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MARCH LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



March is here, and we look forward to a good month ahead.

Pancake Races, Shrove Tuesday - 4th March, Ash Wednesday - 5th March, International Women's Day - 8th March,

Mother's Day and the clocks going forward on 30th March.

With the clocks going forward on 30th March this signifies the start of Spring. "Spring forward" at 1am which means 1 hour less in bed. So get up and out and make Mother's Day extra special.

Remember - send in your stories, photos, good news and have a good time.

#### Julian.



Happy March readers. March is a great month, we get off to a flying start with Pancake Day, how do you have your pancakes?

What will you be giving up for lent - 15th March to 17th April, have a read

of Fran's column for ideas!!

Will you celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March, and show love for the ladies in your life - make it an extra special day.

Sunday 30th is our opportunity in honouring the mothers of our family. As always, stay safe and enjoy the issue.

Olivia.









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## SALLY'S STORY - HOW YOGA CHANGED HER LIFE

Sally's yoga journey started with a free grief yoga session two years ago following the sudden death of her father.

Sally commented, "Following those sessions, I needed to know more, as it was really helping me to focus on something positive whilst feeling (and seeing) the benefits of the physical practice. It also helped me to be more mindful whilst also helping me to regulate my breath during times of anxiety and stress".

Sally continued, "This mind, body, breath experience left me wanting more!"

Sally decided to take action - "use it or lose it" philosophy - and made the positive step to start training in yoga. In 2023 Sally started her journey and completed and achieved the basics, a toolbox for teaching beginners yoga to family and friends.

Having benefited from the teachings of yoga, Sally continued in learning and practising yoga, gaining further knowledge and understanding of yoga. Fast forward to 2025, Sally has now recently started teaching at a local studio.

Sally recently took further training in yin yoga.

Sally quoted, "I now know my calling - community based yoga with a deep compassion for empowering people to be confident with their bodies and minds and to enjoy the benefits of yoga"

Sally said, "Yoga really isn't about touching your toes or clearing your mind, it's about acceptance of where you are at and not the teacher or someone else in a class. Yoga isn't about fancy clothes or mat either. Comfortable clothing and a nice carpet or rug will do. And if it's too costly, there are many YouTube channels offering beginner yoga that people can follow at home".

Small changes have a BIG impact, and Sally now looks forward to the next phase of her yoga journey (currently building a studio in her garden) with intentions to reach out to different groups in the local community (people who need a chair for yoga, yoga for seniors, people in recovery from addiction / homelessness etc) but at an affordable price (low cost / pay what you can and free sessions too).

Sally commented, "Yoga is not a big career move for me, although I totally understand those who are fully committed and need to earn a living. For

me it's more about giving back what I've got out of it myself - a practice that might just make a big difference, help people in their time of need". Sally started her new yin yang fusion sessions on 28th February, they will be running weekly on Fridays 11.30am - 12.30pm.

If you wish to know more contact Sally: Telephone: 07964 514802 or on Instagram: @yogawithsallyann

### REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FUTABA AND BEVERLEY

On Wednesday 19th February, Beverley Town Council welcomed a group of visitors from Futaba, Japan following a tour, finishing the day at The Tiger Inn for drinks, food and to reaffirm the friendship.

The Deputy Mayor of Beverley Alison Healy, welcomed the Mayor of Futaba, Shiro Izawa and his distinguished guests along with friends, and citizens of Beverley and Futaba.

The Deputy Mayor of Beverley said, "It is an absolute honour and privilege to stand before you today to reaffirm the strong bond of friendship between our two communities.



"We both know how cooperation, understanding and mutual respect can unite us in ways that transcend borders and cultures.

"Today, as we gather here in the spirit of friendship, we celebrate not only the enduring ties between Beverley and Futabla but also the shared values that unite us as global citizens.

"Our cities may be far apart geographically, but the connections we continue to build are deep and lasting. The values we hold dear - respect, solidarity and a desire to improve the lives of our citizens - bind us together".

The Deputy Mayor handed a gift to The Mayor of Futaba, a map illustrating how Beverley looked in 1908. The Deputy Mayor commented, "We can

see the medieval streets that were prominent and many of our historic sites. You will see that Beverley has changed over time, and will continue to do so. In the same way, Futaba is being regenerated and will continue to change over time"

In closing The Deputy Mayor said, "Thank you for your friendship and may our two communities continue to grow closer in the years ahead".

The reaffirmation document was signed by both The Deputy Mayor of Beverley, Alison Healy and The Mayor of Futaba Shiro Izawa.







## IT'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD INTO MOTHER'S DAY for mothers and all they do, whether with small whether with small states.

In March the clocks go forward, on Sunday 30th March at 1am, we welcome longer, lighter evenings and the arrival of Spring.

Though we lose an hour of sleep, the extra daylight boosts energy, mood, and productivity. It's the perfect time to enjoy outdoor activities, reset routines, and embrace the brighter, warmer months ahead prepare us for the day ahead, "Mothers Day".

Mother's Day, "Mothering Sunday", is a special occasion to celebrate the love and sacrifices of mothers. Traditionally, it's a time to show gratitude for everything mothers do, from raising children to providing care and support for their families. The day encourages reflection on the unique bond between mothers and their children, appreciation and love

The origins of Mothering Sunday in the UK date back to the 16th century when it was initially a religious observance. People would return to their "mother church" for a special service, and children, especially those working away from home, would reunite with their mothers.

Over time, the focus shifted from church attendance to celebrating mothers with gifts, flowers, and meals. Today, Mother's Day in the UK is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, offering an opportunity to show appreciation for mothers and all they do, whether with small gestures or grand expressions of love.

Mother's Day is a special occasion dedicated to celebrating the love, sacrifices, and hard work of mothers. It's a day to express

gratitude for everything they do, from raising children to providing emotional support and nurturing families. The day serves as a reminder of the unconditional love mothers give and the unique bond shared between mothers and their children

The origins of Mother's Day date back to ancient civilizations, but the modern version was largely influenced by Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century in the United States. Anna campaigned to create a day to honor mothers after her own mother's death, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially declared it a national holiday. Since then, the day has spread worldwide, celebrated on different dates depending on the country.

Mother's Day is a time to show appreciation through gifts, flowers, or simply spending quality time with the women who shape our lives.



### BEVERLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - MARCH PROGRAM

Please note - we are the Beverley Photography Club, not the Beverley Photographic Society.

**Tuesday 4th March** - 7pm at the Rose and Crown for a presentation on photographing solar eclipses.

**Tuesday 11th March** - 7pm at the Rose and Crown for a club competition. Best of 2024/25.

**Thursday 13th March** - 7pm. We travel to Pocklington for the Millenium interclub competition.

**Tuesday 18th March** - 7pm at the Rose and Crown choose entry for an interclub competition.

**Tuesday 25th March** - 7pm at the Rose and Crown for the clubs AGM.

**Tuesday 1st April** - Meet 5pm at Top-Hill-Low nature reserve.

The aim of the club is to share knowledge and experience amongst all members in a friendly atmosphere.

We encourage our member's interests in all aspects of photography by means of various events and exhibitions. Because of our popularity, we are full. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact us and we will put you on the waiting list.

We are members of the Yorkshire Coastal Photographic Group, the Yorkshire Photographic Union and affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. https://ypu.org.uk/

More information and contact details can be found on the following sites. https://beverleyphotographic.wixsite.com/club

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ beverleyphotographyclub

https://www.flickr.com/groups/1095249@ N24/

### LYNNE IS THE BRITISH CHAMPION 2025

On Saturday 22nd February 2025, Lynne Auton became British Masters Weightlifting Champion (W50 55kg) at the 42nd British Masters Weightlifting Championships.

Held at Bangor University, 21st - 23rd February, there was a comprehensive line up across all divisions. Lynne was scheduled for Session 6 with an early start at 9am. She took to the occasion and excelled with a 100kg total.

Lynne commented, "I love an early start, I weighed in at 7am for a 9am start in Bangor, the pre competition routine went well, which gave me a huge amount of confidence".

Lynne continued, "Olympic weightlifting involves 2 lifts, The Snatch and The Clean and Jerk. You



cannot progress unless you have been successful with the snatch. You have 3 chances at snatch and you have to complete at least one successfully to move to Clean and Jerk. Then you have 3 chances at Clean and Jerk and have to get at least one to get a total, adding the best of each for the final total."

With years of training behind her, the experience came to the fore and the title, "British Masters Weightlifting Champion W50 - 55kg", was Lynne's.

Lynne, delighted with her achievement said, "It is a great feeling, it makes all the training and dedication worthwhile, British Champion, wow".

### NFW NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE RATES

Are you prepared? The Government has announced new National Minimum Wage rates for 2025, including the National Living Wage.

The new rates which will come into force from 1 April 2025 are as follows:

	NMW Rate	Increase (£)
National Living Wage (21 and over)	£12.21	£0.77
18-20 Year Old Rate	£10.00	£1.40
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Accommodation Offset	£10.66	£0.67

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### **WILSONS WHEELS SPRING INTO ACTION**

As Spring arrives, it's the perfect time to prepare your bike for the cycling season. After months of Winter storage, your bike may need maintenance to ensure a safe and smooth ride.

The team at Wilsons Wheels, whilst keeping active over the Winter period, enjoy the start of the warmer weather. The 3 series Cyclocross event at Costello Stadium gives them the opportunity to compete, check fitness levels and improve their cycling technique in the 40 minute off road Cyclocross Series.

Nathan commented, "I ride throughout the year, and keeping on top of the bike maintenance over Winter is important. If bikes have been stored for Winter, checking key components like tyres, brakes, gears, and the chain is essential before hitting the road".



Nathan continued, "Tyres may have lost pressure or developed cracks, so inflating or replacing them is necessary. Brakes should be tested to ensure they engage properly, and gears should shift smoothly without skipping. A thorough cleaning and lubrication of the chain and drivetrain will help prevent wear and improve performance, so you can get off to the perfect start for the year ahead".



While some maintenance can be done at home, visiting a local cycle shop such as Wilsons Wheels, allows their professional mechanics to spot potential issues that might go unnoticed, preventing breakdowns and costly repairs later.



Wilsons Wheels offer a personalised service, advice on upgrades, and recommendations for accessories suited to your riding style. As competitive cyclists, you can benefit from great advice while supporting a local business. Remember regular servicing extends your bike's lifespan and enhances safety, making every Spring ride more enjoyable and worry-free



Nathan commented, "We were delighted to be able to help out with 20 sets of lights for Beverley AC to donate to The Cherry Tree Centre, we are happy to help when we can".

Lucy, on behalf of Beverley AC, mentioned, "It was great to work with Nathan on this, working together to increase safety for the kids in Beverley using bikes to get around. Jo at the Cherry Tree Centre had told us the problem, we contacted Nathan who sourced the lights for us to then pass to the Cherry Tree Youth Club".



The Wilsons Wheels Team compete in a variety of events throughout the year: Mountain Bike, Cyclocross, Road and on the increase, Gravel, concluding with the National Gravel Championships at Dalby Forest in September.

Dave commented, "The team thrives on these multi disciplinary events, supporting each other recognising the skill sets of the individual riders,



with resilience, strategy, and teamwork".

In cyclocross, riders must embrace muddy, technical courses with determination, adapting quickly to ever-changing terrain. Mental toughness is key, as races demand bursts of power, skillful bike handling, and endurance. Teamwork plays a vital role, with riders supporting each other throughout.

Rich commented, "These events help with numerous health benefits. It strengthens the heart, lungs, and muscles while improving stamina and coordination. The sport enhances mental well-being by reducing stress and boosting endorphins providing the perfect conditioning for the season ahead".



Nathan mentioned, "We have 3 team members who have moved up an age category (10 year jump between each age group) and are planning big assaults with the aim of trying to podium or win in the national title events. I will look for another podium or win in my last year as a senior in the national Mountain Bike Championships, whilst other team members look to the road or gravel championships for success".

With the weather picking up its time to get out on your bikes, get them ready and Spring into action. Remember to stay bright, alert and enjoy your rides. Get behind Wilsons Wheels and the team.

Support your local business, for all your cycling needs with the excellence that is Wilsons Wheels, you know when you buy your bike or accessories you are in safe hands.

Wilsons Wheels, Grovehill Road, Beverley, HU17 OEL. Tel: 01482 882881.



### **BEVERLEY AC - GOING GREEN FOR THE BLUE AND YELLOWS!**

Last year Beverley AC announced its involvement in the Greener Clubs Project, a new initiative to encourage and improve our "green" credentials.

This 6-month pilot, set up in collaboration with England Athletics and The Greener Runners, together with 29 other athletics clubs across the country, saw us assess and evaluate our green credentials, and pledge our commitment to improve and develop where we can, sharing good practice and resources with the other clubs involved in the Project.

During the year, the Club has undertaken many initiatives as we aim to become a greener club, which will be further developed during the coming year. We embedded our green policy at our 10k and fun race events by opting for a t-shirt memento made from recyclable material, sought more sustainable materials and suppliers from the UK and targeted better waste recycling at our events. This will continue to be reviewed throughout the coming year which should reduce t-shirt waste to virtually zero and includes plans to use local suppliers of goods and services!

We continue to work closely in the local community with one of our nominated charities - the Cherry Tree Centre - doing fun sessions about athletics at their kids holiday club, collecting for their food bank and collecting 57 Christmas trainer boxes for young people in our community.

The coffee morning at St Mary's Church in October raised over £2000 for charity. We held a litter pick/plogging event in September in conjunction with the Beverley Wombles, which will be repeated in March. We held 2 kit swaps where club members were able to bring in unwanted items and other club members could put them to work!

Our juniors also do regular kit swaps. Pre-Loved Sports will attend both of our 10k events to take in and sell second hand kits to runners. The car sharing WhatsApp group which encourages more car sharing to races and events, has proved very popular and has significantly increased car sharing.

The spate of cold and wintery weather towards the end of 2024 saw many events cancelled or postponed, with races scheduled in February we now look forward to the last race of the series taking place in March at Sewerby where Beverley will line up on the final start line with the men's team in 2nd place and the ladies in 5th place.

A huge congratulations and well done to Toby Wright on completing the Arc of Attrition UTMB, a 104 miles race around the Cornish coast with 3500





metres of ascent in 34:16:00. Completing half of the race on an injured and swollen ankle, this mentally and physically challenging ultra saw only 50% of participants complete. Through this challenge, Toby has helped raise awareness of progressive MS and raised much needed funds for the MS Society.

#### Some important 2025 dates for your diaries.

The iconic Pittaway Beverley 10k race and Westwood Mortgage Advisors short race take place on Sunday 11th May 2025. The Viking Pest Control Walkington 10k race and Westwood Mortgage Advisors fun run will take place on Friday 11th July 2025. Further details can be found on the Club's website.

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





### PARKWAY BEVERLEY

These are the films scheduled to open in March - <u>all are subject to change</u>. Check out up-to-date cinema listings at www.justbeverley.co.uk/cinema-times



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#### (Doors open 9.30am)

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#### Thursday 6th March -

#### **Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (£6)**

Starring: Renée Zellweger, Jim Broadbent, Hugh Grant.

### **Nickel Boys**

Starring: Ethan Herisse, Brandon Wilson, Hamish Linklater.

#### **Picnic at Hanging Rock**

Starring: Rachel Roberts, Dominic Guard, Helen Morse, Jacki Weaver.

#### Thursday 13th March -

#### **Nickel Boys**

Starring: Ethan Herisse, Brandon Wilson, Hamish Linklater.

#### **Picnic at Hanging Rock**

Starring: Rachel Roberts, Dominic Guard, Helen Morse, Jacki Weaver.

#### Twiggy (£6)

Starring: Twiggy, Dustin Hoffman, Joanna Lumley.

#### Thursday 20th March -

### Mickey 17 (£6)

Starring: Robert Pattinson, Naomi Ackie, Steven Yeun Toni Collette, Mark Ruffalo.

### Last Breath (£6)

Starring: Woody Harrelson, Simu Liu, Finn Cole.

#### Twiggy (£6)

Starring: Twiggy, Dustin Hoffman, Joanna Lumley.

#### Thursday 27th March -

### Mickey 17 (£6)

Starring: Robert Pattinson, Naomi Ackie, Steven Yeun Toni Collette, Mark Ruffalo.

#### Last Breath (£6)

Starring: Woody Harrelson, Simu Liu, Finn Cole

#### The Alto Knights

Starring: Robert De Niro, Cosmo Jarvis, Debra Messing, Matt Servitto.



Mickey 17 From 7th March Starring: Robert Pattinson, Naomi Ackie, Steven Yeun Toni Collette, Mark Ruffalo.



Marching Powder From 7th March Starring: Stephanie Leonidas, Danny Dyer, Philippe Brenninkmeyer.



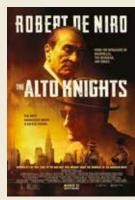
Twiggy From 7th March Starring: Twiggy, Dustin Hoffman, Joanna Lumley, Paul McCartney.



Opus From 14th March Starring: Ayo Edebiri, John Malkovich, Juliette Lewis, Murray Bartlett.



Black Bag From 14th March Starring: Tom Burke, Michael Fassbender, Cate Blanchett, Pierce Brosnan.



The Alto Knights From 21st March Starring: Robert De Niro, Cosmo Jarvis, Debra Messing, Matt Servitto.



Snow White From 21st March Starring: Andrew Burnap, Colin Michael Carmichael, Gal Gadot, Rachel Zegler.



A Working Man From 28th March Starring: Jason Statham, Jason Flemyng, Merab Ninidze.



Novocaine From 28th March Starring: Jack Quaid, Amber Midthunder, Ray Nicholson Jacob Batalon.

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### **JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT FILMS AND BIG SHOWS THIS SPRING**

### **MICKEY 17**

From the Academy Award-winning writer/director of "Parasite," Bong Joon Ho, comes his next groundbreaking cinematic experience, "Mickey 17."

The unlikely hero, Mickey Barnes (Robert Pattinson) has found himself in the extraordinary circumstance of working for an employer who demands the ultimate commitment to the job... to die, for a living.

From 7th March.



Featuring contributions from Dustin Hoffman, Paul McCartney, Charlotte Tilbury, Joanna Lumley and many more, Twiggy is an exploration of the model's upbringing, career, relationships and everything else that has made her the woman she is today. Directed by Sadie Frost, following her hugely successful debut feature on fashion designer Mary Quant, this documentary will be the first time Twiggy has ever told her story first-hand. From 7th March.

### **BLACK BAG**

From Director Steven Soderbergh, Black Bag is a gripping spy drama about legendary intelligence agents George Woodhouse and his beloved wife Kathryn. When she is suspected of betraying the nation, George faces the ultimate test - loyalty to his marriage or his country. Starring Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender alongside Regé-Jean Page, Marisa Abela, Naomie Harris, Tom Burke and Pierce Brosnan.

From 14th March.

### **SNOW WHITE**

Disney's Snow White is a live-action musical reimagining of the classic 1937 film. The magical music adventure journeys back to the timeless story with beloved characters Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezy.

Disney's Snow White is directed by Marc Webb and produced by Marc Platt and Jared LeBoff, with Callum McDougall serving as executive producer, and features all-new original songs from Beni Pasek and Justin Paul.

From 21st March.











Event cinema offers something a little different to mainstream films. Live and prerecorded 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 2nd March, 2.30pm & Tuesday 4th March, 6pm -

Jesus Christ Superstar Live (12A)

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock classic Jesus Christ Superstar returns to its roots with this sensational performance filmed in the UK during the Live Arena Tour.

#### Saturday 15th March, 5pm -**MET Opera: Fidelio**

Norwegian soprano Lise Davidsen returns to the Metropolitan Opera as Leonore, the faithful wife who risks everything to save her husband from the clutches of tyranny in Beethoven's Fidelio.

#### Sunday 16th March, 2pm -

A Night with Janis Joplin The Musical (12A)

This multi award-winning show captured recently at the Sadler's Wells Peacock Theatre is an extraordinary musical journey paying homage to Janis Joplin.

#### Tuesday 18th March, 7pm -**Exhibition on Screen - Dawn of Impressionism**

The Impressionists are the most popular group in art history - millions flock every year to marvel at their masterpieces. But, to begin with, they were scorned, penniless outsiders.

#### Wednesday 19th March, 7pm & Sunday 23rd March, 2.30pm -Hans Zimmer & Friends: Diamond in the Desert (12A)

Captures an extraordinary live performance of some of Zimmer's most revered compositions, including music from Dune, Gladiator, Interstellar, The Lion King, and much more.

#### Thursday 20th March, 7.15pm -Royal Ballet & Opera: Romeo and Juliet

The greatest love story ever told - through ballet. An ancient family feud casts a long shadow over the town of Verona.

### Thursday 27th March, 7pm -

NT Live: Dr. Strangelove

Steve Coogan (Alan Partridge, The Trip) plays four roles in the world premiere adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's comedy masterpiece Dr. Strangelove.

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### IN THE GARDEN - LEADING THE

Whether creating a large or small garden, the eye needs to be taken forward, encouraging both exploration and the ability to embrace the seasonal planting and maybe more importantly the features within the garden.

Creating a focal point, simply by introducing an arch or pergola, perhaps planted with roses and honeysuckle that could lead you to a seat, a fragrant place to enjoy nature.

In a small garden one would assume that everything is seen at once and that this would not be achievable, but in real terms breaking the eye with either potted shrubs and trees such as Acers which grow well in a pot or by merely changing the surface material and introducing shaped beds will both create and form and texture within the space and in doing so visually give the impression of an area being much larger.

The narrow grass path in the photograph below simply takes you to the bottom of the garden, a very classical feature but one that works well from a seating area encouraging you to not only relax but also giving you a visual picture of what lies beyond.



A more complex design is the beech (Fagus sylvatica) hedge in the next photograph that surrounds a metal arch, leading you into another part of the garden. The gate in itself will slow not only your pace but also your vision.

A view simply creating a journey through the garden, the anticipation of perhaps what has come into flower is special treat. Plants and shrubs evolve through the seasons constantly changing your visual perspective.

A shrub I planted many years ago in the small kitchen garden was a flowering currant (Ribes sanguineum) which ticks many boxes. It is a large shrub that can grow up to 3 metres in height. Its purpose was to cover the storage area for the pots.

The shrub although being deciduous comes into its own in early spring, bearing a beautiful dark pink tubular flower, after which the shrub can then be pruned, and a layer of compost be applied around the base. A classic example of a shrub with a dual purpose covering your vision of the storage area but yet at the same time creating a stunning focal point.



The Gardeners Calendar

If you are thinking about growing vegetables this year and are questioning where to place the beds, an open sunny site is always maybe the best but if you don't have that facility, then in order to grow something as simple as a salad crop, kale or spinach that will give you a supply of food for the house, then an area that only receives limited sunshine during the day will work well.



The beds should be

positioned if possible running east/west so from this the short rows will run north/south. Obviously, this has to be adapted to your own garden, but the added bonus is that it enables the limited sunlight to access the roots.

Once the beds are established add plenty of organic matter this not only improves the soil ensuring a good harvest but also if the weather is wet then the depth of soil will be able to contain the water. A cold frame is something else to think about.

Early sowings of seeds can be done and placed in the frames, the temperature though not that of a greenhouse still offers warmth and the ability for seeds to germinate.

The weather has been cold and dark during February but heading into March with the days becoming longer and the light levels increasing there is opportunity to start sowing seeds. Many different varieties of lettuce can be sown now and also broad beans, in particular a dwarf variety called 'The Sutton' which grows to a maximum of 45cm in height and is spaced at 15cm allowing it to be grown in a small garden.

Finally keep an eye on the weather in March as it tends to fluctuate. However, there are a number of tasks you can currently do in the garden such as dividing congested perennials, moving deciduous shrubs, and planting bare rooted hedging and fruit

https://ordinarygardener.com - Julie Dowding

### I'VE BEEN THINKING

Many people will have heard of Primrose Hill, north of Regents Park in London, but I know of another Primrose Hill on the outskirts of Huddersfield in West Riding of Yorkshire.

This is where I spent the formative years of my life and naturally it has lasting memories for me. I have moved to other parts of the country over the years and therefore I was thrilled a little while ago to meet up again in Beverley with an old school friend who also had fond memories of Primrose Hill

Since that first meeting we have spent many hours talking about our childhood experiences and exchanging photographs of events that we both remember involving the local school we attended and the places and people we both remember on the "Hill".

Recently my friend lent me a copy of the Annual Primrose Hill Children's Free Treat held on Saturday July 12th 1952. It is worth remembering that when the Queen came to the throne in 1952 rationing was still part of daily life. Rationing meant that when you went to the shops you were limited (or rationed) as to the amount and kinds of food, you could purchase.

Sugar, butter, cheese, margarine, cooking fat, bacon, meat and tea, to name but a few, were

limited. Primrose Hill was typical of many parts of Huddersfield where many families had, to coin a Yorkshire phrase, 'cut your suit according to your cloth'. This means that just because something is not within your means financially does not mean it should not happen.

I do believe the local junior school and various local shopkeepers were instrumental in getting together to create a special event that meant, even though times were hard, the children and parents, would remember a truly happy day.

The very name itself 'Free Treat' signified that whatever the cost of the day it would not be past on to the families. The programme gives full details of how much the Free Treat cost and where the money came from. The total cost of the Free Treat that year was £371, a total raised by donations over the previous months from every possible source.

The procession began at the school gates at 2pm with many children in fancy dress. Next came began, sat on a throne aboard a decorated cart pulled by a large horse. This progressed for the next hour or so all around the streets stopping at wonderful, nay irresistible local brass band.

The first part of the days event finished at the local cricket field where various games and races took place.

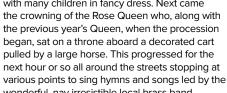
Next came the treat that all the children had been looking forward to. With the

precious ticket they all had been given at school they enjoyed an afternoon tea party in either the Methodist or the Baptist church.

The Day was planned as a family event and in the evening, back at the cricket field, there was plenty to entertain parents as well as children with a number of musical events and a talent competition for all ages.

The brass band continued to entertain until dusk fell and as the local public house was adjacent to the cricket field the merry making went on well into the evening. It was also a tradition that on the following day there would be a thanksgiving service held on alternate years in one of the two churches. I am not sure how long Primrose Hill continued to have their Free Treat days.

I will remember them with fondness not least because I cannot ever recall it raining on Free Treat day. But then maybe that is just me and a spot of wishful thinking.





### JAYNE HAS A SPRING IN HER STEP TO GET YOU MOVING

Jayne Morgan, independent estate agent, is customer focused from start to finish to making sure your property receives the attention it deserves.

Jayne said, "Spring is the ideal season to dress and market your home for sale, as the season enhances a property's appeal and attracts motivated buyers. As we look forward to the longer daylight hours and mild weather this encourages more viewings".

Jayne continued, "Spring is a great time, gardens start to look vibrant, with beautiful greenery creating a welcoming first impression. Buyers tend to be more active in spring, aiming to move before summer, making it a prime opportunity to secure competitive offers".

It is important to note that dressing a home effectively in spring involves maximising natural light, incorporating fresh flowers, and using soft, neutral tones to create a bright and airy atmosphere.



Decluttering and staging outdoor spaces, such as gardens or patios, can showcase the full potential of a property, helping buyers envision themselves living there.

Jayne's approach as an Independent estate agent is to make the most of the season's advantages by using high-quality photography and targeted marketing strategies. Presenting a well-dressed home in spring increases its desirability, enhances its perceived value, and accelerates the selling process.





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### LAIRGATE PROPERTY GOES UNDER COVER!

As work continues at Lairgate behind the covers, Richard of RD Stott commented, "We are delighted with the progress so far and look forward to the reveal in a few months' time as we concentrate on building works to the roof and exterior, bringing the building back to life".

Richard said, "Renovating a listed building requires careful attention to preserving its historical charm and architectural integrity. Traditional décor plays a vital role in maintaining the character and heritage of the property, ensuring it remains true to its original era.

Features such as period moldings, wooden beams, fireplaces contribute to the building's unique appeal and are maintained whenever possible. With all the planning consents approved we can now look to "Springing", forward to the reveal in the summer, with the Old Beverley Savings Bank starting a new life offering a beautiful family home".



Richard mentioned, "Using authentic materials, including reclaimed wood, and heritage paint colors, helps maintain historical accuracy while allowing for modern comforts. Sensitive restoration ensures the building's legacy is preserved for future generations while still making it functional for contemporary living".



Balancing tradition with practicality is key - upgrading insulation, plumbing, and electrics can be done discreetly to protect the building's character.

By respecting its history, owners safeguard the property's cultural value and enhance its timeless beauty.

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### THE FERGUSON FAWSITT IN THE COMMUNITY

Allen at The Ferguson Fawsitt is celebrating 3 years in Walkington, along with his 2nd Real Ale Festival to help mark the occasion.

Allen mentioned, "As a business, we like to support local causes and aim to play a vital role in the community by giving back - whether through donations, sponsorships, or hosting events, we hope that we create a positive impact that extends beyond our products or services".

Allen continued, "We are delighted to be able to sponsor the new kit for the Cricket Club and provide some assistance in supporting new equipment for the team".

Adrian Jack, Vice Captain of Walkington Cricket club said, "To have the Ferguson Fawsitt behind us is a massive boost for the team, and ongoing sponshire is a great help".

All rounder Charles commented, "We are looking



for promotion this year to follow on from previous years, the kit and the jackets that The Ferguson Fawsitt have provided gives the team a lift, looking good, feeling good to perform at our best".



The Ferguson Fawsitt is a community hub where people connect, share ideas, and build relationships. Hosting networking events, fundraisers, and holding local meetups, the Ferguson Fawsitt is more than just a place to eat and drink!!

It is now a gathering spot for meaningful interactions. With the cafe bar, the photo exhibits, events, good food and entertainment for all.

Allen added, "Through proceeds from the Real Ale Festival we will be able to support the Walkington Playing Fields Association, with 20p of every pint into the pot over the weekend. Thereafter we have the Ferguson Fawsitt, Bitter, Pale Ale and Stout brewed by Yorkshire Brewhouse on tap, and in bottles, (sold at the Cricket club), where we will continue with the donation from these sales".



Allen continued, "By championing local causes and encouraging social connections, everyone benefits, recently having had a conversation with Andrew of the Viewfinder Photographic Society, they now have hanging photographic displays in the event space and around the café enhancing the ambiance by adding visual interest, striking images from local photographers, create a welcoming atmosphere, sparking conversations".

Andrew Chandler of the society mentioned, "Exhibiting our work in these spaces offers valuable exposure. It provides an opportunity to showcase our work, attract potential clients, and even sell prints. Outstanding is the name of the book, we live and work in an outstanding area of beauty, we are delighted to have our work on display and look forward to the exhibition in the Autumn".

By supporting The Ferguson Fawsitt, money also goes towards the continued development of local clubs and societies, putting the dates in the diary for the Real Ale Festival, and ongoing events throughout the month.



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These days, retirement planning is about making sure you've got plenty of options to live later-life the way you want to - not the way your income means you have to.

But the more you've saved, the more choices - and peace of mind - you'll have in later life.

#### **Buying yourself some choices**

When you do come to retire, you'll almost certainly be using your pension or ISA savings as one of your main sources of income. Both of these can help shelter your dividends, interest or other profit from both Income and Capital Gains Tax, which can make your money go much further.

The first step is to audit what you've got. Make sure each of your assets is working as tax-efficiently as possible, and what return you're getting, in case you want to move some cash into an ISA or your pension ahead of tax year-end.

Each one has a varying degree of risk, and taxefficiency. That's why it really pays to use your tax allowances and reliefs each year to boost your pension pot, as you get closer to that retirement party.

#### SAs and pensions - know your allowances

One of the best ways to boost your pension pot this tax year is to use your full pension annual allowance of £60,000 if you can. This figure includes contributions from yourself, your employer, and any third party as well as tax relief paid to the pension - and it resets every new tax year.

Just to be clear, if you're paying into more than one pension, you'll still only have an annual allowance of £60,000 in total pension contributions - not £60,000 per pension.

However, you'll only personally get tax relief on contributions up to 100% of your earnings, or £3,600 - whichever is lower - in each tax year. If you're a higher earner - above £200,000 - your annual allowance may 'taper off'.

If you haven't maxed-out your allowance in the previous three tax years, you can carry it forward. Any amount paid in excess of your available annual allowance, including any carried forward, will be subject to Income tax.

### What other allowances could I use to boost my retirement income?

The tax breaks don't stop at pensions and ISAs - you have some other annual allowances too. If you make a profit from selling assets outside your ISA or pension, the annual Capital Gains Tax (CGT) exemption for 2024/25 is \$3,000.

Do be aware that you may need to pay CGT on any gain above that amount. The Chancellor made significant changes to the rates of CGT in the Autumn Budget. You can't carry the CGT allowance over so it's a 'use-it-or-lose-it' tax break. But you can offset losses you made selling other assets to bring any CGT gain down (you do need to declare both gains and losses on your self-assessment tax return).

If you've already used up your ISA allowance, there's still the Personal Savings Allowance (PSA), which can save you tax too. You can earn up to £1,000 of interest before you start being taxed in this tax year, if you're a basic-rate taxpayer. This drops to £500 per year for higher-rate taxpayers, and additional-rate taxpayers can't claim at all.

Finally, think about any dividends you earn. Dividends earned from shares held in ISAs or received by pensions are tax free. You can earn up to £500 before you pay tax if the dividends sit outside those 'wrappers'.

The Dividend Tax for basic-rate taxpayers in 2024/25 is 8.75% and 33.75% for higher-rate taxpayers. For additional-rate payers, the rate is 39.35%.

### Taking financial advice for your retirement planning

Our 2024 consumer survey, The Real Life Advice Report carried out by Opinium on our behalf, revealed that 1 in 5 of us seek advice on retirement planning alone. Not surprisingly that rises to 1 in 3 of those over the age of 44.1

If retirement is on your mind, make a time to talk your plans through with a financial adviser to discuss how you can give your pension pot that final boost before lift-off.

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#### Sources:

<sup>1</sup> The Real Life Advice Report was commissioned by St. James's Place. Opinium surveyed 12,000 UK adults in two polls between May and August 2024. Quotas and post-weighting were applied to the sample to make the dataset representative of the UK adult population. Quantative data referenced is sourced from the first poll which had a total sample of 7,995 respondents. Survey included those aged 18-34 (1,940), aged 35-54 (2,654) & aged 55 and over (3,401).



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### EMBRACE SELF CARE AS WE SPRING INTO MARCH

Spring officially arrives on Thursday, March 20th, the vernal equinox, when both hemispheres of the Earth receive the same amount of daylight.



As the brighter days highlight dusty corners, spring cleaning may be on the agenda.

Now is a good time to have a physical and mental spring clean and consider where you can change. Our lives can be taken up with work commitments and caring for others but remember the well worn saying when on an aeroplane of putting the oxygen mask on yourself before helping others.

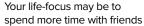
Start by reviewing areas of your life such as career, health and fitness, family and friends, finances, spirituality, personal development... score each area out of 10 and focus on those areas with a low score so it may be that work scores a 9 but health and fitness is a 3. Commit to leaving work on time and going to the gym or for a walk on a sunny evening.

As part of self-care, book "me time" in your diary to do something just for you. Read a book or meditate and use technology in a healthy way, set an alarm on your phone and read/meditate for half an hour. Find an online workout, Pilates or yoga class. They say that a beach body is created in winter and the changes that need to take place in the mind to achieve healthy physical can start right now.

Plan things, early in the year to look forward to and having achieved

dry January, you might want to consider other habits to knock on the head such as cutting out a particular food that doesn't nurture you: biscuits or crisps or give up smoking or vaping. Hypnotherapy can be a great tool to assist in rapid change.

Challenge yourself to give up something for Lent which runs from Wednesday 5th March 2025 to Thursday 17th April 2025. It is common practice to avoid alcohol, sweets and desserts and fast foods/ready meals and meat during Lent. You don't have to give up all of these things but choose the one item that will increase your energy levels and improve your general health.



and family so book that holiday abroad or a spa break locally; a jewellery making workshop or llama trekking with friends.

What did you used to love doing that you haven't done for ages?... a night at a comedy club, the theatre or simply watching a film at the cinema or even at home.

Head down to the pub on St Patrick's Day (17th March) or treat yourself to an early night on World Sleep Day (15th March). Remember to secure your own oxygen mask before helping others to ensure your own strength, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Every Tuesday, you can take time out for yourself with the free mindfulness session from 7.15 pm to 7.45. For more information visit www.francesdunning.com or contact me, Fran Dunning on 07973 819867 for details of mindfulness zoom link.



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As Spring approaches, mobility solutions become essential for ensuring safety, independence, and outdoor enjoyment.

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For those with limited mobility, Spring offers opportunities to explore the outdoors. Smooth pathways, sturdy handrails, and accessible garden spaces can make a world of difference in comfort and accessibility. Inside the home,

grab bars, non-slip flooring, and lift chairs help maintain stability and reduce fall risks.

Investing in the right mobility solutions not only improves quality of life but also encourages an active, engaged lifestyle.

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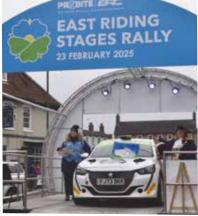














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### **BEVERLEY WESTWOOD BARKRUN**

Beverley Westwood parkrun is a fantastic event for runners, walkers, and their four-legged friends. A notable aspect of our parkrun is its inclusivity, welcoming participants of all ages along with their canine companions.

The event encourages runners to bring their dogs, provided they are kept on a short, handheld, non-extendable lead. This policy has nurtured a community of "barkrunners," where both humans and dogs can enjoy the course together.

Recently, Beverley Westwood parkrun saw an exciting event where the first three finishers all ran with dogs, showcasing the speed and enthusiasm that barkrunners bring to the course. Whether you're aiming for a personal best or simply enjoying the fresh air with your pet, running at Beverley Westwood parkrun is a fun and rewarding experience.



As we head into Spring, running with your dog is a fantastic way to improve both your health and your pet's well-being. Whether you're jogging through the park, hitting the trails, or taking part in a local parkrun, sharing your runs with your four-legged friend can be incredibly rewarding.

Running provides excellent cardiovascular exercise for both you and your dog. Regular runs help maintain a healthy weight, build endurance, and strengthen muscles. Active dogs are less likely to develop obesity-related health issues, such as joint problems or diabetes.

Dogs thrive on new experiences, and running introduces them to different sights, smells, and





sounds. This mental stimulation keeps their minds engaged and reduces boredom, which can help prevent destructive behaviours at home.

Spending time running together strengthens the bond between you and your dog. The shared activity builds trust and reinforces your role as their leader while giving them a sense of purpose and companionship. Exercise releases endorphins, which help reduce stress and anxiety in both humans and dogs. If your dog tends to be hyperactive or anxious, regular runs can help them burn off excess energy and feel more relaxed.



Dogs love routine, and making running part of your schedule creates consistency for both of you. It also encourages good leash manners and discipline.

Regular BWp runner Patrick Marshall more often than not brings his border terrier, Billy, to parkrun. Billy has most likely run more parkruns at Beverley than any other dog and he definitely has volunteered more than any other dog! Billy has run over 160 parkruns at BWP with Patrick, including volunteering to set up usually at Black Mill, and a further 20 or so runs at East Park and Peter Pan parkruns.

Patrick told me, "Billy loves parkrun and he is now famous for his warrior howl at the start of our Saturday runs or walks. Dogs and humans share the social need to be in a community of like minded animals and they, like us, love both the pack and the chase. Billy is generally quite good at running the full 5K but sometimes



needs to stop for a pee or sniff on Hill 60.



"He will also enjoy chasing a dog in front, however often upon reaching said dog Billy will not let me run on past because he chooses to run alongside the dog which can put some pressure on that dog's owner to run faster."

Patrick concluded, "Beverley is a great parkrun for dogs because there is plenty of space for them if they are being anti-social or feeling nervous. Short hand held leads and poo bags are essential." Billy said "woof"!



It is worth noting not all parkruns allow dogs so you will need to check before you attend a new parkrun. Join us at Beverley Westwood parkrun every Saturday morning and make running with your dog part of your weekend routine!

#### Louise Barrett.



## PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP ON THIS BRIDLINGTON STROLL

This gentle 4.5 mile wander is perfect for an early Spring day. It includes town, coast, country, and a gem of a tiny village, just a mile west of Bridlington.

There are regular bus and train services from Beverley to our coastal neighbour, or if arriving by car you should find free on street parking in the streets around South Bay. The Spa is an ideal place to start and finish, as there are toilets and an excellent cafe.

Head South from the Spa along the extensive beach, with great views over to Flamborough. Soon, a beautiful series of sand dunes appear, these are lovely to explore.

In a further half mile you will see the attractive art deco style holiday homes on the cliff at Wilsthorp. Follow the lane away from the coast, passing a solar farm, it soon reaches the main road.

Cross carefully, just after the roundabout to access a nice path heading for Bessingby, with the church spire visible in the midst of nice woodland. You cross the railway, again take care.

The path takes you into the tiny and little visited village of Bessingby. The buildings here are a joyful jumble of brick, chalk and pantiles. The church and its grounds are very attractive.

Follow the road towards Bridlington, where it turns, go straight ahead on a wide track, passing allotments on its way to the retail park on the edge of town. Head along the main road pavement, you soon reach Brid's fine rail station, a favourite of Michael Portillo. The bus station is a short walk away, as is the Spa.

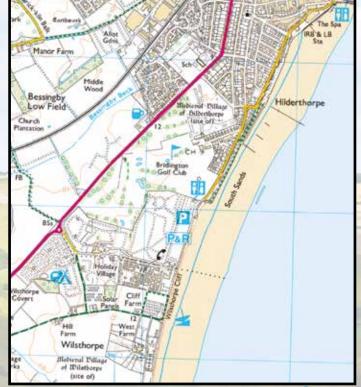


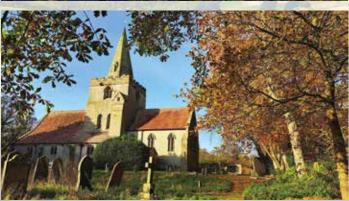












### |AN HARRISON - A HANDYMAN FOR ALL SEASONS!

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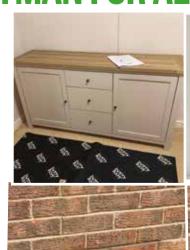
Spring is the perfect time for both indoor and outdoor maintenance. Inside, a handyman can help with repairing loose tiles, assembling new furniture, putting up pictures and fixing handrails, while outside lan can repair damaged fences, fix broken gates, and transform gardens with decking, erecting lights and replacing wooden panels.

By investing in professional help, homeowners can enjoy a safe, well-maintained home without the stress of DIY mishaps.

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#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup (125g to 140g) plain flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 to 11/4 cups (200ml 250ml) milk
- 1 tbsp melted butter
- 1 tbsp sugar (for sweet crêpes)
- · A pinch of salt

#### Instructions:

1) Whisk eggs and milk together, then gradually add sifted flour, salt, and sugar Mix until smooth.

2) Stir in melted butter and let the batter rest for 30 minutes.

3) Heat a non-stick pan, add a small amount of butter, and cook thin layers until golden.

For the perfect filling, try the classic butter, sugar, and lemon juice, or go indulgent with Nutella and banana. For a savory twist, fill with ham, cheese, and a fried eaa



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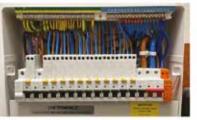
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### IN THE PICTURE WITH JOSH

As we move into Spring time and hopefully have more sunshine, I like to get out and about around Yorkshire and the coast to photograph some of the many picturesque towns and villages.

I do a lot of property photography with my commercial work and it's amazing what a difference a blue sky and sunshine can make to your photo. I know you can add in blue skies in photoshop, but the colours and tones are never a substitute for the real thing!

There are plenty of great locations to capture the daffodils in bloom which give a much needed display of colour after the dull winter months.

But, even if there's no bright colours, we still have a huge variety of picturesque locations

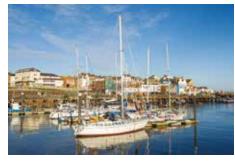
to photograph which look incredible in the sunlight!

Birds and wildlife are also more active with

migratory species starting to return as well as Winter visitors that haven't quite left yet. Wherever you're heading and whatever you enjoy photographing, get out and enjoy the fresh air and the sunshine!

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### THE ONSET OF SPRING AND SPRING CLEANING

The origins of Spring cleaning are multifaceted, stemming from a combination of practical needs, cultural traditions, and religious observances across various civilisations.

#### **Practical Origins:**

Pre-Industrial Era: Before the advent of modern heating and ventilation systems, homes were often heated with fireplaces or stoves that produced soot and smoke.

Winter months trapped this grime indoors, accumulating on walls, furniture, and fabrics. Spring provided the first opportunity to open windows and doors, airing out the house and allowing for a thorough cleaning.

Seasonal Changes: Spring's arrival brought warmer weather, longer days, and the opportunity to shed Winter clothing and bedding. This natural transition often coincided with a desire to refresh and renew living

#### **Cultural and Religious Origins:**

Passover: In Judaism, the holiday of Passover involves a thorough cleaning of the home to remove any leavened products (chametz) before the holiday begins.

> This tradition dates back to the Exodus story, where the Israelites were instructed to eat unleavened bread during their hasty departure from Egypt.

> Nowruz: In Persian culture, the celebration of Nowruz, the Persian New Year, coincides with the Spring eauinox.

A tradition called "khaneh tekani" (shaking the house) involves a thorough cleaning and decluttering of the home to symbolize

renewal and preparation for the new year.

Other Traditions: Many other cultures have similar Spring cleaning traditions, often associated with purification rituals, welcoming the new season, or preparing for religious festivals.

#### **Evolution of Spring Cleaning:**

Over time, Spring cleaning has evolved from a necessity to a cultural practice. While the practical reasons for a thorough cleaning may have diminished with modern technology, the tradition persists, often associated with a sense of renewal, decluttering, and mental well-being.

Today, Spring cleaning can encompass a wide range of tasks, from decluttering and organising to deep cleaning carpets and upholstery.

It's a time for many to refresh their living spaces and welcome the new season with a clean and organised home.

Shane Cooper, Stuarts of Driffield, Lincoln Way, Beverley, HU17 8RH.



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Good volunteers are the backbone of SSAFA, offering time, compassion, and expertise to assist those in need. Whether providing emotional support, fundraising, or delivering practical help, volunteers make a life-changing difference. However, SSAFA relies on more people stepping forward to continue its vital work. "CAN YOU HELP".

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### MARCHING INTO SPRING

We are already in March and the beginning of Spring starts to show. A time known for fresh starts and new beginnings - a chance to get out and about in the fresh air a little bit more as we leave the cold dark Winter months behind.

Many of us really enjoy our walks in the countryside - excellent for our physical and mental health, and something that can be fitted into our daily routine. It is nice to be able to enjoy this pastime on holiday and I am able to arrange holidays that incorporate guided walks through specialist companies.

There are many advantages to booking this in advance because the walks are planned to take in places of interest and are designed to be the most appropriate length and level of difficulty for each group. It is possible to be flexible in terms of the type of walking holiday you choose.

Some clients prefer to go solo and they can book on to self guided tours so they are given a welcome pack along with detailed route notes so that you can confidently enjoy your walk on your own.



Some clients prefer to be part of a group to meet like minded people so it can be a nice opportunity to have a fairly social holiday - supported by an experienced local professional guide - with most suppliers allowing a maximum group size of 12 so it remains a personal experience.



Whilst some walking holidays are based on one destination with different walks from the same base it can sometimes be better to book on a multi centre itinerary.

On this type of holiday you are enjoying the walks between different locations and your luggage is transported for you from hotel to hotel, leaving you to enjoy a comfortable walk and an opportunity to take in different areas of a destination.

Examples of this would be the mountainous areas of Montenegro, Annapurna foothills of Nepal, or the ancient Kumano Kodo trail in Japan.

Perhaps walking on holiday is

just something that you would like to do a little bit of rather than it being the main purpose of the holiday. One of our suppliers is able to arrange a single centre holiday and include two complimentary guided walks which you would pre book before you go.

So in essence not especially a walking holiday, but a holiday to a destination where a few stunning walks can be arranged as part of the holiday to give you something different to a traditional excursion. Popular areas for this would be Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Slovenia and Madeira.

If you would be interested in these types of holidays either as a solo traveller, or couples/ friends/family, or even if you would like to travel as a group of friends then I would welcome you to contact me on **01482 770540** to discuss your requirements further. It may be that local walking

groups may be interested in putting an itinerary together for their members and I would be delighted to assist in arranging this. I have detailed below the websites for the tour operators that I am an agent for.

You are welcome to look through the websites to give you an idea of the areas they cover and the different types of walking holidays they arrange in further detail. If you have any questions or would like to enquire about availability then please contact me on **01482 770540**.

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### CARL SPENCE AND ONE HULL OF A RIDE

A strong mindset is crucial when living with Stage 4 cancer. While the diagnosis is lifealtering, the way one approaches it can make a significant difference in quality of life.

A positive, resilient mindset reduces stress, and helps individuals find meaning despite uncertainty. Mental strength empowers patients to navigate treatments, manage symptoms, and maintain a sense of control over their journey.

Carl commented, "Living with cancer is not just about medical treatments - it's about embracing

each day, cherishing moments, and finding joy in small victories. I have adopted a mindset focused on gratitude, purpose, and connection that can improve emotional well-being and even physical resilience. Surrounding oneself with supportive loved ones and engaging in fulfilling activities enhances overall outlook".

Carl loves a challenge, this year with One Hull of a Ride, the challenge has been set. You may have already seen Carl and a few others doing static bike rides at a couple of outlets in and around the area, all part of the training for the Challenge.



Carl said, "This year we're raising funds in aid of the Royal British Legion. Our bike ride sees us heading to Normandy, cycling 295km taking in the five D-Day beaches: Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah.

"We'll also visit other key historical sites such as Arromanches-les-Bains, Sainte-Mère-Église, Pegasus Bridge and many more. We're on the overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen

"On Thursday we're cycling to our base in Port-en-Bessin-Huppain via a WW2 cemetery where a relative of one of our riders is laid to rest.

"On the Saturday ride back to Ouistreham, we'll be visiting the Royal Engineers memorial in Arromanches-les-Bains as this is the regiment that I served in when I was in the British Army".

The team have set a fundraising target of £10,000 and have several fundraising events planned: A static bike ride in Asda Bilton and Asda Hessle Road, a charity golf day in April and another in September and plans are well underway for a family fun day at the Bilton Royal British Legion club in June.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Carl can do so by visiting https://www.justgiving.com/page/carlspence-1728230796752



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> CLOCKS DAYLIGHT FLOWERS GIFTS HAPPY

MARCH MOTHERSDAY PANCAKES SPRING SUNSHINE

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On Reflection where will you find the Ducks? Answer on Page 34.



### **COMEDY CORNER**

What did the policeman say to his stomach? You're under a vest!



A little boy said to his Mum, I have been made upside down...

My feet smell and my nose runs!

What room has no windows or doors?

In Spring why do you put bulbs in the ground?

So the worms can see!

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8 (ate) 9!

You cannot trust stairs...

They are always up to something!

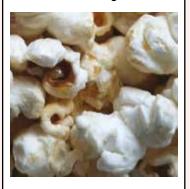
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Where in Beverley can you find this landmark? Answer on Page 34.



### WHAT IS IT?

Can you work out what this obscure image is?
Answer on Page 34.





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2nd Monday in the month



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### **Monday 10th March** @ 7pm

A British comedy-drama staring James McAvoy. A working class boy stumbling romantically and academically through his first year at Bristol University. He tries to achieve his ambition to appear on TV guiz show University Challenge and falls in love with his teammate.

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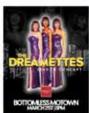
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#### **Sunday 2nd March**

#### The Big Beverley Pancake Race

Flipping 'Eck! It's back! Get your batter mixed and frying pans at the ready. Beverley Town Council is proud to fund this wonderful community event and thanks the Rotary Club of Beverley for taking the lead on what will be a flipping fun family occasion. 12pm.

### Friday 7th March



Sabrina Carpenter Tribute (Family Event)

Beverley Hills Diner, 5pm.

Sabrina Carpenter Tribute (18+ Party)
Beverley Hills Diner, 8pm onwards.

### Saturday 8th March Hannay Stands Fast

A thrilling sequel to "The 39 Steps". East Riding Theatre. Show starts 7.30pm. Ticket Price: £18.00 Standard.

### Wednesday 12th March Poets & Pilgrims

Evenings discussing the Canterbury Tales, led by Marcus Ramshaw - "The Prioress' Tale" - a story of prejudice. Monk's Walk, 19 Highgate. Upstairs Room 7pm - 9.30pm. Contact Monks Walk or Tel: 01482 864972. Booking Advised. Admission free, donation suggested £5 with profits to Beverley Minster.

#### Friday 14th March



**Grease Bottomless Party** 

Beverley Hills Diner, 8pm onwards.

#### Saturday 15th March Hall Together Now 3

6 Acts - The Bay Horsemen with special guests. The Village Hall, Cherry Burton, 7.30pm. Tickets £10. Call 07399 568834 and also on the door if not sold out.

The Tallis Consort - Mozart Requiem

Beverley Minster, 4.30pm. Tickets £15.



#### **Tuesday 18th March**

#### **Beverley Anglo-French Society**

The Beverley Anglo-French Society gives you the opportunity to learn more about France, its language and culture. Next meeting: Annie Ernaux. A talk by Maryse Wright. On 6 October 2022 Annie Ernaux was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. She has had a long and distinguished writing career and is the first Frenchwoman to receive the literature prize. Emmanuel Macron said that she was the voice "of the freedom of women and of the forgotten". Venue: The C Club, Wylies Rd, Beverley. 7.30pm. Non members £3. For more information and contact details please visit: www.beverleyanglofrenchsociety.org.uk

#### Friday 21st March



The Dreamettes - Soul & Motown Bottomless Party

Beverley Hills Diner, 8pm onwards.

#### Saturday 22nd March



Snow White Brunch (Family Event)
- Tea Party & Meet and Greet
Beverley Hills Diner, 9am.

### Mambo Jambo with Joe Martin - Three Musical Adventurers.

East Riding Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets £18. Eclectic duo, Mambo Jambo, plus their array of instruments are joined by violinist extraordinaire, Joe 'Hotbow' Martin for a spontaneous, joyful music making & a romp across genres. Expect a lively, uplifting show, full of infectious energy! "An absolute treat and a delight!"

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### Sunday 23rd March



Snow White Brunch (Family Event)
- Tea Party & Meet and Greet
Beverley Hills Diner, 9am.

#### Friday 28th March



**Greatest Showman Bottomless Party** 

Beverley Hills Diner, 8pm onwards.

#### Sunday 30th March



Mamma Mia Mother's Day Party (Family Event)

Beverley Hills Diner, 1pm & 4pm.

### Wednesday 2nd April

### Poets & Pilgrims

Evenings discussing the Canterbury Tales, led by Marcus Ramshaw - "The Millers Tale" - a story of love, lust and jealousy. Monk's Walk, 19 Highgate. Upstairs Room 7pm - 9.30pm. Contact Monks Walk or Tel: 01482 864972. Booking Advised. Admission free, donation suggested £5 with profits to Beverley Minster.

#### **Until 30th May**

### Boggles, Ghosts and Ragwells - East Riding Myths and Superstitions

East Riding Museums. Beverley Guildhall -Wednesday (to 30th April) 10am - 1pm from 1st May (10am - 4pm) Fridays 10am - 4pm.



### WHAT IS IT ANSWER

It was popcorn!



### WHERE IN BEVERLEY ANSWER

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### FIND THE DUCKS ANSWER

You should have found those ducks on the Halmshaw advert on Page 27.

### BEVERLEY BRACES ITSELF FOR MUSICAL 'HURRIC

Beverley's nationally celebrated classical music festival, New Paths Music, returns to the East Riding this spring for its fourteenth edition.

Running 2nd - 6th April across six venues, the festival features 22 performances given by a handpicked team of star musicians drawn from across the UK.

Spotlight solo performances feature trumpeter Matilda Lloyd, clarinettist Julian Bliss, and violinist Charlotte Scott - all joined by Artistic Director and pianist Libby Burgess - while Australian guitarist Craig Ogden and Serbian accordionist Miloš Milivojević (described by The Times as 'A hurricane of imaginative invention') perform tangos and dances.

New Paths' Associate Artist Martin Roscoe performs the three late Schubert piano sonatas across three different venues, and the festival's string players come together to give a shimmering late-night performance in the Minster - featuring music by Dorothy Howell, William Lloyd Webber, Pēteris Vasks and Johann Sebastian Bach.

"The venues of Beverley take our breath away every year," says Artistic Director Libby Burgess.

"The stunning medieval architecture of the Minster and St Mary's is so inspiring to our musicians, and the acoustics and atmosphere make these very special places for our audiences to hear music. But we use a whole range of spaces - the popular East Riding Theatre, the larger Memorial Hall, and of course the quirky pub space Upstairs at the Monks!"

"Many people each year choose to buy a festival pass, and come to everything," says Founder and Chairman, Roland Deller. "With events from 10am to 10pm, they don't want to miss a thing."

"People travel from across the country to join the magic," he adds, "and we're so proud that, nationwide, people associate the place of Beverley with outstanding music and a special creative spirit. And it's brilliant for the hospitality industry in the town too, with festival goers enjoying the many cafes, restaurants, pubs, shops and hotels the town has to offer."

Other performers this year include soprano Mary Bevan MBE - fresh from the stages of English National Opera and Teatro dell'Opera in Rome - bass-baritone Ashley Riches, violinist Jamie Campbell, and violist Jane Atkins.

Two new artists on the roster for 2025 include Principal Cellist of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Jonathan Aasgaard, and Principal Oboist of the London Symphony Orchestra, Olivier Stankiewicz.

New Paths' partnership with the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire's organ department continues, with the festival hosting the final of the Dame Gillian Weir Messiaen Prize: three young organists put the Minster's historic instrument through its paces as they compete for the accolade in the presence of Dame Gillian herself.

The competition is adjudicated by a panel of experts, chaired by former Director of Music at Westminster Cathedral, Martin Baker.

"Organ music has always played a special role in our festivals," reflects Roland Deller. "When we began back in 2016 we dedicated New Paths to the memory of Alan Spedding, who was for over 40 years Director of Music at the Minster here, and nurtured generations of musicians - including me!"

Other local stories feature in the programming: feminist and writer Mary Wollstonecraft is the inspiration for a morning concert, while a Minster lunchtime performance includes the East Riding folksong, Spurn Point.

The festival's popular free concert for babies and toddlers returns, and New Paths' Golden Ticket scheme continues, enabling young people and school groups to hear any of the festival's performances for free.

"We believe passionately that music is for everyone," says Libby Burgess.

"Our audience is a fabulous mix of lifelong music-lovers, and people who are totally new to it. We're known for our events being welcoming and accessible, as well as of an exceptional quality, and the musicians bring such warmth and brilliance to what they do. It's a mad, intense week, with everyone running from one event to another - but it has the most wonderful fizzing creative energy and is just a huge amount of fun. I can't wait!"

Full programme details are available at www.newpathsmusic.com. Tickets are available online or from the Beverley Tourist Information Centre on 01482 391 672.









### We have some great entertainment coming up!



Andres Roots
Friday 7th March





In My Life Friday 21st March





Laurence Jones
Friday 4th April





Hannay Stands Fast Saturday 8th March





Mambo Jambo & Joe Martin Saturday 22nd March





Boiler Room Six Saturday 5th April





Catch Your Breath Wednesday 12th March





Big Beverley Comedy Night

Friday 28th March





The Frog & The Princess
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