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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



As we are coming to terms with the new normal, it is important that during these difficult times we continue to work together and help each other to get through this as best we can. We are advised that as the R value drops, easing on lockdown will continue, early June will see the opening

of shops whilst early July will be time for some hospitality venues to open. Patience is key, so wash your hands, think of others, keep your distance and let's beat this together.

June is normally the time for major events, but this year things will be a little different, celebrations effective put on hold. Longest Day, Queens Birthday will be remembered probably for private celebrations as will fathers day. More Socks again this year!! Hopefully June will give all of us an indication what the new normal will look like as shops begin to open and people start on the journey back to some kind of life outside their homes, with a lovely June and beautiful scenery around us, I feel we are quite fortunate, so explore where you can and practice all the measurements the government have put in place. Send in your lockdown stories and we look forward to positive times ahead. **Julian.**



Happy June readers! Lots is happening this month but I'm mainly excited because the good weather we'll hopefully be getting can only mean one thing... it's the start of summer! I'm not sure about you but I had an eventful May full of discovery. First of all, I'm not fussy about cooking, but I found

a really great recipe for fish pie, and I mean *really* great. *Mouthwateringly* great. So that was fun. I also fell down a rabbit hole of research and discovered I have aphasia (I think). It means that when I close my eyes and imagine something, I just see black. There's no image, there's no movement, just a dark, black void, because apparently I don't have a functioning mind's eye. Until now I thought that's how everybody functioned, so that was an interesting discovery! Along with everyone else, I've also been tuning in to the Government's updates on the Coronavirus. June is looking to be a promising month as to a first glimpse into what the future will hold. Wishing everyone a safe and positive June full of sunshine! Enjoy the issue. **Olivia.**



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STIPENDIA WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBER

Stipendia are pleased to welcome **Ellie Shores**, new team member who started in April.

Ellie has a number of year's experience in payroll and has been thrown in at the deep end processing the many furlough claims to ensure all client's receive their cash back from HMRC as soon as possible.

In its 7th year of business, Stipendia is hugely active in the local business scene. They're part of the Beverley Referral Business Network, which is currently thriving with 16 other Beverley-based businesses working to help each other. The company also has worked with 94 East Yorkshire-based businesses.

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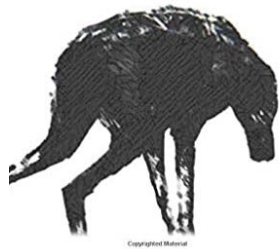
CJRS (Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme) opened for submission on the 20th April and up until the end of April Ellie has put through claims in excess of £600,000.

If you would like more information on how to claim, or help with calculating the figures please do not hesitate to contact Ellie, Katherine or Lynne on **0845 308 2288**.



NORTH HULL BROUGHT TO LIFE IN NEW NOVEL

CHRIS SPECK
BEAST



*Looking for a gripping read to keep you busy during the rest of lockdown? Wanting to find books that hit a bit closer to home? Try **Beast**, set in Hull, by Chris Speck.*

An English teacher, novel writer and musician from Cherry Burton, Chris published the novel last year, and it tells the story of a young boxer growing up on the North Hull Estate.

It follows the death of his father and included references to a hulking creature that stalks the banks of Barmston Drain. His first novel 'Warmstone' is a father and son tale with Vikings, and ancient, mechanical giants in a frozen world. It was described as 'The Road meets Game of Thrones'.

Chris is currently writing his next novel, a coming of age/murder mystery set on a trawler off Hessle Road. He uses his website (chrisspeck.wordpress.com) to post online teaching resources, blogs, and many of his latest ideas. Check him out!

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CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES

As we go to press, the situation surrounding the Coronavirus Pandemic is changing rapidly. To reduce the spread of the virus and to lessen its impact on the nation's health, new guidelines have been released by the government.

Self-isolation

If you or any member of your household presents with either of these symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature

then the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days (if you live alone this reduces to 7 days) starting from the day the household member become unwell.

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITORS

We would like to thank you for your continued support, for your contributions and for the positive, upbeat attitude that Beverley does so well.

By pulling together and drawing on that community drive we can support each other and be the stronger for it. Keep well, follow the government guidelines, and reach out to others if you need to. With thanks, **Julian and Olivia**.

Do not visit your doctor, the hospital or the pharmacy. Stay away from vulnerable people living with you, or if possible move them out of your home for the 14 days of isolation. Take time to think what you may need in the fortnight ahead and make sure you are able to self-isolate for the duration. Ask family, friends and your employer to provide those things you may need. For more information see: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

Stop the spread

To slow the spread of Coronavirus there are steps we can all take, especially those who are more vulnerable. Practising good hand hygiene, catching a cough or sneeze with a tissue and putting the tissue in the bin straight away, and avoiding social situations are just some. For the complete list of what we can all do to collectively stop the spread see: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

For further guidance on coping with the increased social distance we are being asked to maintain from others see this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

COVID-19; our community have come together to help each other, and we also thank the NHS in various ways. As the lockdown continues, we look at ways to help people through exercise and thinking of the positives such as Father's Day celebrations, and from 15 June, non-essential stores in England will be able to reopen following the Government's guidelines. **Just Beverley** will raise awareness on the website and through social media.



LIFE IN LOCKDOWN: THE KINGS HEAD

The hospitality industry has been hit hard by the effects of the Coronavirus, but this hasn't stopped local landord of The Kings Head in Beverley from using his time in isolation to produce a new beer garden. It will be ready in time for when people will be able to enjoy the new norm of socialising. Let's take a look at life in lockdown at The Kings Head.



STUDENTS GIVE LOCKDOWN LEARNING THE THUMBS UP

How are students coping studying from home? And our survey said...
 "Love the course, love the tutor, and the support".

East Riding College have announced the results of a student survey conducted in the first few weeks of lockdown, to assess how students were coping in the crisis and adapting to working from home and studying online.

The vast majority of those who responded to the survey rated the communication from tutors as good or excellent, and just under 90% knew where to find updates on the College's response to the coronavirus pandemic and how to access further support.

Comments such as "College have been amazing and very supportive" and "Can't wait to be back at college learning. Brilliant support from tutors" sum up the feedback from students, and what is striking is that the sentiment is repeated over and over in the verbatim comments.

My tutor has been brilliant

College have been amazing and very supportive

My tutor has been brilliant with support and keeping in touch which has made me feel more at ease with the workload

[My tutor] is very professional and very helpful

Work set has been well thought out and is suitable for home learning

[My tutor] is queen, she has made everything simple and understandable

I feel that my tutor has sent a good amount of work as I am working as a key worker at the moment so I can do my work and go to work and it isn't stressful at all

I am confident that I chose the right course and really enjoy what I do

Thanks for everything through these difficult times!

Love the course, love the tutor and the support

[My tutors] have been working hard to keep us informed and motivated. They are doing an excellent job in these unprecedented times

Thanks for everything x

The college has been helpful

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BEVERLEY ELECTS YOUNGEST EVER MAYOR WITH ONLINE MAYOR MAKING

History was made on two counts in Beverley on Monday evening when the town's youngest ever mayor, Cllr Tom Astell, 24, was elected using virtual meeting technology.

The ancient Mayor making ceremony was conducted online, with councillors electing their new mayor from their own homes due to the lockdown restrictions.

Cllr Tom Astell is thought to be Beverley's youngest mayor in the 450 years history of the office. Following the mayor making meeting, Cllr Astell said: "Being chosen as the youngest ever mayor of our wonderful town is the biggest honour of my life; my proudest moment. My fellow councillors have given me a great privilege and responsibility, and I thank them for placing their trust in me.

"I firmly believe that our town encompasses everything that is great about our country. A rich history, brimming with culture, beautiful architecture, forward thinking and quintessentially British.

"It's going to be different to the kind of year I had expected as Mayor, but the circumstances will inspire all of us to focus on the values that really matter. People coming together, caring for one another, looking out for their neighbours, channelling their efforts into supporting their communities.

"This spirit of love, strong resolve and courage is shaping what the town will be after this crisis. These are the things that matter to me; the things that will guide my year in office. I want to use my office at this time to help forge that spirit of togetherness."

Cllr Astell was nominated by Councillor Denis Healey to become Mayor for 2020 - 2021.



He is following in his fathers footsteps after being involved in the community for many years, and is passionate about social justice. He has been involved in the youth parliament, has spoken at the dispatch box in the House of Commons, and has been involved with the council for many years. Cllr Astell's partner, Alex Moor, will be the Mayor's consort.

Cllr Linda Johnson was elected to serve as Deputy Mayor, with her husband, Graham Johnson, in support as her consort.

Linda has been involved in the local community for many years serving as a trustee at Toll Gavel Church, Governor at East Riding College, Volunteer in many local groups, active with the running of the Folk festival, assisting local business as a member of the Beverley Chamber of Trade and a previous editor for Just Beverley Magazine.

Cllr Denis Healy, Leader of the ruling Lib Dem group on Beverley Town Council said; "Tom will be a brilliant mayor for the town. In him we have a strong symbol of youth, diversity and equality; all values which the Town Council holds so dearly. Already in his young life, Tom has been driven by a massive sense of service; his respect for the elderly, for those who serve their country as key workers, his care for the vulnerable. They are all qualities that make him very special.

"Linda is also someone who is also so apt for civic duty. She is incredibly well known in the town for her community ethos, having served as a Governor at Longcroft and East Riding College. She has been on the Chamber of Trade and has been involved in numerous fundraising activities and festivals. She works tirelessly as an East Riding Councillor in St Mary's ward, and is driven by her passion for the environment and her strong Christian faith. Together, Tom and Linda are going to be an awesome team.

"I also want to pay tribute to the Town Clerk, Helen Watson, and her team of hard working staff, especially for ensuring that Beverley Town Council has continued to function and conduct its duties during the lockdown.

"Beverley Town Council is the only local council that I know of, that is using virtual meeting technology to conduct its business, and the fact that we were able to continue the ancient Mayor making tradition tonight using technology, is something they can all take credit for. I'm so proud of them all."



WELL I NEVER... WITH CLLR ASTELL



Get to know our new Mayor of Beverley with these 19 questions

1) Do you consider yourself an introvert or an extrovert?

Is it possible to be both?

2) What's the craziest thing you have ever done?

Becoming Mayor in the midst of a pandemic has to be up there!

3) When was your biggest adrenaline rush?

I always had a fear of rollercoasters, until I went to Alton Towers when I was 18. My friends pressured me on to Nemesis and I loved it!

4) Is what you are doing now, what you always wanted to do when you were growing up?

Being Mayor, pretty much. I grew up with Town Council, thanks to my dad, so I was always fascinated by and aspired to be the Mayor. However, growing up I always wanted to be a journalist, so to be a Store Manager for Cooplunds is slightly different!

5) Who were you closest to when you were growing up?

My Nana.

6) Who is the one person you can talk to about anything?

My mum is a great listener and always gives me an honest opinion, even if I don't like it!

7) What are you most thankful for?

My wonderful partner, family and friends.

8) What's on your bucket list for this year?

Going on holiday! Hopefully somewhere hot!

9) If a genie granted 3 wishes, what would you wish for?

To visit my grandparents, currently in lockdown in Spain.
Happiness for all my family and friends.
A worldwide Covid vaccine!

10) What's your idea of a perfect vacation?

Sipping an Aperol Spritz on a hot summer's day on the shore of Lake Garda. Bliss.

11) What do you think about when you are by yourself?

Probably what to have for tea!

12) Do you judge a book by its cover?

Never.

13) What's your favourite all-time movie and why?

Harry Potter and prisoner of Azkaban - I just love this film!

14) What would you do differently if you had the opportunity again?

Live life with no regrets. Ever!

15) What would you change in Beverley and why?

Better weather (we can only hope!)

16) What was your most memorable birthday?

My 18th, least said the better!

17) What's your favourite drink, alcoholic or non-alcoholic?

A Hugo - Edlerflower cordial, Prosecco and mint.

18) What's your biggest achievement - sporting, hobby or past-time?

Becoming an MYP and speaking in the House of Commons.

19) How would you describe yourself in one sentence?

Fun, energetic, proactive and optimistic.



CARE HOME RESIDENTS SHARE SHADOW THEATRE CREATIONS THROUGH ONLINE FESTIVAL

Elsie is coming to the end of her story about taking her heart to visit the forest. She looks up at the rainbow she is reflecting onto the ceiling. Elaine, her carer in Figham House, the residential care home where Elsie lives, asks her softly where would like to send her heart now. Elsie smiles. "To my lover," she says. And then she laughs.

When the Covid pandemic shut down the Beverley Public Festival as a three-day live event in July, founder Anna Ingleby and co-director Kerrin Tatman decided to take it online in a new and untested format.

Their vision was not to reproduce the performances that would have taken place, but to offer two months of puppetry workshops creating activities for children and adults stuck at home due to the pandemic along the festival theme "Back to Nature".

But, if this were not challenging enough for the organisers, they still wanted to deliver the education outreach project they have traditionally offered to community centres, care homes or schools in the local community in every past outing of the biennial festival.

This year the idea was to bring shadow theatre to at least three care homes in the town and give residents the chance to express themselves creatively. Now, in a new, remotely managed pilot project, those three care homes and two

sheltered housing projects have received a specially designed shadow theatre kit including a box shadow theatre, puppets, a lamp, a special torch, coloured gels and landscapes, and materials for residents to create their own puppets. All of these can be easily sanitised between participants' use.

The project has been designed and managed by Anna's own company, Indigo Moon Theatre, and she and her artistic co-director, Haviel Perdana, have collaborated to produce a 30 minute video shot in the UK and Indonesia to explain how the kit - and other objects from the house or garden - can be used to create landscapes, characters and stories inspired by the natural world.

Thanks to the commitment and cooperation of carers in the homes, the kits are already proving a great success.

"We couldn't have done this without them," says Anna Ingleby. "They have really taken this project to their hearts.

"Isolation is already a problem for the elderly, and now, with the lock down, it's even worse. But the shadow theatres are allowing them to rediscover their creativity and enter an imaginative world that might have become closed off to them before now.

There's no pressure in using the kits, no right or wrong thing to do anything or strict rules to



follow. And the videos and photos the carers take are a way their residents can share something of themselves with the world outside.

This isn't how we expected our ninth festival to play out when we began planning it... but, coincidentally, we discovered another Elsie of just ten years old is also one of the first to have her work also posted in our other growing festival gallery of our audience's own uploaded creations on www.beverlypuppetfestival.com!

We hope that this online festival is the start of something new, something that won't replace the live performances, but can enhance future festivals and make them even more inclusive."

 A large, colorful graphic for the Beverley Puppet Festival. The central part shows a shadow theatre scene with a silhouette of a person operating a puppet on a stage. The scene is framed by a decorative archway with the text "PUPPETRY ARTS NORTH EAST PRESENTS THE NINTH BEVERLEY PUPPET FESTIVAL". Below the stage, there's a keyboard and a hand holding a mouse. To the right, there's text: "TWO MONTHS OF FREE PUPPETRY ONLINE 18TH MAY - 12TH JULY 2020 www.beverlypuppetfestival.com". At the bottom right, there are social media icons and handles: "/BeverleyPuppetFestival", "@BevPuppetfest", and "#BevPuppetfest".

PETS' BEST FRIEND BY LAUREN MIDDLETON

Hello from PBF!

During these months it feels like everything is at a standstill! As a result from the virus there has been cancellations for all holiday bookings which was a shame as I didn't get to catch up with my furry friends!



After a lot of thought I have decided to continue with cat sitting and dog grooming only, this is due to the nature of the current situation but is a definite outcome for the future.

I've been very careful during visits for grooming

appointments by going round to the back garden, ensuring I have my gloves and face mask on at all times, and using hand sanitizer in between each appointment, also ensuring equipment is wiped down with anti bacterial before the next groom.



It's all a long process but completely worth it as the dogs are able to get air to the skin which is so important and especially now the weather is getting hot.

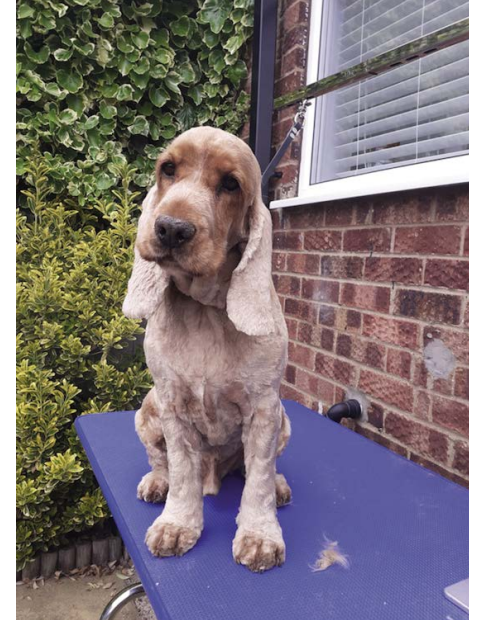
In between grooming appointments, owners can help their groomer by spending some time brushing out the coat, a slicker brush is usually a good grooming tool and can be used alongside a coat conditioner, I use amazing trix by dezynadog. It's slightly more expensive but works wonders, this can be used 2-3 times a week before brushing, lightly sprayed over the coat, making sure to avoid the face and eyes.

Remember that if your dog is matted it will be very painful if you try and brush the coat!! Please avoid doing this as it can seriously damage the skin and ruin grooming appointments after causing stress to your dog.

Matted coats will most likely need clipping by a groomer, it is not a good idea to try and scissor this yourself either as Mats can be very tight on the skin which can result in cutting the skin!

The best thing is to really keep up with grooming appointments to keep your dog healthy.

A big hug for all our furry friends out there!



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FLEMINGATE MOVES FORWARD WITH £70,000 INVESTMENT IN FACILITIES

A major programme of investment is being made in facilities and infrastructure at Beverley's Flemingate centre during the lockdown.

Wykeland Group, owner and developer of the popular retail and leisure destination, has used the lockdown period to introduce a wide range of improvements to enhance the experience for customers and to support businesses as they resume trading.

The £70,000 programme of upgrades includes expanding the click and collect facility to the rear of the Debenhams store, from six to 16 parking spaces, making it even easier and more convenient for shoppers to collect purchases from retailers on site.



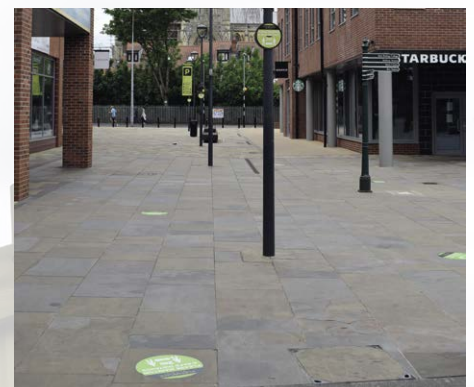
The expanded facility will feature automatic number plate recognition allowing shoppers to park for free for a maximum of 30 minutes as they collect online purchases from the centre's wide range of shops.

Flemingate's popular play park has also been doubled in size, with the addition of a new play wall and other equipment, as well as an extension to the fencing around the area, giving even further confidence to parents that their children can use the area safely.

Covid-19 safety signage, social distancing floor vinyls and marker strips have been introduced across the site as well as 30 hand sanitiser stations at key locations, to underline that Flemingate is a safe place to visit.

Flemingate has undergone a comprehensive cleaning programme across the entire centre and a new regime has been introduced, including additional disinfecting three times a day to stairwell banisters, pay stations, entrance barrier buttons, communal door handles and other surfaces. There has also been a comprehensive programme of painting and refurbishment across the centre, including of all seating and street furniture, and re-painting of white lines in the centre's 500-space car park and at entry and exit points.

In addition, plans are in place to extend outdoor seating areas for the centre's restaurants, cafés and bars, to enable them to accommodate the need for social distancing and waiting areas



when they re-open. The improvements set the scene for the re-opening of businesses across the centre, but Flemingate has continued to operate throughout the lockdown.

Wilko and Poundland have remained open and busy throughout, providing essential food and household goods with safe distancing measures in place,

Independent restaurants Sumo Pan Asian and Pizza Baby have provided socially-distanced collection and delivery services, while Pizza Baby has also provided a welcome takeaway service of freshly-ground coffee and ice cream.

While preparations are well under way for retail and leisure businesses to re-open, work has continued to make Flemingate an increasingly important hub for office workers, bringing further footfall and vibrancy to the centre.

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MARKETS DUE TO REOPEN IN THE EAST RIDING

Council-run markets in the East Riding are due to reopen from next week following the latest Government guidance.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is currently working with traders to arrange a return for the markets it runs in Beverley and Pocklington, as well as the trader-run markets in Bridlington and Cottingham.

The Government announced markets could reopen from Monday 1st June as part of the latest measures to ease lockdown.

East Riding markets have been closed since March, but are now due to reopen as follows:

- Pocklington Market will reopen on Tuesday 2nd June.
- Beverley Wednesday Market on Wednesday 3rd June.
- Bridlington Market on Wednesday 3rd June.
- Beverley Saturday Market on Saturday 6th June.
- Bridlington Saturday Market on Saturday 6th June.

- Cottingham Market on Thursday 11th June.

Both shoppers and traders will need to follow Government guidelines to maintain public safety.

There will be less stalls in each market and these will be rearranged to follow social distancing rules.

Signs will be installed to remind shoppers of the 2-metre rule. Traders will also be provided with the latest Government guidance.

Councillor Jane Evison, portfolio holder for local economic growth at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, said: "I'm pleased we will be able to reopen our markets to help support our loyal traders, as this has been a very difficult time for all businesses, and also to help local residents get the food and goods they need.

"However, everyone will need to follow the Government guidance on social distancing and to follow the measures put in place on site to help keep everyone safe."



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I'VE BEEN THINKING... SAYS COLIN RAYNOR



As a writer I have never agreed with the proverb 'a picture is worth a thousand words':

I think it means a picture can spell out a complex situation without the need for a lengthy and wordy explanation. I have a picture alongside my article in this month of June, which, I hope, will lift your spirits as you look at the little lambs doing what comes naturally, taking milk from their mother. But there is another tale to be told about this picture that you would never know unless I spelt it out for you.

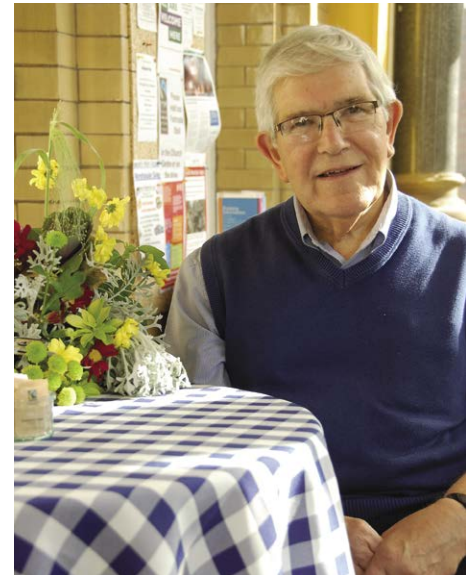
The name of the sheep feeding her two lambs is Stevie. This is where the story behind the picture begins to unfold. Stevie is now four years old but the observant and caring shepherd realised soon after her birth that, like many sheep, this one not only had poor eyesight but was virtually blind. The shepherd was used to giving her sheep names and it

seemed right to name this sheep after the famous Michigan born singer Stevie Wonder who has also been blind since birth. It soon became clear however, as the little lamb mixed in the pen, with the other ones born alongside her, that she was also totally deaf.

Over the past four years Stevie has grown to be a sturdy sheep but a loner. Unable to know where the other sheep are in the field, she uses the fence to get her bearings and then grazes quite happily. She has a heightened sense of smell and now uses that with her lambs, along with her touch. In every way the caring shepherd has treated Stevie like the rest of the flock, including shearing her when the season was right to do so.

Not until this year however has she being allowed to mate with the ram and as the picture shows she has proved to be a very good mother, unlike some sheep who will have nothing to do with the lambs they give birth to, Stevie is a natural and her lambs know where their mother is at all times even though she cannot see them or hear their bleating.

When the shepherd enters the field it is natural for all the sheep to rush towards her but not Stevie. She remains in her own little world although now she will know she is a mother. Due to a shepherd, who diligently cares for all her animals, Stevie, despite her innate disabilities, is having a life that, in other circumstances, she might never have



experienced. There are thousands of people in this land who are caring for members of their family with life long physical and mental disabilities. At this particular time, because of the virus that has meant a change in all our lives, some people have lost the daily support that has, over the years, enabled them to carry on.

There are many reasons why we all want to see an end to this time of sorrow and disruption but in this instance, let us give thanks for the caring people in our society who, like this shepherd, strive to give the less fortunate, a life they can enjoy and fulfil to the best of their limited abilities.



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AROUND OUR LOG



View of Beverley Cathedral

Some unexpected pleasures to be discovered, in and around town, during the virus lockdown.

It might seem very strange to state that in all my 30 years of living in Beverley, never have the town and its immediate environs, seemed so beautiful than in the early morning sun of a recent Saturday. Certainly the town has never been so tranquil, so free of traffic noise and consequent pollution. For those of us fortunate enough to have been responsibly going outdoors, to take exercise on foot, or in the above case, by cycle, there have been things to relish over this difficult lockdown period - which as I write, might just be starting to ease. Here, I would like to share with you some of the unexpected pleasures derived from those little journeys of exploration that I have been taking over the past 7 troubled weeks. I have always been a great believer that for those who wish to discover, there is no better place to start than on your own doorstep.

My photo of a deserted Saturday Market (26.03.20) was used on BBC Look North I think my most startling discovery, was to notice for the very first time, the quite

stunning roof rib-vaulting, that lies under the North Bar. Sadly, in normal times it is almost impossible to enjoy this striking and historically important iconic entrance to our town, one that has stood so elegantly for over 600 years. It has become little more than a funnel for busy traffic; disfigured by lights and road signs. I venture to suggest that few of our continental neighbours would be so brazen with their precious built-heritage. Certainly, it is normally most unsafe for a cyclist or pedestrian to take a close look from within. On this morning, however, there was no traffic at all. So I stopped and looked up - you can even see the former portcullis groove - the photo here hopefully conveys just how splendid it all is. Now, is it fanciful for me to hope that post-Covid 19, our town will recognise what an asset it has here and not treat it in such a disdainful way? I know there are many local people who plan to campaign to win back the town streets for pedestrians and cyclists with more sustainable use of vehicles; just possibly the political climate is changing to allow this to happen - time will tell.

Glorious medieval vaulting under North Bar From here it was a short ride up lovely,

tranquil North Bar Without. VE Day was just over, so I was especially moved by the Polish flag flying outside the handsome house, that rather surprisingly hosts a consulate. As a historian, I have always been fascinated by the modern history of this tragic country. It was supposedly for Poland (ask Basil Fawcett!) that the UK declared war on Nazi Germany. Some have argued we did far too little to help them, even less to prevent Poland falling into Soviet hands post-1945. Anyway, historical debate aside, it is a fine sight on a beautiful street. The esteemed architectural expert, John Grundy, rightly called it one of the most elegant ways to enter any town. By the way, his Townscapes book and 1990 TV



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series, are well worth seeking out, and not just for its fine section on our town.

A little piece of Poland in Beverley

On this gorgeous day, the bluebells of Burton Bushes at the top of Westwood beckoned. On the way, I was very taken by the huge tree swing that has been erected deep in the woods of the former pits, some 400 yards east of Black Mill.

I am a touch embarrassed to admit, that as a 60 year old, I could not resist having a go. It was wonderful, taking me right back to 1966, when I was probably swinging when Bobby Moore lifted our only World Cup - maybe you will seek it out soon.

The bluebells are magnificent each May in the Bushes, this year they seem more vivid, more uplifting, than ever. I suspect we all need a little beauty and hope in our lives these days. You can wander at will here , the many carpets of England's most loved

wildflower are intoxicating. Do try to visit before they fade.

Bluebells at Burton Bushes

Now, its upon my roof, trying unsuccessfully to resist humming The Drifter's tune. If at all possible, you might well enjoy doing the same at your home, or at least looking from the highest window - Larkin built a fine poetry collection around just that, whilst living in Pearson Park. Our house has 3 floors and being near the railway station in the heart of town, I can safely take in a 360 degree panorama of Beverley and its surroundings.

The crest of the Wolds are usually easy to see and at night the flashing light of Flamborough's lighthouse, some 30 miles away. Best of all, the roof affords an ever-changing spectacle of the Minster, seeming like some golden galleon floating on the seas of Eastgate and Highgate. Let us hope that both our splendid historic churches -

few towns can boast even 1 of such quality - will be able to safely reopen soon, offering comfort and support, so vital at this time of crisis.

From my rooftop

The quiet streets may also encourage us to explore some of the town nooks and crannies, we might previously have overlooked. This was true for me when discovering a new and thrilling prospect of the Minster from St. Matthew's Court recently.

Minster from St Matthew's Court

The town may well still be in at least partial lockdown when you read this, yet we are so fortunate to have so much to discover and enjoy, until more normal times return... and I can get on with completing the Wolds Way! Keep Safe.

Ian Richardson
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BUSINESS SPLASHES OUT TO DONATE WATER BOTTLES TO HOSPITAL STAFF

A business which provides a linguistic lifeline for patients using the NHS in Hull and East Yorkshire has now stepped up with support for frontline staff by donating 1,000 re-usable water bottles.

AA Global Language Services, based in King Edward Street, Hull, came up with the idea to help hard-pressed staff working at Hull Royal Infirmary, Castle Hill Hospital and Beverley Community Hospital.



The company also donated 500 water bottles to hospitals in the Worcester area, where AA Global was founded nearly 30 years ago and still has an office.

Kirk Akdemir, CEO of AA Global, said: "We work very closely with the Clinical Commissioning Groups in Hull and the East Riding and with the City Health Care Partnership (CHCP) helping communication between healthcare professionals and some of their patients.

"We clap for the carers every Thursday but we also wanted to find some way of providing practical support and after talking to some of our contacts in the NHS we came up with the idea of the water bottles."

Members of the AA Global team carried out some online research to find a supplier of the bottles which are lightweight and can be clipped to a belt or bag or folded to fit into a pocket and then filled with up to half a litre of water.

The bottles were delivered to the three sites and the

gift was warmly welcomed by staff, with the CHCP tweeting: "Thank you so much to @AAGlobal_UK for the gift of water bottles for our fantastic, hardworking colleagues and to our marvellous volunteers for distributing them."

Kirk added: "We've all come to acknowledge and appreciate the fantastic work all our frontline workers do, especially those at the NHS who have been working such long hours in extraordinary circumstances, proving over and over that they are simply amazing!

"We are aware that the workers get really hot and dehydration levels rise during their long shifts and we wanted to do something a little bit different to show our appreciation and to say 'thank you' for all they do."

Simon Nearney, Director of Workforce at Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "On behalf of all staff in our hospitals, I would like to express my sincere thanks to AA Global for their kind donation of 600 flat pack water bottles for staff working on the frontline.

These are incredibly useful for our staff to ensure they can stay hydrated whilst working and wearing PPE. This kind gesture is very much appreciated and has given our staff a much needed boost."

BEVERLEY KITCHEN RETAILER TACKLES GLOBAL PANDEMIC TO KEEP TRADING

Despite such uncertain times having a major impact on the high street, this Beverley kitchen retailer is harnessing the latest technology to overcome the challenges posed by a global pandemic.

The Kutchenhaus store is providing virtual appointments and using its new online 3D planning and design tool to create kitchens remotely for local customers until COVID-19 government restrictions are lifted.

Rob Haw, owner of the store, is introducing new ways for its customers to view, design and order its contemporary ranges produced by parent company, Nobilia - Europe's largest kitchen manufacturer. Rather than visiting their Toll Gavel showroom, customers can still benefit from the local team's years of experience by booking a design appointment online and then holding it remotely by video conference.

Kutchenhaus is renowned for providing stylish, German-designed ranges at the lowest possible price, without compromising on quality. Customers in Beverley have the added peace of mind that kitchens they order now will be delivered on time, with minimal disruption currently being experienced to the firm's supply chain and manufacturing process in Germany.

Rob Haw, store owner at Kutchenhaus in Beverley, commented: "We're starting to get a fantastic response to our virtual appointments, which gives local customers the option to design a new kitchen from the comfort and safety of their own home. Coupled with the new online 3D planning and design tool, the technology has been a real game changer for us as a business operating in the most difficult of circumstances."

Sean Ford, National Head of Sales and Operations for Kutchenhaus, said: "Kutchenhaus is on an ambitious growth path over the next 2-3 years, however being in the grip of a global pandemic has certainly presented some challenges and even positively altered the way we do business in some cases.

"It is therefore extremely satisfying that Rob and their team are now in a position to keep their store open in Beverley in some capacity and

offer local customers the opportunity to plan and design their dream kitchen during the current lockdown."

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SPENDING FATHER'S DAY IN LOCKDOWN

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide by families to show an extra bit of love for their dad's, and this year will be no different - despite the circumstances.

The day itself will be celebrated differently due to social distancing measures and parts of our life still on lockdown, but the fact remains that Father's Day will still be happening on June 21st regardless.

A usual Father's Day line up may look like waking up, having a laid back morning while being showered with love and gifts to celebrate a special day. However, this wasn't the case for the average dad over 100 years ago back when the day was first created.

Little do we think about it, but the history of Father's Day is considered long-winded and controversial. So why do we actually celebrate it and where did the idea come from?

The first recorded instance of a Father's Day-like celebration is on July 5, 1908 in the USA, where a church in Fairmont, West Virginia held a special service to honour 360 men who had lost their lives in a coal mine explosion earlier. It was the country's first ever event that strictly honoured fathers, but for many years, the service remained a one-time occurrence.

A while later came the woman behind the idea for a more permanent Father's Day, Sonora Smart Dodd. She had attended a

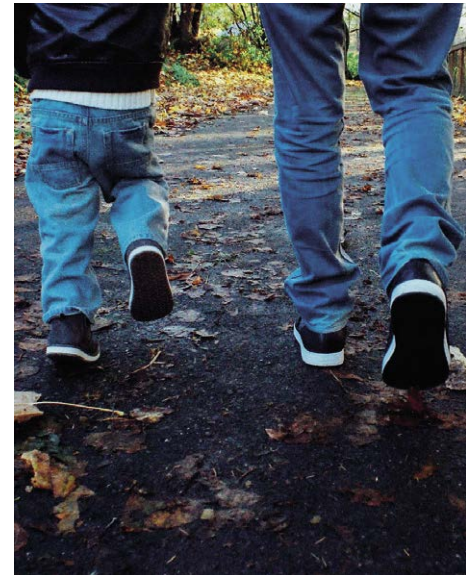
church service in her home county Spokane, Washington that honoured mothers, and being close to her own father, she believed fathers deserved a day too.

She proposed the notion of a Father's Day to her church's minister and it was decided that the third Sunday of every June would be dedicated to fathers. The first Father's Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington, however, it wasn't until decades later that her idea became a nationwide national holiday in America.

Despite several verbal acknowledgements of the day, it wasn't until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson declared it as an official celebration. In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a permanent proclamation to declare the third weekend of June as Father's Day. Today, Father's Day is celebrated on different days around the world.

Father's Day celebrations might have been on the back burner for a while due to lockdown, so if you haven't got any ideas for gifts yet, there are many ways to comply with social distancing rules and deliver the best gifts for your dad.

Some of the most common Father's Day gifts include socks, ties, jumpers, slippers and other items of clothing, along with household maintenance or garden tools, luxury chocolates and alcoholic beverages. If you want to be more creative with your Father's Day presents



this year due to the unprecedented times, why not try something different? If you can't get to the shops for a card, have a look at websites like Moonpig or Funky Pigeon where you can customise the cover with photos of you and your dad, or make your own joke card.

A fun and alternative gift to alcohol could be an alcohol brewing kit that has everything needed for easy stove-top brewing. Brewing beer at home is easier than you'd think, and it would give him something to do while the country comes out of lockdown. If the worst comes to it and you can't think of anything... there's always Amazon!

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SUMMER SOLSTICE 2020: OUR FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

The summer solstice occurs in June in the Northern Hemisphere and represents midsummer, and the arrival of the longest day and shortest night. Here's everything you need to know about the longest day of the year.

A solstice happens twice a year, and once in each hemisphere, the Northern and Southern. The winter solstice, the shortest of the year, occurs around the 21st of December annually.

In 2020, the Summer Solstice is taking place on 20 June, at 21:43 GMT/UTC. The solstice is independent of the Earth's specific rotation, which is why, like this year, it can happen during the middle of the night. The solstice occurs at the moment the Sun is at its furthestmost point from the equator during the celestial annual journey of the Earth round the sun.



The word solstice is derived from the Latin words sol, meaning 'sun', and sistere, meaning 'to stand still'. It is considered our longest day of the year because it is the day we have the most hours of sunlight over the whole year.

Solstice and equinox times are in GMT. The dates for equinoxes and solstices in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres are the same, but in opposite seasons. For example, the summer solstice north of the Equator is mirrored south of the equator by the winter solstice.

Things may be different this year due to the Coronavirus, but there is usually a great significance given to the summer solstice that has varied among cultures, for example, it is celebrated widely by events, holidays and festivals. Although, perhaps more famously, the ancient monument Stonehenge in Wiltshire has for some time been the centre of a ritual celebration as the stones become lined up to frame the rising of the Sun.

POEM BY CLINT WASTLING - RIDING THE RIDING

*Lockdown provides more time to cycle.
You feel part of the countryside,
embraced by it, higher on a saddle,
able to peer over hedgerows
at land we're forbidden to access.*

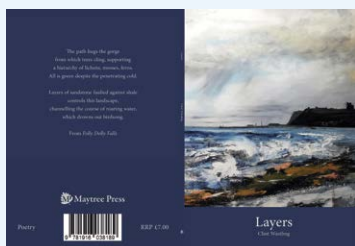


*Late spring - the colours are varied,
air scented with May and rapeseed,
verges alive with butterflies:
small white, orange tip, peacock, wall brown.*

*Cycling The Wolds from
High Hunsley to South Dalton.
A flask of coffee, bananas, biscuits,
for breaks on benches watching
holly blue, tortoiseshell, brimstone yellow.*

*Fair-weather cyclists indulged by sun
on roads so quiet birdsong delights
and the soil smells damp
from dew.
A landscape brim-full under
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SHORT STORY BY THELMA LAYCOCK: THE GREEN, GREEN GRASS

Looking out at the lagoon, he saw that it was a peculiar shade of bluish green. Perched on the edge of it, like a large white communion wafer, was the moon.

'It looks bloody weird!' thought Rhys, shrugging his fingers deeper into his pockets. Venice was getting cold - soon it would be the time of 'Aqua Alta' and he didn't want to be around for that. He strode into the nearest bar, ordering a 'grappa'. The atmosphere was warm and he took off his jacket, standing at the bar, bantam-weight, short, and as dark as any Italian. It wasn't just the temperature which was warm; the language warmed him with its musicality, counterpointing with the pitch and toss of the rougher Veneziano dialect.

For some reason his mind drifted back to Tiger Bay and to his local, 'The Red Dragon', where they'd all be right now, being Saturday see. Dando would be behind the bar whilst Dave and Huw and the other lads would be watching the match on the big screen. Then before Dando could call time, they'd sing. Rhys (when he was there) would do his imitation of Tom Jones, and then he would get up with old Pugh, who had known his grandad, and they'd play the spoons.

A couple of weeks later, he flew to Cardiff and that night headed for 'The Red Dragon'. It was empty. 'Moved on to 'The White Swan', Dando explained, 'it's new, it's beautiful and it's taking all my bloody trade!' 'But Pugh will be in?' enquired Rhys, pulling up a bar stool. 'Pugh?' said Dando. 'Oh, no, a lot's 'appened in a year, boy. Pugh went to live with his daughter. Up north it was.' Rhys pulled a face. Dando went on. 'Didn't agree with 'im, of course. Now he's back and they say he's in a residential 'ome - one of these convent places - Little Sisters or something.' 'Oh, yes,' Rhys replied, that's where Grandad was,' and a lump rose in his throat but he swigged it down quickly.

After that it was just him and Dando. His mind kept going back to Venice and to Rosa and the night he had first met her at the University disco, wearing some fantastic green concoction. Oh, Rosie! He wondered if the lagoon was still that wonderful aquamarine colour and if the moon was sitting on the edge of it, like a silver grapefruit.

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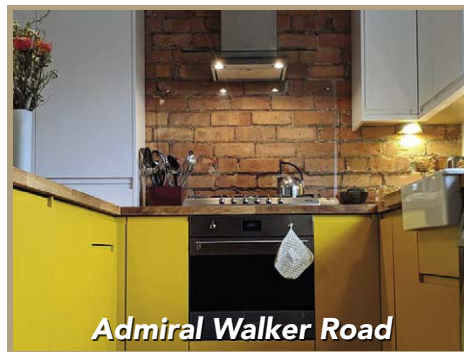
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The subject of this month's issue is a rather special Aston Martin Vanquish S and was probably the cheapest Aston Martin ever obtained because it could only find its first owner as it was the object of a raffle.

An Aston Martin dealer commissioned just ten versions of what they called the Red Arrows edition, with nine being available for purchase at a cool quarter of a million pounds apiece and the final example being the raffle prize at £20 per ticket. All the money raised went to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund and your author must admit to digging deep numerous times in the hope of winning this amazing prize but sadly to no avail.



The specification of a "normal" Vanquish S is quite amazing, never mind the top speed of 205 m.p.h. but the company used its "Q" division to truly personalise it with over 40 unique additions. These were all R.A.F. related and some of the most interesting ones were the interior door pulls having "Emergency exit" embroidered on them, an ejection seat detonator cord shape lacquered into the carbon fibre roof panel and two racing suits, one in red for the driver and one in blue for the passenger to match the colours of the corresponding Red Arrows pilot and engineer.

In the unlikely event that one of these would ever come up for sale, expect to pay in the region of £340,000 as that was the asking price for one just over a year ago. Carfan was lucky enough to sit in the winning car at Englefield House Aston Martin concours d'elegance and can attest that it is loud, very loud. Shy wallflowers need not apply. So don't forget, if you hear this Aston approaching, and you WILL hear it, don't forget that cheery Carfan wave!

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Be Prepared

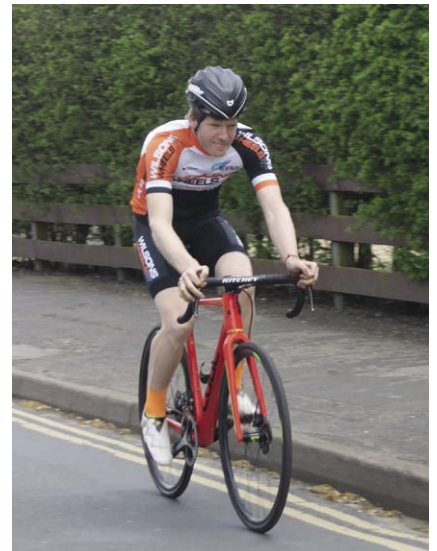
Always check the weather forecast, include sun protection as part of your pre-ride ritual. Even if the weather is overcast, UV radiation can still be 80% of its normal levels. A breeze can make it feel a lot cooler than it is, the breeze will not affect the UV levels.

Protection for the time of the ride

Plan how long you are going to ride and use a product that will offer the longest, most suitable protection. Remember add on may be an extra 1 hour, things do happen when out and about, so plan for the unexpected. Punctures, getting lost, cafe stops, bumping into old friends, you could be out longer than you imagined.

Apply Properly

Ensure you apply at least the recommended amount of sun cream. Do this as you prepare bottles and food etc, so it has soaked in and is giving protection straight away.



Do not forget those sensitive areas; nose, ears, and neck checks along with the rest of the exposed skin your head as well as the rest of your body. There are risks of burning through the vents of your helmet. You can protect your skin even further with UPF (Ultraviolet Protection Factor) clothing which is becoming more common also wear UV protective sunglasses to keep your eyes safe. This is a brief general guideline, everyone's skin is different. Be prepared, Stay Safe.

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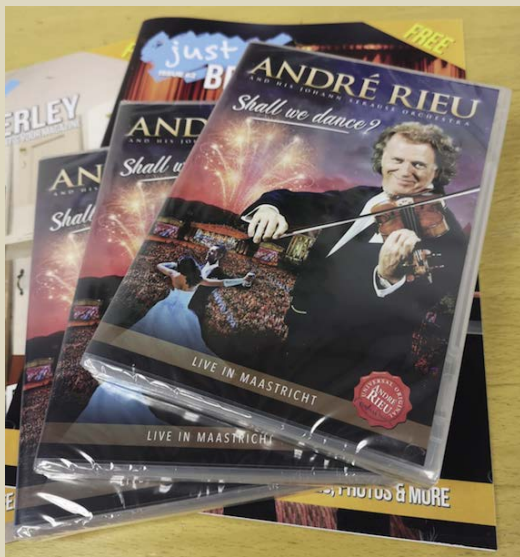
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ASK THE EXPERT WITH WHITE RABBIT CHOCOLATIERS



How can chocolate be local when it doesn't grow in England?

A very observant question and one that I get asked all the time. I am always trying to encourage people to shop local as it is so important for small communities like ours, but how can we possibly frequent our local shops for everything when the beauty of modern times is we have access to anything at the touch of a button? The answer is simple; even the most exotic products can help build the local economy if the business is being run by your peers.

At White Rabbit Chocolatiers, we like to do as much as we can ourselves. As you may remember from a previous edition of ask the expert where we ventured into how chocolate is made, we used the analogy of bread making. In this analogy, the chocolatiers are like the bakers. The bakers don't grow the grain, and they certainly don't mill it (that would be the job of the millers), but they are local people that go on to bake the bread in their local oven and sell it in their local shop.

Of course we are always trying to get our supplies from as close as we can, and if you were a baker and you could get flour from up the road no one could question your 'localness'. But since this cannot be done with chocolate we give ourselves a licence to explore, to expand our reach find the best quality chocolate, no matter where it is from. We then purchase these fine ingredients and begin our task of working and crafting this alien ingredient into a locally made delicacy! It is the job of local people, like our chocolatiers Kathy and Amy to use their refined skills to bring something new and delightful to the offering of our market town. We even like to add other locally sourced ingredients, like Cherry View Milk from Cherry Burton or Yorkshire honey to ensure our local provenance stands up to the test.

As part of Welcome to Yorkshire, the Yorkshire tourist board, White Rabbit has represented Yorkshire chocolate at the Houses of Parliament (2019), we have won a raft of local Beverley food awards, and have even presented our business to delegates in the Netherlands with the government's Department for International Trade. We supply chocolate to businesses up and down the country, each product carefully made and wrapped by our team of local people and shipped directly from our Beverley HQ. Each time we forge a new business relation the footprint of this little white rabbit grows, and with it the message of our historic market town.

COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS WITH SAM WALTON

Isn't nature a wonderful thing?



Giving birth is a very important occasion, be it human beings or animals, and the maternal instinct shown by various species, including humans is an absolute joy to behold. I know that families from all sorts of backgrounds like to cuddle new-born lambs, piglets, kittens and puppies too. Whilst they are doing that, the mother shows great concern for the safety of their offspring and when the animals are given back to their Mum, they are nuzzled and licked and generally protected with all sounds of maternal noises - and I suppose that is why all species have survived.

Sheep have anywhere from one lamb to the occasional quads, cats can have large litters maybe up to seven or eight, but pigs have large litters, and the Chinese Meishan breed is well known for extra large litters. The highest I have heard of was of a Meishan cross gilt giving birth to 31 piglets from one artificial insemination!

When I was a lad, a long time ago now, sows would have 7 or 8 born and an exceptional litter would be 10. These days with the advance in genetics, anything under 12 born is probably about average but we do still get some having into the high teens being born. That shows how far genetic improvement has come and the sows which used to have 10 or maybe 12 teats from which to suckle, now have at least 16 teats!

Fortunately, not every sow has large litters, so we are able to foster any smaller piglets onto a sow with fewer of her own. We couldn't really do that

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Perhaps one day technology will develop, and we could be the first company to start growing chocolate in the UK. But for now we will keep doing what we are doing, with the hope that everyone understands how local we really are and how many Beverley families rely on your support during these difficult times.



in the olden days because we did not usually have many sows giving birth at the same time but to-day with batch farrowing, all piglets are given an equal chance. Incidentally, pigs are what are known as polytocous animals which means they are able to produce multiple piglets in one farrowing. I am reliably informed that this evolutionary strategy is called "parental optimism", which allows the dam to produce more offspring than what is required for it's replacement.

This is what makes pig keeping such an interesting experience as the more born alive, the slightly lighter birth weight they will have. Nutrition plays a huge part to enable the sow to feed her unborn piglets, as the lighter they are at birth, the lighter they will be at weaning and every kilo lighter at weaning means another week longer to finisher weight and that costs money, so believe me, the piglets are exceptionally well looked after these days as farmers are very tight!

SUCCESS ON BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT FOR EAST YORKSHIRE-BORN DANCER AARON BROWN

East Yorkshire-born dancer, Aaron Brown, has achieved success on national television show Britain's Got Talent after a sizzling dance routine with dance partner Jasmine Takács.

The dancing duo, Aaron & Jasmine, appeared on this weeks Britain's Got Talent and received a standing ovation and 4 'Yes' from the judges. Simon Cowell called the dance routine a 10 and "one of the best" he has seen, followed by David Walliams saying "You are so talented, with the chemistry and charisma."

Aaron is from the seaside town Hornsea in East Yorkshire, where he first began his dancing journey before appearing on our television screens.

He began his dance career on the British Ballroom and Latin Circuit, competing as a top national finalist and champion for many years on the dance scene. After many years of competing Aaron began to train at 'Laine Theatre Arts' in London, where he trained in all styles of dance leading him to work at an international level within the entertainment industry on various TV shows, Hollywood Films and theatre shows around the world. Aaron has featured in the TV series Mr Selfridge, ITV drama Jekyll & Hyde and Catherine Tate's Nan Special.

In the last few years, Aaron has teamed up with former Strictly pro, Pasha Kovalev, on his UK tour Let's Dance The Night Away, Kristina Rihanoff on her tour Dance To The Music, and also Karen Hauer & Gorka Markez in their hit show FIRDANCE earlier this year.

Avengers fans may also recognise Aaron from Age Of Ultron as he appeared in the Hollywood blockbuster in 2014 too.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

If you've found yourself confused and thinking that the Queen has already had her birthday this year, you're not wrong.

Queen Elizabeth II's actual birth date is April 21, but the long-established royal tradition means she celebrates two birthdays a year - and here's why.

Official celebrations to mark a King or Queen's birthday in the UK have actually been held on a day that isn't their actual birthday for hundreds of years. The Queen's is June 2nd.

The double birthday tradition for a monarch was started more than 250 years ago by King George II in 1748. The reason being, he wanted to have a big public celebration to include a birthday parade, however he was born in November which is not considered a month that reaps good weather. November wasn't the best time to hold this nationwide celebration, so he decided to combine it with an annual military parade in the summer time, when the weather would be expected to be much better.

And there began the official tradition for a public summer birthday for the monarch.



Every year, the Queen celebrates her April birthday with her family and waits until June to celebrate officially.

This year, there was due to be a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park, a 21-gun salute in Windsor Great Park and a 62-gun salute at the Tower of London on April 21 to commemorate it, but these events were cancelled due to the Coronavirus. It is believed to be the first time in her 68-year reign that this did not happen.

The Trooping the Colour parade marks her official birthday, usually taking place in June, but that has also been cancelled this year.

LOCAL BUSINESS FANGO SUPPORTING BEVERLEY COVID-19 MUTUAL AID

FanGo, launched in summer 2018 by business partners Greg Usher and Joe Gateshill, is an online booking and pre-ordering system that is now being offered out to any local Beverley businesses during these difficult times to support the Beverley Covid-19 Mutual Aid volunteers.

The Beverley based company is specifically designed for the hospitality and events industry, and is live at venues across the UK including The Celtic Manor Resort and The Grand Brighton Hotel.

Its online booking system eliminates administration by linking common tasks across departments, thereby increasing productivity and a team's ability to plan, all whilst enhancing customer service.

As well as developing their website, FanGo are setting up local businesses with online pre-order solutions including the following: restaurants, takeaways, high street shops, golf clubs and other sports facilities.

The system links directly to a business's website and provides a seamless route for guests to pre-order and purchase products and services.

The system has recently been tailored specifically during these uncertain times to help smaller businesses cope with the new social distance measures.

FanGo is currently working with a Yorkshire based golfing venue to allow members to schedule and pay for their tee-off time and even pre-order bacon sarnies on route with limited to next to no contact with grounds staff.

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Most bus services that are currently running during lockdown will have extra journeys, and many routes that were suspended at the start of the crisis will return. The enhanced services will help ensure social distancing can be maintained by providing more journeys to spread out passengers, whilst also giving travel options to those who are returning to work.

To keep to strict social distancing rules, buses will only be able to carry a fraction of their normal number of passengers, which will be a maximum of 20 passengers on a double decker. Once these numbers are reached, the bus will not be able to pick anyone else up. This will be signalled by the bus showing 'Bus full' on the front destination screen. All passengers should be aware that buses may get full, and they should be prepared to wait for another bus. Where possible, the company will send out extra buses on routes when drivers report they are full, but this will not be possible all the time, so it is advised that passengers avoid travelling at the busiest times of day - for example, rush hour - and be prepared to wait for another bus if they have to.

The new timetables are available to view online now at www.eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk, through social media, and on the East Yorkshire Buses app. Those without internet access can get the new times by ringing the travel advice service BusLine, on **01482 592929**, which is open Monday - Friday, 8am-1pm. Lines are expected to be very busy, so East Yorkshire Buses ask that only those who cannot access timetables online call.

IN THE GARDEN... JUNE

Well I hope 'flaming June' lives up to its name - in the gardening calendar June is early summer, garden foliage still has the freshness of spring, while flower buds abound teasing us with the promise of vibrant colour to come.

You do not need a large garden to introduce colour and seasonal interest - if you have a small garden, like I do; backyard; balcony or terrace, this can be achieved with a 'container garden'.

There are several positive reasons for having a container garden:

- If you live in rented accommodation or haven't quite settled down, when you move you can take your 'garden' with you.
- You can 'ring the changes' - I'm forever moving/rearranging my pots, like furniture in a room in the house.
- Plants which grow in different soil conditions can be displayed together i.e. lime haters next to lime lovers.
- You can be experimental with colour schemes and plants, especially seasonal container plants.

Perhaps the only downside of container gardening is that you have to be more attentive with watering and feeding.

Which container? - This is a matter of personal choice and of course your budget, choose from glass fibre, plastic, terracotta, stone or even upcycle unwanted containers from your home - I've seen some wonderful ideas using pots/pans; bathroom furniture; shopping baskets and tea sets. Generally, arrange them in 'huddles' and use a mixture of sizes for best effect - and personally I would advocate having fewer larger planters than lots of little ones (it cuts down on the watering!), but remember if you plan on moving them don't make them too big to move.

What plants? - Most plants will grow in a container as long as it is large enough to sustain the plant. So, vegetables, herbs, fruit trees on dwarf root stock, seasonal plants and shrubs. Consider planting at least a third of your containers with permanent/evergreen green plants.

Tasks for June

There are very few essential tasks other than keeping 'on top' of things and I guess that the vast majority of us will be ahead of the game this year, so...

- Mow the lawn - don't cut it too short, if we have a really dry spell the lawn will go brown if you do.
- Keep a look out for pest, particularly on roses and lush green shoots.
- Keep on top of weeds.
- Tidy up/lift any remaining spring flowering bulbs.
- WATERING PLANTS - Watering should be done thoroughly - ideally either early in the morning or in the evening. Hanging baskets and small containers should be watered daily.
- Feed plants in containers with a water soluble feed - this can be done every time you water and certainly once a week.
- DEADHEADING (removing flowers as they fade) - this is an important task which needs doing regularly to extend the flowering season.

So until July, happy garden, J.

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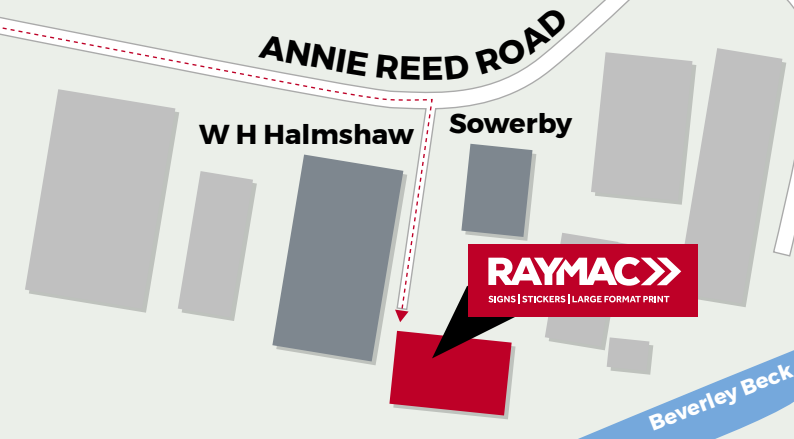
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