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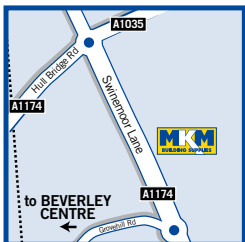
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Letter from the editors



The celebrations have started, the preparations are under way and Beverley starts its build up to Christmas!

The Christmas Lights Switch On signals the start to Christmas. Everyone gets involved in one way or another to ensure Beverley delivers a magical experience, setting the trend for the build up to the Special Day. People flock from far and wide to see what Beverley is doing: the Christmas Festivals give the High Street a shop window to attract new customers and to delight all who visit. The Christmas Tree Festival, Puppet Trail, Craft Fair, Festival of Christmas (see feature page 18) and Carol Services (listing page 24) all raise the profile of our beautiful market town. With Flemingate and its new facilities, including the Parkway cinema, Beverley is the place to be this Christmas.

From everyone at Just Beverley, have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.

Julian Minshall



We really hope you enjoy this edition of Just Beverley – more advertisers, more contributors, more information, more of everything! We are especially pleased to welcome Beverley FM's John Brien with his Alternative Christmas Carols (page 29).

More people go to Church at Christmas than at any other time of the year, so we are delighted to bring you a listing of all the special Services at this special time offered by our local Churches (page 24).

Christmas presents are always difficult but we have some ideas for technophiles and zoo-keepers on page 15 (we aim for variety!). We also have ideas for Christmas decorations (page 28) and for using crafting and baking skills to make Christmas extra special (page 13). We are especially happy to see the arts pages grow along with the What's On content. We would love to see Just Beverley become the 'go-to' place for events and entertainment. Even if an event misses copy deadline for the magazine, it will always be included under EVENTS on the Just Beverley website, so let us know about EVERYTHING which is going on.

Remember, you can always download the magazine (current and previous editions) from the website, which means you can send it to family and friends who don't live in this wonderful town or its surrounding villages.

Have a great Christmas!

Linda Johnson

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5th Beverley (Wesley) Guides celebrate 90th birthday

On the 22nd October 1925, 5th Beverley (Wesley) Guides were first registered with the Headquarters for the Girl Guide Association.



Ninety years later and the Unit is still going strong, enjoying an active programme based around the 'Five Essentials' of the now re-named Girlguiding UK, which enables girls and young women to develop and grow. Diane Hutchinson, the Unit's Leader commented: "Throughout the years, Guiding has continued to reinvent itself to mirror the world around it which is a large part of why it is still so popular. Sometimes the Press can portray it as an outdated club but we are a girl-led Unit that has regular opportunities for all members to have their voice heard; it's the members who help to plan a busy and active programme. In recent months, for example, we have attended an International Camp, sharing with Scouts and Guides from all over the country."

Diane went on to say that the Guides in the

5th Beverley (Wesley) unit have earned their Traditions of Guiding badge as well as the Team Player badge and the Hear Our Voice badge, which ran alongside the General election and helped the girls think about the importance of politics and the role of Government in this Country.

To celebrate the 90th Anniversary, the Guides enjoyed a party at Hollywood Bowl in Hull where they enjoyed the bowling, sharing food and singing Happy Birthday very loudly. They then enrolled their five newest Guides who joined in September. The Guides meet at Toll Gavel United Church and have a close link with the Church. As part of the 90th Celebrations, the Unit's Young Leader, Ruth, created a display inside the Church showing photographs and memorabilia from across the years. Hopefully the Guides will be adding to these memories ready for 2025 and their Centenary Celebrations.

Girlguiding offers girls and young women between the ages of 5 and 25 various opportunities to raise their confidence and aspirations and make a positive difference to their lives and communities. Additionally there are many opportunities for adults to get involved as volunteers.



You can find out more on their website www.girlguiding.org.uk or at the following link www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx

Beverley Gardens and Allotments membership open to anyone with soil to cultivate!

Did you know that you could be a member of the Beverley Gardens and Allotments Association even if your horticultural experience only extends to a window box or a few tubs?

One of the best-sellers at their shop in Kitchen Lane is a liquid feed for window boxes!

Other best-sellers include multipurpose and John Innes composts; single, compound and specialist fertilisers and seed potatoes, all sold in handy, competitively-priced sizes. Membership is only £2.50 a year. The Association also offers members 25% off seeds purchased through Dobies seed catalogues which can make membership alone well worthwhile!

The shop is open Sunday mornings 10am - 12 noon throughout the year except for a short time over Christmas, where advice is also dispensed, generally free of charge. Everyone is most welcome to drop in for a chat!



Beverley Art Club seeks budding artists

Formed 60 years ago with Fred Elwell RA as patron, Beverley Art Club meets on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 9pm in the Art Room, Longcroft Upper School, Burden Road, Beverley from September to May.

On the last Wednesday of the month, a professional tutor helps advise and encourage members and gives demonstrations.

During June, July and August they go out and about, visiting various interesting venues.

The Club is funded by annual subscription with additional contributions for the tutor and refreshments. There are about 20 members, but they would like to welcome more people to ensure the club continues to thrive.

Beginners are very welcome! Liz Elwood on **01482 867642** or David Wilkinson on **01482 882909** would be delighted to chat to enquirers.

Open Art 2015, Beverley Art Gallery, 11th December 2015 to 13th February 2016

Applications are now available for the annual East Riding Open Art Exhibition held at Beverley Art Gallery.

The exhibition showcases the artistic talent in the region and is open to all artists residing in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Forms can be picked up from the first floor reception at the Treasure House, Champney Road, which will give details, including handing in dates.

An online version of the application form can be downloaded from:

www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk/treasure-house-and-beverley-art-gallery/open-art/



Did you know?



Just Beverley were delighted to discover that the lovely lady often to be seen behind the counter in Mimi Boutique in North Bar Within is Miss Great Britain, Zara Holland!

Zara not only runs the business with her Mum (who was also a beauty queen) but she has also appeared on TV in Emmerdale!

Rumi's Restaurant raises £500 towards Molescroft Primary School kitchen facility



Sham Alom is realising how close-knit the community is in Beverley which is how he came to hear of Molescroft Primary School's fund-raising; he was particularly intrigued when he learnt their 40th birthday project was to fit out a kitchen in which their pupils could learn to cook properly.

As a restaurateur, Sham is keen to ensure he employs the best chefs in the country as the food offering in his restaurants is what makes a visit extra special. So he was delighted to be able to donate £500 from his Opening Night to Molescroft Primary to the fund which has enabled the Friends of Molescroft School to purchase two ovens, a hob, a large fridge, microwaves and smoothie makers.

Headmaster Michael Lancaster said 'We are very grateful to Rumi's for thinking of us in making this generous donation. From their restaurant to ours has a nice ring about it.'

Free Parking for a Sixth Festive Season



Council-run car parks and on-street parking locations will be free for the three weekends running up to Christmas.

Pay and display machines will be clearly marked to let shoppers preparing for the festive season know there will be no charge on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am on the 5th to 8am on the 21st December.

Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE, leader of the council, said: "The council, thanks to its prudent financial management, is pleased to be running this very popular scheme for a sixth year. Free parking has real and tangible benefits for local businesses and residents and it is quite fitting that the first day will again fall on Small Business Saturday, a national initiative that this authority fully supports".

Julian Minshall, Chairman of the Beverley & District Chamber of Trade and Director of Indicol, said: "The run up to Christmas is an important time for the High Street and businesses in Beverley are no different. The introduction of free parking during the festive season is a welcome incentive to help increase footfall in the area." Normal parking rules still apply, such as those around disabled parking bays and maximum stays.

Beverley Twelve Days of Christmas' Puppet Trail now underway

The Beverley Independent Trader's puppet trail is creating lots of interest, with families in particular eager to spot the puppets in the windows of 12 businesses around Beverley.

Co-ordinator Pru Todd of Judy's Attic Co-operative says that the trail has really brought the town together, with businesses from Becksides to the town centre taking part. Having a prize draw for participants following the trail is an added bonus!

Maps of the trail which double as an entry form can be picked up from All Mobility, Bchicy, Crafternoon Tea and Bisque-It, Figaro, Lempicka, MR Carpets, Sugar 'n' Spice, Tea Tree Bay, The Day, Traveller's Rest, White Rabbit and Xen where the puppets will be found. These traders have also donated the prizes for the draw.

The trail closes on Christmas Eve, when all entries should be submitted. The prize draw takes place on January 4th at Sugar 'n' Spice.

Flemingate Shuttle Bus makes History!

For the first time in 45 years, a regular bus service is traveling through the ancient North Bar!

East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) are operating a 27-seat, complimentary hop-on hop-off service connecting Flemingate to the Georgian Quarter, Wednesday Market, Saturday Market, The Minster and the East Riding College campus courtesy of The Wykeland Group, developers of the £70m Flemingate shopping and leisure scheme.

Operating every Saturday between 9am and 6pm, the bus helps visitors to get around Beverley quickly, easily and conveniently, ensuring all of Beverley benefits from the high footfall Flemingate is generating.

Flemingate's line-up of leading brands includes Debenhams, H&M, Wilko, Poundland, The Entertainer, Trespass, Costa and Patisserie Valerie, Bolo, Guest & Philips and Deli No.1. In addition, the new six-screen, 1,000-seat, Parkway cinema launches in December, with more new shops and restaurants joining the line-up in the spring, including Outfit.

An 80-room Premier Inn, 500-space multi-storey car park, the largest in Beverley, a new campus for East Riding College, and 130 homes complete the £120 million Flemingate development.

In addition to the new Free Shopper Shuttle, the 246, operating between Hornsea and Beverley, and a new route for Service X80 will give residents of Hesse, Anlaby, Willerby and Cottingham an easy way to get to Flemingate.

For timetables and further information, visit www.flemingate.co.uk

Eyesite Opticians Moves to New Premises in partnership with Lens pioneers Nikon

Local Luxury Eyewear Specialists and award winning business Eyesite has moved location from 13A Saturday Market, Beverley to 7 Saturday Market, Beverley.

In an exciting partnership with Lens manufacturers Nikon, this new store will see the launch of Nikon's first ever Lens Lounge in the UK. With guidance from Eyesite's award winning optical dispensing team, Nikon's Lens Lounge offers customers a comfortable and more engaging way of finding their perfect lenses.

Eyesite believes that everyone should look and feel great in whatever it is they're wearing. That is why they are one of the UK's largest independent luxury eyewear stockists. To celebrate the move, Eyesite is launching Victoria Beckham exclusively in the area, as well as adding Cutler and Gross to their extensive

range of luxury brands that already includes: Chanel, Dior, Dior Homme, Tom Ford, Persol, Dita, RayBan, Oakley, Dolce and Gabbana, Jimmy Choo, Chopard, Céline, Jimmy Choo, Black Eyewear, Swarovski, Bvlgari, Saint Laurent, Garrett Leight, Chloe, Valentino, Michael Kors, Tiffany and many more - most of which are also stocked exclusively in the area.

Dubbed "Eye of the Tigers", Eyesite handle the eye care of Hull City Football Club, notably working with the team during both stints in the premiership and during the Tigers record 14 match unbeaten run back in 2011. In the last five years, Eyesite has been voted UK's No.1 Luxury Eyewear Retailer, Best Optical Dispensing Team and Fashion Frames Store of the Year - all of which were awarded at the National Optician Awards.



To learn more about Eyesite and their brands, please visit: www.eyesiteopticians.co.uk

Beverley's new Parkway Cinema Opens soon!

Unwrapping before Christmas will be Beverley's new 6 screen Parkway Cinema and Theatre in Flemingate.

Independently owned and independently minded, Parkway aims to become a valued part of the community and to create a cinema Beverley will enjoy and support. Presenting the very best of the current screen releases, from the family blockbusters you expect, to the more adventurous films you might not.

Also on offer will be wide range of 'event cinema', bringing the best in live operas, ballet and theatre from around the world to the big screen while the live theatre facilities will offer everything from stand-up to stage musical.



Additionally, the first floor licensed cafe bar is a great place to meet before or after the film, or even if you just want a great view and a coffee at anytime.

Look for more news next issue or www.parkwaycinemas.co.uk

Just Beverley New Contributor

John Brien is the Beverley FM presenter with the most eclectic taste in music of anyone alive today.

His programme 'A Stroll through the World of Music' broadcast on Sundays at 5pm on 107.8FM and then available on-line allows him to play music from all around the world and from any point in the last hundred years. His programmes are thoroughly-researched and a really enjoyable and informative listen - which is why we were delighted when John agreed to put pen to paper for Just Beverley.

You can read his article on page 29. As we are coming up to Christmas, he has turned his thoughts to Christmas music - not the usual sort of things we hear on the radio about being happy and giving presents, but arrangements of carols, which sing about the Christmas story.

As a plus, you will be able to hear these tunes on his Christmas show.

John is a well-known local musician; he plays in two bands, Rough Cut and Flagship and also performs solo.

He can be heard at Toll Gavel on December 13th at The Festival of Christmas playing rock 'n' roll Christmas tunes. Find out more about John at www.johnbrien.co.uk



Society Smoke House, Cocktail Lounge and Bar

Occupying the beautiful building known as Norwood House is Beverley's newest addition to its vibrant social scene, Society.

Owner Dave has re-imagined the classy interior to provide a stylish venue offering a cocktail lounge, restaurant, snug room and VIP lounge. Opening at 11am and serving lunches, afternoon teas and dinners makes this a sophisticated place to enjoy the furniture and surroundings which creatively merges traditional with the more modern, the organic with man-made.

On the first floor will be conference facilities with rooms on the top floor, which opens up the venue to hosting weddings and parties, too. The beautiful gardens are also being put to good use with a marquee for parties. Watch this space for more information as Norwood House is further transformed!



Guest and Philips' Open in Flemingate

The new Guest and Philip's shop in Flemingate is a very different entity to their 49-year-old business in Saturday Market. In look, feel and ranges stocked, it appeals to the more contemporary market.

Flemingate gives Guest and Philips the opportunity to bring jewellery and watches to Beverley which do not fit into their traditional offering. They are especially delighted to be able to stock watch designer of-the-moment Daniel Wellington, whose watches are gracing the wrists of preppy dressed people. Daniel Wellington elegant, thin watches are worn on beautiful leather straps or trend-setting NATO straps.

Other ranges stocked include Henry, Banyan, Hugo Boss Orange, Storm and Uno-de-50. Uno-de-50 is a Spanish range, 100% handcrafted which merges tradition and modernity - the '50' is because it started out producing only 50 pieces of each item and it retains that exclusivity today with certain iconic pieces.

As Karen Guest says, 'If Flemingate is somewhere for younger and trendier people to go, then the new shop is a perfect fit. Footfall in both Flemingate and the town is increasing as people are walking between the two. Once the cinema and hotel open, Flemingate will come into its own. Plus East Riding College is next door and Beverley Leisure is just across the road'. Karen continued 'Beverley is a bit of an oasis and Flemingate is great for the area. We are really excited to be part of it.'





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Flemingate Beverley, East Yorkshire's newest retail and leisure destination, is now open.

Debenhams leads a host of big name stores on your doorstep, alongside H&M, The Entertainer, Costa, Poundland, Trespass, Guest & Philips, Bolo and more. Plus, Parkway Cinema arrives just in time for Christmas! Look out for new openings in 2016 too, including OUTFIT and Greggs. Park with ease in the new multi-storey 500 space car park, or make a night of it by checking in at the new Premier Inn.

Visit flemingate.co.uk for info and the latest on shop, restaurant and cinema openings.

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COMING SOON: OUTFIT and Greggs open early 2016.

Meet our Printer - Jadan Press

Jadan Press are the magicians who make Just Beverley magazine into the prestigious entity which you are reading now! Without Jadan Press, Just Beverley's content would exist only online at www.justbeverley.co.uk or on Facebook.

Jadan Press not only provide the design and print prestige to Just Beverley magazine but they create the stylish look and feel of the magazine, too.

Just Beverley is here to improve the profile of Beverley, and the magazine needs to reflect the quality of the people, businesses and events which Beverley has to offer. We hope you agree that Just Beverley magazine is the classiest magazine in town -

promoting only Beverley and its surrounding villages!

But Jadan Press do a whole lot more for Beverley, as well as publishing Just Beverley magazine. Yet very rarely do they get a name-check!

So here are some of the things Jadan Press have been involved with in Beverley:-

- Sponsorship of the Beverley Women's Circuit Race as part of the East Yorkshire Classic Cycle Race held in Beverley in July and Team Jadan Cycle Team
- Support of the Beverley celebration of the Tour de Yorkshire with marketing and printing of flyers

- Support of Just Beverley's clients – many of the adverts you see in the magazine have been designed by Jadan Press's in-house design service

- Support of the Beverley Christmas Light's Switch On with the printing of posters and flyers

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 - 3 course Festive menu available throughout December
 - Christmas Day Menu, spaces limited



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English Kings now feature at The King's Head!

The recent stylish refurbishment of The King's Head has seen 12 rooms reorganised into 10 (including a Suite and a Superior King).

This gave the Manager, Matt Clapison, the opportunity to rename or renumber the rooms – but had him scratching his head as to how! Then the idea came to name the rooms after Kings! But which ones?

The Kings chosen are all English kings, dating from Egbert, who reigned from 802-839 all the way to Charles 1st (1625-1649). But although the names on the room doors might conjure up thoughts of medieval times, the interiors are anything but! Modern and very comfortable, with quirky touches, the rooms all have co-ordinated furnishings, tea and coffee-making facilities, with truffles from White Rabbit and biscuits made in the King's Head's own kitchens.

All the rooms are en-suite and with the bathrooms featuring beautifully-tiled wet rooms. The Suite and Superior King also have master bedroom baths. An extra thoughtful touch is that the rooms overlooking Saturday Market all have shutters as well as heavy curtains to reduce noise from the car park.

If you have the opportunity to stay at The King's Head, here is the room-choice with their associated King:

Suite – Harefoot (which includes a sofa-bed)

Superior King – Lionheart

Deluxe Kings – Aethelred, Ironside, Forkbeard and Bolinbroke

Deluxe Doubles – Egbert, Godwinson, Longshanks and Charles 1st



Egbert and Godwinson are quieter rooms, with Ironside the quietest as it is furthest away from the bar; however, it does have a low roof – these Kings of old were not as tall as men are today! Longshanks, Aethelred and Bolinbroke are front-facing.

Room tariffs depend on the size of the room; weekends attract a slight premium. All include a full English breakfast.

Additional benefits for guests include 20% discount in the King's Head's own restaurant, on-site free car-parking and 2 beer-gardens, one fully enclosed.

Private functions can also be accommodated, making this an ideal venue for celebrations.



Competition



The King's Head are offering one lucky couple the opportunity to experience The King's Head's hospitality and facilities with a one-night bed and breakfast package, staying in a Deluxe King Room at a date of their choice (subject to availability).

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Message from Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE.

You will see in this edition of Just Beverley that East Riding of Yorkshire Council is bringing some festive cheer to Beverley by again offering free parking in the run-up to Christmas.

It is the sixth year the council has run the initiative, suspending charges in council-run car parks and on-street parking locations for the first three weekends of December – the 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th December.

This should greatly benefit shoppers and traders during what is such a key period for local businesses.

The free parking is just one example of how the council places huge importance on supporting the local economy. Another is our special High Street Fund which has enabled a large variety of town centre projects to apply for grants and secure tens of thousands of pounds over the past year or so. Beverley and District Chamber of Trade was awarded £4,950 towards the Tour de Yorkshire to boost the visitor economy and secure a legacy from the event.

Beverley Town Council was able to pilot an extended Wednesday Market once a month and the Beverley FM not-for-profit community radio station, North Bar Traders' Association and

Beverley Christmas Lights Committee have all been supported.

The fund has also been used across the East Riding to help such things as food markets, music and art festivals and digital marketing initiatives which boost the profiles of our commercial high streets and I hope its legacy will be felt for years to come.

Our focus on supporting the economy has also meant that this year we have organised another series of budget events, with an extra one specifically for micro-businesses, which make up the vast majority of firms in the East Riding, on 30 November at the Treasure House. We hold budget consultation events every year for residents and business people, giving them the chance to not only hear about the council's annual budget process but also take part by giving their views on what the council's spending priorities should be.

As well as it being free to attend, an added attraction of going to the micro-business event is that Fran Hegyi, executive director of Hull, UK City of Culture 2017, will be there to tell people about the opportunities this year-long event will offer small firms in the East Riding.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is a principal partner in the City of Culture 2017 and our venues, residents and businesses can play a big part in the



celebrations which will be starting in just over a year's time now.

Before then, the East Riding can look forward to once again being involved in the Tour de Yorkshire following the massive success of the inaugural event this year.

Beverley will be hosting a start or finish in next year's race so we can look forward to an exciting 2016 and 2017!



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Care Home Funding

Q. My father had a stroke and is in a Care Home. The Council is now writing to my mother claiming payment of the fees. Are they entitled to all of his savings?

A. The rules are quite complicated and you should arrange a meeting with Social Services to discuss how your father's stay in the Care Home is to be funded. The Local Authority cannot take the value of your parent's house into consideration while your mother is living there. Beyond that, your father is currently liable to pay all the fees while he has capital in his own name of more than £23,250. Any sums in joint accounts should be split 50/50 at this stage so that he reaches the threshold sooner. If your father also requires medical treatment you should ensure that this is paid for by the NHS.



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The art of the homemade Christmas

DIY and crafts have really taken off in the last few years – great news if you're shopping for those you love on a budget or just want to avoid getting caught up in the shopping madness that hits the high street at this time of year.

After all, who would choose to spend an afternoon fighting through the crowds and standing in long queues when you could be at home with the heating on, filling the house with the smell of simmering cinnamon and creating some really unique homemade gifts? Here's a guide to some simple ideas easy enough for anyone to have a go at.

Pickled goods

There aren't many gifts simpler than this one. Pickled onions, beetroot, eggs and various other items can be easily stored in large jars you might already have lying around at home. Simply add a good vinegar to the food of your choice and top the jar off with some pretty ribbon, lace or crochet. You could even go as far as designing your own labels and printing them if the mood takes you.

Hampers

We all have someone we think is impossible to buy for, but an easy homemade hamper turns the annual sock-giving into an occasion to look forward to. Personalise a small basket (you can pick these up cheaply at craft shops or boutique food retailers) with home baked mince pies, shortbread, their favourite bottle of wine and some lovingly chosen snacks you know they like.

Cross stitch

This is a great sewing skill but basic enough for young children to have a go at. Following a pattern is usually easy enough to do while watching the TV and can make a really effective personalised gift. Pop the end result in a frame and wrap with ribbon and you've got a special keepsake as well as a Christmas gift, perfect for anyone looking to add something special to their home. Be warned though, these can take a while to complete sometimes, so make sure you choose a pattern size based on the time you have available!

Personalised tote bags

Blank canvas bags can be easily found online and provide a great canvas for fabric paint. Decorate them with your friend's name, a colourful pattern or embellish them with other fabric scraps for a completely unique accessory. This is also an activity great for kids to get stuck into and making them for their friends might ensure PE kits don't get forgotten when they return to school, they'll be so keen to use them!

Pretty much any craft activity can turn into a Christmas gift making session, so whether it's knitting someone a scarf, boxing up some home baked mince pies, muffins or shortbread, putting together a personalised photo collection or even painting a unique work of art, there's something for everyone to have a go at. Send us pictures of what you get up to and we'll feature them online.

If crafts aren't your thing, but still want to bring the Christmas spirit home, have a go at these easy activities to get you in the festive mood:

Make special hot chocolate

This Spanish recipe for hot chocolate is so good you'll never want to go back to instant. Simply grate 100g of chocolate over a pan of warm milk, then slowly add 50g of sieved corn flour and stir until thick. Add more corn flour if you like it really thick, then pour into your favourite mug and add whipped cream and sprinkles to the top. Enjoy!

Transform your home's scent

By heating up a pan of apple juice, and adding some Christmas spices such as cinnamon and anise can make your home smell better than any expensive Yankee candle can manage! Experiment with different ingredients like orange peel and lemon zest too for variety. The best thing about this is that you can also serve it as a drink!

Try alternative gift wrapping

You'll find some great Christmas gift wrapping ideas online, but they needn't be complicated or expensive. Swapping traditional patterned paper for brown packaging paper and adding red and white ribbon, or string in the favourite colour of the person receiving it can make a beautifully eye catching display under the tree in the lead up to Christmas.

Trees: real or fake?

For those with an ecological conscience, real trees will be the only option. Not only do they look great, they give off a beautiful smell and avoid the production of more plastic that will only add to landfill. Some people even recommend keeping them in the garden and maintaining them once the festive season is over, reusing the same tree again the following year! There is an argument for fake trees though. Some are available to buy ready decorated if that's not an aspect of Christmas you enjoy, and the colour choice can be tailored to your home. 'Getting the Christmas tree out' is a sure tradition for any children or grandchildren at home, and no matter how battered, bald or old the plastic branches are looking, if it's been in the family for some time you can guarantee there'll be a sentimentality attached to it that no real tree can compete with.



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Searching for the ideal Christmas present? Look to 'wearable' technology!

The latest buzzword in the world of technology is 'wearables' or wearable devices.

If you just can't find the perfect gift for your nearest and dearest, a wearable could be your saving grace! Wearables include watches, headsets and fitness trackers. Basic smart watches can offer fitness activity monitoring, sleep monitoring and act as a miniature satnav whilst even the most rudimentary can take phone calls from your phone, play back music through your phone and receive texts and get notifications via your phone of e-mails and from services such as Facebook and Twitter.



The best known wearable is probably the Apple Watch. It's cool, it's sophisticated, it pairs with i-phone, i-pad and AppleMac computer products; you can pay your bills with it through Apple Pay, talk to it and even tell the time with it. You can even communicate with other Watch-users wrist-to-wrist without speaking to each other! There are 3 different versions – Watch, Watch Sport and Watch Edition with different models within those editions. But cheap it is not! It starts at £265, going up to £13,500! Apart from the cost, the biggest drawback is its battery life of slightly more than 1 day.

For fans of Google's Android open-source operating system, there are many more options as nearly all Android wearables will pair with an Android device which runs v4.3 or above. So if you have a Sony phone you can still have an LG smart watch. Android devices tend to be cheaper than Apple's offering (cost only £30), but the better and more expensive ones compare with the Apple Watch. One that has received good reviews is the LG Watch Urbane which lasts for 2 days on one charge and costs from £175.



If you want a device which is not tied to any type of phone, then Pebble might be for you! Famous for being the most successful crowd-funding project ever, Pebble uses its own operating system and it can communicate with both Android and iOS using Bluetooth. There is a range of 5 attractive designs costing from £65.

The Pebble Time Steel's claims it is always readable whether in the sun or in the shade and has a battery life of 10 days, but it does cost about £130. The latest version, Pebble Time Round, launched in September, uses third generation technology and is the lightest and thinnest smart watch on the market. It also takes only 15 minutes to charge the battery for a full day's use, which means that you can stay on top of all that information being displayed – events, texts, app alerts, incoming calls, fitness and sleep tracking at a discreet glance.



Fitbit is an established brand which has been around for several years. These devices, which are described as 'smart wristbands' monitor heart rate, activity levels, calorie usage and sleep patterns and yes, some do even tell the time!

Information collected syncs wirelessly with Android, Windows and i-Phones using the Fitbit Tracker app (more than any other fitness tracker) and can be shared with friends. Expect to pay from £50 upwards.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ZOO - by John Fewings

Buying presents for your friends is a Christmas "how do you do";

Especially if all your friends are animals in the zoo. I must confess I wondered what to get for a giraffe; A pack of mentholoptus or a 34 foot scarf?!

Heated rollers for the lion; they'd help to tame his mane; He'll be a curly cutie when he's hunting down big game.

Binoculars for the meerkats; they're always on the lookout;

A library ticket for the worm – so he can get a book out.

A pogo-stick for the kangaroo – to help him with his jump;

A course of anti-depressants for a camel with the hump.

A "Life of Brian" video is ideal for a python.

Pigs are so untidy they might profit from a Dyson.

A cardy for the sheep so he can stay warm when he's shorn.

A tea-cosy for the rhino – he could put it on his horn.

A pair of warm pyjamas for a hibernating bear

And a teddy for his missus - to liven up their lair.

Some toothpaste for the crocodile to keep his teeth all glinty -

So when he's chomping on your leg, at least his breath smells minty!

Crocodiles have image problems so, if I could be so bold,

I'll buy a pot of shiny paint to make a "croc of gold".

Toothpicks for the tigers; some garlic for the snails;

Some calendars for the dolphins – containing prints of whales.

Some skateboards for the boas and the vipers and the adders;

I hope they go down better than last year – I bought them ladders!

To mitigate their stink, I'll buy some perfume for the skunks;

A swimming pool for the elephants – I know they've got some trunks.

Then for the ring-tailed lemurs, yet another ring;

Some jewels for the jackdaw (or at least some glittery bling).

A mud-pack for the hippo; some sun-specs for the panda;

Perhaps a Tom-tom sat-nav for the goosey-goosey-gander?

A handbag for the alligator, lurking in the rushes; A vacuum for the foxes so that they could save their brushes.

A maxi-tube of Clearasil to clear the leopard's spots

A soft toy for a rabbit; they've always got the hots! I'd bought and wrapped their presents; they were all around the tree,

Though the beavers thought that was their gift and there's not much left to see.

They've nibbled at the branches and they've gobbled all the bark;

The jackals and hyenas thought the whole thing was a lark.

The chimpanzees and gibbons thought they'd join in with the caper

So they've run off with the tinsel and they've torn up all the paper.

The Christmas lights have disappeared, the season's looking murky;

No need to fret – there's still hope yet – I bought stuffing for the turkey!

You can find more of John's poems, together with contact details, at www.johnfewings.zone



New cycle path over the Westwood

Common Sense on the Common Land paves the way for Cycle Path.

Campaigners are celebrating now that the proposed Walkington to Beverley Cycle Path is going ahead. Planning Inspector Lowe, appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, approved the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's application to exchange an area of land adjoining the Westwood, necessary for the scheme to go ahead.

In his words: "The deregistration and exchange proposal would not significantly adversely affect the interests of any person having rights in relation to the release land." He also said that "the

proposal would have substantial benefits to the neighbourhood."

The council is required to deregister an area of 710sqm of common land in exchange for the registration of an area of 4,000sqm (Fishwick Mill), which is not currently protected as common; a net gain of over 3,200sqm for all to enjoy.

The dual use footway and cycle path will provide a safe route for cyclists and pedestrians, especially those travelling to Beverley Grammar School or from Walkington into Beverley. It is further confirmation of the desire of the Council to promote healthy pursuits such as walking and cycling in a safe environment.



East Yorkshire's Own Remarkable Tourism Awards (REYTA's) 2016 launched!

The search is on for East Yorkshire's own tourism 'Oscars' which recognises the businesses and events which contribute to putting our county on the map! The REYTA's are open to all tourism businesses and are free to enter. Currently, Tickton Grange is judged the best hotel in East Yorkshire, Sewerby Hall is the best visitor attraction, Beverley Puppet Festival the best small festival and Broadgate Farm Cottages, Walkington hold the Remarkable Sustainable Tourism Award.

The 2016 awards will be presented at a glittering ceremony at The Spa in Bridlington on March 17th. They will be fiercely contested as winners are all eligible for shortlisting to the finals of the Visit England Excellence Awards. There are some new categories, too!

Entries should be submitted by January 22nd 2016 with judging often done by 'mystery shopping' to determine the winner. Winners are considered torch bearers for all that's good about the area so judging includes commitment and customer care as well as quality.

New categories include 'Remarkable Taste of East Yorkshire' which is open to producers, processors, growers, farm shops and delis, Best Caravan/Holiday Park or Village and 'Remarkable Newcomer' for individuals or businesses set up between 1st January 2014 and 30th June 2015 which offer a new and exciting experience for visitors.

All entrants will also be invited to nominate the person who they think has made the greatest contribution to

tourism in the region.

Councillor Jane Evison, portfolio holder for economic investment and tourism at East Riding of Yorkshire Council says 'Now in its seventh year, the Remarkable East Yorkshire Tourism Awards celebrate the best of what our area has to offer both residents and visitors, from fantastic leisure facilities to excellent accommodation, fine dining and first-class events.

These awards are highly-regarded within the tourism industry and recognise the quality of businesses and individuals and the contribution they make to the area's visitor economy.'

The entry form along with the full list of categories can be found at www.hullandeastyorkshire.com/reyta



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Christmas Cheer at Beverley's Festival of Christmas!

For those of us who live in Beverley, the Festival of Christmas is an event etched into our consciousness – and this year it celebrates its 20th year on December 13th!

Having started from a few stalls in Saturday Market in our small market town, it has grown to become one of the biggest one-day Festivals in the whole of Yorkshire, with visitor numbers growing every year.

It has out-grown Saturday Market and now incorporates Toll Gavel, Angel Square, Cross Street and Wednesday Market and The Georgian Quarter/North Bar. Last year, over 60,000 people enjoyed the day!

So what makes Beverley's Festival of Christmas so attractive? After all, there are other Festivals of Christmas held in Yorkshire – but none of them seem to have the wonderful atmosphere of Beverley. Here are a few of the many reasons as to why Beverley's Festival of Christmas is so special:-

- There are over 120 festively-decorated stalls in Saturday and Wednesday Markets selling food, drink, arts and crafts, clothing and accessories, jewellery, toys and games, home and garden items and pet essentials, all manned/attended by stall-holders wearing Victorian costume.
- There is musical entertainment from the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade, The Whiskey Dogs and Shiznitz, Beverley Brass Band, Beverley and District Pipe band, The Mice and Ruth Getz plus Morris and garland dancing from The Beverley Garland Dancers and The Green Ginger Garland Dancers as you walk around Beverley.
- The Festival Parade heralds the start of the fun at 10am with man-of-the-moment Father Christmas and his reindeer, accompanied by steam punks, Bernese Mountain Dogs, marching bands and more.
- Santa's reindeer are on display (resting before their busy day) in Saturday Market North from 10.30am till 1pm.
- The central churches all offer entertainment, refreshment and activities.



- St Mary's is open from 11am – 3pm with musical entertainment from Richard Moore and his Saxophone Quartet, face-painting, arts and crafts, a Martin Jones art exhibition and sale and tours of the hidden Priests' Rooms. There is tea, coffee and festive mince pies to enjoy.

- Toll Gavel United Church offers musical entertainment and carol-singing from 11am – 3pm from Dave and Joan Hill, Beverley Community Choir, Beverley FM's John Brien, Toll Gavel Musicians, The Esperion Singers and Beverley Male Voice Choir, serving tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy whilst you listen or sing along.

- Beverley Minster has up to 80 decorated, sponsored Christmas Trees on display.

- The Guildhall is open from 10am – 3pm serving tea and coffee in The Parlour and offering Victorian-themed activities in the Courtroom.

- The Treasure House and Art gallery are open from 10am-4pm. The Coffee Lounge will be serving hot drinks and snacks, including Christmas Fayre from 10am – 3pm with the Education Room hosting family decoration and gift-making.

- The North Bar has a display of over 50 classic cars, a Birds of Prey display plus live music and more!

- There are appearances by the characters of Bridlington Spa's Pantomime 'Peter Pan'.

- There is a Live Nativity with carols and music at Cross Street between 1pm and 4pm.

- Traditional fairground rides increase the festival atmosphere and add to the buzz.

- A Park and Ride from Beverley racecourse starting at 8.30am until 4.30pm for the bargain price of £1 for adults, free for children, ensures parking is easy and getting into Beverley is hassle-free.

- Many shops and cafés are open, all decorated for Christmas.

- The Beverley Christmas trees and Christmas lights are lit, giving the town extra sparkle

There really is something for everyone – young and not-so-young. Beverley Festival of Christmas involves the whole town pulling together! Organised by EY Events, with support from East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Boyes and the RAF Air Cadets, it also involves a whole host of volunteers, spreading Christmas joy and making Beverley the town where everyone wants to be.

More information about the Festival can be found on the Beverley Town Council website and the brochure of the programme for the day downloaded from www.beverleyfestivalofchristmas.co.uk/uploads/pdf/2015/Beverley-Festival-of-Christmas-Booklet-2015.pdf



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Take Better iPhone Photos In Low Light

I'm sure everyone who has tried taking a photo with a phone in low light has struggled to get well exposed and sharp images, despite the dramatic improvements over the last few years. During the winter months when light quality is very poor it is still possible to take good images, with a few tricks and the help of a few apps.

1. HOLD YOUR CAMERA STEADY - One of the most important things to keep in mind is the shutter speed that your camera is using. Shutter speed simply means the length of time that the light is exposed to the sensor. When using an iPhone for example, low light = blur. To help minimise this, hold your phone as steady as possible.

2. USE HDR - Another tip is try the HDR (high dynamic range) feature, this will help bring out detail that may be lost due to low light.

3. APPS - There are lots of camera apps available, but PhotoToaster and NightCap Pro Are the ones I recommend, In PhotoToaster you can selectively adjust exposure using the lighting brushes. With NightCap Pro you get full manual control as well as a light booster and noise reduction, this helps reduce the amount of grain you see in your low light images.

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The Centre at Toll Gavel

This month's featured café happens in The Centre at Toll Gavel United Church, The Centre being the red-doored frontage to the Methodist and United Reformed Church which also houses Beverley's Fair Trade shop.

The Centre opens Monday to Friday, 10am – 12.15pm offering a warm or cold drink, biscuits and toasted teacakes at very moderate prices – 60p for a cup of tea, 70p for coffee or hot chocolate – the menu being restricted by the size of the kitchen, which is tiny by anyone's standards! This venture, which is a not-for-profit initiative, was started about 22 years ago and is staffed entirely by volunteers, who offer a warm welcome and an oasis of calm from the hustle and bustle of up-town Beverley. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, the volunteers are from Toll Gavel Church itself, on Wednesdays and Fridays, volunteers are from Millers Day Centre in Mill Lane.

The relationship between Toll Gavel and Millers is lost in the mists of time, but the Millers volunteers are an integral part in the running of the café and have a say in the decisions made. For example, prices in the café have not been changed for several years to make it easier for Millers' staff to remember them; many volunteers have learning difficulties and working in the café regularly helps with socialisation and handling money. Other volunteers help in other ways; one lady takes all the dirty towels and washes them, others donate biscuits or teacakes. If there are any profits, they are shared between Toll Gavel Church, Dove House Hospice and Martin House Hospice.

Drinks served are Traidcraft fairly-traded beverages and many people come into The Centre, not only

for the bodily and spiritual refreshment offered, as the Church is open when the café is open, but also to buy Fair Trade products. Many Traidcraft products are unique and not available in other retail outlets and sitting with a warm cuppa on a cold day browsing the Traidcraft catalogue and preparing an order is a lovely way of supporting artisans and small producers across the globe. The catalogue has some great Christmas present ideas.

There is also a small book stall with Christian books for sale, noticeboards and leaflets full of local information and, of course, copies of Just Beverley magazine.

There are many who use The Centre on a regular basis; when you are next in Beverley on weekday morning, why not pay them a visit?



Beverley Westwood Lions Sleigh

The new Westwood Lions club chartered May 2015, is establishing itself by getting involved with several events in the area and instigating new, fun ideas for involving the community whilst raising money for people in need.



You may have seen the Westwood Lions at the Tour de Yorkshire, helping with a litter pick and with the Beverley Lions at the Bonfire on the Westwood. They also provided activities at the District Disabled Sports Day, which this year was held in Doncaster. The Westwood Lions realised that Santa needed a new sleigh – so they set about making one! Designed by Rob Porter of Signmax with plush cushions courtesy of ABI Caravans, Mayor Peter Astell was delighted to try it out ready for Santa himself.

Fortunately, Santa has agreed to be available to the Westwood Lions before the big day, so he will be at the Minster Festival of Food and Drink (where you can have your photo taken with him), at the Beverley Christmas Lights Switch On and travelling all around the town in the run-up to Christmas. See our What's On pages 36-37 and EVENTS listing on the Just Beverley website!

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Christmas Church Services

Anglican Churches

Beverley Minster

Sunday 20th December
Thursday 24th December

Friday 25th December
Thursday 31st December

St Mary's Church

Sunday 20th December

Tuesday 22nd December
Thursday 24th December

Friday 25th December

St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 20th December
Monday 21st December
Thursday 24th December

Friday 25th December

St Paul's Church, Tickton LEP (Methodist/Anglican)

Sunday 20th
Thursday 24th December

St Leonard's Church, Molescroft

Sunday 20th December
Friday 25th December

All Saints Church, Routh

Sunday 20th December

St Peter's Church, Woodmansey

Sunday 20th December

Service

Beverley Churches Together Carol Service
Crib Service
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day Holy Communion
New Year's Eve Celebration

Crib Service
Longest Night - for people who don't 'do' Christmas
Nine Lessons and Carols
Christingle for very young Children
Christingle
Midnight Communion
Christmas Celebration and Communion

Advent Carol Service
Informal Carols with Beverley Community Church
Crib Service
Midnight Communion
Christmas Day Service

Carol Service
Christingle

Carols at the Crib
Communion

Carol Service

Carol Service

Time

6.30pm
1.30pm and 3.00pm
6.30pm
11.30pm
8.00am and 10.30am
11.00pm

11.15am
4.00pm
7.30pm
2.00pm
3.00pm
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9.00am

4.00pm

4.00pm

Methodist Churches

Toll Gavel United Church (Methodist/United Reformed)

Sunday 20th December
Thursday 24th December
Friday 25th December

Norwood Methodist Church

Friday 11th December
Thursday 24th December

Walkington Methodist Church

Sunday 20th December
Friday 25th December

Service

Longest Night
Crib Service
Christmas Day

Christmas Carols (LGBT worship)
Holy Communion

Carol Service
Christmas Day

Time

5.00pm
3.00pm
10.30am

7.00pm
11.15pm

6.30pm
9.30am

Service

St John of Beverley (Roman Catholic)

Thursday 24th December

Friday 25th December

New Harvest Church (meets at St John Ambulance Headquarters, Morton Lane)

Sunday 20th December
Friday 25th December

Beverley Community Church (meets at Beverley Memorial Hall)

Sunday 13th December
Monday 21st December

Kings Church

Sunday 20th December
Friday 25th December

Beverley Baptist Church

Sunday 13th December
Sunday 20th December
Thursday 24th December
Friday 25th December

Latimer Congregational

Sunday 20th December
Friday 25th December

Christmas Eve Mass
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Mass

Informal café-style Carol Service
Christmas Day Communion

Christmas Carol Service
Informal carol Service with/at St Nick's

Christingle Service
Christmas Day Service

Carols at Costa Coffee, Toll Gavel
Carol Service, Swinemoor Primary School
Crib Service at Swinemoor Primary
Christmas Day Celebration Swinemoor Primary School

Family Carol Service
Christmas Day Service

Time

6.30pm
Midnight
10.00am

10.30am
10.30am

6.30pm

4.00pm
10.30am

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10.00am

Stroke Matters now on CD!

Stroke Matters is a magazine published in hard copy and now CD format for stroke survivors, their carers and supporters.

Published since 2012, over 1800 copies are distributed throughout the region to hospitals, GP surgeries, care homes, libraries, peripatetic nurses, other stroke clubs and more. The team which produces the magazine are all stroke survivors and they have recently been able to secure the services of Drifffield Talking Newspapers who are recording it onto CD.

This will mean more people can access the advice and support included in Stroke Matters. Stroke can affect anyone at almost any age. Famous stroke survivors include Jesse J (who had a stroke aged 18), Sharon Stone (39), Dave Davies of the Kinks (57) and Chris Tarrant (67).

A stroke is a medical emergency. If you, or someone else, shows any signs of having a stroke you need to seek immediate medical attention.

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Pantomime Time! Oh, yes it is!

A trip to the pantomime is a must! This year, Beverley Musical Theatre's annual winter pantomime is Jack and the Beanstalk which is running at Beverley Memorial Hall from 2nd to 6th December.

This is a fun-filled show, with slapstick, comedy, audience participation and community singing.

The show is ideal for all ages! You can sing along to all the well-known songs and boo and hiss at the evil baddie. Daisy the Cow will get everyone on her side and Jack will slap his thigh, bravely climb the beanstalk and fight the Giant.

The fairy always adds a bit of magic and silly Timmy will make you laugh and shout. The costumes are bright and colourful and the chorus sing and dance to help bring the show to life.

At only £5 for children and £7.50 for adults, that's £25 for a night out for a family of 4. There is a group offer to buy 10 pay for 9, too. Just call Beverley Music centre on **01482 881584** and reserve your tickets.

You can find lots of information about the pantomime and Beverley Musical Theatre at www.beverlymusicaltheatre.co.uk. Follow us on Twitter [@bevmusicaltheatre](https://twitter.com/bevmusicaltheatre) or catch us on Facebook.

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Beverley Author Valerie Wood and 'The Little Girl Lost'

Fans of Valerie Wood know that once you start one of her books, it is impossible to put it down!

As a writer, Val has the same welcome problem! Once she starts writing, the characters and the story form in her head and she is then driven to get everything down. Her attention to detail is incredible, which is why the narrative becomes so compelling and the reader feels as if they are there, living in the time and place inhabited by the characters. Val always incorporates local history into her stories, which is avidly researched and colourfully recreated. Val has just published her 21st book! Her first book, 'The Hungry Tide' won the Catherine Cookson Prize for Romantic Fiction in 1992 and hit the bookstores in 1993. She now writes a book a year; books set in the local area, crammed full of local history and all about people who you are sure you used to know. In fact, Val met one lady at one of her talks in Hessle, who was quite convinced she knew the Foster family in 'The Hungry Tide' but Val was able to assure her that they were entirely fictional!

Names are really important to Val. Her surnames are the surnames of people who lived in this area during the years her books cover. She has a copy of a Hull business directory from 1798 which informs her choice of surname, but she also ensures the names are appropriate. Foster, for example, means 'caring', which reflects the kind and considerate nature of Sarah, the heroine in 'The Hungry Tide'. Her Christian names are always mindful of association, too. For example, someone called Henry would be upper

class but a Harry would definitely be lower class, as would people with easy-to-spell names.

But what of Val's latest heroine? 'Little Girl Lost' is about Margriet, an only child growing up in the 19th century. Her liberal-minded, Dutch father taught Margriet to read and told her stories about the history of Hull, stories particularly about Henry VIII and his connection to the town which are included as flash-back, dream-like sequences; the Land of Green Ginger is very important to the story. However, Margriet's mother was possessive and did not like her to mix with other children, which made her into a lonely child. So Margriet conjured up an imaginary friend, Annaliese.

Margriet's father was lost at sea when she was only young; this changed her life so much that she came to rely on Annaliese and in turn, Margriet's mother came to rely on her.

Val's books tend to be about women and girls, documenting the difficulties they had when regarded as goods and chattels, rather than treated as equals. She has written about a boy, though, in 'The Long Walk Home', which describes the hardship of poverty and the realisation that there is nowhere like home. As Val says, her books tend to take her anywhere and everywhere – but she always comes home. Home to Val is Beverley and she will be signing copies of 'Little Girl Lost' on November 7th at WH Smith in Toll Gavel at 11am. She is also excited that her book which was actually set in Beverley, 'The

Kitchen Maid', is due to be reissued as a paperback in June, with a new cover, plus she has a short story coming up to raise funds for The Hull People's Memorial.

Meanwhile, Val is busy writing her next book. There will be no prizes for guessing that it will most likely be set in the East Riding, highlight sex and class divide, be told with passion and love for the characters and sell like hot cakes to her devoted followers - and to new readers who will soon become hooked on her wonderful stories!

Valerie Wood is never far from a Best Sellers list and was named one of the top loaned authors by UK libraries on BBC Radio 4s Open Book Show presented by Mariella Frostrup, so if you haven't read a Valerie Wood novel, now could be the time.



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Christmas isn't all about the tree! Christmas is about the warm, comforting feeling of that special time of year when have an excuse to change the norm to something exciting and sparkly.

Decorating the house for Christmas does not have to cost too much, either. Remember those Christmas bells you made at school as a child out of egg-boxes, dipped in glue made from flour and water and then glitter?

Or the famous Blue Peter advent crown made from wire coat hangers and gold tinsel?

A visit to your local craft shop to pick up paper and card, tinsel, ribbons and glitter and then a couple of hours to let your creative juices flow and your home becomes a wonderland ready to welcome your Christmas guests, Santa Claus and the Christ-child.

So here are some simple ideas to get you started!

- Fill clear glass vases and bowls with baubles instead of hanging them from the tree. Or include some fairy lights to add extra sparkle
- Wrap ribbons or tinsel around the bannister and balustrade to inject some fun into the hallway
- Use twine and clothes pegs to hang your Christmas cards with a plaid

ribbon or tinsel bow to hide the drawing pin where you have attached the twine to the wall

- Attach some small bells to the front door so they jingle whenever the door is opened – much more festive than a traditional bell or chimes
- Make your own wreath using a wreath frame, heavy bailing wire or wire coat hanger. Wrap velvet ribbon around the frame. Attach baubles and tinsel with sprigs of pine, cinnamon sticks, dried leaves and rosemary to create those delicious Christmas smells
- Make your own snow-globe with an interestingly-shaped jam jar. Stick sprigs of pine-leaves, figures of children and a deer to the lid then fill the jar with water, a spoonful of glycerine and some glitter. Put the lid firmly onto the jar, turn upside down and shake for an instant winter wonderland
- Make a centrepiece for the table using pinecones and acorns sprayed with gold paint, dried flowers and small twigs or cinnamon sticks on a bed of moss within a small wicker basket surrounding a scented red candle
- Make bottle-top snowmen to hang around the house. Paint bottle-tops white and then stick three in a row on a single piece of ribbon, allowing spare ribbon at the top to use as a hanger. Paint eyes and a mouth in black paint on the top bottle-top along with an orange 'carrot' nose. On the middle bottle-top paint three vertical buttons. Between the top and middle bottle-tops, add a piece of ribbon as a scarf. Simple and fun!

However you decide to decorate your house for Christmas, enjoy!

Beverley Folk (and Roots) Club – the 'virtual' club with a real offering!

The club started in 2011 as the "Beverley Folk & Blues Club" but was changed by its organisers to its present name two years later.

Harvey Brown, Graham Bradley and Tom Roantree, the driving forces behind the club, felt the name change was more appropriate as "Roots" music suggests a wider, more organic, traditional range of musical styles whereas "Blues" is a more defined genre of music. It also means just about every kind of music features - Jazz, Blues, World, Folk, Chamber-Folk, Celtic, Country and even Hip-Hop.

Each concert has its own unique theme based around the main act. For example, a Bluegrass band would be supported by a Country singer, a Contemporary Folk act by a traditional Folk singer. Concerts are held each month, featuring an established artist/act with someone local invited to provide support. This works really well in most cases and it's great to be able to provide a platform for younger artists just starting out, sometimes, too.

Harvey, Graham and Tom have built up relationships with several professional musicians over the past few years and also receive enquiries from musicians via their website www.beverleyfolkclub.co.uk. However, they don't consider themselves to be promoters and prefer not to use third party agents or agencies. As Harvey says, many musicians now manage themselves and appreciate the fact that there are people like the Beverley Folk (and Roots) Club who are providing them with gigs for the sheer joy of having them play locally.

Running your own club means that you can book artists who you would travel a long way to see yourself. So many of the featured artists are those who Harvey, Graham and Tom have in their own music collections or who come highly recommended as a live act. For example, the Anglo-Irish Celtic band, Ranagri, had been seen playing at the Union Chapel in London. Harvey was absolutely blown away by them and could never have imagined that a band of such quality and renown would ever come to Beverley.

So he was staggered when one of the band members contacted the Club via the website a few weeks later and asked whether a gig in Beverley would be possible! Ranagri are currently in the album charts with their CD, "The Great Irish Songbook" featuring the great Tony Christie on vocals.

Because the club is a virtual club – that is, there is no membership as such - anyone who enjoys good music is welcome to attend any concert. But it is apparent that the audiences are made up of people who enjoy listening to live music in a comfortable, intimate and friendly environment.

Beverley Folk (and Roots) Club is really excited for 2016 when a number of outstanding, internationally renowned artists will debut at the club, and some old favourites such as Jaywalkers, Claret and Sarah Dean will be returning.

There is also the possibility of moving into a regular venue which will allow them to offer an even better music experience. Watch Just Beverley's events pages for dates and details!



My Favourite Alternative Christmas Carols

We all know the traditional Christmas carols and songs – from Jingle Bells to Slade's masterpiece - and I have to admit that I do have a soft spot for 'I wish it could be Christmas Every Day' because I've seen Roy Wood play it a couple of times and joined in with a hall full of people singing along, but here I'm aiming to choose my Top Ten Favourite Carols You Won't Know.

My first list was a list of fourteen - four songs too many for a Top Ten. So unfortunately something had to go. Three of the fourteen were arrangements of 'Silent Night' so two will have to be dropped. Which one though? I can't decide!

And sadly, the beautiful Yorkshire carol, 'Sweet Bells' by Kate Rusby has also gone; this is because the lovely voice of Kate (who we will be seeing at Beverley Folk Festival in 2016) singing this carol is quite well known, although not a chart success.

I have also dropped the Lower Light's bluegrass arrangement of 'Away in a Manger' as I don't have it in my personal collection. That leaves ten and here they are, in alphabetical order!



• **'The Coventry Carol' by Alison Moyet**

Her voice is just sublime. I have seen her three times in different circumstances and she is a very special talent. This version shows off her voice at its best over an electro-rock backing.

• **'Ding Dog Merrily on High' by The Cambridge Buskers**

I saw The Cambridge Buskers a couple of times -er-busking and they were outstanding! One plays recorder and flute (though not at the same time) and the other is on piano-accordion. This recording does have multi-tracking so we hear several recorders going on at the same time

along with bass guitar and drums. Oh and there's a magnificent key change in the middle.

• **'Do you hear what I hear?' by Mariah Carey**

I remember this tune from when I was quite young sung by Bing Crosby, which the BBC used to play quite regularly. This is a typical Mariah Carey BIG arrangement and she, in an entirely different way to Alison Moyet, has an outstanding voice with a massive range. Pity she's such a diva!



• **'Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas' by Rock Ya' Christmas featuring John Sloman**

I can't remember where I found the CD Rock Ya' Christmas. Basically it's a mix of carols and Christmas songs played by some stars of the heavy metal music scene with an emphasis on electric guitars with over-drive. The lead vocalist, John Sloman sings with the band Lone Star.

• **'The Holly and the Ivy' by Steeleye Span**

Steeleye Span are another act we will be seeing at Beverley Folk Festival in 2016. Their 1973 Christmas hit 'Gaudete' sung à Capella in Latin is very well known. 'The Holly and the Ivy' was the B-side of that 7" single.

• **'I Saw Three Ships' by St Agnes Fountain**

I have to thank a couple of friends for introducing me to this band, who are named after a line in the carol 'Good King Wenceslas'. They are four stalwarts from the world of folk-rock who get together at Christmas to perform their own versions of traditional music. There are some lovely syncopated guitars, banjos and mandolins going on here!

• **'In the Bleak Mid-winter' by Nevada**

I've come to realise that this is my favourite song in my Top Ten. Nevada were the nucleus of the prog rock band Renaissance and this tune, written by Gustav Holst, is one of the great tunes of British music, never mind Christmas music. Annie Haslam has a phenomenal voice and there is some fine synthesizer playing and some great electronic drumming.



• **'Oh Little Town' by Cliff Richard**

I'm not really a Cliff fan, though the guy can sing and I was mad keen on The Shadows in the 60s. I certainly don't like most of his Christmas songs, with the notable exception of 'Saviour's Day', but I do like this. It's another alternative tune to the one most of us learned at school and then it kind of edges into other things at the end with 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and a brass band blasting out. I know I said I was aiming for songs you won't know but this is my only exception!

• **'Silent Night'**

Versions from 3 eras – Tamla from the 60s by The Shirelles, electro-pop from the 80s by Erasure and prog rock from the 2000's by Mostly Autumn. Which would you drop? There's also my boogie-woogie version which I will be playing at Toll Gavel Church at the Festival of Christmas on December 13th; it won't get onto Beverley FM, though!

• **'We Three Kings' by Roller Disco Orchestra**

This is from a really good album which I bought on vinyl and then CD. It's disco, has some great synthesizer and reed solos and a woop-woop chorus of singers.

So, that's it! Trust me, these are all very good tunes, they have all had a lot of effort put into them and they all retain something that only Christmas music has.

I do hope you'll be able to listen to my show on December 20th at 5pm on **Beverley FM – 107.8FM** or on-line at www.beverleyfm.com where you just click on the LISTEN NOW box.

Have a really good Christmas and, just for me, give these a listen!

John Brien, Beverley FM



In The Garden

December...

can bring cold, wet and windy weather, there may even be snow.

The one certainty about the weather is there will be very few hours of sunshine (maybe only 50 hours for the whole month!), and when the sun does manage to appear it will be very weak.

This sort of weather is not encouraging any of us to venture out into the garden. However, if you can wrap up warm and get out into the garden when the weather permits.

Continue to...

- Tidy up leaves and debris that has blown onto paths and the lawn
- Make any necessary repairs to the shed and fences



- Protect tender plants – with horticultural fleece
- Plant hedges - if you have bought the plants and the weather turns against you, heel them in and plant when you can
- Move plants that are in the 'wrong place' – I have two that attack me every time I get my bike out of the shed

Remember to ...

- Feed the birds, especially in cold spells
- When you're out and about make a note of plants that 'look good' in winter
- NOT TO work the ground or attempt planting if the ground is very wet (sticky) or frozen
- DON'T allow ponds, water features or bird baths to freeze over. If the pond does freeze over, make a hole by filling a pan with boiling water and sit it on the surface until a hole is made. Ice can trap gases which will kill the fish in a pond if they are not released. Also, place a plastic ball(s) on the surface of the pond before it freezes -this relieves the stress of the ice when it expands on the pond edges which may damage.

Not all is gloomy in December, we may bemoan the weather but actually a long cold spell is good for the garden. Frost breaks up the soil, and is essential for killing pests and diseases.



The winter garden brings its own beauty with colour from berries, bark and variegated evergreens. Hoary frost can make a winter wonderland on grasses and seed heads, especially if you catch them in a watery sun.

and finally ...

Relax – it won't be long until next season starts again in earnest.

With seasonal greetings! J

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A Christmas Dinner to keep you glowing!

Christmas can be an onslaught of over-rich food and over-indulgence in alcohol, all of which can leave the body's digestive system sluggish as it struggles to cope. As the skin is our biggest organ, it's not surprising that it can end up looking dull and wrinkled and even red and spotty.

Alcohol causes dehydration, hence the wrinkles. It also causes blood vessels in the skin to dilate, which is what causes redness and 'spider' veins and can prevent the absorption of nutrients from food, which is why the skin looks dull. Rich food and alcohol together can be a painful experience as the body increases acid production to digest the contents of the stomach. If the food eaten triggers an immune response, skin eruptions and itching are common, along with debilitating stomach pains.

The secret of coping with Christmas is to enjoy everything in moderation; the odd glass of champagne and that roast turkey dinner is what Christmas is all about – a celebration of all that's good. But good doesn't have to be rich, dairy-laden sauces or animal-protein-heavy pies and pastries. There are many foods which are known to improve skin condition, which can be easily incorporated into the 'luxury' meals prepared at Christmas.

Oysters are not only the food of love, but due to their high zinc content, they are great for skin, hair and nails. A seafood starter which also includes

salmon, sardines and anchovies, will ensure your levels of DMAE (dimethylaminoethanol) are kept high, protecting your skin against sagging and ageing.

The turkey main course is important; the brown meat particularly is high in zinc and riboflavin (Vitamin B2). But your skin will thank you more for all those leafy green vegetables, carrots and parsnips which accompany it! Leafy green vegetables, especially kale, are high in antioxidants which fight ageing, decrease inflammation and minimise redness and blotches while carrots (and parsnips) are rich in Vitamin C, Vitamin A and beta-carotene which maintain skin health.

As for potatoes, sweet potatoes contain more fibre and skin-loving vitamins than ordinary potatoes. Adding a few walnuts to the plate increases the Vitamin E and omega-3 fatty acid content of the meal; both help counteract damage to skin membranes. Healthy skin membranes further reduce your chance of getting wrinkles! You can't go wrong with fruit for pudding or can you? The dried fruits in Christmas pudding are very high in fructose, a sugar which is metabolised through the liver. Through evolutionary history, humans have only ever eaten fructose when fruit was ripe and eating too much fructose can contribute to 'lifestyle' diseases such as type II diabetes and obesity so choosing low-fructose fruits, such as blueberries and blackberries which are full of antioxidants is a healthier option. Or try grapefruit, which is full of Vitamin C and will



counteract the richness of the main course. What about drinks to accompany the meal? One small glass of alcohol might be a treat, but better for your body is water.

It's hydrating, aids digestion and keeps our bodies running smoothly. People who drink water with their meals tend to keep to an ideal weight as they consume less calories. And keeping to an ideal weight and maintaining hydration levels maintains that healthy glow! If your body is happy then you can be happy. Christmas is a time to be happy, so whatever you are doing this Christmas, make it a happy one!

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The Westwood Sessions

Beverley-based organisation 'The Westwood Sessions' supports young and emerging artists by helping them to break new ground – whether it be as performers, event organisers or sound and lighting technicians.

The brain-child of Denise Delahay, who soon brought on-board Beverley –born musician Nikki Airy and technician Alex Cook, the project continues to go from strength to strength.



The initial 'Westwood Sessions' outing was in 2013 at Beverley Folk Festival where young artists of all musical abilities were invited to perform in front of an audience, alongside being recorded and CDs produced of their work; the artists did not need to be folk musicians and whilst some used electronics, a focus was made on acoustic performances. With Nikki and Denise managing the event, with Nikki also acting as compere and Alex running the sound desk and recording equipment, it proved to be a very successful in its first year by performers and audiences alike.

So impressed where the directors of Beverley Folk Festival, since 2014 The Westwood Sessions have become an intrinsic part of the festival, not only as an open mic stage for young musicians, but also as a recording studio for budding sound engineers. In addition, as of 2015, artists acted as buskers in and around the festival and were who were happy to entertain the public wherever they might gather.

The benefit to the Folk Festival is immense as it opens it up to younger musicians to whom folk music might not be their art-form of choice, and in return, exposes younger musicians to folk music who could be influenced by it and go on to incorporate it into their programme.

At least one of the Westwood Session's musicians, indie-singer/songwriter Josh Wolfsohn, has taken folk music to heart and has performed at other festivals thanks to the stepping stone given to him by the project.

The Sessions have also developed a life of their own outside of the festival weekend, with young artists not only being invited to perform at other events and festivals, but also organising their own musical evenings and gigs. This development has seen The Westwood Sessions be successful in gaining a grant from Beverley Town Council, with performers appearing at a number of their events, including Beverley Food Festival.

The funding provided by the council enabled The Westwood Sessions to purchase a professional sound desk and help to cover the expenses to enable young people to take part and support the cost of venue hire, marketing and administration. Too often musicians and technicians are expected to offer their services free of charge, especially young members of the entertainment industry, so The Sessions ensure their artists are paid or, at the very least, do not go out of pocket and have their expenses covered. At the same time, the organisation means business and wants to establish itself as a serious player in the music world.

Sessions lynchpin Nikki Airy, who also studies Psychology at University of York coordinates the individual events, as well as managing marketing and social media, whilst Longcroft student Harry Rawson is the organisation's administrator. Sarah Shiels, ex-Velvet Doll and now a solo performer, is Westwood Sessions Pastoral Team Leader.

Alongside providing a platform for young musicians to work towards breaking into the profession, another success story has been Ciaran Mills. A former student of Longcroft School, after gaining vital experience with



The Sessions in promoting the group through journalism and photography, he is now being offered regular music journalism. He is swift to acknowledge that without The Westwood Sessions to give him a kick-start, he may not be following this dream.

In the future, The Westwood Sessions are in the process of programming for Beverley Festival of Christmas and planning another concert and are also in negotiations to work with Leeds band MAIA, who have performed to critical acclaim at Beverley Folk Festival, East Riding Theatre and Cornucopia.

Describing themselves as 'alternative rocking, harmonic, psychedelic, sci-fi folk', MAIA proved to be such a hit this year that they already booked for 2016 – Just Beverley has heard a rumour that they might be running workshops as well as performing, which is yet another reason to get your tickets now!

What is Denise's role in The Westwood Sessions? She is very proud to be able to let her young protégées develop their skills in such an exciting direction, providing support, expertise and a vast network of contacts where The Westwood Sessions needs it.

She is also on the look-out for even younger talent to come to her notice, as although she has been working with Nikki and Alex for 5 years, they are now 19 and 20 respectively and, as Denise says, seeing young people given the confidence to take their rightful place and develop their talents in whichever way they choose is so satisfying and it is young people who are the life-blood of the music industry.

The Westwood Sessions can be contacted at <https://www.facebook.com/thewestwoodsessions>

East Riding County Choir Messiah

The East Riding County Choir is 58 years old – started by Walter Hart in 1957. He was the County Musical Advisor at the time, a post which is long gone, but fortunately his influence lives on in this wonderful choir which brings classical choral work to such venues as Beverley Minster and enriches the lives of its members and listeners.

The choir's original members were all personally invited by Mr. Hart; they were professionally-trained choristers from all over the County. But today anyone with a love of music who can sing and is able to gain an understanding of reading music, if they aren't able to read music already, is very welcome to see if the East Riding County Choir is for them.



One such recently-joined member is Debby Burman. She originally went along to a 'Try-and-Sing' day and enjoyed the experience so much that her Monday evenings are now booked out to choir practice. Her rudimentary sight-reading has been aided by the various techniques now available which allow the learning of a piece of music without being able to read a score; she has also taken voice coaching lessons to improve her technique, expand her range and reduce the stress of singing such challenging choral works on her voice. The next 'Try-and-Sing' day planned is on June 11th 2016 at Toll Gavel Church when Karl Jenkin's 'The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace' which was written in 2000, will be sung. There will be more details to follow next year!

Every choir has one piece of music which they love to perform and which audiences love to hear and East Riding County Choir is no different. Their regular performance of Handel's Messiah will be performed this year at Beverley Minster at 7pm on December 5th. It's a perfect start to Christmas – with the piece this year



interpreted by Musical Director, Colin Wright. Colin Wright joined the Choir in 1991 as accompanist when Dr Alan Spedding was Musical Director, taking over when Alan died in 2014. Colin is well known locally and is a highly-respected musician, having been Assistant Organist at Beverley Minster and connected with Hull Choral Union and Hull Bach Choir as well as the East Riding County Choir. He is a Fellow of the University of Hull and of the Royal College of Organists and, although retired, teaches part-time, gives recitals and is a music theory examiner for Trinity College London. He has also recently completed a PhD so can now be addressed 'Doctor', too.

Taking over as accompanist from Colin is Elaine Dave, an accomplished soprano in her own right. For performances such as 'Messiah' where orchestral accompaniment is necessary, the Choir is also supported by the East Riding Symphonia.

'Messiah' gives East Riding County Choir the opportunity to invite soloists to work with them. Internationally-renowned singers Soprano Marina Theodoropoulou and Mezzo Nancy Cole along with Yorkshiremen Tenor Jonathan Hanley and Bass Philip Wilcox will be appearing this year, bringing that extra special 'stand-out' dimension to the performance.

The popularity of the Choir was enhanced considerably during Dr Spedding's time and there are now over 100 members. However, new members are always welcome, particularly men who sing within the tenor range. The age range is currently from 40 upwards but it is keen to attract younger people, which is one of the reasons why more contemporary pieces

are now included in the repertoire. Last year, Rutter's 'Magnificat' which was written in 1990, Jenkin's 'Gloria' (2010) and Britten's 'St Nicholas' Cantata (1948) were sung along with Hayden's St Nicholas' Mass which was written in 1772, but Hayden was a relatively young man when he wrote it!

Next year, the Choir will be singing Dvorak, Poulenc and Sullivan at its summer and winter concerts so if the challenge of performing something to the best of your ability in a supportive, friendly team of fellow singers appeals, why not go and listen to the quality of their 'Messiah' on December 5th, 7pm in the Minster?

For those who would rather just listen to and appreciate well-performed, classical music, Handel's 'Messiah' is a must! Tickets are priced at £16/£12/£8 and available from Beverley Tourist Information, online at www.eastridingcountychoir.org or on the door.



Recipe - Mulled Wine Cocktail

This is the perfect party drink as it can be made well ahead and brought out of the fridge as guests arrive – or serve it hot for a traditional winter warmer.

- 100g/4oz light muscovado sugar
- 1 star anise
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 4 cloves
- 150ml water
- 1 lemon
- 2 clementines
- 150ml Cointreau
- 750ml/ 1¼ pint bottle light red wine, such as Beaujolais
- Twist of orange zest and a star anise, to serve.

1. Put 100g light muscovado sugar in a pan with 1 star anise, 1 cinnamon stick, 4 cloves and 150ml water. Bring slowly to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar.
2. Simmer for 3 mins, then pour into a large jug and leave to cool. Add thinly sliced lemon and 2 clementines, to the jug along with 150ml Cointreau and a 750ml bottle light red wine, such as a Beaujolais. Stir well, then cover and chill for at least 2 hrs or overnight.
3. Serve chilled or over ice, with a twist of orange zest and a star anise. If you'd like to serve a traditional warm mulled wine, there's no need to chill – simply warm through without boiling and serve in heatproof glasses.

Competition Winner



Congratulations to Richard Dixon who won the recent Just Beverley competition. Richard and three friends will play a 4-ball at one of the world's foremost courses in the new golf studio at Beverley Golf Club.

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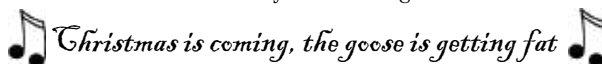
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Friday 20th November - Thursday 24th December

• **Beverley Independent Traders' Puppet Trail**
Launch 7.00pm on Friday 20th at Bchicy. Find the Puppets depicting the 12 Days of Christmas as you wander round Beverley. Complete an entry form to win prizes! See News pages for more details.

Thursday 26th November

• **Beverley Ghost Walk**
7.30pm. Booking essential through Beverley Tourist Information. Tel 391672. £3.50

Friday 27th November

• **Michael Bubl  Tribute Night**
The Game Bird, Holme Church Lane. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. £20pp includes 3-course meal. Booking essential. Tel 01482 886173

• Kickstart Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Trust Charity Race Night

Armtrongs Social Club. 7.30pm. £10 includes pie and pea supper. Raffle, Photo Booth, Dream Shakes ice cream.

Saturday 28th November

• **Beverley Musical Theatre Annual Jumble Sale**
Memorial Hall, 12 Noon. Come and meet the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime Cast and see the scenery being set. 50p entry.

• Beverley Christmas Festival of Food and Drink

Beverley Minster in association with Beverley Town Council. 10am-3.30pm.
Cooking demonstrations, Christmas flower arranging, talks on brewing wine and beer. Have your photo taken with Santa! See Santa's sleigh! Refreshments available. Free.

• rbm and ERT presents Mumbo Jumbo by Sean Hughes

East Riding Theatre. The multi award-winning comedian in his new show. £15/£11. 7.30pm.

• Statues Cradling Toys; an evening of spoken word, music and images about WW1

St Mary's Church. 9.30pm. Tickets on the door £8/£5 Inspired by a memorial statue next to St Mary's. Written by Rob Bell, music arranged by Dave Gawthorpe, images by Viceversarobbi Ffotografia, projections by Jay Moy.

Sunday 29th November

• Christmas Lights Switch on!

Arrival of Father Christmas in his sleigh, lighting of Beverley Christmas Trees (Flemingate through to Market Cross) and Little Blizzards, Carol Service, charity and other stalls, food, drink, Beverley FM stage with bands including Take That and Robbie Tribute, fairground attractions and kid's rides. Celebrity appearance from Ben Shire's who will be flicking the switches! From 12pm.



• Plant a Tree for Wildlife

Millennium Orchard, Beverley Parks Nature Reserve, Shepherd Lane HU17 0RN. 10.00am-12.30pm

Sunday 29th November – Saturday 5th December

• **Walkington Pantomime Players present 'Jack and The Beanstalk' by Martin Gore**

Walkington Village Hall. Sunday 29th November and Saturday 5th December at 2pm. Tuesday 1st December to Saturday 5th December nightly at 7.30pm. £5/£3. Tickets from Walkington Village Shop

Tuesday 1st December

• Walkington Methodist's Book Club

Dog and Duck, 8pm. 'To Kill and Mockingbird' by Harper Lee

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh tour

Hillcrest Drive, St Leonards Road and Copandale Road from 6pm

Wednesday 2nd December - Sunday 6th December

• Beverley Musical Theatre in 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

Beverley Memorial Hall. Wednesday 2nd – Saturday 5th December nightly at 7.30pm. Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm

Thursday 3rd December

• Chapters and Verse trip to 'Goya: the Portraits' exhibition at the National Gallery, London

Direct train travel. Price includes lunch. Booking essential. Contact 01482 871788 or 01482 881333 or visit www.chapters-and-verse.com for more details. £139/£129.

Friday 4th December

• **The Game Bird Music Night with 'The Habbit'**
The Game Bird, Holme Church Lane.

• Beverley Cornerstone Causeway Carol Service with Beverley Brass Band

Millers, Mill Lane, Beverley, 7.30pm. Beverley Cornerstone is a Christian charity for people with learning difficulties. Contact 01964 500270 or barried44@gmail.com for details.

• **Creating Space for God; Crafts for Christmas**

Norwood Methodist Church. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Offering creative and varied worship and space to be on the first Friday of every month.

Saturday 5th December

• Cheeki Monkeys Big Baby and Children's Market

Beverley Leisure Centre, 1.00pm-3.00pm. Pre-loved and handmade crafts. Activities for children. £1/free.

• East Riding County Choir sing Handel's 'Messiah'

Beverley Minster, 7pm. Tickets available from Beverley Tourist Information or online www.eastridingcountychoir.org £16/£12/£8

• Tickton Methodist/Anglican Church present 'Scrooge – A Ghost of a Chance'

Tickton Little Theatre, 7pm. Carol-singing after the interval. Tickets 01964 542189.

Sunday 6th December

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh Morrison's car park 10.00am - 3.00pm.

Monday 7th December

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh tour

Parklands and Highfield areas from 6.00pm.

Tuesday 8th December

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and sleigh tour

Lincoln Way and Normandy Avenue from 6.00pm.



Thursday 10th December - Sunday 3rd January

• East Riding Theatre presents 'Oliver Twist'

Dicken's dark tale of social injustice seen through the eyes of a child. A collaboration by Vincent Regan and Mike Friend. Incorporates song and dance. Suitable for age 10 and over. £18/£16.50/£15/£14.50. 7.30pm. Matinees at 2.30pm. All transaction charges waived.

Friday 11th December

• The Game Bird Music Night with 'Ocean Blue'

The Game Bird, Holme Church Lane

• Beverley film society screen 'Of Horses and Men' (Cert 15)

Masonic Hall. 7.30pm

• Roamin Jasmine

Beverley Arms Hotel, 7.30pm. £8. Tickets from Beverley Tourist Information and Molescroft News.



Friday 11th December - Sunday 13th December

• Christmas Tree Festival

Beverley Minster. 10am – 5pm Fri/Sat; 12noon – 5pm Sun. £2/free. Refreshments.

Saturday 12th December

• Norwood Nites presents 'A Christmas Carol'

Norwood Church schoolroom. 2pm. Refreshments, including mince pies, and raffle. Free.

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh Morrison's car park 10.00am - 3.00pm.



Sunday 13th December

• Beverley Festival of Christmas

From Toll Gavel Church, The Guildhall, Treasure House, St Mary's Church, North Bar to Saturday Market and Wednesday Market, there are stalls, activities and entertainments galore. See Santa and his Sleigh and light a candle for a loved

one. One of the biggest Festivals of Christmas anywhere in Yorkshire!

Wednesday 16th December

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh tour

Champney Road and The Leases from 6.00pm.

Thursday 17th December

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh tour

Lockwood Road and Rowan Avenue from 6.00pm.

Friday 18th December

• Game Bird Music Night with 'The All Nighters'

Game Bird, Holme Church Lane

Saturday 19th December

• Buckrose Concert Band present A Christmas Concert. Conductor: Becca Heywood.

Beverley Minster, 7.30pm £10/£8. Refreshments available. Tickets from Beverley Tourist Information or on the door.

• Beverley Chamber Choir present Carols by Candlelight. Music Director: Mark Pybus.

St Mary's Church, 7.30pm. £10/£5. In aid of Castle Hill Hospital Cancer Trust Fund. Tickets from Beverley Tourist Information 391672 or www.beverleychamberchoir.org

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh At the Market Cross to light a candle for a loved one.

Sunday 20th December

• Churches Together in Beverley Carol Service

Beverley Minster, 6.30pm

Monday 21st December

• Beverley Westwood Lions' Santa and Sleigh Tesco's car park 10.00am – 3.00pm

Friday 26th December

• Game Bird Music Night with 'Two Short Planks'

The Game Bird, Holme Church Lane

Monday 4th January

• Puppet Trail Prize Presentation

Sugar 'n' Spice. 3.30pm

Friday 8th January

• Creating Space for God: Distant Light

Norwood Methodist Church. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Offering creative and varied worship and space to be on the first Friday of every month.

Saturday 9th January

• No Angel - Charlie Bickell and Friends

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