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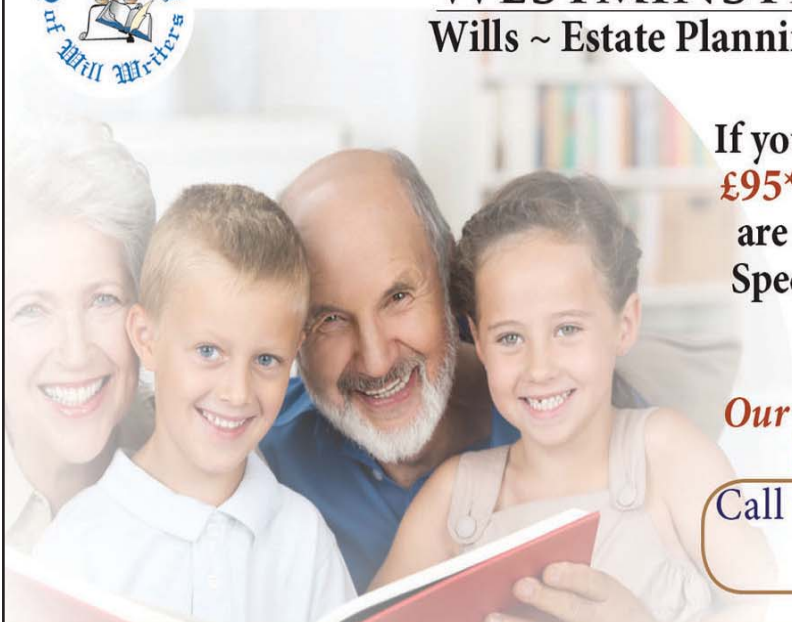
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For those starting from scratch, full van conversions can take care of everything required to transform an empty vehicle into your home on the road. This can include professional carpet lining and insulation, helping to make your van warmer, quieter and more comfortable throughout the year.

Sunny Days Campers can also carry out window installations, bringing more natural light into the vehicle and helping to create a brighter, more spacious feel. Floor fitting is available too, providing a durable and attractive finish that is designed to cope with life on the road.

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And you don't need to be planning a complete conversion to get in touch. Maintenance and repairs are also welcomed, so if something needs fixing, replacing or improving, Daniel is happy to help.

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**Beeston Community Drumming Circle (BC/DC)** is a community drumming circle who play African djembe drums, dun duns and percussion in a mixture of improvisation and traditional and created rhythms. Breeze finds out how you can join them...

"At BC/DC we welcome everyone and all musical contributions are valued in a fully inclusive manner. As such there is a diverse range of experience and talents within the group that continues to evolve throughout weekly rehearsals.

We meet every Tuesday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell High Road, NG9 1EH. First session is free, then £5 for waged and £3 for everyone else. Youths are free with a fee-paying adult; students are also free. When there is a guest tutor it is £5 for the session. Included is the use of instruments, hall space and refreshments and introductory support for new members.

The weekly sessions are not led by a single person, but free for members to listen to one another's beats and rhythms, join in, add to and improvise together.

We share and learn some traditional rhythms as our core rhythms. As well as African drums and percussion voice and body percussion (e.g., clapping) is experimented with during the 2-hour rehearsal slot.

As a community drumming circle we perform at local community events, all members are welcome to perform if they would like to. We provide a band t-shirt at a subsidised cost of £5.

We have performed at local Light Nights; Beeston's Oxjam; Family Days and with local charity events to name a few.

Many members enjoy cake too, so we share treats on a regular basis and have some drumming and food social events during the year.

Most of all this a group of people that come together regularly over their shared enjoyment of playing djembe drums, creating rhythms and having fun, laughter and friendship through this community drumming circle."

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# oxjam - sweet 16!

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**Beeston's biggest celebration of live music is back for its 16th year! On Saturday 3rd October, Oxjam Beeston Music Festival returns for its sixteenth year, filling cafés, pubs, bars and community venues across the town with twelve hours of fantastic live music – all while raising money for charity...**

Photos By a Touch Of Frost

What began as a small community fundraiser in 2011 has grown into one of Beeston's best-loved annual events. Each year, thousands of people come together to celebrate live music, support local businesses and raise vital funds for good causes, all while retaining the welcoming, community spirit that has made Oxjam so special.

With over 170 artists performing across more than 20 venues, there really is something for everyone. Festival-goers can discover intimate acoustic sets in cosy venues such as Totally Tapped, enjoy energetic rock bands at The Star Inn, or explore everything from indie, folk, jazz and blues to punk, choirs and much more.

The line-up showcases both established local favourites and exciting emerging talent, alongside solo performers, bands and community groups, ensuring every venue offers something unique.

However people choose to spend the day, there's always another venue just around the corner, including the legendary Silent Disco at the Victory Club.

Since launching in 2011, Oxjam Beeston has become one of the town's best-loved annual events, bringing thousands of people together while supporting incredible causes. All our profits fund the work of Oxfam GB and two local charities, MishMash Productions and Forever Stars. MishMash Productions creates welcoming and inclusive live classical music experiences for children, breaking down barriers and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to experience the joy of live performance.

Forever Stars supports families affected by baby loss, providing emotional support, practical advice and helping improve bereavement services at Nottingham University Hospitals.

Last year, the festival raised an incredible £37,005 for charity – a new record. This year, organisers hope to go even further as Oxjam celebrates its Sweet 16.

Oxjam Beeston is powered entirely by volunteers, with every organiser, steward and performer donating their time to make the festival possible. Whether welcoming visitors, helping audiences find their next venue or performing on stage, hundreds of local people come together each year to create something truly special. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up through the festival website, with training, support and a complimentary volunteer wristband, providing you entry to the festival for free!

This year's festival also welcomes several new venues to the Oxjam family, including Essen, Hideaway, Jesse Boot, Redeemer, Victory Club Lounge and the Victory Club Wakeling Room, making 2026 the biggest festival yet.

The festival is only made possible through the generous support of local businesses and sponsors, whose backing helps Oxjam continue to grow year after year. Thank you to our headline sponsor The Star Inn and our other sponsors, Breeze Magazine, CP Walker, Foster Industrial, Crawford & Co. and Broxtowe Borough Council. Many businesses have also contributed to our huge selection of raffle prizes, so make sure to grab tickets on the day.

Whether it's your first Oxjam or your 16th, this is the perfect opportunity to discover new music, support local artists and help make a real difference. Come along, explore Beeston's vibrant music scene and help make Oxjam Beeston's Sweet 16 the best festival yet.

**The festival is proudly family-friendly and accessible. Entry to all venues is free until 6pm, making it easy to explore the music throughout the afternoon. After 6pm, an Oxjam wristband is required and can be purchased online or from Oxfam Books & Music in Beeston £12 in advance, £15 on the day. Under 18s are welcome when accompanied by an adult until 7:30pm, with £5 U18s tickets available, and free entry for U12s.**

**For the latest line-up announcements, venue information, tickets and volunteering opportunities, visit [www.oxjambeeston.org](http://www.oxjambeeston.org), or follow Oxjam Beeston Music Festival on Facebook and Instagram.**



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**Christie Sietos,**  
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Film Festival travelled  
to... Tokyo!



The Beeston Film Festival launched its exciting new International Showcase series with a special evening dedicated to independent cinema and global storytelling in Tokyo! Held in August, at TheaterGuild in Daikanyama, the event invited cinephiles to discover a selection of short films screened at our Festival.

The showcase was the brainchild of our very own Beestonian, **Wakana Morozumi**, pictured left, who spearheaded the entire endeavour. From handpicking the films to translating them into Japanese, Wakana played a

central role in bringing the event to life. Her knowledge, care, and personal connection to both Beeston and Japan helped shape an evening that felt genuinely international while retaining the warmth and community spirit of the festival.

Six short films were screened: **Night Owls**, **Fortissimo**, **Collection Only**, **Lemonade Stand-off**, **The Old Young Crow**, and **Joy Uncensored**. Together, they offered a diverse programme showcasing the creativity, and originality of independent short film cinema. Each film brought its own perspective, style, and approach to storytelling, giving the audience the opportunity to experience a rich collection of voices from around the world.

One of the most memorable aspects of the evening was the inclusion of video introductions from the filmmakers themselves. Before their films were screened, the creators appeared on video to introduce their work. These introductions were especially well received by the audience. Rather than experiencing the films in isolation, guests were able to hear



directly from the people who had created them. The videos offered insight into the filmmakers' ideas, inspirations, and creative processes, transforming the evening into a personal and engaging event.

The Tokyo event was a wonderful launch for the new International Showcase series and it couldn't have happened without Wakana's tireless work, the filmmakers' contribution, TheaterGuild's hospitality and all the support received along the way.

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**Gardening experts at [GardeningExpress.co.uk](http://GardeningExpress.co.uk) have identified six pests that will start appearing in gardens this month...**

Bugs such as spiders, green shield bugs, slugs and even cockroaches are commonly found in gardens during this month.

The experts are advising how to prevent the pesky bugs from ruining gardens without causing them any harm.

Chris Bonnett from [GardeningExpress.co.uk](http://GardeningExpress.co.uk) said: "As we head into the next season, it's likely many Brits will find a new array of bugs in their gardens.

"Creepy crawlies like spiders, cockroaches and slugs are common in gardens at this time of the year. Each have their own benefits in the garden and at times can be left alone to promote a healthy ecosystem.

"But nobody wants them ruining their garden by eating plants or damaging grass. That's why we want to offer advice on how to deter them from the garden without causing them any harm."



**Here is how to keep bugs and pests away from gardens:**

**Spiders** - September is prime spider mating season which results in many creepy crawlies spawning in gardens. They hate the scent of peppermint and mint, so it's worth either planting them around the garden or spraying their essence to deter these insects away.

**Green shield bugs** known as green stink bugs like to lay their eggs on plant leaves. They're attracted to lights, so try to keep any outdoor ones dimly lit when it gets dark.

**Wasps** - Plant herbs like basil and mint around areas you don't want wasps to invade as the strong scent will deter them away.

**Fleas** can ruin a garden by damaging the lawn and creating bare patches. Make sure to keep on top of general garden care like weeding and mowing to remove any potential hiding spaces. It's also worth checking your pet's fur in case the fleas have latched on while they run around the garden.

**Slugs** - Don't be surprised if you start to see an array of them in your garden as mid-Autumn is the start of slug mating season. To lower the chance of them eating your plants, reduce evening watering so the top soil is not as wet at night, as slugs thrive in damp conditions.

**Cockroaches** - Gardens are home to many cockroaches in autumn as the weather begins to get colder. To limit this presence, make sure there are no food sources for them to have a reason to stay. Pick up any fallen fruit or any scraps in the garden.



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# locAle Pub OF THE YEAR

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The annual Nottingham "LocAle" Pub of the Year is now in its 15th year and the 2026 winner is **The Bird Hide, Attenborough.**

The 2026 Nottingham LocAle Pub of the Year award was presented to the Bird Hide Micro-pub, Attenborough, on Friday 7 August 2026. The pub ensured that there was plenty of local beer and ciders available on the night and customers were treated to the following choices:

Bang the Elephant – Never Wrong,  
Bang the Elephant – Lumiere  
Blue Monkey – Funky Chicken,  
Castle Rock - Elsie Mo, Full Mash –  
Murmuration, Lenton Lane – Twisted & Stout,  
Lenton Lane in collaboration with Jacaranda –  
Near Dark, Three Cats Cider – Three Cats Cider,  
Three Cats Cider – Traditional Perry



So how did The Bird Hide win the award and what exactly is LocAle? LocAle is the campaign that Nottingham branch started as a result of the closure of Hardys & Hansons brewery in 2006. Pubs are accredited to the scheme as long as they offer at least one local beer or cider and the quality of the beer or cider is consistently good. For the beer to be deemed local it has to be brewed less than 20 miles from the pub and for cider a slightly higher mileage is allowed.

Since 2006 the scheme has been adopted nationally and within the Nottingham CAMRA branch area there are now over 150 LocAle accredited pubs. In every edition of ND a number of pubs feature and from this list pubs (chosen by the public) advance to the final. In June and July judges visit the pubs and awarded marks for quality of beers and ciders; range of beers and ciders, and the amount of promotion of LocAle that was undertaken by the pub.

Previous winners of the award were The Vat & Fiddle (2025); The Old Green Dragon, Oxtun (2023 and 2024); Byrons Rest, Hucknall (2022); The Robin

Hood (AND) Little John, Arnold (2021) The Miners Return, Kimberley (2020); The Star Inn, Beeston (2019); The Tap & Growler, Hilltop, Eastwood (2018); The Star, Beeston (2017); Horse & Jockey, Stapleford (2016); Lincolnshire Poacher (2015); Hand & Heart (2014); The Gate, Aysworth (2013) and The Flying Horse, Arnold (2012).

Congratulations therefore go to Bird Hide owner Chris Parkin and his team, for becoming the 2026 Nottingham CAMRA LocAle pub of the Year.

On being told that the pub had won, Chris commented: "I am so happy to receive the news we've won! We've only been open five years and having made the final a few times, I never thought we would win as there are so many fantastic pubs in the area supporting LocAle and great quality beers. My model for The Bird Hide has always been to buy cask from local breweries wherever possible, ensuring money spent here goes back into the local economy, allowing them to produce more excellent beer. I try to get every new ale I can, it's like a mini-beer festival each week. We've sold over 750 different beers and ciders over the years, so please come try some!"

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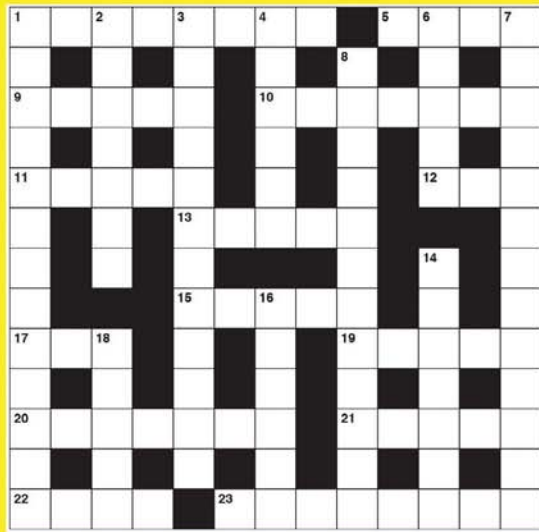


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- 11 - Legal process (5)
- 12 - One more than one (3)
- 13 - Go in (5)
- 15 - Visual perception (5)
- 17 - Haul (3)
- 19 - Shadow (5)
- 20 - Supervise (7)
- 21 - Currently in progress (5)
- 22 - Japanese beverage (4)
- 23 - The acting out of a particular part (4,4)

## Down

- 1 - Buildings (13)
- 2 - Desiring what someone else has (7)
- 3 - Altruism (12)
- 4 - Small hole (6)
- 6 - Principle or belief (5)
- 7 - Principally (13)
- 8 - Pay tribute to another (12)
- 14 - Involve in conflict (7)
- 16 - Small summer-house (6)
- 18 - Ruin (5)

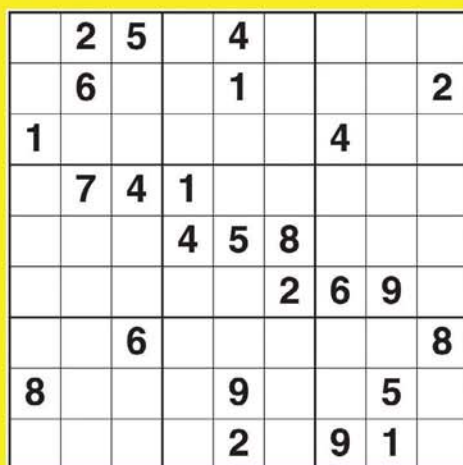
## Last One Laughing Comedians



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| CAMPBELL | MITCHELL    |
| CARR     | MORGAN      |
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| COOPER   | PASCOE      |
| GIEDROYC | RANGANATHAN |
| GLEDHILL | SANDERS     |
| IKUMELO  | WILKINSON   |

Find each of the words in the grid of letters. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in either a forwards or backwards direction.

## SUDOKU



The classic sudoku puzzle. Place the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and 3x3 bold-lined box.

## WORD WHEEL



Find as many words of three or more letters in the wheel as you can. Each word must use the central letter and a selection from the outer wheel – no letter may be used more times than it appears in the wheel. Can you find the nine-letter word hidden in the wheel?

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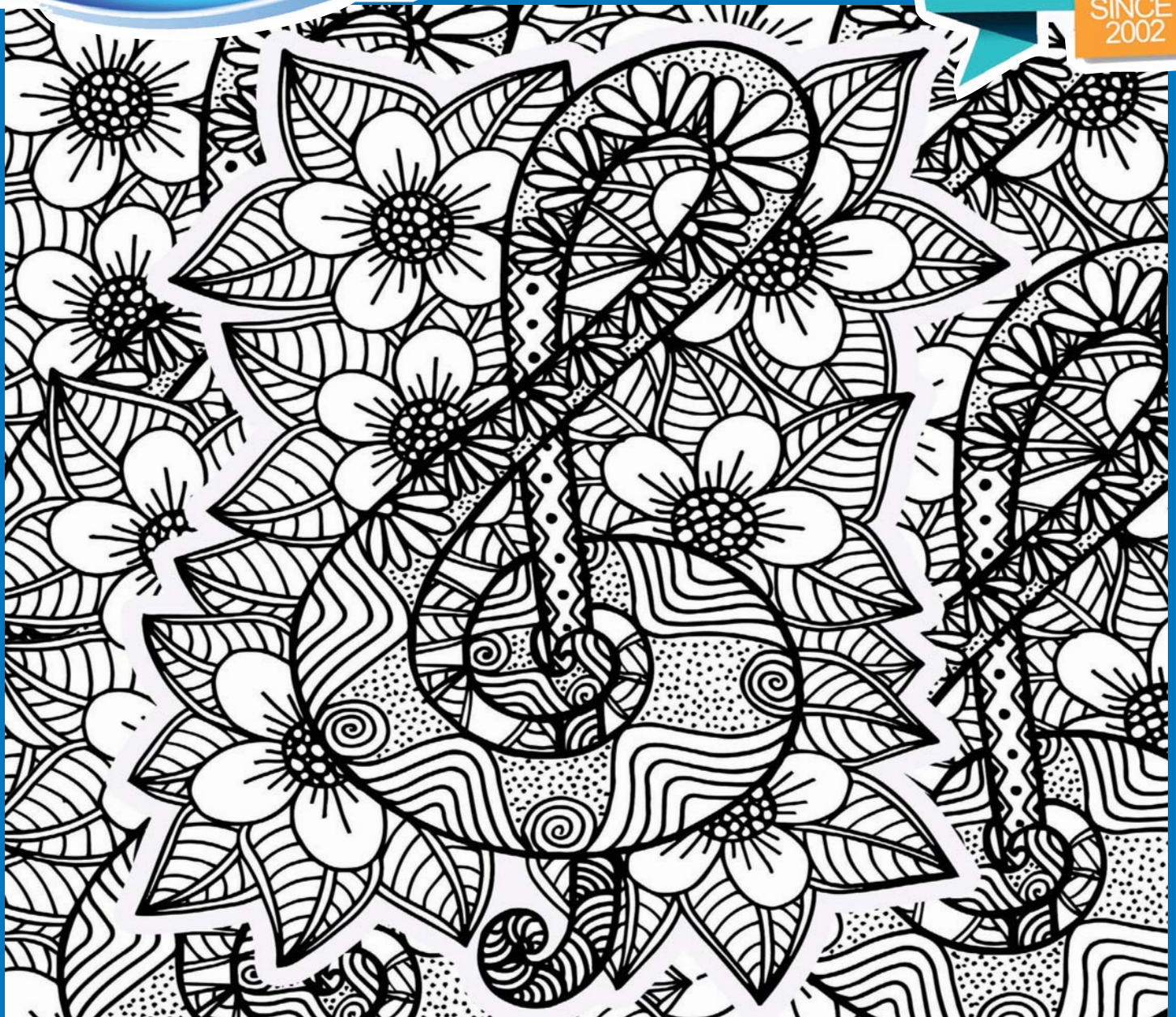
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