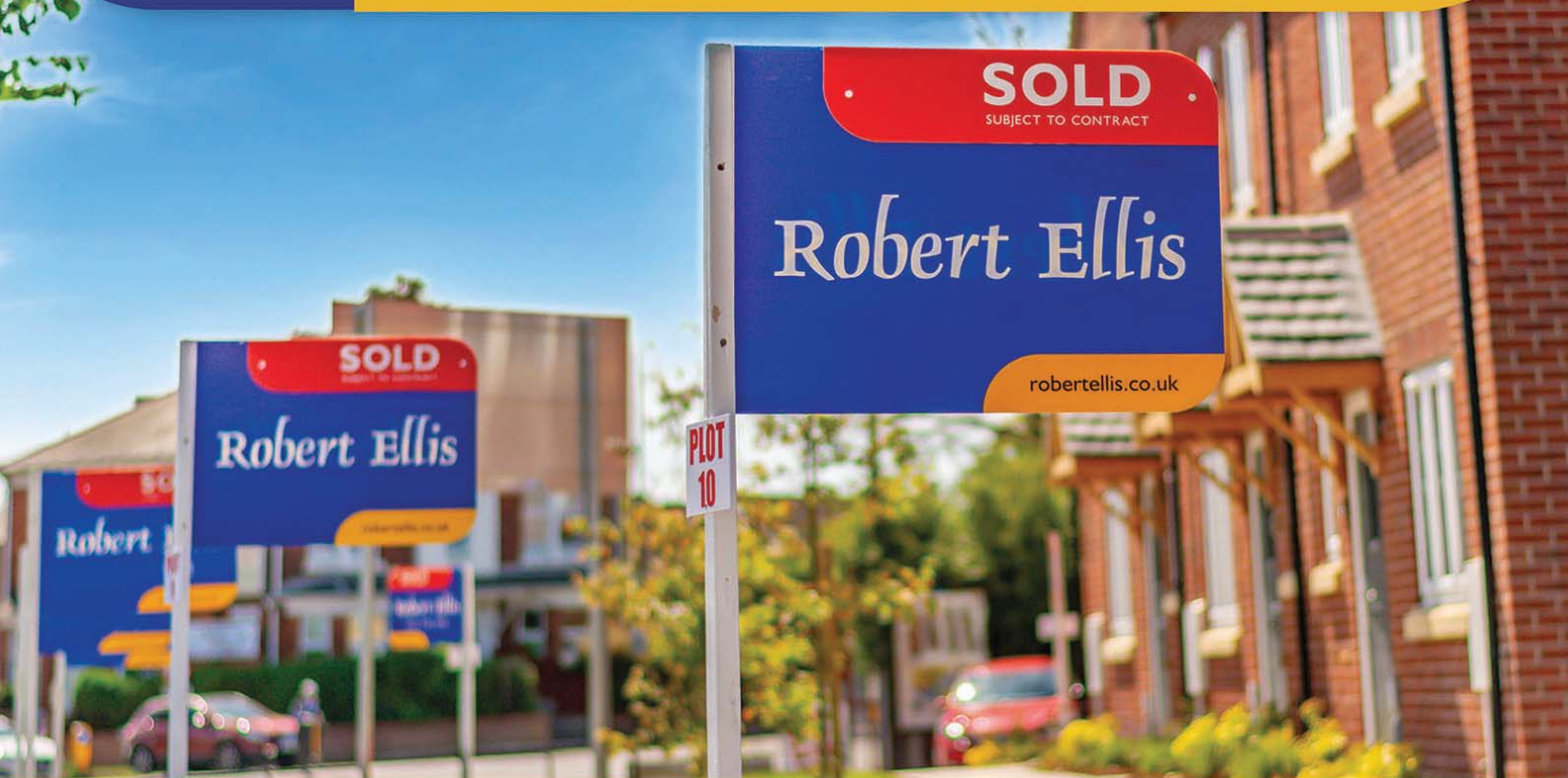
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