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Dr. Sheeraz Janjua honoured as John Flynn Opticians leads advanced care for dry eye and dry AMD

Dr S A Janjua, director and senior optometrist at John Flynn Opticians in Beeston is now being repeatedly recognised for his exceptional commitment to his patients, as evidenced by his very successful adoption of the latest therapeutic non-invasive treatments for Dry Age-related Macular Disease and Dry Eye Syndrome.

The hospital-grade equipment Dr Janjua has installed at Flynn's facilitates extremely detailed scans of the back of the eye (the retina). The scans are retained on the patient's records, enabling old and new scans to be compared, thus allowing any subtle changes to be picked up as they occur.



Dr Janjua has also recently been inducted Fellow of the College of Optometrists, in recognition of his patient care and his extensive work in furthering his profession. His special interests include Dry Eye Disease, Dry AMD and Binocular Vision Dysfunction and Complex Spectacle Prescriptions and Vision.

This year has been an outstanding one for Dr Janjua, his dedication to clinical excellence and ongoing professional development truly sets him apart. John Flynn Opticians remain committed to providing a personalised, comprehensive service, ensuring every patient receives exceptional care from the moment they walk through the doors.

The practice welcome the registration of new patients. Call today to make an appointment with Dr Janjua for an advanced eye examination.



The picture shows Dr Janjua at the UK Optician Awards, where he was runner-up for the Optometrist of the Year Award.



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As HaHa Properties continues to expand its portfolio and acquire new commercial properties, the three partners behind the business remain focused on creating high-quality spaces that benefit both local businesses and the wider community.

Breeze caught up with the team to find out more about the project and their vision for the future.



Jack, Liam and Chris, the team behind the new renovation

HaHa Properties latest project is the transformation of the iconic offices on Barratt Lane in Attenborough, a landmark building previously known as Harold Wilson House. The extensive refurbishment has breathed new life into the property, creating a premium commercial workspace while preserving the character of a well-known local building.

To deliver the project, HaHa Properties appointed Jack and Liam, Directors of JLH, to oversee and carry out all refurbishment works. JLH specialises in joinery, commercial fit-outs, and housing refurbishment projects, earning a reputation for quality craftsmanship and professional project delivery throughout our region.

The building will also serve as JLH's new headquarters. With the company experiencing rapid growth, the move provides a professional environment in which to operate, meet clients, and showcase the quality and breadth of JLH's capabilities.

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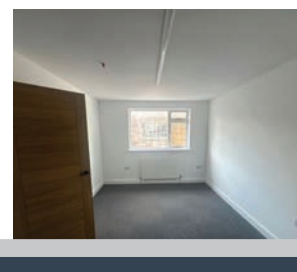
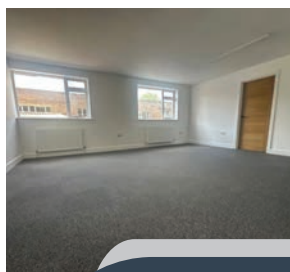
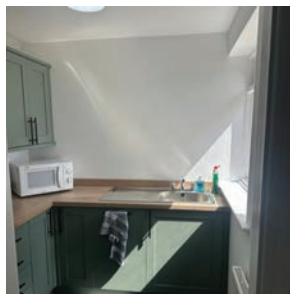
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By combining contemporary design with the historic character of this local landmark, we have transformed the building into a premier professional hub. The project reflects both our commitment to quality and our strong connection to the local community.

Located within the beautiful conservation village of Attenborough, the offices are just a three-minute walk from the renowned Attenborough Nature Reserve. Whether you're taking a short break from the working day or meeting clients in a unique setting, the location offers the perfect balance between business and wellbeing.

We currently have a limited number of office suites available, with additional space becoming available soon. Units can be configured to meet individual business requirements, making them suitable for a wide range of organisations.

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From killer comedy to classic romance: A standout season for Riverside Drama Company...

Following the highs from March's sold-out production of *The Good Life*, Riverside Drama Company take to the stage at The Duchess Theatre once again with two more shows in 2026, *The Unfriend* and *Brief Encounter*.

THE UNFRIEND

We've all done it – whilst on holiday you strike up a conversation with a fellow holiday maker, and before you know it you've invited them to stay. Of course, you don't mean it, so imagine the look of surprise on the faces of Debbie and Peter when Elsa, an American widow with an outrageous sense of humour, takes them up on the offer.

A quick Google search reveals that Elsa has been a person of interest in the case of not one, but several murders. Determined not to put themselves and their two teenage children at risk, they will of course tell her she can't stay – except – they're British and somehow can't manage to be so impolite!

Full of tension, strained relationships, verbal and physical humour, this is a laugh out loud production.

Written by the legendary Steven Moffat (*Sherlock*, *Doctor Who*, *Coupling*) and originally directed by Mark Gatiss, *The Unfriend* premiered in 2022. Following its massive success, it moved to London's West End for a smash-hit run in 2023 and 2024 (starring comedy icon Lee Mack).

Now, you have the chance to experience this wickedly sharp dark comedy in Long Eaton!

BRIEF ENCOUNTER

Riverside Drama Company invite you to step back into the steam-filled romance of the 1940s with Emma Rice's breathtaking stage adaptation of classic movie, *Brief Encounter*.

Written by Noël Coward, based on his play *Still Life*, *Brief Encounter* introduces us to Laura, a respectable suburban wife and Alex, the idealistic, married doctor. Meeting in a railway station buffet they fall passionately in love but are doomed never to find fulfilment. The play takes the audience on a wild, dramatic and deeply funny journey, with a soundtrack of music from the period.

This adaptation of the story was a huge West End hit and reimagines one of the greatest British movies of all time with a vibrant, joyful energy.

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So, grab your ticket - you won't want to miss this train.

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Brief Encounter: Thurs 12th, Fri 13th and Sat 14th November 2026

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"Thanks to the kindness and generosity of supporters like you, in 2025 we were able to support over 750 Wish children, siblings and parents, granting 83 Wishes and delivering joyful Treats and Opportunities that brought families together at the times they needed it most.

From personalised wishes and unforgettable meet-and-greets to shared family experiences that offered respite from hospital appointments and daily challenges, every moment was created around what mattered most to each child and family.

One of the highlights of the year was the return of our Disney Wishes, giving families the chance to step away from everyday routines and create precious memories together – moments filled with joy, connection and hope.

Joe Williamson, Chief Executive Officer of When You Wish Upon a Star, shared: "As a magical supporter of When You Wish Upon a Star, I wanted to personally thank you for your incredible support. Your contributions have played a vital role in helping us continue creating life-changing experiences for the children and families we serve.

Our 2025 Impact Report highlights the difference your support has made and the extraordinary impact we've been able to achieve together.

As we look ahead, we are incredibly excited about what's to come. We are currently in the middle of our 2026 plans, alongside the development of an ambitious new three-year strategy designed to help us build something even bigger and better for the future of Wish.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our journey. Over 750 Memories made together, because of you!"

Whether you donate, fundraise, play our lottery or share our story, we couldn't do this without you. You are part of every Wish we grant and every smile we create.

We hope you enjoy reading our 2025 Impact Report and seeing the incredible difference your support continues to make."

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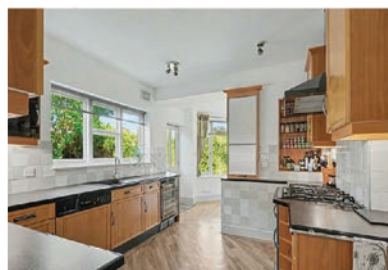
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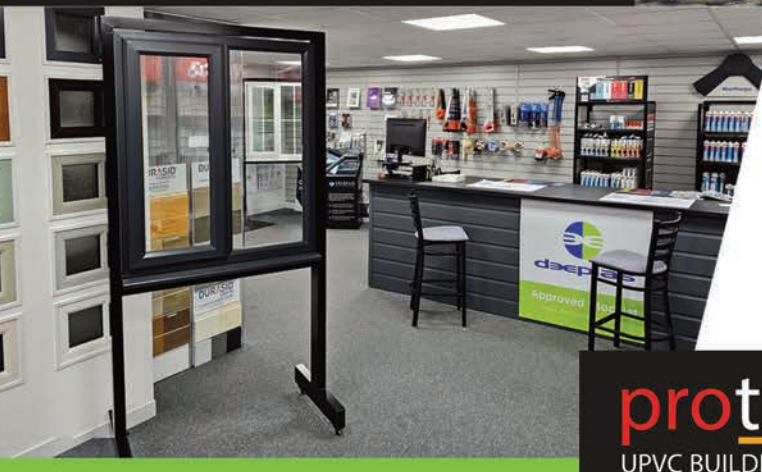
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A long-established family business in Beeston has entered an exciting new chapter, after 40 years it is now being taken over by the next generation of the family.

Meet the new owners...

Beeston Concrete Garages, based at Unit C, The Poplars on Wollaton Road, has been serving customers across Nottinghamshire and the Midlands for more than 40 years, supplying and installing concrete garages, sheds, workshops and bespoke garden buildings.

The business was originally established by fathers Paul and David Taylor, who set-up the business in the 80's and built the company into a trusted local name over four decades. Now, daughters Jemma and Kim have taken over the business alongside their husbands Simon and Ian, continuing the family-run approach while investing in the future of the company.

As part of the takeover, the new owners have recently completed a revamp of the company's showroom in Beeston, creating a refreshed space where customers can explore the range of products and speak to the team about their requirements.

The business provides a wide range of outdoor buildings, including concrete garages and sheds, workshops, storage buildings, lean tos, timber sheds and summerhouses, with many options tailored to suit individual homes, gardens and outdoor spaces. Alongside new installations, the team also supplies garage doors and materials for garage refurbishments, helping customers upgrade and extend the life of existing buildings.

The team says demand for practical outdoor buildings continues to grow as homeowners look for additional storage, home workshops, hobby spaces and secure garages that are built to last.

Kim Billson said: "Taking over the business from our dads is something we're incredibly proud of. Beeston Concrete Garages has been part of the local community for more than 40 years and has built a fantastic reputation for quality products, customer service and offering some of the best value concrete garages on the market.

"We wanted to keep those strong family values and personal service that the business is known for, while also bringing in fresh ideas and investing in the future, including revamping our showroom so customers can better explore the different products and options available."

Beeston Concrete Garages offers free site surveys and supports customers throughout the process, from choosing the right building through to installation.

The company says being family-run remains central to the business, with much of its work continuing to come through recommendations and repeat customers.

The newly updated showroom at Unit C, The Poplars, Wollaton Road, Beeston is now open for customers wanting to explore the range of garages, sheds and bespoke garden buildings available.

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At the beginning of this year Nottingham-based karate instructor and former world champion Aidan Trimble, announced a major charity training event in support of organisations helping people living with Dementia and Motor Neurone Disease (MND).



The one-day training course took place in February at the University of Nottingham's David Ross Sports Village and delivered by Trimble alongside three other former World Karate Champions. Ronnie Christopher, Matt Price and John Gardiner.

The event was organised just before Christmas and was inspired by personal experiences close to home. Aidan has two close friends currently living with Dementia and MND respectively.

"I wanted to do something practical - not just raise awareness, but raise money," said Trimble. "I called on three of the top coaches I know, and they immediately agreed to join me."

Interest in the event was overwhelming, with close to 250 participants, attendees traveled from across the UK and even some coming from Poland and Germany specifically to take part. Incredibly the one day event raised £8500!

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A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Separation is never easy, but a calm and considered approach can make the process clearer and less stressful. This guide highlights the key issues to think about, including your wellbeing, finances and property, and arrangements for your children, in a practical and supportive way.

Start with how you will approach things - Before taking steps to separate, consider whether reconciliation or conciliation is possible. If separation is inevitable, mediation can help you reach constructive agreements and remains a positive option if disagreements arise later.

Agreeing arrangements for your children - Decide how the children's time will be shared between you, always focusing on what best meets their needs. Plan practical details such as handover arrangements, communication when the children are with the other parent, and how routines and activities will be maintained. A Parenting Plan or co-parenting apps such as OurFamilyWizard, 2Houses or AppClose can help keep arrangements clear and child-focused.

Safety and wellbeing - If there is domestic abuse, seek legal advice and support immediately. Protecting you and the children must be the priority, and involving the police or support services may be necessary.

Your home and finances - Consider whether one of you will leave the family home and how this might affect the children. Agree how ongoing bills, particularly the mortgage, will be paid and review how jointly owned property is held.

Getting the financial picture clear - Both of you should gather full details of assets and debts so financial matters can be dealt with openly and fairly.

If you are not married or in a civil partnership - Be aware that "common law" marriage is a myth and does not provide the same legal rights.

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Green-fingered Brits are being encouraged to welcome bees into their gardens to support plant reproduction and biodiversity.

Experts at GardeningExpress.co.uk have named seven bee-friendly plants gardeners can grow to attract pollinators.

Bees are very beneficial in the garden because they're efficient pollinators, helping plants set fruit and produce seeds.

To make gardens thrive, experts are advising gardeners to incorporate nectar and pollen-rich plants, creating perfect habitats for bees.

Here are seven bee-friendly plants to add to your garden:

1. Bluebells are rich in nectar, making them perfect for pollinators. Their beautiful bell-shaped blooms and blue and purple hues also make them an attractive addition to flower beds.

2. Foxgloves are great for attracting bees because of their tubular shape. They provide food for long-tongued bees, such as the garden bumblebee.

3. Lavender plants that have purple flowers such as lavender attract bees because they see this colour more clearly than others. Lavender provides lots of nectar and also adds a pleasant scent to gardens.

4. Cornflowers are low-maintenance wildflowers that attract bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. Perfect for adding more colour to your garden.

5. Rosemary produces nectar and pollen-rich flowers that are a magnet for bees. Besides attracting pollinators, it's also a useful kitchen staple that gardeners can use to enhance their meals.

6. Lemon balm is a bee favorite, thanks to its sweet, citrusy fragrance and tiny white flowers. This easy-to-grow herb is also perfect for making soothing herbal teas.

7. Single-flowered dahlias

Gardeners should opt for single flowers as double flowers have many petals, making it hard for bees to reach the pollen in the centre. Dahlias are very popular among gardeners, but if you're looking to attract bees, make sure to grow single-flowered dahlia varieties.

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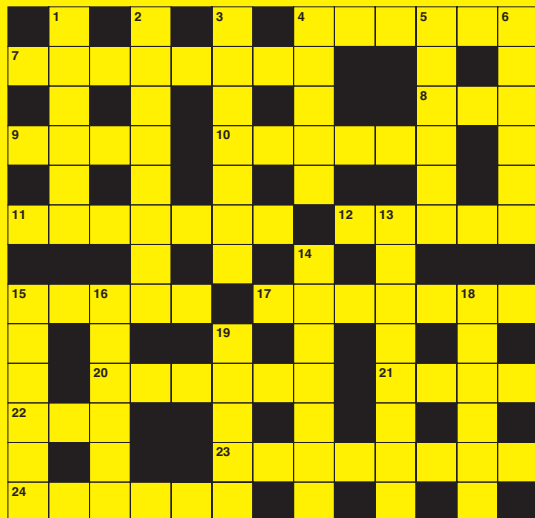
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Across

- 4 - Playground structure (6)
- 7 - Force lifting something up (8)
- 8 - Era (anag) (3)
- 9 - Oven or furnace (4)
- 10 - Margin of safety (6)
- 11 - Declaring to be untrue (7)
- 12 - Inadequately (5)
- 15 - Destroy (3,2)
- 17 - Brave fighter (7)
- 20 - Bribe (6)
- 21 - Negative votes (4)
- 22 - Signal for action (3)
- 23 - Group of musicians (8)
- 24 - A complex whole (6)

Down

- 1 - Join together (6)
- 2 - Expression of gratitude (5,3)
- 3 - 220 yards (7)
- 4 - Sharply inclined (5)
- 5 - Moved back and forth (6)
- 6 - Occurring every seven days (6)
- 13 - Science of soil management (8)
- 14 - Aquatic creature with prominent barbels (7)
- 15 - Verifies (6)
- 16 - Slender candles (6)
- 18 - Excessively (6)
- 19 - ____ pole: tribal emblem (5)

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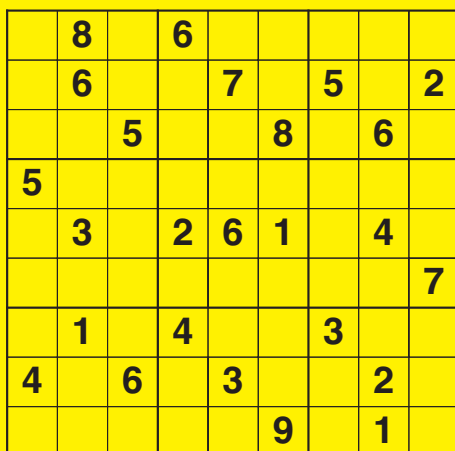
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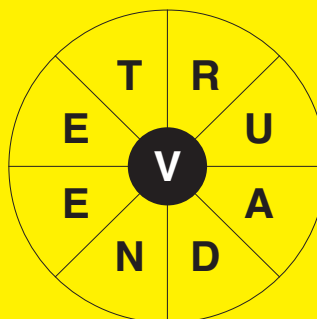
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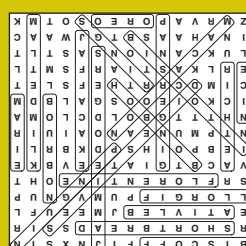
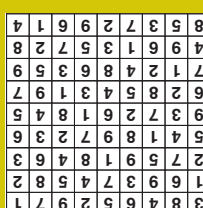
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A 14-year-old Scout from Beeston, successfully completed a challenging 71 mile bike ride over the hottest weekend of the year so far, in a determined fundraising challenge to help him attend one of the world's biggest international Scouting events.

Breeze finds out how you can help Adam raise funds...

Adam Field, a member of 3rd Chilwell Explorer Scouts, has been selected as part of the Nottinghamshire contingent travelling to the World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, Poland, in August 2027.

The World Scout Jamboree is a huge international Scout camp, bringing together young people from around 176 countries. The event offers opportunities to take part in outdoor adventures, cultural exchanges and global friendship activities. Participants need to be 14-17 years old, and the event is held every four years, making it a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many young Scouts, and a huge honour to be selected to represent your County and Country.

To help fund his place Adam took on a sponsored bike ride from the 'City to the Sea' in May. Alongside his dad Richard, Adam set off from the City Ground at Trent Bridge, cycling over 70 miles to the Lincolnshire coast, finishing near Boston. Starting at 10:15am, they successfully reached the sea 8 hours later at 6:15pm.

He said "I really enjoyed the ride. The last part was very tough. I was so tired and we were battling against the heat and a sea breeze.

Knowing I had so many supporters rooting for me really kept me going. That, and the promise of an ice cream at the end!!". His Mum Lucy said "We're so proud of him. He's stuck with the training since February through all kinds of weather. We've been blown away by the support we've had from so many people."

He had the Jamboree necker (Scout scarf) with him on the ride, featuring the UK contingent's mascot 'Oddie the Otter'. Oddie's name comes from the Polish word 'odwaga' meaning courage, connecting with the Jamboree's theme of bravery. Otters also symbolise joy, friendship and community, all of which are at the heart of Scouting and reminded Adam why he was taking on such a big challenge.

Adam said "Growing up in Beeston, I've seen how the community comes together to support each other. I'm already paying it back by talking to younger Scouts, Cubs and Beavers about the Jamboree and inspiring them on their own adventures in Scouting".

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Planned attractions include: **Food** – burgers, hot dogs, ice cream, cakes and cookies, samosas and pakoras, **Activities** – crafts, bouncy castle, pet a pony, face painting, table tennis (12yrs and over), teddy tombola, **Blue lighters** – police and fire brigade, **Stalls** – homemade cakes and cookies, plants, table top sale, **Local interest** - historic maps of the area, **Quiet space** – for rest and reflection.

This will also be an opportunity to meet the newly appointed Children and Families Worker for St Barnabas, Debra Watts, to hear what plans there are for the future and to talk to Debra about what you think would be helpful for children and families in the area.

For further information about the community at St Barnabas, see our website: www.stbarnabaslentonabbey.co.uk or look for us on Facebook.

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Sea Scout Armada Invasion

The Beeston Rylands based 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts have taken to the river in style, launching a flotilla of kayaks, paddleboards and powerboats from Beeston's celebrated Marina to make their way upstream to their island water base on the Trent for the start of the summer season.



But before the armada set off, the group gathered for a rather special moment. Moored at the Marina is a genuine WW2 American landing craft, a Higgins Boat, the same type of vessel that carried troops ashore at D-Day on 6th June 1944 and was later immortalised in Saving Private Ryan and The Monuments Men. With special permission to board, the scouts assembled on its deck before setting out on their own considerably more peaceful invasion upstream to Barton Island near Attenborough.

Formed in 1928, 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts give young people aged 4 to 18 the chance to build water confidence and develop seamanship skills throughout the summer months. They operate from the secluded Barton Island, accessible only by water, on the Trent upstream near Attenborough, as well as from their Lilac Grove HQ in Beeston Rylands.

The group has grown considerably in recent years and now has over 90 young members, with waiting lists across its sections, from 4-18 years of age. Summer activities range from kayaking and canoeing to paddleboarding and open water adventures.

With a three-discipline challenge event on the Trent planned for June and overnight island camps through the summer, 2026 promises to be one of the group's most ambitious seasons yet. **New members and young people interested in joining are welcome to get in touch at www.2ndbeeston.org.uk.**

"The June meeting of the **Wollaton Natural History Society** will take place on **Wednesday, 17th June 2026 at 7.15pm for 7.30pm**. This will take the form of a Members' Evening, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the WNHS. There will be presentations by members of their top ten photographs, including 'old fashioned' slides, as well as refreshments, a celebratory cake and raffle.

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