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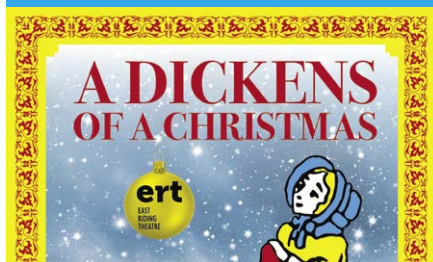
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DECEMBER LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



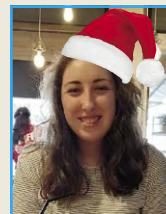
As the nights get colder, the Christmas lights and the shop windows brighten up the streets, we can all say "It's starting to feel a bit like Christmas".

We hope you had a good night at the switch on last

month and you are looking forward to supporting the local productions of 'Beauty and the Beast' at Parkway and ert's production 'A Dickens of a Christmas', along with other productions around Beverley or letting loose and going on a Christmas Adventure!

The question is always the same "What do I get you...?" and I am no different. I think back to gifts which have been my favourite in the past or what my wife or children have said their favourite was, and they are not necessarily the most expensive presents. It is not unheard of to see children take the toy out of the box, only to then play in the box or with the box itself.

So gifts that get people being creative could be the best gift for this Christmas, a gift that takes them on a new adventure in 2023. Have a merry, happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to a great 2023 Just Beverley - It's Your Magazine.
Julian.



Happy December readers! The Christmas lights are up in town, you're almost guaranteed to turn the telly on to a Christmas film, and you can finally play that game of 'who can count the most Christmas trees on your side' to pass time in the car... what a fun time. That reminds me though, I've still got a secret Santa to buy!

With winter fully in season now, if you need me you'll find me condensing a year's worth of hot chocolate consumption into one month while I'm watching films under a blanket. I watched a great Christmas film recently called A Very Yorkshire Christmas; fully recommend if you want to see the best of our beautiful county. As always stay safe and enjoy the issue.
Olivia.

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CLIFF HANDS OVER THE BATON - "OH YES HE DOES"!!

Stability seems to be the popular word at the moment, and at Parkway Cinema stability is very much in the ethos of the business.

Cliff Baillie joined Parkway Cinema, Beverley back in 2015 when the Cinema opened its doors inviting people to watch Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Cliff set his stall out to promote Parkway, the independently owned 6 screen cinema, to be a valued part of the community. As Parkway celebrates 7 years in Beverley, Cliff has decided the time is right for him to sit back, relax and enjoy retirement. So watch out for the Parties at Parkway this December.

Cliff will be handing over to a new general manager, Andrew Cooper, who takes over officially as the cinema enters year 8 of life in Beverley. Andrew said, "It is a pleasure to step into Cliff shoes, he will be a tough act to follow,



but with the foundations laid, I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead".

Cliff mentioned, "It does not seem like 7 years since we brought the cinema to Beverley, it has been a great to get involved with the fabric of the community working with local business, charities and groups. We continue to look to present the very best of the current screen releases from family blockbusters to adventurous films, providing everything from stand up, to stage musicals, to panto, and keep the licensed cafe bar stocked up to meet your requirements before and after the showings."

So, 7 years on and with a hint of sadness, Cliff prepares to hand over to Andrew who will look to lead the 7 year birthday celebrations at Parkway Beverley, whilst reflecting on what has been achieved with Cliff at the helm and looking to the future to develop more of the relationships and build on the community spirit.

Andrew started his career with Parkway back in 2004 when he was just 19 years old. He truly represents the ethics of Parkway, building and growing the team from within. Andrew fully understands the Parkway values having cut his teeth under the guidance of Mr Parkes, the founder of Parkway Cinema.

As Cliff looks for his slippers to sit back and relax, Andrew will be busy preparing for a hectic 2023 with a host of film, live entertainment, comedy, parties, live streaming and much more to follow, to ensure the people of Beverley and the East Riding are entertained.



As we are in Panto season, "Oh yes we are"! Cliff is going, "Oh Yes he is!" - now is the time to grant 3 wishes. One for a long and healthy retirement to Cliff (he will be missed), two for Andrew to deliver a magical festive season with laughter and cheer throughout Parkway Land, and three to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Christmas.

We look forward to the birthday celebrations in December, celebrating with them throughout the festive season and looking forward to a great new year, with so many films being released in 2023.

Merry Christmas everyone.

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA JOHNSON, THE MAYOR OF BEVERLEY

Christmas is the time of year when we should all be able to forget our worries and delight in the gift of the Christ child as we sing well-loved carols, eat far too many mince pies and gaze in wonder at the twinkling Christmas lights.

By the time you read this, I hope your Christmas tree is up, your presents wrapped and a turkey (or vegan equivalent!) in the freezer ready for the oven on Christmas Day.

Sadly, though, this Christmas will be a struggle for many as they try to deal with the cost-of-living crisis caused by political turmoil in the world and at home. It is truly shocking that anyone should have to experience hunger or be unable to pay their fuel bills when they live in one of the richest countries in the world. If you are one of these people, though, help is at hand. Our Cherry Tree Centre, East Yorkshire Foodbank and East Riding of Yorkshire Council are doing their best to ensure no-one goes hungry or suffers fuel poverty and all of our churches, working together as Churches in Beverley, have set up 'warm spaces' for people of all ages to find friendship and support.

Generous people who can afford to are donating money, food and winter clothing to be distributed to anyone in need, not because it's Christmas, but because helping each other is what we do as a society. Others are donating their time to give that warm welcome to anyone who could do with a friendly ear. I've discovered how generous people are in this area whilst I have been Mayor and I thank everyone of them for helping people who need a helping hand. If you are struggling, please don't be afraid to ask for support.

Last year, 2021, we were still restricted in our activities by Covid, but, thank goodness, this year we have been able to get together again!

Who could forget the party Beverley Town Council organised to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne? Beverley has never been more blooming or booming!

It was a huge honour to be able to light a beacon in the Queen's honour in Coronation Gardens (where else?) on the evening of June 2nd and, the following day, a great pleasure to welcome the Deputy Lieutenant of the East Riding, Julie Good; the High Sheriff of the East Riding, Jacky Bowes, the Lord Mayor and High Admiral of Hull, Cllr Christine Randall and several other Mayors of East Riding towns to help us celebrate with music, street entertainment and that enormous picnic.

But who would have thought that our Sovereign Lady would be taken from us just 3 short months later? It was an honour to lead the Minute's silence in Coronation Gardens the day before the funeral, but it was also such a sad event as we all felt a huge sense of loss.

The passing of a Monarch means a new Monarch, though, and I was so proud to represent Beverley as His Majesty King Charles III was proclaimed by High Sheriff Jacky Bowes in both Hull and Beverley. The crowds in Beverley at the proclamation demonstrated the town's regard for our heritage; it was the King's ancestor, Elizabeth 1st, who granted Beverley's charter in 1573. In a world of turmoil, we collectively recognised the national importance of a stable succession and I for one found comfort in the very British pomp and ceremony of the events of that middle week in September.

It will seem strange that this year it will be the King's Christmas Message being broadcast on Christmas Day, but I'll be there, at 3pm, in front of



the TV, listening to what he has to say. I'm sure it will be a fitting tribute to his 'Mummy' and to the happy memories we have of Queen Elizabeth II, as well as perhaps a glimpse into his plans for his reign. After all, we have a Coronation to look forward to on May 6th next year!

The world is ever-changing; it is impossible to predict the future. But the message of Christmas is that there is hope. I hope that you will find peace, love and contentment this Christmastime and, if you are finding life hard, there are better times ahead in 2023.

May God bless you all,
Cllr Linda Johnson
Mayor of Beverley

SCHOOLS IN THE USA WELCOME CHILDREN'S AUTHOR MARION GAMBLE

On a recent trip to the USA, local children's author Marion Gamble had the opportunity to promote her children's books.

With the help of her friend and colleague Peter Stewart, some of her books are now on the curriculum in schools and nurseries in Massachusetts.

Marion said, "I was delighted to have the chance of promoting my books as well as having a holiday in New England".



BEVERLEY TRAVEL FLYING HIGH

Karl Douglas and Kelly Cheesman, Co-owners of Beverley Travel were delighted to attend the Jet2holidays annual VIP conference last week.

All attendees are invited on merit, so to be there as the top local agent is an incredible achievement given the challenges of opening the store just before the C-word hit in 2020. Both are looking forward to sending many more people on amazing holidays with Jet2holidays and their other valued travel partners.

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IT'S PANTO TIME AT PARKWAY BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



The Parkway BIG stage is set and ready for the madness that is Panto. Talegate Theatre Productions are ready to entertain the audience with a tale as old as time, full of fun, laughter, cheer and waiting for the Beverley audience to get ready and join in.

Join TaleGate Theatre Productions this festive season to brighten up your Christmas and enjoy a Panto with the beast of all beasts, an enchanted rose and incredible costumes. It will be their funniest and most spectacular pantomime to date! Slapstick comedy, silliness, music, audience participation and all the fairytale magic of traditional pantomime! A panto extravaganza that will delight the whole family.



Our congratulations go to **the Bolton family** who won the competition for family tickets to the Panto. "Oh yes they did".

For ticket details visit www.parkwaycinemas.co.uk

Just Beverley managed to sneak in and ask the cast a few questions about Christmas.

1. Who is full of festive fun and who is Bah Humbug?

Dame - The Beast
Franc - Beast!
Beast - Grrrrrr!

2. Real Christmas tree or artificial tree?

Belle - Real! I love the smell of them.
Witch - Fake, fake, fake!

3. Christmas cake or Christmas pudding?

Franc - Cake!
Dame - Oh, shut it you pudding!

4. Are gifts found under the tree or in the Christmas stocking?

Belle - We all love to sit around the tree and pass the presents around.
Dame - Oh I love a good pair of stockings. Mine have laddered.

5. Favourite Christmas panto?

All - Beauty and the Beast obviously! At Parkway Beverley this Christmas.

6. Best Christmas joke?

Franc - What do you call a polar bear in Beverley? LOST!!

7. Favourite Christmas song?

Dame - Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.
Witch - Nothing! I hate music!
Belle - So silent night then?

8. Wrapping paper or Christmas bags?

Beast - Bags, the celotape gets stuck in my fur when I try and wrap presents.

9. Favourite Christmas colour and best decoration?

Witch - Green! Mwhahaha!



WITH A TALE AS OLD AS TIME THE BEAST



10. Brussels sprouts or not?

Witch - Love them!

Franc - Urgh!

Belle - It's good to eat all your veggies!

11. Christmas shopping online or local shops?

Belle - Always shop local. It's so festive and Flemington has some wonderful shops.

12. Turkey, ham or vegetarian?

All - Turkey!

Dame - It's tradition.

13. Christmas at home or away?

Dame - Being in Panto, we spend Christmas away from home.

Belle - But we love bringing Christmas joy to families in Beverley.

14. Favourite Christmas drink?

Franc - Sherry.

Dame - Sherry makes me merry.

Franc - Rum?

Dame - No rum makes me glum.

Franc - So what would you like?

Dame - I'll have a brandy...

15. Switch on lights or stay at home?

Witch - Keep the lights off.

Beast - Agreed, waste of electricity.

Belle - But they look so beautiful.

16. Festive lights at home, yes or no?

Witch - Absolutely not! There's a recession on you know!

Franc - But it's so nice to bring Christmas home.

17. Favourite Christmas jumper?

Dame - Mine had two large Christmas puddings on the front.

18. Best Christmas gift ever received and given?

Beast - Socks, every year. Socks!

19. What you cannot do without at Christmas?

Belle - Music, I love the joy it brings.

Dame - Oh yes, MICHAEL BUBLE!!!!

Franc - Festive bake from Greggs.

20. New Years Eve - party or chill at home?

Dame - I love a good party.

21. Best moment of 2022?

All - Right now, panto time. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

22. New Years Resolution 2023?

Dame - Diet.

Beast - Learn to love.

Belle - Help Papa win at the inventors faire.

Witch - Curse less.

Franc - No point, I won't stick to it!

All - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



PERFORMANCE TIMES

Sat 10th December - 12pm & 3pm

Sun 11th December - 12pm & 3pm

Sat 17th December - 12pm, 3pm & 7pm

Sun 18th December - 12pm (relaxed) & 3pm

Tue 20th December - 2pm & 7pm

Wed 21st December - 2pm & 7pm

Thu 22nd December - 12pm & 3pm

Fri 23rd December - 12pm & 3pm

Sat 24th December - 12pm & 3pm

Mon 26th December - 3pm

Tue 27th December - 12pm & 3pm

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Thursday 1st December -
The Woman King

Starring: Viola Davis, Thuso Mbedu
Director: Gina Prince-Bythewood

Emily

Starring: Emma Mackey, Fionn Whitehead
Director: Frances O'Connor

Thursday 8th December -
Emily

Starring: Emma Mackey, Fionn Whitehead
Director: Frances O'Connor

The Lost King

Starring: Sally Hawkins, Steve Coogan
Director: Stephen Frears

Thursday 15th December -
The Lost King

Starring: Sally Hawkins, Steve Coogan
Director: Stephen Frears

Love Actually

Starring: Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth
Director: Richard Curtis

Thursday 22nd December -
Love Actually

Starring: Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth
Director: Richard Curtis

Ticket to Paradise

Starring: George Clooney, Julia Roberts
Director: Ol Parker

Thursday 29th December -
Christmas Break

Thursday 5th January -
Ticket to Paradise

Starring: George Clooney, Julia Roberts
Director: Ol Parker

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

Starring: Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert
Director: Anthony Fabian

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Check out up-to-date cinema listings at www.justbeverley.co.uk/cinema-times



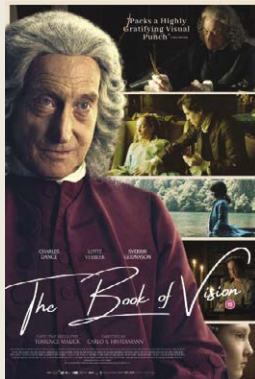
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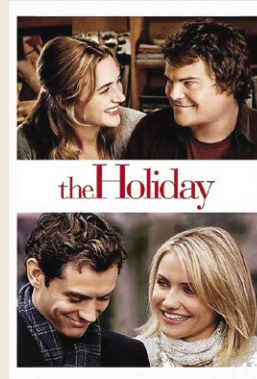
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A group of mercenaries attack the estate of a wealthy family on Christmas Eve, and Santa must save Christmas. Little do they know that the night will take a turn as jolly ol' Saint Nick arrives to put an end to the invasion with violent force.

Starring: David Harbour, John Leguizamo, Beverly D'Angelo. From Friday 2nd December.



AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER

Set more than a decade after the events of the first film, Avatar 2 begins to tell the story of the Sully family (Jake, Neytiri and their kids), the trouble that follows them, and the lengths they go to, to keep each other safe.

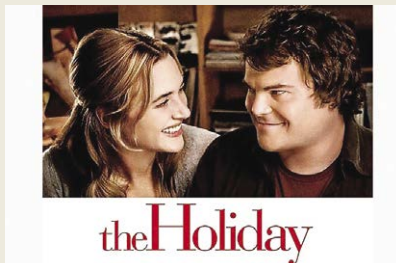
Starring: Kate Winslet, Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana. From Friday 16th December.



THE HOLIDAY

Two women troubled with guy-problems swap homes in each other's countries, where they each meet a local guy and fall in love.

Starring: Cameron Diaz, Jack Black, Jude Law, Kate Winslet. A special Christmas screening on Monday 12th December.



BATMAN RETURNS - 30TH ANNIVERSARY

While Batman deals with a deformed man calling himself the Penguin wreaking havoc across Gotham with the help of a cruel businessman, a female employee of the latter becomes the Catwoman with her own vendetta.

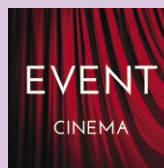
Starring: Danny DeVito, Michael Keaton, Michelle Pfeiffer. Showing Monday 5th December & Sunday 11th December.



ROYAL BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER

Marvel at the brilliance of Tchaikovsky's score, as Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker fight the Mouse King and visit the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Prince in the glittering Kingdom of Sweets.

Thursday 8th December, 7.15pm & Sunday 11th December, 2pm.



Event cinema offers something a little different to mainstream films. Live and pre-recorded shows beamed in via satellite from all over the world. Here are the latest live streams that you can enjoy on the big screen at Parkway Beverley.

Sunday 27th November, 2pm & Thursday 1st December, 7.30pm - A Christmas Carol - A Ghost Story

It's Christmas Eve. As the cold, bleak night draws in, the avaricious Ebenezer Scrooge is confronted by the spirit of his former business partner Jacob Marley.

Thursday 8th December, 7.15pm & Sunday 11th December, 2pm -

Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker

Peter Wright's much loved production for The Royal Ballet.

Saturday 10th December, 5.55pm -

Met Opera: The Hours

Renele Fleming makes her highly anticipated return to the Met in the world-premiere production of Pulitzer Prize winning composer Kevin Puts' The Hours, adapted from Michael Cunningham's acclaimed novel.

Saturday 7th January, 7pm & Sunday 8th January, 2pm -

Andre Rieu in Dublin

Visit the Emerald Isle in style with Andre Rieu in Dublin, the maestro's first filmed concert in the delightful Irish capital in over 20 years exclusive to cinemas.

Saturday 14th January, 5.55pm -

Met Opera: Fedora

Umberto Giordano's exhilarating drama returns to the Met repertory for the first time in 25 years.

Thursday 19th January, 7.15pm -

Royal Ballet: Like Water For Chocolate

A modern Mexican classic of magic realism provides the basis for The Royal Ballet's new full-length work, reuniting Artistic Associate Christopher Wheeldon with the creative team who transformed Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and The Winter's Tale into dance, composer Joby Talbot and designer Bob Crowley.

Thursday 26th January, 7pm -

NT Live: The Crucible

A witch hunt is beginning in Arthur Miller's captivating parable of power.

GRAHAM STUART MP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone in Beverley.

This year has given us a lot to celebrate as a country. The Lionesses roared to victory at Wembley to finally bring football home. The England T20 Cricket Team won the T20 World Cup in Australia. And the country came together during a marvellous four-day weekend to host thousands of street parties to give thanks for the seventy years of service of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

I am pleased that we have had a lot to celebrate in Beverley and the surrounding areas as well. John Duggleby, a wonderful farmer in Beswick, was named the North East Community Farming Hero by the National Farmers' Union to recognise his contribution to the farming industry over the last three decades.

In response to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, many of you displayed solidarity, hospitality and friendship by opening your homes to more than thirty Ukrainian refugees.

Jodi Roper, a Child Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner working in the Humberside Teaching NHS Foundation Trust, was shortlisted for the NHS Parliamentary Awards to recognise the positive difference she makes to her patients every day. These are just some examples of the brilliant people we are fortunate to have in our town.

As we look forward to celebrating Christmas and relaxing with our family and friends, I would like you to keep in your minds the people who will be working during this period. Our care workers, fire service, police, nurses and other public sector workers will still be working in order to look after us all and I pay tribute to them for their care and dedication to others.

I wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a very happy 2023.



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IN MY VIEW... IT'S TIME TO MAKE FESTIVE MEMORIES

Hello everyone and welcome to the December issue! The Christmas lights are on, decorations are going up, the shops are open later and it's completely acceptable to watch a favourite festive classic (hello, Love Actually!) or stick on your seasonal playlist.

It's the perfect time of the year for creating memories, seeing family and friends, enjoying traditions and, of course, taking photographs!

One of our traditions is to make our Christmas cake! We make one, my father-in-law makes one, and then we do a half-and-half swap. This is a relatively new one for us, but comes from my father-in-law remembering his Mum and Grandma doing the same. We decided to revive this tradition three years ago and have been doing it ever since. Twice the delicious cake? Yes, please!



Another favourite tradition for us is a visit to the annual Winter Illuminations at nearby Doncaster's Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Come nightfall, the park lights up with magical scenes of animals, sea creatures, flowers and dinosaurs.

Offering an evening of seasonal wonder for all ages and setting hearts aglow, the event runs until 14 January, so if you fancy experiencing something truly magical and supporting the brilliant work the park does in the process, then get yourself a ticket and go along. You won't regret it.



Closer to home - in fact, on our very own doorstep - there's plenty of comfort and joy to be found at Flemingate's Tipi Christmas - a must-visit in our opinion.

Enjoy a festive hot chocolate or a warming mulled wine against a backdrop of twinkling lights and a crackling fire while waiting for Santa to arrive.

Warm, welcoming and dog friendly, it's the ideal place to go and rest up after a long day of Christmas shopping.

If you're a planning a winter getaway further afield, make sure you capture those magic moments, whether a well-timed snowfall or a visit to a favourite Christmas market with friends to pick up those last-minute gifts and enjoy a tipple.



Last November we saw London in all its seasonal splendour for the first time and took home lots of souvenirs in the form of photos we'll treasure forever (as well as the many other souvenirs we couldn't resist!).

Whatever your traditions are at this time of year, be sure to have your cameras at the ready and make some memories. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for reading my articles. Whether you are a regular reader or this is the first one for you, I hope you have a brilliant Christmas and new year ahead.

Cheers to the season, and happy snapping!

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I'VE BEEN THINKING... SAYS COLIN RAYNOR

December is surely the month of good news and before you turn away thinking, given the state of the country, he's lost the plot, do read on.

I know that there will always be people who are, as the saying goes, 'glass half empty' so I may be on a loser here, but we can only hope.

I was on the telephone the other day to a cousin of mine who had just had his 83rd birthday. As someone who will also be celebrating a slightly older birthday soon I wished him well and asked how he was on a daily basis. His answer began, as it always does, with the response "well I'm still here in the land of the living and that's something to be thankful for". Now I can tell you that this cousin of mine has been severely disabled since birth and has required arm crutches to help him walk at all and, having outlived most of his family, he has lived alone for many years.

The isolation that restricted most people's normal movements away from their homes during the pandemic hardly affected his daily life because that was his normal pattern. Over the years he has had a mobility car and this has enabled him to be part of his community and enjoy his hobby of bird watching. But as he gets older he admits

he is losing the strength to walk even with his aids and the time out of his apartment becomes less and less.

He is fortunate (his word) to have a regular carer who comes most days for a few hours and with whom, I am sure he will greet with a cheeky grin, and some off the cuff comment, because he has never lost his sense of humour. Considering the limited lifestyle he has endured, in contrast to most people, December will still be a good month for him and it is a privilege to know he is part of our family.

Now, I do not tell you that to make you in any way feel sorry for yourself as I'm quite sure that many of you could make a case out for saying that, although you do not, and have never suffered the life restrictions of my cousin, you do have other physical problems coupled at this time with increasing financial worries. So what is there to feel happy about right now?

Be assured that we all have at least one thing to be thankful for when all else fails. As the Festive season approaches you can give thanks for still being here to take another step into your personal history book.



My cousin has also had a strong Christian faith all his life, not always linked to any particular church group. He will I'm sure, like many people the world over, welcome the Good News of the baby born in Bethlehem and recall the words of the hymn that says 'Love came down at Christmas, love all loving, love divine' and then go on to say with Tiny Tim (in Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol).

"God Bless us , every one."

BEVERLEY AC - KEEP ON RUNNING!

Beverley AC members head towards the end of a successful 2022 and look forward to the challenges of 2023.

The past month has seen Beverley athletes continue to take on many challenges. Scenic Derwentwater 10 in the Lake District, the Guy Fawkes 10 in Ripley or the more local Killham multi terrain 10kms or the Deepdale Dash 10kms in Barton upon Humber, there was an event for everyone.

The second race of the East Yorkshire Cross Country League took place in October at Welton when 78 runners donned the Club colours, where in muddy conditions, the men's and women's teams both finished in second place. The next event is in December and takes place at Bishop Wilton.

The Club held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19th October, at Beverley Cricket Club. Those attending were able to enjoy the meeting as well as food and refreshments and reflect on the past year as well as discuss the way forward for 2023.

The annual Beaver Trail run took place on Sunday 20th November where runners, walkers and friends enjoyed this popular local trail. The route was founded by members of Beverley AC in November 1998 and since then the club has

celebrated the route with an annual event by inviting anyone to run or walk their choice of 5, 10, 13 or 15.2 miles, finishing at Beverley Leisure Centre for soup and rolls.

Wednesday 14th December will see Father Christmas get festive fit, taking part in the Club's annual Santa Run, accompanying Club members as they enjoy a socially festive run around Beverley before enjoying refreshments back at Beverley Cricket Club.



The running santas will also be fundraising for Dove House Hospice, the Club's nominated charity for 2022.

And finally, some important dates for your diaries. Beverley's iconic 10kms race takes place on Sunday 14th May 2023 and details of the event and registration will be circulated in the New Year, whilst Walkington 10kms will take place on Friday 14th July 2023.

The Club is hoping to replicate its' successful Couch25k programme starting in January 2023 and completing in May. This popular running programme takes people from being non-runners to completing their first 5kms event in a few months of training. Details will be circulated in due course.

New members, whatever your age and fitness level, are always welcome and further details



about the membership and what the Club has to offer to its members can be found on the Club's website: www.beverleyathleticclub.co.uk

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HOW YEAR-ROUND TAX PLANNING CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO YOUR LIFE

You would be forgiven for thinking tax planning is a chore to be done every March before the tax year ends. The term 'ISA season' doesn't help either, with its implication that there's a specific time of year when you need to take one out or pay in your allowance.

Tax planning shouldn't necessarily just be done in March. It's a part and parcel of the whole financial-planning process and inextricably linked to many different life events.

This means keeping tax in mind every time you make a significant financial decision. To give you a better idea of what we mean, here are several scenarios you might encounter where savvy tax planning can make all the difference.

Business had a good year?

The past few years have been tough for the self-employed. However, if you've had a bumper year, you may be able to take advantage of carry-forward rules and pay more than the annual allowance (currently 100% of your earnings up to £40,000) into your pension. This allows you to use any unused allowance from the previous three years in the current year.

Contemplating some intergenerational wealth planning?

Recent years have also added to younger generations' woes, and many older clients are keen to share their wealth with children and grandchildren. This might mean contributing to wedding costs, helping them onto the housing ladder, paying down student debt or chipping in for rent and bills.

However, did you know these gifts can also be tax efficient and reduce a potential Inheritance Tax (IHT) bill further down the line? Each year, you can give away £3,000 in gifts tax free to reduce your estate, with additional allowances for wedding gifts. Allowances are per person too, so couples can effectively double these.

You can also make ongoing gifts from income, so long as it doesn't harm your own standard of living. The important thing is to make sure you have documented any gifts you make, in case it's challenged later.

Received a windfall?

Whether you've received a bonus at work or an inheritance, there's often a strong argument for paying the money into your pension. Not only will this shelter the money from major UK taxes, but subject to certain limitations, the contribution will also be topped up by tax relief at your marginal rate.



This can be particularly helpful if a bonus has tipped your earnings over £100,000 as it can help you avoid the tapering of the personal allowance that can result in the 60% tax trap. It's a double hit. You get the benefit of reducing your income for tax purposes plus the benefit of tax relief.

Had a child or grandchild?

Premium bonds have long been a popular gift on the birth of a new child. But what are the odds of winning big time?

The recipient will have a better chance of eventually becoming a millionaire if you set them up with a child's pension.

Each year, you can invest £2,800 in a pension for a child, which will be topped up to £3,600 by pension tax relief. Whilst a child's pension can only be set up by a parent or legal



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guardian, anyone can contribute to one. The power of compounding means just one £3,600 contribution at birth could give their pension saving a massive head start.

It could also give girls the edge they desperately need to beat the women's pensions crisis and avoid retiring on less than the men in their lives.

Still paying money into a Cash ISA?

We all feel comfortable having easy-access cash in the bank. However, paying into a Cash ISA may be making the most of your annual ISA allowance.

The Personal Savings Allowance means basic-rate taxpayers can earn up to £1,000 in savings interest before they need to pay tax, while higher-rate taxpayers can earn up to £500. It's important to have some money in cash, but over time you'll likely be better off using your £20,000 allowance for a Stocks & Shares ISA.

These are just a few examples of ways to plan your finances tax effectively throughout your life.

By talking to a Financial Adviser on a regular basis and sharing what's going on in your life, you'll find there are plenty more opportunities to reduce your tax bill or shelter your wealth from tax.

An investment in Stocks and Shares ISA will not provide the same security of capital associated with a Cash ISA or a deposit with a bank or building society.

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LET'S VISIT HULL'S OLD TOWN HERITAGE PUBS

Hull's Old Town is a pleasure to visit, and the 5 pubs included in the CAMRA guide to the best heritage pubs in Yorkshire, are glittering jewels in the crown. Here, we take a stroll that allows all to be enjoyed, but check websites for the variable opening times.

All are currently open through most of the day at weekends. Handily, all are in close proximity, within 10 minutes staggering time of each other.

We start our exploration at the grand, White Hart on Alfred Gelder Street, and end at the similarly named and venerable, Olde White Harte, snug in its own courtyard off Silver Street.



The White Hart is an exceptionally attractive building, inside and house. Built in 1904, it was formerly the company HQ of much-loved, Hull Brewery. Its curved profile, and striking frontage, are fine sights.

The bar on the left is full of architectural interest, pride of place going to the ceramic bar, one of only 10 surviving in the country. The original glazed bar cupboards, are even rarer.

The rear areas are more modern, but provide fine food, and sports viewing. The outside areas are also well appointed. The pub has a growing reputation for its extensive range of cask, keg and craft beers and ciders, I can recommend the rhubarb variety! The food is top notch, many customers rating their burgers as the best in Hull.



Just over the road, to your right, you enter Hull's historic High Street, full of character at every turn, with striking buildings like Wilberforce House and the text book, Georgian, Maister House. Just

beyond the latter, you reach the distinctive Olde Black Boy.

This is rightly a listed building, dating originally from the mid-eighteenth century. The pub fittings are from 1926.



The Smoke Room, on your right, is one of the great drinking spaces of England: the dark interior can't hide the splendour of the wood and glasswork.

The pub is full of fascinating spaces, upstairs and down. There is even a small roof terrace. The pub has long been noted for its wide range of quality whisky, as well as real ales.

Up an atmospheric alley off Lowgate, we find the Olde Blue Bell. This is a Sam Smiths pub, the Tadcaster based brewery has a merited reputation for running heritage pubs, and providing fine beers at reasonable prices. I am especially fond of their German style wheat beer, this has rightly been called a champagne of beers.

The pub's rich history goes back to the 1790s, and has always been a base for traders and shoppers at the adjacent market. The snug, with its fixed bench seating, is a classic, whilst customers can enjoy the open fire at this time of year.

At the other end of the market, facing Hull Minster is the deservedly popular, Kingston. Sadly, some of its best internal features have been lost by recent refurbishments, but the building itself



is outstanding, designed in 1877 by noted Hull architect William Marshall. It has a distinctive side room, the Tugger's Snug, after the tug boat crews who drank there. The outside seating area is worthy of a grand continental city square, with fine buildings in every direction.

Finally, we arrive at what for most is Hull's most historic and distinctive pub: Olde White Harte. The pub is a trilling mix of stained glass, fine woodwork and fireplaces.

It's biggest historic claim to fame, is the upstairs Plotting Chamber, the alleged place where the parliamentarian governors of Hull, decided to refuse entry to the town to Charles 1, and his royal army - thus precipitating the English Civil War. Purists are sceptical; as the building post-dates this event by 4 decades. The courtyard seating area is especially nice.

The coming weeks of the festive season, are an ideal time to enjoy these gems, just a short train, car or bus ride away for most of us.

May I wish everyone who reads my regular JB articles, my warmest compliments of the season - see you in 2023!

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SHORT STORY BY CLINT WASTLING - THE WINTER HARE



The sky had been steely grey for days and a piercing easterly penetrated everything. The bustling crowd hurried along; individuals hardly recognisable in hats, beanies and scarves wrapped tightly around their necks. By night time Beverley's narrow streets were deserted except for town foxes raiding bins and foraging discarded takeaways.

Linda looked out of her window. When she craned her neck she could just make out one of the Minster's towers. She closed the curtain then settled down to finish her book. She hadn't realised there were Celtic square barrows on the Westwood. Her own photographs of stone circles hung on the wall and ornaments of various Celtic designs were arranged by theme. A bin lid clattered, she looked out but could see nothing untoward happening. Her gaze settled on a hare sitting resolutely in the centre of the path and staring at her front door. When the midnight chimes resounded it vanished.

The following morning Linda was up before dawn in order to watch the sunrise from Black Mill. She was determined to capture a beautiful dawn glow behind the Minster towers. She checked the tripod and camera settings as a yellow glow developed in the east.

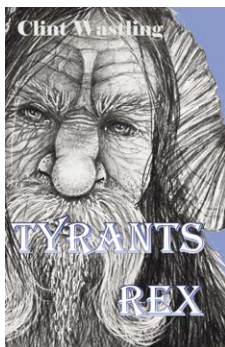
"Hello, my beauty," she whispered as she picked up a hare through the viewfinder. The hare squatted, twitched its nose, ears alert. Linda shifted the camera and engaged zoom; one click. She didn't get a second chance as the hare disappeared from view. The sunrise was already casting shades of pink, red and orange over the landscape. Once home she cropped, edited and downloaded some shots for printing. The hare hadn't quite worked in the photo, it shimmered as though not quite there. "Better luck next time, she muttered to herself."

Next day, Linda opened her curtains to see her street transformed. Everything was white from the Minster parapets to the already rutted road. She dressed quickly then collected her camera. She hurried out to take a few shots of the Minster from Minster Garth, everyone's favourite view of Beverley's jewel, before moving on to the Westwood.

The early morning light made the snow glisten gold and sparkle with frost. So far very few folk were about. Once again she set up her camera near Black Mill. In the snow-cover the undulations of the Celtic graveyard were invisible. "Hello fellow, good to see you again." Linda greeted the hare. As she took a photo she realised instantly that something had changed.

Later, when the photograph was examined instead of the hare there was the outline of a handsome warrior with swirling blue body paint. She couldn't believe what she had seen! However when she zoomed in - back to reality - a magnificent white winter hare.

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POEM BY RICHARD HARRIES - THE TREE TOP ANGEL



I am a smiling angel on top of a tree
I am as sweet and lovely as can be
Nothing shines brighter than me

I have a gorgeous, glittering, flowing long dress
My beautiful blond hair is perfect - never a mess
My wings are splendid and fine I must confess

I sit happily watching all I survey
The decorations and tinsel on display
I am the zenith of decorations I must say

Beneath me are fairy lights dancing away
Candles shine brightly both charming and fey
Around the rooms are Rudolfs and Santas with sleigh

The whole house is festooned and oh so bright
Celebrating the joy of this time of year in jovial light
The house is warm and happy both day and night

And I am the crowning glory of this wonderful tree
My spirit is soaring high so happy and free
I could imagine for one moment that this is about me

But am I proud? Well I should say not!
It's not me that people have never forgot
I'm wondrously pretty but matter not a jot

It's Jesus we celebrate every Christmas Day
And show our love for him come what may
So lets celebrate HIS birth - that's what I say!

Sweet Jesus - Happy Birthday!

Richard Harries is a 70 year old Yorkshire poet. He appears at charity events and festivals regularly.

He is signed to Stairwell books of York and his first volume *AWAKENING* was published in February 2021. It was their best selling book.

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BEVERLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - DECEMBER'S PROGRAM

Tuesday 6th December - at the Rose and Crown. Judging for the club selection for entry to the Norman Trophy competition, Subject Reflections.

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Lewis Northen Funeral Directors will be holding an Annual Christmas Memorial Service on Wednesday 14th December 2022, at 6.30pm at Beverley Minster.

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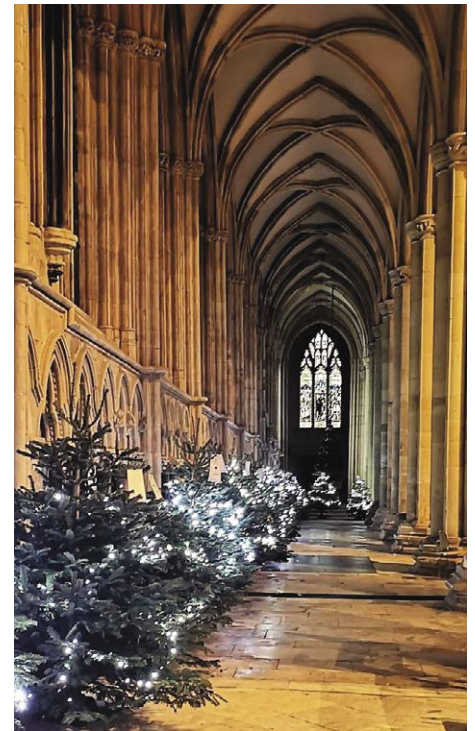
We will sing some Christmas carols, have moments of reflection and also light candles in memory of our loved ones who are at rest.



We welcome all who would wish to attend.

Please could you let us know if you will be joining us at the memorial service so we have an idea of numbers.

This can be done by telephone (**01482 888658**) or email (info@lewisnorthenfuneraldirectors.co.uk).



We will also have our Christmas tree in the Minster from the annual Christmas tree festival where you can write a message to a loved one and place it on our tree in their memory on the tags provided.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

As we approach the Christmas season in a time when it seems that our wallets are being put under ever increasing pressure, how can we make sure that we enjoy the festive season and not let it get on top of us.

Planning ahead, of course, is helpful and there are lots of checklists on the internet that can be adapted to suite your circumstances so things don't become overwhelming.

For some, budgeting may not be an issue but for many of us it is, and it might be worth taking note that in a survey, over half of UK adults say they have received gifts they don't want at Christmas! This equates to £41.70 being spent on each unwanted present which comes out at £5.03 billion down the drain.

Rather than buying someone lots of small presents, friends and family could put together and buy a gift experience such as a day at the races or a local spa or theatre tickets and of course, these gifts don't come wrapped in single use plastic.

If you've got a particular skill such as cake decorating, flower arranging, painting or do-it-yourself, home-made gifts can be a wonderful and practical alternative. One of my favourite Christmas presents is a painted stone as it reminds me of the friend who gifted this to me and the time and skill that was expended, plus I'm guessing they also enjoyed the creative experience too.

Rather than buying a present for each member

of the family, why not agree to do Secret Santa at home as well as in the workplace so that everyone gets a present to open on Christmas day (and something they've requested!) and use the money saved to go out for a meal in January at one of our many fabulous eateries and do "presence rather than presents" and support local businesses whilst enjoying New Year time with friends and family.

If you're shopping at the local markets before Christmas, take time out to spend time alone or with friends absorbing the atmosphere of Beverley Minster and take in the beauty of the Christmas Tree Festival from 2nd December. Alternatively, you can wrap up warm and take a flask and find a moment of peace in the Quiet Garden at Beverley Minster.



Finally, if you're a last-minute shopper and find yourself experiencing stress sitting in traffic at the railway crossing, use this is an opportunity to have a moment of peace and practice some 7-11 breathing - breathing in for a count of 7 and out for 11. This rapid physiological technique activates the



"feel good" chemicals and hormones to release through the body so by the time you arrive at your destination, you're feeling calm and focussed and ready to tick off your list.

So, reuse, recycle and be creative and above all, enjoy the festive season.

1 www.finder.com/uk/unwanted-gifts

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to find out more about getting rid of those unwanted phobias and as an unusual present or gift someone the experience for Christmas.

If you're curious about mindfulness, every Monday evening I run an online mindfulness session free of charge which offers a wonderful opportunity to take time out for yourself. If you'd like to join, drop me a message/e-mail or give me a call and I'll send the zoom link to you.

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The perfect gifts for Christmas, and not too expensive could be, a hi viz gilet, reflective warm gloves, a snood (warm and bright), reflective shoe covers and perhaps a spare set of lights or a new cycle helmet.



At this time of the year keeping safe also means keeping the bike fit for purpose, so now is the time to check the tyres, brakes, gears, chain and ensure that when you are off out on the bike it is in great condition - and give it wash down at the end of the day.

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WHAT IS IT?

Can you identify what this obscure image is? Answer on Page 31.



FESTIVE COMEDY CORNER!

Things that make you laugh!



What do snowmen have
for breakfast?
Snowflakes!

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Chris.
Chris who?
Christmas is coming!

What did Santa say when he
stepped into a puddle?
It must have reindeer.

Who is always chilled at Christmas?
Jack Frost

A FESTIVE THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

The mess in the living room is created and enjoyed by all the family.

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SNOWY ADVENTURES - THE SEARCH FOR SANTA!

Christmas can be as exciting and special as the day itself - especially if you decided to embark on an Arctic adventure in search of Santa.

It certainly is one of the most magical and unique experiences you can do. It lends itself very nicely to family groups - enjoying a large log cabin alongside grandparents and/or cousins and family friends.

You can have a private meeting with Santa - having searched for him through the forest. Free time to have family fun in the snow, as well as embarking on husky driven sled rides, reindeer driven sleighs, ice fishing, and hunting for the Northern Lights.

Young children may find the extremely cold temperatures just too much for them. Five and over usually cope better and enjoy the activities and remember the moments.



Ideally, to get more time on the activities and some free time to enjoy the natural wilderness by yourself and pace yourself a 2-3 night break is ideal. However, day trips are very popular, which start very early on a 0700 flight and land back at 2145 hours so quite a long day with the check in at the airport.

Activities included are a private family meeting with Santa with a small gift for children, as well as taster sessions snowmobiling, husky rides, reindeer rides. The taster sessions are much shorter than on the 2/3 day breaks however you do get to enjoy all of these activities and Santa for a more reasonable price on the Festive Day Trips. Whilst very much set up for children and families.

Lapland can also lend itself to being an ideal destination for a romantic break with unique and stunning accommodation options. The Kakslautanen Arctic Resort in Saariselka offers the iconic igloo accommodation - cosy and romantic - an opportunity to look out on the clear skies and (hopefully) witness the Northern Lights.

They also offer log cabins with their own saunas - again cosy and warm and perfectly situated. An alternative opportunity which you may have seen in various travel documentaries on television is to experience the Ice Hotel in Sweden. The famous winter hotel is created from huge blocks of ice harvested from the River Torne and sculpted by a team of artists from around the world who come to turn their ideas into reality.

Icehotel coined the popular concept of spending a night in sub-zero temperatures back in 1989.



Since then, it has grown to include not just Ice hotel Winter, but also Icehotel 365, a permanent structure allowing guests to spend a night in the ice all year round. Regardless of which ice room is chosen, guests will sleep comfortably on the ice beds topped with comfortable mattresses and reindeer skins and a thermal sleeping bag. However you decide to spend the festive season I would like to wish you all a very special Christmas, and a very happy new year.

As we look into 2023 I hope to inspire you to explore new places and have new experiences - one of my favourite quotes is that travel is the only thing you can buy that makes you richer. I am sure there may be some excellent investment products too - but richer in life, its memories of the places you visit and the people you were with - to me you just can't beat it!

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS WITH SAM WALTON

None of us can control the weather and if we could, we would all want something different, to suit our own particular needs.



This year because of the drought, or at least dryish weather, the cost of drying cereals once harvested has more or less been unnecessary. Because of that, we get the full weight of the cereals whereas if we dry the moisture out of them, we have less weight to sell.

However, the yield may well have been slightly down in some areas but by and large, satisfactory results all round.

However, on other crops, the hottest summer on record has had different effects. A neighbour had some potatoes this year and he desperately wanted rain, so the outcome was a lower yield because of the potatoes being smaller.



Taking all the above into consideration the weather has also had an effect on the vegetables we grow, because of the shortage of water for irrigation.

Cattle and sheep men have been short of grass and have been using some of the hay and silage which they had stored for winter feeding, so what are they going to do if they run out? Will they be able to either afford or justify feeding more expensive

cereals later in the year? You have guessed right, yes is the answer.



It is a strange world we live in, particularly in the farming world, so spare a thought for the decisions farming has to take, don't whatever you do, take anything for granted, so far as food on your plates is concerned.

Yes, it has been the hottest summer etc but whilst we sit down and enjoy our Christmas Meal lets spare a thought for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and hope that everyone is able to enjoy Christmas.



WHAT IS IT?

Did you guess? It was Rudolph!

IN THE GARDEN...

Welcome to December, the last calendar month of the year and with a mixture of emotions my final 'In the Garden' offering. So, instead of writing specifically about December, I am going to give an overview of the gardening year.

We have four seasons in our gardening year: Spring (March, April, May); Summer (June, July, August); Autumn (September, October, November) and Winter (December, January, February).

These are based on meteorological criteria - temperature, rainfall, day length etc., and as with everything based on the weather, these can become blurred at the edges depending on location.

Spring - is really made up of three mini seasons.

- The first is as we emerge from winter, there are signs of growth, but plants that flourish need to be frost hardy e.g., Snowdrops and other early spring flowering bulbs. During this time do not be too keen to work the soil as it may still be hard or waterlogged and you will do more harm than good. If you do dig over your beds add some organic feed.
- During the second, day length becomes noticeably longer and frosts less frequent/severe, the grass may need to be mown more regularly and hardy perennials and 'cold' vegetables can be planted, but do not plant out tender plants.
- Finally, as the threat of frost diminishes, you can plant/seed summer annuals and vegetables.
- Throughout spring keep on top of weeds, slugs, snails, and other pests as they appear.

Summer - most of the hard work has been done, summer is about enjoying your garden and maintaining the status quo.

- Trim hedges and prune spring flowering shrubs.
- Dead head flowers in both your borders and containers (this encourages more flower production).
- Feed and water plants in containers (daily) and newly planted shrubs.
- Harvest vegetables and fruit as they become ready.
- Lawns, continue to mow regularly, increasing the mower blade height in dry spells.

Autumn - tidying and looking ahead to next year.

- Deal with fallen leaves and tidy borders.
- Protect vulnerable plants.
- Plant up any gaps in your borders with shrubs.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Aerate the lawn and give it an autumn feed.

Winter - get out into the garden when you can

- Mow the lawn lightly and avoid walking on frosted/snowy grass.
- Dig over border if not too wet and 'sticky.'
- Tidy the shed, greenhouse and check/maintain tools and equipment.
- Look forward to the arrival of spring.

Many thanks for reading my column, for the feedback and generous comments I have received over the last seven years.

Happy gardening. J.

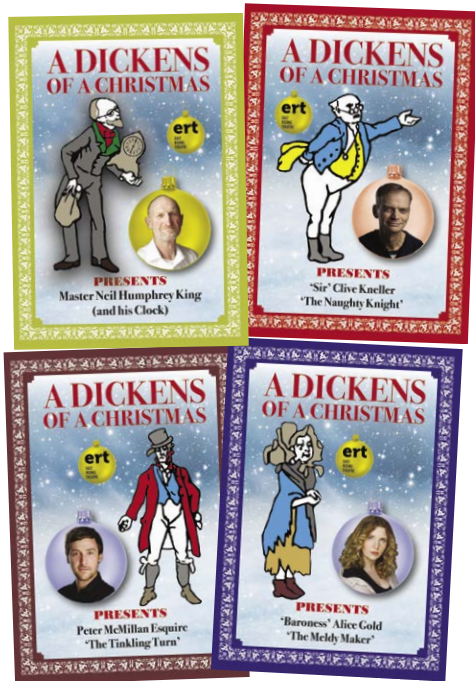
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A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS - EAST RIDING THEATRE'S 2022 CHRISTMAS SHOW

East Riding Theatre is serving up 'A Dickens of a Christmas' this December, a festive theatrical finish to a 'Dickens' of a year!

2022 has been eventful for everyone and East Riding Theatre is keen to send their audiences into Christmas with some pure, joyous entertainment.



Led by a theatrical troupe of 7 professional actors and a supporting community cast, East Riding Theatre has teamed up with Other Lives Productions for this Charles Dickens' extravaganza.

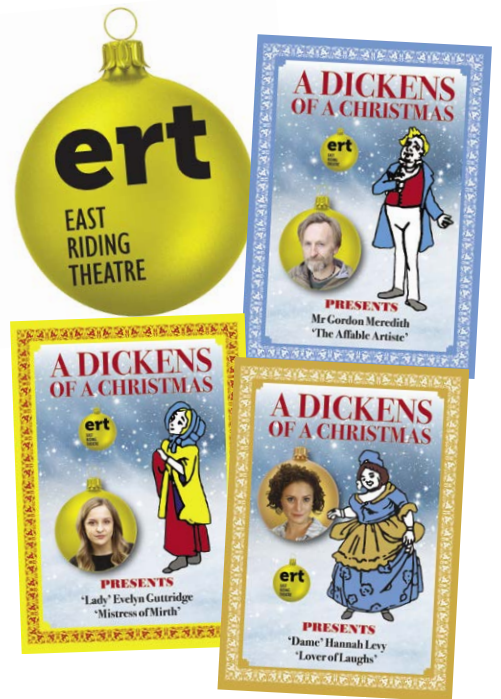
The cast will step into the shoes of various characters including Fagin, Scrooge, Little Nell and even Charles Dickens himself!

Through music, scenes and vignettes, 'A Dickens of a Christmas' promises festive family fun.

Director Richard Avery says: "I think a lot of people hear 'Dickens' and think 'Christmas'. His stories are so iconic, particularly at this time of year and we wanted to celebrate not just one of his books, but as many as we possibly could! East Riding Theatre's first 3 Christmas productions were re-tellings of Dickens' stories and we are delighted to bring some of these familiar characters back to the stage, played by some of the actors who brought them to life here!"

East Riding Theatre is always proud to champion local talent and this Christmas is no different. The talented cast and creative team is made up of Hull and East Riding creatives.

East Riding Theatre are welcoming audiences to make the most of the occasion and dress up



in their best Victorian garb.

'A Dickens of a Christmas' is an East Riding Theatre and Other Lives Production. It runs from 7th-23rd December.

Tickets can be booked at www.eastridingtheatre.co.uk, over the phone on 01482 874050, or in person at East Riding Theatre (10-4pm Tuesday-Friday & 10-2pm Saturday).

Tickets: £18 Full / £17 Over 65/ £14 16-23 / £12 Child (Under 16's) on sale now and available.

MAKING THE MOST OF CHRISTMAS

We've just hit the month of Christmas, so why do you find yourself struggling to feel Christmassy? Here are some ways you can start feeling festive and make 2022 your most fun Christmas yet.

Christmas film night

Whether have a family to entertain or you can hang out with your friends, plan a fun Christmas film night to get you in the festive spirit. There are Christmas films of every genre, so pick one suitable for your audience or take it in turns to watch everyone's favourite Christmas film.

From Home Alone to Love Actually to Die Hard for the more action-lovers, you're bound to have a great night with the tree lights and themed snacks on the side.

Build a gingerbread house

Visit some of our local Beverley shops and



you'll find gingerbread house-making kits, which is perfect for a family fun night or a night in with friends.

Make it into a competition to see who can create the best festive design and have a prize. It's a fun but simple activity to make new memories and have a special night before Christmas.

Family traditions

Have your parents or grandparents ever told you about a family tradition that used to exist further down the generations but has long been forgotten or an inactive part of your Christmas celebrations? Why not bring it back this year?

If there haven't been any traditions in the past, you could start your own. Think about something that would be meaningful and special to your family or friends and make it something you can repeat year after year.

It could be going out to get a new Christmas tree decoration, going carolling, or going on an adventure walk in the local area. Just have fun.

Go ice skating

In the absence of snow this Christmas, what better way to feel Christmassy than on ice?!

As an eco-friendly alternative, on Saturday 10th



and Sunday 11th December you can get into the Christmas spirit and go skating at Flemingate. There are push along aids available to help children around too.

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Saturday 26th November to Sunday 4th December

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Friday 2nd to Sunday 11th December

• Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival

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Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th December

• Made In East Yorkshire Christmas Market

10am to 6pm. 34 stalls brimming with festive goodies over 3 days of festive fun in Saturday Market, Beverley.

Wednesday 7th to Friday 23rd December

• A Dickens of a Christmas

East Riding Theatre. 7.30pm and selected matinees at 2.30pm. Through music, scenes and vignettes, 'A Dickens of a Christmas' promises festive family fun. Tickets: £18 Full / £17 Over 65/ £14 16-23 / £12 Child (Under 16's).

Thursday 8th December

• Richard Durrant's Candlelit Christmas

With Christmas songs and wintry folk music. Toll Gavel United Reform Church, 27 Toll Gavel, Beverley, HU17 9AA. Doors: 19:30. Tickets: £17/£15.00. Contact: 01262 678258.

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December

• Flemingate Festive Weekend

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Saturday 10th December - Wednesday 28th December

• Beauty & The Beast - Xmas Panto

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Sunday 11th December

• The Beverley Festival of Christmas

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Monday 12th December at 7pm

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Sunday 11th December

• The Bay Horsemen of The Apocalypse

East Riding Theatre. 7.30pm. Join us for an evening of live music in the relaxed Café Bar, where the Candlelight Sessions bring you up close and personal with the artist; candlelit, in-the-round, close, and completely unamplified featuring The Bay Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Price: £8 In Advance / £10 On the Door.

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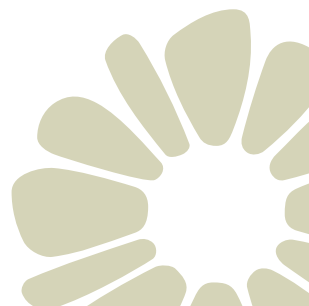


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