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Cottingham Local History Society

Wednesday 1st February - Alec Gill - Hessle Road Tom Boy, in the Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School, King St, Cottingham starting at 79 p.m. Meeting fee, members £; non-members £. C ontact: Peter McClure 018 83

East Yorkshire Group of the Hardy Plant Society

Thursday 2nd February - at 79pm in St Mary's Parish Hall, North Bar Within, Beverley. Stella Exley - Camassias and Plants for Sale. Entry: 4 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Further information from Lois Scott 018 426

Bishop Burton Gardeners' Club at Bev rley

Tuesday 7 h February - at 73 pm at St Mary's church hall, North Bar Within, Beverley. You are welcome to join us for a talk by Mr Paul Schofield entitled 'The History of the Parks and Gardens in Hull'. Entry for non members 4 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. For more information contact 013 62. N ew members welcome.

Haltemprice Art Group

Tuesday 7 h February - "Time"

Tuesday 1# h February - Heraldry

Tuesday 21st February - Half Term

Tuesday 28 h February - Sketching Evening (Jane Hardaker/ D. Goldsmith)

Meetings take place at the Cottingham High School, Harland Way, in the Art Room on the first floor, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

The Back Care Group

Wednesday 8 h February - Speaker Martin Wilkinson with his Assistant Dog Harvey. Everyone welcome. Refreshments available. Raffle. The Back Care Group meet at the Boulevard Village Hall (near St. Wilfreds Catholic Church) on the first Wednesday of every month from 1.9 pm . Membership is £ per annum or £0 p f or a couple.

Cottingham Ladies Circle

Wednesday & h February - Mr. B. Cundill - Dicken's Secrets, to be held in the Darby & Joan Small Hall, Finkle Street, at \mathfrak{B} p.m .

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

Wednesday 8 h February - Bygones of Hull - John Scotney, in the St. Mary's Church Hall, Hallgate, starting at 2.00 pm.

Bev rley Film Society

Thursday 9th February – Theeb (201) Cert 15 Drama/History/ Thriller (Jordan). Director: Naji Abu Nowar. In the Ottoman Empire during World War 1, a young Bedouin boy experiences a coming-of-age journey across the desert, guiding a British soldier to a secret destination. BAFTA winner and Oscar nominated. Meetings are held at the Parkway Cinema Beverley. All films start at 79 pm on the 2nd THURSDAY of the month (doors open 700 pm). Membership fee: £5 for whole season of 10 films. PLUS: Tickets £3.00 per film (Members) £6.50 (Guests). For more information www.beverleyfilmsociety.org.uk.

Front cov r: A v ew down Newgate Street, Cottingham. Photo: Jh n Dewing.



Cottingham Green Women's Institute Ev nings

Thursday 9th February - Angus Young - Hold The Front Page. Competition: This was News, an old newspaper. Meetings held in the Darby and Joan Small Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham, at \mathfrak{B} p.m ., second Thursday of each month.

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Thursday 9th February - David Smith - Bloodstained Glove, at 2.00 pm in the hall at the Darby and Joan Hall, Finkle Street.

Hull and East Riding Glaucoma Group

Our first meeting for 2017 takes place at HERIB on Friday 10th February when we are very pleased to welcome two guests: David Harris, the Regional Development Manager from the International Glaucoma Association (IGA), and Mr Bhatta, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon and Glaucoma Specialist from the Eye Hospital, who will be joining us towards the end of the morning. Join us at HERIB on Friday 10th February at 11am. Entry £1.50 per person. A 2 course lunch, cost £5, and bookable in advance by contacting HERIB on 01482 342297, will be available following this meeting. For more information and to book your place (and lunch), call HERIB on 01482 342297.

East Yorkshire Embroidery Society

Saturday 11th February - Claire Muir - Hats, Flowers and Fascinators, a fascinating journey. In the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, at 2.15 pm. Doors open to non-members. Members £1.50; Visitors £2.50. Includes tea/coffee and biscuits. www.eyes-embroidery.co.uk.

Cottingham Catholic Women's League

Monday 12th February - AGM, in the Garden Room, Holy Cross RC Church, Carrington Avenue, Cottingham at 7.30 p.m.

Cottingham Women's Institute

Tuesday 14th February - Colours of Bangladesh - Life in Bangladesh with a display of Saris-Angela Tubb (Author of the Golden Cage). Competition: A Valentine's Card, at 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Methodist Church Hall, Hallgate, Cottingham.

Cottingham Ev ning Townswomen's Guild

Wednesday 15th February - Paul Schofield - Six Hull Personalities, at 7.30 pm in the Darby & Joan (Small Hall), Finkle Street.

Cottingham Liv Acoustic Music Club

Wednesday 15th February - Pete Morton. Cottingham live is one of the most progressive live music clubs in the area with all acoustic music being welcome. Meeting each Wednesday at 8.00pm at the Back Room in Cottingham. The majority of nights are reserved for local performers to strut there stuff. At least once a month some of the best guest artist are invited to perform Details on www.cottingham-live.co.uk

East Yorkshire Association of the National Trust

Thursday 16th February - Charles Trafford and Mike Wasling "Coast to Coast Walk", an illustrated talk with music, in the Cottingham Civic Hall, \mathcal{D} p.m . Non-Members welcome.

Inland Waterways Association

Friday 17th February - Boat Rallying presented by Iain Campbell. From 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Hallgate.

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Saturday 18 h February - are opening Thwaite Gardens, Thwaite Street, Cottingham on Saturday 18 h February. Join a 'Winter Walk' led by John Killingbeck starting at 11 am or stroll round the gardens at your own pace. Gates to close by 1pm. £ for adults (including members). Under 16 FREE (accompanied by an adult). If the weather is inclement the walk and talk will be inside the greenhouses.

The Hull group of the Macular Society

Friday 18th February The Macular support group have Hull social services Nikki Kirk the Senior Practice Advisor and Natalie Holmes the Rehabilitation officer for the visually impaired as guest speakers meeting held at HERIB Beverley Road Hull 10.0 am until 12.15 pm for more information contact Clive Skinner o18 664



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North Ferriby Gardeners' Club

Monday 20th February - Growing Vegetables in small space - Keith Abel, in the Parish Hall, starting at ℬ 0 pm. Tea/Coffee and biscuits are served. Membership is ௧00 per annum, visitors fee ₤.50 pe r meeting.

YPI Camera Club

Monday 20th February - Seqe nce exchange with Cleethorpes Camera Club AV Group. Viewing of their selection of seqe nces. We meet approximately every third Monday in the Darby & Joan Small Hall, Finkle St at 7 9pm . For more details & examples of our work see www.ypicc.uk/index.html. New members always welcome i ust turn up.

East Yorkshire Woodturners

Tuesday 21st February - \$\figstyre{6}\text{pm} : Annual General Meeting - members only. Next open meeting for non-members is a woodturning demonstration on Tuesday 21 March. Meetings are held every third Tuesday each month at Skidby Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome, whether woodturners or just interested - \$\frac{1}{2}0\$ on the door. For more information please contact David Taylor, Secretary, \$\frac{1}{2}2\$. \text{cotters.@cotters.karoo.} \text{co.uk}

Hull and East Riding New Stitchers (HE N S)

Tuesday 21st February - Easter Dabble, at the Newland Christian Centre, St. Johns Newland Church, Clough Road, Hull. Meeting start at 715 pm on Tuesday evenings. New members and visitors are always welcome. Free Parking. Further details from Jean Ellis on 018 845 or www.hullandeastridingnewstitchers.weebly.com.

Hull and East Riding Antiques and Fine Arts Society

Tuesday 21st February – Dr S Kershaw: "The Elgin Marbles". At 10.4 a.m. Willerby Manor Hotel (Pavilion Suite). Nonmembers are welcome to come and experience one or two talks as guests (admission £.00), before deciding whether to join us. Our Society meets on the third Tuesday morning of every month (except August and December) for illustrated talks by experts on a wide range of antiques, design and fine arts topics. For further details please contact Membership Secretary, Margaret Ashley, tel. 018 654

Cottingham Ladies Circle

Wednesday 22nd February - Janet Smart - Fundraising for Thuso, to be held in the Darby & Joan Small Hall, Finkle Street, at 79 p.m .

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

Wednesday 22nd February - Philip Walker - Horses, Shire Horses, Coal and Beer, in the St. Mary's Church Hall, Hallgate, starting at 2.00 pm.



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Wednesday Social Club

Wednesday 22nd February - Mr. Trevis - Slides, in the small hall at the Darby & Joan Hall, at 2.00 p.m.

East Riding Flower Club

Monday 27 h February - Nicola Davis-Murray from York, her title in "Step into Spring", at our new venue the Willerby Manor Hotel, at 2.00 pm. There will also be a cake stall. Visitors £5.00 Enqi ries to Judith Robinson 018 89.

National Vegetable Society, E ast Yorkshire District Association

Monday 27 h February - John Robinson 'Life as a Parks Manager'. We meet at The Beverley Conservative Club, Wylies Road, Beverley, commencing at 7.30pm. A light supper is served. Raffle. Fees at ₹ per meeting. A pay car park is available with fees redeemed when purchasing from the bar.

Cottingham Local History Society

Wednesday 1st March - Dr. David Neave - East Riding Farmhouses and Cottages, in the Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School, King St, Cottingham starting at \mathfrak{B} p.m. Meeting fee, members \mathfrak{L} ; non-members \mathfrak{L} . C ontact: Peter McClure 013 83

East Yorkshire Group of the Hardy Plant Society

Thursday 2nd March - at 79 pm in St Mary's Parish Hall, North Bar Within, Beverley. Steve Hickman - 'Agapanthus and Nerines', Plants for Sale. AGM. Entry: 4 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Further information from Lois Scott 018 926

Skidby Village Hall

Friday B d March - Quiz Night at \mathcal{B} pm. Teams of upto six people. In the Skidby Village Hall, Main Street.

₩ omen's World Day of Prayer

Friday & d March - The annual service is to take at 2 pm at St Mary's Church, Hallgate, Cottingham. This year's service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' All are very welcome."

Hull Folk Dance Club

Tuesdays 7 0 to 9:0 pm; Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle St. Cottingham. Enjoy a free tea/coffee and biscuits and get to know the members. Come alone or bring a friend for light exercise in a friendly environment. All dances are walked through before being set to music. No experience is necessary, beginners are welcome. Your first visit is free. More information from Keith Alexander 013 50951 or Jan Gray 013 66 www.folkdance.me

Kirk Ella & Willerby Short Mat Bowls Club

The Memorial Hall, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, (opposite the Police Station). Sessions on Mondays & Thursdays 2pm - pm . NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME! Fun, social short mat bowls club with a tea and biscuit break! £3 per session, FREE first session. Club woods available to use, just bring clean flat—soled footwear. Come along to any future session and give it a try! (aim to arrive around 1.5 pm so we can source bowls for you) For more information contact Ian/Brenda on 018 60157

Cottingham Tennis Club

Did you follow Andy and Jamie Murray rise to be World No.1 (singles/doubles?) As the days lengthen again, give tennis a try on our all-weather hard /astroturf courts. The Club drive is on Hull Rd. on the right just after Overland Rd. as you come from Cottingham. Discounts for new members. 90 for membership, 0%-5%258 for coaching. Or search tennis in Hull tea for our website.

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Cottingham Parish Council

Welcome to our section of the Newsletter that keeps our residents updated with some of the projects that Cottingham Parish Council is involved with.

• Treasure Hunt

Wow – what a turnout!! The first Christmas Treasure Hunt held by Cottingham Parish Council took place on Sunday 11 December 2016 and we were so pleased with the support given by our residents. The weather was very kind to us and enabled the families to go hunting through the village for clues in the Christmas lights and shop windows. All successful winners received prizes and light refreshments and activities were available. Thank you to everybody who turned out to make the event so successful and a massive thank you to the Cottingham Lights Association for all their hard work with the fantastic festive displays. They were much appreciated by everyone, children and adults alike.

· Neighbourhood Plan

Following the final consultation period for Cottingham's Neighbourhood Plan, all comments and observations were discussed and the Steering Group have made the necessary amendments. The final plan has now been submitted to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for approval who will now arrange for an Independent Assessor to review the plan and from there a referendum will take place in the early part of this year. In order for the Neighbourhood Plan to be formally approved and adopted, we need 50% of the total number of residents that vote to be in favour of adopting Cottingham's Neighbourhood Plan. Details of this referendum will be advertised on our website, Parish Council Office, Library and Customer Service, along with the noticeboards throughout the village. It is important that residents use their vote as this will give the Parish Council more influence on any building works and planning applications within the village and hopefully gives an indication of what residents of Cottingham would like the village to look like.

· Memorial Gardens

Work continues to take place on improving the Memorial Gardens which are now owned by Cottingham Parish Council. Recent landscaping has taken place to the front and the right hand side, powered lighting installed and tree work to the left hand side will be taking place shortly. We have also met a local artist to look at the feasibility of installing a war memorial structure to enhance the rear wall. We will update you as work progresses.

At the meeting on 17 November 2016 Cottingham Parish Council made the unanimous decision not to allow any scattering of ashes, placing of memorial features or furniture to be erected in the gardens. Whilst we appreciate that this may cause disappointment to some families, it was felt that it is important that these gardens are returned back to their original purpose, a place for remembrance for the service personnel.

Precept • •

At the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2017 the Council agreed the precept for the financial year 1 April 2017 to 3 March 2018 at £20,000. This means that the Precept charge has remained unchanged from the previous three years. (The Parish Council Precept is the element of the council tax collected by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council).

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• Meeting with Keith Hunter, Police Commissioner

Earlier this month, Cottingham Parish Council met with the recently appointed Police Commissioner, Mr Keith Hunter. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the issue of policing in the village and discuss future plans. The Parish Councillors were pleased with the changes that are being introduced and will continue to work closely with Mr Hunter in the future in order to ensure that policing in Cottingham continues to be high on the Agenda.

Dog Waste Bags

You will be aware that the Parish Council made the decision from 1 April 2016 to continue to provide dog waste bags however these would be charged at 50p for 50 bags, with all proceeds going to Cottingham Lights Association. The response to this initiative has been very well received and from April 2016 to November 2016 it has raised £0.50. We do hope that you feel that this is an ideal solution and continues to show our support for a cleaner village.

· Vacancy for Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Our current Clerk, Mrs Jo Sims, will be leaving her post at the end of January 2017 and going to pastures new and we would like to wish her the very best for the future. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer and we will notify you accordingly when this appointment has been filled.

New Office Opening Hours - Temporary

Due to the resignation of our current Clerk, the Parish Council opening hours will temporarily change to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11.00am to 300pm with effect from Monday θ January 2017 This is just a temporary change in hours and we will notify you when the new Clerk is in post and when we will be reverting back to our original days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. We would like to express our gratitude to our Deputy Clerk, Mrs Tina White, who will hold the fort until such time that a new Clerk is appointed and in place.

· Dates for your Diaries

You will be aware that Cottingham Parish Council meets the third Thursday of every month, excluding August and December and they all commence at $\mathcal{B}pm$. The dates for these meetings for 2017 have been approved as:-

16 February 2017, 16 March 2017, 20 April 2017, 18 May 2017, 15 June 2017, 20 July 2017, 21 September 2017, 19 October 2017 and November 2017

We encourage and welcome members of the public to attend any of our meetings and find out more about what is happening in their village. Alternatively, If you would like to speak to a Parish Councillor, their contact details are displayed in the noticeboards around the village, by visiting our website on www.cottighamparishcouncil.org.uk or by contacting the Parish Council Office on 01482 847623.



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50% of all crimes are cyber related - according to NCA **UK** – even more reason to protect your computer and be very wary of unsolicited phone calls offering computer support or any organization asking you to transfer money.

21% of people have thrown away at least one working computer in last 5 years - probably true, especially in the case of laptops which really are becoming a commodity now. From about 3 or 4 years onwards, laptops tend to slow down with natural wear and tear. Just think, if you save £5 per week you could be in position to buy a brand new one every two years!

37% of ecommerce purchases are by mobiles - So not everyone sits down at their computer to buy stuff, many do it on the move!

Smart Homes - 47% of all home owners would like to control their home from a mobile device. That's central heating, lights, TV etc. I have had Hive from British Gas for some time now and find it very convenient to be able to

turn the temperature up and down, or boost the hot water whenever needed.

Echo Dot from Amazon - is an interesting gadget providing voice assistance and search. Using the command 'Alexa' you can ask for news & sport updates to be read out, turn the heating up or down (if you have Hive or other compatible service). Check the weather forecast, create a shopping list which is stored on an app on your smartphone. You can also ask to play music from your Amazon collection or radio stations, set a timer or an alarm call, or even have Alexa tell you a joke!

Amazon Go Store is a revolutionary concept store in Seattle, USA. Customers check in with their phone on entry, pick their purchases and then just walk out, and hey presto their Amazon accounts gets charged with the relevant costs! Could this be the future of supermarket shopping? For details see: http://tinyurl.com/j2yjw6o

CCleaner - many of you will have this useful clean up app on your computers. But you may have seen a message recently saying 'this version of Ccleaner doesn't work on this version of Windows'. All you have to do is download the latest version, either follow the link it gives, or go to the website https://www.piriform.com/ccleaner/download and download the free version, (unless you want to pay for the premium version), go ahead with the installation and it will update the version you have.

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Citizen Aid is a new app and website http://citizenaid. org/ concerned with what to do in a public life-threatening emergency and how to administer first aid. It is not something we like to think about, but is designed to help any of us if we are ever caught up in such a situation.

Windows Vista - official retirement date is 11 April 2017. I've mentioned before that Vista is reaching 'end of life' in Microsoft terminology, and this is now the official date for end of support. This follows on from the same scenario for Windows XP back in April 2014. There is no upgrade path from Vista to any other version of Windows, so the only plan of action will be to buy a new computer.

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Also I will be updating the blog on my website regularly with any news items worthy of mention. And for those on Twitter you can find me @rdmcomputers1

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Sudoku No. 121

This is an easy challenge this month - Answer on page 29

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MARIONOWENTRAVEL



February already, blink and it will be March! Where does time go?

Have you been following Martin Clunes around the Australian Islands? I just loved Norfolk Island and thought I would never get to that island being 900 miles off the coastline! I am now very excited to report that I have a luxury cruise itinerary visiting in November 2018. Want to know more? Just give myself or Lynne a call. We have all the details to hand along with a selection of suites we can offer you on board!

What's on everyone's Book it List? New York...One day this week we had three bookings one after another to depart the end of the year! I have to say it is a great city to visit anytime of the year. Of course if you have enjoyed New York why not plan to visit Chicago, Boston or Toronto for your next city break across the pond? They all offer great shopping along with interesting sightseeing.

Iceland, many packages are fully booked departing in the next couple of months. In search of the Northern Lights is very popular. We are managing to full fill your requirements by tailor making tours to include all excursions. When you book with us you know you are financially protected.

Japan... our October departure is now full and we now have another date, 25 September 2017. It really is an amazing destination offering a wonderful unique culture, stunning scenery and diverse sightseeing.

River Cruising...we book all operators and have cracking savings with many of the cruise lines. Plus a number of options for single travellers without any supplement!

Warners just for Adults: Louise from Warner is bringing her desk to our office on Thursday 23rd February. Why not make an appointment to come along and see her? She will have great prices to offer you and will go through the finer points with you which ever location you wish to visit.

It was sad last month to see the demise of Swan Hellenic & Voyages of Discovery. We sorted the claims very quickly for our clients, a great advantage of having an Travel Agent taking care of your booking. Why would you book direct? You can simply sit back relax and look forward to your holiday whilst we take care of your arrangements.

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We are taking bookings not only for 2017, as many holidays & cruises are already on sale into 2019. We look forward to creating you special memories when we book your next holiday where ever in the world you have on your Book it List... Marion.



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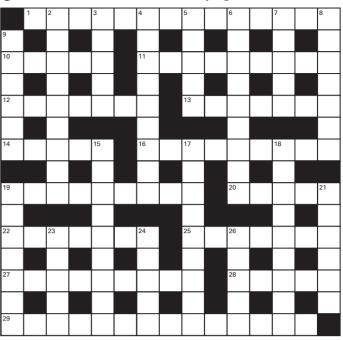
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Crossword - Solution on page 46



Across:

- 1. Associated with the Christian church (1)
- 10. Pertaining to modern day Persia (5)
- 11. Redemption (9)
- 12. A mineral found in bones (7
- 13N onattendance (7
- 14. Muscle fiber (5)
- 16 Adorns (9)
- 19. A notable or unusual sight (9)
- 20. Bearskin (5)
- 22. A word from rearranged letters (7
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- 15. Aqa tic bird (9)
- 17 A gradual increase in intensity (9)
- 18C hange (9)
- 19. Collision (7
- 21. Preoccupy (6)
- 23 Ancient Assyrian city (5)
- 24 A New England state (5)
- 26B reed of duck (5)

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In the Kitchen



Pearl barley & kale broth

During the long winter months, a wholesome broth is just what you need to warm you from head to toe.

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: θ m inutes

• Total time: 1 hour 15 minutes. Serves: 4

Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil

1 large onion, finely chopped

2 medium carrots, diced

77g pack Cooks' Ingredients Diced Pancetta

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 sprig fresh rosemary, leaves finely chopped

Pinch of chilli flakes

1.2 litres vegetable stock

100g pearl barley

250g bag essential Waitrose Kale, finely chopped

Extra virgin olive oil and finely grated Parmigiano Reggiano, to serve

Method

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a medium saucepan and cook the onion and carrot gently for about 6 minutes. Add the pancetta and continue to cook for a further 4 minutes.
- 2. Add the garlic, rosemary and chilli flakes and cook for just a minute, then add the vegetable stock and the pearl barley. Simmer gently, covered, for 45 minutes until the pearl barley is tender.
- 3. Stir in the kale and let it wilt down, then continue to cook for 5 minutes. Ladle into bowl and top with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and a sprinkle of Parmigiano Reggiano.

Sweet potato & chickpea curry

Packed with good-for-you vegetables, this flavoursome veggie curry is a great way to get more of your 5 a day. Serve with the quinoa, some poppadoms, chutney and naan breads for a real feast.

16 February - www.cottinghamtimes.co.uk

Vegetarian

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 3 m inutes

• Total time: 55 minutes. Serves: 4

Ingredients

1 tbsp sunflower oil

1 large onion, finely chopped

350g cauliflower florets

3 tbsp Cooks' Ingredients Tikka Curry Paste

350g sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2cm cubes

3g r aisins

500ml vegetable stock

400g can chopped tomatoes

Juice of 1/2 lemon

400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

115g pack baby spinach

25g toasted flaked almonds

200g Love Life Bulgur Wheat with White & Red Quinoa, cooked to serve

Method

- 1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and cook the onion and cauliflower for 6-8 minutes until starting to turn golden and soften. Stir in the curry paste and cook for 1 minute.
- 2. Stir in the sweet potatoes, raisins, stock and chopped tomatoes. Cover and cook gently for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the cauliflower is tender and the sauce is thickened.
- 3. Stir in the lemon juice, chickpeas and spinach and cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Scatter over the toasted flaked almonds and serve with the white and red qi noa mix.



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Chicken & pepper jollof rice

This spicy African-style dish contains nutty-flavoured wholegrain rice, which makes a nice change from white basmati, and is bound to be popular with the whole family.

Preparation time: 15 minutesCooking time: 70 minutes

• Total time: 1 hour 25 minutes. Serves: 4

Ingredients

1 tbsp sunflower oil

8 chicken thighs

1 large onion, finely sliced

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 tbsp ground allspice

3cm piece fresh ginger, finely chopped

1 tsp ground coriander

1 tsp cayenne pepper

1 tbsp tomato purée

1 pack Waitrose 2 Sweet Peppers, deseeded and sliced

250g cherry tomatoes

150g Tilda Wholegrain Brown Basmati Rice

30m 1 chicken stock

25g pack parsley, chopped

1 lemon, cut into wedges

Method

- 1. Heat the sunflower oil in a large deep frying pan and gently cook the chicken for 15 minutes until the skin is crisp and golden. Transfer to a plate and set aside.
- 2. Add the onion to the pan and cook for about 5-6 minutes until beginning to soften and turn golden. Stir in the garlic, allspice, ginger, coriander and cayenne and cook for just a minute longer.
- 3. Stir in the tomato purée and cook for 1 minute, then add the peppers, tomatoes, rice and stock. Cover with the lid and simmer for 30 minutes, then return the chicken to the pan and cook for a further 10-15 minutes or until the rice is tender and the chicken is completely cooked through with no pink meat. Sprinkle over the parsley and serve with the lemon wedges to squeeze over.

Cook s tip

If serving this dish to young children, swap the cayenne pepper for sweet smoked paprika.

Blueberry drop scones

Have two of these tasty fruit scones as a snack.

• low in fat

Preparation time: 10 minutesCooking time: 20 minutesTotal time: 30 minutes. Makes: 20

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Ingredients

50g essential Waitrose porridge oats

250ml skimmed milk

175g Waitrose organic light brown self-raising flour

1 tsp baking powder

2 eggs

150g Waitrose LOVE Life dried blueberries

1 Sunflower oil spray

Method

- 1. Soak the oats in a little of the milk for 5 minutes. Mix together the flour and baking powder. In a jug, beat together the eggs and remaining milk. Make a well in the flour, pour in the liquid and beat together until smooth. Stir in the oat mixture and dried blueberries.
- 2. Spritz a large non-stick frying pan or flat griddle with oil. Drop small spoonfuls of the batter in the pan and cook for 1-2 minutes on each side until risen and golden brown. Serve warm with fresh blueberries and a tiny drizzle of honey.

LOVE life chocolate macaroons

Makes: 24

Ingredients

1 tbsp cocoa powder 125g icing sugar

100g ground almonds

2 medium egg whites

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C, gas mark 4. Line two baking sheets with baking paper. In a large bowl, mix together the cocoa powder, icing sugar and ground almonds.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff, then fold into the almond mixture.
- 3. Use a teaspoon to spoon 12 small rounds of the mixture onto each baking sheet, leaving a gap between each. Bake for 15 minutes until the macaroons are firm to the touch but still a little soft in the centre.
- 4. Set aside on the tray for a few minutes, then peel off the paper and leave to cool completely on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

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FOOD & DRINK

ONTHE GRAPEVINE

WITH ROY WOODCOCK

Wine drinkers have a more discerning palate

Thile wine drinkers appear to be developing a more discerning palate, it's surprising to discover that many common misconceptions still abound. One of the most popular is that wine must be aged in oak barrels if the flavour of the wine is to be properly enhanced.

However whether wine is aged in oak barrels or not is mainly due to tradition.

Flavouring was a secondary consideration in the Middle Ages when the majority of winemakers, mostly monasteries, matured wine in oak barrels as a convenient method of storage and transportation.

The impact of the wood on the flavour of the wine developed naturally and has led to numerous experimental combinations over the centuries.

Generally speaking, the effect of oak on red wine is to produce a soft, sweetish, vanilla flavour that is toasty, mocha or toffee on the back of the tongue while white wines generally take on the flavour of butter, coconut, cinnamon or cloves. The effect should be to support and enhance the flavour of the fruit but can occasionally be overpowering or over-oaked.

France's Loire Valley is distinct in this regard in that it does not have a tradition of oaking wines. In fact, during excavations in the cellars of the Chateau of Chaumont, archaeologists discovered wine tanks hewn out of stone and lined with thick glass tiles.

The reason was no doubt that wine raised in oak barrels would be too strong as a result of the region's cooler temperatures and the intrinsic flavours of the fruit would be lost.

That difference in taste was a huge eye-opener for Amanda Gallou who first moved to the region in 1995. Tired of wine she found too heavy, overpowering, too strong and too full of chemicals which also left her with a headache the following morning, she decided to set up a business - Amanda's Wines - bringing hand-made unoaked French wines direct to doorsteps across the UK.

Amanda's growers are some of the most eco-friendly on earth and produce their wines in the traditional way of their ancestors.

The vineyards are not irrigated and the plants have to rely on natural rain water. As a result, the roots of the vines grow far down into the earth as they get older - sometimes more than 20 metres deep - and the wines are made entirely from the natural grape juice,

These small independent growers harvest the grapes in September and raise the wines in tanks which can be made of stainless steel, resin or cement before they are bottled and aged.

Amanda says: "I cannot say that it is better or worse to raise wine in oak barrels. It is just different. 95 per cent of our customers now prefer unoaked saying the wines are so 'clean tasting'. My website is dedicated to helping wine lovers who are bored with uninteresting wines discover our delicious unoaked wines without making a huge hole in

Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay figure prominently in her list of white wines but you'll also find red wines, blended and single varietals, made from the Gamay, Cabernet Franc and Cot varietals and a Sancerre red made entirely from Pinot Noir, and a delightful still and sparkling rose wine made from the Pineau d'Aunis grape.

More details from www.amandaswines.co.uk

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UK wine supplier Buckingham Schenk unveiled a new brand from New Zealand producer Rod McDonald Wines at its first New Zealand Winegrowers tasting last month.

The new "Mister" brand from family-owned Rod McDonald Wine comprises wines – a Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Rosé and Syrah - from Hawkes Bay, which the company claims to be "left of centre" and "modern to the core".

Retailing at around £12-13, it is set to target New Zealand wine consumers who want something a bit different and quirkier, a spokesman from Buckingham Schenk said, and is aiming squarely at the multiple and specialist retail channel.

The style is more modern, and because of its Hawkes Bay provenance, is different to the majority of New Zealand wines on the supermarket shelves, which tend to come from Marlborough or Central Otago, he added.



BEST BUYS

Waitrose Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon

Where: Waitrose When: Now, until February 21 Why: Full flavoured and intense red wine - a 14 per cent blockbuster that's dark in colour with enticing aromas of ripe red fruits, including blackcurrant. Ideal pairing for a slow-roasted lamb shank

£7.49 (was £9.99)



Les Six Terroirs Touraine Sauvignon Blanc

Where: Waitrose When: Now, until February 21 Why: A lovely fresh, crisp wine from the Loire Valley. Has got that classic Sauvignon Blanc citrus twist but rather more delicately done than many a cheapish Marlborough Sauvignon.

£7.49 (was £9.99)



Ten Mile Bridge Portuguese Red

Where: Waitrose When: Now, until February 21 Why: A fruity, medium bodied red wine from the Setubal Peninsular just south of Lisbon in Portugal. Soft on the palate; will suit grilled meats, spicy sausage and savoury rice and pasta dishes.

£5.99 (was £7.99)



The Unexpected Red, 2015

Where: Co-op When: Now, until February 7 Why: Not often I recommend anything under a fiver these days, but this is both Unexpected and well worth trying! Three classics. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Tempranillo, are blended with Sangrantino, a little-known Italian gem. Combined they create a eady melange of blackcurrant and bright cherry with a hint of spice and violet

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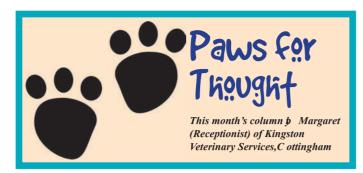
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Test Driving . . ?

ave you ever thought how easy it can be to chose a new car? With the majority of garages offering free test drives on new cars, how can we possibly go wrong? When looking to move house, we more invariably look around the area, taking note of the local amenities, schools etc. Even some people look at the way the sun rises and sets in the garden. So why oh why do we draw a blank at adopting one of the most treasured members of the family.....someone who will be with us through thick and thin, from puberty to adolescence and then through to their twilight years?

I am talking about our four legged friends ... the dog and cat. In an ideal world, how lovely would it be to 'test drive' the pet of our choice? Sadly this is reality and mistakes are often made, more to the cost of our pets welfare.

Take our canine friend....may be a breed of dog is chosen because you have always had this breed of dog, forgetting that it was many years ago and your life style has changed OR losing your canine companion after many years together, you adopt a young, plant eating, shoe chewing tear away, forgetting how much time and energy it takes to train them.





There are many key factors to be considered when you are looking for a dog ie; BREED, SIZE, TEMPERAMENT AND TIME REQUIREMENTS. These are all very important, however, the most important thing to think about is your lifestyle. Ask yourself the following......What spare income do I have? How much space do I have? Am I a novice or an experienced dog/cat owner?

Answering these qe stions will give you a better understanding of the right type of dog/cat that will fit in with your current lifestyle. The biggest mistake many new owners make is choosing a dog/cat for their looks without considering what the pets needs are and if they have time to meet those needs. If you are a busy person then do not look at a long-haired pet that takes hours of grooming.

A few more examples are as follows....

HUSKIES have been bred to race and pull sleds. In some circumstances they will cover 70 miles in a single day! Would you really be surprised if you couldn't meet this dogs daily exercise regime.

TERRIERS have been bred to hunt and kill vermin which involves digging them out of their dens or going underground after them. If you want a nice garden without holes being dug, maybe think twice about the addition of a TERRIER to your household.

LABRADORS/COCKER SPANIELS, invariably (not all but some) come from working parents so please check the background when researching these breeds. A working Cocker Spaniel or Labrador need exercise, exercise, exercise alongside stimulation so if you are a person who goes to work all day and only goes for a short walk on an evening, then these breeds are maybe not for you.

Breeds of our FELINE friends should also be carefully considered although exercise is not one of the factors but, like I mentioned above, their coat is. Will you have time to groom your cat EVERY day if their coat is long? A beautiful, long coat is very attractive but not when it is matted and dirty which can bring great distress to our poor little friend.

Once you have the answers to your lifestyle qe stions, create a shortlist of breeds that meet your reqi rements. To do this, research the web and speak to dog/cat professionals ie: Breeders, Rescue Centres and of course your Vet. All will have different views based upon their own experience and knowledge, therefore for a balanced view, speak with as many as you can.

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A happy pet is a happy owner.



Voices across the Humber at the **Hull City Hall**

Tickets on sale for Hull UK City of Culture choral concert. Tides turn. Seasons change. The Humber keeps on singing.

ickets have gone on sale for a concert that unites singers, young and old, from both banks of the River Humber to celebrate Hull UK City of Culture 2017.

Voices Across the Humber, which takes place at Hull City Hall on 1 April, is one of 60 projects funded by Hull 2017's Creative Communities Programme, which is being delivered in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund.

Led by Hull Choral Union, one of the area's most established choirs, the show will unite choirs and singers aged seven to 90, renewing old partnerships, forging new relationships and connecting communities from across the river.

Joining Hull Choral Union and Junior Chorus are Hull Choral Union Orchestra, Grimsby Philharmonic Society, Grimsby Bach Choir and Mapas Youth Choir and Scunthorpe Junior Co-operative Choir.

Rich in history and talent, both banks of the Humber will come together to perform an exciting choral, orchestral and visually stimulating concert celebrating our region's proud maritime heritage.

It will feature Vaughan Williams' A Sea Symphony, Hedges' Bridge for the Living and a selection of nautical songs.

There will also be an open rehearsal on the day of the concert which will be free for members of the public to attend with details to be confirmed closer to the time.

Hull Choral Union's Suzanne Brown said: "Voices Across the Humber is a unique collaboration of six choirs from Hull, Grimsby and Scunthorpe.

"In this sea-themed performance, conducted by David Lawrence, a massed adult choir will sing Hedges 'Bridge For the Living' written originally for the opening of the Humber Bridge and Vaughan Williams' A Sea Symphony.

"A 100-strong children's choir will perform nautical songs and the audience will be transported into a sea world through special lighting and visuals."

Martin Green, CEO and Director of Hull 2017, added: "The

River Humber may separate us from our close neighbours but this wonderful project brings us together through a shared love of music and the joy of singing."

Voices Across the Humber marks the start of Hull 2017's second season Roots and Routes. which celebrates Hull as a gateway to Europe.

Other projects supported by the Creative Communities Programme include a public art project by the Goodwin Development Trust which will see Thornton Estate get a full colour makeover, viral comedy FuzzFeed featuring a cast of cheeky puppets, and Born Into A City Of Culture for which footprints of babies born in Hull in 2017 will be preserved.

The Creative Communities

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Programme, which is also being supported by Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust, was set-up to celebrate, nurture and support local talent. The winning projects received grants of between £300 and £10,000 and range from billboard displays of art to a display of metal sculptures at an abandoned city railway station.

Tickets, which cost £5, are available from Hull City Hall box office on 01482 300 306 or www.hcandl.co.uk/hullcityhall.

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A Bit of a Hoo-Ha

Hello again, I hope you are well. I can't believe it's three weeks into January already. We've hit 2017 at qi te a pace and there are loads on. Tomorrow my team and I are off to Manchester to a Dental Customer Care Conference and a Charity Ball to raise money for Dental Mavericks. We are also busy organising our second 0's disco fundraiser for Dental Mavericks at Armstrong's Social Club in Beverley on February 10^{th} . There might be a few tickets left if you fancy it. Last year was a good laugh.

So W at's All The Hoo-Ha

Well, it's toothpaste. Colgate toothpaste to be more precise. There is an anti-bacterial chemical called Triclosan that has been in Colgate Total Toothpaste since about





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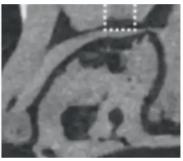
1997 This toothpaste was considered the benchmark in modern toothpastes because if it. Triclosan was also put into hand soaps and gels as an anti-bacterial agent. Now here's the rub. Quite recently the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) banned Triclosan from soaps and gels. The reason is on health grounds. It was found that Triclsan is absorbed through the skin and can cause endocrine problems and also affect he immune system. Other studies have shown it to cause tumours in mice. Now mice are not humans so there isn't a direct correlation. However, Triclosan is still in Colgate Total toothpaste for some reason even though the mouth allows qi cker absorption. Colgate argued that there are loads of studies to show its safety. The FDA took this on board and concluded that the benefits may well outweigh the risks. Now, Triclosan is not in Colgate sensitive as far as I know. I'm not trying to scare monger at all, I just find it all very interesting and thought you may want to know or research yourself.

Now For Some Optimism

Fillings could be consigned to history after scientists found that a drug given to Alzheimer's patients can help teeth regrow and repair cavities. Researchers at King's College London found that the drug Tideglusib stimulates the stem cells contained in teeth

so that they generate new dentine, the material under the enamel. They discovered that the drugheightened the activity of stem cells in the dental





pulp so they could repair 0.1 mm holes in the teeth of mice. A drug-soaked sponge was placed in the hole and then a protective coating was applied over the top. As the sponge broke down it was replaced by dentine, healing the tooth.

Now, don't get over excited just yet, a 0.1 in m hole is very big and easy to protect. I am intrigued to see how it fairs with bigger holes and how they protectively coat these so there is no wash out of the drug. It all looks very promising though.

This Kig s Colleg imag shows tooth repair after four weeks (left) and af ter six weeks (right).

There Is Still Hope

I saw Hull City beat Bournemouth 3 1 last weekend. It was great!. There is still hope of staying up if we can keep sticking it in the net. Come on lads, get stuck in. Oh, I thought the City Of Hull Celebrations on Queen Victoria Sqa re was really good. Very stirring.

Until nek time. Tak care and b good.



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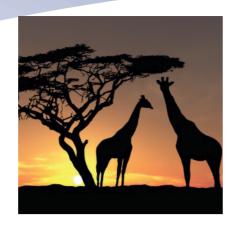










































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ow that the temperature is rising and we are having slightly milder weather we can start to think about getting out into the garden again.

Make sure to keep your garden tidy so that you are ready for the arrival of the Spring weather. One job that is fun and rewarding with superior taste rewards is growing your own potatoes. Whether you have a garden, allotment or small patio or balcony there are many options for growing seed potatoes.

What to grow

- There are dozens of different potato varieties, usually described as early, second early and main crop potatoes. These names indicate when they crop and also give you an idea of the space you'll need, how closely and when they can be planted.
- You should concentrate on the earlier types if you're short of space, and it's also worth remembering that earlies are less likely to encounter pest problems as they're lifted so much earlier in the year.
- Second earlies take 16 to 17 weeks to mature after planting, so you should be able to harvest them from very late June through to the start of August.
- Main crops are ready 18 to 20 weeks after planting, so they can be lifted usually from July through to October. Main crops take up the most space in the garden, but they tend to be the best varieties to grow if you want some for storage.

What to do How to chit

- Chitting simply means encouraging the seed potatoes to sprout before planting.
- Start chitting from late January in warmer parts of the country or in February in cooler areas, about six weeks before you intend to plant out the potatoes.
- Each seed potato has a more rounded, blunt end that has a number of 'eyes'.
- Stand the tubers with the blunt end uppermost in trays or old egg boxes, with plenty of natural light.
- The potatoes are ready to be planted out when the shoots are 1.5-2.5cm (0.5-1in) long.

How to plant

- Plant your chitted potatoes when the soil has started to warm up, usually from mid-March or early April. Start by digging a trench \mathcal{D} -18 m (3 5in) deep, although the exact depth should vary according to the variety of potato you're planting.
- Add a light sprinkling of fertiliser to your trench before you begin planting.
- Plant early potatoes about 9c m (12in) apart with 9-50cm (16 20in) between the rows, and second earlies and main crops about 8 m (15in) apart with 3c m (9i n) between the rows.
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- Handle your chitted tubers with care, gently setting them into the trench with the shoots pointing upwards, being careful not to break the shoots. Cover the potatoes lightly with soil.
- As soon as the shoots appear, earth up each plant by covering it with a ridge of soil so that the shoots are just buried.
- You need to do this at regular intervals and by the end of the season each plant will have a small mound around it about 15cm (6 n) high.

Hare sting

- Your home-grown potatoes should be ready for lifting from June until September, depending on the varieties and the growing conditions. Earlies can be lifted and eaten as soon as they're ready.
- This will be when above-ground growth is still green, and usually as soon as the flowers open.
- Second and main crop varieties can be kept in the ground much longer, until September, even though above-ground growth may well be looking past its best.
- Two weeks before you lift the crop, cut the growth off at ground level. This should give the skins of the potatoes sufficient time to toughen up, making them far less prone to damage from lifting and easier to store.

10 Jobs for this month

- 1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- 2. Chit potato tubers
- 3 Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- 4 Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- 5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- 6 Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
- 7 Prune Wisteria
- 8 Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- 9. Prune conservatory climbers
- Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter





Growing tips

- Potatoes like plenty of sun, so avoid planting them in frost-prone sites, as these conditions can damage the developing foliage. If you're starting up a vegetable plot on very weedy ground or old grassland, potatoes may help swamp out weeds with their fast-growing, extensive foliage.
- If you're short of space, try growing potatoes in an adequately drained container that's at least 30cm (1ft) deep and wide. Half fill the pot with multi-purpose compost or good quality, fertile garden soil, nestle two seed potatoes into the top of the compost and then top up with more compost or soil to within 2.5cm (1in) of the rim of the container.
- It's particularly important that there's adequate water once the tubers have reached the size of marbles. Unless there's regular, ample rainfall, the size and quality of the crop will be reduced if you don't water your potatoes.

Seed potatoes are now in stock at Coletta & Tyson garden centre from £2.49.

Plant of the moment Camellia

Camellias are one of the most popular winter- and springflowering shrubs, providing a vivid splash of colour when little



else is in bloom. Although they need acid soil, they are easy to grow in containers of ericaceous (acidic) potting compost.

Site and soil conditions

Camellias are woodland plants that grow best in shelter and light shade, although with careful watering they can be grown in sunny positions. They prefer free-draining conditions, with plenty of organic matter, such as leaf mould, incorporated into the soil. Being ericaceous plants, camellias require an acid soil. If your soil isn't acid then consider growing your camellia in a container.

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Watering

Tap water, especially in hard water districts, often contains too much calcium for camellias, reducing the acidity around the roots over time. Rain water is ideal for watering camellias. If rain water runs out, tap water is satisfactory for a month or two in summer.

Feeding

Feed camellias with acidic fertilisers, such as Chempak Ericaceous, Miracle-gro Ericaceous, sulphate of ammonia or sulphate of potash. Controlled release fertiliser pellets are available from Miracid and Phostrogen to mix into the potting compost of container-grown plants, avoiding the need for further feeding until the following season.

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Your Stars for February 2017

By Kay Gower

Aries (Mar. 2 April 9

Life can be a puzzle, and you the missing piece, so don't underestimate how vital you are to the big picture. This month you will watch it all come together all around you.

Taurus (Apr.2 May 1

As the full moon moves into the sign of Leo, you may experience a feeling of content in which case you can count yourself among the world's most fortunate. No amount of wealth can get you a ticket into the contentment club. "My crown is called con en , a crown it is that seldom king ej oy." —W illiam hak espeare.

Gemini (May 2 1 ne)

Sometimes there can be a world of knowledge inside small talk. It will just takes a little careful listening this month and knowing the right qe stions to ask. Chit chat may well open up a possible treasure trove.

Cancer (J ne 2 J ly 2

The next three weeks show you changing your work style and making more money. The love you give comes back to you. The coming Spring will be a lucky time for your family. They will make you proud.

Leo (I ly 3 Aug ?

The full moon moves into your own sign on the 11th. You play by the rules, ruthlessly and for keeps. Your competitors will not stand a chance against you.

Virgo (Aug 2S ept.)

Strangely enough, happy endings don't always come at the end. Someone will be there for you when you're right smack in the middle of a task and looking for some help. You're not a victim, but once in a while it's nice to be saved.

Libra (Sept.4 Oct.3

This month you'll open your eyes with a fresh perspective on life. Then you'll decide what really makes you happy and go forward with that thought.It's going to be a great year.

Scorpio (Oct.4 Nov.2

There is only one time when life can be vividly felt. That time is right now. Anything before now cannot be changed. Anything after now is beyond our control. It might be argued that now is the only moment that exists.

Sagittarius (Nov. 3 Dec. 3

If you are not sure if you're been taken for granted but that's the way its feels then test the water. Pull back this month and see what happens.

Capricorn (Dec 2 In .)

You can never plan your own delight, it always happens by surprise. You can, however, put yourself into a situation in which you are more likely to be surprised.

Aquarius (In 1 Feb)

Whatever battle you take on this month, you are favourite to win. Before you roll your sleeves up though, make sure the win is worth fighting for. Think it through.

Pisces (Feb. 9 Mar. 9

The unpleasantness that happened in the past is in the past now. You have been made richer and wiser for it, which is why you'll have so much to give over the next three months. The Spring will bring change. This change is good.



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Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

If you think you may have a problem with alcohol which is costing you more than money, and want to stop drinking, you will be most welcome at the meeting at Cottingham Methodist Church (side entrance), every Friday night at 8pm. For more information call 01482-830083. Free-Confidential-Advice

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Local Beekeeper Neil Gower continues his quarterly look into the world of beekeeping

Christmas Lights and Manuka

Loristmas I am reminded of the industry of worker bees. A swarm of volunteers descend on to the streets of Cottingham every Sunday morning. With their high visibility jackets, helmets, cherry pickers and multiple skills they put up the Christmas lights for us all to enjoy. What a show they put on for us yet again.

This year we were able to get a birds eye view when in early December we went on one of St Mary's organised "Tower Tours" under the supervision of the Tower Captain, Ian Booth. The never ending climb up the spiral stone staircase was worth the effort when we emerged on to the roof of the tower and gazed down at the Cottingham Christmas lights.

Talking with a group of people as we were leaving the church I was asked, yet again about Manuka honey and it's 'benefits'. As this is becoming quite a regular topic I thought I might give a bit of an overview. For those not familiar, Manuka is a monofloral honey made from the nectar of the Manuka bush or tree which grows naturally in New Zealand and in some parts of Australia.

It is said to have great health benefits and some people swear by its medicinal qualities. I am certainly not qualified to comment on any medical benefits, and don't want to get into a debate as a great deal of research is still taking place in a number of areas. In New Zealand the export of Manuka has become big business and is controlled by the countries Uniqe Manuka Factor (UMF) Association.

They apply a grading to the honey which can determine the price at which it is sold, and this can be very high. The Tregothnan Estate in Cornwall has been growing Manuka successfully since the 18's, and they sell a Manuka honey for £25 a jar. Australia also produces honey from Manuka, but only New Zealand Manuka is able to be

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graded under the UMF scheme.

A few years ago, after a great many qe stions from consumers 'The Grocer' magazine wrote an article entitled 'The Great Manuka Honey Swindle' which was qi ckly followed up by an article in the Independent. Both articles highlighted the fact that more honey is sold as Manuka in the UK every year than is actually produced, and it is anticipated that more than three times the amount is sold worldwide.

The independent thus stated the obvious, that many consumers will be paying for something that is not actually Manuka honey. You can take from that information what you will and I have no desire to influence. In the latest British Beekeepers Association newsletter it would appear that further trouble is brewing in the world of Manuka honey. New Zealand's UMF Association are in dispute with Australian producers over the term Manuka which they claim is a Maori word and a protected trademark, and have contacted overseas intellectual property advisors.

I think I will stick to my local honey produced by my own bees from the diverse flora of the Cottingham area.

When I moved my colonies to their new location this year they had not been as strong or numerous as I would have liked. The prolonged warm weather in the early and middle part of autumn meant that they had longer than normal to build up and I was much happier with progress by the end of November. They had continued to forage well into the autumn and had also built up respectable honey stores in the hives.

I keep an eye on their habitat over the winter but tend not to disturb the bees too much by removing the roof, as this can impact the temperature within each hive. They have been treated against the Varroa Destructor mite and at the beginning of December I added some fondant to the top of each hive to supplement their food stores over the winter.

I have some new frames to make up so that I can continue my philosophy of changing all the frames within each hive every 18 24 months to prevent disease and I have a stock of pollen substitute ready to apply when the Queens start laying eggs. This is aimed at aiding a faster build up in the spring.

This article marks my second anniversary of writing these qa rterly updates on beekeeping and in both the 2015 and 2016 February articles I wrote of the excitement and anticipation that beekeepers feel with the onset of spring. Both turned out to be an absolute nightmare from a beekeeping perspective with cold and wet weather causing havoc well into what have traditionally been the summer months. Honey production was low in both years and colony losses qi te high.

With that in mind I will try not to tempt fate this year. I go into this spring with my fingers crossed, a much reduced expectation and a plan for beekeeping Armageddon. Anything better will be a bonus.

I wish you all a belated happy new year and will be back with the latest update in the May edition.



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The Cottingham Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets daily at the Bowling Green, situated on Hull Road, by the Thwaite Street roundabout. Social bowling is held outdoors in the summer months and indoors in the winter months. Club competitions and social gatherings form an important part of the Club's activities. New members are always welcome. Further information can be obtained from Trevor Holborn 93E mail revtrev2@revtrev2.karoo.co.uk

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Cottingham Rangers AFC

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Melanie Watson of Skidby Livery Stables with the latest of her monthly articles www.instinctivehorsetraining.co.uk

Behaviour is valuable information

Behaviour, both wanted as well as unwanted, is always for a reason. It is a window straight into the emotional brain of your horse.

As a nation of pleasure horse owners, we tend to fixate on all unwanted behaviour and set our roles into constantly correcting our animals. The horse does something we don't like, or we did not ask for so we immediately retaliate with some move or action on our part (usually aggressively) in an attempt to correct that behaviour into some form of so called obedience. These actions dominate, pressures or bullies the animal back onto the path we choose and reqi res the horse to feel some form of momentary fear of us or some form of pain as a consequence to their actions.

How often do we stand back and ask why? What is the function to the horse by behaving in such a way? Why does it keep doing the same thing repeatedly? Why does the horse keep on repeating that behaviour despite repeating your chosen strategy for correction?

If an unwanted behaviour keeps happening, then the reason which triggers it has not been identified or has not been properly and accurately considered. You may be under the misapprehension as to why your horse does what he does and decide to label it inappropriately. I hear it all over and over again..t. he horse is stupid, naughty, stubborn, mare-ish, being awkward, hateful.a. nd so the list goes on. Labeling is not helpful as it does not describe the actual behaviour and puts a human slant onto the horse psych.

Think about it. There must be a reinforcement of some kind to the horse for it to keep repeating it. If what you are doing in retaliation, or in preparation, for that expected behaviour was working then it would naturally extinguish.

There is one huge statement which is massive ly important and one we should always take into account

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and that is that the ANIMAL DECIDES! That horse in front of you decides if what you are doing is working to help it feel safer in your company and in the env ronment you have chosen to put it in. Dogs are no different either. If any part of this article hits a chord with you and how your dog is behave ng then seek the help of a good dog trainer. One who uses positive reward and the Science of Animal learning and Behave our.

Getting back to the original statement about behaviour being information, then that is the time to sit back and think it all through.

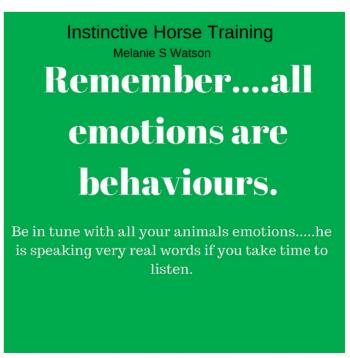
Unravelling the cause, the need for, the reason for, the pure description of actual behaviour in its own right. Working out any historical influence. This is always where you need to start. All horses want to do is feel safe. That's it! There is nothing else to say. Nothing else to add.i. t's that simple. (take a good look at yourself at this point in time too because that same statement applies to us as humans.a. Il any animal wants out of life and whatever life throws at it, is to feel safe.)

Defense, avoidance, fear based, rage based, grief or panic based, flight, freeze, fight, vocalising:- there is a myriad of possibilities, causes, historical influences, conditioned responses, triggers, environmental influences and so the list goes on.

I am here to help you through all of this. To better understand your horse. To better understand why he does what he does or feels the way he feels. To better understand how classical conditioning may be playing a huge role in your horse's life. You may need to re think your management role, the environment affect and even what you yourself bring to the table re your own emotions and past experiences. How you may be feeling peer pressure to adopt techniqe s you know are innately wrong or an approach with which you are not comfortable.

Please do get in touch and let's start to unravel all which is going wrong and set you both on a path to succeed through better understanding and correct information. Tel. 020 385 or 018 314.

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Essential maintenance work on seven bridges over the A1079 has commenced

ast Riding of Yorkshire Council has announced that essential maintenance work on seven bridges over the ✓A109 between the roundabout at Bishop Burton and the east of Jocks Lodge interchange is about to be carried out.

The £00,000 project, funded through the highway maintenance grant allocated to the council by the Department for Transport, will begin on Monday 23 January, and is scheduled for completion by the end of March, 2017

The work, to be carried out by the council's contractors, Balfour Beatty, will include replacing and maintaining the bearings beneath the bridge beams; replacing life-expired joints; repairing damaged concrete; and building new access platforms to facilitate future inspections of the bridges.

In order to ensure the safety of road users and contractors, a 50mph speed limit will be in place on the A109 in the vicinity of the works. Lane closures will be in place on the dual carriageway sections of the road, and during the night, traffic signals will be used to minimise disruption to traffic.

Traffic lights will also be in place on both Newbald Road and Walkington Road where they cross the A109. The layby to the north of Jocks Lodge interchange will be closed to provide a working area for the contractors.

Councillor Andy Burton, portfolio holder for planning, highways and transportation, said: "We apologise to motorists for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, but reassure all road users that these works will ensure the long-term future of all these bridges over this very busy road."





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Cottingham Bridge Club

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The Alzheimers Society

Hold a memory café for people with dementia and their carers, family and friends at the Holy Cross Church, Carrington Ave in Cottingham. It is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.9 pm to 300 pm. For any further information please contact The Hull and East Riding Alzheimers Society on Tel 013 211255.

Cottingham Cricket Club

'The club provides cricketing activities and games for boys and girls from the age of 6 We run 4 Saturday sides, and teams at U9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 and also Girls Teams. All new players of any ability are welcome. Training starts in January with Indoor Nets at Sirius Academy North for all age groups and Seniors on Wednesday evenings 600 pm till 800 pm and at Cottingham High School (Sports Hall), (tennis ball/kwick cricket ball) for ages 6 15, on Saturdays 12.0 pm till 2.0 pm till Easter. Summer training for Juniors is Friday evenings and Seniors is on a Wednesday. For more information and details contact Rob Rhodes on \$215. O r email cottinghamcc@hotmail.co.uk

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Cottingham Food Bank

The Cottingham Food Bank will be open every Wednesday from 10.0 am to 12.0 pm, and Saturdays from 10.0 am to 12.0 pm, at the Zion and Newland United Reformed Church, Hallgate. Basic foods will be provided for a small donation to people who can demonstrate that they live in the area. Further information can be obtained by telephoning § 5920.

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Residents offered chance to get market-leading rates for home energy

esidents are being offered exclusive marketleading rates* for home energy thanks to the power of collective energy switching.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council teamed up with technology partner iChoosr, the UK's leading expert in collective energy switching, in 2013 and has been able to deliver savings of 55m illion so far for East Riding residents.

The average saving at the most recent auction for dual fuel customers was 250 pe r year.

Residents who register before the next auction, which is taking place on 14 February, will receive a personal offer letter or email letting them know how much they could save against their current deal.

There is no obligation for people to accept their personal offer but, if they do, it is easy to make the switch and the new provider will take care of the whole process.

Councillor Symon Fraser, portfolio holder for asset management, housing and environment at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, said: "We are seeing East Riding residents make real savings on their energy bills.

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council's support, it's easy and safe. Once registered, there is no obligation to take up an offer so there is nothing to lose."

To help as many residents as possible to save on their energy bills, residents can still register after the auction has taken place. These customers will also receive a personal offer; by e-mail or by post. The winning supplier's offer will be available until 28 March and residents can go online at eastriding.gov.uk/yorswitch and receive an instant qot e.

Auctions happen throughout the year, with the next round starting again on 4 April. Residents are encouraged to register for every auction as offers are always changing.

How to register to receive a no-obligation offer or find out more about YORSwitch:

Online: If you have an email address and would like to register online, you can do so by visiting www.eastriding.gov.uk/YORSwitch

Face-to-face: Visit your local Customer Service Centre -for opening times go to www.eastriding.gov.uk

Telephone: Call (01**3**) **999** between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday

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Hull Zingari

Hull Zingari Cricket Club (est 1896) will be holding indoor net sessions for junior and senior players and new players will be made very welcome.

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Humberside Steppers Square Dance Club

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East Yorkshire Climbing and Mountaineering Club

To all climbers, mountaineers and hillwalkers in the Hull and East Yorks area - We are a friendly club based in Hull and East Yorks area. The climbers meet at Rock City in Hull every Tuesday evening in the winter and outdoors in the summer. We have monthly weekend meets to the Dales, Lake District and Scotland. All abilities are welcome to come and try us out. We have just launched our new website and are currently recruiting new members. Check us out at www.eycmc.org and our meet up site is www.meetup.com/East-Yorkshire-Climbing-Mountaineering-Club/

Cottingham Methodist Church hall, Hallgate

Card making class held every Monday (Except Bank Holidays) 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Classes restart 9th January. All levels welcome. Contact for further details - Ann on 07932833578.

The deadline for entries in the March 207 W hat's On" section, is the I h Feb uary.





Exciting news for Cottingham Scouts and Guides!

t the East Riding Council Planning Committee on 20th December, Cottingham Scouts and Guides were finally granted planning permission for their new headqa rters. The plans include two halls, lots of storage, a kitchen, toilets and much more. The headqa rters is hoped to become something of a community building, with a whole range of groups using the facility.

Cottingham Scouts lost their headquarters over 10 years ago when Hallgate School extended onto the land on which it was built. Since then, the Scout and Guide units have been meeting in various halls and rooms around the village, causing leaders cars, spare bedrooms, lofts and garages to become eqi pment storage! The Building Trust have worked tirelessly since, and feel that a huge weight has been lifted off their shoulders.

The aim is to raise the £500,000+ needed in the next two years, so keep your eyes peeled, and please support them in this exciting new venture.

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The Cottingham Darby & Joan **Luncheon Club has vacancies**

the Cottingham Darby & Joan Luncheon Club has some vacancies for new members

The Club meets every Friday in the Darby & Joan Hall in Finkle Street for a two course lunch freshly cooked on the premises by our two excellent cooks.

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New activities for Under 5s at the Beverley Treasure House ast Riding of Yorkshire Council is inviting families

ast Riding of Yorkshire Council is inviting families with children under 5 years old to discover the new free resources at the Treasure House Museum in Beverley.

In any weather, families can have fun 'At the Beach' with the new interactive beach mat, natural seaside objects and sea creatures. They can also enjoy looking at seaside-themed books while sitting on 'pebble' cushions.

Explorer Kit items are also on offer for children to discover interesting things in the museum. Children can look closely at objects with a magnifying glass, find matching colours in the collection, shine a torch into dark spaces, and hunt for specific items in the display cases.

These new additions complement the existing activities offered for older children at the Treasure House and Beverley

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Art Gallery, such as colouring in, dressing up and family open days. They have been enabled by funding awarded to the Humber Museums Partnership by Arts Council England.

The Treasure House is a cultural centre, including the Museum, a café, Beverley Art Gallery, East Riding Archives and Beverley Library, on Champney Road in Beverley next to the Magistrates Court.

For more information about the under 5s resources, other activities and open days, contact Treasure House on (01482) 392780, visit the website at www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk to download the events brochure, or just pop in.



Cottingham Green Womens' Institute celebrated its 25th anniversary in January

The new year started with the Annual Meeting and the election of the committee and President. Rosie Ellis was elected for a further year and 2016 was reviewed by the treasurer and secretary.

The first President, Geraldine Mathieson, was invited to cut the celebration cake with one of the original members, Mavis Batty, the oldest member, Elsie Beesley, and the present President, Rosie Ellis.

The new programme starts on Thursday February 9th with Angus Young, 'Hold the front page'.

New members are always welcome in the Darby and Joan Small Hall at 7.30pm.

Pictured abv e left to right: Rosie Ellis, Geraldin Mathieson Elsie Beesley and M avis Batty.



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Cat Homing Show in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street on Saturday 4th February

The Hull and District Cats Protection will be holding a Cat Home Show on Saturday & h February, in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham from 11.9 am to 1.9 pm.

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Mozart Divertimento in F

Mendelssohn String Symphony No.1 Elgar Salut d'Amour Mendelssohn String Symphony No.13 Elgar Serenade for Strings

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How Made in Hull inspired top composer Sir Karl Jenkins

Sir Karl Jenkins, acclaimed as the world's most popular living composer, has revealed the inspiration behind his world premiere commission for Hull Philharmonic Orchestra.

Presented with support from Hull UK City of Culture 2017 600 Pipes celebrates the City Hall and its mighty locally-built organ, and will be performed on February 25 as part of the Made in Hull season.

The old Tivoli Theatre, Hull's fishing industry and a modern day wildlife issues have influenced Sir Karl's piece for organ and orchestra after he visited the city last summer.

The Tivoli, home to the leading music hall artistes of the day, was built in Paragon Street, Hull, in 18 to a design similar to the Globe Theatre in London, with a 1,200 capacity. Originally known as the Theatre Royal, it became the Tivoli in 1912, but was demolished after closing down in the 1950s. The site is marked where Tivoli House stands today.

The Hull Philharmonic is linked to the theatre through its principal oboist, Gerald Bisby, whose grandfather moved to the city after landing a job with the Tivoli orchestra.

Unusually, 600 Pipes will also feature the Hull Philharmonic musicians as singers in a 'Humber Shanty' in honour of the city's trawlermen while the inspiration for another movement is the rare bee orchid growing on undeveloped sites in the city, but under threat from new construction.

Hull Philharmonic Society has financed the commission with support from Hull 2017 and insurance money after the loss of its music library in the Christmas 2013 tidal surge. Williamsons Solicitors of Hull and East Yorkshire are sponsoring the printed

"We decided not to replace the old music, but to create something new for 2017 so some good has come out of adversity," said musical director Andrew Penny.

Mr Penny added that it was a major coup for the orchestra to attract a composer of Sir Karl's stature.

Hull City Hall was in full use by 1909 but as seen in the spectacular start to the culture year it was badly bombed in 194. The roof, stage area and the organ had to be restored.

The organ was originally built by Forster & Andrews, a successful Hull business that gained commissions in Africa, Central America and Australia, as well as the UK, in the period

Swansea-born Sir Karl, who is in Classic FM's Ultimate Hall of Fame, is well known for his mass for peace the Armed Man, his songs for sanctuary Adiemus, film and TV scores and his recent work in memory of the Aberfan disaster in 196

His early career was spent in jazz and progressive rock as a multi-instrumentalist and his knighthood in 2015 was for 'services to music and crossing musical genres'.

Organist Jonathan Scott, who has performed at major concert halls in the UK, Europe, South America and the Far East, will feature in 600 Pipes, and the programme also includes Saint-Saens' Organ Symphony and Ravel's Piano Concerto in G with soloist Martin Roscoe.

Martin Green, CEO and Director Hull 2017 said: "Made in Hull is about celebrating this great city, so it is wonderful to have the Hull Philharmonic Orchestra performing Karl Jenkins' especially composed tribute to some of its people, traditions and stories. This world premiere adds to a richly varied line-up of music for Hull's city of culture year."

Advance bookings - Tickets can be purchased from Hull City Hall box office on 01482 300300, or online at hullcc.gov.uk Tickets start from **§** (discounts available). Andrew Penny talks to Sir Karl Jenkins, Martin Roscoe and Jonathan Scott at 6 9pm before the concert (free to ticket holders).



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Marie Curie volunteers thank their local Community for helping them raise £100,000 over the years

arie Curie volunteers in Cottingham have raised a staggering £100,000 since the very first Great Daffodil Appeal street collection took place in 1999. As support for Marie Curie gained momentum in the area, the Cottingham Fundraising Group was set up in 2006 and stalwarts, Gail Jarvis, Joy Smales and Pete Smales continue to support the charity today.

They would like to send thanks to everyone that has helped them reach this milestone which has provided 5,000 hours of care to terminally ill people and their families over the years. Thanks go to anyone that has volunteered their time at a collection, donated money, held an event or contributed in any other way, including shops and businesses that have a charity box on their premises.

Gail, who became a Marie Curie nurse back in 1985 for more than five years was re-introduced to the charity in 1998 when her dad was cared for by a Marie Curie nurse, and she became a founder member of the Beverley Fundraising Group. Gail is responsible for managing collection tins and daffodil boxes, organising the Great Daffodil Appeal street collections in Cottingham in March, arranging house to house collections, banking money donated by local people and supporting volunteers.

Gail said: "Every year I am amazed how much we raise during the Daffodil Appeal as Cottingham is not a very big place. The generosity of local people is always phenomenal."

Joy makes and sells greetings cards for Marie Curie and helps out with collections. She first became involved with the charity when Gail asked her to help with the Cottingham street collection. Today, Joy's cards are renowned locally and regularly appear on stalls at local events.

Joy explained: "Increasingly, more and more young people are donating money which is very encouraging and refreshing. It's great that they are keen to get behind such a worthy cause."

Pete Smales, who is married to Joy, got involved with Marie Curie in 2008. He was invited to give a talk about his experiences as a musician to a local ladies group. He donated the fee to the charity as a Marie Curie nurse had cared for his father. Pete is now on the speakers list at the central library and is busy giving different talks about his experiences as a musician and magician to numerous groups – he donates all of his fees to Marie Curie.

Marie Curie care for and support people and families living with a terminal illness, in their own homes. The money that Gail, Joy and Pete have raised with the support of their community will have funded 5,000 hours of care and their continued support will continue to help to fund this service.

If you would like to get involved in our Great Daffodil Appeal this year by collecting, holding an event or donating and wearing a daffodil please contact Natalie Atherley on 01904 755260 or email natalie.atheley@mariecurie.org.uk.

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The service offers one-to-one, group, telephone or email support. The service undertakes clinics in a variety of community areas.

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Public help council wardens in fight against dog fouling

Better information from members of the public helped East Riding of Yorkshire Council's dog wardens issue almost double the number of fixed penalty notices for dog fouling in 2016 than in 2015, figures have revealed.

In 2016, the council's dog wardens issued 28 fixed penalty notices to owners who failed to clean up after their pets, compared to 11 in 2015

Of those 28, four owners chose to not pay the £75 fixed penalty notice and found themselves in court where their fine was significantly more.

As well as issuing fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, wardens also issued a notice to three owners who took their dogs on a beach, which was part of an exclusion zone while two notices were issued to people who failed to keep their dog on a lead in a designated area.

Following new laws that came into force in April last year reqi ring all owners to microchip their dogs, the council also successfully prosecuted two owners who failed to keep the details on the chip up to date.

Councillor Shaun Horton, portfolio holder for local partnerships and community involvement at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, said he believes the reason for the increase in the number of fixed penalty notices is down to better information given to the dog wardens by members of the public.

He said: "It is disgusting when owners fail to clean up after their dogs and the council will issue fixed penalty notices to those who don't do this.

"The dog wardens rely on qa lity information from the public in order to find those responsible for not cleaning up after their pets.

"Some of the information we are now getting from the public is very detailed and contains locations, time of day as well as descriptions of both the owner and the dog – this means the wardens can tailor their patrols in order to catch those in the act as they can't always be in the right place at the right time."

For more information or to report incidents of dog fouling go to www.eastriding.gov.uk or telephone the council's dog wardens on (01482) 396301



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Face Saving Tips

ood circulation will give your cheeks a rosy hue. To maintain healthy circulation to your skin you need to exercise on a regular basis. Physical activity keeps your blood circulating properly and ensures that all of the nutrients in your body find their way to where they should be.

This also goes for finding their way to the surface of your skin.

The omega-3 s are essential for supple and well hydrated skin.

Drinking plenty of liqi ds is important for the skin. Water is Mother Nature's cocktail and the skin needs plenty of it to remain healthy and to keep the complexion smooth and clear. Stay hydrated all day long. Not only is it essential for your skin but also for your organs as well.

Eat blueberries as they are rich in antioxidants which fight free radicals that damage the skin. There are lots of fruits that are good for the complexion but blueberries are one of the absolute best. Eat them alone, in yogurt, in parfaits, in smoothies or in fruit salads. Just eat them!

Reduce your alcohol intake if you drink. Alcoholic beverages dehydrate the body and add toxins to your system. This system is already doing its best to cope with chemicals in food and the air as well as pollution. If you do not want to give up alcohol all together then choose red wine because it contains antioxidants.

Take good care of your teeth. This means going to the dentist for regular cleanings and check-ups and following an oral care plan at home. Your teeth as well as your jaw bone forms the structure or the scaffolding that holds your face in the proper place.

The evil trio that threatens the health and well-being of your skin includes sun, smoke and stress. These three factors can dramatically increase the number of fine lines and wrinkles you have but also the severity of them. To prevent these problems one of the most important things you can do for your skin is to wear sunblock all year long and to avoid the sun during the hours of 10 AM to 4 PM. Give up smoking to preserve your skin and find effective means of coping with stress - Yoga and Tai Chi are just two avenues to explore.

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