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Breeze meets local sculptor, Rachel Carter and the Legacy Makers group to find out more about a new installation in the city centre. An outstanding feature that honors the contributions of women to the cotton industry...

Pictured are the Legacy Makers celebrate
- Credit Omari Taylor



Sculptor Rachel Carter created the sculpture in collaboration with the Legacy Makers, a Black-led community group. "Our story and the creation of the 'Standing In This Place' sculpture, has been a labour of love that I and the Legacy Makers, a Black-led community group, have been working on for three years.

This sculpture is the culmination of a community journey to uncover the region's connection to cotton and enslavement. From researching the lives of mill workers in Darley Abbey, including my own ancestors, to securing funding for creative workshops, this project represents the efforts of many people working together.

The sculpture features two women in period dress—one representing a white working-class woman and the other an enslaved African woman—standing together in solidarity. This visual representation highlights the often-overlooked contributions of thousands of women, especially in Nottingham's lace and cotton industries, which thrived during the industrial revolution.

The sculpture was recently installed in the new Broad Marsh Park in Nottingham, an area that once housed slum dwellings for textile workers, immigrants, and the poor.

Our project also reflects on the journey of cotton, starting from its harvest by enslaved Africans in the Americas, its transport across the Atlantic, and its arrival in British ports like Liverpool and Bristol. It would then be sent to the Midlands for processing, where it was woven into products like stockings, vests, and lace in mills like those in Nottingham. Despite the crucial role of enslaved labour in this process, the connection to trafficking of enslaved Africans is rarely acknowledged in local textile history.

Jenny Wizzard, a member of the Legacy Makers group, added, "This project is a vital recognition of the forced labour contributions made by people of African descent. Their work helped shape the wealth and development of Western societies, and we are thrilled that this sculpture provides long-overdue acknowledgment of their role in British and world history. 'Standing In This Place' celebrates the resilience of both enslaved Africans and white mill workers in an era that laid the foundations for modern society."

Through our project, we've also addressed the underrepresentation of women in public statues. In the UK, fewer than 5% of statues represent non-royal women. To highlight this, we launched the "Speak Her Name" project, which honoured 100 historic women and engaged the public to help stitch their names into fabric. This community-driven art project, funded by the Heritage Lottery, provided a space for local people to engage with history and reflect on forgotten women's stories.

This sculpture has received generous funding from a range of supporters, including the Art Fund, Sir Harry Djanogly CBE, Nottingham Regeneration Limited Trust, Nottingham Civic Society, Gedling Borough Council, Wilmott Dixon Construction Ltd, T. Bailey Asset Management, RL Management Ltd, Hallam Agency, Townshend Landscape Architects, and the Framework Knitters Guild, alongside many other public donors."

For more information about the sculpture, heritage project, and the many communities and organisations involved, visit
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Sculptor Rachel Carter -
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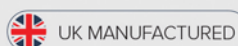
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Meet Michael Jackson a 66 year old cyclist from Beeston. Later this year Michael will be cycling across America raising funds and awareness for Multiple Sclerosis...

Michael Jackson is a 66 year old cyclist from Beeston. In 2022 he cycled from Beeston to Berlin. The experience went well and the following year he decided to challenge himself more and cycled from Beeston to Tallinn, Estonia and then to Warsaw. A total of 3,060 miles. When he got back his friends suggested he should do these rides for a charity.

Michael has had a stroke and four heart operations so he decided to ride for the British Heart Foundation. Last summer he rode from Beeston to Istanbul (2,600 miles) and raised over £1600 for the heart charity.

This summer he will attempt the longest trip of his life. He plans to ride from the Atlantic coast of the north eastern United States, from Maine, to Seattle on the Pacific coast as shown on the map.

It's a journey going around the Great Lakes and it amounts to 4,250 miles.

On his previous long trips he cycled alone but this ride will be with a group, all raising money for Multiple Sclerosis. In addition to fundraising, one day per week will be a rest day from cycling. On those days the group will be helping Multiple Sclerosis sufferers. They'll be building wheelchair ramps or fitting handrails and doing other jobs as required.

"I previously chose the British Heart Foundation to support because of my own heart disease as well as my father dying from the second of two heart attacks. For 2025 I've chosen to fundraise for Multiple Sclerosis because my sister Helen had the illness. She developed it very slowly at the age of twenty.

Helen had a job in a library and her colleagues at work noticed that she fell over more than is usual and advised her to see a doctor. From then on she gradually deteriorated and for the next twenty years the disease progressed viciously and she gradually lost more and more physical ability. Her mental ability was not affected, she achieved a degree and got married. But the disease kept attacking her body. Multiple Sclerosis killed her when she was forty-one years old".

Michael is looking forward to spending the rest days helping other people who currently have the illness.

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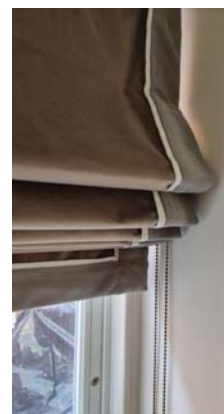
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Homecraft Interiors was established in 1992 by Heather Dickenson. Specialising in creating bespoke curtains, blinds, and soft furnishings, making them a versatile and reliable name in the world of interiors.



Pictured above, Heather the founder of Homecraft Interiors



What began as a humble endeavour at Heather's dining room table, crafting curtains for friends and family, has blossomed into a full-time, thriving business with shop premises, work rooms, and a dedicated team of staff.

Over the past three decades, Homecraft has proudly served the industry, continually growing and evolving.

"Our journey has taken us from working with residential customers to also collaborating with clients in the hospitality, care, and education sectors.

As a British manufacturer, we take pride in supporting the local community and workforce. This commitment to local craftsmanship means that we have complete control over every aspect of our manufacturing, service, and quality."

Today, Heather remains deeply involved in every aspect of Homecraft. While she may have hung up her scissors, she continues to lead with passion and precision. Heather now manages a skilled team of machinists, working diligently to provide bespoke, made-to-measure soft furnishings tailored to meet the needs of each customer. With no pre-set price charts in the workroom, every project is priced and crafted for each individual, ensuring that our creations are as efficient as they are beautiful.

Heather's daughter Joanne has since joined the team. Joanne's passion for textiles clearly came from her parents, having grown up with the business. Attending Trent University and completing a degree in Fashion, Marketing and Communications Joanne first worked as a buyer at Marks and Spencer before officially joining Homecraft in 2006.

Joanne heads up the interior design and project management side. She works closely with several independent interior designers, helping to bring their creative visions to life.

But none of it would be possible without our dedicated team. From fitting to customer service to keeping us organised, it is a full team effort.

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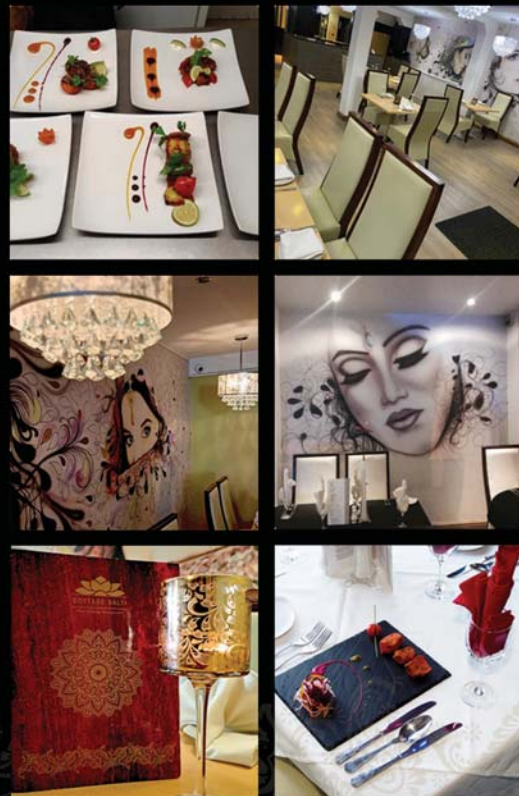
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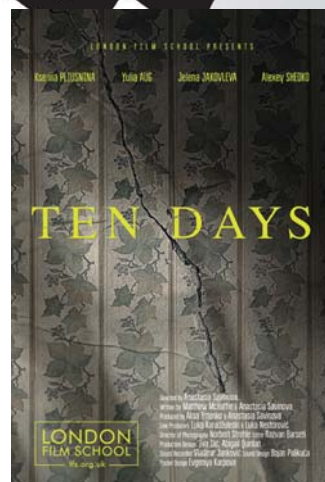
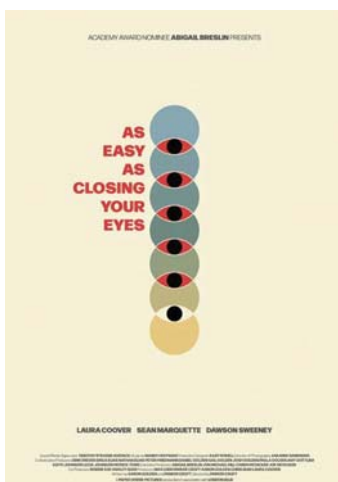
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Only a mmonth to go!
by Sam Kurd



There's only a month left until the 11th Beeston Film Festival, our town's yearly celebration of international and local short film!

This year's festival takes place April 24th-27th at Beeston's Arc Cinema, a long weekend of brilliant short films, showcasing stories from all over the world. The UK, the USA, Spain, Iran, China, Uganda - there are films from all over the world, films from every continent! Except Antarctica. They're really unproductive on the film front down there, for some reason.

The selected films have been carefully collected into themed sessions like 'Saints and Sinners', 'Born and Reborn' and 'Shut Up Siri!' - as always, there are films from every genre, something to suit every palate.

Here are a few of the films you'll get to see:

Ten Days is a film about peace, wartime and the insidious effects of propaganda. As the war in Ukraine rages, a Russian family kitchen becomes a battleground. How can pacifist anti-war Lena convince her patriotic family that the war is unjust?

In the Science Fiction category we have **As Easy As Closing Your Eyes**. This is the story of a grieving mother who battles her addiction to a black-market drug that gives her life-like dreams about the son she lost. It's an extremely moving tear-jerker!

Fallin' is a beautiful animated film about the Winter Spirit, who wakes up early in Spring and must learn to discover beauty in the unfamiliar & embrace the ever-changing cycle of seasons.

In Comedy we have **Hold... Please!**, which is about a proud DJ who provides music to customers on hold... until his power-hungry new boss threatens to replace him with an automated system. This hilarious film is a triumph of the little man over the bean-counters and of the soul over the automated robots coming for creative jobs!

That's all very exciting... but that's not all! As well as the film sessions, we're also hosting a number of workshops for filmmakers, including How To Launch Your Acting Career and How To Win A B'Oscar. It's going to be an amazing weekend!

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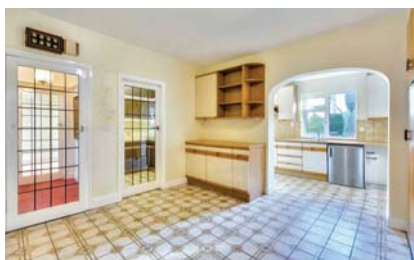
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Former Strictly Come Dancing professional and co-host of BBC2's It Takes Two, Janette Manrara, makes her musical theatre debut as Roxie Hart in Chicago, coming to the Royal Concert Hall Nottingham.

Breeze caught up with Janette to chat about her preparation for the role, the transition from the dancefloor to the stage, and all that jazz.

Yeah, I think it was the perfect time. I'm no longer dancing as much as I used to, obviously Aljaž [Škorjanec] and I still do our shows together, but I'm not dancing on Strictly Come Dancing, which was literally 8-to-10-hour days on my legs, dancing. Now being a mother and presenting has taken over, it felt right to take on a new challenge. I just wanted it to feel right, to be with the right character and the right musical. So, the timing for this was perfect.

What drew you to Chicago? Was it a dream role or an exciting new challenge?

Chicago was always a dream. I remember signing with my agent, gosh, I don't know how many years ago now, and saying three things that I really want to achieve in my life, and one of them was to be able to play Roxie or Velma in Chicago. To be here now and see it all coming to life is just so, so incredible. I think Roxie is such a complex, beautiful character. You don't get a lot of leading ladies like her. She's not necessarily all rainbows and butterflies; there's a lot more to her than that. I love that quality about her, and what she brings as a character to the show. I'm really looking forward to playing her.

Has your dance background influenced the way you approach the role, especially with Chicago's iconic choreography?

I definitely think my dance background will affect how I approach Roxie. She always dreamt about being on Vaudeville, and I think there's a part of her that is a natural performer. Having been a dancer my whole life, I think that's one of the things that most excites me about the musical, really getting into those Fosse details. He's one of my favourite choreographers of all time, so to be here learning where the pinkie finger goes, the angles, the way the body shapes are, and incorporating all that into Roxie, is very cool.

Do you have a favourite scene or song from the show that you are particularly excited to perform?

I'm excited to perform 'Roxie', the iconic monologue into the whole singing and dancing sequence with all the boys – it's such an iconic moment in musical theatre, period! That's definitely a big one. But also, 'Nowadays' into 'Hot Honey Rag', the dancing and choreography for that is also so iconic. So many people have done it and given it their twist, so to learn those steps, dance those moves, and sing those songs will be really exciting. These are the two currently that I'm most excited about.

What three items will you be taking on the road with you for your dressing room?

I will definitely have a photo of Aljaž and Lyra that will come with me everywhere I go, along with maybe one of her little toys that smells like her and reminds me of her. I also like my makeup and my skincare, so I'll have all of my favourite makeup and creams and moisturisers. I've also got these big thick boots that you wear to keep your feet and ankles warm – ballet dancers wear them – and I always get laughed at when I use them on Strictly, but I'll have them with me to get ready for the day.

Is there a piece of advice you've received or that you would pass on to anyone hoping to go into the creative industry?

I guess the good old saying from Strictly really sits strong here, which is 'keep dancing'. One of my favourite quotes is from Walt Disney – "all of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them" – it's a reminder to keep pushing no matter what, and someday something would come along. You just have to stay at it and keep dreaming.

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It really does feel like a full circle moment for me. I remember being 12 years old and doing Cats and A Chorus Line, and then as I got into my teenage years, when I was 15/16, looking at Chicago and West Side Story. I played Velma Kelly in the Cell Block Tango with my dance school, not in any kind of official way. I always loved the music of Chicago, so to now come back all these years later through my dancing career and be able to play Roxie and be in musicals again is just 'wow'. It's a pinch myself, full circle moment.

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Hundreds of young people come together to talk mental health and wellbeing at NottAlone Live 2025



Co-founders of NottAlone Maddi (pictured right) and Orlaith (pictured left)

Last month, children and young people from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire participated in two mental health events during Children's Mental Health Week, which showcased local talent and encouraged young people to self-reflect and build resilience by knowing what helps their mental wellbeing.

The NottAlone Live events, held in February at the YMCA Community and Activity Village in Newark, welcomed over 700 local young people who took part in workshops, watched performances by talented local artists, and connected with mental health and wellbeing service providers.

Year seven student, Emily-Nile Kibuuka expressed: "Not only is our mental health important but everyone's mental health is important, loads of kids can come together and have a voice here."

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week, "know yourself, grow yourself", resonated with fifteen-year-old Romy Woodward, singer songwriter who was among the local talents performing on stage over the two days.

Romy shared: "Everyone feels down at some point, it can be hard to open up about how you feel. I write songs because I think it's important to talk about mental health. I want young people to see that they can do whatever they want. It's not one road you have to follow, you make your own road, and you follow that."

Sam Oliver, Safeguarding and Welfare Manager from Barnby Road Academy, whose choir performed on the primary school's event day, described NottAlone Live as a "fabulous experience for our year five children" and noted the pupils that attended came away with a sense of increased wellbeing.

NottAlone co-founders developed the NottAlone Live events to engage young people in conversations around mental health and provide opportunities to connect with local providers of mental health services.

Dr Maddi Popoola, NottAlone co-founder, Educational Psychologist and Mental Health Support Team Service Manager at

Nottingham City Council, said: "I can't believe we've just delivered our third NottAlone Live event. Seeing so many happy faces today and hearing young people talk about their mental health, their struggles, their coping mechanisms and share what makes them happy has been truly rewarding and inspiring."

"We've done loads of co-production this year, so we have learned from previous years to ensure what we are delivering is really engaging for young people. This event is for them, as place for them to feel seen and heard."

Dr Orlaith Green, NottAlone co-founder, Principal Educational Psychologist and Group Manager, Psychology and Inclusion Services at Nottinghamshire County Council, said:

"Lots of school staff have come again for the third year with different groups of children which is just fantastic. I hope every young person that has been to one of our event days knows, you are not alone and the most powerful thing you can do if you're having worries or really strong feelings that you don't know how to manage is to talk to someone you trust about it. That can be a parent, friend, teacher or mental health professional."

"Whether it's for you as an individual or if you need information for someone you care about, you can access help and support online, by text, in person, email, by phone on NottAlone.org.uk. There are people that will listen and can help you."

NottAlone originated as a mental health support website for children and young people back in 2021. Its success led to the expansion of an all-age approach, with a new website that launched last October.

Dr. Popoola said: "Every year NottAlone grows stronger, it's online and in person, and it supports people of all ages now, not just people under the age of 25. And we have big plans for 2025."

Dr. Green added: "We do, watch this space!"

The NottAlone Live events were hosted by NottAlone in collaboration with the Mental Health Support Teams at Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. NottAlone is a partnership between Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board.

Find out more about NottAlone on the website <https://nottalone.org.uk> or follow on social media and join the mental health conversation by searching for @NottAlone1 on X or Instagram, @WeAreNottAlone on Facebook and @NottAlone on TikTok.



Romy Woodward at NottAlone Live



Young people at NottAlone Live



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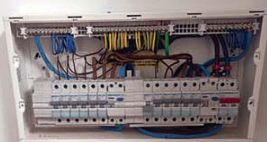
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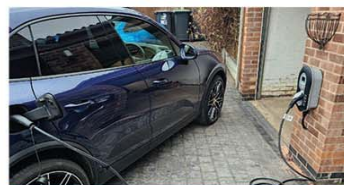
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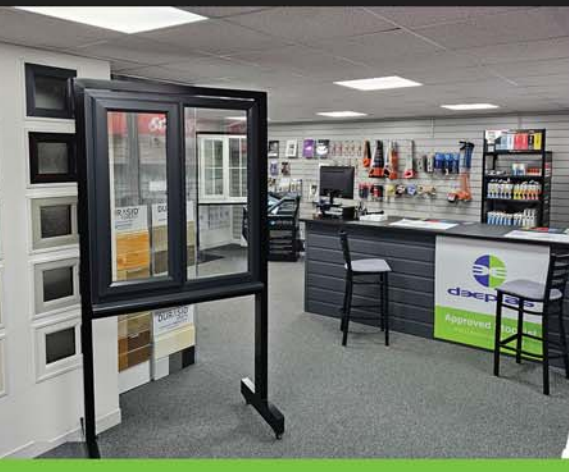
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There are seven Gardening trends homeowners should add to their garden design this Spring.

Indoor-outdoor living experts at Pergolux UK have shared that mocha tones and wild gardens are just some of the trends we'll see as we enter the new season.

As the UK prepares to say goodbye to the winter, many of us will be looking forward to getting back into the garden and making use of our outdoor spaces again.

The experts have highlighted the different garden trends we can expect to see this spring and are encouraging homeowners to get ahead and prepare their outdoor space.

Sam Stevens, garden design expert at Pergolux UK, said: "Winter is almost over which means it's nearly time to enjoy longer, brighter days and stunning blooms once again.

"This is great for hosting and really allows people to maximise the use of their gardens. Hopefully, we'll have plenty of bright and sunny days ahead of us to make the most out of our outdoor spaces!"

Seven garden trends you'll be seeing this spring:

Indoor-outdoor living - Over the last few years, there has been a shift with homeowners looking to turn their gardens into functional living space. As spring approaches, many people will be looking to add features such as pergolas, outdoor kitchens and comfortable seating areas.

Mocha tones - With the Pantone Colour of the Year being Mocha Mousse, expect to see warm brown tones throughout many gardens. This deep chocolatey colour can be incorporated into gardens through features such as throws and blankets, elegant furniture and earthy planters for a warm and inviting look.

Vertical gardening - Vertical gardening is a trend we can expect to see more of for many reasons. Vertical gardening encourages those with smaller outdoor spaces to get creative with greenery, by making use of walls and balconies. For those with larger spaces,



vertical gardening can be a great way to decorate garden structures and enhance aesthetic appeal.

Wild gardens - The approach to gardening is shifting to people choosing to ditch neat and tidy gardening and opt for a wild garden instead. Wild gardening embraces a more organic and natural garden instead of neatly maintained flowerbeds and lawns.

Letting a wild and unstructured garden grow will allow gardeners to embrace the relaxing side of the hobby.

Wildlife friendly spaces - More and more people are becoming conscious of helping our wildlife and taking care of the environment. Wild gardens and nectar-rich plants are just some of the ways to welcome local wildlife into your outdoor space.

Grow your own is another trend that has been on the rise over the past few years and is showing no signs of slowing down. This spring, we can expect to see gardens growing popular vegetables like tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes and chillies just to name a few!



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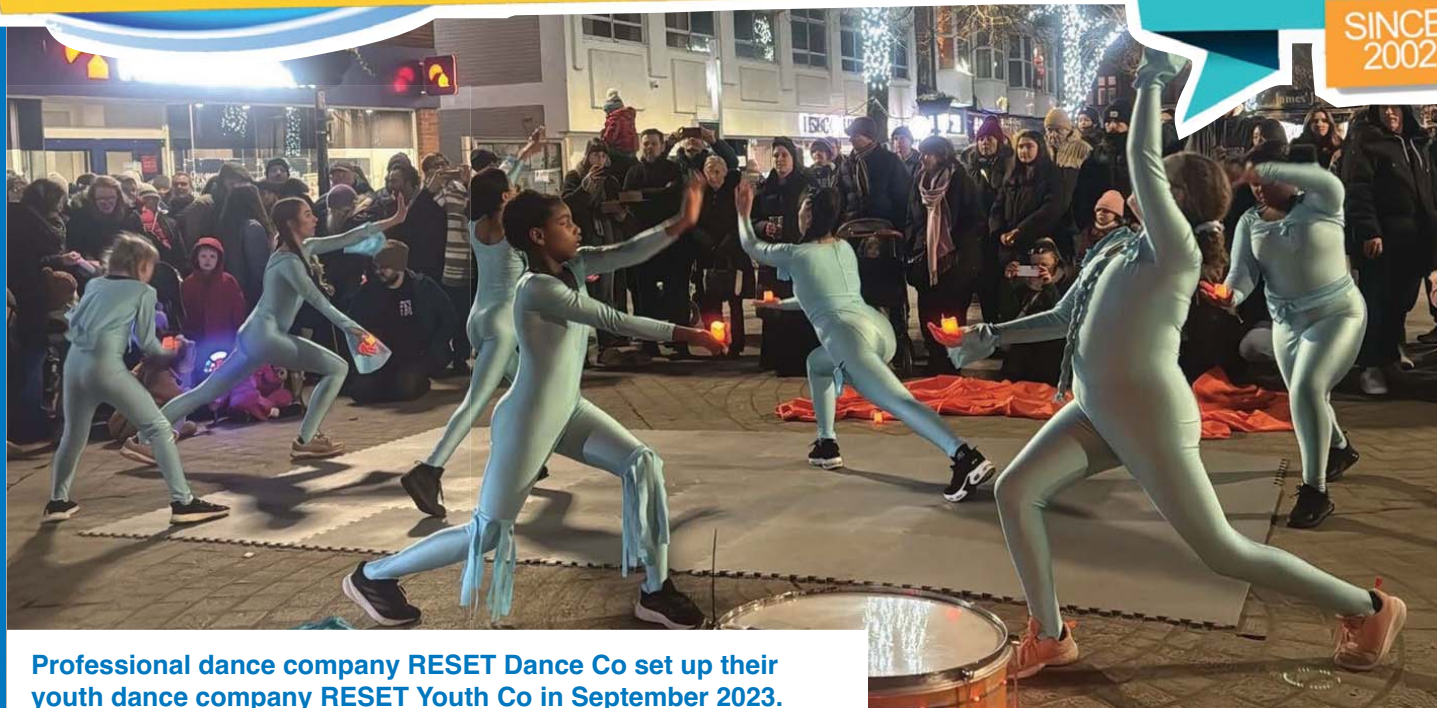
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Professional dance company RESET Dance Co set up their youth dance company RESET Youth Co in September 2023. RESET Dance Co's aim is to inspire the next generation of dancers and by forming their youth dance company it allowed them to provide young people excellent opportunities within dance.

RESET Youth Co is for young people aged 10-17 years old, they are located in Beeston, based at The Pearson Centre for Young People. The group meet every Tuesday 6.15pm - 8.15pm within term time. Sessions are led by our professional dance artists Cara Verney and Sophie Wilson. Sessions are supported by FABRIC's Centre for advanced training and find young people from across Nottinghamshire accessing their weekly classes.

In sessions, young people train in contemporary dance technique and creative movement, with a focus on technique and choreographic practice, including performance & film opportunities.

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To name some of their recent performance and project based work, RESET Youth Co have recently performed at Nottingham Light Night with professional dance company Tom Dale Company, they have worked with professional film artist DS Visuals to film a music video combining hip-hop and contemporary dance technique and their most recent live outdoor performance at Beeston Light Night. RESET Youth Co will next be performing at RESET Dance Co's sharing of their new R&D work 'PLAY' opening the show with a curtain raiser performance!

RESET Dance Co are also offering local schools within the area a FREE taster workshop for young people in Y6 for Primary and Y7 – Y11 for Secondary. You can contact them to book a workshop by contacting them at: resetdanceco@gmail.com

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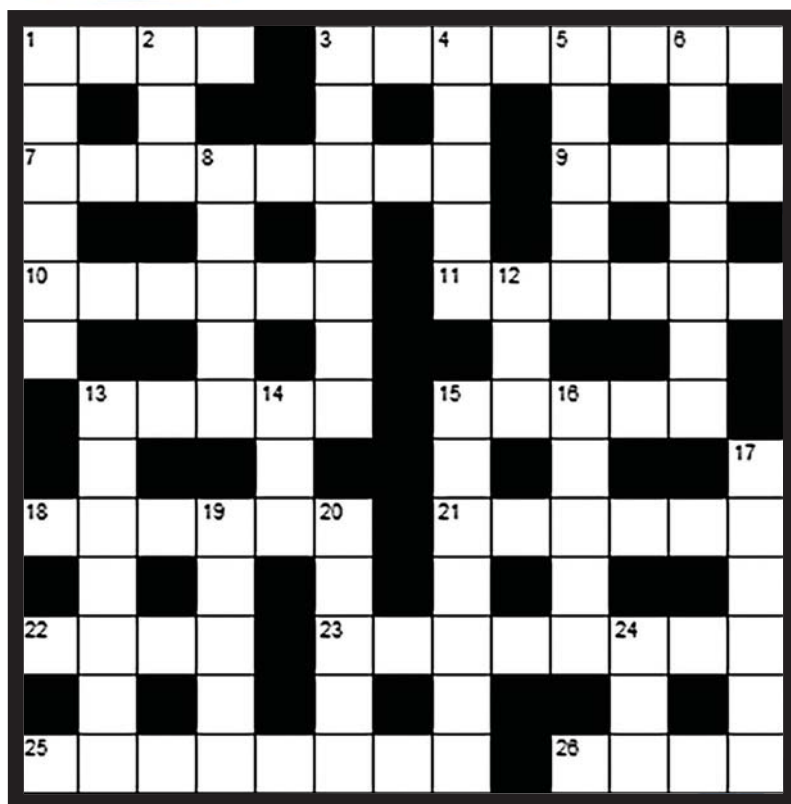
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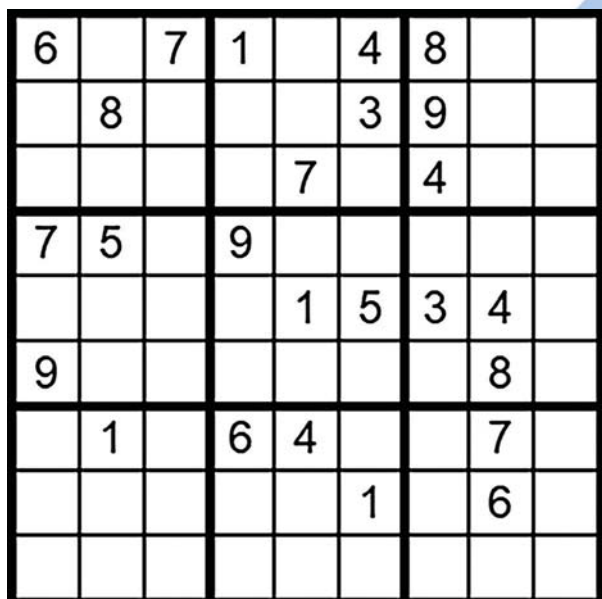
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- 1 Precious metal (4)
- 3 Murder of a king (8)
- 7 Arrange, systemise (8)
- 9 Audacious, foolhardy (4)
- 10 Reverse, nullify (6)
- 11 XI (6)
- 13 Gasps for air (5)
- 15 Facial hair (5)
- 18 Painting on wet plaster (6)
- 21 Jane Torville was an ice _____ (6)
- 22 Carcass (4)
- 23 A catholic prayer (4,4)
- 25 Type of concertina (8)
- 26 Surrounded by (4)

DOWN

- 1 Earth, land (6)
- 2 Move slowly, delay (3)
- 3 _____ of the Lost Ark (film) (7)
- 4 Large, loud waterbirds (5)
- 5 Arc (5)
- 6 Balloon, bloat (7)
- 8 Another time, repeated (5)
- 12 Tell an untruth (3)
- 13 Intention (7)
- 14 Spasm, jerk (3)
- 15 Bulwark, stronghold (7)
- 16 Sudden fear (5)
- 17 Appealed to a divine being (6)
- 19 Authorisation (3-2)
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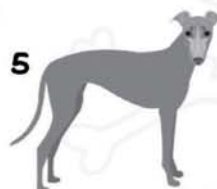
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The second blue plaque to a woman has been installed in Beeston, as a result of a Beeston Civic Society Lady Plaques campaign.

Her name was **Nan Green**. She lived at Surrey Cottage, 12 Glebe Street, Beeston

Nancy 'Nan' Drusilla Farrow was born in Beeston, in 1904. She was born in the house designed and built for her father, Edward Farrow – then General Manager at Raleigh – by "an architect friend" (John Rigby Poyser). She attended the local private school, West End School.

The family's prosperous beginnings were changed utterly by the outbreak of WWI when her father lost his job at Raleigh, and his health subsequently failed. Nan's mother was already frail, and much befell to Nan thereafter in the family's welfare. She was about 14 or 15 years old when the family, then poverty-stricken, moved to Birmingham.

Nan married George Green, a cellist, and joined the British Communist Party. When the Spanish Civil War broke out she followed her husband to Spain to volunteer for the Republican cause. Leaving her home and her family to face head-on the threat to it – as she then saw it – by Franco's advancing Fascism in Spain.

Her work in the International Brigades, and Spanish Medical Aid did much to alleviate the suffering of victims of war and oppression – by improving conditions and medical supplies in hospitals; accompanying 5,000 refugee children to safety in Mexico, and by campaigning exhaustively for awareness and assistance for the loss of life and liberty in Spain long after the war. Her work took her around the world, notable to China, Europe, South Africa and London – in various roles as Secretary, translator, editor, and in Civil Defence during the Blitz.

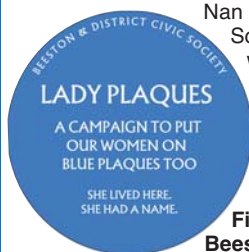
Nan grew up in Beeston, and it is probably here where she first felt her keenness for fairness; for her abhorrence of snobbery and formality. She would play with 'the lower class' children despite strict instructions not to – even a "tanning" didn't put her off – and protested the inequality of her duties as 'daughter' compared with that of her brother's as 'son'.

By the time she left for Birmingham, experience meant that her caring nature; curiosity, and rebelliousness were already baked-in.

Nan would grow up to occupy the forefront of Socialism; becoming a woman whose life's work was actively doing something about the inequalities others suffered.

Interestingly, Beeston has a very healthy population of more than thirty Blue Plaques to commemorate notable locals.

Up until 2025, none was for a woman!



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Hyundai Kona	48.4kwh	21.0	6.9		
Hyundai Kona	65.4kwh	28.4	9.3		
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BEESTON PLAYERS PRODUCTION

The May 2025 production from Beeston Players is called "Out of Focus". It's a play by Peter Gordon that centers around a chaotic situation in a church hall. A group of diverse local characters, including a nervous vicar's wife, a man obsessed with steam locomotives, a badminton group, a troupe of Brownies and Evonne, who is expecting to direct and rehearse her first pantomime. All are convinced they've booked the hall for the evening and confusion reigns, until everyone finally unites for a common cause, the production of the pantomime. Over the coming weeks, alliances are formed and switched, leading to a comedy of errors as they all battle against the odds and the opening night nears...

The play is on at Round Hill School, Beeston, from Wednesday 14th May until Friday 16th May at 7.30pm, and also Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm (no evening performance). Tickets are priced at £8 (£7 concessions) and are available online at www.beestonplayers.org or on the door.

SPOTTED DOG ART GROUP

The Spotted Dog Art Group is made up of members from all walks of life. We welcome beginners, hobbyists and professionals alike. Whatever your experience of art is, you are welcome!

MARCH WORKSHOP: Saturday 15th March
Gold Leaf with Julian Bray
from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Bramcote Memorial Hall

The aim is to produce a striking image of delicate blooms against a shimmering golden background. Julian will present a new method of working with watercolour, called the "removal" method. It will be a busy day of image-making fun!

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK:
Please contact: Janet Waters - email:
janetwaters32@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP: is £20 per year.

If you are interested in joining please contact:
Gwynneth Johnson
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Website: www.spotteddogartgroup.co.uk
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WOLLATON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The March Meeting of the Wollaton Natural History Society will be held on Wednesday, 19th March 2025 at 7.30pm.

The Talk is entitled 'Mountain Flowers and Beautiful Gardens from Oregon to Alaska' by David Charlton, who visited North America for the North American Rock Garden Society. David's Talk covers many of the gardens he visited and photographed during that trip.

Meet at St. Leonard's Community Centre,
Bramcote Lane, Wollaton
NG8 2ND (opposite the library)
at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.
Free to members,
visitors welcome £3 on the door.

For more information visit the website
www.spanglefish.com/Wollaton
Natural History, find them on Facebook or telephone
Nigel Downes on 0115 9444671.

WELLBEING WALK AT ATTENBOROUGH NATURE RESERVE

Join in the weekly strolls at Attenborough Nature Reserve. Take in the views, chat to someone new and enjoy the benefits of walking in nature.

10:30am - 11:45am.

This event occurs weekly every Tuesday

"Come and join us for our weekly strolls at Attenborough Nature Reserve. Take in the views, chat to someone new and enjoy the benefits of walking in nature. Everyone is welcome - no special equipment is needed (though we do recommend trainers and a water bottle) and the route is accessible. Just meet our friendly Walk Leaders at the apron (the place with the picnic benches between the visitor car park and the Nature Centre) to get started.

The walk will follow the circular Tufted Duck trail and is 3km / 1.9m in length. Wellbeing Walks run in all weathers, so please dress appropriately.

Note, Attenborough Nature Reserve is a wetland and is prone to flooding, so we recommend wearing sturdy and waterproof shoes during the cold and wet months.

Children are welcome on the walk, but they need to be supervised by an adult and considerate of the other walkers".

Attenborough Nature Reserve, Barton Lane
Attenborough NG9 6DY

#WELL CAFE - BEESTON - CRAFT & NATTER

#Well Café is a calendar of 'Get Togethers' designed to connect individuals to like-minded people in the community, sharing well-being tips, interests and skills. This event occurs weekly every Wednesday, why not join them on 26th March 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Maybe you're struggling at the moment and feel like everything is a bit much, often in times like these it is important to speak to someone. Why not drop into one of our Cafés?

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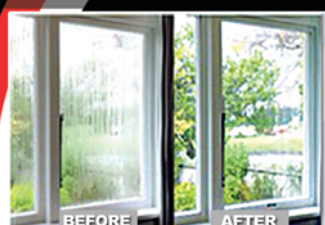
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DAYTIME DISCO!

To support the "Talking Through Tears" initiative by East Midlands baby loss charity Forever Stars, a charity dedicated to supporting families affected by early pregnancy loss, stillbirth and infant loss Emma and Andrew Fennell are organising The Daytime Disco, on Saturday, 29th March 2025, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at The Victory Club in Beeston, located at 75 Station Rd, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2AW.

This 18+ event features DJ Fenners, who will hold a set spanning some of the best decades of music, ensuring a lively feel good atmosphere that allows attendees to enjoy a night out while still getting home at a reasonable hour.

The second daytime disco for Forever Stars caters to those who cherish social gatherings but prefer earlier events. It offers an opportunity to relive the joy of dancing and socialising without the late night commitment!

How to book your ticket

Tickets for the Daytime Disco are priced at £12.00 and can be purchased through the Forever Stars website.

To secure your spot, visit the event page at <https://www.foreverstars.org/events/forever-stars-daytime-disco-saturday-29th-march-2025>
Early booking is recommended, as previous events have seen high demand.

Funds raised from the Daytime Disco will directly support the "Talking Through Tears" project, enabling Forever Stars to offer play therapy sessions to families at no cost. Play therapy is a therapeutic approach that utilises play to help individuals, especially children, process complex emotions and experiences. For families coping with the profound grief of losing a baby, traditional verbal therapies may not always suffice, through play therapy, children can express emotions, navigate their grief, and begin the healing process in a safe and supportive environment.

For more information about Forever Stars, their services, and upcoming events, visit their official website at <https://www.foreverstars.org>



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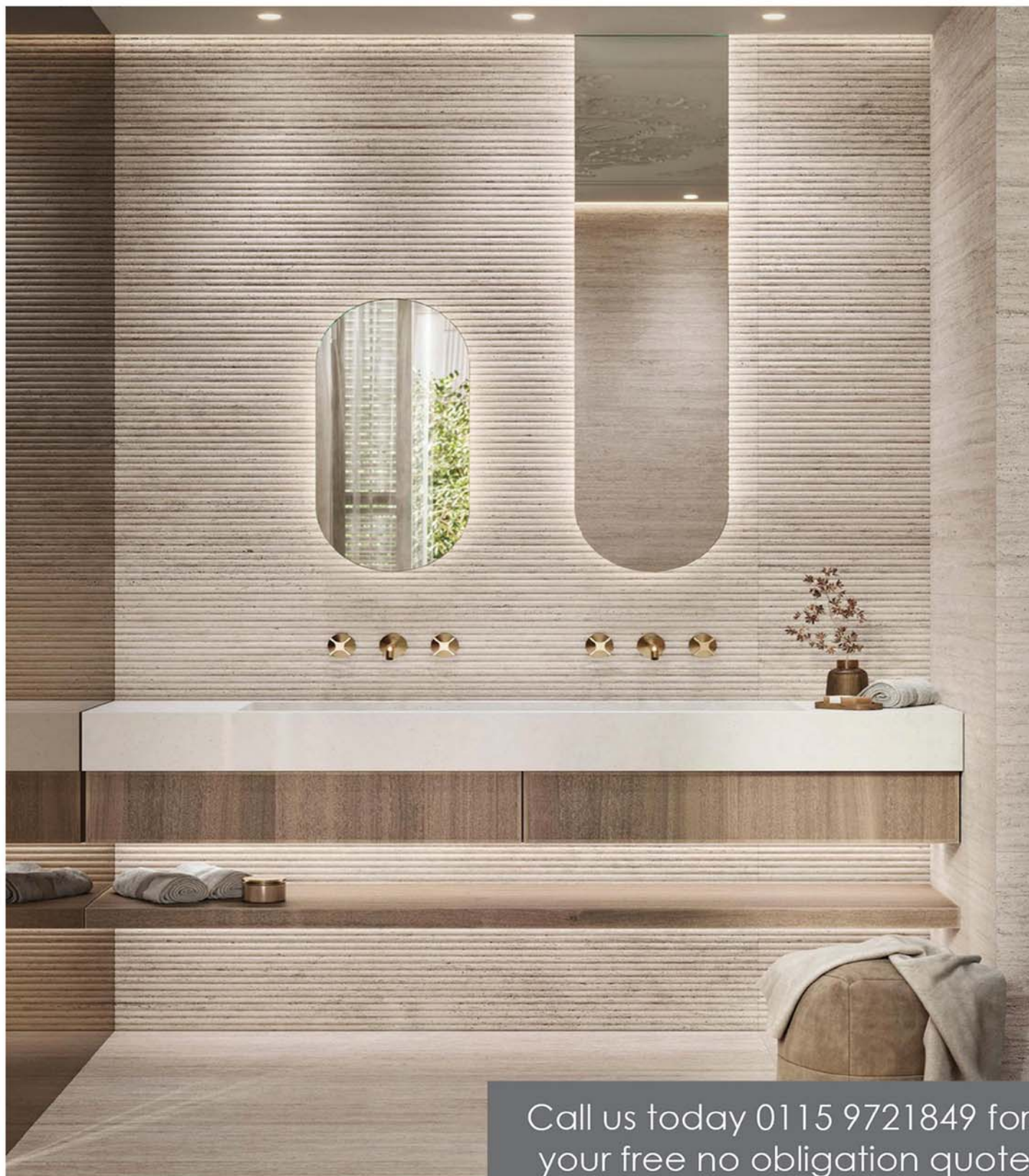
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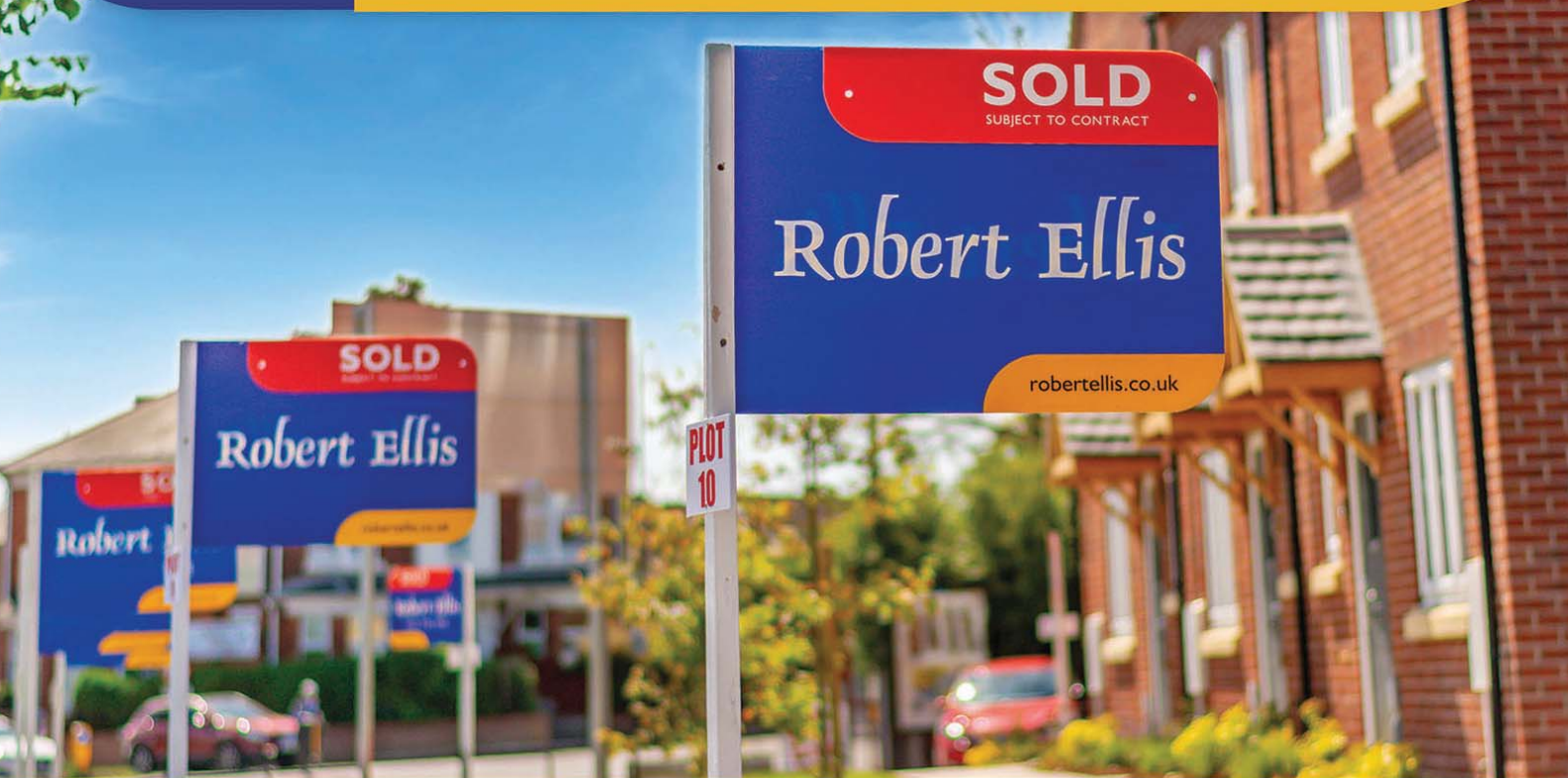
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