



The Coffee Barn, Buckminster NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY!

The long weekend is almost here. We have a fantastic line-up of events for you. Gather your family, team up with friends, and let's make some memories at the Coffee Barn!

Outdoor Cinema

Friday 28 August & Saturday 29 August

Grab your blankets. Pack your low-backed chairs. Join us under the stars for two nights of movie magic! Gates open early, films start at 8:30 pm sharp.

On Friday evening, we're screening **Jumanji**. Prepare for a wild jungle adventure! On Saturday evening enjoy the spectacular musical **The Greatest Showman**. Sing along to your favourite hits! Bring warm layers for when the sun goes down.

The Great Car Treasure Hunt

Sunday 30 August

Put your teamwork and driving skills to the test! Set off from the Coffee Barn at any time after 10am on Sunday 30 August. Follow the clues and solve the riddles, whilst driving through our beautiful local countryside. Perfect for families and groups of friends. One car equals one team!

The Walking Treasure Hunt

Anytime this weekend

Want to explore the village at your own pace? This hunt is for you! It's completely flexible, you can start at anytime from 10:00 am onward throughout the holiday weekend. It's a fun, self-guided trail packed with hidden clues and great exercise for all ages, from toddlers to grandparents. Pick up your clue sheet directly from the Coffee Barn.

Supporting a Great Cause!

All events are FREE but we're inviting donations at this weekend's events which will go directly to **Buckminster Primary School**. Come along, have fun, and help raise vital funds for our local school!

SOLAR ECLIPSE



Another amazing evening at the Coffee Barn! Huge community spirit, shared times and friendships made during a not to be repeated soon event!

We loved reading comment your comments on social media!

"Such a beautiful atmosphere we are so pleased we have a wonderful place we can join our neighbours for a drink."

"It was such a lovely atmosphere, thank you Coffee Barn."

"Such a great evening with fantastic friends for the eclipse and a drink or two!"

"It was an amazing

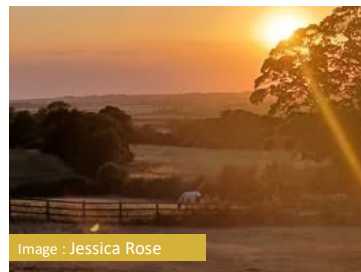


Image : Jessica Rose



Image : Sue Exton

atmosphere thank you so much - a real community feel so glad I popped in on the way home from work."

"Thanks for opening up for this. What a great evening with a great view."



Image : Naomi Melville

FIND US near the Church in Buckminster. Follow NG33 5RT on your SATNAV

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JAZZ!

Our first-Sunday-of-the-month jazz sessions have officially become the place to be! If you haven't made it down to a session yet, you are truly missing out on a wonderful community vibe.

We have already enjoyed incredible sets from the **Magnus Hawker-French Quartet**, **Lincoln Noel**, and the **Hugh Pascall Jazz Quartet**.

On Sunday 6 September from 4pm, we are keeping that brilliant momentum going. We are thrilled to welcome the fantastic **Junkyard Cats Jazz** back to the Barn! Get ready for infectious vintage rhythms, great showmanship, and the perfect Sunday soundtrack to wrap up your weekend.

Mark it in your diary, gather your friends, and come unwind with us in the cozy atmosphere of the Coffee Barn .



Magnus Hawker-French



Junkyard Cats Jazz

DID YOU KNOW?

The word "jazz" started out as baseball slang. Originally spelled *jass* or *gasm*, it was used in the early 1900's to describe energy, pep or fighting spirit.

You can now enjoy a pint of Guinness, Round Corner Brewery's "Steeplechase", Madri "Excepcional" or Hawkstone Cider when you visit the Coffee Barn. Straight from the keg in the cellar!

PÉTANQUE (or BOULE?)

Pétanque is a traditional French game that belongs to the family of boules sports and it's arrived at the Coffee Barn!

Players take turns throwing steel balls (called boules) as close as possible to a small wooden target ball, known as the jack or cochonnet (French for "little piglet").

The playing area, terrain or piste is ready, we have boules available, and look forward to watching anyone and everyone enjoy a relaxing game of pétanque!

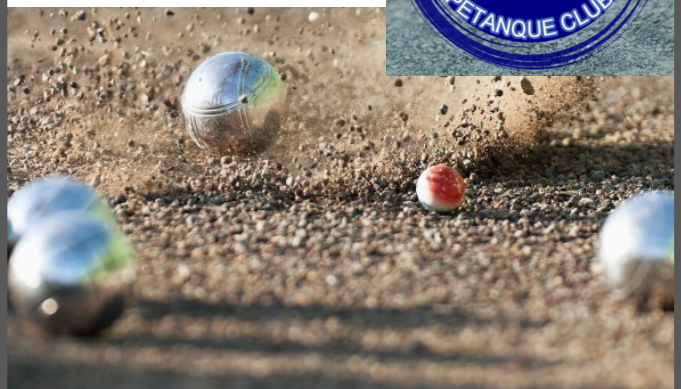
Jacks
ground care

We prefer to support local businesses where possible and so we asked contractor **Jack's Ground Care**, from Sprowston, to do the ground work for us and can highly recommend him.



Big thanks must also go to Ghislaine and fellow members of the **Bourne Abbots Pétanque Club** for their advice and encouragement. They're planning an open session at the Coffee Barn for anyone interested in receiving basic guidance on the game. Look out for details on our website and Facebook page.

Whether you're a seasoned pétanquiste or just want to 'try-it' you're more than welcome to play at any time. It's great fun and we're confident it'll be a great addition to the Coffee Barn and Buckminster. We even have boules available to borrow!

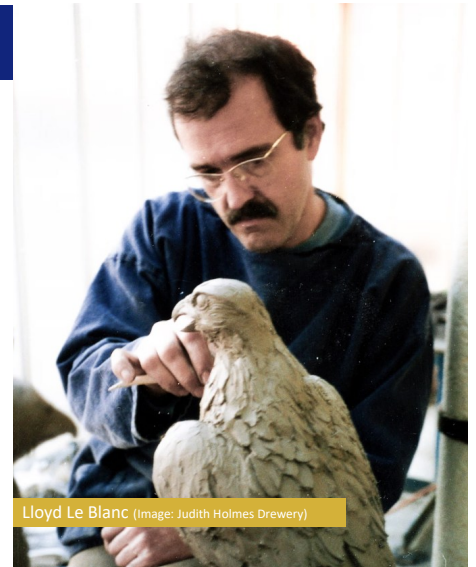


THE SEA EAGLE HAS FLOWN?

If you've visited the Coffee Barn recently you'll have noticed that something is missing. You may have spotted it straight away or you may have left with a feeling of something not being right but you couldn't put your finger on it!

The garden at the Barn has been graced by the presence of a bronze sculpture of a sea eagle for some time. Sitting dramatically, wings spread with a fish in its talons it's an imposing figure that has been much admired. It was sculptured and cast locally, in Saxby, by Lloyd Le Blanc and his wife Judith Holmes Drewery who established a bronze foundry and studios there in 1972.

Le Blanc was born in Boston in the United States but spent much of his early years in Canada. Returning to the US he studied at Yale before teaching in Connecticut where he met Judith and they both moved to the UK. Judith studied and Lloyd worked as a welder on North Sea oil rigs before teaching at Falmouth College of Art



Lloyd Le Blanc (Image: Judith Holmes Drewery)



"Sea Eagle" by Lloyd Le Blanc pictured at the Coffee Barn

in Cornwall. A final move back to the States, San Francisco where they set up a foundry, preceded their move to Judith's family farm in Saxby and the establishment of the renowned Le Blanc Fine Art Foundry and sculpture garden.

Lloyd Le Blanc died in March 2026, having devoted over 50 years to his life's-work in Saxby but his legacy lives on through his daughter Faye.

Faye and the Le Blanc family removed the Sea Eagle from the Barn at the end of June in preparation for an act of remembrance - at the time causing much merriment amid stories of it's theft! We're missing it and hope maybe, one day it will return.

Obituary : <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2026/mar/30/lloyd-le-blanc-obituary>

Le Blanc Fine Art : <https://www.leblancfineart.com/>



The Sculpture Garden at the Le Blanc Fine Art Foundry, Saxby (Image: Le Blanc Fine Art)

THE COFFEE BARN BUCKMINSTER CROSSWORD

Grab a table, order a beverage and maybe a pastry? Sit back and work your way through this months Coffee Barn Crossword.

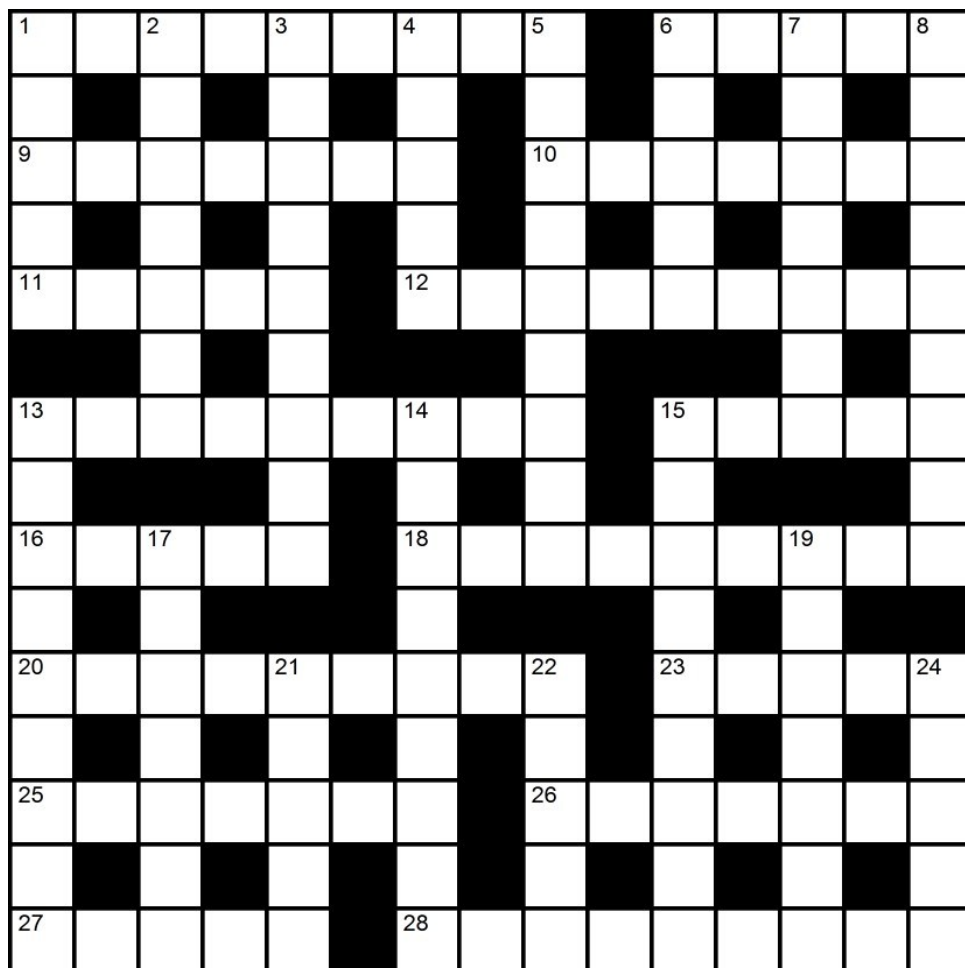
ACROSS

- 1 E.g. a ketch (3-6)
- 6 Copper and zinc alloy (5)
- 9 Item (7)
- 10 Not friendly (7)
- 11 Nail-like fastener (5)
- 12 Carry (9)
- 13 Bony structures (9)
- 15 Burning gas (5)
- 16 Forbiddingly (5)
- 18 Environmental fouling agent (9)
- 20 Deadlock (9)
- 23 Lukewarm (5)
- 25 Arabian Nights hero (3,4)
- 26 Mythical creature (7)
- 27 Expel (5)
- 28 Northern Canadian island (9)

DOWN

- 1 Melts (5)
- 2 Exterior (7)
- 3 Satan (9)
- 4 Larceny (5)
- 5 Practice session (9)
- 6 Defeats (5)
- 7 Grand Canyon state (7)
- 8 Confection (9)
- 13 In good order (9)
- 14 Home for abandoned children (9)
- 15 Ornamental water jets (9)
- 17 Conceive (7)
- 19 Sanction (7)
- 21 Make law (5)
- 22 Peer (5)
- 24 Move rhythmically (5)

Enjoy!



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS!



The 2026 FAI F4 World Scale Championships took place near Buckminster this year at the BMFA National Centre .

We were pleased to welcome many of the officials, competitors and dignitaries to the Coffee Barn over the two weeks of the event.

The most frequent visitors though were without a doubt the previous winners of the competition from Australia who were staying at the Tollemache Arms in the village! Unfortunately they didn't fair so well in this years event but they certainly seemed to enjoy the coffee!



SENIORS GARDEN PARTY

Community is important to us and community is every single one of us. We're looking forward to honouring those more senior local residents with a Garden Party at the end of August and it's FREE!

We're really looking forward to rolling out the red carpet, and putting everything in place for a laughter filled afternoon of friendship and summer fun. We'll make sure we have shade in place, if it's sunny, and, if it's a miserable day, an indoor option. Either way don't forget to bring along your summer hat!

If you'd like to join us, you'll need to let us know on, or before, Tuesday 25 August. You can do so by telling us when you next visit or by texting us on 07541344425. Don't forget to include your name and number of people you're booking for!

You're invited to our **Seniors Garden Party** and Afternoon Tea

Thursday 27 August at 3pm

An afternoon of laughter, friendship and summer fun!
Bring your Summer Hat!

RSVP before
Tue 25 August

It's FREE!



THE VIKING WAY : 50 YEARS : 1976-2026

Did you know that Buckminster lies on the route of the Viking Way walking route stretching from the River Humber, through Lincolnshire, Leicestershire to Oakham in Rutland?

The 149 mile waymarked path was established through a partnership of local authorities with support from the Ramblers Association and opened in September 1976. In 2026 it will have been 50 years since it's opening and Lincolnshire County Council, with the Ramblers Association, have arranged a series of events in celebration.

Buckminster lies on what is known as Day 12 of the route which starts in Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir and ends just down the road in Sewstern. As the path reaches Saltby Airfield, from Woolsthorpe, it follows the Drift to the water tower before following Crabtree Road into the village. More recently a variation of the route takes walkers through the village of Skillington with its limestone architecture and quiet rural charm.

After a visit to the Coffee Barn (it should be compulsory surely?) the path leads away from the village, along School Lane, to the end of Day 12 at Sewstern and a refreshing drink at the lovely, welcoming Blue Dog!



If you'd like to walk a short part of the Viking Way this summer, the Ramblers Association have arranged a ramble from the Coffee Barn starting at 10am on Sunday 30 August. The route is a circular route of 8.4 miles taking in Sproxtton and Saltby Airfield with a possible visit to an air raid shelter!

For further information contact the walk organiser David on 07855 314734, mentioning the Coffee Barn Newsletter!



Viking Way (Image: www.visitlincolnshire.com)

THE BAR at the COFFEE BARN

Don't panic, we'll always be the Coffee Barn! There'll always be a warm welcome, great tasting coffee, delicious breakfasts, light lunches and the most amazing cakes and sweet treats you've ever tasted every thing you have grown to love about us!

But with bookings for functions coming in nicely we needed a bar! With a bar installed it doesn't make sense not to use it and so we're now open into the evening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well as Bank Holiday Sundays! We're not open late into the evening, think a glass of wine, a pint of beer, a soft, low or no alcohol drink to be enjoyed as you chill, catching the evening sunshine. It's idyllic!

As well as a selection of wines, spirits, bottled beers and soft drinks, we now have Guinness, Jeremy Clarkson's Hawkstone Cider, Madri and Steeplechase, a great IPA from local brewer Round Corner in Melton, in keg on the bar.



ROUND CORNER BREWING

Round Corner Brewing is based at the Stockyard in Melton Mowbray and has been brewing award winning beers since 2018. We knew they were popular beers, we enjoy them ourselves!

"Steeplechase" is a 4.4% pale ale, brewed with English barley malts giving it a deep amber colour, a refreshing bitterness and clean crisp finish. Why not visit their Tap Room next time you're in Melton!



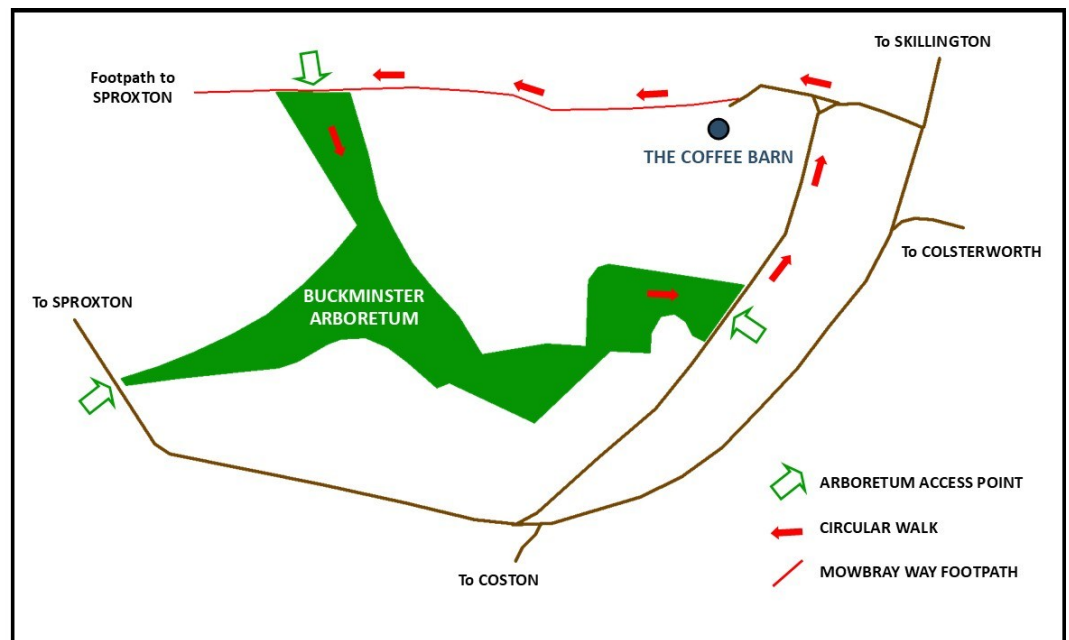
WALKS FROM THE COFFEE BARN

Walk #02 : Buckminster Arboretum ¾ mile, approx. 20 to 30 mins

Starting at the Coffee Barn this short walk sets off alongside Buckminster Park along the Mowbray Way before turning left into the Arboretum.

After exploring this amazing 5 acre public space with its mown walkways, ponds, wet areas and over 70 species of native trees, head onto Back Lane and complete the short stroll back to the Barn.

Don't forget to reward yourself with a coffee on your return!



The REALLY USEFUL STUFF!

Sometimes you just need to know stuff, we think this liost includes most of the useful stuff that you need to know if you live, or work, in Buckminster!

If you think we've missed something or we've got something wrong then don't hesitate to let us know.

BUCKMINSTER ESTATE

For everything well, Buckminster!

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BUCKMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Email : admin@buckminsterprimary.org

BUCKMINSTER VILLAGE STORES

Convenience store, FedEx Onsite, Laytons Dry Cleaning, Hub Box Click and Collect

2 Main Street, Buckminster, NG33 5SA 01476 861180

Open Mon to Fri 7am-7pm, Sat 7am-6pm, Sun 7am-1pm

THE COFFEE BARN

Delicious coffee, cake, breakfast, light lunches, chilled beer and wines, with a view to die for!

Open Sun to Wed 10am-4pm, Thu to Sat 10am-9pm

By the Church, Buckminster, NG33 5RA 07525 171661

www.coffeebarnbuckminster.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

Buckminster Primary School, 1.35-2.35pm

18 The Row, Main Street, Buckminster, 2.45-3.05pm

Every 3 weeks on a Wednesday - 22 July, 12 August, 2 and 23 September, 14 October, 4 and 25 November and 16 December 2026

MOBILE POST OFFICE

Royal Mail and Parcel Force services, personal and business banking, bill payment and vehicle tax renewals.

Tollemache Arms Car Park, Main Street, Buckminster

Every Monday from 11.15am-12.15pm

SILVER APPLE FURNITURE

Pre-loved furniture showroom and locally sourced farm shop.

Manor Farm, Stainby Road, Buckminster, NG33 5RY

Open Mon to Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

www.silverapplefurniture.co.uk

THE TOLLEMACHE ARMS

19th century country pub, restaurant with accommodation

Main Street, Buckminster, NG33 5SA 01476 860477

Open Tue to Sat 12.30-3pm & 5.30-10pm, Sun 12noon-5pm

www.tollemache-arms.co.uk

BREAKFAST or BRUNCH!

A hearty breakfast sets you up for the day and at the Coffee Barn we have something equally delicious for everyone.

Our Big Barn Breakfast includes everything a full English should do cooked to perfection using locally sourced ingredients as much as possible. If the Big Barn is too much then we also offer a Little Barn - just as tasty but slightly smaller!



Eggs Benedict



Seasonal Berry Granola

A Sausage, Bacon and Egg Cob, in any combination, makes for an wholesome breakfast that you could enjoy at the café or take-away with you.

Leaving a traditional Full English to one side, why not try Eggs Benedict, Smashed Avocado on Sourdough or a Seasonal Berry Granola? If a Smaller Bite is all that is needed, something on toast ticks -the-box perfectly - chose from eggs (poached, fried or scrambled), baked beans, bacon, tomato and any combination of all four!



Smashed Avocado on Sour Dough

Of course we're also able to modify any of our dishes to accommodate a gluten free diet and offer vegetarian alternatives. Just ask!



The Big Barn

KETTLEBY CAKES

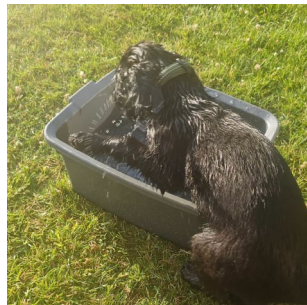
If you're a connoisseur of coffee and cake in Melton Mowbray then at some point you will have visited, the now closed, "Off the Beaten Path Coffee Shop".

If you're missing the deliciousness of those amazing cakes you'll be pleased to know that Lynne, the former owner of "Off the Beaten Path", has set up as an independent baker and she's baking cakes for the Coffee

Barn! Be quick they don't last long!



FROM OUR FACEBOOK



THE BYTHAMS SPINNEY

The Bythams Spinney was created over 20 years ago on what was an over grown former clay pit on the outskirts of Little Bytham. Today it's a wonderful community woodland play space that makes for a great visit for children of all ages and it's FREE!

Throughout the woodland there is a wide range of activity equipment suited to all ages including slides, swings, dens and a zip wire. Adjoining the Spinney is a large wildflower meadow with mown paths where you can walk.



VISIT the community owned shop and café as you pass through Castle Bytham or enjoy a pint at 'The Castle' or 'Fox and Hounds' on your way back.

GETTING THERE the Bythams Spinney is on the B1176 between Little Bytham and Creeton, on the left just outside Little Bytham. It's 20 mins drive, 11 miles from Buckminster. Use NG33 4PT in your Sat Nav.

MORE INFO, contact the Bythams Woodland Trust on 07876 806646 or visit their website at www.bythamsspinney.co.uk

Could you contribute something to the next Newsletter?

SOCIAL MEDIA



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