

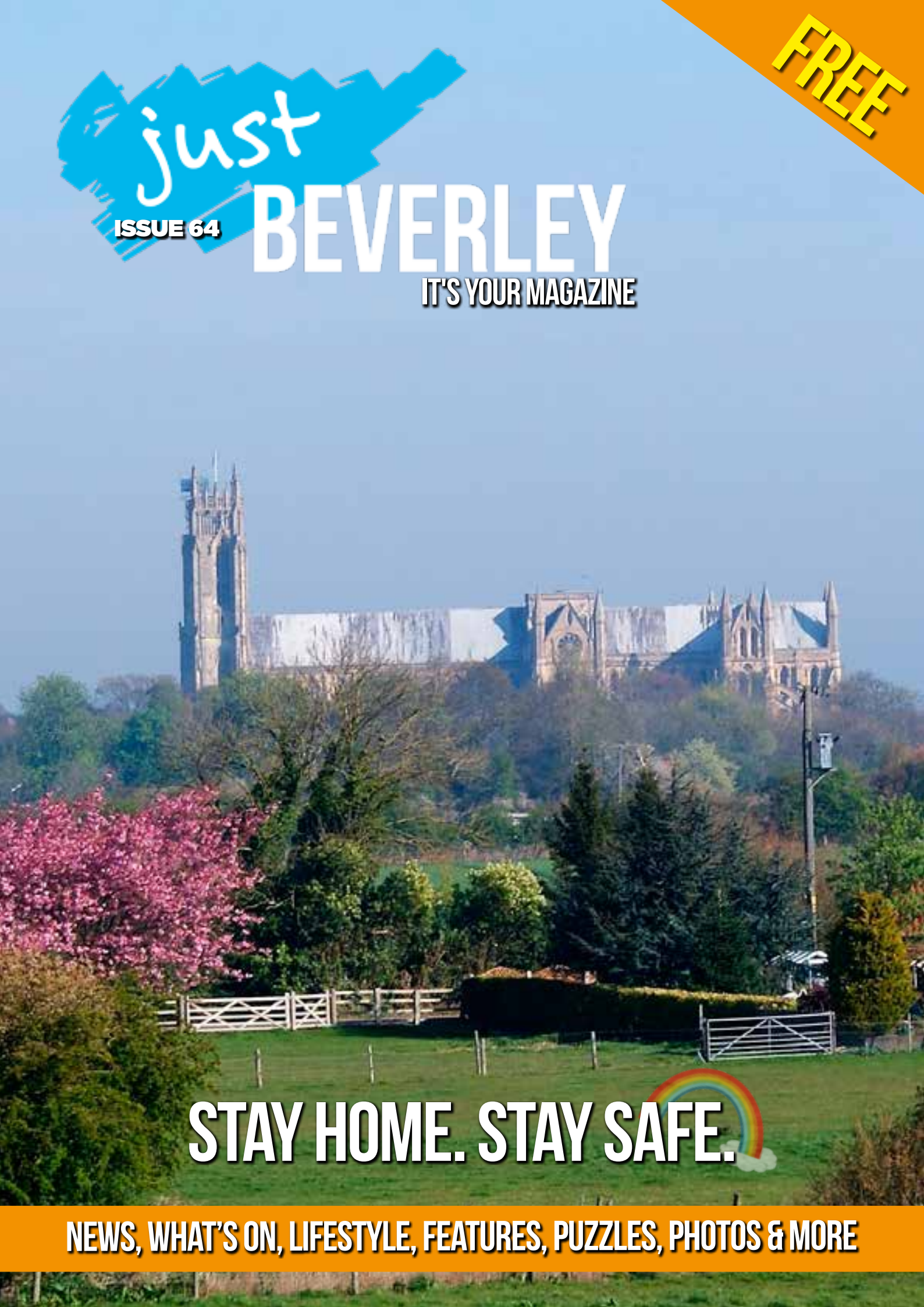
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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



These are certainly unprecedented times, working together and helping each other is the only way we will get through this successfully, whether that be in the family or working environment. Patience is key, so stay safe, stay at home, keep your distance and let's beat this together.

As we move into the summer season and the landscape continues to change, perhaps it is time for all of us to appreciate and understand nature more than maybe we have done previously. Since lockdown was introduced a number of friends have commented how it has brought the family closer together, playing games, games in the garden, challenges or learning new skills, baking or drawing and even entering into family conversation over the dinner table. What have you learnt from the lockdown?

I am pleased to welcome Olivia to the publication. We have changed a few things in the magazine. Olivia will add another dimension to the publication, I look forward to working with her as we move forward. We do like good news stories, funny stories, pictures etc, so please Send in your lockdown stories and we look forward to positive times ahead. **Julian.**



Hello readers! I think it's safe to say that for generations, we have never experienced anything quite like this before. We are living through present history!

The most important thing for us all is to stay home and stay safe. For me, isolation has been full of discovery. I'm trying to

be creative and learn new things wherever possible, but also be mindful of the difficult days where I lack motivation, and being okay with that. Lockdown is hard enough without feeling guilty for not being productive. Let's keep our spirits up, so that when this is all over, we can look to a bright and happy future together. **Olivia.**



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CLAPPING FOR OUR CARERS IN BEVERLEY

For the past month, every Thursday at 8pm the nation has erupted into applause in support of carers who are helping everyone during this pandemic, and we have had a great turnout in Beverley.

Every day, we're being asked to keep social distancing, to keep self-isolating, and in some cases depending on severity, to not see our loved ones. Some of us are even isolating alone.

We're all in this together, helping to protect the lives of everyone. Yet throughout all of this, key groups of people are busier than ever.

As part of the Clap for Our Carers campaign, people have opened their windows and doors to join their neighbours in streets to show their gratitude to our dedicated and ever-important health workers.

Streets have been filled with people clapping, armed with pots, pans and spoons creating as much noise as possible.

The weekly claps have honoured teachers, cleaners, supermarket workers, delivery drivers, and NHS staff and carers who are working around the clock in these difficult circumstances. We cannot thank them enough.



CONVERSATION STARTERS THAT DON'T MENTION THE DREADED CORONAVIRUS...

For the last few months it seems all conversations have revolved around the global pandemic of the Coronavirus.

It's all everyone ever talks about nowadays, with most conversations beginning and ending on it. Everyday, people talk about how they are working from home where possible, social distancing, self-isolating, bulk buying and working out how to make less trips to the supermarket and so on.

While it is important to watch the news and stay updated on the Coronavirus outbreak, it wouldn't do anyone any harm to talk about something else for a change, if only to ease up on the anxiety caused by its constant chatter.

Here are some stirring conversation starters to take your mind off it...

Keeping entertained

- Have you started any new hobbies recently?
- What TV shows are you watching?
- What are your recommendations?
- What games have you spent the most time playing?

Intrigue

- What makes you roll your eyes every time you hear it?
- Who do you go out of your way to be nice to?
- Have you ever snooped and found out something you wish you hadn't?
- What's the worst backhanded compliment you've received?
- Do you believe any conspiracy theories?

Nitty gritty

- What is something you resent paying for?
- What's wrong but sounds right?

Would you rather...

- ...be covered in fur or scales?
- ...always be 10 minutes late or 20 minutes early?
- ...be able to see 10 minutes into your own future or 10 minutes into the future of anyone else?
- ...have unlimited international first-class tickets or never have to pay for restaurant food again?
- ...be forced to dance every time you hear music or forced to sing along to every song you hear?

From memory

- What's the best wifi name you've ever seen?
- What's something you thought was cool when you were younger but isn't cool now?
- When you were a kid, what did you think being this age would look like?
- Worst advice you've actually listened to?

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.

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: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults

This month's features focusses on Beverley dealing with COVID-19; how our community, through volunteers, 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. We still need to be mindful on how those who are isolated or unable to get out during the coming weeks and months can be helped. Just Beverley will raise awareness on the website and through social media.

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.

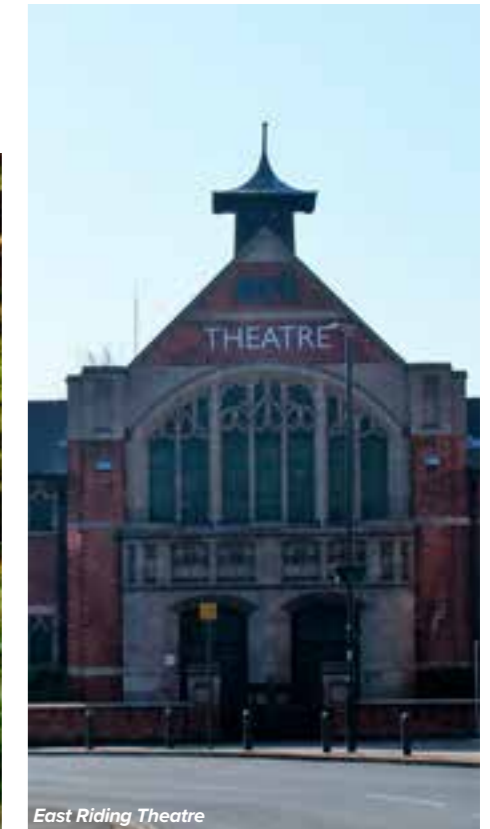
By pulling together and drawing on that community drive we can

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.

BEVERLEY IN LOCKDOWN

Stay safe, stay home. We've been in lockdown for over a month and the streets of Beverley have been quieter than ever. Here's what Beverley looks like during lockdown.

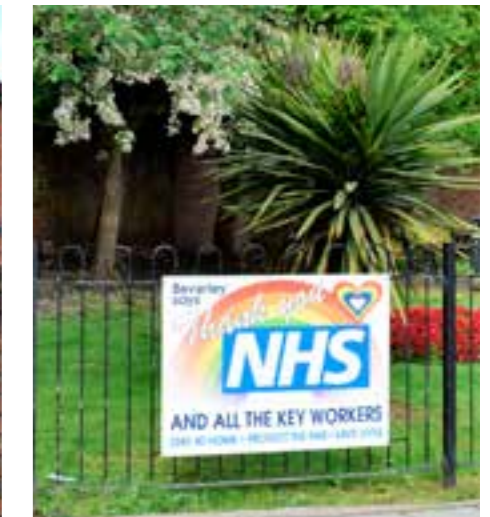


East Riding Theatre



Town centre

Beverley Town Council is honouring the NHS and other key workers by erecting colourful signs at each of the town entrance points.



PUPPET FESTIVAL GOES DIGITAL



The biennial Beverley Puppet Festival, which would normally take place over one weekend in July, is being extended to a two-month digital spectacle, starting in mid-May.

Nearly every festival in the calendar has had to cancel or is soon going to face that tough decision as Covid-19 continues to wreak havoc across the nation. But not the Beverley Puppet Festival. Faced with the prospect of yet more artists losing their livelihood, the Festival's two directors, Anna Ingleby and Kerrin Tatman, have radically revised their plans and are taking a new look and highly-innovative festival online from 18th May.

Now, instead of giant birds and dinosaurs stalking the historic streets of the town while smaller shows for adults and children alike play out in various local venues, 25

puppet companies will be creating videos of puppet-making and puppetry activities that will be made accessible directly to people's homes between the months of May and July.

Founder and artistic co-director, Anna Ingleby, says: "The Festival has always delivered an outstanding live experience to audiences from across the UK and beyond. We knew we couldn't just throw up our hands and let that go. So we set our minds to creating an alternative plan – to turn what has been a catastrophic event for the performing arts and all the people who work in the industry into a real and tangible positive. There is already a lot of content being delivered online elsewhere, but we believe our model will be truly groundbreaking and serve as a blueprint and an inspiration for many other arts events going forward."

Now a diverse line-up of puppeteers is already busy creating video activities for their new online audiences, all of which can be completed using simple materials that can easily be sourced from everyday items. These workshops will be released via the Festival website and social media channels with three going online every week for eight weeks. It starts with the first release on Monday 18th May through to the last workshop on Sunday 12th July, all supported by a new Festival app.

All the activities will be free to access, but the Festival have set up a link on their website to allow audience members and other supporters to make donations. Puppet fans can find more information and access the online workshops via the festival website: www.beverleypuppetfestival.com the dedicated Festival app and via social media @bevppuppetfest.

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PETS' BEST FRIEND BY LAUREN MIDDLETON

Hello from PBF!

A start to a very unexpected spring has thrown a wobbler on everyone's path! Pets Best Friend has been missing out on regular dog interactions which has been rather sad.

In order to keep myself busy I have focused on my art work, DreamMagik which is my other big interest. This has meant many hours of messy paints and graphite fingerprints all around the house!

I really hope these troublesome times give pet owners some happiness in being able to spend more time with their beloved pets.

Dog walks are still an important daily routine and providing it is safe to do so it is important to keep up with their walks whilst keeping a distance from other pedestrians, refraining from touching other dogs as well as keeping your own at a distance when and where possible.

With such small case numbers pets have shown no evidence of passing the virus to humans, although it has been advised that you wash your hands once you've handled your pets and avoid them kissing or licking you!

It could be easy to get carried away with over bathing your pet so it would be a good

idea to use dog safe wipes in between baths to keep them clean, Petkin pet wipes from Doggie Solutions are widely used. Always



make sure it is made for dogs and the same with shampoo, dogs have a different skin pH to humans!

I would say to be very careful in attempts to groom your own dog at home, it is very easy to do more damage than good. In order to help your pet's coat you can use a safe conditioner after shampooing this will help to loosen any forming mats and also a spray conditioner for in between baths to aid brushing.

It is very important to remember to only brush when the dog is dry, and if the coat is matted do not keep brushing as it is more likely that it will need to be clipped off professionally.

If the mats are coming out then do not brush for more than 15 minutes as it is extremely uncomfortable and traumatizing for your dog, it can put them off being groomed for life and is also against animal welfare.

It is not a good idea to use scissors on your pet unless you are qualified, you cannot cut out matted hair which is very close to the skin as this will lead to harming your pet.

I hope this soon passes over for the sake of sanity and necessary grooming appointments!

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Like many other businesses we have increased our ability to allow the majority of employees to work from home and we have taken this opportunity to directly speak to our customers about a range of subjects.

Whether it be conversations about handling isolation or taking on board thoughts and comments on how we operate as a business... With plenty of time on our hands now seemed a better time than ever to start these discussions and better ourselves.



I'VE BEEN THINKING... SAYS COLIN RAYNOR

For a certain generation, the song "Little things mean a lot" will instantly have you thinking of a tune and words from over fifty years ago. (Do you remember the singer's name?) The words are irrelevant but the title of the song is a phrase we have all heard time and time again over the last few weeks.

I am writing this article in early April but we may still be living our lives in a totally abnormal manner as May arrives.

We have become accustomed to social isolation, keeping within our own homes, having no contact with friends, even with our own relatives. Our normal way of life, the little things that we have taken for granted, have become the things that mean so much.

It is not a set of circumstances that anybody would choose because, for most of us, first and foremost as human beings, we like the freedom to leave our house and meet other people. As a nation we have, in the main, adhered to the official request to stay at home, keep safe, and help our National Health Service to do what they do best.

One of the effect of this virus has been the cancellation of so many public and private events that each year are the warp

and weft of our daily lives, to either take part in or just enjoy watching. I will mention one event that I was so sad to read had been postponed until May 2022. I refer to the wonderful Oberammergau Passion Play.

In the mid 17th century the Black Plague. (originating in China) swept through Europe causing the deaths of thousands of people and the town of Oberammergau in Bavaria, sadly suffered the loss of many of its citizens. The village made a promise they would, every ten years, perform a passion play depicting the life of Christ if God would take the plague away.

The village did indeed have no more deaths and the Oberammergau Passion Play has taken place every tenth year since (one or two exceptions) from May to October with 103 performances each year. Only people who have lived in the village for twenty years can take part. With a cast of over 2,500, and at times over 900 people on the stage, watched by an audience of 4,500, this is a truly great theatrical event. I have been fortunate to see it twice, in 1960 and 2000. I would encourage everybody to 'put it on your bucket list' Ten years is a long time to wait for the next performance.

What caused this Plague? Just a little flea but it carried an infectious bacteria and no



cure was found at that time, although since then antibiotics have been found to cure it. Corona virus is a contagious disease and can be passed on from person to person, hence the need to keep a safe distance. Just little things that means much to help scientists find a cure this time.

Kitty Kallen was the singer who left us with the song title, and we are learning so many good things about each other, that we didn't know, and won't forget.. Keep healthy, keep safe and thank God for our NHS.

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A MEMORY WALK - OVER WESTWOOD



The Black Mill

My plans to complete the Wolds Way with you this spring, have obviously had to be postponed due to the implications of the coronavirus crisis.

Even short walks around the town, or over our wonderful commons, are likely to become more restricted as April unfolds. So here is an idea for those of us who love to explore on foot, away from noise pollution, with space to think and breathe - a walk in the mind - based on memories of happier times on our glorious Westwood. Of course, it will never replace the real thing, yet it might just deliver some pleasant moments of contemplating the past and anticipating joys, once these difficult times are over.



A picturesque view of the Westwood

So come with me over Westwood, and this is also your journey too, for if you have lived in or around town, for any amount of time, you must surely have many memories of time spent there.

1 In my imagination our walk starts deep in Newbegin Pits, just beneath the former hospital, where, until the 1990's, most babies in Beverley took their first breaths.

Indeed, some of you may recall, proud new parents pushing their newborns along the nearby paths. No doubt the ultra-modern maternity facilities at HRI are safer for mum and baby, yet perhaps we have lost something with this progress too.

In my mind, this is a particularly peaceful walk, for mercifully there is so little traffic noise during the lockdown. The pits are a marvellous natural habitat of tangled bushes, trees, wildflowers and meandering paths - that seem to head nowhere in particular.

Here, 10 years ago, my middle child learned to ride a bike; the grassy mounds, ideal to cushion those initial crashes. Here too were dug limes and clays, so vital for

centuries in building, the 600 year old bricks at North Bar, are made from these clays, some of the very oldest, and most beautiful, to be found anywhere.

2 Think of the sights, sounds and smells of the pits. It is usually calm here, sheltered from the winds that can whip across the open land above. Now gently climb out of the bowl and make your way towards Blackmill on the western horizon.

You are walking over an ancient landscape, burial mounds and barrows are everywhere, although now only visible from aerial photos.

3 At the mill, sit and admire what has been rightly described as 'one of the most enthralling views in England.' See in your mind's eye what the gifted writer Christopher Somerville called the 'twin golden rockets' of the Minster, scan across the town to the confident thrust of St. Mary's tower.

Indeed, what town prospect can compare? Cambridge, imperious from the Backs, Stamford, serene across the Welland, Richmond, craggy and proud, from the



Taken near Burton Bushes

Swale, Ludlow's swaggering castle from the Teme? None, (we are biased, of course) can surpass it.

Unsurprisingly, for such a lovely place, it has produced some outstanding cultural moments, Peter de Wint's sublime nineteenth century watercolour, more recently the charming opening scenes of novelist Jonathan Coe's bestselling Number 11, with the children, racing from Blackmill down into town, to buy old-fashioned sweets.

4 Now head north east, over the golf course and sunken Newbald Road, up the incline to reach magical Burton Bushes, some 600 yards away. I shamefully confess, I had lived in Beverley for over 25 years, before I realised how wonderful this place is. Until 2017, I had never even gone through the gates to enjoy it. Once discovered, this is a never to be forgotten place. This year,

after such beautiful warm weather in April, the bluebells, for this is one of the very best spots to see them, will come early.

You may not be able to experience them in the flesh - but just think for a minute - upon the sweep of fresh promise they deliver each spring, the sweet scent of hope they convey for new life, for beauty, for all that is good in life. Perhaps the photo here will help you conjure the picture. This time last year, I unintentionally startled a young deer; vivid russet flashed right before me, in this deep thicket of ancient woodland, I felt like Robin Hood. The bird-life here is special too with woodpeckers doing what they do best. You may even discover the remains of a significant ancient settlement, to be honest I have sought it many times, but have failed to locate - of course I can imagine it.

Bluebells at Burton Bushes

5 Skirt back towards town, perhaps

seeking out the enigmatic Cobbler's Well, which formerly provided exactly what its name suggests. As I drift back to our starting point, I reflect upon vivid memories of times on the Westwood from the thirty five years I have known it: a hot day in June 1986, listening to England play in the football World Cup, my 3 children sledging at Hill 90, on those increasingly rare occasions we get deep snows.

Most evocative of all, in 1995, introducing my new, southern (sic) girlfriend, to the delights of Westwood. I am pleased to say, that we married two years later at those golden Minster towers - hence the 3 children! Stay safe, keep healthy - Westwood, our marvellous town, and surrounding countryside, await us, when this crisis is just a memory.

**Ian Richardson.
May 15th 2020.**

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GET INVOLVED WITH COVID-19 MEMORIAL BENCH

Hunters Estate Agent and The Beverley and District Chamber of Trade are proud to be at the heart of the local community.

Like many other local business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic, we now find ourselves with more time on our hands. Day in, day out, we continue to hear such fantastic, heart-warming stories of how people up and down the country, and across our local area, are pulling together.

COVID-19 means something different to all of us – perhaps we know someone who's had it, lost someone to it, or we may be or know a key worker battling through it. What unites us all is our desire to beat it. Hunters & B.C.o.T want to draw on the real sense of community we're seeing right now to create something beautiful that leaves a lasting memory for many years, and many generations, to come. Our idea is to commission a special bench marking the efforts of our local NHS heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic, as a thank you for their care.

The bench will be sited in the gardens adjacent to the centenary building, which has a Covid-19 ward, treating some of the poorest of patients at Castle Hill Hospital in Cottingham, but is intended to pay tribute to all healthcare workers who have shown, and continue to show their dedication, courage and compassion.

The bench will cost £1,250.00, which Hunters and The Chamber of Trade will pay

A164 AND JOCK'S LODGE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has submitted a planning application for its proposals to improve the A164 and the Jock's Lodge Junction near Beverley.

Subject to planning permission being granted, the council intends to carry out a major overhaul of the road system to replace the junction, which currently links the A164 and the A1079, in order to improve congestion problems on one of the East Riding's busiest roads.

for entirely, as our personal contribution of thanks. At the same time, we would now like to invite anyone and everyone to make their own donation, no matter how large or small, whether personal or business related, and all funds raised through this page will go in full to Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, which includes Castle Hill Hospital.

We hope the opportunity to offer your own thanks to NHS staff by way of a contribution will be enough, but in return for your generosity, we would also like to give you the chance to have the bench engraved with

your own special message.

Once you have made your donation, please email your message to beverley@hunters.com. Your message should be no more than 50 characters (including spaces), and it can be your own message of thanks, support, or a dedication to someone dear. To help determine whose message is chosen for inscription, please include a bit of background in your email or tell us the story behind your message, and the winner will be chosen by a cross-section of hospital workers including doctors, nurses and support staff.



Jock's Lodge currently



Artistic impression

The project will involve the construction of a new roundabout along the A1079 Hull to York road, and the creation of a new road connecting it with the Lincoln Way roundabout on Minster Way in Beverley, as well as two new roads. One will travel northbound and the other southbound to connect the new A1079 roundabout with the A164 further south, near Copleflat Lane, Bentley. Together, these will replace the Jock's Lodge Junction.

The A164 will also be widened into a dual

carriageway between Copleflat Lane and the Cottingham Castle Road roundabout, but the A164 will be kept as a single carriageway between Copleflat Lane and the Victoria Road roundabout in Beverley.

If planning permission is granted, the council will submit a Full Business Case to the Department for Transport, and if this is approved the scheme could receive construction funding in 2022. If the scheme progresses as hoped, works could be complete as early as 2025.

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POEM BY GINA HOBBS SWEET APRIL

*Song thrush sings spring.
Sweet April chirrups
as the day fades.*

*Precious birdsong
at dusk and dawn.
The days grow longer.*

*Daffodils cluster and nod.
Soon there will be primroses.
Bluebell woods.*

*The heady scent of clematis
catches the night air.
It rides the breeze.*

*A quiet expectancy.
A pause.
A breath of hope.
Because hope is spring.*

About Gina

Gina Hobbs is an East Riding poet and local journalist. She has been writing poetry for as long as she can remember.

She belongs to the Beverley poetry group 'Subtle Flame' and has poetry published in its collection 'Beneath the Surface.'

In 2009 she was commissioned by Beverley Art Gallery to write a collection of poetry about Spurn Point to accompany an exhibition by Martin Walters.

Gina also worked with Beverley Art Gallery on a project called 'Words Alone' where she used prose to interpret her view of a selection of paintings by Fred and Mary Elwell.

She has performed a selection of her poetry at South Cave Arts Festival, Hull's Holy Trinity Church and at Beverley Minster. She has also performed her work on Beverley FM.

Last October she read at the Spurn Autumn Arts Festival as part of a project about reconnecting with nature through the power of language. Her work was part of an exhibition at Spurn Lighthouse which ended in March.

Gina is currently working on a personal project, a collection of poetry inspired by her late mother Sheila Hobbs.



SHORT STORY BY CLINT WASTLING - STAYING HOME

Horace loved his armchair. "Nothing ever happens to anyone sitting in their favourite chair!" He exclaimed. However, Horace read adventure stories.

In the past two weeks he'd been canoeing on The Orinoco, chased by spies around Timbuktu and escaped from a prison on the mining planet of T'Thaarg. All of this without leaving his comfortable chair.

He was a home loving hippopotamus, slightly over-weight due to sitting reading, eating far too many cheese scones and ever since he'd been bought a picnic basket by his Aunt Gertrude, enjoying large picnics in his garden.

One bright spring morning Horace was startled by the postman knocking vigorously on the door. He opened the parcel he'd been given to find a large atlas. There was no note or card. Horace shook the pages but nothing fell out. "Perhaps it's a late birthday present from Aunt Gertrude," he thought.

As it was a warm and sunny morning Horace decided to go for a drive. He didn't understand why he was doing this as it was completely out of character. He took the new atlas and placed it on the leather passenger seat inside his black Morris Minor. The car had been his grandmother's, his mother's and now it was his prize possession.

He spent more time polishing the chrome and black paint than driving. As he bent down to squeeze behind the steering wheel, a button popped off his cardigan.

"Ow!" A voice declared.

Horace looked around. He bent down even further to look under the car and another button popped off.

"Ow!" The voice repeated.

"Why it's a talking hedgehog!" He declared and with some effort lifted the creature up.

He introduced himself "I'm Horace the hippopotamus."

"I'm Horatio," the hedgehog replied, rattling his spines. "I'm just in time for the start of your adventure."

"Adventure?" Horace laughed. "I'm not having any of those. I'm driving to the beach using my new atlas and, as you can see, I've a large picnic in the basket on the rear seat."

"I'm very fond of picnics on a warm day. Do you have any jellied slugs?"

Horace grimaced and placed Horatio on the passenger seat. "I have salad sandwiches, cheese cubes and pickled onions on cocktail sticks and a flask of peppermint tea."

"That all sounds like a nice change. You don't mind a passenger?"

"Not at all, you'll be good company."

And so they set off for Hornsea. First of all, Horace rowed Horatio round The Mere.

The hippopotamus seemed very keen on cold water, splashing the oars to cool himself whereas the hedgehog gripped to his seat firmly and kept his eyes closed.

Later, Horace and Horatio carried the picnic basket onto Long Beach. Horace built a sandcastle and equipped it with paper flags, whilst Horatio collected shells to decorate the walls. After all the exertion, Horace set out a gingham mat with matching crockery and they enjoyed salad sandwiches in some comfort.

Afterwards, Horatio came back from finding shells to find the hippopotamus in some distress. "I've lost the car keys!" He exclaimed.

They demolished the keep, but found no keys, then demolished the walls and moat but found no keys. They searched the beach to no avail. Horace was becoming very distressed. "Look! The tide is coming in as well as a sea fret."

"We will have to leave the beach now. Let's pack up quickly!"

Horace lifted the picnic mat and Horatio reached out. "Here they are!" The keys were peeking out of the sand under the gingham mat.

The picnic basket was considerably lighter on the way back to the Morris Minor.

"Well," said Horatio, sitting on the passenger seat. "That was an adventure."

"Yes," agreed Horace. "But I'd much rather be sitting at home in my favourite armchair reading about them, rather than experiencing them!"

Clint Wastling: Horace Hippopotamus

CLASSIC GAMES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK IN QUARANTINE

Remember these nostalgic games?

With everyone social distancing and being on lockdown for the past few months, you may have started running out of things to do or simply be getting bored of going on your phone.

Video games and social media are all well and good to pass the time, but if you're starting to feel like a couch potato and in need of ideas on how to give your eyes a break from the screen, why not bring back some absolute classics?

Games such as Connect4, Jenga, Scrabble, Monopoly, Chess, and card games such as Uno are all making a big comeback during the Coronavirus pandemic as people search for different ways to keep children engaged, or just to bring back the household fun in a different but classic way.

Whether you are in isolation with your friends or family, having everyone sat around a table rolling the dice, moving pieces on a board game or trying not to topple the tower of Jenga terror are all fun ways to spend quality time together and pass the time.



These classic games really have aged well, with reports from Amazon that they are some of the best selling products since lockdown was implemented. Not only are they fun, but they are some of the lowest costing ways to enjoy this free time. Whether you're looking for a classic board game built for one player or eight, or looking for something not requiring a dice, there are plenty of options for you to try out.

It's not only board games and Connect4 that people are loving the return of, but jigsaw puzzles are being completed left, right and centre. Having lots of time on their hands has unlocked determination in people and they are set on solving 1,000 piece jigsaws. With all this time on their hands, what better quest to conquer!

You may prefer finding fun and laughter in games over critical thinking and competitive games or vice versa, but these classic games are one sure way to brighten up any setting in isolation.



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For anybody who was lucky enough to not learn German at school, here is a quick lesson - SL is German for Super (or perhaps Sport) Light and this is what the subject of this month's issue is, the Mercedes SL.

The first example was also known as the Gullwing, due to the way the doors lifted up, rather than out and if you have a good one of those in your garage then lucky you, as they are worth about a million pounds today.

The car featured is somewhat less valuable, but you will still need to spend a pretty penny to own one, with prices ranging from a low of £35,000 right up to a low-mileage, mint condition example for an eye-watering £175,000. Built in 1968, this SL is known as a Pagoda due to its distinctive roofline when the hardtop is put on.



Carfan can attest that the hardtop is very heavy indeed and great care needs to be taken by two people when putting it on or taking it off.

The car has been in the lucky owner's possession since 1997 and has so far been 100% reliable, although it has had a lot of love (and money) spent on it - a rebuilt engine, new soft top, re-upholstered seats with original fabric from Germany and the wheels have been powder-coated. The only change that might upset the purists has been the addition of a spare condenser in a bracket in the engine compartment as an added safeguard. Spare parts are readily available with next day delivery although chromework has to be delivered from Germany.

The owner only adds a couple of thousand miles to the odometer each year so you will struggle to spot it but if you do, don't forget that cheery Carfan wave!

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WHERE IN BEVERLEY?

Where in Beverley would you find this landmark?
 Answer on Page 20.



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CYCLING DURING THESE TROUBLED TIMES

The government has outlined rules that state you can go outdoors for essentials or one form of exercise.

It has advised that we go out within our limits and not too far from home. Many have said it is meant to be one hour, but this is not stated in government guidelines so if you do go for longer than hour, make sure you are not too far from home and within your physical limits. The last thing the NHS needs is any extra work at the moment.

Take extra precautions, for example, instead of taking one inner tube with you, take two along with you. Choose routes where you cover distance but where you are never too far from home, so zig zag around rather than go point to point.

Although many people will take advantage of the nice weather and quiet roads, there are a few things I will point out for your safety. Don't do too much as a body that is under strain and fatigue it will have a temporary weakened immune system. Generally speaking, fit and healthy individuals have a stronger immune system anyway; I personally haven't taken a day off work in over 10 years due to illness and I cycle pretty much everyday, but even fit people can catch viruses and colds.



As I mentioned earlier, the roads are a lot quieter than they normally are which is great, but some motorists still seem to be in a rush and can't wait to overtake a cyclist. I have had a few close calls because I have been taking a wide berth so that I am 2 meters (or more) away from pedestrians on paths next to the road.

A motorist should give a cyclist 1.5m according to the highway code, so if a cyclist is giving a pedestrian 2m space that means the car driver has to wait behind or drive on the other side of the road effectively. My recommendation is to pre-empt this manoeuvre and signal to the car driver you are pulling out well before you get to the pedestrian as the driver may not be that forward thinking.

Hopefully this situation won't last too long and we can go back to normal, but I think it is great to see so many people taking up cycling in the past few weeks.

Nathan Wilson

'WHERE IN BEVERLEY' ANSWER
Located in the Court Yard of Monks Walks.



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Missing numbers in yellow

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ASK THE EXPERT WITH WHITE RABBIT CHOCOLATIERS



I originally wanted to write an escapism piece, some chocolatey inspiration to provide people with an imagination holiday for troubled minds, but asking around there is one thing people want to know from me at the moment - "how is business?"

Obviously, the timing of current affairs was unfortunate for chocolate with lockdown being introduced just three weeks before Easter, typically the busiest three weeks in a chocolatier's calendar rivalled only by Advent. With no big chocolate giving holiday right up until Halloween now, chocolatiers rely on the income from Easter to help ease them

through the warm summer months when people are more likely to want ice cream, or perhaps some other treat that won't melt in the Sun!

Due to the critical timing, chocolatiers were forced to adapt, and by offering online and postal services many businesses were able to recoup some of the losses from not having a physical space to shop in. This affected businesses big and small, with big businesses having the advantage of already having the set-up to scale their online operations but the disadvantage of having much bigger stockpiles of produce to sell during their peak season.

Chocolate does have a relatively short shelf-life, especially the hand-made kind, so by halting production of products, ramping up online orders (ours was up 1000%), and innovative solutions such as careful local delivery of the most fragile items, the worst of the damage has been mitigated and none of my friends in the industry are out of a job yet.

The Government's furlough scheme has allowed us to provide financial support and job security for 12 local families and with their help White Rabbit will open as soon as possible, to start providing a little bit of bliss to our customers once again.

During this time I would like to thank everyone, from my patient and understanding staff, my regular customers that I now haven't seen for weeks and miss dearly, to our community that kept us busy in the run-up to Easter playing their part. There is an African proverb, "if relatives help each other, what evil can hurt them". By acting together as a community and nation we will always persevere.



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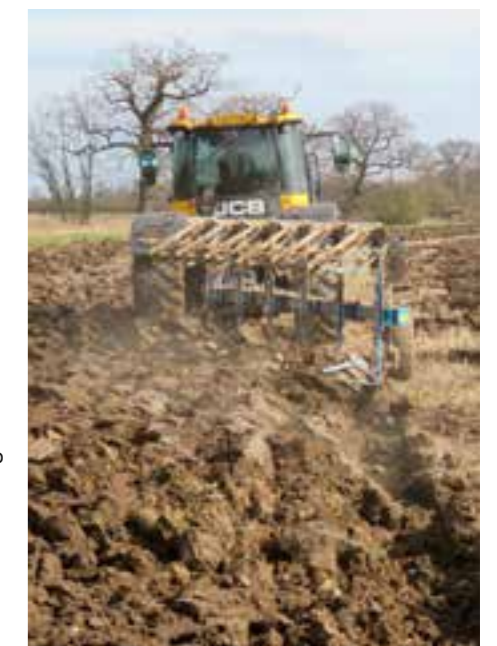
Spring had possibly arrived as we drilled the last of the Spring Barley at the end of March. That left me with 24 acres of over wintered stubble to plough for Linseed.

It had originally been scheduled for Winter Wheat, so why was it not ploughed in the Autumn? The answer was far too wet and a bit more Blackgrass in one of the fields than I cared to see and I thought it would be a good opportunity to let that awful weed Blackgrass grow so as it could be ploughed in, in the spring, and hopefully buried, as it really is a curse and very prolific.

I had not reckoned on it being such a wet winter, which strange as it may seem, appeared to make the former stubble, very solid whilst drying out and more difficult to plough and most of it is strong land. I was unfortunately left with over an acre at one end which was unploughable, as under water.

So instead of it coming into yet more barley, the decision was made to plant linseed as a break crop for Winter Wheat to follow next Autumn. We need to have a third of the farm in break crops and for the uninitiated, a break crop means a crop other than cereals and that helps to keep the soil in good condition and to control any diseases cereals might get if grown continually, which also means cereal crops yield more after a break crop.

Oil seed rape is a good break crop if you can keep pigeons and flea beetle away. Potatoes, peas, beans, grass of course are also all popular break crops, along with linseed which has a limited market. Most of the previously mentioned break crops need to be drilled in good time and this has not been an early spring, so Linseed it is as it is safe to drill until mid May possibly.



JERRY GREEN'S 60 MILES IN MAY CHALLENGE!

Like many charities, the Covid-19 pandemic has hit Jerry Green Dog Rescue hard.

With all of their fundraising events cancelled for the foreseeable future and with restrictions on their rehoming ability, generating income has not only become a challenge but is vital in order to protect the charity's future.

Claire Ryan, Fundraising Manager for the rescue says: "It is a worrying time for us but we are doing all we can to keep going and raise funds for our rescue dogs so they can live happy and healthy lives until we are able to find them forever homes."

Starting on May 1st, the charity is asking you to complete 60 miles over the course of the month while fundraising for their dogs along

the way. You can walk it, run it, cycle it, hop it! However you would like to complete it, you can.

Signing up couldn't be simpler with their 4 easy steps:

- **Step 1:** Sign up via this link: <https://givp.nl/e/OoAVnJ5Y> Then set up a Facebook fundraiser and share it with your friends and family asking for support
 - **Step 2:** Join their Facebook group where those who are completing the challenge will be sharing their progress and offering encouragement to keep you motivated
 - **Step 3:** Get on your feet (it's less than 2 miles a day!)
 - **Step 4:** Complete 60 miles
- Not only will you receive a thank you pack once the challenge is over there are

also prizes up for grabs!

If you raise £50+ you will receive a 'Adopt Don't Shop' trolley coin with your pack. If you raise £75+ you will receive a 'Adopt Don't Shop' trolley coin and t-shirt with your pack, and if you raise an incredible £200+ you will receive all of that, plus a cosy hoodie.

Claire continued: "The money you raise will help us to rescue and rehome hundreds of dogs in need, providing food and nourishment, training and enrichment, and life changing veterinary care. If you can support us by getting involved our furry friends would very much appreciate it!"

If you would like to find out more, please email their fundraising team at fundraising@jerrygreendogs.org.uk

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With new wall art in support of the NHS and all our key workers during the Coronavirus, The Tiger Inn is doing its bit to encourage everyone to stay safe.

Located in the heart of Beverley, the pub is taking food orders from Thursday to Sunday every week, with times available on the menus. There are now two menus, one for Thursday to Saturday and one for Sundays.

Given the lockdown measures, The Tiger Inn is processing collections only at the moment, but are looking at the possibility of offering deliveries soon.

The response to the new slot collection format has gone down well with the community, as the pub ran out of its supply of fish last week, along with all collection slots being booked up quickly following announcements on their Facebook page.

To order your pub grub and support the NHS, phone The Tiger Inn on 01482 869040 or send them a message on Facebook.



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BEVERLEY'S 'TOWN CHURCH' ACHIEVES MILESTONE ON 500TH ANNIVERSARY

St Mary's Church Beverley – home to some of the finest medieval architecture of any parish church in the country – has announced that the first phase in its major restoration programme has reached the halfway point on schedule, despite the coronacrisis and the three storms which have passed through since the scaffolding was put up in February!

The conservation project is the first in a proposed series of rebuilding works which will ultimately see the crumbling stonework of the entire 900-year-old church restored over the next ten years.

The current works commenced last year thanks to a grant of £421,400 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and are being carried out by master stonemason Matthias Garn, who has hired new colleagues and apprentices to help with the job. Mr Garn and his team are working on the stonework of the north nave clerestory of St Mary's – some 15 metres up from ground level – and their task includes the restoration of pinnacles and window tracery.

"We are delighted with the significant progress which Matthias and his team of skilled craftsmen have made," said Roland Deller, Director of Development at St Mary's. "It is fortunate that the stones needed for the project were obtained from the quarry before the lockdown," he added.

The announcement that the critical project is at its midpoint is made exactly 500 years since one of the most fateful events in the history of the church.

Says Mr Deller: "On this day in 1520, the tower fell killing 55 people – a horrendous event, leaving the church in ruins and in need of huge restoration. The speed with which the church was rebuilt following that disaster – the rebuild was completed within 11 years – was remarkable. It's testament to the importance of the church and the affection with which it was held by the people of the town."

One of the treasures of St Mary's which the current restoration project aims to save and make better known is its collection of roof bosses. High up on the ceilings of the beautiful Yorkshire church are over 600 wooden carvings – a vast number for a parish church. Many of these colourful and curious artworks date from the Tudor restoration of the church in the 1520s, making the bosses of particular historical interest.

Within years of St Mary's rebuild in the 1520s, the religious and political situation in England changed dramatically. Desperate for a divorce from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, King Henry VIII separated the Church of England from the authority of the Pope in Rome. England transitioned into a Protestant nation and erased the old Catholic traditions. This ultimately led to the dissolution of the monasteries, and the removal of bright colour or ornate decorations from churches.

The church emphasises that the restoration works are being carried out in full compliance with government instructions to the construction industry regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAPTAIN TOM – FROM THE PEOPLE OF BEVERLEY

Today as most people will be aware is Captain Tom's 100th Birthday, a gentleman who demonstrated that small things can have massive impacts.

He set out to raise £1000 for the NHS by walking 100 lengths of his 25m long garden before his 100th birthday, but he achieved his goal of walking the 100 laps and much more. On Thursday 16th April, Captain Tom Moore completed his final 10 laps out of his 100, all of which was captured on multimedia platforms, and can be seen across various worldwide news outlets.

What is even more incredible is how the country got behind him, and one month on by close of play, it looks like he will have raised £30m for the NHS.

In recognition of his achievements and how he has inspired a country, to mark his birthday, a 100th Happy Birthday card has been sent to Captain Tom, along with a Beverley Town Council plaque and the very best Happy Birthday greetings from the Mayor of Beverley, Cllr Duncan Jack, Beverley Town Council and residents from the town of Beverley in East Yorkshire.

Local Beverley artist, Mary Wells painted a special acrylic portrait of Captain Tom and very kindly allowed Beverley Town Council the free use of the image to create a special 100th Birthday card for Captain Tom.

Captain TOM, HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY.

Photo image credit Mary Wells.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND REFILL!

The Refill Jar, Beverley's first dedicated eco-store, is going from strength to strength despite the lockdown measures and social distancing still in place.

Selling food, environmentally-friendly toiletries and household products in such a way that means packaging is almost eliminated and at affordable prices, The Refill Jar is ensuring families can still get access to food and other household essentials.

By reducing packaging on new items, and considering the contents of the products we use, we can decrease our carbon footprint, and The Refill Jar is at the heart of this discussion. The no-waste business is family-run and at the helm are Claire and Jamie Newton-Smith supported by their children Ethan, Poppy, Isaac, Caleb and baby Alice.

They are currently open 7 days a week with new environmentally friendly stock arriving daily. Throughout the pandemic, The Refill Jar is growing more and more popular, and product deliveries have taken them as far as Driffield, Hornsea, Brough and North and South Cave.

At the current time, customers are not able to enter the shop due to social distancing, but they will take your orders at the table at the door and bring your goods out to you, so you can still do your shopping in an eco-friendly way.

The wide range of food items on offer includes grains, pasta, cereals, nuts, dried fruit, tea, coffee, and herbs and spices. Washing up liquid and detergents, and other key toiletries such as toothbrushes, soap and shampoo bars are also available. Click & Collect deliveries can be placed at www.therefilljar.co.uk





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SWARMING BEES AND HONEYBEES

It is about this time of year when honeybees start to 'think' about swarming.



This is a natural process and one which a beekeeper tries to control. A settled swarm is temporary while they look for a more permanent place to live. The swarm may be there a short time or a few days before they decide to move on. It is at this point that a beekeeper should be called as he or she will try to capture the bees.

However, also at this time of year various other types of bees, hover flies and wasps appear, with some being large bumble bees and others small, some remarkably like the honeybee. They live in various places, some in walls, bird boxes, in compost heaps, rodent holes, thick grass, holes under sheds, spaces behind soffits and guttering.

Should you discover any of these types of bees, you will find that these will disappear around August and September. More information regarding what to do with swarming bumblebees can be found at www.bumblebeeconservation.org. Unfortunately, beekeepers are unable to help with the removal of bumble bees or wasps.

Beekeepers can remove honeybees that have clustered together in a swarm, in bushes or trees etc, but are unable to take bees out of the fabric of a building; this must be done by pest control expert.

Beverley Beekeepers Association have a dedicated team who can be called on to collect and advise on swarms. All our members are covered by insurance. Please do not post the swarm on social media as other swarm collectors may not be insured to do the collecting.

For more information visit our web site at www.beverleybeekeepers.co.uk and go to the swarm menu.

IN THE GARDEN... MAY

Well, a very unusual April has been and gone, bringing its usual mix of weather – one moment feeling like summer and the next day we're back in winter!!

May in the garden is the month where spring is still lingering, but the promise of summer is evident. The days are much longer and things are generally warming up – although we can still get late frosts!

I think it's fair to say that even the least keen gardeners work up a little enthusiasm for their garden in May, this may only be to 'change the bedding' - by May, any spring bedding plants in pots and containers will be looking tired and may well have been ravaged by aphids, so it's time to replace them.

Tasks for May are set out below, but judging by the activity that's been happening in the gardens of my neighbourhood during April I think this could be extended to: fence painting; shed painting; shed tidying and a plethora of other tasks that rarely get done in 'normal' times.

Tasks for May

- Be ready to protect plants against sudden frosts.
- Water all new plantings if weather is dry
- Trim spring-flowering perennials
- Finish pruning spring-flowering shrubs e.g. Forsythia and Kerria
- Tidy up the foliage of spring bulbs and mark where they are in the garden – unless you like the surprise when they appear next spring. Divide daffodil bulbs and replant if they are starting to produce less flowers, this is a sign they are becoming crowded.
- Plant up hanging baskets and patio pots with summer bedding, but harden off in a sheltered spot
- Keep on top of pests and weeds – including slugs
- Trim hedges and topiary and then feed them
- Keep sowing vegetables out of doors
- Continue to sow tender vegetables under cover
- Check greenhouse ventilation and provide shading if necessary
- Continue pruning trained plums and cherries
- Mulch strawberries with straw or mulch mats
- Cut lawns weekly and blitz lawn weeds – remember don't cut it too short
- Remove duckweed and blanket weed from ponds
- Keep a 'look out' for green fly on roses and other plants with lush new growth

That's all for this month – Stay home and stay safe

Jane Dale of 'Designed Gardens'. Tel: **07983 392 411**.

Enjoy your garden. J.



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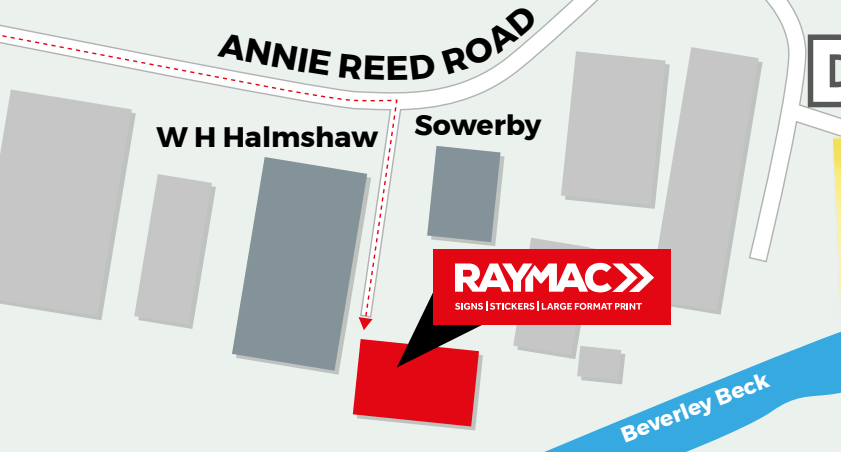
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