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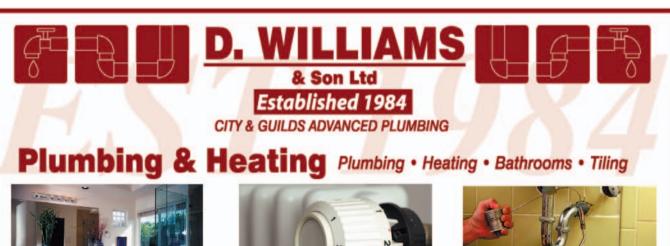
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Cottingham Catholic Women's League

Monday 10th March, "Sex, Marriage and Canon Law", Father Stephen Maughan, in the Garden Room, Holy Cross RC Church, Carrington Avenue at 7.30 pm.

Cottingham Women's Institute

Tuesday 11th March, at 10.00 am upstairs at Cottingham Civic Hall.

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Thursday 13th March, Off-road in Oman - Hector Sutherland, at 2.00 pm in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham.

Cottingham Green Women's Institute

Thursday 13th March, Flip and Stitch Patchwork, Mrs. Jean Ellis, in The Darby & Joan Small Hall, Finkle Street, at 7.30 pm.

East Yorkshire Embroidery Society

Saturday 15th March, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, Cottingham. Entrance charge 50p, Refreshments available.

Skidby Village Hall

Saturday 15th March, Easter Fair, (10.00 am to 1.00 pm).

Cottingham Gardening Club

Tuesday 18th March, Neil Timms - Giving a talk about ferns, at 7.30 pm in the Garden Room, Holy Cross Community Meeting Room, Christmas Social Evening.

Cottingham Evening Townswomen's Guild

Wednesday 19th March, at 7.30 in the Darby & Joan, Finkle Street. AGM and Social.

Cottingham Men's de Luda Society

Wednesday 19th March, Ken Knox, Small Boats, Big Men, in the St. Mary's Church Hall, at 2.00 pm.

Diabetes UK

Thursday 20th March, Mr. Duane Melllor, Academic Research Nutritionist, at the Board Room, Castle Hill Hospital, Entrance 1B, Cottingham. 7.30 - 9.30. (Free Parking). All Diabetics, carers, family and friends are welcome to attend. Please phone 844284 if transport is needed.

East Yorkshire Association (The National Trust)

Thursday 20th March, 7.30 pm in the Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham. Mrs. Gwen Staveley, "Along the King's Highway", The Ancient Road from Hessle to Beverley.

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In Cottingham and District

Friends of Thwaite Gardens

Tuesday 25th March, Gardeners Question Time, 7.30 pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Hallgate, Cottingham (next to the Nat West Bank). Come and ask the experts Chris Robinson, Head Gardener, Bishop Burton College, plus two ex-tutors. Members free, Guest £1.00.

Wednesday Social Club

Wednesday 26th March, at 2.00 pm in the small Darby & Joan Hall, at the rear of the building, Mr. & Mrs. Spence, Round and About Brough, Elloughton and the Humber.

Cottingham Civic Society

Monday 31st March, "The East Yorkshire Chalk Rivers Trust", Trevor Londsborough, **Please note the change from the usual date (24th March is Easter Monday) in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street, 7.30 pm.

East Riding Flower Club

Monday 31st March, Practice: Kitchen Basket (niche) setting up at 10.00 am, judging at noon, 2.00 pm "Ready, Steady, Arrange"!, starring club members. at the Civic Hall, Cottingham.

Hull and Holderness Branch, British Sugar Guild

Saturday 5th April, 2.00 to 4.00 pm., The Terrace, Cottingham Parks Golf and Country Club, Woodhill Way, Cottingham. "Water Lily with Dragonfly", by Lily Lamb.

Cottingham Women's Institute

Tuesday 8th April, Church Embroidery and More, Margaret Grimshaw, at 10.00 am upstairs at Cottingham Civic Hall.

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

Skidby Village Hall

Saturday 12th April, Coffee Morning, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm.



The Blue Bell, West Green, Cottingham

Open Mic Nights Every Other Wednesday Wednesday 19th March - Phil Crowder Wednesday 2nd April - Claudette Tillier Wednesday 16th April - Mini Festival Night - Guests to be announced

The Railway, Thwaite Street, Cottingham

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Please send us your Society or Pub's information for the What's On column, and let everyone know what's happening in and around the Cottingham area. If people don't know they won't go.

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Online Bookkeeping - the future?

by Nick Robinson

Richard Mills at RDM Computers Limited writes each month about just how important computers are for the future. Certainly no more so than in small business. Starting and running your business can be helped with the use of simple modern technology - we aren't talking rocket science here, there are always options for even the smallest of businesses.

We are a gold partner of WinWeb®, who have created a superb online bookkeeping system. As we are gold partners we are able to supply this to all of our clients free of charge. We thought we would give you some more information . . .

WinWeb® has a full accounting package and a cash book system. Users also have full access to an address book, diary, email, planning tools and loads of other add ons.

The full package has everything that you would expect from an accounting system. Sales ledger with invoicing, purchase ledger, nominal ledger, reporting, stock control (to be introduced) etc. Couple this together with the reporting facilities, VAT controls, printing statements for late payers and you have the full accounting system that rivals any expensive "off the shelf" package.

The cash book system simplifies the whole process and really only requires the user to input income and expenses - simple!

So what are the benefits of an online bookkeeping system?

- 1. No more installation files. The software is online and as such you have nothing to install.
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- 4. No security issues. Software is continually backed up onto multiple RAID-5 data servers in multiple physically and network secure data centres. You can also export to CD or DVD. Even if your PC crashes or is stolen you can always login from another machine anywhere in the world! If you trust online banking then you have no reason to doubt this.
 - 5. WinWeb® offers a full 24 hours a day 365 days a year support system.
- 6. Multi users. So for example as your accountant I would also be able to login. No need therefore to pass backups back and forth.
 - 7. Multi-currency allows you to accept foreign currencies.
 - 8. Did I mention it is FREE?

There are numerous other benefits but I can hear people asking how can all of this be free? Well it's simple. WinWeb® believes that you will

like their accounting system so much that you are highly likely to try other services they offer. Although I must stress that there is never any "Hard Sell". They hope to supply a "Small Business Infrastructure" in time!

Many of our clients are using WinWeb®. They are reaping the rewards - isn't it time you tried it?

Login either through our site at www.yorkshireaccountancy.co.uk or via www.yorkshireaccountancy.co.uk or via www.yorkshireaccountancy.co.uk or via www.winweb.co.uk.

Other Bookkeeping Systems

We certainly do not push clients on using a specific accounting system. We always recommend using a computer although we do still accept the traditional manual systems too.

We always try to offer, where we can, these systems for free and have a couple in addition to WinWeb® that are worth mentioning.

VT Cash Book

This is a simple cash book system (no invoicing). It's available via www.vtsoftware.co.uk and again it is free.

Unlike WinWeb® it is a stand alone system that is installed on your PC. Really simple system to use and ideal for the very small business.

Cash Book Pro

Cash Book Pro is our very own MS Excel bookkeeping template.

We developed this for a client some time ago and since then it has had a major facelift. We did used to charge for this but over time we have made it available via our website free of charge.

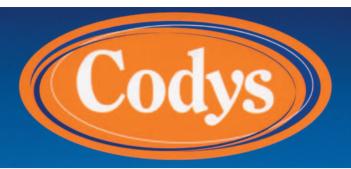
Again the aim of this is simplicity. We feel that although WinWeb® and maybe VT offer comprehensive bookkeeping systems there is always room for Excel which deals with accounts very well.

February Question and Answer Corner

Q. I'm on the flat rate VAT scheme for small businesses and have recently paid over £2,000 for membership of trade organisation. Can I claim the VAT back on that fee as a capital asset?

A. Under the flat rate VAT scheme you are not permitted to reclaim VAT paid on any purchase, unless it is a capital asset costing £2,000 or more. The capital asset acquired must be a physical good, not a service. So the payment to join the trade organisation does not qualify as a capital asset for the flat rate VAT scheme, and you can't reclaim the VAT





Codys New Office in Cottingham



Pollowing the unprecedented success of the Codys Estate Agency brand in Hull (statistics have proven that we outperform all other East Riding Estate Agents) a new satellite office has been opened in Cottingham to deal with both Sales and Lettings. In the current economic climate with the floods and uncertainties over the mortgage market, Codys are the only local agent currently expanding, proof in itself of our success.

Codys Estate Agents was established in 2002 during the property boom in Hull and the East Riding and has gone from strength to strength. Codys now have four offices and are due to open a new "State of the Art" office on Newland Avenue in Hull over the Summer of 2008.

The Directors of Codys Estate Agents and Lettings (pictured with the Practice Manager) have combined experience of over fifty years in Property Management, Sales, Lettings and Building work. Our business model and success has always been built upon our core values of, honesty, integrity and superb customer service - we aim to exceed your expectations and will do what no other Estate Agent will do to sell your property.

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- Conveyancing we work closely with a range of local solicitors and can offer a different service to suit your needs
- Home Information Packs now needed to sell your property with few exceptions to celebrate the opening of our Cottingham office we will offer A FREE HOME INFORMATION PACK* to Cottingham residents who allow us to sell their property (QUOTE HU16/17 for this offer)
- Insurance Services many Cottingham Residents will notice that our office is shared with AW Insurance Consultants (previously Savoury Insurances) this is the result of a long standing friendship between the owners of both businesses the result being an unbeatable insurance quote for Cottingham residents
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Pictured top left outside the new Cody's Estate office in Thwaite Street, Cottingham are, left to right: Adam Milner (Practice Manager), Deborah Wong (Director), Jeremy Wong (Managing Director) and Patrick Wong (Director).

Below: Pictured inside the newly refurbished Codys office which fronts onto Thwaite Street, are left to right: Patrick Wong, Jeremy Wong, Deborah Wong and Adam Milner.





Police Report by PC Morley

PC Steve Morley Cottingham's Neighbourhood Police Officer was accompanied by PCSO's Mark Bentley and Scott Foster at the Parish Council meeting. They updated on various incidents which had taken place in the village. The main concerns were two incidents of mugging by the same culprits who have since been arrested. Public disorder offenses with youths fighting around village. The police assured Councillors that extra police would be on duty in Cottingham to prevent a reoccurrence.

Councillor Hardwick reminded the police about the problem with parking on Park Lane which caused problems for the large lorries using the road to transport local produce.

Pc Morley asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to fund the purchase of two bicycles for use by the PCSO's which would enable them to move around the village much more quickly.

Report From the Finance Committee

A grant application form had been received from Hallgate Junior School for funding for their entry into a Rock Challenge production. After discussion and a show of hands it was decided the council incur the expenditure because it would be in the interest of the area and its inhabitants. The Council made an award of £150.

A grant application form had also been received from the Friends of KGV for the construction of the BMX track. They had a shortfall in funds as they had to recalculate the amount of soil required in the construction. Councillor Cooper informed the Council that the extra costs were in the region of £6000. The Friends Group had been able to fund most of the shortfall but were £1,250 short. The Council made an award of £500.

Councillor Cooper informed Councillor Hardwick that the Friends Group were now in a position to move forward on the placing of the CCTV camera and he and Councillor Hardwick will have a meeting to discuss this soon.

Allotments

Councillor Hardwick reported to the Committee that all the allotment rents had now been paid, and the rat problem appeared to have been solved.

Cottingham in Bloom

Councillor Abel told Councillors that various residents who usually entered the Cottingham in Bloom competition felt that they would prefer the competition to be cancelled this year due to the continuing damage done to their gardens by last years floods. The Councillor agreed and it was decided that the competition would be cancelled for 2008.

Tree Planting

The extra trees have now been planted on Harland Way.

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Fishing Pond

The Deputy Clerk reported to the Committee that at a recent meeting with the Wild Spaces Group the overall opinion was that the group would prefer to see a nature pond at the Millbeck site rather than a fishing pond.

Community Plan

The Chairman reported that volunteers were being approached to serve on the Steering Group Representatives from the churches, the traders, the High School and the leisure groups had been approached and a meeting had been arranged for the first meeting of this group.

Removal of Bench on Thwaite Street/New Village Road

The Parish Council had been asked regarding the removal of the bench on the Thwaite Street/New Village Road following a complaint, youths were congregating there and damaging the overhanging trees. It was decided that the bench would stay because it was used considerably during the day. The PCSO's have been informed.

School Safety Zone

Comments were requested from Councillors on the proposed safety zone outside Croxby Primary School. After discussions it was unaminously agreed that they had no objections to the proposals.

Applying for Planning Consent

Under the heading "Thinking of extending or altering your home?" Coun. Kevin Casson, a member of Cottingham Parish Council's Planning Committee, has drawn up the following hints for residents. Do you need planning permission? Save yourself money, frustration and time by following these steps:

- Always talk to your neighbours about what you are trying to achieve.
- Ring the East Riding Planning Office (01482 391737) and explain to them what you intend to do. They will be able to advise as to whether, or not, you need full planning permission.
- If, for example, you are applying for a large extension or unusual alteration, ask for a site visit. They can advise you whether the application is feasible.
- After taking on board neighbours' views and the planning officer's comments, if necessary ñ have your plans drawn up and submitted.
 "If you follow these steps in order, you should save time, money and frustration", says Coun. Casson, who adds that the number of planning refusals through the Cottingham Parish area in the last 12 months stands at 65.

The majority of these could have been foreseen by contacting the East Riding planning officers before time and money was spent on plans.

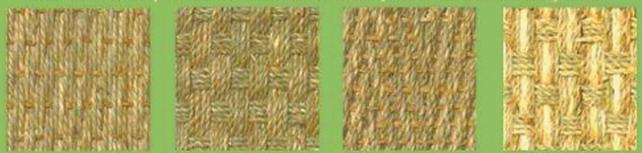
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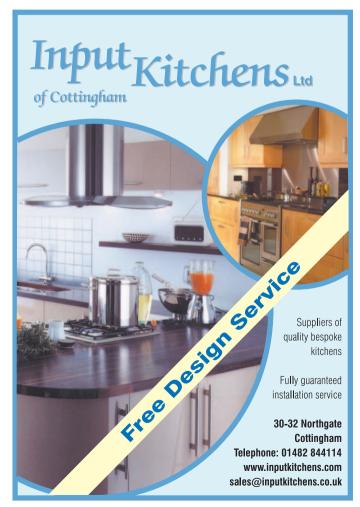
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New to the centre this year is a fabulous range of giftware including lots of great Easter ideas like egg cups, bonnets, soft toys, plates and chocolates and of course chenille chicks perfect for the school bonnet project!!!!

Southwood's also have an animal farm named after their son George, this means its a great afternoon out for all the family - and they can also boast a wonderful coffee shop Lucy's named after their daughter Lucy, celebrating their first year end going from strength to strength, serving coffee, teas, and delicious home made cakes and pastries. There is also a great play area for the kids.

In September last year Southwood expanded their floristry department and now have two florists Jude and Elaine with over 20 years experience between them. They offer something to suit all tastes from modern and contemporary to more traditional. Having had a very successful Valentines and Mothers Day, they are hoping to follow that with an equally rewarding Easter. Offering Spring bouquets, single plants in an array of pots, planted baskets and containers and lots more.

Southwood provides a friendly service and whether its buying for a garden makeover, with the magnificant choice of building materials and plants or gifts for friends, family, garden furniture or a family day out. Why not pay them a visit soon? You won't regret it!

Tony Fairhurst - 1934-2008

We are very sad to announce the death of Tony Fairhurst at the age of 73. Many of our readers already know Tony died suddenly on Thursday 21st February.

His funeral took place on 28th February at St. Mary's Church, Hallgate and was attended by many of his friends and colleagues from all walks of life, including many from the sporting world.

Cottingham born, Tony had been associated with the Cottingham Times for over nineteen years, and he worked on the paper with Paul Lead who started the Cottingham Times all those years ago (when it was called The Leader).

He wrote many interesting articles on all topics, sport, features for new businesses, Down Memory Lane, Council News and many, many others.

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Cottingham Little Theatre playreading session at the King William Pub on Monday March 10th

ottingham Little Theatre will be holding their monthly playreading session in The Brewery Bar, King William IV Public House on Monday 10 March starting at 7.30pm. This is an open session and anyone who wishes to come along will be made very welcome.

The idea of these sessions is to introduce this aspect of drama in a relaxed atmosphere - everyone who comes along will be given the opportunity to read a part or to simply sit back and listen to the play being read. For further details, please contact Sue 842250."

Cottingham Darby & Joan Luncheon Club

The Club is open to Cottingham residents who are pensioners and meets every Friday in the Darby & Joan Hall, Finkle Street but is limited to 120 members to comply with fire regulations. At the present time there is a short waiting list to join. Members start arriving during the morning and our mini bus makes five 'runs' to bring in those who are more infirm or live on the outskirts of the village.

The Club is run by the WRVS. The excellent lunch is freshly cooked on the premises. After lunch there is entertainment or Bingo followed by a cup of tea and biscuits before members make their own way home or return in the mini-bus.

Anyone wishing to join the Club is very welcome to add their name to the waiting list. Ring Jennifer Hodge Tel 849077 or the Club on Friday Tel 845819.

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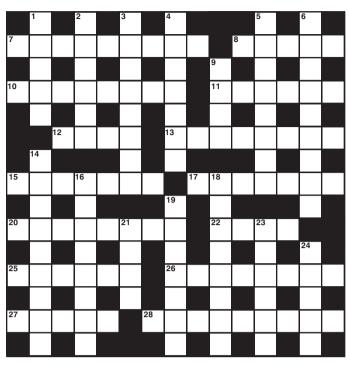
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Crossword - Solution on page 34



Across

- 7. Measurement (9)
- 8. Deduct (5)
- 10. Uncommon (8)
- 11. Dangerous (6)
- 12.Domestic charge (4)
- 13. Rhythmic exercises (8)
- 15. Confinement (7)
- 17. Shakespeare play (7)
- 20. Outside (8)
- 22. Pudding ingredient (4)
- 25. Split (6)
- 26. Girls name (8)
- 27. Scratch (5)
- 28. Hypnotise (9)

Down

- 1. Music note (5)
- 2. Breed of hound (6)
- 3. Separated (8)
- 4. Found at the house entrance (7)
- 5. Can be done (8)
- 6. Hard (9)
- 9. Cat noise (4)
- 14. Colourful British bird (9)
- 16. Of third order (8)
- 18. Tedious (8)
- 19. Food connoisseur (7)
- 21. Search (4)
- 23. Image recorder (6)
- 24. Remove (5)

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If you're a cool blonde why not go blonder?

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Yorkshire Cancer Research receive £3.874.00 in two cheque presentations

orkshire Cancer Research recently received £3,874.00 in two separate cheque presentations. At an event at the Cottingham Parks Golf Club, a cheque for £1,850 was presented to Pamela Bird (Secretary) and Dorothy Cooper (Treasurer) of the Cottingham Committee of the Yorkshire Cancer Research, from Bill North and Mary Risean.

The money raised in memory of John Conlon, who died in 1998. The John Conlon Golf Trophy has been competed for eight times and a total of £13,301 has been donated to the Charity.



Pictured above left to right are: Bill North, Pamela Bird, Dorothy Cooper and Mary Risean at the cheque presentation ceremony at the Cottingham Parks Golf Club.

In the second presentation a cheque for £2,024.00 was presented to Dorothy Cooper, Treasurer for the Cottingham Committee of Yorkshire Cancer Research following a sponsored Sky Dive by the three girls pictured below.



Pictured above left to right are: Julie Formost, Pamela Needham and Kimberley Buckle presenting their cheque for £2,024 to Dorothy Cooper (far right) following their sponsored Sky Dive.

King William IV present cheque for £239 to Cottingham Lights

ing William IV recently handed a cheque for £239.00 to 'Lal Kirby' in aid of the Cottingham Lights.

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In the Kitchen

aster Sunday falls the Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (PFM) date and is therefore a moveable date i.e. it is not on the same date each year, unlike Christmas or New Year. The reason for this is.....too complicated to go into here. For ease of reference, and without having to do all the workings, below are the dates for Easter until 2019

Easter is a holy day in the Christian faith which celebrates the resurrection of Christ. However, in many Christian countries such as the UK, it is a public holiday and has therefore come to symbolise a time of rebirth to non-Christians. To others, it is just a welcome spring holiday, often coupled with Good Friday thus making a long weekend.

Future dates for Easter Sunday

12 April 2009

4 April 2010

24 April 2011

8 April 2012

31 March 2013

20 April 2014

5 April 2015

27 March 2016 16 April 2017

1 April 2018

21 April 2019



Foods associated with Easter

There are many foods associated with Easter - some with direct associations and others which simply signify the time of year, some of which were celebratory foods thousands of years ago. Below are just a few.

Eggs signify new life. The giving of chocolate Easter Eggs in the UK has become a widespread tradition although in truth the tradition has its roots much further back in history and was originally a pagan ritual celebrating the advent of spring.

By the 18th century, the first chocolate Easter eggs appeared in France and Germany and soon spread to the rest of Europe and elsewhere. Certainly in the UK, the giving of chocolate eggs isn't restricted to children and many an adult is disappointed if they don't get at least one!

Passion Fruit is another food closely associated with Easter, the reason being that the plant was given it's name by Christian missionaries who used the flower to symbolise the "Passion of Christ" i.e. his suffering at the crucifixion, to the indigenous natives in South America.

Simnel cake

Easter is preceded by Lent which is a period of 40 days which signifies Christ's time in the wilderness. It is traditionally a period of fast-



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ing which ends at Easter with a feast consisting of the rich foods which couldn't be eaten. The making of Simnel cake was a tradition in the 17th century, when servant girls would take one home to their mothers as a gift. It is decorated with 11 marzipan balls signifying the 12 apostles minus Judas, who betrayed Christ.

Hot cross buns

Once again, the eating of hot cross buns stemmed from the Saxon pagan practice of eating as buns marked with a cross in honour of the goddess Eostre. It is believed that the bun signified the moon and the cross the moon's quarters. In Christianity, the cross symbolises Christ's death on the cross - the crucifixion.

Savoury Baked Fish - Serves Four

Ingredients:

450g/1lb Fish fillets, e.g. Cod, Whiting, Pollack, Hake, Coley

100g/4oz Streaky Bacon, chopped

2 Onions, sliced

50g/2oz Butter

1 level teasp Mixed herbs

1 tbsp Fresh Parsley, chopped

25g/1oz Flour

300ml/10fl.oz. Milk

75g/3oz Cheddar Cheese

Salt and Pepper

25g/1oz Fresh White Breadcrumbs

4 Tomatoes, thickly sliced

Instructions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C, 350F, Gas mark 4 and lightly grease an ovenproof dish.
- 2. Wash the fish fillets under cold running water and dry on kitchen paper.
- 3. Melt half the butter in a frying pan, add the bacon and onions and sauté for
- 4. Drain the onions and bacon and spread evenly in the bottom of the ovenproof dish. Sprinkle the herbs over the onion mixture and place the fish fillets on top.
- 5. Melt the remaining butter in a saucepan, add the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.
- 6. Remove the pan from the heat and gradually add the milk, a little at a time.
- 7. Remove from the heat and add the cheese, salt and plenty of pepper. Mix well until the cheese has melted then pour over the fish.
- 8. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs over the fish and sauce and bake for 15 minutes.
- 9. Place the sliced tomatoes in a border around the edges of the baked fish, return to the oven and bake for a further 15-20 minutes until browned and crispy. Serve immediately.

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res it can and we just wanted to write in and say a big thank you to all those involved in making our day so special.

Those of you who read the September edition of Cottingham Times would have been amazed at how quickly a wedding can and was booked. The aim of the game was to not only book a wedding but to book it all within the village (wherever possible).

On the morning of the wedding (8th January) my only job was to collect the balloons from Gilly's Balloons and deliver them and the ladies and gents favours to The Mill House Restaurant.

R. O. Florists delivered our bouquets and buttonholes before 11am for a 2pm wedding and they were beautiful. I had only given them a colour scheme and left the rest to them. At the same time our photographer from K & P Photography of Beverley turned up to start taking pictures.

The suits had been collected from Len Becks a few days before as had my dress from Jacquelines. Jacquelines had also made a winter wrap for me so that I was nice and warm on the day and as my father was ill, Len Becks had made a home visit to ensure his suit fitted perfectly for the day.

With the photographers snapping all morning, my bridesmaid arrived and changed into her dress. Kate looked stunning and I was so proud of her, as were her parents, who turned into chief coffee makers for the morning. My friend Trina Verity-Charmichael arrived to curl my hair and we

By half past one my car, a Beauford Tourer, had arrived with chauffeur suitably attired, it looked wonderful. I had booked this on the internet but chose 1st Class Cars of Hull as they were only in Beverley. We were off.

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Cottingham Methodist Church had been decorated with flowers by a member of the church and all looked wonderful. Unfortunately, my father was too ill to attend but managed to give me away by mobile phone, he had listened to the whole service and was really pleased he could still be involved. A big thank you to Reverend Lindley who helped us throughout the service and made sure we had a very special day.

The weather held out for us with only light drizzle and we were off to The Mill House in Skidby. There was hot tea and coffee awaiting us and we were pleased to be in the warmth after the journey from Cottingham. The meal was magnificent as it always is and the service was excellent. The wine and champagne flowed and our guests had a wonderful time.

We had bought our bridesmaid a beautiful bracelet, which she hasn't taken off yet and our mother's flowers were delivered to The Mill House from Flowers by Helen of Cottingham and lasted for three weeks. Our mothers were very pleased.

There was entertainment from a good friend of ours Blakeston Tyler who sang songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and the like.

The day flew by and soon enough we were on honeymoon, Hong Kong, Melbourne and Sydney. When we returned we once again went to Barkers for our Thank You cards. We now only need to choose our final photographs and the wedding is complete.

Clearly we left our wedding in the hands of the experts and it all worked out perfectly. Instead of getting yourself stressed over colours, styles or food, leave it to them. We do it once (or twice) in our lifetime, they do it every week, they know what will work and what will not, what's in season and not, and roughly what the weather is going to be like to give you the best advice. Thank you everyone

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In the Garden





Flower garden

Early spring is an ideal time to plant herbaceous perennials, including Geranium, Astrantia and Oriental poppies. Check that the plants you buy have strong, green shoots and plant them into well-prepared soil.

Hardy annuals can be sown in pots or modules to provide colour in the garden. They are inexpensive and can provide fun activity for children. Suitable examples include Limnanthes, Nemophila, Lobularia and Consolida. In mild areas you can sow directly outside. Marking out irregularly shaped seedbeds and broadcasting drifts of different seed gives a more natural look.

Plant summer-flowering bulbs. Prepare the soil first, to ensure that drainage is sufficient to prevent the bulbs rotting. Anemone coronaria tubers need particularly well-drained soils.

Sow summer bedding plants in a heated propagator or under glass.

Plan a continuous crop of cut flowers for this summer. Perennials such as Delphinium and annuals can be grown to produce a useful and beautiful display.



Top 10 jobs

- 1. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 2. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8. Weeds come back in to growth deal with them before they get out of hand
- 9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond
- 10. Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm davs

Sweet peas can be sown outside this month in milder areas. Some varieties need chitting (nicking of the seed coat), and/or soaking, in order to germinate

Vegetables

Cultivate and prepare seedbeds, covering them with clear polythene or fleece to warm up the soil before sowing.

Many vegetable crops can be sown this month, especially in mild areas with light soil, including: broad beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, bulb onions, lettuces, radish, peas, spinach, summer cabbage, salad leaves, leeks, Swiss chard, kohl rabi, turnip and summer cauliflower. Be guided by the weather, and sow only if conditions are suitable (as per guidance on the seed pack-

Sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, salads and globe artichokes can all be sown in a frost-free greenhouse. Artichokes and celery can be transplanted outside later in the spring. Tomatoes can either remain in the greenhouse or be taken outside from early summer onwards. Peppers, cucumbers and aubergines do best kept under cover. Salad crops vary - it is best to check the temperature requirements cited on the seed packets.

Chit early and maincrop potatoes. In mild regions, earlies are planted out in the second half of the month. In colder regions, it is better to wait

Pot up tomato seedlings when they develop true leaves above the more rounded seed leaves. After growing on in small pots, they can be planted into larger pots or growbags.

Start to remove side shoots from any older cordon tomato plants that you started off early under cover. These side shoots develop in the leaf axils (i.e. between the stem and leaf), and if left to grow will reduce the quality of the fruits by taking up too much of the plant's energy. Pull them off between your thumb and forefinger.



Cottingham Neighbourhood Action Team's Operation Community Challenge

ottingham Neighbourhood Action Team's Operation Community Challenge came to the village on Tuesday 22 January 2008. The event encompassed a number of activities:

- 24 volunteers from local Neighbourhood Watches and Cottingham Churches Together picked up litter collecting 160kg in total from Eppleworth Road, Hallgate, Bacon Garth and the Memorial Hall gardens.
- 15 students and teachers from Cottingham High School cleaned graffiti from outside Hallgate Infants School and Hallgate residential home.
- Volunteers re-painted the ceiling of the Bus Shelter in Cottingham Green.
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council Environmental Operations repainted the benches in the Memorial Hall gardens, removed the graffiti from sign posts and gave the streets in the centre of the village a good clean.
 - Graffiti was removed from walls at King George V Playing Fields.
- Community Support Bus distributed advice regarding criminal damage.
- Humberside Fire and Rescue offered free fire safety checks and smoke alarms to residents.

Hallgate Tavern offered refreshments for the event free of charge and Cottingham Neighbourhood Policing Team supervised the operation.

Helen Wheeler-Osman, Community Development Officer for east Riding of Yorkshire Council said, "The idea of the project is to coordinate all East Riding services relating to street cleansing, street furniture and highways to carry out their duties on the same day at the same time in a number of locations in a town or village centre. The challenge to the community is to join us in cleaning graffiti, picking litter and tidying up private property on the same day."

"Eveyone worked really hard to make a difference in Cottingham and we'd like to thank everyone who gave up their time."

Quote from PC Steve Morley

"This operation was a great success and shows how the Cottingham Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) is working in partnership with local agencies and the Cottingham community to improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors to the village. One of the NPT's and NAT's main priorities is to tackle graffiti in the village, so if any new graffiti appears, I would urge residents to report it to the police so we can investigate the offence and also arrange for it to be removed as quickly as possible. This should help to reduce the spread of the graffiti. I would also like to thank everyone who helped to make the operation a success."

For more information regarding Cottingham Neighbourhood Action Team and Operation Community Challenge, please call Helen Wheeler-Osman on 01482 391015 or helen.wheeler-osman@eastriding.gov.uk

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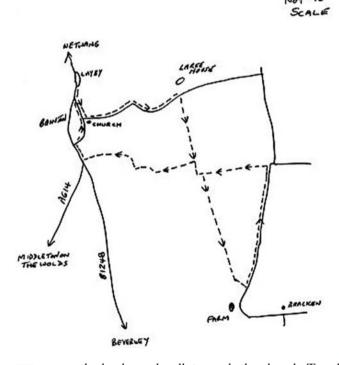
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At the top of the field continue straight ahead on a wide grass track.

Immediately after taking a sharp left hand bend, turn right and follow the footpath signed Minister Way with the hedge on the right.

This again is a wide grass track used as a farm road. About 200 metres before reaching the farm gates, bear left at a footpath sign and walk diagonally across the field to reach the surfaced lane.

On reaching the lane, turn left and follow this until it bends sharp right, when there turn left and follow a wide grass track.

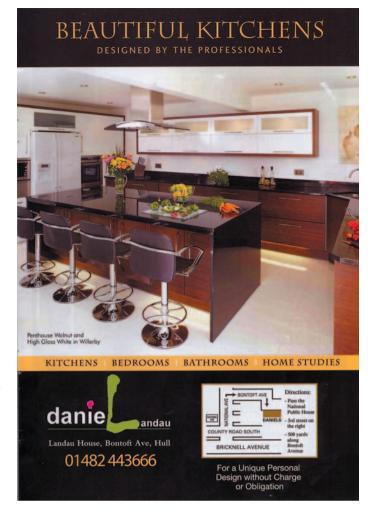
Follow this as it swings first right and then left and continue ahead down Oldfield Lane to reach the A614 at the southern end of Bainton Village. Then turn right and right again to walk down the back street to reach the lay-by.

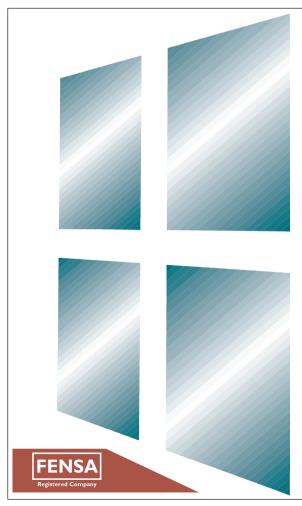
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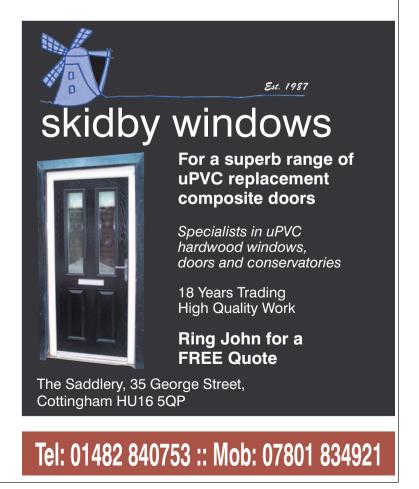
rillerby Library, The Institute, Main Street Willerby, are holding story times which are held on Monday's between 2.30-3.00 pm (Term time only). Willerby Library has four computers with free internet access.

For anyone wanting to trace their family tree they can log on to Ancestry.com site free of charge and also pop along to our Help desk run by the East Riding Family History Society usually the third Saturday of the month.

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Your Stars for March 2008 -

TATARTAS - (Apr. 21- may 21)

ARIES - (Mar. 21- April 20)

By Kay Gower

This month you display the kind of self- disciple that everyone else wishes they had - but be flexible, too. Switching gears on a moments notice brings a financial bonus at the end of the month. Invest this money back in yourself.

CEMINI - (May 22-June 21)

You're on the go all month and the less baggage you have to carry the better. Try working in energetic spurts and taking breaks often, you will accomplish much more this way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

A relationship introduces exciting new options, but if you begin to question the attractiveness of the offer, you could miss it altogether. The logical path would be to find out what's in it for you. Follow your 'gut' instinct. Gut wins over logic every time. Especially so with those born under this sign.

LEO - (July 23-Aug 22)

You will be an agent of positive change this month, as you will decide it's no longer necessary for you to struggle. You find peace within and therefore can create it in all your experiences.

VIRGO - (Aug 22 - Sept. 23)

If you slow down this month, no one will mind. Therefore, it will fall to you to push yourself. Dig down deep for motivation this month, Virgo. This is how you will prove yourself as a leader.

LIBRA - (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Trust yourself Libra, you know when you're comfortable. And when you're not, you know that too. If your 'gut feelings' are screaming at you this month, you would be wise to listen.

SCORPIO - (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

If you have been wondering whether a loved one's sweet gesture is enough to erase this person's bad behaviour from your memory banks, here's the answer: No.

Getting to the heart of a problem is a must before the month ends.

SAGITIARIUS - (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

This month you are in what could be termed as a cosmic 'time-out'. Not so much a punishment Sagittarius, but as a time to reflect on the events of the last few weeks. Regrets?

You have a few - 'but then again, too few to mention.'

CAPRICORN - (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

This month your stars are lucky in all areas that involve sales. You will do well when you apply yourself to pleasing others. Mid month, keep your ears to the vine, rumours carry some truth.

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

Over the next six weeks, a financial issue is completely sorted. Work out the area of your life you would most like to improve, and be ready to take action after the full moon on the 21st March.

PISCES - (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Stress kills brain cells, and your big plans are going to require all the brain cells that you have, so breath deeply, smile and chill out. Creative activities would be a wonderful way to relax this month.

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Bulgarian Aid Craft Fair at the **Cottingham Civic Hall on** Saturday 29th March

ur charity Bulgarian Aid has been working in Bulgaria for the past ten years. During that time we have seen a great deal of improvement in the conditions in orphanages and homes for the elderly. There is one area though, where improvements are still desperately needed. The institutions that house mentally and physically disabled children! There are 24 such places in Bulgaria.

Their plight was highlighted by the programme 'Bulgaria's Abandoned Children', shown on BBC4 in November last year and later repeated on 4 and BBC2. This highlighted the conditions in a place called Mogilino. In late November/early December I was in Bulgaria in connection with the distribution of a container of linen we had sent out there and I took the opportunity of visiting two of these orphanages in the Rouse district where we have worked for many years. They need many things of course, but the basic ones are clothing and educational toys to stimulate their development. Incontinence products are a tremendous boon because many of these children are incontinent.

During the past two weeks we have been collecting clothing, toys and other items desperately needed in the orphanages and by the disabled in Bulgaria. Everything donated has to be sorted and packed and will be despatched in a container, by sea, to Bulgaria at the end of March. I know its arrival will be eagerly awaited and the contents will be extremely useful.

A 20foot container costs approximately £1500 - we now have to pay VAT on the freight charge!

'BULGARIAN AID' will be holding a Charity Craft Fair at the Cottingham Civic Hall on Saturday 29th March from 10am to 4pm. There will be approximately 30 stalls, many local crafts including handmade doll's house furniture, quilted cushions, hand and machine knits, glassware, jewellery and handbags. Volunteers will run stalls for the Charity - cakes, preserves, handicrafts, plants and there will be a raffle and super tombola. Freshly made refreshments will be available all day. Entrance will be 40p with accompanied children free.

There are still one or two stalls left and volunteers who could help on the day will be very welcome. Donations of items for the Tombola or Raffle will also be very useful. Contact number is 01482 632745. A message may be left.

Financial contributions towards the cost of transportation will be very gratefully accepted and may be sent to Bulgarian Aid, c/o The Pearson Park Hotel, Pearson Park, Beverley Road, HULL - Cheques made payable to BULGARIAN AID.

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repare to take a trip back in time to the summer of 1962 when Baby, on a summer vacation with her family at Kellermans Holiday Park, meets Johnny Castle, the dance instructor. Swept away in a whirlwind romance, Baby and Johnny dance their way through Baby's summer holiday and find themselves having the time of their lives.

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There is a local delivery charge of £1.00 (subject to change). Visit Gino's soon.

You can now download Gino's Menu from the Cottingham Times website www.cottinghamtimes.co.uk under Takeaways. Download the menu, make your choice and telephone Gino's and order your meal, and enjoy.



Valentina Seferinova, acclaimed Bulgarian International pianist to play at Cottingham Methodist Church, Hallgate on Sunday March 16th

Valentina Seferinova, the acclaimed Bulgarian international concert pianist, will make a return visit to Cottingham on Sunday, March 16, with a concert at the Methodist Church in Hallgate (2.30pm). She will perform a programme of popular pieces which form the basis of her forthcoming CD recording session in Warsaw.

Highlights will include from the works of Rachmaninov, Chopin and Scriabin.

Valentina last appeared in Cottingham two years ago when she accompanied a leading violinist. After that visit, Richard Barton, of Mill Walk, Cottingham, one of the concert organisers, decided that the pianist should take centrestage with her own recital, and next month's date was the first opportunity.

Mr Barton said: 'For real music-lovers, this is an extremely rare occasion to enjoy and experience the presence of a leading international musician in Cottingham and promises to be another cultural landmark for the village'.

Tickets (£8) will be available from February 18 at two Cottingham outlets - Gilly's Balloons, Hallgate, and The Photo Shop, King Street - or by telephoning Mr Barton (01482-847122), who will provide further details, if required, or 01482-842347.

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Internet Explorer 7 and Megapixels

By RDM Computers

internet Explorer has suffered from some problems since the launch of the latest version 7 some time ago (to see if you are running version 7 open Explorer, and click Help, and About). Some people complain of their browser being very slow to open, and sometimes even freezing midway. This is normally caused by one of the many add-ons that are now included and one easy way to establish this is to go to Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, and click on Internet Explorer (no

Netscape one of the original web browsers is to be phased out this month. It lost popularity to Internet Explorer for many years and has since only been used by a small minority of AOL subscribers.

A web browser is really just a piece of software designed to let users surf the web. Internet Explorer has always been the browser included with Windows, and therefore is the most widely used. There are however alternatives available such as Mozilla Firefox and Opera that do exactly the same job, some would say better, and are free to use. They can be downloaded from www.mozilla.org and www.opera.com

Digital photography has now become the norm for most of us and those old rolls of film have all but disappeared. No surprise then that this is one of the most popular uses of the computer. So let us go through how to do this and highlight some hints and tips. First of all the terminology can be very confusing, all this talk of megapixels and zoom. If you haven't bought a camera yet it is worth reading up on, or taking advice from a camera shop. There are hundreds of web sites dedicated to the subject and some good starting points are www.which.co.uk, www.cameras.co.uk and for more detail www.dpreview.co.uk.

The term megapixel is basically a measurement of the cameras ability in terms of picture quality, so generally speaking, more is better. Zoom can be either optical or digital. Optical is the important one here, where the lens actually moves and makes the image bigger and more detailed, as in a traditional camera. 3x (three times zoom) is the normal minimum now, but many cameras are available with over 10x. Digital zoom is really only guesswork; this is where the camera takes the image and enlarges or 'stretches' it, filling in the gaps with similar colours. So in other words go for optical rather than digital zoom.

Memory cards are used to store images in a camera. These are also known as flash memory or flash cards, and come in lots of different types like SD, XD, Compact Flash etc., but all do the same thing. This is where the computer comes in. Having taken your pictures you now want to get them onto your computer so you can view, edit print or even email them.

You can either plug your camera in to the computer with the USB lead that came supplied with the camera, or take the memory card out of the camera and insert it into a card reader plugged into a USB slot. Some PCs even come with a range of card slots on the front of the case for this purpose. Either way you won't normally need any extra software.

Windows XP will recognize a camera or card and will normally launch the Camera and Scanner Wizard that tells you how many images were found and offers to copy them into the My Pictures folder. (Vista is slightly different here and offers to 'Import' the images) All you have to do is type a name and it will make a new folder and name all the pictures accordingly. However if you have installed your own camera's software from a CD, or you have another picture program like Picasa etc., this will pop up instead of the wizard previously described.

If nothing happens at all when you plug in, click on My Computer and look for the camera or a removable disk, and double click on it. This will then show the folder (sometimes more than one); normally called DCIM, that contains the images. Keep double clicking until you see the images appear. When they do, click on one and then hold down the Ctrl key and press A, to select all the images. On the left hand side of the window you should see a line that says 'copy selected items', click that. Then open the My Pictures folder, click on New and Folder and type a name and press enter on the keyboard. Now right click on the newly named folder and click paste and you should see the pictures transferred into it.

Remember that even after transferring the images, they will still be stored on the camera card, so when you are happy you have them safely on your PC you can format the card through the menu on the camera. This wipes the card so you start afresh. Otherwise every time you plug your camera in you will see the same photos over and over again.

Photographs are precious to most of us as they capture a place and time and are usually irreplaceable, so don't take a chance with them make a back up.. Once they are on the PC you can copy them onto a CD, memory stick or external hard drive. If you can't do that, before you format your card, take it to a photo shop and ask them to make a CD for

Next time we'll look at sharing photos on the Internet and by email.

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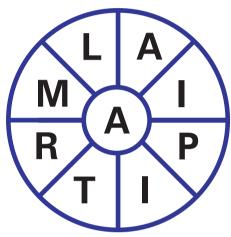
Cottingham Headland 10k to take place on 27th April

The West Hull Ladies RRC based at the YPI Chanterlands Avenue are hosting the Cottingham Headland 10k on Monday 27th April 2008.

The 10k route begins at the Pavilion and runs out towards the Power Station. If any residents wish to enter the 10k event, entry forms can be downloaded from the website www.westhullrunners.co.uk or further information can be obtained by contacting Susan Duffey on 01482 845291.

Hub-Words Two

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter I. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of five letters or more avoiding proper nouns?















Crossword Solution from page 14



Alternative Health Matters by Carole Headley

Reflexology

hat is Reflexology - It is a simple therapy yet an ancient one that dates back nearly three thousand years. It treats the whole person by gentle massage and pressing particular pressure points on the feet, but reflexology can be used on the hands as an alternative.

The art of the therapist is to dissipate the energy blockages and give an energy boost. It may take between 6-10 sessions before you begin to see any noticeable results with chronic problems such as IBS. Anyone with chronic problems should not be expected to recover overnight, though many people say that they are able to cope because the feeling of relaxation and well being can last for several days even after the first treatment session.

Clients who are on medication should inform their GP that they are receiving Reflexology in addition to their medication. Mainly because a relaxed body functions better and may utilise the medication more efficiently, possibly reaching a stage where their dosage may be altered by their GP. Also because you are under the care of your GP, and a reflexologist can not prescribe medication or diagnose any condition.

Does it hurt? No reflexology should not be painful at all. However some people do experience what is known as a 'healing crisis' this is when you may have toxins and impurities in your body and the treatment will stimulate your body to help eliminate them. Some people get emotional or weepy but this only lasts for a short time.

Relexology can help with a number of different problems, from headaches, sinus problems, stress, during pregnancy (but only after 12 weeks). It is also know to assist with labour pains and sometimes can reduce the number of hours in labour.

Other problems reflexology may help with are: Infertility problems, panic attacks, digestive problems, circulation problems, asthma, headaches, PMS and many more. In fact all nine of the body systems.

I have had the privilege to treat several mothers-to-be and have recently have had the honour to be a birthing partner for one of my clients - giving reflexology as often as possible during her labour which was only six hours and produced a 9lb 10 1/2 baby boy. She had a totally natural birth and no pain relief. What an experience it was and one I will treasure all my life. A huge thankyou to my client and her partner.

If you would like to know more please contact Carole at the Healing Hut, 221 Hallgate, Cottingham Tel: (01482) 842078

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