



Magnolia
House



A Word from our Chairman

As we head into the summer months, there is a real sense of excitement across our homes as residents and staff make the most of the brighter weather and look ahead to a busy few months of activities and celebrations.

Our teams have continued working hard to create welcoming, happy environments where residents can enjoy meaningful activities, spend time with loved ones, and make lasting memories together. From gardening and entertainment to arts and crafts and social afternoons, it has been wonderful to see so much engagement and enjoyment across our communities.

For anyone interested in learning more about our vibrant community, please feel free to reach out to Lindsay Altoft, our registered manager, at lindsayaltoft@parklanehealthcare.co.uk, or visit our Facebook page for a glimpse into our daily lives.

Chris Lane, Chairman, The Park Lane Healthcare Group

Bee Lady Day: A tribute to Jean Bishop

Magnolia House was proud to once again mark Bee Lady Day in honour of Jean Bishop – Hull's much-loved fundraiser, local icon, and former Magnolia House resident.

Residents and staff enjoyed an afternoon full of smiles and fun as wellbeing coordinators Jenny and Mel dressed up to entertain everyone and bring plenty of laughter to the home.

Jean's connection to Magnolia House continues to hold a special place within the home, and residents enjoyed taking time to celebrate her memory and the joy she brought to so many people across Hull.



Living and dining room refurbishment underway

Exciting refurbishment works are currently underway at Magnolia House, with the home's living and dining rooms being transformed to create even more comfortable and welcoming spaces for residents to enjoy.

Residents and staff have enjoyed seeing the improvements begin to take shape and are looking forward to spending time in the refreshed communal areas once the work is complete.



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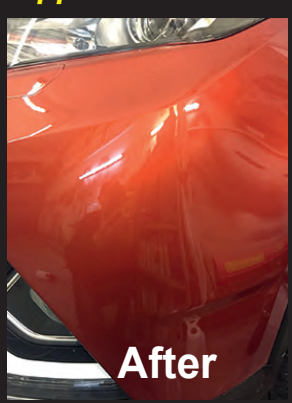
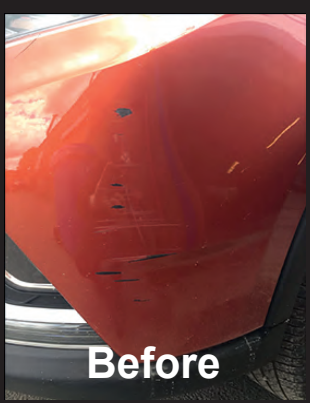
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Hard Water Horrors?

Fitting a new kitchen or bathroom is often an occasion that gets people thinking about protecting their planned investment from the ravages of hard water: limescale, soap scum, streaks, and spotting—the list goes on.

After all the effort and cost of selecting and fitting your new units and appliances, it is only natural to want to keep them sparkling and pristine, and the one guaranteed way in our hard water county is to find the correct water softener for the property and get it installed as soon as possible.

Immediately after it is installed, a professionally specified and installed unit will protect plumbing, showers, and appliances and keep everything at peak efficiency and performance year after year.



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Cleaning and caring for the kitchen and bathroom is transformed with a softener; there is no need for harsh chemicals, scrubbing, or elbow grease; a rinse and wipe-down are all that are needed.

How will I find room for a water softener, they are huge aren't they?

Well, yes, they used to be, and indeed, some of the older styles and more basic "builder grade" softeners still available are on the bulky side. However, the good news is that there are now compact, non-electric "consumer range" softeners that are the size of a tower computer, superbly efficient, and stylishly designed to blend in.

Will we need plug sockets and a degree in computers to operate it?

In a word, no. The modern softeners no longer need electric power; they are kinetically powered by water flow and are pre-set by our skilled installer to give perfectly soft water all of the time. There are no dials to set or flashing lights to look out for; it's all perfectly simple and perfectly soft.

I don't want to be moving big, heavy bags of salt around; has this been improved?

Yes, indeed, it has. I am pleased to say that 2.15Kg salt blocks are now available, which makes storing and replenishing salt much easier. Salt can be delivered directly to your door or picked up from our Hull shop as required.

All the above benefits of a softener will not be at the top of most long-term softener owners lists of reasons they would not be without theirs; they almost all say it is the luxury of bathing, showering and washing in the superbly soft water, not to mention the super soft fluffy towels that are the product of softened water laundry.

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In Cottingham and District

The deadline for entries in the July 2026 "What's On" section, is no later than the 17th June.

Cottingham Civic Hall Film Show

The next film at the Cottingham Civic Hall before the summer break is **The Choral** on Thursday 4th June. It is a 2025 British historical drama written by Alan Bennett set in 1916 and follows the members of a local choral society. Enjoy a film and refreshments, admission £3.00. Doors open at 1.30pm.

Skidby Branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Thursday 4th June - Beetle Drive. In the Skidby Village Hall.

Skidby Village Hall

Sunday 7th June - Afternoon Tea at Skidby Village Hall. Time: 1pm – 3pm. Donations welcome in support of the village hall.

Cottingham Catholic Women's League

Monday 8th June - Steve Haswell will speak about his walk to Santiago de Compostela. 7.30 in the Garden Room at the Holy Cross Church.

Hull and East Riding Astronomical Society

Monday 8th June - At 7.30 pm at the Civic Hall, 1 Market Green, Cottingham HU16 5QG. Title of Lecture: "Observing The Sky 21st Century Style". Guest Speakers: Brian Davies, Steven O'Dwyer and David Kitching (Brough Astronomers). Visitors Fee: £4.00.

Cottingham U3A

Thursday June 11th - 'The works and life of Thomas Hardy'. Emeritus Professor of English Literature, Jane Thomas will share some of the passion, knowledge and enthusiasm she has for the famous author we know and love and who played a major role in her successful research and teaching career at the University of Hull. The meeting is held at 2pm in the Darby and Joan hall, with new members welcome.

East Yorkshire Embroidery Society (EYES)

Saturday 13th June in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street. 2pm for 2.30. Members £2. Visitors welcome from 2.15pm (£3). Susie Hart 'Transforming lives in the developing world through the power of craft based social enterprise'. For further details contact eyesembroidery@gmail.com.

Hull and East Riding New Stitchers (HENS)

Tuesday 16th June - A talk by Hilary Spilsbury on Sustainability in Textiles. Third Tuesday on the month in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, at 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm. Website: www.hullandeastridingnewstitchers.weebly.com.

Front cover: Cottingham Cricket Club Sunday XI vs Kirkella at the Hill Top.
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The Arts Society: Hull and East Riding

Tuesday 16th June – Jacqui Ansell: “Vincent in Ramsgate: Van Gogh in England”. At 10.45 a.m. Lazaat Hotel, Woodhill Way, Cottingham. Non-members welcome. Guest tickets £5.00. For further details contact Membership Secretary, Andrew Frankland-Barber (tel. 07843784763).

Hull Stamp & Postcard Club:

Wednesday 17th June - Graham Winters ‘Yorkshire, My Adopted County’. Wednesday 1st July Richard Jagielski ‘Polish First Army’. Meetings are held in the Arlington Hall, Cottingham HU16 4DD at 1.30pm. Doors open at 1pm. Visitors and prospective members welcome. For further details please contact the secretary at robertfmcmillan@gmail.com

Humberside Bonsai Society

Sunday 21st June - Will be putting on its Annual show at The Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle St, Cottingham at 10am until 4pm. Entrance is £1.50 Children free. The Society has some of the best miniature trees in the Country. There will be advice and trees on sale for beginners and enthusiasts who can also access members for advice etc. Accompanying the trees on display will be the Japanese art of Kusamono or Accent plants. These come in many forms and consists off small plants, Alpines, grasses etc. It is art in itself. Don't miss it.

Keep Fit & Line Dancing Classes

In the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham.
Keep fit Mondays 10am-11am or 11 15am-12 15pm chair exercises then low impact aerobics
Line dancing Tuesdays 10am-11am beginners are welcome
Contact Janet Trew M.BATD (SB) A.BATD (JB)
01482 666794 or 07773 189990.

Alternative Aquatics

Is a local self-help group providing gentle exercise for people with back & mobility problems in warm water. On Thursdays, 4.45–6pm term-time, at Hydrotherapy Pool, Frederick Holmes School, Inglemire Lane, Hull. Cost is £52/ 13-week term. Places now available; for info or a free trial, call Karen (807072) or Steve (826873)

Arterian Singers

Do you enjoy singing in a group? Arterian Singers rehearse weekly at Cottingham Methodist Church, Hallgate, Cottingham, Tuesday evenings at 7.30. We are a friendly mixed voice choir singing a variety of music and welcome new members. For more information ring 07597459000.

East Yorkshire Fly Dresser's Guild.

Enhance your fly fishing skills and experience by joining like-minded fly fishers. We are a thriving group keen to learn and share the skills you need to create flies that catch fish. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, July and August excepted. We meet monthly (September to June) at the Conservative Club, in Beverley. All welcome - please email eyfdg.sec@gmail.com.

Cottingham Cricket Club

We run three Saturday sides, a Sunday side and junior teams from U9 to U15. Cottingham Cricket Club Junior training continues all through winter. Starting at 7pm every Friday night at South Hensley School sports hall. We welcome new members at any level. In the Summer, junior training is on a Friday evening with coaching sessions for all formats during the week. For any further information please contact Matt Aked at cottinghamccc@hotmail.co.uk or on Mobile 07986 329441. We are Clubmark Accredited and all Coaches are DBS checked”

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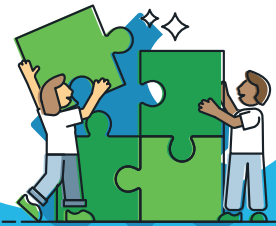
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Cottingham Food Bank

Cottingham Food Bank is open every Wednesday from 10am to 11.30pm. For £2.00 you will be able to select eight items from our shop style display and in addition refreshments are available in the Church hall next door. You can find us behind Zion Church, Hallgate Cottingham (access via left hand passage). All welcome.

The Cottingham Community Garden Group

The Cottingham Community Garden Group [CCGG] meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 3pm on the Worklink site on Eppleworth Road Cottingham HU16 5YF [Far right corner past last polytunnel] - All welcome. Find us a Facebook or visit us to find out more.

Cottingham & Hull Folk Dance Club

Tuesday 7pm-9-30pm at the Darby and Joan Hall Finkle St., Cottingham. No experience necessary come on your own or bring a friend for light exercise in a friendly environment everyone one welcome. For further information please contact Jan Gray on 01482 840637.

HULL OPTIMISTS Swimming Therapy Group

Come and join a friendly group of Adults and Children at Frederick Holmes School, Inglemire Lane Hull, in a warm Hydrotherapy Pool. The club is for persons with disabilities or have a fear of water, and are taught in a friendly and positive way how to overcome that fear and be safe in water and also help with their mobility. We meet in term time every Monday evenings. There are two sessions, the first between 6pm and 7pm for Children and their Carers, and the second for Adults between 7pm and 8pm. All are welcome. For further information and application details please contact:- Karen Brockwell Mobile: 07895 178218.

North Ferriby Short Mat Bowls Club

Village Hall, 50 Church Road, North Ferriby. HU14 3AA. Tuesdays and Fridays, 10am-12noon, and Thursday Evenings, 7pm-9pm except second Thursday each month. All are welcome to any session and can borrow woods if required Please bring flat soled shoes. For further information please contact Mike on 07889 007 005.

Cottingham Bowling Club

Our Indoor Bowling sessions are now in full swing, and are staged every day of the week at varying times, at our New Village Road clubhouse.

Outdoor bowling sessions will commence at the end of April, in preparation for the 2026 outdoor League season which commences in May and will see the Club enter 12 different League competitions.

New members for the Indoor and Outdoor sessions will be made most welcome and for further details please do not hesitate to contact our Recruitment Secretary Lesley Davy (Tel. 846611).

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Pub to Pub Walk promises good times in support of local charities

The much-loved Pub to Pub Walk, hosted by Dove House Hospice will once again return to the local area on Saturday 6th June, aiming to raise awareness and proceeds for the hospice and other local causes across Hull and East Yorkshire.

Starting at the Wetherspoon Sanctuary Bar at Hull University Students' Union, based within the University of Hull, the walk encourages supporters to dig out their walking boots and join the hospice to enjoy a challenging point to point route of just over 11 miles. The route takes in areas of East Yorkshire's beautiful country, historic villages including Cottingham and Skidby, urban areas and rural heritage stops, giving walkers chance to stop off for a well-deserved pint in six pubs along the way. Refreshment stops included are: Wetherspoons at Sanctuary Bar, Goodfellowship Inn, King William IV in Cottingham, Cross Keys in Cottingham, Skidby Lakes Golf Club and the Duke of Cumberland in the village centre of Cottingham.

Dan Clipson, Senior Fundraiser at Dove House Hospice said, "We are blown away by the continued success of our Pub to Pub Walk. The event is fantastic fun for everyone involved and has become a social staple in the calendar for many of our supporters. We have some great pubs on board to help make our walkers' experience memorable and the route is challenging but achievable for both experienced walkers and amateurs alike".

Registration for the walk costs £20.00 with walkers being asked to raise at least £30.00 in sponsor money for their chosen causes. Each walker will also receive a limited-edition Pub to Pub Walk t-shirt and goodie bag. Participating charities include Dove House Hospice, RSCPA Hull & East Riding, fitmums and friends, Hull University Students' Athletic Union, Special Stars Foundation, Age UK Hull & East Yorkshire, Hull Women's Aid and The Lampstand Group.

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Haltemprice Art Group's Annual Exhibition held at Cottingham Civic Hall

The 77th Haltemprice Art Group Annual Exhibition, was held in the Civic hall, Cottingham from Wednesday April 22nd to Saturday April 25th.

The event was officially opened by ERYC Chairman, Councillor Liam Dealtry. Councillor Dealtry congratulated the Art Group, on the quality and diversity of the work on display.

Our adjudicator this year was well known local artist, Carol Davidson. Carol was tasked with selecting award winners for different mediums and subjects, a difficult job considering the variety of styles.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who came along to see our work, your support of the art group is much appreciated. Last year we welcomed almost 400 visitors over the four days. This year, the numbers were around 530, so they must have heard how good it was last year. We sold 25 framed paintings, 12 unframed and lots of our handcrafted greetings cards. These are just two of the messages from our visitor's comments book, "How lucky we are to see so much local talent" "Tremendous works of art. Wow!". This confirms the general consensus, that the Exhibition was an outstanding success.

This year's favourite painting, as voted for by our visitors, was number 94, 'NED', painted by our member, Carole Jamieson. Congratulations Carole.

As artists, we greatly appreciate the local response to our Exhibitions each year. We all paint or draw for our love of art. The enjoyment of spending time with others, who share our passion for art, is a bonus. The meetings are always "buzzing" with friendly chatter and laughter. When all our efforts are collated as an Exhibition, it really is the icing on the cake.

We already have our dates for our 2027 Exhibition

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Just for fun! - Some random facts about horses!

1. Horses can't burp, vomit, or breathe through their mouths. Their digestive system is a one-way street, thanks to a super-strong muscle ring called the cardiac sphincter. Its why colic can be so dangerous—they can't expel gas or toxins the way other animals can.
2. When a horse curls its lip in that "smile," it's not being cheeky—it's using the flehmen response to analyse scents. It's like their version of sniffing in HD.
3. They remember your face—and your mood! Horses can recognize human faces and even recall emotional expressions. If you smiled at them yesterday, they'll remember it today. That's some serious emotional intelligence.
4. Horses produce up to 10 gallons of saliva a day—that's enough to fill a medium-sized bucket! And they need 5–10 gallons of water daily just to keep that drool flowing smoothly. Hydration isn't just about drinking—it's about chewing, digesting, and keeping those molars moving.
5. Their teeth take up more space than their brain! It's true! A horse's teeth occupy more volume in the skull than its brain does. Their brain weighs about 22 oz, roughly half the size of a human's.
6. They sleep standing up—but not all the way! Thanks to a clever system called the stay apparatus, horses can doze while standing. But for REM sleep, they need to lie down—and they only do that when they feel safe.
7. Want to know what a horse is looking at? Watch its ears! Horses tend to point their ears in the direction they're focusing on. It's like a built-in radar system.
8. Yes, horses can get sunburned. Especially those with pink skin around the muzzle or eyes. Sun protection isn't just for humans.
9. All domestic horses trace back to just two ancient breeds. Despite the hundreds of modern breeds, genetic studies show they all descend from just two ancestral lines.
10. One horse sprinted at 55 mph. The record belongs to a Quarter Horse in a short burst.
11. To check if your horse is cold, feel behind their ears. That spot gives a surprisingly accurate read on their core temperature.
12. The first cloned horse was named Prometea. She was a Haflinger mare born in Italy in 2003. And get this—she was carried by her own genetic donor. That's cloning with a twist.
13. Horses have 205 bones—just like humans. But their skeletal structure is optimized for speed and shock absorption. Their legs are basically spring-loaded marvels.

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14. Hooves grow faster in warm weather. It takes about 9–12 months for a horse to regrow a full hoof.
15. In a herd, one horse always stays awake. They take turns being the "lookout" while others sleep. Built-in security system.
16. The tallest horse ever was over 7 feet at the withers. A Shire horse named Sampson, born in 1846, stood at 21.25 hands (2.20m) and weighed a whopping 3,360 lbs. That's like parking a small car in your stable.
17. The oldest horse ever lived to 62. "Old Billy," a barge horse from Lancashire, worked well into his senior years and became a local legend. His head is still on display at a museum!
18. Horses do have a sense of humour. Some studies and anecdotes suggest they play tricks, tease their handlers, and even enjoy watching reactions. Equine comedians in the making.
19. Horses can see almost 360 degrees. Thanks to their eye placement, they have panoramic vision—but they do have two blind spots: directly in front of their nose and directly behind their tail. So, sneaking up from behind is not advised.
20. Foals are born with "milk teeth". Just like humans, they lose them as they grow. By age 5, most horses have their full set of adult teeth—about 36 to 44, depending on gender and presence of wolf teeth.
21. They can learn by watching others. Horses are capable of social learning, meaning they can pick up new behaviours by observing herd mates. That's why one clever escape artist can turn into a whole paddock of Houdini's.
22. They have a unique "whorl" fingerprint. Each horse's hair whorl pattern (especially on the forehead) is unique—some trainers even use it to help identify temperament traits.
23. Horseshoe crabs helped develop equine vaccines. Their blue blood contains a compound used to test for bacterial contamination in injectable drugs—including vaccines for horses. So yes, horses owe a thank-you to ancient sea creatures.
24. Horses can get frostbite—but rarely. It's uncommon due to their thick skin and circulation, but areas like the ears, muzzle, and lower limbs are vulnerable in extreme cold. Cue the cozy rugs and warm mash.
25. Some horses have moustaches. Especially certain draft breeds like Gypsy Vanner cobs. It's thought to help them feel their way around, especially in low light. I have one called Billy! He sports an impressive moustache!
26. Horses can grow new brain cells through learning. Just like humans, horses form new neural connections when they learn something new, especially when it's positive and stress-free. So, every time you teach a horse gently, you're literally helping its brain grow.
27. They can hear a heartbeat from four feet away. Their hearing is so sensitive, they can detect subtle changes in heart rate and breathing—one reason they're so attuned to human emotions and energy.
28. Some horses have canine teeth. Usually seen in geldings and stallions, these small teeth sit between the incisors and premolars. They don't serve much purpose, but they're a fun anatomical quirk.
29. Zebras and donkeys can crossbreed with horses. The offspring are called Zorses. (zebra + horse) and hinnies (donkey + horse), though they're usually sterile.
30. Horses can get the hiccups—sort of! It's called "thumps," a diaphragmatic flutter that mimics hiccups. It's rare and usually linked to electrolyte imbalance, but it's a real thing!
31. They sweat a protein called latherin. That foamy sweat you see during intense work - It's latherin, which helps spread moisture across the coat to cool them down.
32. They can lock their knees to sleep standing up. The stay apparatus isn't just a cool name—it's a system of ligaments and tendons that lets them rest without collapsing. Nature's engineering at its finest. REM sleep only happens laying down, recumbency.
33. Some horses have "bird catcher spots". Tiny white dots that appear randomly on the coat, often overnight. No one knows exactly why they show up, and they can vanish just as mysteriously.
34. Horses can tell time, sort of. Studies show they anticipate feeding and turnout routines with surprising accuracy. Their internal clocks are finely tuned to patterns, which is why consistency matters so much in welfare.
35. They have more facial expressions than dogs. Researchers have identified 17 distinct facial movements in horses, alongside over 800 combinations—used to communicate pain, curiosity, stress, and affection. Amazing, they are always saying something silently.

Perhaps you learned something new today! Horses are simply amazing, diverse, intelligent, and fully sentient.

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Jock's Lodge - Update

The traffic switch on the A164 took place successfully in April. Traffic heading towards Beverley now passes underneath the new Bentley Bridge on the new northern slip road. Traffic from the new A1079 roundabout heading towards the Skidby roundabout now travels along the newly constructed carriageway on the A164.

Works to install the new concrete barrier down the new dual carriageway on the A164 has started now the traffic has switched.

At the Victoria/Morrisons roundabout works continue to improve the pedestrian crossings. New traffic islands have also been installed.

On the old A164, works to remove the old road have started. The final surface is being laid on the cycle footway towards Beverley.

At Skidby, overnight closures have enabled the roundabout to be resurfaced, preparing it for the installation of white road markings.

Planting and the installation of fences have continued around

the scheme.

The scheme is due to be complete by late summer. Once complete, the speed limit will be 50mph on the A164, reducing to 40mph at the new roundabout on the A1079 and reducing to 30mph as you approach Beverley via the Morrisons/Victoria roundabout and the Regiment/Lincoln Way roundabout. On the A1079, the speed limit will revert to the national speed limit, reducing to 40mph around the new roundabout.



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Sudoku No. 227

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



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MARIONOWENTRAVEL

What a wonderfully *whacky* month May has turned out to be! It really has been all systems go, and first and foremost, a heartfelt thank you, you have kept us incredibly busy with a surge of new bookings, whilst we've been juggling life both in the office and out with groups too.

Our adventures began at the very end of April with what can only be described as a dramatic start. With less than 24 hours to go before departure, our long-awaited cruise along the Caledonian Canal was suddenly cancelled due to technical issues. Not ideal... but certainly not enough to stop us!

A quick-thinking Plan B came into action, transforming the trip into a land-based Scottish adventure using our coach, which was already scheduled to take us to Oban and return from Inverness. Despite it being a busy Bank Holiday weekend – and a major motorcycle event in Fort William – we pulled it off. With some determined organising, we secured excellent accommodation and over half the group chose to stay on and join the adventure.

And what an adventure it became! With a flexible, “make it up as we go along” itinerary, we embraced the very best of Scotland – exploring castles, grand mansions, historic battlefields, enjoying memorable boat trips on Loch Ness as well as a visit to the impressive Falkirk Wheel. It just goes to show that sometimes the unexpected creates the most special memories.

The good news is our Caledonian Canal cruise is now firmly back on the calendar, departing 8th April next year. Many of our original guests have already rebooked, and we've welcomed new travellers who couldn't make this year's date. Availability is now limited with only five cabins remaining.

No sooner had I returned home (running purely on adrenaline, I think!) than Emma was already deep into her own adventure in India. She's now discovered exactly why I love it so much – and yes, she's well and truly caught the bug! We only have a couple of places left for my next Indian journey this September, so don't delay in joining me.

As I write, I find myself in Uzbekistan with our small Marion Owen Travel group enjoying what has been an incredible experience. This is a fascinating country with so much to offer – welcoming people, a real sense of safety, and some delicious food along the way. We've been especially lucky with our wonderful guide, Kamilla, who you may know from her appearance alongside Michael Palin. Travelling in many foreign countries really highlights the value of guided tours.

Destinations where language and logistics can be challenging, having expert guidance makes all the difference allowing you to fully relax and enjoy the experience.

Meanwhile, back closer to home, Emma will have returned from Norway by the time you read this, sailing with 29 guests from Newcastle with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines – which brings me nicely to some exciting news hot off the press...

Fred. Olsen will launch their brand new Autumn & Winter programme, featuring 20 new sailings, going on sale mid-June. If you're tempted, make sure you register your interest early – the early bird really does get the best choice, best prices plus exceptional offers for solos!

Here's to more adventures ahead and we look forward to having the privilege of booking your next holiday. Best wishes *Marion*



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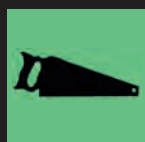
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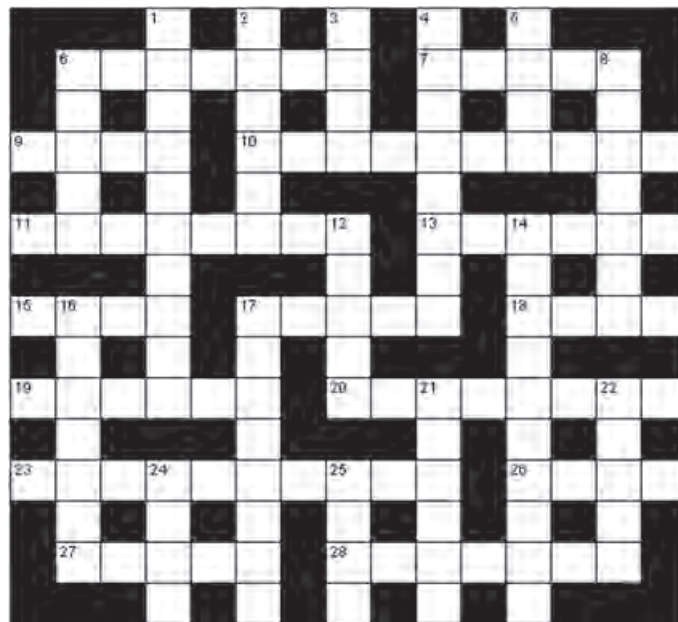
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Crossword – Solution on page 29



Across:

- 6 Hampers (7)
- 7 Give emotion to (5)
- 9 Skid (4)
- 10 Achieve (10)
- 11 Pace (8)
- 13 Sell again (6)
- 15 Linoleum (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 Basket (5)
- 18 Cornbread (4)
- 19 Sacred text of Zoroastrianism (6)
- 20 Disorder (8)
- 23 Urgently (10)
- 26 Infants (4)
- 27 Froth (5)
- 28 Wedge-shaped (7)

Down:

- 1 Needles (10)
- 2 Pour (6)
- 3 Millisecond (4)
- 4 Slander (8)
- 5 Wolf cry (4)
- 6 Prefix indicating the Sun (5)
- 8 5th letter of the Greek alphabet (7)
- 12 Tartan (5)
- 14 Dividing (10)
- 16 Turns upside down (7)
- 17 Grasped hastily (8)
- 21 A long-handled curved blade (6)
- 22 A native of Mexico (5)
- 24 Guided excursion (4)
- 25 Enumerate (4)

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Star Wars exhibition: 'May The Toys Be With You' coming to Beverley Art Gallery

An exciting new exhibition 'May The Toys Be With You' will be coming to Beverley Art Gallery this June.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council invites the public to explore one of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters, on display from Saturday, 6 June.

Upon its release in 1977, the first Star Wars film broke box office records, with an estimated 300 million action figures sold within the first decade.

'May The Toys Be With You' is both a celebration of the now highly collectable vintage toy line and also of the iconic design work and art of the Star Wars movies.

This is an unmissable opportunity to view many rarely

seen Star Wars treasures, the touring exhibition has broken visitor attendance records at a host of museums around the country.

Councillor Nick Coultish, cabinet member for culture, leisure and tourism at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, said: "This new and exciting exhibition will give families and visitors alike the opportunity to experience memorabilia from one of the most famous film series of all time.

"Those who come along will be able to get up close to the collection, exploring iconic figures such as Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo.

"Beverley Art Gallery will also be hosting a programme of family-friendly Star Wars themed events and activities to support this exhibition, so we hope to see the public come along and enjoy these."

Matt Fox, owner of the collection and curator of May The Toys Be With You, added: "I encountered Star Wars as a wide-eyed five year old on my very first outing to a cinema, and my first figure (Darth Vader) was purchased that same day. Now I'm an adult collector, but I don't think I've ever really lost that wide-eyed joy when acquiring new pieces for my collection.

"I am very pleased to be able to share the collection with everyone who comes to the exhibition at Beverley Art Gallery."

This exhibition will be on display until Saturday, 29 August.

Beverley Art Gallery is located within the Champney Treasure House, Beverley.

For more information and opening times, please visit: [Beverley Art Gallery](#)

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Personal Note from Josh (owner of Cotton Travel)



Hello readers, welcome to June, where our annual Big Travel Show returns to The Civic Hall, Cottingham this Sunday 7th June 2026. Complimentary tickets are available now and we encourage anybody wishing to attend to pop into store or call as soon as possible to secure their place, as tickets are strictly first come, first served and demand is expected to be high once again.

It has already been a remarkable year for Cotton Travel, following our recent success in being crowned "Top Travel Agency in Yorkshire" at the prestigious travel industry awards in April (as per my picture with the wonderful award). Bringing such a respected accolade home to Cottingham was an incredibly proud moment for our entire team and reflects both the passion of our staff and the fantastic support we continue to receive from our local community.

With recent speculation surrounding travel disruption, fuel prices and the new EES entry system in Europe, we also wanted to offer reassurance to holidaymakers considering booking their 2026 holidays.

Having recently returned from Greece, I was pleased they had scrapped the EES completely (for now!) however last month I also travelled through Spain, and I must say the new border process was straightforward and efficient, which is always welcome.

Moving onto jet fuel, while major operators including Jet2holidays, TUI and easyJet holidays have all indicated confidence regarding fuel stability and no fuel surcharges, in fact Jet2 for example are that confident they've removed fuel surcharges from their T&C's completely, we applaud this.

At Cotton Travel, we always encourage customers not to be discouraged by negative headlines. Travel continues successfully every day and Summer 2026 remains incredibly popular. In many cases, booking sooner rather than later secures better value before future market increases impact pricing.

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We look forward to welcoming both existing and new customers to our travel show in June and helping even more people plan their next great adventure, support local and reap the benefits of the additional services we offer.

From Sunday 14th June our Sunday operation returns throughout the summer. We will be open 7 days a week giving you more time and option to book with us. Sunday hours are 10:30 - 16:30.

Make sure you have something to look forward to this summer or year, if you haven't yet, please let me tempt you with my amazing hand picked offers on both this and the next page.

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Cottingham Parish Council Chair's Annual Report 2025–26

Cottingham Parish Council is proud to serve the community through the commitment of its **11 councillors**. Over the past year, councillors have continued to give their time generously, attending meetings, responding to residents' concerns and working collaboratively with partner organisations. The Parish Council met monthly throughout the year, with additional extraordinary meetings held to address emerging issues promptly. Our discussions covered a wide range of matters, including governance consultations, licensing policy, ward boundary proposals and local service improvements.

Working in partnership remains central to our success. We have continued close collaboration with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Humberside Police, National Rail, HEY Hospitals, Wastewise and other agencies to tackle matters such as:

- Road safety, speeding and parking concerns
- Flooding and foul odours
- Antisocial behaviour
- Improvements around schools and accident hotspots

We are especially grateful to our Ward Councillors for acting as an effective bridge between parish and unitary authority.

Our committees and working groups have once again played a vital role:

Planning Committee

Meeting regularly, the Planning Committee has carefully reviewed applications to ensure compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan and to protect the character of Cottingham. This year also saw:

- Resident surveys addressing hospital-related parking pressures
- Consideration of EV charging options
- Successful funding secured for speed indicator devices
- Active engagement with national and local consultations

Allotments Committee

Continued investment has improved the allotment site, including a new entrance gate, tree works and a revised inspection regime. Demand for plots remains high, and work continues to explore



options for an additional site.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has maintained strong financial governance, reviewing regulations, monitoring budgets, managing audit requirements and overseeing councillor grant schemes.

Personnel Committee

The Committee has ensured the Council remains compliant with



employment legislation while providing support and guidance to staff.

Council Priorities in Action

During 2025–26, the Council pursued key priorities including environmental improvements, community events, town centre development, recreational facilities and modern administrative systems.

Environmental and Highways Improvements

Significant progress has been made to enhance Cottingham's public spaces:

- Refreshed planters and hanging baskets across the village
- Continued care and improvement of the Memorial Gardens
- Further development of the Beck Bank garden with the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden
- Bulb planting in parks, verges and public spaces

- Regular councillor-led litter picks

We are delighted to report that Cottingham Station, through partnership with Working for Health CIC, received a Silver Gilt Award in the Yorkshire in Bloom 2025 competition. Building on this success, the Council plans to expand Cottingham in Bloom participation in 2026–27.

Other achievements include:

- Replacement of village entrance planters and signage
- Three new community noticeboards funded by grant support
- Distribution of winter rock salt to local businesses
- Installation of two new Blue Plaques celebrating

Cottingham's heritage

Highways improvements have remained a priority, including successful funding for a new bus shelter on King Street.

Recreation and Open Spaces

The Parish Council has made strong progress on recreational facilities. A major highlight is the redevelopment of the KGV bike track, with agreed plans and a preferred contractor in place. Subject to final approvals and funding confirmation, work is expected to take place in early summer 2026. Additional open spaces, including Abbott's Walk and Dent Road, are also being considered for future enhancements.

Town Centre and Events

Our Town Centre Officer has continued to support local businesses and community life through the Cottingham Business Forum and a vibrant programme of events, including:

- VE Day 80 commemorations
- Play Day 2025
- Celebration of Older People
- Cottingham After Dark
- Latenight shopping events
- A free youth engagement event at KGV



The Council once again delivered highly successful Cottingham Day and Christmas Festival, each attracting around 20,000 visitors. The return of the ice rink proved particularly popular and we are committed to keeping these flagship events fresh and exciting.

This year also marked the launch of a new volunteer awards scheme, recognising the outstanding contribution made by individuals and community groups across Cottingham.



Modernising the Council

Behind the scenes, we have continued to review policies, processes and procedures. A key milestone has been the development of a new, more accessible Parish Council website, launched in April 2026 at www.cottinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Looking to the Future: Our Strategic Plan

The Council continues to deliver its Strategic Plan. An action plan for 2026–27 is now in place, and work will begin on the 2027–2030 Strategic Plan during the coming year.

Precept and Financial Position

Recognising the financial pressures facing households, the Council has limited the 2026-7 precept increase to approximately £1.17 per year for a Band D property by making use of reserves to meet budget aspirations.

Grants and Support for Local Groups

The Parish Council successfully secured £20,964 in external grant funding, supporting priority projects. We also continued to provide grants to local organisations, including:

- Cottingham Christmas Lights
- Cottingham Village Trust (Public Toilets)
- Men in Sheds

2025–26 has been a successful, energetic and outwardlooking year for Cottingham Parish Council. I would like to thank fellow councillors, our staff, volunteers, partner organisations and residents for their continued support and engagement.

We look forward to building on these achievements and continuing to work together to make Cottingham an even better place to live.

Councillor Julia Marten
Chair, Cottingham Parish Council



Sun Out ... Hazards about

The warm sultry evenings and barbecues seem to go hand in hand, BUT do the hazards. Yes, believe it or not there are hazards whilst enjoying your tasty food. The barbecue stick is one of the main ones that can cause terrible injury to your pets insides if eaten. Very tempting to the inquisitive nose especially if food is left on it, so please keep out of reach. Believe it or not, wine corks! A previous practice I worked for, operated on a spaniel belonging to one of the nurses.

Unbeknown to her, her dog had ingested a cork a few days previously but was only brought to light when her dog was constantly vomiting. The said object was working like a plug in the intestine. A long operation later it was revealed what was causing it, much to the surprise of the owner. Another one are bones. As tempting as it may seem to give your pet left over meaty bones but when cooked, they become dry and brittle causing fragments to pierce your pets stomach.

Away from the barbecue is the practice of throwing a stick for your dog instead of a ball. We all know they prefer these as they smell and taste is so different to their usual toy but can become very dangerous as one of my daughters found out. Their late dog Baxter, just loved a big stick until one day they found a lump in his throat. After a lengthy and tricky operation, a very small fragment



of wood was taken from under his tongue. Poor Baxter was poorly for some time and learnt the hard waynever touching another stick.

Just featured recently on KINGSTONS Facebook page was the story of a lovely dog who was admitted to their hospital after being unwell and vomiting. I shall carry on in KINGSTONS words "Upon taking X-rays it was clear why. The little chap had found some eggs on the garden stones and eaten them, filling his stomach and intestines with small pebbles! He was then rushed into surgery for a gastrotomy where the vet was able to remove the blockage". Thankfully he has made a full recovery.

On the subject of ingesting unusual items, a few years ago a vet I was working with at the time had adopted a lovely kitten from the local rescue. Over the next few days, the vet was aware the little kitten was starting to struggle with putting its head down. Not finding anything obvious, an X-ray was made. To her astonishment it showed the kitten had ingested a small knitting needle sometime before she was adopted! She was one very lucky cat who had used one of her nine lives!

So, there we have just a few. Sometimes it is not the most obvious of hazards that are lying around for example certain foods but the ones which take us by surprise.

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AND FINALLY..... TALI....

Thankfully I have not taken Tali to a barbecue yet but when or if I do, I will need eyes in the back of my head! Thinking of all the scrapes she has got into over her eight years including devouring a bag of six large bread cakes within five minutes, the best idea will be, sadly for her but more for my sanity, for Tali to stay at home. I shall just have to make it up to her with another of our many ventures. (see pic) .

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What to Pour This Wedding Season

We are now entering wedding season, that time of year when weekends fill up with celebrations that stretch late into the evening. And whilst every wedding is different, there is always wine involved somewhere! From the first glass of sparkling wine after the ceremony to the bottles shared during the wedding breakfast and speeches, the wine is a big part of the day. The wines that work best at weddings are rarely the heaviest or most complicated. Instead, they tend to be wines with freshness and energy. Sparkling wines with crisp citrus and fine bubbles instantly bring a celebratory feel whilst bright whites and elegant reds are far better suited to long summer afternoons than anything too rich or overpowering. So, let's look at a few wines that fit the moment beautifully.

Sparkling wine naturally takes centre stage during wedding season. It is the first thing guests are handed after the ceremony to start the celebrations with the happy couple. If its Champagne that's called for, Gardet Brut Tradition (£32.99) is expressive and elegant with a full-bodied style balanced by fine acidity and layers of creamy roasted nut and brioche, lifted by a steely freshness that keeps it lively in the glass. Alternatively, the Dopff & Irion Crémant Brut Blanc de Blancs (£17.99) is lighter with notes of citrus, green apple and pear, fine bubbles and a clean almond finish that makes it effortlessly drinkable.

With English Wine Week taking place this month, it is also worth highlighting Roebuck Estate. As House of Townend celebrates 120 years, a special Classic Cuvée (on offer at £32.99) has been released. Grown in West Sussex, it is rich yet refined with texture and finesse - a style of English sparkling that feels especially fitting for a celebration!

Once the fizz has set the tone, the day naturally moves towards still whites. A vibrant Sauvignon Blanc works brilliantly here, especially styles with elderflower, citrus and that mouthwatering mineral edge that keeps glasses being refilled. Le Charme Sauvignon (£10.49) is a great example. Bursting with lime, green apple and gooseberry, crisp, refreshing with real energy in the glass. For something equally fresh but with a slightly different in character, Vermentino Coquille de Mer (£10.99) brings a zesty Mediterranean feel. Dry and mouthwatering with citrus and subtle herbal notes, it is the kind of wine that disappears quickly on a warm afternoon.

Rosé has become a real feature of wedding days in recent years, and it is easy to see why. It fits so naturally into the way the day unfolds, from drinks on the lawn after the ceremony through to the early evening. No longer just a pretty wine for sunny afternoons, the best examples bring freshness, structure and plenty of character, making them ideal for the relaxed, social feel of a wedding. Pale, dry rosés work effortlessly with sharing platters, grilled vegetables and seafood. There is something about rosé at a wedding that just works, the kind of wine people happily keep coming back to. So why not try Coquille de Fleur Cinsault Rosé, on offer at £8.99. Fruit-forward and vibrant, it is perfect for late summer, especially as an aperitif or for sipping outdoors on a warm evening.

Another excellent option is Granbeau Rosé at £10.49 per bottle (buy 6 for £56.95). Beautifully packaged and produced in the southern French Languedoc-Roussillon, it is a great example of the quality now coming out of the South of France. Bright salmon pink in colour, it shows aromas of small red berries on the nose, with a palate that is lively, well-balanced and fruity.

Then come the reds, often unfairly overlooked during summer celebrations. The key is elegance rather than power. Pinot Noir styles, lighter Rhône blends or modern Rioja all bring depth without becoming tiring over the course of a long wedding day. Old Vines Carignan, Coquille de Terre (£10.99) is a particularly generous style with lush dark fruit, integrated tannins and notes of blackberry and vanilla. Dense and velvety, but still approachable and smooth. Les Argelières Pinot Noir at £12.49 is a lighter, more delicate expression with raspberry and cherry fruit, subtle smoky spice and a silky, well-balanced finish.

The best wedding wines do not simply complement the meal. They shape the feel of the day without ever asking for attention. They encourage conversation, ease and celebration.

As another summer of weddings begins, there is something quietly exciting about choosing bottles that will become part of those moments. Sparkling wine raised in the first toast, a crisp white poured as the evening draws in, and an elegant red served with the meal. The right wines have a way of making the day feel even more memorable.

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At what is often already a difficult and emotional time, executors can suddenly find themselves dealing with paperwork, legal processes, financial organisations, and important decisions they may never have encountered before.

For many families across East Yorkshire, probate is something they know very little about until they are faced with it personally. While some estates are relatively straightforward, others can quickly become complicated, particularly where property, multiple bank accounts, pensions, investments, or family arrangements are involved.

Many executors are dealing with probate for the very first time, often whilst grieving themselves. The process can involve contacting banks and utility companies, valuing assets, dealing with HMRC, applying for the Grant of Probate, settling outstanding liabilities, and ensuring the estate is distributed correctly in accordance with the Will.

Even where there is a valid Will in place, administering an estate can be time-consuming and, at times, overwhelming. Some people choose to handle the process themselves, while others prefer professional support to help guide them through the responsibilities and reduce the pressure during an already stressful period.

The Probate People, based in Willerby, work with families across the region to provide practical and straightforward probate support. Their services range from guidance on specific parts of the process through to fully managed estate administration, depending on the needs of the executor and the complexity of the estate.

Every family situation is different, and there is rarely a 'one size fits all' approach when it comes to probate. Some estates may involve property sales or inheritance tax considerations, while others may involve tracing missing paperwork or communicating with multiple beneficiaries.

For those who have recently been named as an executor and are unsure where to begin, speaking to somebody with experience can often make the process feel far more manageable.

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Classic Cars with Dave Turner

The Multi-Marque Avenger - Hillman, then Chrysler finally Talbot



Making its debut in February 1970, the Avenger was Chrysler Groups 'universal car' and intended to be sold on the international market from the start. It was said to have cost £35 million to develop beginning in 1963 and among the first to employ CAD. It was intended to compete with Fords Cortina and designed with a focus on safety with a re-enforced passenger cabin designed to seat 5. Its semi-fastback styling presented quite a contrast to its then Hillman stablemates- the little Imp and the slightly square-rigged Hunter. Accommodation for passengers and luggage in the new Avenger was said to equal that in the larger Hunter. The subsequent success of the Avenger was said to have put this car division back into profit.



Bodies were produced at Linwood in Scotland and sent by train to Ryton-on-Dunsmore near Coventry while the 4 cylinder

engines and power trains were sent from Stoke, assembly then took place at Rootes old factory at Ryton that had been renovated specially at a cost of £8M (over M150 in today's money) Full production was subsequently transferred to Linwood in 1976.

Engine choice was a basic 1248cc 4 cylinder unit with the option of a larger 1498cc version. Trim options for this 4 door saloon were De Luxe, Super and GL (Grand Luxe) while a Sporty GT came along in October 1970, with its tuned 1498 cc engine that could manage 98mph. and like the GL the GT sported twin headlights in place of the single rectangular pattern. Added to the line up in February 1972 was a 'Standard' version that was devoid of any brightwork or ornamentation, that was priced at £875 while the GL and GT versions at the top end were both £1498.

March 1972 saw the arrival of the Estate version of the Avenger - in which the eye-catching semi-fastback rear was given way to the inevitable bulky but still attractive traditional 'station wagon' layout. This was also the year in which attempts were made to revive the Sunbeam Tiger image by Chryslers Competition centre creating around 600 examples of the Avenger Tiger intended to compete with the Escort Mexico. Powered by a twin carb version of the 1.5 litre engine over a 'ton' was possible and these four door saloons were invariably finished in yellow or bright red with black bonnets and striping together with a boot lid spoiler and alloy wheels.

Several other 'Avenger events' took place in '72, a 'Sunshine' special based on the Super featured a black vinyl roof and automatic transmission while the GT now became a GLS and a 'Top Hat' Special arrived based on the 1500 Super and featuring a white vinyl roof along with Electric Blue paint. Around 200 examples of the Tiger 11 were made omitting the bonnet bulge

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of the first versions. 2 door versions of the Avenger range came in 1973, along with engines uprated to 1300 and 1600cc, the 2 door layout blending extremely well with the semi-fastback body shape.



Another low production run came in April 1975 as the Fiesta Special and this was based on the 4 door saloon in De Luxe 1600 form and featured a black vinyl roof, tinted glass and GL wheel trims. Later in September 1976 the Hillman name was dropped and replaced by Chrysler and these were identified by their deep plastic grille and restyled interior. The Avengers distinctive 'J' shaped rear lights were reduced to plain horizontal pattern each side of the centre panel. Moving on to March 1980 by the time that Peugeot had taken over the final chapter for which the marque now became Talbot for the short time until the Avenger production ceased by May 1981 after a total of 790.000 had been made. By then prices of the Avenger started just under £4000

and peaked at well over £5000 for the top models.

With its traditional front engine/rear wheel drive the Avenger was intended for use in motor sport and was successful in numerous rallies - winning British Group 1 Rally Championship in 1975 and 1976 in Northern Ireland, the British Saloon Car Championship several times and various rallies around the World.

As Chrysler was of course a multi-national operation, the Avenger was marketed in numerous overseas markets. For example it was sold in Europe as the Sunbeam Avenger, Hillman Arrow in Venezuela, Plymouth Cricket in the USA, as a Dodge 1800, Dodge Polara and Volkswagen 1500 in South America.

Over the 11 years of production numerous improvements were accomplished - sound deadening on the less expensive examples had initially been a problem (thick carpets were fitted to top models), and fuel consumption was at first in the low to mid 20s but had been uprated to around 30mpg subsequently. Relatively low gearing made even the smaller engined versions quite lively with energetic use of the gears although taller drivers wearing the then static seat belts had a long reach to 1st and 3rd position, plus if the ashtray was open that could be caught when shifting gears!

Avenger suspension was very comfortable and possessed a soft ride coupled to safe handling but despite a servo being only fitted to top models the brakes were more than adequate on the remainder, plus like most cars of that time there was ample working space around the engine.



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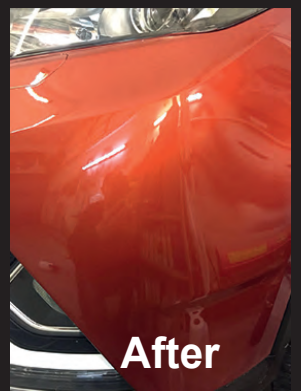



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June is a great time to be out in the garden. Many plants are in full bloom at this time of year and the weather (should be) warm and sunny. Keep watering your garden to avoid your plants from wilting. A great way of recycling water and saving money is by using a water butt system that will collect rainwater from summer showers. Coletta & Tyson Garden Centre have a range of water butt systems that will save you money on your water bill over the hot summer months.

The warmer start to the year has done wonders for crops this year with strawberries benefiting the most. They have thrived over the last few months and with the sun quickly ripening them it's a great time to have grown your own. It's not too late to benefit from this crop.



During the month of June roses begin to open up in fantastic blooms lighting up the garden. It's no wonder we chose them to be our Plant of the Month at the Coletta & Tyson Garden Centre.

Roses are one of the country's favourite plants and can be a great benefit to any garden whether the rose is a fragrant variety, climber or miniature. Roses come in a rainbow of colours and double blooms meaning they'd suit many gardens with a colour scheme. Some say they are moderately difficult to tend but with our tips on growing and caring for roses it can be an easy and rewarding part of gardening.

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Planting New Roses

For first time rose growers you can choose to grow your rose in a container or plant it straight into the ground. If you choose to plant your rose in a container the plant will benefit from well draining compost and rose fertilisers throughout the year.

When planting your rose you will need to prepare the soil. The best way to do this is by adding farmyard manure like horse or chicken manure.

Dig a hole roughly twice the size of the roots and the depth of a spade's blade to allow room for the rose. Add a general fertiliser to the hole to help the roots establish and grow further once planted. To aid the rose over the summer and to avoid drought in summer gently tease out the roots so they can grow out once planted.

Place the rose in the hole and fill with compost making sure that the compost covers the roots completely to avoid future dieback. Water thoroughly.



10 Jobs for this month

1. Keep weeds at bay by hoeing your borders and beddings regularly.
2. Maintain the lawn by mowing it once a week.
3. Plant summer bedding.
4. Shade your greenhouse to prevent it getting too hot over the summer.
5. Be careful not to waste water over the dry months. Conserve water by investing in a water butt or using bath and kitchen water that isn't too dirty.
6. Harvest early potatoes, radishes and salad leaves like lettuce.
7. Once the sun has ripened them, strawberries should be perfect for harvesting.
8. Remove rose flowers as they fade to encourage new flowers.
9. Plants like tomatoes, courgettes and celery can be planted outdoors.
10. Tie stems of tall growing plants to supports.

Aftercare

Over the next two summers you will need to keep the new rose well watered to keep the roots healthy especially over dry spells. Your rose will also benefit from an extra feeding with a general rose fertiliser every spring followed by mulching with bark chips or well rotted manure. Be careful to leave a space around the stem of the rose when you are mulching.

Pruning

It is a good idea to prune back your rose in the first winter after planting, and then in late winter to early spring thereafter. With all roses you will need to remove dead, damaged and weak growths. Pruning then depends on the variety in your garden.

- Climbing or rambling roses need to be pruned back to around 30-40 cm away from the base.
- Large flowered varieties are best pruned back to 10-15cm away from the base of the plant.
- For cluster flowered varieties prune back long stems to about 15cm away from the base.
- Avoid pruning the remaining long stems on shrub roses.

Grow Your Own: June

• **Peas:** are a trouble free crop that enjoy cooler weather. Sow them directly into the ground from March to June and look forward to the incredible sweet flavour of fresh picked peas from June to August. All they require is support for their stems - simply erect some chicken wire or netting between supports at each end of the row. You'll be amazed at how good fresh peas taste and the more that you pick them, the more they produce!



• **Broad Beans:** What could be simpler! Sow Broad Beans in spring in small 7.5cm (3") pots of compost, and within a few weeks these quick growing beans will make sturdy plants that can be planted out in the garden. If that sounds like too much work then sow them directly in the ground. Watch the bees pollinate their pretty flowers and before you know it you will be harvesting a bumper crop of fresh picked beans from June onwards, with a flavour that puts supermarket beans to shame.

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Your Stars for June 2026

By Kay Gower

Aries (Mar. 21- April 20)

Early in the month, conversations about work, money, or long-term goals become serious.

Mid-month brings a burst of energy, making this an excellent time to start on a new fitness/health routine.

Taurus (Apr. 21- May 21)

You may find yourself thinking more about what truly deserves your time and energy. Financially, June offers opportunities to improve your situation through practical decisions rather than risky moves. Relationships become more grounded after the middle of the month.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

June feels fast-moving from the very beginning. Invitations, social opportunities and unexpected messages may pull you in multiple directions. Just avoid scattering your energy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You may feel more sensitive than usual, but that sensitivity will also sharpen your intuition. Pay attention to recurring thoughts and dreams—they carry important messages. Relationships improve when you express your needs directly instead of expecting others to read your mind.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

June may bring a powerful romantic moment or a renewed sense of passion in an existing relationship but avoid unnecessary drama near the end of the month.

A quiet breakthrough will arrive when you stop trying to control every outcome.

Virgo (Aug 22 – Sept. 23)

Your career demands your attention in June, and your efforts are likely to be noticed. However, perfectionism could slow progress if you nit pick over every tiny detail.

Libra (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Romantic energy is strong, especially for those willing to take emotional risks. By the end of the month, a difficult decision becomes clearer.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Personal relationships require more emotional openness than usual. Someone close to you may need reassurance rather than solutions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Career developments gain momentum after mid-month. Expect good news connected to education, publishing or creative projects particularly if you have been waiting for feedback.

Capricorn (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

June highlights health and routines. Work/responsibilities could increase, your ability to stay calm under pressure becomes a major advantage.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Financial matters improve through strategy and patience. Toward the end of the month a surprising opportunity may appear through someone from your past.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Home and emotional security become your priorities. You may feel drawn to simplify your environment or reconnect with people who bring comfort and stability. Creative inspiration grows stronger in quiet moments, you must make space for reflection.

'Hedgehog Highways' to be installed in the East Riding

More than 180 frames, to help hedgehogs access garden habitats and avoid busy roads, have been supplied to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for use by local residents.

The 'hogways' were donated by East Yorkshire-based manufacturer Timloc and are made of recycle and recyclable materials. They are designed to be fit around small holes in gates and fences, to enable hedgehogs to travel between gardens and avoid busy roads. By linking gardens together, they enable hedgehogs to safely access food, water and shelter.

Frames will be provided to the Molescroft Wildlife Network and the Greener Pocklington groups to be distributed among the local community. They will also be available at the upcoming open day at Tophill Low Nature Reserve, and at Driffield Show.

All residents are encouraged to record when they see a hedgehog in their garden or local area. Residents with hogways are also encouraged to add them to the Hedgehog Preservation Society's Big Hedgehog Map.

Residents are also encouraged to create their own hogways, by cutting hedgehog-sized (13 x 13 cm) openings in their gates and fences where a lack of gaps presently excludes spiny visitors.

Once a familiar sight, hedgehog populations have declined by up to 75% in rural areas and 30% in towns since 2000.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council also supports the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (HEY LNRS), for which the hedgehog is a flagship species.

Councillor Paul West, East Riding of Yorkshire Council cabinet member for environment and transport said: "We're delighted to promote the environment in the East Riding, and this is a fantastic way we can play our part to support local wildlife. We encourage all residents to install their own hogways, and log any hedgehogs they see."

Residents can log their hogways, or hedgehog sightings at <https://bighedgehogmap.org/>

More information about steps that residents can take to support hedgehogs can be found at <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/take-the-hedgehog-pledge-this-hedgehog-awareness-week/>.



Crossword solution from page 14



Sudoku Answer from page 12

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Cottingham Open Gardens Returns This June with Two Weekends of Blooms, Community, and Inspiration!

Cottingham, East Yorkshire, Garden lovers, families, and visitors alike are warmly invited to experience the beauty and creativity of local horticulture as Cottingham Open Gardens returns on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st June 2026.

Across both weekends, a selection of private gardens throughout Cottingham will open their gates to the public, offering a rare opportunity to explore a diverse range of outdoor spaces, from traditional English gardens and vibrant floral displays to wildlife-friendly havens and contemporary designs. Each garden reflects the passion, personality, and hard work of its owners, making this a truly unique and inspiring community event.

Visitors can enjoy a leisurely, self-guided tour through the village, discovering hidden gems while soaking up the early summer atmosphere. Some gardens will also feature refreshments, plant sales, and opportunities to speak directly with gardeners, making it as informative as it is enjoyable.

Their support, like that of others from within the community the hospice serves, helps in further steps being taken to ensure everyone who needs hospice care locally receives it in a way that suits them best.

Tiffany Brodie - community fundraiser said:

"Cottingham Open Gardens has become a cherished highlight of our community calendar, welcoming visitors back year after year. It's about far more than the gardens, it's a celebration of community spirit, connection, and shared pride, all while raising vital funds for Dove House Hospice. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who helps make this event so special."

Whether you are a keen gardener seeking inspiration, a nature enthusiast, or simply looking for a relaxing day out, Cottingham Open Gardens offers something for everyone.

Hull Savoyards - Patience or Bunthorne's Bride

The countdown is on to opening night as Hull Savoyards bring *Patience* to the stage in a vibrant new production. Following the success of *Princess Ida* (Summer 2025) and the premiere of an original G&S style comic opera *Dick Whittington* (Winter 2025), the company returns with one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most playful and satirical works.

Rehearsals are already revealing a production brimming with love, intrigue and wit. First performed in 1881, *Patience* is Gilbert's sharp satire of the aesthetic movement, poking fun at self-styled poets such as Oscar Wilde and their exaggerated devotion to beauty, lilies and languid romance.

While traditionally set in a stylised vision of Victorian England, this new production re imagines the "immortal classic" within the elegance of the Regency era. Within this new setting, audiences can expect a visual and dramatic style reminiscent of *Bridgerton*, combining period charm with modern energy and flair.

Featuring lovesick maidens, disgruntled Dragoon Guards and delightfully absurd aesthetic poets, the production promises an evening of sparkling wit and memorable music accompanied by the combined talents of the Kingston Savoy Orchestra. Whether a long-time admirer of Gilbert and Sullivan or discovering their topsy-turvy world for the first time, audiences can expect a thoroughly entertaining performance.

Hull Savoyards transport audiences to the Regency era on Friday 12 June 2026 at 7.30pm, and Saturday 13 June 2026 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, at Cottingham Civic Hall. Tickets are available from Barkers on Hallgate, online at www.ticketsource.com/hullsavoyards, or on the door.

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