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Last year's festival was record-breaking, raising an amazing £31,935 – the highest total in Oxjam Beeston's history. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our supporters and of course our fantastic volunteers, who work tirelessly behind the scenes and on the day to keep everything running smoothly.

Over the summer, Oxjam HQ has been in full swing, working with twenty venues across Beeston to make sure this year's festival caters to every taste.

Expect a diverse line-up spanning rock, pop, folk, acoustic and more, with over 120 artists already signed up to play. By popular demand, the Silent Disco will also be making its return – perfect for those who like to party in their own unique way!

A huge thank you goes out to the many talented musicians who donate their time and talent to perform for free, helping to make Oxjam such a special event. It's not too late to get involved – if you're an artist or in a band and would like to play, head to www.oxjambeeston.org to complete an Artist Application form.

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Dance also plays a vital role in building resilience and personal development. At Insight, we encourage children and adults to practice and repeat skills, helping them to see progress over time and develop perseverance. Every step, whether big or small, is celebrated. We know that confidence grows through positivity and encouragement, and our teachers work hard to ensure that every dancer feels supported and valued.

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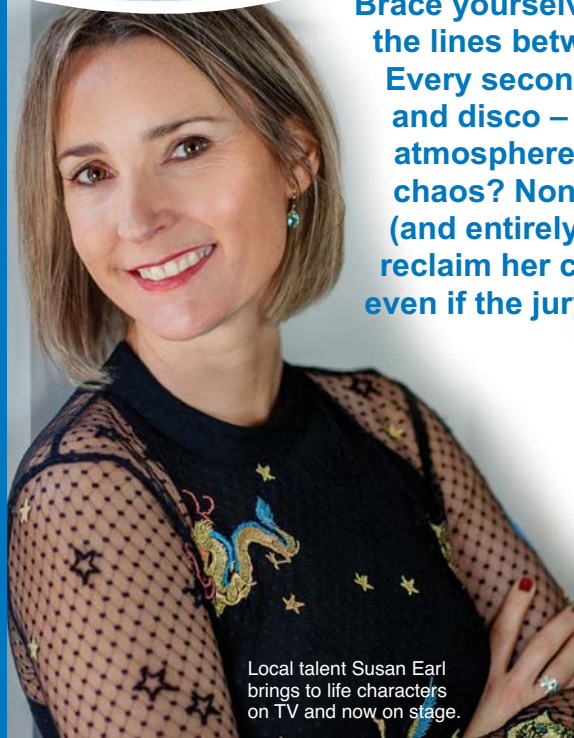
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"It's been three years since I moved back to my hometown of Nottingham, and I'm honestly thrilled to be back here. I grew up in Mansfield before moving to Nottingham at the age of eight. It was the County Council - funded drama groups in Nottingham, run by the brilliant Alistair Conquer, that first gave me the chance to learn proper performance skills. Bizarrely, it was performing Shakespeare that taught me how to speak clearly - and, over time, helped me lose my Mansfield accent. Of course, accents have a funny way of sneaking back, and I love reclaiming mine whenever I step into Sue Cheroux.

I've had the joy of playing some brilliant characters on TV, as well as getting up on stage to share my own stand-up comedy -until Covid came along and pressed a giant 'pause' button on live comedy. With my teenage kids navigating their own tricky times, I swapped late-night gigs and demanding filming schedules for daytime writing.

I've been a writer for the CBeebies show Bing, which helps toddlers learn to navigate tricky emotions. Alongside that, I've been creating my own comedies and dramas - mostly set in Nottingham, sadly, those shows are still languishing in TV development limbo.

Now, though, I'm back writing for live performance, and I can't wait. Fisher Gate Point is the perfect venue, set up by Tricia and Ian Gardiner, who are both founding Directors. It's got a heart-centred, arty vibe and a brilliant bar. It's a fantastic venue for the centre of Nottingham and I'm delighted to be setting up a regular performance there.

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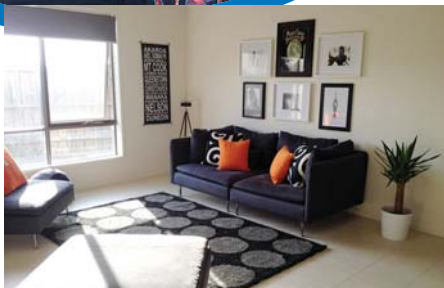
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"Collaboration sits at the heart of my process: clients, tradespeople, specialists and suppliers working together so every decision serves both beauty and function, and the result feels unmistakably 'you'."

Guided by Colour Therapeutics for Interior Design, I use colour and light to support mood, focus and wellbeing as much as style - palettes and lighting plans that do more than look good; they help you feel good.

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I mainly work with homeowners, refreshing single rooms through to full renovations, and I take on select boutique commercial projects (small hospitality, independent retail, studios and wellness spaces) where character and atmosphere matter.

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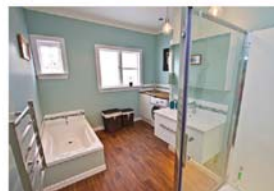
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Dr S A Janjua, pictured immediately after the Cardiff University ceremony at which he received his MSc degree in Clinical Optometry

Congratulations to local optometrist Sheeraz Janjua, the owner and senior optometrist at John Flynn Optician, Beeston

In 2017, Sheeraz Janjua, the owner and senior optometrist at John Flynn Optician, Beeston, attained a Doctor of Optometry degree.

In 2025, he has built on that success by completing his MSc in Clinical Optometry at Cardiff University.

His latest achievement entailed a number of examinations and the compilation of an extensive review of current research into Photobiomodulation, a new form of therapy which uses special light sources to treat patients who have Dry Age-related Macular Disease (DryAMD) or patients who have Dry Eye Disease (DED) or Meibomian Gland Dysfunction (MGD).

Dr Janjua has been using these new light-based therapies extensively in his practice in Beeston and his treated patients have been reporting very positive results.

Flynn's, In Devonshire Avenue, Beeston, welcomes the registration of new patients and is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5:30pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm. Call 0115 925 5051 to make an appointment with Dr Janjua for an advanced eye examination.

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The Attenborough Scarecrow Festival took place earlier in the year, and was a fantastic success. Local residents and business put forward thirty different scarecrows for "Heroes and Villains" and people came from near and far to take part, buy a map and explore all the village had to offer.

Breeze catches up with Chris Parkin, organiser and Attenborough resident...

"A big thanks to everybody who attended, who helped us to raise over £2000 for village charities and various groups.

The Attenborough Nature Centre put forward a fantastic scarecrow of the amazing hero, David Attenborough. It won the best group/business scarecrow after many visitors voted for them, beating some great scarecrows themed on Snail and the Whale, David and Goliath and a fantastic display from the local girl guides at the Cricket Club.

The residents didn't hold back this year with some fantastic creations including Voldemort, local hero Owen, Wicked, Florence Nightingale, Ghostbusters and many others.

The winning scarecrows went to a fully animatronic Darth Vader in third, Super Bart and Homer Simpson fighting Sideshow Bob in second, and the winner was a truly impressive Star Wars display featuring a 10ft tall AT-ST!

The festival was so successful BBC Radio Nottingham got hold of the story, and I got to talk to breakfast host Sumaya Mughal on Monday morning about the event. I can't thank everyone in Attenborough enough as without them, we don't have an event.

A special thanks to Toni who helped me with the event, arranging a fantastic craft fair at the Village Hall, and local residents Charlie (the winner!) and Sally-Anne for their help.

I hope with the right support, next years' event can grow even further. Themes and a date will be advertised as soon as known".



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Avid gardeners are being told of the gardening trends to look out for this year with thrifty gardening taking front and centre.

Garden boss and founder of GardeningExpress.co.uk, Chris Bonnett has shared his top garden trends for 2025.

As the world strives for more environmentally conscious practices, growing your own, upcycling, recycling and thrifting are expected to be big trends.

Chris is encouraging Britons to consider growing their own food and suggests cherry tomatoes and strawberries for an easy start.

Upcycling and recycling in the garden are also great ways to reuse materials, save money, reduce waste and promote sustainability. Which also allows families and gardeners to celebrate their diversity, incorporating creative ways to repurpose old items and make the garden uniquely their own.

Chris said: "Gardening is adapting and this year a lot of people will be looking into thrifty gardening to make the most of their outdoor spaces in a cost effective way.

"As families embrace thrifting and upcycling, it opens up space for personal touches, adding more diversity in both function and style.

"This means we'll be seeing a lot more creative gardening which is amazing! It really reflects the diversity of the current gardening population.

"Brits are also looking for more fuss-free gardens too so we'll see a rise in low maintenance plants and landscaping including hydrangeas, geraniums and ornamental grasses."

GARDENING TRENDS

Grow your own - With gardeners taking a more thrifty approach, many will be looking to grow their own this year. If you're a beginner opt for easy to grow fruits and vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, strawberries, radishes and root vegetables.

Upcycling is a fantastic and savvy approach to gardening which involves taking old items and giving them a new lease of life by transforming them into something else that can be used in your garden, adding a touch of creativity and personality. For example, old palettes can be used to create raised beds or vertical garden structures and wine corks and yoghurt pots can be used for unique plant markers.

Recycling and repurposing materials is a great way to get the most out of them and will help reduce waste and improve the overall health of your garden. Garden waste like shredded branches and lawn clippings can be great for retaining soil moisture. They can also be used to create a nutrient rich compost alongside leaves and plant trimmings.

Flood resilient plants - With unpredictable weather and record breaking rainy days in the past year, the desire for plants that can withstand wet and boggy ground are on the rise. Homeowners who want flourishing gardens are increasingly opting for durable plants.

Low maintenance gardens - Easy to maintain, sustainable gardens have been an increasing trend. With busy modern life, homeowners want fuss free gardens, including low maintenance plants, potted plants and hard landscaping.

Wildlife friendly gardens - Welcoming biodiversity onto your doorstep is more sought after than ever as people begin to reconnect with nature. Bustling flora and fauna create a habitable place for wildlife to thrive. Including bird baths and feeders can make your garden more welcoming to animals.

Vertical gardening - Easier to maintain gardens are on the rise and vertical gardens offer a practical solution for those with a smaller and limited outdoor space who live in cities. Vertical gardening also allows those who do have a larger garden area to maximise their space.



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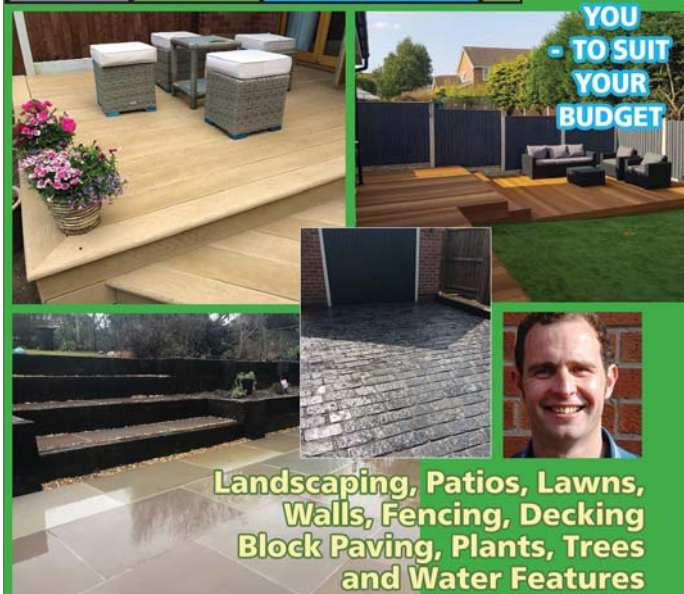
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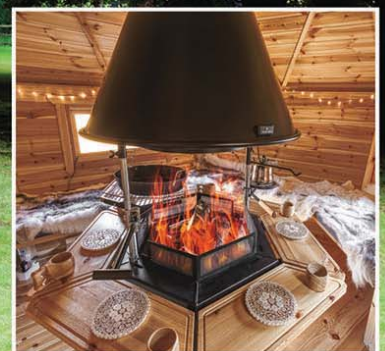
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Olivia, shares her favourite 'What's On' this month

Middle Street Resource Centre – Our local community centre always has lots of regular events going on for people to attend, many of these are through other organisations that are run at the centre and can be accessed to those in need, just a few included are:

Poetry Group every Monday 1:30pm-3pm, **Acoustic Guitar**

Group - Monday 2pm-3pm, **Philosophy**

of Mental Health - Tuesday every fortnight 2pm-4pm, **Walking Group** - Friday every fortnight 9:30am.

Victory Nottinghamshire exhibition:

commemorating the countries role in the second world war - This will be held at Beeston Library **2nd-29th of September** where they will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the ending of the Second World War with an exhibition to showcase the war effort made by those on the home front and frontlines. No pre-booking required just show up!

Art for beginners – This event is an arts course for people of age 19 and above and will be running from the **10th of September to the 15th of October on Wednesdays at Beeston Library 10am-12:30pm**. Art for Beginners is course that will introduce you to different ways of creating an image through drawing and painting and no previous experience is required! You can book your spot through the Beeston library website, the course is FREE – £60.

Beeston Civic Society Heritage Open Days - 12th - 21st of September, the event is free and open to everybody. This is England's largest community led festival of culture and history.

A few of the exciting days to expect are Blue Plaques: Chilwell and beyond, a guided walk by local experts. How to build Heritage: an interactive panel event. You can find out more information and keep an eye on the other upcoming heritage days on the Beeston civic society website.

<https://beestoncivicsociety.org.uk>

Beeston Food Fair - Every third Saturday at Beeston Square. Next one being held is on **20th of September** Lots of independent traders will be ready to serve you with a wide range of homemade tasty treats, a great way to support the community while trying out some new foods!

Chess and Mahjong Club - Every fourth Tuesday held at the Plessey centre, the next time to get a chance at learning some skills in chess with Mahjong tutors is **23rd of September 6pm-8pm**. Suitable for chess players of all abilities the session costs £3 and tea and coffee is included.

The September Meeting of the **Wollaton National History Society** will take place on **Wednesday, 17th September 2025 at 7.30pm**. The Talk is entitled "The World of Spiders" by David Fox. Meet at **St Leonard's Community Centre, Bramcote Lane, Wollaton, NG8 2ND (opposite the library)** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Free for members, visitors welcome £3 on the door. For more information visit the website

www.spanglefish.com/WollatonNaturalHistory, find them on Facebook or telephone Chairman Nigel Downes on 0115 944 4671.

The Spotted Dog Art Group September Workshop: Saturday 20th September "Layers and Landscapes" with Marie Williams from 10.00am to 4.00pm at **Bramcote Memorial Hall**. In this creative workshop, we will explore the expressive possibilities of charcoal, graphic and liquid media across a variety of surfaces from paper to maps and printed grids. Through playful layering and mark making you will be encouraged to capture textures, moods and memories of place.

October Exhibition: at Beeston Library From 1st October to 1st November.

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Friendly society **Nottingham Oddfellows** is inviting Nottingham residents to a special taster event as part of its annual Friendship Month celebrations this September.

Say 'yes' to new friendships at their Friendship Walk at **Attenborough Nature Reserve** and receive a complimentary drink.

They are kicking off their festivities with a Friendship Walk at **Attenborough Nature Reserve, NG6 6DY** at 11am on **Saturday 20th September**, meeting at the café for a complimentary drink. Promising a warm welcome to any newcomers, Karen Pye-Smith for Nottingham Oddfellows, said: "People who try us always leave saying they wish they hadn't worried so much and they were pleased they came along. These taster sessions are designed to put you at ease. The society has so much to offer including care and welfare support" **To register an interest in attending this taster event, or to find out more about the group and its activities: email: karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk or call Karen on 07921 821866, or request a local info pack at: www.friendshipmonth.com**

Beeston Wildlife Group - A group of enthusiasts affiliated to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust who aim to engage others in the whole wildlife experience by providing access to a range of walks and talks. **September Talk:** Svalbard: Days Without Nights with Paul Bingham. **Monday September 22nd 2025 at 7.30pm.**

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Inspire Poetry Festival returns to Beeston Library this September. Poetry will be spilling off the shelves and into the spotlight this autumn as the Inspire Poetry Festival returns to Nottinghamshire Libraries. Running from Thursday 25th September to Thursday 2nd October, the week-long celebration offers performances, workshops and creative sessions designed to inspire seasoned readers, aspiring writers and curious minds alike.



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The programme opens at West Bridgford Library on Thursday 25th September with the acclaimed Imtiaz Dharker. A poet, artist and filmmaker, Dharker's work is studied in schools across the country and she was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2014. During her visit,

she will be in conversation with Clare Brown of Bromley House Library, discussing her "desert island poems" before reading from her own collections, including her latest release *Shadow Reader*.

On Thursday 2 October, National Poetry Day, Romalyn Ante brings the festival to a close. Ante, a nurse and award-winning poet, writes powerfully about migration, memory and healing. Her newest collection *AGIMAT* explores myth and modern life across the Philippines, Wolverhampton and the NHS. Earlier that day she will also lead a workshop, *Chasing Sunlight*, guiding participants through childhood memories and creativity in keeping with the National Poetry Day theme of play.

Beeston Library plays a central role in the festival, hosting a weekend of events that highlight local talent and inclusive voices. On Friday 26th September, the Paper Crane Poets, Beeston's resident collective, will present a showcase of fresh writing, known for its energy and variety of perspectives.

The following day, Saturday 27th September, the library welcomes *Beyond the Spectrum*, a supportive workshop for neurodivergent people. First created by Writing East Midlands in 2021, the series continues to challenge misconceptions and create space for authentic expression.

Also on the Saturday, the Social Model Writers, a collective of disabled writers, will lead a special lunchtime hybrid session. Blending poetry, stories and a Q&A, the event can be enjoyed either in person or online,

with an open invitation for disabled poets to share a short piece of their own.

Following its successful visit earlier in the year, Beeston Library will also host the Virtual Reality Library during the same weekend, offering visitors the chance to step into immersive experiences. The poetic VR film *Monoliths* - featuring animation and spoken word inspired by northern landscapes - will be especially relevant to the festival. Family favourite *Wallace & Gromit in The Grand Getaway* returns, alongside new titles such as *Hold the World*, an interactive journey with Sir David Attenborough at the Natural History Museum.

Beeston rounds off its contribution on Monday 29th September with an event from independent publisher Five Leaves Publications. Two new pamphlets will be launched, *Rainbow Candles* by Tony Challis and *Fragments* by Tara Singh, giving audiences the chance to hear fresh work and support homegrown talent.

From headline performances to grassroots showcases, the Inspire Poetry Festival reflects the power of poetry to connect communities and spark imagination. The celebration does not end with the festival: Nottinghamshire Libraries offer a wealth of poetry to borrow for free year-round, ensuring that readers can continue their journey long after the final performance.

This year's Inspire Poetry Festival promises to be a week of words to savour - whether you find yourself at Beeston Library, West Bridgford, or anywhere poetry takes root across the county.

Find out more about the Inspire Poetry Festival, book tickets, or contact the team by visiting www.inspireculture.org.uk/poetryfestival

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Workshop at Beeston Library

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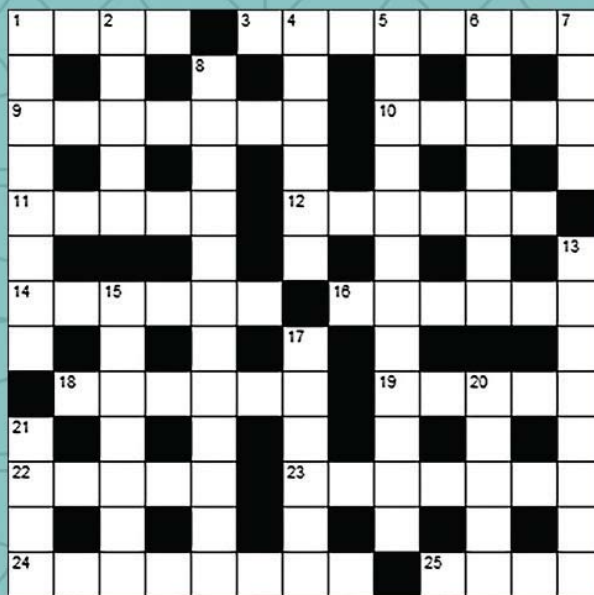
Across

1. Free from danger (4)
3. Upright, perpendicular (8)
9. Circus swing (7)
10. Game in which you shout when you win (5)
11. Without clothing (5)
12. Appeared to be (6)
14. Filtered through fine mesh (6)
16. Concern, issue (6)
18. Diversion (6)
19. Labels (5)
22. Predatory marine mollusc (5)
23. Highly seasoned Indian rice dish (7)
24. Old form of address for a woman (8)
25. Presidential assistant (4)

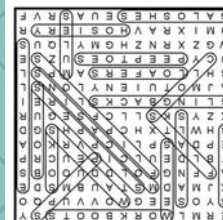
Down

1. Devil worshipper (8)
2. Container for fluid (5)
4. All the same, however (4,2)
5. Mealtime etiquette (5,7)
6. Arrogance (7)
7. Large wild cat (4)
8. Seamstress or tailor (12)
13. Social standing (8)
15. Antennae (7)
17. Clans (6)
20. _____ Dolphins, American football team (5)
21. Moved through the water (4)

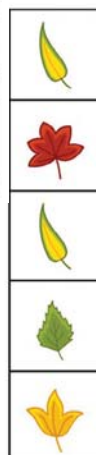
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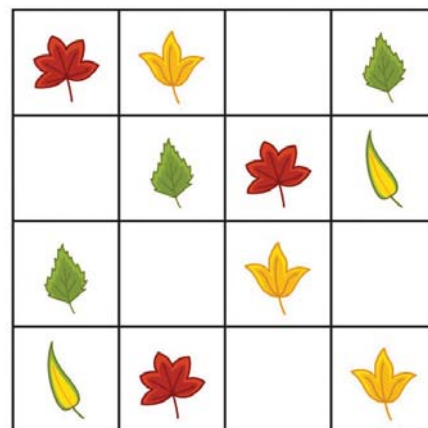


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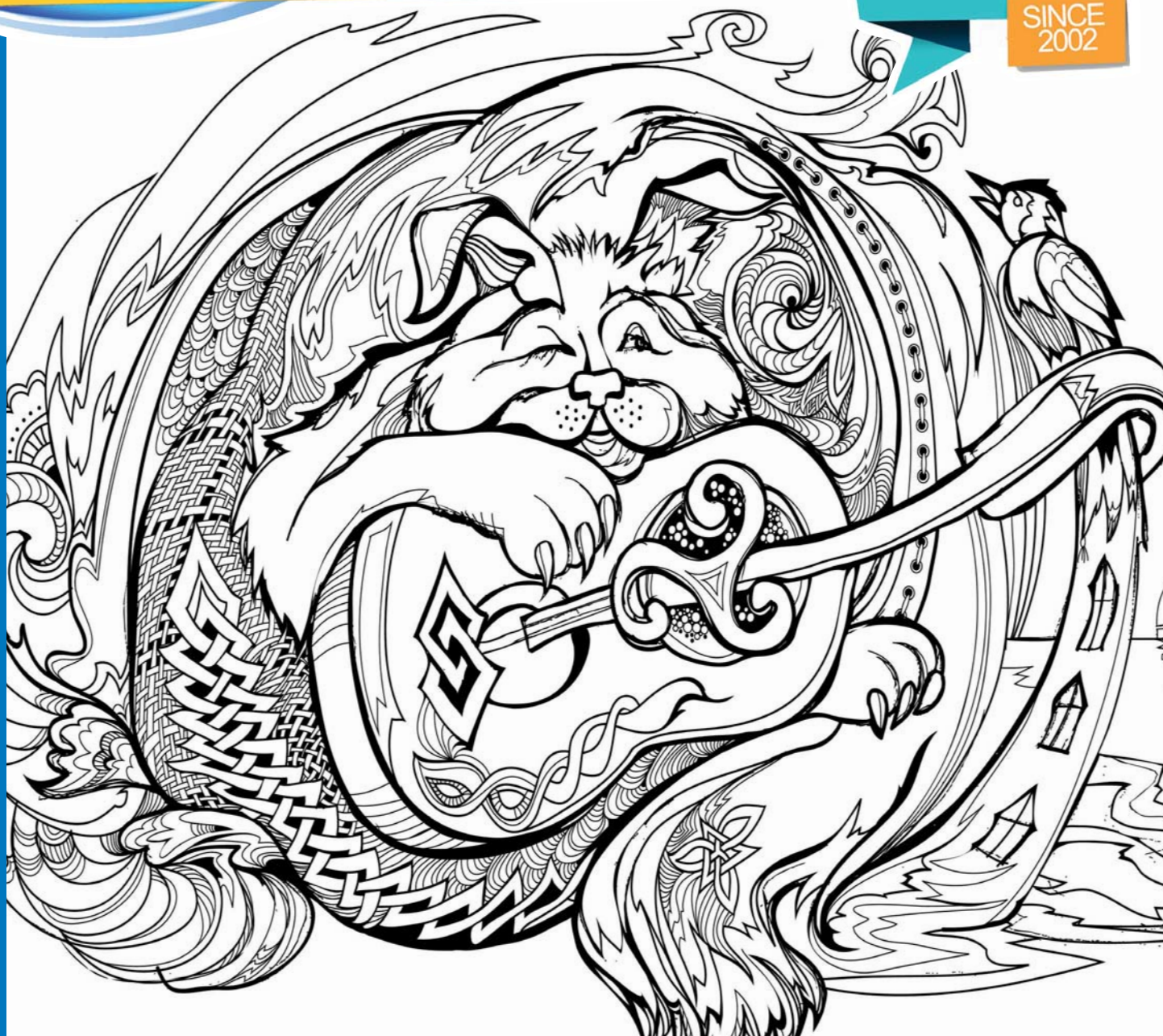
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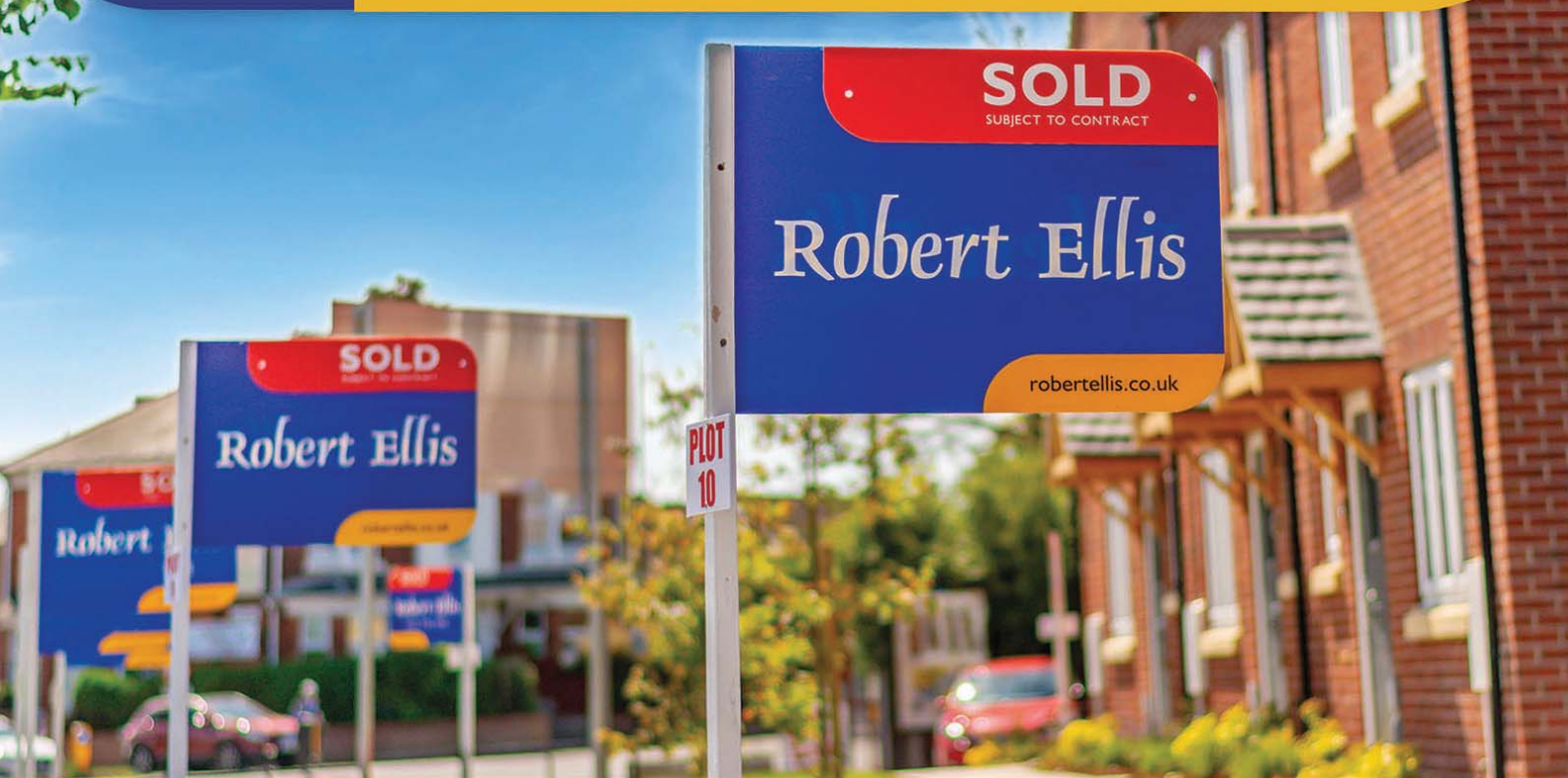
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