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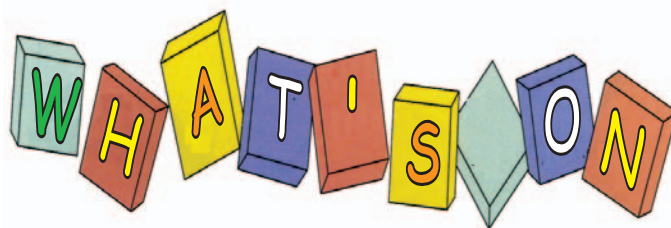
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Thursday 10th April, "Bad Girls, Hull's Industrial School", Mrs. Kath Stephenson, in The Darby & Joan Small Hall, Finkle Street, at 7.30 pm.

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Thursday 10th April, Hull Transport Interchange, Tony Steadman, at 2.00 pm in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham.

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

Monday 14th April to 19th April - Visit to Keukenhof Bulb Gardens.

Skidby Village Hall

Saturday 12th April, The Country Women's Association, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Coffee Morning with Exhibition in the Skidby Village Hall.

Cottingham Catholic Women's League

Monday 14th April, Open Meeting, in the Garden Room, Holy Cross RC Church, Carrington Avenue at 7.30 pm.

Cottingham Gardening Club

Tuesday 15th April, Martin Rowland talking about, Miers Beck Nursery at 7.30 pm in the Garden Room, Holy Cross Community Meeting Room.

Hull Music Society

Tuesday 15th April, Hull Music Society's "Spring Revue". Concert featuring a wonderful selection of your favourite show tunes will take place, at 7.30 pm, The Guild Hall, Hull in order of the Lord Mayor's Charity. Tickets £5.00 available on the door, or telephone 843681.

Cottingham Evening Townswomen's Guild

Wednesday 16th April, at 7.30 in the Darby & Joan, Finkle Street. Derek Clark - Unusual Objects.

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

Wednesday 16th April "Work in Prison" Bob Brown in St. Mary's Church Hall at 2.00 pm.

Diabetes UK

Thursday 17th April, Miss E. Young (Optometrist), at the Board Room, Castle Hill Hospital, Entrance 1B, Cottingham. 7.30 - 9.30. (Free Parking). All Diabetics, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend. Please phone 844284 if transport is needed.

East Yorkshire Association (The National Trust)

Thursday 17th April, 7.30 pm in the Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham. Mr. Alan Kerr, "Mr. Lee and his Houses".

Hull & District Cats Protection League

Saturday 19th April, 12 noon to 2.30 pm, in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham.

Wednesday Social Club

Wednesday 26th April, at 2.00 pm in the small Darby & Joan Hall, at the rear of the building, Mrs. Hazel Barnes "Laughter Unlimited, Joyce Grenfell".

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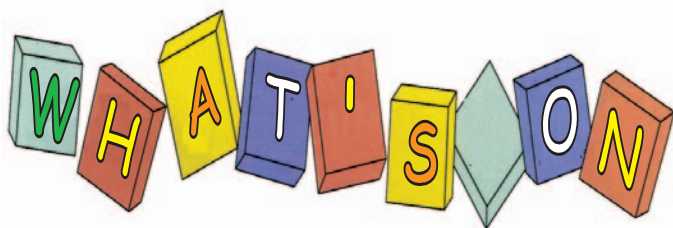
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In Cottingham and District

Cottingham Civic Society

Monday 28th April, Annual General Meeting, followed by "Another Day at the Seaside (part II)" Geoff Bell (Society member) in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham at 7.30pm.

East Riding Flower Club

Monday 28th April, "The Eye of Design", by Johnathon Moseley (National Demonstrator) at 2.00 pm in the Civic Hall, Cottingham, tickets £6.00 at the door or available from 847307. Plant Stall.

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

Wednesday 30th April "One Dentist in his Time" Dermot Brennan (M), in St. Mary's Church Hall at 2.00 pm.

U3A

Thursday 8th May, Hand Bell Ringers, George Bleasby, at 2.00 pm in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham.

Combined Charities

Saturday 10th May Fayre 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, at the Civic Hall, Cottingham. Admission 20p. Cafe open all day, Grand Balloon Race, tickets £1.00 each. £50 prize for the furthest flying balloon. Balloon launch 3.00 pm. Tickets available at the Fayre.

Skidby Village Hall

Saturday 10th May, Gardeners Table Top Sale, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. in the Skidby Village Hall. Admission free, tables cost £6.00. Refreshments available. Sale of Bedding Plants, Shrubs, Flowers, Tools, Seedlings, Vegetables, Produce etc.

Hull and Holderness Branch, British Sugar Guild

Saturday 10th May, 2.00 to 4.00 pm., The Terrace, Cottingham Parks Golf and Country Club, Woodhill Way, Cottingham. "Gingerbread House", by Diana Ward.

Cottingham Women's Institute

Tuesday 13th May, "Discussion of Resolutions", at 10.00 am upstairs at Cottingham Civic Hall.



The Blue Bell, West Green, Cottingham

Wednesday 16th April - Mini Festival Night - Guests to be announced

The Railway, Thwaite Street, Cottingham

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Digital Picture storage and uploading online

By RDM Computers

Last month we looked at how to save your digital photos onto your computer; from a memory card or direct from your camera. Once you have them saved, normally in the *My Pictures* folder, there are lots of things you can do. You may want to send a copy of some or all to friends or family. If there are lots of photos involved, your best choice will be to burn them onto a CD so it can be read on another PC or even a home DVD player attached to a TV.

Burning photos onto a CD is easy in Windows XP and even easier in Vista. Just go to the folder that contains the chosen photos and right click on it and on the menu that appears click Send to, and then CD/DVD writer. A couple of clicks later you are ready to create the CD, and you can even type a name in the box provided (if you don't name it, the date will appear instead). In *Vista* you just locate the folder and then click the button at the top of the screen that says 'burn'.

!Tip! I am often asked what sort of CDs to buy. For general use CD-R disks are fine and will work in most types of player.

Remember that being well organised is the key to making all these tasks as straightforward as possible. In the *My Pictures* folder, if you have folders that need renaming, just right click on any one and then click Rename, and then type the new name for it and press enter. If you have odd photos scattered around, create a place to put them by clicking on New and then Folder and then type a name as above. Then all you have to do is drag the errant photos and drop them on top of the new folder, and they will be neatly filed away. (You can rename photos in exactly the same way as folders).

Sending by email is of course a very quick and easy way to let others see your photographic handiwork. The normal way is to type your email, then click on the paper clip at the top, and browse to where the photo/s you want and then click attach or insert. But an even easier way is to go to the photo/s first and then on the left hand 'tasks menu' click 'Email this file'. (or you can right click on it, and click Send to and Mail recipient. Either way, *Windows* will helpfully offer to 'make all your pictures smaller'. This is worth doing in order to speed up the process, and is essential if you have a dial up connection to the Internet, as opposed to Broadband. (the same applies for the recipient). Once you have done this, *Windows* will attach the chosen pictures to a new email and leave you to type it as normal.

!Tip! Photo files can be quite large. To check the size of a photo, or any other file, right click on it and click Properties.

Sharing photos on the Internet is also very popular now. There are many sites that allow you to do this, like *MSN* and many of the 'social networking' sites. This is called 'uploading' and the pictures are stored online for viewing. One note of caution here, do bear in mind that unless the site offers to password protect your collection, it will be open for all to see, so bear that in mind and consider whether your subjects will be happy with that.

***Windows Vista* has had numerous updates since its launch last year,** and now in order to address further issues, *Microsoft* has released *Service Pack 1*. Although there have already been reports of compatibility problems with some programs. Many will remember when the same happened with *Windows XP* some years back, to be superseded later by the essential *Service Pack 2*. This is yet another reason highlighting the importance of Broadband to a modern computer. *Windows* like many other applications is constantly evolving and without the means to be able to download sometimes sizeable updates online, your computer could become a security risk.

!Tip! To see if you have *XP Service Pack 2*, hold down the *Windows* key and press the *Pause/Break* key. It will show underneath the *XP* version.

Online security is of course a major consideration for everyone now. To ensure you stay safe, ensure you have all the *Windows* latest updates as described above, and of course up to date anti-virus software. If you don't have it already, download *Internet Explorer* version 7. This is a free download from *Microsoft* for users of genuine *Windows XP* (*Vista* has it built in). *Version 8* has just been launched as a beta or test preview for Developers, so look out for the official launch of that sometime soon. Users of *Firefox*, an alternative web browser, will be interested to know that *Version 3* will be forthcoming soon; a test version is available now.

!Tip! Broadband: there should be some good news coming soon in the form of some new packages from *Karoo*. Those considering signing up are being advised to wait until the new offers are launched around April 6th.

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Police Report from PC Morley

PC Steve Morley was unable to give up to date crime statistics but he updated Councillors on the previous month. He was pleased to report that LPT are getting a fifth PCSO.

He also said there had only been two incidents in the last month; one when a funeral wake had descended into a street brawl, and a weekend when youths had come into the village and damaged cars. An arrest had been made since and there had been no more reports of any more damage.

The Parish Council has agreed to provide two cycles for the neighbourhood police team. A quote of £198.89 per bicycle has been verbally agreed with Cottingham Cycles, ie just under £400 in total.

Planning Committee Report

Councillor Hardwick reported that two items were outstanding and needed to be dealt with.

The display of Illuminated signs at 42-44 King Street Cottingham for Boots the Chemist. The Council unanimously agreed that they had no objections to this application.

The movement of three plants outside Somerfield Ltd was agreed by the councillors.

Grant Applications

A grant application form had been received from East Riding Rangers to purchase a line marking machine and an award of £250 had been given.

Cottingham Springboard Festival have been awarded £200 for publicity and hire of equipment.

A grant application had been received from Cottingham High School to help with air fares for an exchange visit, this was refused but they have been given another contact for another organisation in order to assist them.

All Allotments Contracted Out

Councillor Hardwick reported to the council that all the vacant plots were now contracted out. He also stated that the rat problem still existed and had reminded the association members not to put down poison, because it gets into the food chain and can kill cats, dogs and wildlife etc.

Yorkshire in Bloom

The judges for the Yorkshire in Bloom will be in Cottingham on Wednesday 9 April for the spring judging. The Chairman reported that the meeting of the first Steering Group meeting which had been held on 19 March had been well attended and was moving along rapidly.

Parish Council Web Site

Councillor Ward put together a mock website for Councillors to have a look at. He said that he would talk to the Beverley Town Clerk for more information on how best to present it. It will contain information such as agendas, minutes, contact details etc. It was agreed that in principle the Council should have the website and Councillors Cleary and Cooper volunteered to help keep the site updated once it was up and running.

Cleminson Hall Development

Councillors were asked to suggest names for the Cleminson Hall development. It was agreed any name containing Cleminson would be appropriate.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

A renewal for membership of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been received and authorised.

Kissing Gate

Councillor Hardwick informed the meeting that the Kissing Gate on Park Lane should be reinstated because the recent new gate that had been installed enabled children and dogs to run straight out into the road, and therefore was a danger.

Cottingham Band Disbanding

Councillor Ward reported that the Cottingham Band was being disbanded.

West End Christmas Lights

The Cottingham Christmas Lights West End Organisation had an agreement with the electricity board, that the lights electricity supply was not metered, and that they paid an agreed figure at the end of the lights switch-on period.

The electricity supplier had changed to another supplier and the West End Organisation received an unexpected bill for over £3000, which they do not have the funds to pay. They have asked for assistance from the Parish Council, possibly with legal advice. Councillors suggested that the group should publicise their problem through the Press and also offered to put the problem to David Davis MP.

Response from the Cottingham Parish Council to the flooding in June 2007

Cottingham Parish Council elected a Committee of three to action plan the response to the flooding. The Committee's objectives were:

- a) to determine why the flooding occurred
- b) to make recommendations to prevent any further flooding

The Committee, through investigation with landowners, parishioners, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water, established that the village is drained in a west to east direction and a north to south direction. Mill Beck and Creyke Beck are the major two becks that carry the water to Snuff Mill Lane and then to Clough Road/River Hull/Barmston Drain. These two becks converge in an area known as Cottingham Bogs to the rear of Hallgate School and then combine to flow into Snuff Mill Lane. The west to east drainage plan follows Epplworth Road to West End Road, around West End Road and via culverts to Crescent Street, the rear of Needler Hall, underneath King Street, the rear of the school playing fields and then converges at the bogs area.

Mill Beck is a major drain facility in a north to south direction. Mill Beck drains land between Beverley and Cottingham including Poplar Farm, Wanless Farm, Pillwood Farm, Burn Park Farm, Halsham Salad Nurseries, Glenavon Nurseries and Park Lane Nurseries. All these properties are drained via tributaries into Mill Beck. Creyke Beck Sub Station also appears to drain into Mill Beck.

Creyke Beck appears to drain all the land to the east of the railway to Dunswell Road, Lawns Farm, the North Moor school development, Holly Oaks Farm. The overflow from Swifts' lagoons at no 1 gate drains into Creyke Beck. Creyke Beck is culverted under the railway to an open beck behind the old P&D carpet factory, Danish Bacon factory, open drain to the rear of Victoria's Way and then is culverted again underneath Hallgate to Beck Bank.

The evidence to date shows that the 2007 flood was a 1 in a 100 year occurrence and not attributed to global warming, but what must be appreciated is that the global warming argument states that rainfall is going to increase alongside hotter and dryer summers and adverse weather conditions will be prominent in all seasons.

The problems associated with Epplworth Road/West End Road were massive volumes of water moving in a west to east direction from Raywell, the hamlet of Epplworth, surface water from the A164 and excessive flood overspill from the new hospital site which couldn't be accommodated in the culverts and dykes system at each side of Epplworth Road. The water became backed up at West End Road due to the size of culverts and the orientation of the culverts; it then followed a natural course and the contours of the land through to Crescent Street, flooding Crescent Street and George Street and then on via Needler Hall to the bogs area near to Hallgate school. At the same time massive quantities of flash flood water was engulfing Mill Beck which again converges in the bogs area. The overspill of water took numerous directions ñ across the railway and into Northgate, New Village Road crossing which caused the overspill of Creyke Beck. The culverts couldn't cope and the overspill continued to flood properties in North Moor Lane.

The Parish Council brought together at various meetings the major players to discuss the issues, gain advice and consolidate a positive action plan. From this it appears a lagoon system will be the most economic and immediate, effective measure to prevent further flooding. The locations of the lagoons are critical and become a very sensitive requirement with regard to compulsory

purchase of land and the necessary controlled discharging of overspill in lagoons.

To date it appears lagoons are necessary in Epplworth Road. Following investigations for Creyke Beck and Mill Beck it really does make sense to find locations for lagoons to relieve the pressure on Mill Beck and consequently the bogs area to reduce the possibility of flooding to Victoria's Way.

It is my personal view that there are civic societies that will want to protect historical sites but definitely Dene Wood could be enlarged in surface area but not in its depth due to the effects of springs and water course disturbance. It could be sympathetically landscaped to retain the amenity but increase the volume of water that the lagoon could hold.

Also the moat area to the rear of West End Road/Northgate could be utilised to relieve the flooding probability of George Street/Crescent Street.

It appears the Millbeck Wildlife field area is certainly an outstanding probability for lagoon location to relieve the pressure on Mill Beck through to the bogs area.

The culverted system from West Green through to Hallgate school, taking a route through Crescent Street, underneath George Street, through to Needler Hall and then underneath King Street is an old Victorian culvert and estimates to date show investigative camera work runs at £1,000 per day and 14 days are required for a positive result.

Coming back to Epplworth Road it is futile to clean out the dyke on the north side of Epplworth Road between the cemetery and West End Road without total removal of the spoil and we are currently looking at the requirements for landfill of that spoil and all the costs involved together with its implications to riparian ownership. The Parish Council will be contacting all the residents on Epplworth Road with a riparian responsibility to discuss our findings and the costings to provide adequate water flow in a west to east direction.

The lake to the rear of properties on Dunswell Road which was constructed by Mr H B Wright (deceased) involves a court case based in 1969 where the responsibility for cleaning Creyke Beck was given to the, as then, Rivers Authority. This was quite an unusual outcome where riparian responsibility is contested. It appears that because the judgement was found in a Magistrates Court it could be somewhat fragile to assume riparian responsibility now, and in the future, would rest on the same evidence as 1969.

A substantial amount of work has been done to establish who now has responsibility for the old Cottingham Internal Drainage Boards' terms of reference. Giving my personal opinion again ñ I believe that the Cottingham Drainage Board should be re-established as it would give the Cottingham parishioners an immediate response to a drainage problem.

Again, personally, I believe pressure must be brought to bear on the major players to gain government financial support to implement lagoon provision otherwise, as has been evidenced over the past five years, it is apparent flooding will occur predominantly in the Epplworth Road/West End Road/George Street/Crescent Street/Victoria's Way locations. The cost of replacing the Victorian culverts would be astronomical; lagoons will, I am sure, be the most effective and economic option.

Cllr D Hardwick
Chairman of the Drainage Committee
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Hull FC star Lee Jackson to sign copies of his book "Just Jacko" at Barkers, Hallgate on Thursday 17th April

Lee Jackson signed for Hull FC at the age of sixteen and went on to play rugby league in three decades.

He won a Grand Final with the Newcastle Knights in Australia, the Challenge Cup with Leeds Rhinos and the Premiership Trophy with his beloved Hull FC.

"Just Jacko" (priced at £8.99) tells the story of a kid from the Bransholme Estate in Hull who made it big in the sporting world. It tells of his highs and lows in the game and his adventures as a player on tour in such places as Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

Lee will be coming to Barkers of Cottingham, in Hallgate on Thursday 17th April between 12 noon and 2 p.m. to sign copies of his much acclaimed book. If you cannot attend on the day why not purchase your copy from Barkers now and leave it, with a personal message, for Lee to sign.

Women's Land Army Exhibition at the Skidby Mill

A new exhibition on the Women's Land Army in the East Riding has opened at Skidby Mill.

The exhibition was compiled by volunteers of the East Riding Rural Life project, and includes photographs and oral histories from land army members, covering such topics as the conditions of service, the uniforms, accommodation, social life, and the work carried out by the girls.

Fiona Jenkinson, the project co-ordinator said, "The timing of this exhibition could not be better as the land army girls were told at the end of 2007 that the recognition they have been seeking for the past 60 years has finally been received, with an award to surviving members.

"I do know that some of the girls we spoke to while compiling the exhibition were actively involved in the campaign so I am delighted that they have been successful."

The exhibition will be at Skidby Mill until the beginning of September, and then it is hoped that at least part of the display will be in the East Riding Treasure House, in Beverley, from September to mid-October.

Skidby Mill is open every day from 10am to 5pm (last admission 4.15pm). Admission costs £1.50 for adults, 50p for children and 80p for concessions, and (weather permitting) the mill operates from Wednesday to Sunday. We regret there is no disabled access to the Women's Land Army exhibition or the mill tower.

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Gill started 18 years ago working from home hiring out Bouncy Castles for childrens parties and within one year, Gill had the idea of also providing balloons for the parties as well. After attending a seminar on Balloon Sculpture Gill discovered there was a huge market for Balloon Sculptures not only for weddings but corporate functions as well.

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The set for the logo was 40 feet square, and took 10 people, five days to blow up the balloons and two days to construct the finished logo onto the outside of the BP terminal at Saltend. The huge sculpture was recognised by Guinness Book of Records and this record was held by Gilly's Balloons for four years. They have produced wonderous designs for many major companies such as Price Waterhouse Cooper, Kingston Communications, BP and many others.

Gilly's Balloons can supply a marvellous selection of beautiful balloon designs from their own extensive catalogue or create tailor made designs to customers own specifications. The wide selection of decorations and sculptures available can be viewed on their website www.gillysballoons.co.uk.

During 2003 Gill and her husband Paul purchased their current premises and began a programme of renovation. They created two superb flats above the shop, and then began the major work required to convert the space behind their Hallgate shop into "The Back Room" which is now a superb venue for functions of all kinds, which include: Parties, Weddings, Dinner Dances, Product Launches, Corporate Events and Seminars. The Back Room is also used by many clubs and societies on a regular basis and has a licensed bar.

There are superb Buffet menus available ranging from £6.95 per head up to £22.50 per head depending on the menu chosen. All the excellent food served is sourced locally and freshly cooked by Gill (who attended a three year college course to obtain her Diploma in Professional Cookery) and her colleagues. Special dietary requirements such as diabetic, gluten free and vegetarian needs can also be accommodated. An outside catering service is also available.

For further information about balloon decoration for any occasion or use of The Back Room contact Gilly's Balloon Company, 173 Hallgate, Cottingham HU16 4BB, telephone 01482 847007 or online at www.the-back-room.co.uk

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Top picture: One of the more unusual designs created by Gilly's Balloon Company, this is a scale model of a Spitfire for an exhibition at RAF Cranwell.

Above: This is a picture of the Back Room at the start of the renovation work.

Below: The superb venue The Back Room after its renovation which is available for all types of functions.





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Find the cooking items in the letters above:

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Sudoku No. 16 -

This is a medium challenge

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Westfield Primary School Pupils raise £92.00 for NSPCC Appeal

Four pupils at the Westfield Primary School have presented a cheque for £92.00 to Kate Buyukyilmaz the NSPCC representative at a ceremony held in the school recently.

The pupils, Chloe Beadle, Holly Akam, Natasha Gregory and Lizzie Deverell collected donations after seeing an appeal for funds and decided to see what they could do to help.

They held various fund raising events such as selling Cakes, Sweets, Magazines and a "What Time Will the Teddy Bear Wake Up" competition, the winning time which was 4.55. The result of their hard work and dedication to raising funds for the NSPCC appeal was the £92.00 that they have raised.

Pictured above at the presentation held in the school hall from left to right are: Chloe Beadle, Holly Akam, Kate Buyukyilmaz (from the NSPCC), Natasha Gregory and Deverell.

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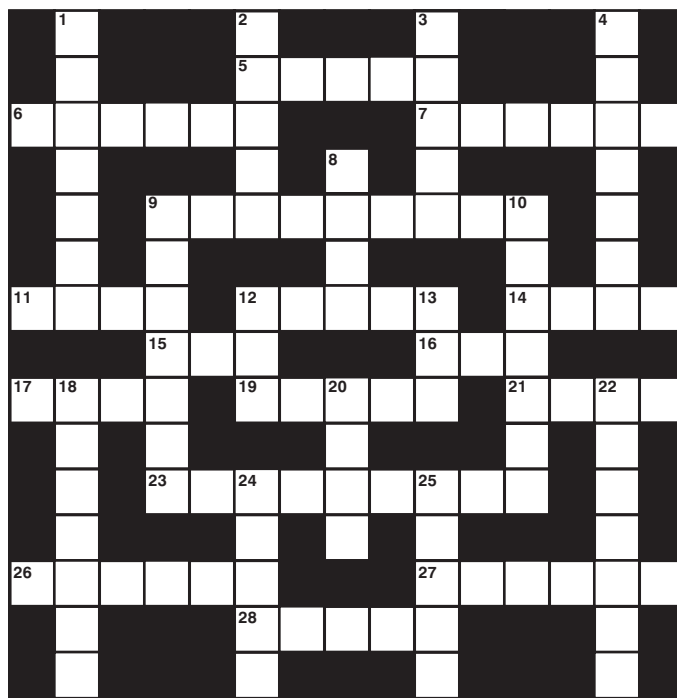
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- Al fresco party (5)
- Cricketer is a Hero (6)
- Not mine anymore (6)
- Angry fringe (9)
- Knocked a little bit of food off (4)
- Liams desert salvation (5)
- Catholic head is a writer (4)
- Twice a goddess (3)
- Not to good in pillaging (3)
- Not here (4)
- Or almost betrays his manner (5)
- A dot thanks Jupiters Moon (4)
- Great famous person (9)
- All parties accept he's a pig (6)
- Miners take weapons (6)
- Pushes up a Flower (5)

Down

- Almost gone (7)
- Dance in the jungle (5)
- Polish (5)
- Animal falls for flower (7)
- Twice a goddess (4)
- Metal police (7)
- Catholic head is a writer (7)
- Pick (3)
- Tis back (3)
- Eight sides disappear (7)
- Chocolate bubbles (4)
- Informing bell (7)
- Throws a tantrum in Chinese field (5)
- T carries sunbeams (5)

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Resounding Open Day Success for Homelink's New King Street Office

STAFF at Homelink and Smarter Mortgages would like to thank all of its customers existing and new, along with everyone who attended the opening of its new offices in King Street, Cottingham on Friday, April 5 and making it a resounding success.

The area's pioneering, independent, family-run business put on live music by local band Kinked, face painting and a free raffle as a way of celebrating its move.

Founded in 1989 as Humberside Homelink by Sheila English, the company quickly established itself as one of the best property retailers in the area.

Taken over by her grandson, Martin, the business was re-branded as Homelink last year and located to its new premises with his uncle's company, Smarter Mortgages.

Martin believes that the new offices in King Street will offer customers a complete property solution.

He said: "We offer a quality service of a very high standard to all our customers, whether we are managing your property, finding you tenants or helping you sell your house. We are a family business with core values to match and you would be surprised at just how competitive our prices are."

Homelink's original premises at 22 King Street had fallen out of keep with the company's new image, so they decided to move to a new prominent double-fronted office just two doors away at number 26.

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The forecourt stall at Cottingham Methodist Church closes

In 1995, as fundraising activities proceeded for money to help install a more suitable passenger lift to the Church on the first floor, the stall, initially inside at the regular coffee morning was taken outside onto the forecourt one morning 'to see what effect it would have'. It was stocked with bric a brac and read books. The reception it received encouraged us to keep it outside, weather permitting. There was no thought of a time limit for this activity but it *wasn't* thought that it would run until 2008.

Over time circumstances have changed as with all things and we recently made a decision to bring this adventure to a happy conclusion.

Quite sometime ago the bric a brac division was sold off and since then the read books have been the only activity. During the *whole* of this time we have been very much encouraged by the friendly reception the stall and its 'merchandising staff has regularly received on a Friday morning. We have met many, many people who have, in their turn, become friendly acquaintances and that has been very important to us as time has gone by. One special pleasure was to receive books (and bric a brac in its time) from people not of the Church. But life experiences run deep with people and some told stories of connections with the Church made years ago in, for instance, their Youth Club days and these memories moved them to support the Church in this practical way. Very good for them and rewarding for us and the Church.

We will forever remember the happy times (and the hard work) running the stall and are truly grateful to the many who helped us make the tills ring and those good people who provided the stock on such a fantastic rolling basis that leaves us to believe that the project was a success. At the very least, we enjoyed ourselves. Our thanks go to everyone, helpers, donators and customers alike. You will all be missed. Len Pratt & Colin Hoggarth



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Rugby for Grannies - Advice for the uninitiated

What to wear

Wrap up and wear your walking boots. Rugby is played on open, wind swept fields, in winter. Games are not stopped because of rain, snow or sleet. Your grandson is playing on a muddy field in a short sleeved shirt and rugby shorts (two pairs?). His legs are turning red and looking sore. You are standing on the touch line all wrapped up, you must NOT leave to sit in the car.

What to shout

You will learn much of the language by standing near the fathers, but beware of using it until you are sure of what it means. Cries of ‘..king ref’ are not accolades on the skill of the referee and, although the ball is vital to the game ‘..king ball’ does not reflect this. You’d do well to avoid all reference to royalty until you are sure of yourself.

‘Legs!’ is not a comment on a pair of well turned ankles.

Tackling

Be warned! During play your grandson may get the ball. When this happens he will be attacked by several rough boys from the other team. They will throw him to the ground if they can. You must NOT go to his aid or even shout at them to get off. At some point during play this gentle boy of yours will attack one of the other team members. Do not be shocked, it is your role to call “Well done!” Do not use your pet name or call him ‘darling’. Use the name his father calls him, or better still, what his coach and team mates call him. This will probably start with the initial of his Christian name and finish with a ‘z’ or ‘zza’.

During pauses you will see your nicely brought up boy turn and spit on the floor. This does not mean he has forgotten his hanky and giving him a tissue will not be appreciated. This is a bonding thing. It says to the others, “I’m a big rough, tough man and I’m one of you.” Sometimes he will take a drink from a bottle and then spit it out. He is making a more overt gesture of the same and not expressing his disgust at the taste.

Scoring

At some point a player (let’s hope it’s your boy) will get the ball and run as fast as he can for the ‘line’. This is where the goal posts are situated. When he gets there he will fling himself, arms outstretched, onto the mud. If he manages to get that ball over the line he has scored a ‘try’. No matter how hard he ran, or how he pulled himself through gangs of the other team, in fact no matter how hard he ‘tried,’ if he does not get the ball over the line it does not count as a ‘try’.

If a try is scored the team get four points and another player will take the ball and set it upright on the ground. He is going to try to kick it through the posts. All the other players, on both sides, will turn their backs and completely ignore him. They will get into little huddles for a chat with their coaches. The ‘kicker’ will go through his own, very personal, ritual first. (Johnny Wilkinson puts his hands together in a little gesture of prayer and sticks out his bottom before he kicks) If the kicker scores they get another two points!

At the end of the game all the players will line up to shake hands with the other team. When you have told your grandson how good he was and how somebody else got ‘Man of the Match’ because he needed the encouragement, you can go home.

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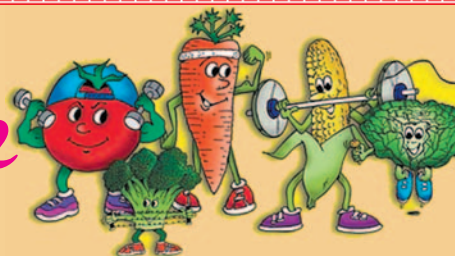
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In the Kitchen



Ingredient of the Month

Sweet Potato

The sweet potato (genus *Ipomoea*) belongs to the Convolvulaceae family which includes ornamental flowering plants such as Morning Glory. The most popular edible species *Ipomoea batatas* I. batatas is a crop plant which produces large, tapered, starchy, sweet-tasting tuberous roots. They have a relatively smooth, usually reddish skin and its flesh can be white, yellow, orange or purple depending on the variety. I feel that clarification is required regarding its name.

For some reason (mainly) in the USA, sweet potato is also called Yam ... it is NOT A YAM. It's entirely unrelated both botanically and in taste.

Origin and History

Archaeological evidence shows that sweet potatoes are native to South America and have been cultivated there for over 5000 years. In fact, fossilised sweet potatoes found in the Andes region have been dated between 8,000 and 10,000 years old.

The Incas and Maya civilisations are known to have grown several varieties: some varieties were grown for food and other varieties were grown to extract colouring materials for artists. It is also known to have been cultivated in Polynesia as early as 1200 A.D. and was already a principle food source of the Maoris in New Zealand by the time Captain Cook arrived there in 1769.

Although the sweet potato is native to South America, its spread to other parts of the world including the Caribbean was rapid although exactly how they spread is still an issue which causes much debate amongst geneticists and archaeologists.

Many Europeans feel the sweet potato is a relatively new import to Europe, however it may interest you to know that Columbus introduced them to Europe from the West Indies in the 1400's and that they were cultivated in Spain as early as 1500 A.D. Furthermore, Henry VIII (he of many wives fame) is purported to have been extremely fond of them, having received some as part of Catherine of Aragon's dowry. It is also said that he'd set an ongoing competition for any gardener in England who could grow them successfully – a task no one managed.

Explorers and Traders

It is believed that Spanish explorers took the sweet potato to the Philippines and East Indies, from where it easily spread to India, China, and Malaya, probably with the assistance of Portuguese traders. By 1648 they had been introduced to North America and



were possibly the most important single crop in sustaining Americans through such difficult times such as the American Revolution and Civil War. It gained similar recognition in China, where the sweet potato sustained the nation through a number of droughts which devastated native grain staples.

In the 18th century, sweet potatoes were included in many European agricultural annotations being described as a versatile crop which could be prepared in numerous ways and fed to humans and animals alike and although they seemed to have dropped from favour for quite some time, certainly in the UK at least, they can now be found on many supermarket shelves.

Though orange-fleshed varieties are the most common today, the white fleshed types were once considered the finest.

Lamb with Garlic and Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients

8 Lamb Cutlets
4 tbsp Olive Oil
1kg/2lb Sweet Potatoes, cubed
2 Red Onions, cut into wedges
8 Garlic Cloves, peeled but left whole
1 tbsp Muscovado Sugar
Juice of 1 Lemon
1 Small Lemon, thinly sliced
1 tbsp Fresh Thyme Leaves
A few whole sprigs Thyme

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 200C, 400F, Gas Mark 6.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan. Add the sweet potato cubes, onion wedges, garlic and sugar and fry, stirring, over a high heat for about 5 minutes until the vegetables start to soften and caramelise. Transfer to a roasting tin.
3. Sprinkle the lemon juice, lemon slices, thyme leaves and seasoning over the vegetables then top with the lamb chops and thyme sprigs.
4. Roast in the oven for 25-30 minutes until the lamb is cooked and the sweet potatoes are tender. Serve immediately.

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Fun Food Days in April

19th April - National Garlic Day

23rd April - St. George's Day and Shakespeare's Birthday

26th April to 2nd May - National Bread Week

Gentlemen's' Club to admit women into membership

The last bastion of male domination in a Cottingham club has been removed by the members at its recent Annual Meeting by agreeing to admit women into membership for the first time in its 90 year history.

Cottingham Memorial Club was established shortly after the First World War to commemorate the memory of the fallen and provide recreation for ex-servicemen who had survived the conflict.

The all male private members club with 700 members is popular with Cottingham residents and boasts 5 snooker tables, a Golf Society and comfortable bar and lounge facilities. Meals are served at lunchtime and some evenings and business is booming against a background of declining fortunes in the wider licensed trade.

The newly appointed Club Secretary Graham Stroud said "The General Management Committee put forward a motion to the AGM to admit women into membership, believing that this last vestige of discrimination could not be justified in this day and age. We also felt the need to maximise the potential to develop the club and we expect to admit the first women members within the next week or so. All applicants must be proposed and seconded by existing members. Our hope is that the excellent facilities we have will be extended to more local residents who enjoy a drink or a meal in a friendly atmosphere or wish to play snooker or golf".

Cottingham Memorial Club occupies Elm Tree House, fronted by 'Grandads Park' in South Street and is the former home of one of the many 19th Century Hull merchants, several of whom lived in Cottingham.

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Cottingham Cricket Club eagerly await the start of the new season

Since early January the members of Cottingham Cricket Club have been practicing and now eagerly await the new season which starts 26th April. The seniors and Under 17 and Under 15 teams have been in the Nets at Longcroft School, Beverley; the U13 and U11's have been practicing at St Mary's College and an introduction to cricket basic coaching course as been held at Cottingham High School on Saturday mornings. Three lads have had extra coaching at the East Yorkshire Coaches Development Sessions on Saturdays while a further 6 have been on the Bronze and Silver Pathways Scheme run by the Yorkshire Cricket Board.

Work at Hilltop, with new changing rooms and extensive work on the ground, is nearing completion and the whole club is looking forward to being back there after their nomadic existence last season. Hilltop could not be used because of the work and the facilities at the King George V playing fields, where the Academy usually plays on Saturdays, were unavailable to all Saturday teams and all junior matches because of the arson attack there.

The club runs 3 Saturday teams, an occasional Sunday team and Junior teams at Under 17, U15, U13 and this year 2 teams at U11 level. They also run an Under 9 team that play on Sunday mornings.

Outdoor training for the juniors commences 25 April starting at 6.15pm till 7.30pm; confirmation of the venue is yet to be decided. If Hilltop is unavailable at the start of the season then the field at Cottingham High School will be used.

All the clubs results are put out on their website www.cottingham.play-cricket.com where other information and contact details

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can be found. The Club has just held a successful Race Night at the Club House and is going to take part in the Great Cottingham Push. Further information about the club and its activities can be obtained from the Clubs Youth Development Officer, Rob Rhodes (842215).

The club is a Level 2 accredited club with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and is actively working towards Clubmark the nationally recognised scheme confirming the club is a child friendly, well managed club working in a safe and friendly environment.

Cottingham Little Theatre present "Queen Elizabeth Slept Here" at the Darby & Joan Hall from 8th to 10th May

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Cottingham Little Theatre will present "Queen Elizabeth Slept Here", a comedy by Talbot Rothwell, in the Finkle Street Darby and Joan Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8th, 9th and 10th May, 2008.

All but one of the cast of 13 have appeared in previous productions, which is again directed by Brian Hossack, our most experienced Director. We welcome a newcomer, Sara Marson, who joined CLT in 2005 and has helped backstage and front of house previously. Sara plays the part of Hester, which she describes as a perfect cameo role for her first time on stage. We also welcome back Sue Kay and Mary Rose who have not appeared for a little while.

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In the Garden



The Vegetable Garden

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Chit and plant out second early potatoes in the first half of the month and maincrop potatoes in the second half. Potatoes can be planted in deep drills or in individual planting holes, with 5cm of soil mounded over the top. Alternatively, plant them through slits in black polythene mulch. Start earthing up as the shoots grow, covering them entirely if frosts threaten, and finishing when the earthed up ridge is about 25cm (10in) high. Potatoes grown under black polythene do not need earthing up, as the polythene excludes enough light.

Sow beetroot, carrots, Swiss chard, summer cauliflower, kohlrabi, lettuce, leeks, radish, turnip, spring and pickling onions, peas and perpetual spinach in well-prepared soil.

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Plant out onions sown from seed earlier in the spring. Don't use ground used for onions in the last three years.

Pea plants should be supported with sticks, twigs, green support mesh, or wire netting from the garden centre.

Many vegetables can bolt if sown outside too early without protection (beetroot being an example), kale and sprouting broccoli.

Top 10 jobs

1. Keep weeds under control
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
5. Start to feed citrus plants
6. Increase the water given to houseplants
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
9. Prune fig trees
10. Divide bamboos and waterlilies

The Flower garden

Divide clumps of herbaceous perennials that you want to propagate, those that have become too large for their allotted space, and those that are flowering poorly or have lost their shape.

Hardy annuals can be sown in pots or modules to provide colour in the garden. They are inexpensive and can also provide fun activity for children. Suitable examples include Limnathes, Nemophila, Lobularia and Consolida. There are annual grasses that can be fun to try too: Briza maxima, Lagurus ovatus and Hordeum jubatum are suitable examples. In mild areas with light soil, you can sow directly outside. Marking out irregularly shaped seedbeds and broadcasting 'drifts' of different seed gives a more natural look.

Modular trays are useful for sowing half-hardy summer bedding plants such as marigolds (Tagetes), Lobelia, and Petunia. Label each seed tray. You will need to plant them under cover, or in a heated propagator, only putting them outside when the weather is reliably warm day and night.

Sweet peas can be sown outside this month. Fleece covering can be used to raise the temperature and encourage seedling growth in cooler areas, or they can be started off in a cold frame. Some types may need chitting (nicking of the seed coat), and/or soaking, in order to germinate.

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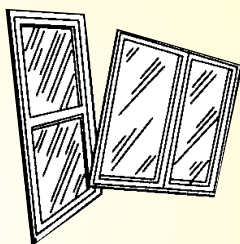
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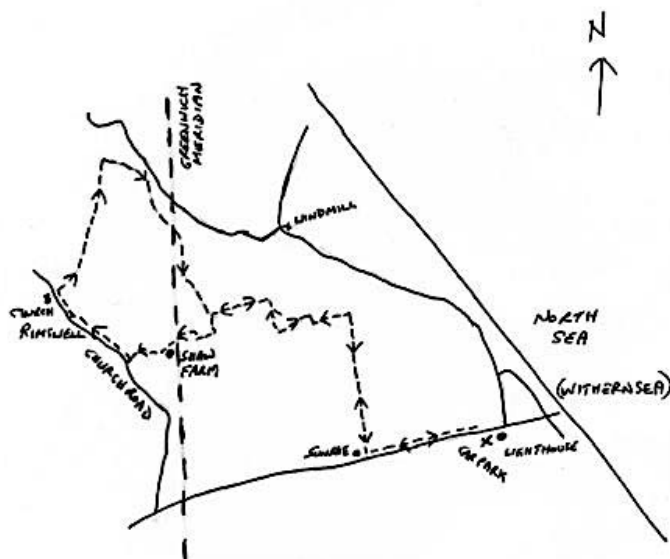
Here is Paul's second walk in his new monthly column.
This month his destination is Withernsea.

Maps: Explorer 292.

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Not To SCALE



On leaving the car park, turn left and proceed down the B1362 (Hull road) for about 0.5 miles. Immediately before the last bungalow, "SUNRAE" on the right, turn right and follow a wide farm track in a northerly direction. After approximately 0.5 miles and at a sharp right bend, turn left and follow a path across the field in a line with telegraph poles. On reaching a hedge, turn right and immediately left walking with the drain on your left.

Turn right at the head of the field and locate a footbridge on the left. Cross this footbridge and a stile, turn right and follow the field boundary, locate and cross a stile and continue in the same direction heading for farm buildings. Follow the field boundary to the left and locate a footbridge on the right.

Cross this footbridge with extreme care (very slippery) and then cross a stile into a paddock. Walk across this paddock to emerge onto a farm access road made out of large concrete blocks. After a short distance this track swings to the left and climbs slightly. At the top of the rise and near Shaw farm you cross the Greenwich Meridian.

This track becomes a farm road and eventually meets the Rimswell road. On reaching the main road, turn right and walk into Rimswell. After passing the church on your left and the village hall on your right, locate a way marker on your right and pass through a metal gate into a field. Cross this field with the hedge on your

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right and cross a stile located in the left corner of the field then walking with the hedge on your left. On reaching the corner of the field, cross a footbridge and walk in the same direction eventually following the headland to the right. Ignore a footbridge on the left which leads to the main road but continue walking in a southerly direction.

After about 0.5 miles, locate a footbridge on the left and cross and continue in the same direction. Locate another footbridge on your right which you should cross and turn right walking with a ditch/drain on your right.

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The East Yorkshire Committee of Seafarers UK is a bunch of old sea dogs with a few lovely ladies to keep them straight. They raise funds for all the UK Seafarers throughout the year. After the loss of their facilities The Guides, Scouts and Seafarers UK have combined to organise a wonderful fun event to take place On SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2008 STARTING AT 10.30 am. We already have many others who have pledged to help. With their usual enthusiasm, Councillor Ros Jump and Councillor Geraldine Matheson have been part of the planning process and will be taking part. So who says nobody cares!!

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Last year teams got sponsorship and pushed round push chairs, wheelie bins, wheel barrows, supermarket trollies, golf trolleys and even a TV with stand made to represent a boat. Many "vehicles" were festooned with balloons and other paraphernalia. A prize will also be given to whichever the judges decide is the most imaginative "vehicle" and get up!!

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Your Stars for April 2008 -

By Kay Gower

ARIES - (Mar. 21- April 20)

An excellent time for career/social standing provided you act with tact and common sense. There looks to be much activity around the 'work area' of your chart, and you may receive help from important people.

TAURUS - (Apr. 21- may 21)

Anything to do with the building of wealth or power is sure to get your attention ~ try to lighten up a little. Keeping money in its proper perspective is the challenge for you this month. If you've recently fallen out with someone, you will soon be given the chance to raise issues again, so that differences can be resolved once and for all.

GEMINI - (May 22-June 21)

Don't be so eager to accept 'facts' that well meaning friends may offer you this month. Instead be more inclined to listen to your own very good instincts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Big money springs from an opportunity to use your unique talents. Leave others to their own devices and get creative. Trust your own inventiveness.

LEO - (July 23-Aug 22)

Answers will be simple, especially if they are to do with your career. Does your work compromise of those things which 'you' enjoy doing? If not, there will soon be an opportunity for you to remedy the situation.

VIRGO - (Aug 22 - Sept. 23)

A minor mishap with your finances, may end up costing you more time and money than you anticipate. Be sure to double check everything before making that big purchase this month.

LIBRA - (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

A romantic encounter in the work place will put a sparkle in your eye and a spring in your step. The New Moon on April 6th will initiate two important weeks for socialising/networking.

SCORPIO - (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Technological developments are a great help - that is if, you take the time to learn properly. A haphazard approach this month could cause you more trouble than enough.

SAGITTARIUS - (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

There may be some sort of drama around you this month, and this could bring with it a new opportunity. Don't hesitate to take it, or you could miss out on something very unusual.

CAPRICORN - (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Whatever you take on this month do it without a doubt, because hesitation is the enemy now, and second guessing will only cause problems. When it comes to romantic attachments, wait until after the 12th. You shouldn't have any trouble at all getting the message across.

AQUARIUS - (Jan. 21.- Feb. 19)

Don't make the mistake of trying to cope with everything by yourself. Learn to delegate it will be in your best interests. While you're happy to help others, there are times when people will take advantage of your generosity. Put your foot down this month.

PISCES - (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

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Village Bathrooms and Kitchens moved to Cottingham at the beginning of March. A young company that have been trading with - and selling to the trade. They decided to introduce their 'Good quality at a reasonable price' ethos to the retail sector.

Their showroom at 58 New Village Road has a no nonsense appearance. This is backed up by the Showroom Manager, Steve.

"We have no desire to sell for the sake of selling. Bathrooms are purchased for their looks alone, after all they all do the same job.

"Bathroom suites are available 'world-wide' and can be bought for less than £200 but this really is a case of 'you get what you pay for'.

Some companies will try and sell you a £6,000 suite. If that is really what you want, then I too will sell you the same suite. However, if it's just a look or a certain style you are looking for, I am positive we can get you the look and or style for less."

The showroom on New Village Road has a small number of display suites to wet your appetite. These suites start from £249. You can come along to the showroom, sit down with a cup of tea or coffee and browse brochures. Advice is free and we guarantee a no hassle experience. A design service, along with home consultation is also available free of charge.

"As a company, we have a small working kitchen showroom but a large appetite for design. Kitchens are very emotive and every one wants it to look a million dollars. We can design, supply and even fit your kitchen at very competitive rates. Tradesmen on our books include Corgi registered plumbers, joiners, electricians, plasterers, tillers, builders and even decorators."

Steve has been involved with the Bathroom and Kitchen industry for many years. After renovating many houses he found a distinct lack of suppliers willing to give him big enough discounts when buying one kitchen or a couple of bathrooms a year. Along with local tradesmen, he became a middleman, buying more products at bigger discounts and passing these discounts to tradesmen.

These same tradesmen wanted a showroom, where they could take their customers to buy products. Village bathrooms and Kitchens arrived on the scene and can be used by local tradesmen as their show room. So if you are in the trade contact Steve.

"I still sell to the trade, helping them design and manage their deliveries, but I feel I can pass some discounts on to the local people."

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"We have all been told that a new kitchen or bathroom sells the house!!"



As an opening offer, Steve is offering 10% discount on all bathrooms, (retail only and excludes trade bathroom suite) along with a boxed set of bathroom accessories with all bathrooms purchased in April.

The showroom is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 am till 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 9:00 am till 4:00 pm.

Any other time are available by appointment and as already written, advice and a coffee is free.

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Steve can be contacted on (01482) 842550, or 07833 920641



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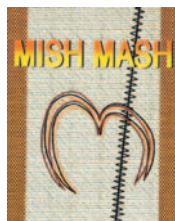
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The History of Hallgate Schools - continued

by Peter Railton (Local Historian)

In 1912, Friday 24th May was Empire Day. Much importance was given to this very special day each year. In both boys' and girls' departments assemblies were devoted to it and hymns and patriotic songs were sung, classrooms were decorated with flags and posters and pupils marched around the flagpoles in each yard and saluted the Union Jack. This was still the era of Imperial Britain and pupils were taught the meaning of responsibilities of Empire. How may schools celebrate it or indeed know about it today? Perhaps it is not politically correct anymore!

During June the usual arrangements were made for the various Sunday School Feasts held in the village and schools closed early in the afternoons and a days holiday was given on 3rd July for Cottingham Clubs Feast - as usual the attendance on the following day was "not satisfactory".

In the boys' department, the Cottingham Cricket Club Committee placed their ground at the disposal of the older scholars to hold matches with other schools and to practice on in 'games periods'. Mr Moorby was very grateful for this privilege as it would introduce many boys to the game for the first time on a proper pitch, which was down Millhouse Woods Lane.

Class Sizes and Poetry

In July 1912 the classes and their teachers were - St. I 41 pupils, Miss Hancock; St. II 48 pupils, Miss Baker; St. III 48 pupils, Miss Paterman; St. IV. 43 pupils, Mr Rhodes; St. V 29 pupils, Miss Youngson; St. VI 26 pupils Mr Hall; Sts VII and ex VII 39 pupils, Mr Amery; a total of 274 boys. there were a similar number of girls, and more children were staying on at school until they were 14. In August, examples of poetry taught to the pupils in the upper standards were "Extracts from Paradise Lost," by Milton; "Essay on Man", by Pope; "Battle of Nazeby," by Mcauley; "Pilgrim Fathers," by Hemus; "Henry VIII"; by Shakespeare; "Amardia", by Macauley; "Blow thow Winter Wind," and "Song of the Western Men." heavy going wasn't it? But it focused the mind wonderfully by the sheer necessity to remember and repeat those poems. There are many old ex-scholars who were taught rote in arithmetic tables, as well as poetry and songs, years ago who can still remember their work today and are good spellers and handwriters also.

The 26th August was an extremely wet day and attendance was cut to 218 boys, "simply a deluge all day." In September a Cottingham boys' side played Beverley boys' side at cricket in Beverley and won by 9 runs. Pupils from both departments were to have many successes in competitive sports in the years to come, as we will see. Basket ball was very popular in both departments and Mr Moorby described the game as a "vigorous, strengthening and intellectual form of physical exercise."

Graffiti, an age old problem

Graffiti is not a new problem; the Head spoke sharply to Allen Richardson, Robert Wallis and two girls from that department about taking chalk and writing on palings, doors and walls down Northgate! In addition, some boys got a telling off for having fireworks in school.

In the girls' school two new teachers were appointed, Miss Lillian Robinson taking St. III, and Miss Lait taking St. IV. Class exams took place in October which was a very cold month and the heating frequently broke down and several girls were away with bad throats. An HMI Mr Harvey made the periodic inspection of the school and all pupils had a half day's holiday for Hull Fair - a sharp reduction on previous years and a pointer to the gradual ending of closure for Sunday School Feasts and Cottingham Club Feast, so long a feature of village life.

Examinations of all classes in the girls' and boys' schools were no longer carried out for grant purposes - block grants from the government had replaced the grants earned by the standards of work and attendance, a further change for the early years of the new century

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Pictured above: The boys' school which opened in May 1913.

although quarterly exams were still held by HMI's to assess progress. Snow fell heavily in December and term finished with carol concerts in all departments on Monday 23rd.

Bad weather and epidemics

The new boys' school building was rapidly taking shape despite the bad weather which extended into January 1913 making it impossible for children living at a distance to get to school.

In February many girls were absent because of influenza and the whole infant department was closed due to measles and so two classes of girls used some of the spare accommodation thus easing the overcrowding a bit and some of the infant teachers helped out in the girls' department. Also that month, Ashton's shop in Hallgate donated six atlases to six boys who had achieved the best results in English and Arithmetic quarterly tests. This acted as a spur to efforts and a marked improvement took place in tests conducted by the Head and teachers in most classes! The measles epidemic in the infants had its knock on effect - both girls' and boys' department had many absentees.

Mr Amery left the school at Easter and was presented with a clock; the two classes at King Street Rooms went back to Hallgate and a large Standard III went to King Street with Miss Paterson and Miss Baker. On 25th April Mr Moorby records the

"transfer of stock and material to the new school as workmen want to commence alterations in the Main Room here," and on 2nd May -

"The noise of hammering - constant and loud - is a most disturbing element in the two classrooms now used by Sts II and IV in the school."

Disruption caused by building work

Not only having to put up with the builders in both the boys' departments, there was an ongoing lack of communication between all three buildings which caused further problems. However, all boys were in the new school on 19th May although workmen were still around painting and making further alterations in the ex-boys' department and a constant stream of LEA officials, managers, builders and various other visitors added to the Head's frustrations and his health suffered accordingly.

The layout of the new school will be familiar to many local people, but briefly, the provision was for 350 boys ie. three classrooms (demolished in the 1970's) for 50, 40 and 40 at the far side of the Hall; a room for 40 opposite the Hall doors; four classrooms for 50, 40, 40 and 50 facing Hallgate. The Hall measured 50x25 ft., with cloakrooms near the doors at the end of each corridor with the Head's room above at one end and a teachers' room above at the other. Gas lighting was still used and radiators heated the building. Toilets were still across the yard.

The situation is paralleled today with the construction of the new Hallgate Primary School building which inevitably has brought some disturbance to the present infants' school which has been kept to a minimum by the Staff who have risen to the challenge just as their predecessors did in 1913.

Next time we will see what those changes meant for the girls' and infants' departments, whose Heads could now rearrange the spare accommodation.

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Hot Gossip, fresh off the press . . .

By Marion Owen



It's time to chase our tails again Summer 2009 cruises are going on sale thick and fast, I am busy setting up special offers and contacting our regular travellers, we certainly don't have time to get up to mischief at the minute!

Well on the cruising front NCL who offer freestyle cruising are keeping their new ship Norwegian Jade in the Mediterranean throughout the winter. Jade is offering Mediterranean & Canary Island itineraries at reasonable prices too!

Ship visits: fancy a cruise for the first time or a change to your usual cruise line we can give you the opportunity to experience a ship in port for yourself. In August **Fred Olsen's** Boudicca and Balmoral or in September **Peter Deilmann's** wonderful Deutschland. Give myself or Lynne a call for full details.

Silversea have just announced a new ship the Prince Albert named after the Prince of the shipping lines home Monte Carlo. This is a small discovery ship for guests wanting a more enriching and cultural cruise. If you like Swan Hellenic this will be right up your street!

QM2 has a balcony Bonanza on certain dates you can have the opportunity to have a balcony cabin for the same price as an inside plus stay a night in New York for free - call for details the offer will expire soon!

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the Mediterranean this summer.

I keep stressing that flights from Humberside need support, if the flights don't have sufficient bums on seats we will lose our flights from our local airport - were ever possible please remember this when booking a holiday.

Away from cruising if you enjoy the high life and have a few like minded friends - how about this for a great offer . . . In the month of May provided you are a group requiring 10 double rooms or more you can stay at the infamous **Burj Al Arab** in Dubai for around £600 per room per night. Give me a call if you are interested.

The offer in the advert below for **Hong Kong** gives a good idea of how far you can go for your money there are lots of combinations that can be added to Hong Kong to make a fabulous multi centre 2 week holiday.

If you are planning on taking your car over to France just a tip, fill up with fuel before you go. The tables have turned and our fuel believe it or not is cheaper!

In February unleaded was Euro 1.40 plus a litre.

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At Unique the staff are very busy, two of our stylists Dan and Esther are at the moment doing lots of photographic work, leading up to an international competition so Milan here we come. Later on in the year Sharon will be doing a degree in colour, so as you can see we are all very busy.

We are also coming into the wedding season so book a free consultation for your wedding needs, brides don't forget to book your wedding practice in so we can achieve the most beautiful hair for your special day.

Grooms don't forget, your wife to be would like to see you all tailored and immaculate, so we can arrange that special day for you.

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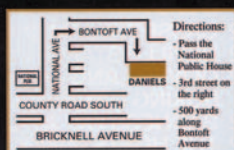
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Save Tax When Taking Your State Pension

by Nick Robinson

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- * Draw an enhanced weekly pension; or
- * Take a lump sum plus the normal weekly amount.

The enhanced weekly pension is taxable just like the normal pension. If you defer taking your pension until after 6 April 2008 you will have an increased tax free personal allowance of £9,030 (if aged under 75) to set against that income. However you need to estimate your total income for the tax year, as if it exceeds £21,800 your age allowance will be reduced.

The lump sum pension payment is taxable at the top rate of tax you pay in the year you become entitled to receive your deferred pension, not necessarily the date when you actually receive the lump sum. So the date you claim your deferred pension could be crucial.

The lump sum is not added to your total income to work out your marginal rate. If the top tax rate you pay on other income is 20% (for 2008/09), then the full lump sum will be taxed at 20%. Similarly if your personal allowance fully covers all your other income so you pay no tax, the lump sum is taxed at a nil rate.

If you are planning to stop work and take your state pension, cease your earnings in 2007/08 then take your pension lump sum in 2008/09, and possibly defer your personal pension until 2009/10. In this way you will minimise the marginal tax rate in the year the lump sum falls into.

Question and Answer Corner

Q. The Taxman has asked me about my rental income, but I've never made a profit from my let properties, so do I have to complete his form?

A. The Taxman is currently writing to people who he believes are letting properties, but that rental income is not shown on their tax returns. You do have to declare the rental income even if your interest payments and other expenses cancel it out to make a loss. You are not obliged to respond to the Taxman's letter, but if you don't things will only get worse.

Q. Is there anything I should do before the end of the tax year to save inheritance tax?

A. If you have not made any significant gifts of capital since 6 April 2007, you can give a total of £3,000 to individuals to use your annual inheritance tax exemption for 2007/08. If you did not make any similar gifts in 2006/07 you can give a total of £6,000 before 6 April 2008 and all those gifts will be exempt from inheritance tax. Make sure you leave enough time for your cheques to pass through the banking system before 6 April 2008, as otherwise the gifts will not be completed.

Q. Should I invest in an ISA now or wait until the new tax year?

A. The investment thresholds for ISAs are set for each tax year and cannot be carried over into the next tax year. The limit for 2007/08 is £3,000 for a cash ISA and the balance of up to £7,000 in stocks and shares. These limits increase on 6 April 2008 to £3,600 and the balance up to £7,200 for stocks and shares. So if you don't invest before 6 April 2008 you have missed your 2007/08 ISA allowance, but you will have more scope with the higher investment limits in 2008/09.

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Stage Manager is again Gerry Wilson who has faced some interesting problems in designing and constructing the set.

"Set in the early 1950's somewhere in Buckinghamshire, Norah Fuller wants to move to the country and has found a tumbledown Elizabethan cottage which, allegedly, has royal connections and which she would like to buy.

However, her husband Michael (who loves city life) is less than enthusiastic about the cottage, especially when he discovers that there are no modern conveniences.

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Cottingham Boys "bounce" across the Humber Bridge to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis

Six boys from Cottingham and District recently "Bounced" across the Humber Bridge to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research.

The Bounce is a regional event held on the same day throughout the country in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. People can bounce on trampolines, use balls or like we did and used space hoppers!

Bouncing is excellent physiotherapy for sufferers of Cystic Fibrosis as it helps clear the Lungs of sticky mucous, which harbours bacteria and causes lung damage to people suffering with the condition.

The event was started by Tina Davis-Johnston who is the fund-raising co-ordinator for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in this area.

Approximately 100 people of all ages turned out to take part on a very cold and windy day. The Trust hoped to raise between four and five thousand pounds on the day.

Pictured above are the boy bouncers, from left to right: Back row, Sam Anderson and Chris Marshall. Front row, from let to right: Ashley Dobbs, Sam Coldham, Reece Dobbs (Ashley's brother) and Daniel Mrzic.

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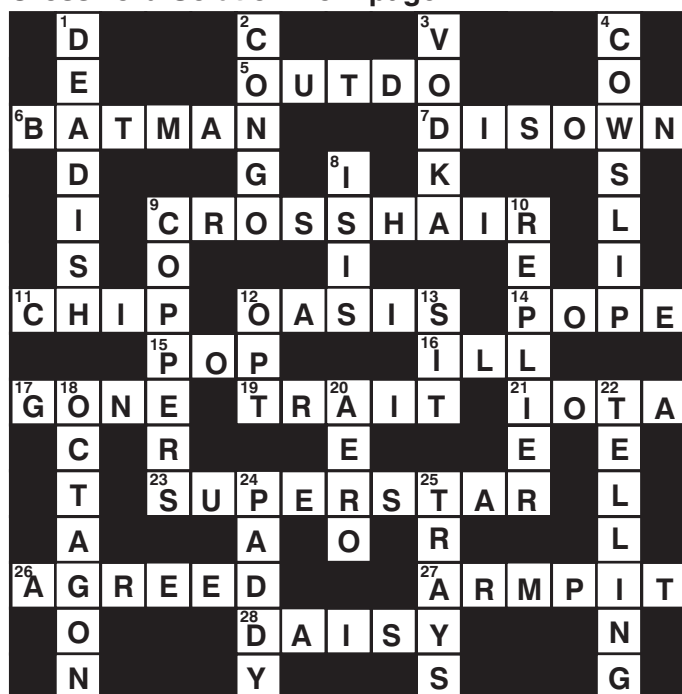
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by Carole Headley

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