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FEBRUARY LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



February is the shortest month of the year, starting the transition from Winter to Spring. Usually felt around late February and Spring usually starts early March.

While cold weather can often linger into March, this period marks a distinct shift with longer, warmer days and the appearance of early spring signs like snowdrops.

This year the Pancake Race in Toll Gavel is taking place in Toll Gavel on Sunday 15th February, be quick you still have time to enter your team, or to get involved in other ways, perhaps just supporting the event.

The week afterwards sees the East Riding Stage Rally return, including a night event from North Bar and up York Road towards the Westwood.

Whatever you do this February, remember have a great February.

Julian.



February is here, sadly my last contribution for a while, small changes, it has been great to be involved with the publication for such a long time.

As we look towards the warmer months ahead, watching nature change from Winter to Spring, the whole countryside comes alive, it certainly puts a Spring into our step.

Whether it's fitness, health or community, just think about the consequences and how you can help make a difference.

Pancakes, chocolate, lent and with love all around. Have a great February.

Olivia.



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INVESTORS IN COMMUNITY - PUTTING PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE OF WHAT WE DO

We are well settled into the New Year now, the Christmas holidays a distant memory, a chance to reflect on the progress of our resolutions.

Our goal has always been the same, to make a positive difference for local communities. This year, we want to take that further.

We're involving more people in more ways, and are striving towards a community of businesses, charities, and individuals that work together to bring the best for our area.

Building upon the work we have been doing in the region, we see East Yorkshire and Humberside as a pioneer. With around 1,500 charities delivering amazing, vital services, there's so much to get involved in.

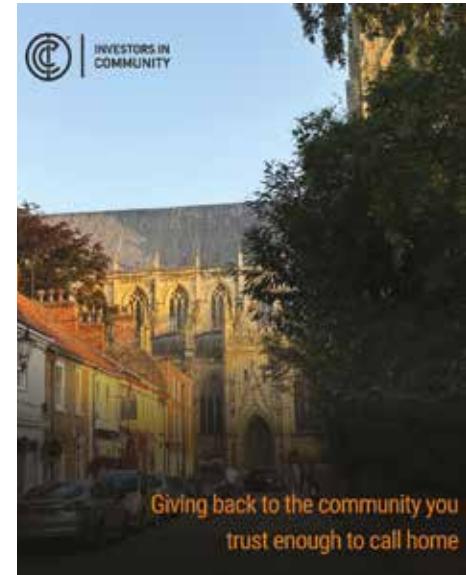
At IIC, we want to make this involvement easier. Your one-stop-shop for helping your community. People are the beating heart of our town.

It is important we value this, as businesses, as employees, and as neighbours. The support for our charity sector is strong, but there is always more to be done.

All of us must pull together, and work collectively to help these organisations deliver their life-saving work. We're starting with businesses, bringing together a community that cares about the impact they have on people.

This gives us, the people, the option to spend our money in a way that will bring a positive impact back to Beverley, and for businesses to be a part of something bigger than themselves, building relationships and trust with other businesses who care about what is right.

For us, it's about giving back to the community that you trust enough to call your home. It's helping others, but it's also helping your town, your street, your neighbours - it's helping



yourself. If you would like to join us in creating a thriving community, or to find out more, get in touch with us at emily.blake@investorsincommunity.org

PHOTO FINISH: A YEAR AT BEVERLEY RACES, OPENS IN THE CHAMPNEY TREASURE HOUSE MUSEUM THIS FEBRUARY

As part of East Riding of Yorkshire Council's exciting exhibition programme for 2026, Photo Finish: A Year at Beverley Races, focuses on the work of seven regional photographers known as The People, who in 2024 set out to record a year of action at Beverley Racecourse.

The images capture the excitement of the crowds, the behind-the-scenes work of the stewards, vets and caterers and the stars of the show - the horses and jockeys. As well as archive and museum documents plus loans from Beverley Racecourse, the exhibition is complemented by a playlist of historic horse racing film footage from Yorkshire Film Archive. Members of *The People* will be in the exhibition space on the opening day of the exhibition from 10.30am to 4pm to meet visitors and talk more about the exhibition project. The exhibition opens on Saturday 14th February and runs until Saturday 6th June.

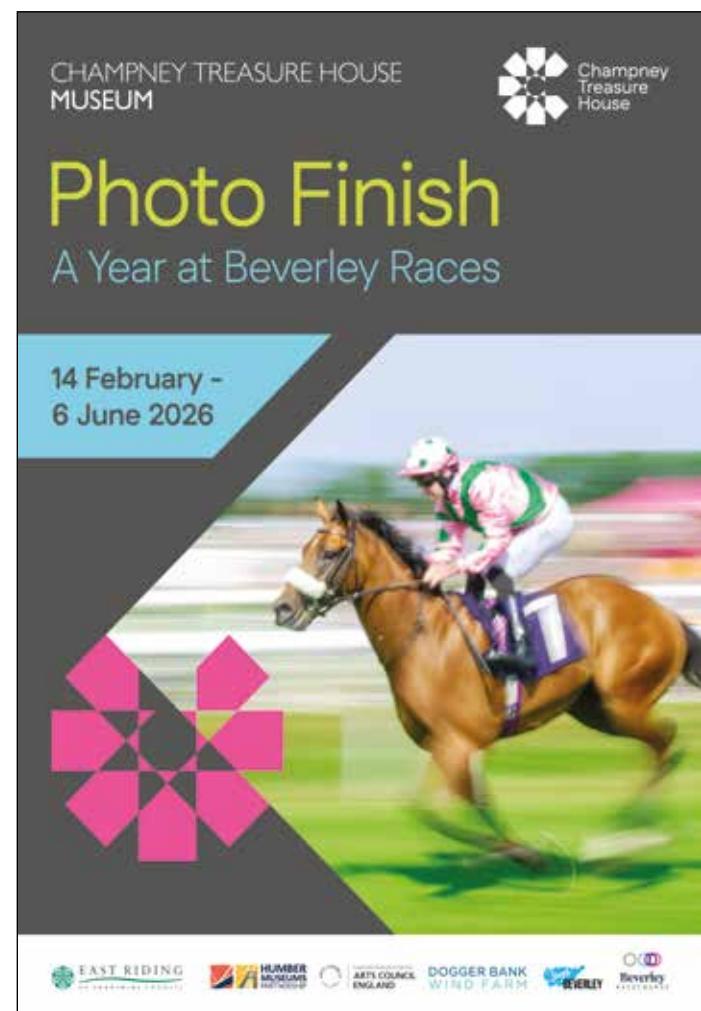
Councillor Nick Coulthard, cabinet member for culture, leisure and tourism at East Riding of Yorkshire Council said: "This exhibition is a fantastic celebration of Beverley's racing heritage and the creativity of our local photographers. It captures not only the thrill of the races but also the community and tradition that make Beverley Racecourse so special.

"We are proud to showcase this work at the Champney Treasure House Museum and invite everyone to come and experience this unique perspective on one of our region's most iconic events."

Photographer Nigel Walker from *The People* said: "At the start of 2024 seven local photographers, with the support of Beverley Racecourse, set out to record one year in the life of the course. We recognised the importance of racing to the town and the historic links that were forged across much wider areas. We are delighted that the resulting exhibition will feature at the Champney Treasure House Museum this year. We hope anyone with a love of horse racing will be able to relive the excitement of a day at the races. The photographs are supported in the wider context of exhibits from local archives."

For more information and the latest opening times, visit the East Riding Museums page: www.eastridingmuseums.co.uk. Please note, opening times are subject to change. This project was partially funded by Just Beverley and Dogger Bank Wind Farm.

A photograph from the exhibition by Julie Shakesby



BEVERLEY AC - RUNNING INTO 2026!

Whilst unfortunately the recent spate of cold and windy weather saw many of the events cancelled or postponed, many Beverley AC members have continued to keep busy and active.

The weekly Tuesday evening El Torchio headlight torch runs around Beverley Westwood see a regular turnout of members, as well as the regular Club runs around Beverley on Wednesday evenings.

The speed training sessions on Thursday and Friday evenings along with the strength and conditioning sessions on Monday evenings at East Riding Leisure Beverley, are keeping members fit and ready for the season ahead.

Beverley AC have a lot to look forward to, the Club's calendar is a busy one. To help everyone with their health and fitness-related New Year's resolutions, the Club starts its 9th cohort of the Couch25k programme on Monday 23rd February 2026 at 6:00pm at East Riding Leisure, Beverley.

Whether brand-new to running or building running confidence, this programme is for you, taking you from being non-runners to completing your first 5kms event in 12 weeks of training and will culminate in a graduation run at Beverley Westwood Parkrun in May.

The cost of taking part in the programme is £15, which includes a T-shirt and a discounted membership to Beverley AC for the year.



Details on how to register and further information are available on the Club's website.

Some important 2026 dates for your diaries. The iconic Pittaway Beverley 10k race and Westwood Mortgage Advisors short race will take place on Sunday 10th May 2026.

The Viking Pest Control Walkington 10k race and Westwood Mortgage Advisors fun run will take place on Friday 10th July 2026.

The 10k race is now sold out but places are still available for the short race and 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

"SOLD" - THE 1843 E.R. SAVINGS BANK GETS READY FOR ITS NEW LIFE AHEAD

When RD Stott decided to purchase the old 1843 East Riding Savings Bank Building in Lairgate late in 2025, with the vision to convert it to two residential buildings, he knew just what was in store.

Hard work determination and a fully committed team to deliver excellence, quality and a building the new owners and the community could be proud of.

Richard commented, "The successful renovation of the listed building shows how heritage preservation can work hand in hand with modern vision by respecting historic features while upgrading safety and introducing energy efficiency.



"The project has attracted a lot of interest. Now the building is sold, we look forward to the handover and the building enjoying a new lease of life".

The 1843 Savings Bank is there in all its glory shining bright in the Winter sunshine, brought back to life enhancing Lairgate and strengthened community pride in the area's history.



As you drive along Lairgate into Beverley, glance to your left and enjoy the beauty of the building.

We congratulate Richard on completing the work on phase one and hope phase two goes just as well.

NEW INDEPENDENT TRAVEL AGENCY TO OPEN BY BEVERLEY'S HISTORIC NORTH BAR

North Bar Travel, is set to open adjacent to Beverley's historic North Bar, bringing personalised, expert travel planning to the heart of the town.

North Bar Travel is part of the award-winning Beverley Travel Group, which was established in 2020 on Flemingate in Beverley.

Since opening, the business has grown steadily and now operates four local stores, following the successful launch of additional branches in Hedon and Market Weighton over the past two years.



The decision to open North Bar Travel follows detailed market research and careful planning, with the new location chosen to better serve clients looking for a more personal, face-to-face travel experience in a central Beverley setting.

Karl Douglas and business partner Kelly Cheesman commented: "North Bar Travel is a natural next step in our continued expansion, allowing us to connect even more closely with the local community. We're looking forward to offering carefully tailored travel experiences, backed by the same high standards of customer service that our clients across Beverley Travel Group have come to expect. Our aim is not just to book holidays, but to look after our customers for many years to come."

North Bar Travel will offer a wide range of holiday options, specialising in bespoke travel, cruise & touring, all supported by a knowledgeable local team.

North Bar Travel, North Bar Within, Beverley, HU17 8DL.

We wish the new owners of phase one a long happy future living in the heart of Beverley.



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At Navigation Wealth Management, it's our privilege to guide our clients on their financial journey. We replace uncertainty with clarity, confidence, and control so clients can focus on the freedom of living their life.

We believe in Lifestyle Financial Planning. This means moving away from industry jargon and the "one-size-fits-all" approach to focus on what truly matters: the life clients want to lead.

We stand for Relationship-First Advice, building deep bonds that allow us to support our clients for the long haul, often working across multiple generations of the same family.

We are committed to Absolute Clarity, ensuring clients always know exactly where they stand today and where they are headed tomorrow.

Ultimately, our goal is Empowerment; we want to provide the secure financial foundation that gives clients the confidence to say "yes" to the things they love doing, knowing their future is protected.

Evolving for the Modern World

The world has changed significantly since 2020, and we have evolved right along with it. In the last five years, we have modernised our toolkit by embracing sophisticated cash-flow modelling technology, which allows us to show our clients "what-if" scenarios in real-time - whether that's retiring early or securing a second home.

We have also deepened our expertise by expanding our team to include specialists who understand the unique pressures of business owners, the complexity of estate and trust planning, those in the creative industries and supporting vulnerable clients and families at a time they need it most.

By refining a flexible hybrid approach, we've made financial advice more accessible, keeping us closer to our clients than ever before.

Investing in Our People

Our team's evolution has been defined by a deep commitment to nurturing talent and creating diverse pathways into the profession. As we have grown, we've intentionally introduced several new roles to the business, ensuring we have the right infrastructure to support our clients' increasingly complex needs.

This growth hasn't just been about increasing our numbers; it has been about building a team that reflects our values of longevity and dedication.

A cornerstone of this journey has been our investment in the next generation. We are incredibly proud to have guided four team members through their apprenticeship



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR



journeys, providing them with a hands-on foundation to build lifelong careers in financial services.

In addition to supporting young talent, we have successfully mentored four "second-careerists", helping them transition from their previous professional backgrounds to become fully-fledged financial advisers.

Exceptional Results & Moving Stories

Our commitment to excellence was validated in 2025 when we conducted our latest client satisfaction survey. The results were truly outstanding with 98% of clients being happy with our services, reflecting the hard work our team puts in every day. Beyond the statistics, we also embarked on a series of in-depth interviews to better understand the real-world impact of our work.

These "Client Stories" provided us with incredible, and often deeply moving, feedback regarding the tangible value of working with our firm and the meaningful, trust-based relationships our clients have built with their designated advisers.

Our Pride and Promise

We are proud of the unique blend of fresh energy and diverse life experience within our firm. By investing in both our apprentices and our second-career advisers, we are doing more than just growing a business; we are ensuring that our "Relationship-First" promise remains a reality.

This allows us to provide clients with a consistent, empathetic, and highly skilled team that can walk beside our clients and their families for decades to come.

Our pride also extends deep into the communities we serve. Throughout our time in Beverley, we have remained steadfast in our support for local charities that make a real difference, including Hull 4 Heroes, Cat Zero, and the Smile Foundation.

Our commitment goes far beyond simple donations; we actively raise funds through dedicated golf days, physical challenges, and events like Race for Life.

We are also passionate about providing direct community support - whether that is donating essential supplies to local food banks or providing gifts to disadvantaged children in our area - ensuring that as we grow, our community prospers with us.



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EVERY THURSDAY

(Doors open 9.30am)

Join us for a free brew and enjoy some great films on Beverley Parkway's Big Screen. Only £5 (or £6 for newer releases) with drink and biscuits included. Aimed at 55s & over. Films subject to change.

Thursday 5th February -

Rental Family (£6)

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Takehiro Hira, Mari Yamamoto, Shannon Mahina Gorman.

H is for Hawk (£6)

Starring: Claire Foy, Brendan Gleeson, Denise Gough, Sam Spruell, Lindsay Duncan.

Saipan (£6)

Starring: Steve Coogan, Éanna Hardwicke, Jack Hickey, Harriet Cains, Alice Lowe.

Thursday 12th February -

H is for Hawk (£6)

Starring: Claire Foy, Brendan Gleeson, Denise Gough, Sam Spruell, Lindsay Duncan.

Saipan (£6)

Starring: Steve Coogan, Éanna Hardwicke, Jack Hickey, Harriet Cains, Alice Lowe.

History of Sound (£6)

Starring: Paul Mescal, Josh O'Connor, Chris Cooper, Molly Price.

Thursday 19th February -

History of Sound (£6)

Starring: Paul Mescal, Josh O'Connor, Chris Cooper, Molly Price.

Shelter (£6)

Starring: Jason Statham, Bodhi Rae Breathnach, Bill Nighy, Naomi Ackie.

Mercy (£6)

Starring: Chris Pratt, Rebecca Ferguson, Kali Reis, Annabelle Wallis, Kylie Rogers.

Thursday 26th February -

Shelter (£6)

Starring: Jason Statham, Bodhi Rae Breathnach, Bill Nighy, Naomi Ackie.

Mercy (£6)

Starring: Chris Pratt, Rebecca Ferguson, Kali Reis, Annabelle Wallis, Kylie Rogers.

Kangaroo (£6)

Starring: Ryan Corr, Lily Whiteley, Deborah Mailman, Rachel House.

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



Send Help

From 6th February
Starring: Rachel McAdams, Dylan O'Brien, Edlyn Ismail Dennis Haysbert.



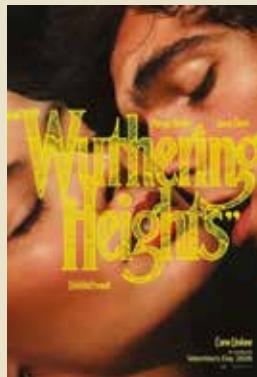
Goat

From 6th February
Starring: Caleb McLaughlin, Gabrielle Union, Stephen Curry, David Harbour.



Strangers Chapter 3

From 6th February
Starring: Madelaine Petsch, Gabriel Basso, Ema Horvath, Richard Brake.



Wuthering Heights

From 13th February
Starring: Margot Robbie, Jacob Elordi, Shazad Latif, Martin Clunes.



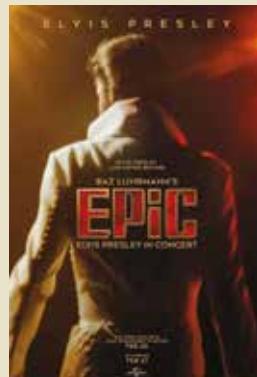
The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie

From 13th February
Starring: Eric Bauza, Candi Milo, Peter MacNicol.



Stitch Head

From 13th February
Starring: Asa Butterfield, Joel Fry, Rob Brydon, Tia Bannon, Alison Steadman.



EPIC: Elvis Presley in Concert

From 20th February
Starring: Elvis Presley.
Director: Baz Luhrmann.



Cold Storage

From 20th February
Starring: Liam Neeson, Georgina Campbell, Joe Keery, Lesley Manville.



Scream 7

From 27th February
Starring: Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, Isabel May, Jasmin Savoy Brown.

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SEND HELP

Two colleagues become stranded on a deserted island, the only survivors of a plane crash. On the island, they must overcome past grievances and work together to survive, but ultimately, it's a battle of wills and wits to make it out alive.

From 6th February.



WUTHERING HEIGHTS

A passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw.

From 13th February.



COLD STORAGE

When a highly contagious, mutating fungus escapes a sealed facility, two young employees, joined by a grizzled bioterror operative, must survive the wildest night shift ever to save humanity from extinction, as the microorganism spreads and destroys everything in its path.

From 20th February.



BOWIE, CAMBO & ALL THE HYPE

Live On Stage - Tuesday 10th February, 7.30pm

An Evening in conversation with John Cambridge and Garry Burnett with a Q&A session. John Cambridge began his musical career in the Hull band, The Gonx before joining ABC, The Hullabaloos and The Rats with Mick Ronson.



AN EVENING WITH JACQUI DANKWORTH

Live On Stage - Wednesday 11th February,

7.30pm. In this very special and intimate concert, audiences will be treated to a sparkling collection of songs drawn from her highly praised studio albums, alongside numbers that have inspired her incredible career.



SPIERS AND BODEN

Live On Stage - Thursday 12th February, 7.30pm.

Spiers & Boden have been at the forefront of the English traditional folk scene for 25 years both as a ground breaking duo and as founder members of folk phenomenon Bellowhead.



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

Monday 9th February, 7.15pm -

RBO: Woolf Works

Virginia Woolf defied literary conventions to depict rich inner worlds - her heightened, startling and poignant reality.

Thursday 26th February, 7pm -

NTLIVE: The Audience (12A)

Academy Award-winner Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in the much-anticipated return of the Olivier Award winning hit production, that inspired Netflix's The Crown.

Tuesday 3rd March, 7.15pm -

RBO: Giselle

The peasant girl Giselle has fallen in love with Albrecht. When she discovers that he is actually a nobleman promised to another, she kills herself in despair.

Saturday 21st March, 6pm -

The MET: Tristan und Isolde

After years of anticipation, a truly unmissable event arrives in cinemas worldwide on March 21 as the electrifying Lise Davidsen tackles one of the ultimate roles.

Tuesday 31st March, 5.15pm -

RBO: Siegfried

Raised by a scheming dwarf and unaware of his true family origins, a young man embarks on an epic journey.

Tuesday 21st April, 6.45pm -

RBO: The Magic Flute

Princess Pamina has been captured. Her mother, the Queen of the Night, tasks young Prince Tamino with her daughter's rescue.

Tuesday 5th May, 6pm -

MET Eugene Onegin

Following her acclaimed 2024 company debut in Puccini's Madama Butterfly, soprano Asmik Grigorian returns to the Met as Tatiana, the lovestruck young heroine.

Saturday 30th May, 6pm -

The MET: El Ultimo Sueno De Frida y Diego

On May 30, the Metropolitan Opera's 2025/26 Live in HD season comes to a close with a live transmission of American composer Gabriela Lena Franka's first opera.

SSAFA LOOK AHEAD, LOOKING AFTER VETERANS

The future for SSAFA and its members is built on continued commitment, adaptability, and compassion.

As the needs of serving personnel, veterans, and their families evolve, SSAFA is well placed to respond with tailored support, practical assistance, and trusted guidance.

Growing awareness of mental health, housing, and transition to civilian life will shape future services, ensuring no one in the Armed Forces community faces challenges alone.

Strong partnerships, dedicated volunteers, and modern fundraising approaches will help SSAFA remain sustainable and effective.

For its members, the future offers an opportunity to make a meaningful difference, strengthen community bonds, and uphold a proud tradition of service. Together, SSAFA and its members will continue to provide lifelong support to those who have served the nation.

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THE HISTORY OF THE LOVE HEART

The "love heart" is perhaps the world's most universal symbol, yet its history is a curious case of biological misunderstanding, ancient botany, and medieval poetry.

While we now use it to represent romantic affection, its origins range from extinct contraceptive plants to the "three-chambered" theories of ancient physicians.

Ancient Botany and Early Roots

Before it represented the human heart, the "scalloped" shape appeared in nature. One of the most compelling theories traces the symbol to Silphium, a giant fennel plant that grew in the ancient Greek city of Cyrene.

The "Birth Control" Connection: Silphium was so valuable for its medicinal and contraceptive properties that it was worth its weight in silver. Its seed pods were famously shaped like the modern heart.

Currency of Love: Because the plant was associated with sexuality and intimacy, its shape became a shorthand for desire, even appearing on Cyrene's coinage as early as the 6th century BCE.

Other scholars point to the ivy leaf, which has a similar silhouette. In Greek and Roman cultures, ivy symbolised fidelity and eternal life, often appearing on funeral steles and marriage crowns.

The Medical "Mistake"

The reason the symbol looks so little like a real human heart (which is more fist-shaped and asymmetrical) lies in early medical illustrations.

Galen's Influence: The 2nd-century physician Galen described the heart as having three chambers with a central indentation.

The Pinecone Phase: Early medieval artists, following Galen's anatomical descriptions without actually dissecting human bodies (which was often taboo), drew the heart as an upside-down pinecone or a pear. It wasn't until the 14th century that the "dent" at the top became a standard artistic feature, likely as a stylistic attempt to represent the organ's valves or the "middle" chamber Galen described.

The Birth of Romantic Love

The heart truly transitioned from a medical diagram to a romantic icon during the Middle Ages, an era obsessed with "Courtly Love."

Roman de la Poire (c. 1250): This French manuscript contains the first known illustration of a lover offering his heart to a lady. In the image, the heart is shaped like a pinecone, but the gesture defined the symbol's future.

The Shift in Orientation: By the 1300s and 1400s, the heart flipped. No longer held by the tip (pointing down), it was depicted with the point at the bottom, mimicking how people

felt the organ was positioned in the chest.



Playing Cards and Mass Media:

In the late 15th century, French card makers standardised the four suits: spades, clubs, diamonds, and hearts. This solidified the red, two-lobed shape in the public consciousness across Europe.

The Victorian Boom and Modern Day

The Victorian era turned the heart into a commercial powerhouse. With the rise of the postal service and Valentine's Day cards, the heart became the central motif for "secret admirers."

By the 20th century, Milton Glaser's "I ❤️ NY" logo turned the symbol into a verb, proving that the heart had evolved from a literal organ into a global language for "I care about this."

Did you know? The "Sacred Heart" in Catholic tradition also played a massive role in popularising the shape. By surrounding the heart with flames and thorns, it became a symbol of divine, sacrificial love that eventually bled into secular art.

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

VALENTINES DAY, SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day is celebrated by couples showing their love, affection, and connection to each other, making it a unique day to show appreciation for the special people in our lives.

Valentine's Day in recent times is also a time to honor love between friends and family, strengthening relationships in all their forms. Expression is usually in the form of heartfelt cards, thoughtful gifts, chocolates, soft toys, meant to surprise, it's an opportunity to express feelings that might otherwise go unspoken.

Make the most of the day and enjoy special time together to bring a sense of joy and togetherness. This may even include a candlelit dinner, a simple "thank you" note, or spending time with loved ones. More than ever connection is important in every walk of life, Valentine's Day reminds us of the importance to cherish relationships and create lasting memories filled with love.

Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day.



Valentines Menu

STARTERS

SILKEN BURRATA
Slow roasted vine tomatoes, basil, infused herb oil, served with a warm focaccia (V)

FRENCH ONION VELOUTÉ
Deep caramelised onions, rich jus, molten gruyere and crisp croûtons (GF Available on request)

SMOKED HADDOCK & LEER FISHCAKE
Complimented by a velvety whole-grain mustard cream

MAINS

PAN-SEARED SALMON FILLET
Glossed with a tangy lemon and shrimp butter, paired with seasonal greens (GF)

CHICKEN SUPREME
succulent chicken breast, fondant potato, asparagus and a luxurious cream and chive sauce (GF)

WILD MUSHROOM WELLINGTON
Encased in a golden pastry, served with seasonal greens and a silky vegetarian jus (VE)

DESSERTS

WHITE CHOCOLATE & RASPBERRY PAVLOVA
Crisp shell, soft chewy centre topped with fresh berries and drizzled with white chocolate (GF)

LEMON POSSET
Lemon infused set cream, with a sharp blackberry purée and handmade citrus shortbread (GF)

DARK CHOCOLATE & BLOOD ORANGE TART
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MAKING YOUR PENSION AND ISA ALLOWANCES WORK FOR YOU

Thanks to a combination of frozen tax thresholds, above average inflation and higher interest rates and changes announced in the recent Budget, many people may face higher tax bills this year. Here, we look at how you can use your pension and ISA allowances to make a big difference at tax year end.

Why more of us are facing a higher tax bill this year

In June 2025, HMRC predicted the total number of higher rate income taxpayers would rise by 400,000; up 38.7% on 2022/23.¹ Driving this increase is a 'perfect storm' of above average inflation, rising prices and, most importantly, the recent extension to the freeze on tax thresholds. Coupled with inflation running stubbornly above the 2% target, it's more important than ever to make the most of the tax saving opportunities of pension and ISA allowances.

Why do frozen tax thresholds matter?

Although salaries have been steadily increasing, tax thresholds have not. And following the Budget, the freeze on income tax thresholds has been extended until 2031. This will pull growing numbers of people into a higher tax band if their earned income goes up. It will also net the government an additional £12 billion, according to the Office for Budget Responsibility reports.²

This passive form of tax-raising is known as 'fiscal drag.' Crossing a tax threshold not only affects the rate of tax you pay on your income, it impacts the amount of tax you pay on your savings too. As a higher rate taxpayer, your personal savings allowance of £1,000 halves to £500. It vanishes

altogether if you become an additional rate tax payer. While the rate of tax you pay is currently the same as non-savings income, from April 2027 savings rates will increase by two percentage points to 22% for basic rate taxpayers, 42% for higher and 47% for additional rate taxpayers.

There is a silver lining, however. Maxing out your ISA or pension contributions, or indeed both, means you'll get the full benefit of your annual tax allowances, helping to reduce your annual tax bill.

Pension contributions - your secret weapon

Pension contributions are an excellent way to save, and a prudent extra contribution before tax year end could help you stay within your current tax band.

Tax relief is limited on your personal contributions to the higher of 100% of your earnings in the tax year or £3,600. However, this is still a great tax incentive. The real bonus is you receive tax relief at your highest rate of tax. When paying into a personal pension the scheme will claim 20% tax relief on your behalf, you can then claim the extra 20% or 25% from HMRC depending on the rate of tax you pay. This reduces the cost of the contribution overall.

Another benefit of making personal contributions into your pension is they reduce 'adjusted net income' - this is the amount used to determine your personal allowance and eligibility for tax-free childcare. Contribution limits on pensions are also quite generous.

The annual allowance tests contributions you

make, and any your employer or third parties make for you. This currently stands at £60,000 for most people. It may be tapered for those with income in excess of £200,000, falling to a low of £10,000.

Restrictions will also apply when you have started drawing certain types of pension income. In addition, unused annual allowance can usually be carried forward for up to three years, although the tax relief on personal contributions will still be restricted by earnings in that year.

All investments held within a pension scheme grow tax free, and although you pay income tax when you need to take money out, the first 25% of the fund is usually tax free, capped at £268,275 for most. Pensions can only be accessed from age 55 (57 from April 2028) but that means you can't touch your fund, making it a great long-term savings vehicle.

How can my ISAs help reduce my tax bill?

The current annual ISA allowance is £20,000 and this can be spread across different ISAs, including cash, stocks and shares or lifetime, if eligible. It's a use-it-or-lose-it allowance, so you can't carry forward unused allowances from previous years.

The real benefit of ISAs is that you don't pay tax on the cash or investments held within them, they grow entirely tax free. This means a tax saving in comparison to just holding funds outside the ISA wrapper. There is also no capital gains or income tax to pay should you need to access the funds, and no restrictions on when or how much you can access either, unlike pensions.

Tax Year 2025/26



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Don't forget about Junior ISAs either. You also have a Junior ISA allowance of £9,000. If you and your spouse or civil partner both maxed out your ISAs, and a Junior ISA, that could add up to £58,000 that you won't be taxed on.

Budget 2025 - changes to come

In the Budget, the Chancellor announced proposals to restrict national insurance savings, from April 2029, for pension schemes that use salary sacrifice. This will limit the contributions that benefit from the extra NI saving to £2,000 per year.

This won't impact the income tax relief available though, and doesn't diminish the overall benefits of pension savings. In addition, the Chancellor also announced proposals to limit the cash ISA allowance. From 2027, savers under 65 will only be able to save a maximum of £12,000 each year into a cash ISA.

The remaining £8,000 ISA allowance can only go into a stocks and shares ISA. Alternatively the whole £20,000 can be invested into a stocks and shares ISA. The over 65s can choose to use their whole £20,000 in a cash ISA or split it as they see fit.

Which should I choose, pension or ISA?

The short answer is both, if you can. Each has different advantages and benefits, which allow you maximum flexibility when planning for both short- and long-term saving. Of the two, pensions are still the most tax efficient for long-term investing.

On the other hand, ISAs offer a tax efficient, simple and flexible way to save. ISAs are also easily accessible, so you can withdraw money

quickly, making them one of the most popular ways to save. In 2022/23 (the last year for which figures are available) adult ISAs accounted for £71.6 billion of savings.²

Holding a combination of ISAs and pensions is a key component of holistic financial planning. It gives you the greatest flexibility and control over your money, as well as maximum tax efficiency.

How your financial adviser can help you bring down your tax bill

Spreading your wealth across different types of investments can reduce your risk and gives you greater choice in later life on how you draw your retirement income. Many people work together with their financial adviser to help them decide on the right mix.

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The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time and are generally dependent on individual circumstances.

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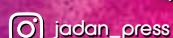
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IAN HARRISON - LOOKING FORWARD - PLAN AHEAD

Ian Harrison is always keen to keep the client happy. Good planning between Ian and the customer benefits both sides by creating clarity, efficiency, and trust.

Ian said, "When the work is planned in advance, I clearly understand the scope, materials, budget, and timeline, which in turn reduces misunderstandings and unexpected changes.

"Working in this way allows me to ensure jobs to be scheduled efficiently, saving time and avoiding wasted effort, both the customer and myself".

Ian continued, "For the customer, planning provides confidence that the work will be completed properly, on time, and within budget. It also helps prioritise tasks, ensuring the most important repairs are addressed first".

When Ian goes about his work, he likes to have a clear plan ahead, understands that planning improves communication, reduces stress, and leads to higher-quality results.

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LIFTING THE CUP - WHAT FOOTBALL CAN TEACH US ABOUT GETTING THE JOB DONE

There's a bit of optimism in the air, isn't there? 2026 is here, and if you ask Julian at Just Beverley, England might just bring the World Cup home this Summer - 60 years on from 1966. If nothing else, it's a nice excuse to start the year with a bit of belief.

It got us thinking. What made that team so special wasn't luck - it was planning, teamwork, and everyone knowing their role. Not a million miles from what you'd want in a good tradesperson.

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Jayne at Link Agency provides a more personal, tailored service. Clients who deal with Jayne are with her throughout the process, ensuring clear communication, accountability, and a better understanding of their individual needs.



Jayne added, "This hands-on approach can reduce stress and help transactions progress more smoothly".

Spring, which often brings an uplift in property interest, means Independent agents like Jayne, adopt a more flexible and responsive attitude, with the ability to adapt quickly to changing circumstances.

Jayne has a good reputation and has a history of customer satisfaction, which often drives higher levels of commitment and care.

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CHANGE & CONTINUITY - BEVERLEY SINCE 1990

In the long hot Summer of 1990, I first came to live in our beautiful town. I have seen it change considerably over the past 35 years. I want to reflect here on some of these developments and also to suggest that a great deal of what is so precious about Beverley has largely stayed the same.



Saturday Market.

Beverley does remain relatively unknown outside our region; despite John Betjeman calling it 'one of the most beautiful towns in England' and more recently The Guardian saying 'it's the bee knees', we have still kept a relative sense of seclusion.

That said, the degree of expansion of built up areas and population are considerable. Based on census data, the numbers living in and around town have risen from about 21,000 in 1990 to around 34,000 now. At one point in medieval times, the town was the eighth largest in England - and Hull didn't even exist!

I vividly recall taking a group of friends up one of the Minster towers in that August of 1990. Back then the town centre soon gave way to open countryside on all sides; no estates like Lincoln Way, Parklands or Butterfly Meadows, we were unquestionably a country town. Having said that, and as those estates continue to mushroom, because we still have our four green lungs, the ancient commons of: Westwood, Hurn, Figham and Swine Moor, the town still feels closely linked to the surrounding country.



Figham.

Politically, we have also witnessed change and continuity. In 1996 Humberside County was replaced by the East Riding, and Beverley became the uncontested principal and county town. The parliamentary constituency boundaries have changed over the years, but the town has only elected Conservative MPs for the past century.

The town's retail outlets have certainly changed; back in 1990 we had a handful of small supermarkets in the town centre such as Safeway. Now of course we have 5 major ones, 3 on the outskirts. Yet, unlike in many towns, we have kept a good range of independent shops and our

outdoor markets continue to thrive. Cafes have exploded in number, less than a dozen in 1990, now the town is awash with caffeine and cake.

It's also a little puzzling as to why we need so many barbers! We now have a far greater range of restaurants, you can eat your way around the globe here.



Old and new along the Beck.

Most of our town centre pubs have survived, but sadly a few have bit the dust or are struggling. Flemingate is now a decade old and I think has largely enhanced the town. Certainly it is wonderful to have an independent cinema, although many of us 'old timers' miss the quirky old Playhouse cinema in what is now Brown's.

The racecourse has gone from strength to strength and we are now blessed with a fantastic theatre, the ERT.

Our schools remain good, I was privileged to conclude my teaching career in one of them. As in most places, traffic congestion is a problem and we never have got that Park & Ride. I also think our bus and train services are pretty decent.

Another boost to the town is the Treasure House, now almost twenty years old. Our two ancient churches remain jewels in our crown.



Treasure House.

Overall, Beverley remains a fabulous and friendly place to live, especially if you are within walking distance of the town centre. I know some long term residents and native Beverlonians feel the town has changed too much, and who am I as a relative newcomer and a native Lancastrian to argue?

I can only say that coming here was the best move I ever made, it's been a privilege to raise my family here and write extensively about the town. Here's to the next 35 years!

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Beverley Hou Growing an Age-Fri

On a quiet morning in Beverley, conversation drifts easily between raised beds and seasonal colour. For residents of Beverley Housing Charity's almshouses, these gardens are not just places to tend plants, they are spaces where friendships grow, worries are shared, and wellbeing takes root.



For more than three hundred years, almshouses have been part of Beverley's story. While their original purpose was to purely provide shelter, today they offer something far richer: community, connection, and the chance to age well. At the heart of this modern approach is Beverley Housing Charity's commitment to high quality homes, beautifully maintained gardens, and strong partnerships across the town and between friends.



As part of Just Beverley's 2026 focus on charity, we spent time exploring the value of these green spaces and meeting Steve Helliwell-Morris, who has supported residents for more than 18 years.

Gardens That Bring People Together

From Maisons de Dieu on Morton Lane in the centre of town, Herdwick Close one of the charities latest investments to Charles Warton and Ann Routh, their shared gardens strike a careful balance between privacy and togetherness - encouraging residents to step outside, connect with neighbours and take shared pride in their surroundings.



Several sites have been recognised over the years with Beverley in Bloom awards, reflecting the care and attention given not just by the team, but vitally, by residents on sites such as Eric Bielby and Leconfield Close. The charity also owns one of the largest allotment sites in the area Queensgate Allotments, bringing joy and the art of growing your own to hundreds of local residents over the years.

The People Behind the Planting

"The gardens give us a reason to chat," says Steve. "Those conversations often lead to residents getting extra support - from Age UK, East Riding Council or other partners, before small issues become bigger ones."

Steve is keen to make sure everyone feels included. "Even those residents who are not able to garden still have a say. We talk about colours, plants and how space should feel. Others like to get more involved, sometimes with just a little bit of help."

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Why Community Adds Years to Life

National research into almshouse living has shown just how powerful this sense of community can be. A study analysing up to a century of records across England found that almshouse residents enjoy a longevity boost of up to 2.5 years compared with those living elsewhere. Reduced isolation and strong social bonds are key - and they are clearly visible across Beverley Housing Charity's communities.

One resident describes the gardens simply as "the only reason I leave my front door some days."

Residents' Voices

"Nothing's too much trouble for Steve," another resident shares. "He is knowledgeable, kind and patient with us all. While the charity does not provide care, we always feel cared for. If something is worrying us, we know who to speak to - and that peace of mind means everything."

An Age-Friendly Beverley

Beverley Housing Charity continues to play an active role in shaping an age-friendly town. This includes securing Age UK's return to Beverley for the next five years and collaborating closely with the Council, NHS, and voluntary organisations to listen to how people want to age well.

Sowing the seeds for the future

While Steve is not planning to retire just yet, the charity knows how vital his role is and is already looking ahead. Expressions of interest are invited by people seeking a part-time, people-focused role supporting garden maintenance, general upkeep and light handy-person tasks.

Steve says, "I have immense pride of how the gardens benefit the residents, but sadly as many of our residents get older, more of the gardens have fallen back to the charity to take the lead on, making now the perfect time to welcome additional capacity into the team".

The ideal candidate will live in Beverley or the surrounding villages, be available for up to 20 hours per week, and have a genuine love of gardening, whilst also being happy to carry out limited handy person tasks in the home.

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IN THE PICTURE WITH JOSH

As we head into February the photography opportunities and the weather can vary a lot.

There is still chance to see lots of wildlife on the clearer days with native birds and wildlife making the most of the windows of good weather, and there are still a range of Winter visitors along the coast and at various nature reserves in the area if you're lucky enough to see them.



The low sun can provide some great light for capturing those natural scenes and we'll start to see the first signs of Spring as the Snowdrops appear in the woodlands.

The cold and misty days can still provide a great chance to take some atmospheric shots and forces you to be a bit creative. I always like doing some black and white photos at this time of year, as there isn't a great deal of colour around anyway, black and white can add to the atmosphere of your photos.

Once again, if we're lucky enough to get some clear skies then we might be treated to some Northern Lights to brighten things up a bit. It's good to have a few locations planned out so you know where to go if there is a good display.

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Jamie added, "Media walls can be tailored to suit any room size or interior style, from contemporary to classic. Beyond aesthetics, they encourage relaxation, entertainment, and social connection".

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LET'S GET BACK TO THE GARDEN

The first months of the New Year although often a seemingly dormant period is an ideal time to prepare for the coming year, not only with soil preparation but perhaps a change with the layout of the garden, the addition of perhaps some risen beds that will give you the opportunity to grow both salads and vegetables or something as simple as a change in the direction of the path which in turn will adapt and alter your view of the garden benefiting both the atmosphere and its visual image.

The ability to grow not only vegetables to supplement meals but also increasing the herbaceous borders in size and shape is another good thing to consider.

There is nothing more satisfying than going out into the garden and picking vegetables that will be used for a meal that evening and a bouquet of flowers that can be placed on the table, all home grown!

A salad crop I planted in the small kitchen garden in 2023 was Wild rocket. A perennial crop that I assumed I would have to replace at some point however, the crop is still growing well and apart from cutting back the bolting flowers in 2025 during the heat wave when they had gone to seed, the Wild rocket is looking healthy and the taste is outstanding.

The yellow flowers that had bolted on the stalks of the rocket are in fact edible so add them to your salads. Water the plants on a regular basis but not excessively. A layer of mulch will retain moisture, helping the plant in dry periods.

Wild rocket can be grown in a semi shaded area as with all salads, again giving you a useful perennial crop in perhaps what one would term a secondary location. A beneficial use of space. The leaves are very strong and peppery in flavour but nonetheless will enhance a salad. If you would like

to grow the plants from seed, then you can sow them from March onwards.

In the photograph of the small kitchen garden, you can see the rocket has been planted next to *Fragaria vesca* (wild alpine strawberry) which was another plant I grew from seed last year and will hopefully, fingers crossed, fruit in May providing wild strawberries for muffins!



To the right of the photograph are a clump of nettles that are used to make soup and next to the chair is Swiss chard and Kale again, vegetables that you are able to harvest by using individual leaves giving you a cost-effective produce for many meals.

In the photograph of the border (right), you will see an abundant crop of perpetual spinach (*Beta vulgaris* subsp. *cicla* var. *cicla*), another vegetable I would recommend growing. It performs in not only dry conditions but is also hardy during the Winter months when it is much colder making it an extremely good crop to have in the garden all year round.

The plants can be placed approximately 45cm apart which



I'VE BEEN THINKING... SAYS COLIN RAYNOR

Recently a man who was one of my best friends died from natural causes just short of his 88th birthday.

He had lived alone for many years in the North of England and in truth I had not seen him for some considerable time. We did however retain regular contact with letters and phone calls. Having known each other since junior school there are certain aspects of his lifestyle that I consider worth reflecting upon.

He never had a computer or a mobile phone and he always wrote to me with his fountain pen until in the last few years he used a biro. Even then his writing was always legible and he would rarely send me no less than three pages in clear writing such as he had produced in junior school. Whereas if I chose to write freehand I might manage a couple of hundred words before even I couldn't decipher my scrawl.

I blame my computer of course which allows me to type out sentences and then rectify the mistakes I have made as I am not concentrating on what I have written.

So my New Year resolution is to learn to write again with a fountain pen. My daughter obliged

with such a gift on my birthday but I am still looking for a shop that can supply me with blotting paper.

During his lifetime my friend (who obtained a degree in English at Oxford University) worked in the libraries of two Universities and I can hear him now telling me of his love of books and how he took great delight in ordering books that would bring more and more people in to the library.

I recently heard it said that a very high percentage of children never open a book but prefer to look at their phones. Maybe this is an older person's perspective but the pleasure of opening a new book and reading from the printed page is not to be underestimated.

So the second reflection I take from my friend's life is to promote the fact that Beverley has, in my humble opinion (since the Council's development of the Treasure House) one of the finest community buildings for many miles around.

The library is a brightly painted place and there is a special place for young children with their friends and families to enjoy books. The availability for people of all ages to do research is also well taken care of in the reference library.

in small areas can be very productive. A bed of 1m 50cm in length could accommodate at least four plants, giving you the option to position other vegetables in the same area.



There are two clumps, one which is planted with strawberries from which I had an excellent crop last year and the second next to a self-seeded hellebore! The pots that are positioned in the corner are blueberries, these need to be grown in an ericaceous compost, obviously it will depend on what soil you have in your garden which is why it always a good idea to do a soil sample it will give you an outline of what you can grow and where. The blueberries have been in this location for many years and again are an extremely good ingredient to use when making muffins. They are also a favourite for the blackbirds!

Don't forget to purchase your seed potatoes, onions, and garlic bulbs, and also do a simple sketch of where your vegetables were planted last year. Rotating the planting avoids problems with disease.

<https://ordinarygardener.com> - Julie Dowding



I have written previously about the practice of stamp collecting that my friend and I took part in over many years. I often reflect on the amazing way in which we could look at a page of stamps and know immediately which ones we had already got in our collection and those we might consider buying. I wish my memory was as good now as it was then.

So in my third reflection I want to propose collecting stamps can still be a good thing to do but for a very different reason. From the letters that you do receive maybe you could develop the habit of retaining the stamps because many Charities welcome used stamps as a way of making money.

You may be surprised at the number of stamps you still get each year. One such Charity in Beverley who I know of, is the group who support the Community Lift Scheme which transports older people to luncheon clubs etc.

It may be worthwhile asking at the other charity shops in town if they also welcome second hand stamps.

MORE THAN A BOX OF CHOCOLATES

After 2025 arrived and departed in what seemed like the blink of an eye, 2026 is now racing onwards as we reach the second month of the year, in the second quarter of the 21st century. February brings about a fabulous collision of cultures, mixing romantic and spiritual milestones.



Shops are filling up with the pink and red hues of Valentine's Day, originally a Christian celebration honouring St. Valentine, which has evolved into a global celebration of romantic love.

In December I wrote about the value of "presence over presents" and whilst we may think of grand, expensive gestures for a Valentine's Day, isn't it true that if we look at the most enduring bonds in our lives, they are rarely built on diamonds; they are built on the quiet, thoughtful ways we show we care.

Perhaps it's a handwritten letter - not a store-bought card with a pre-printed sentiment, but a few lines on a piece of paper expressing why you are glad that person is in your life. Perhaps it's a "memory walk" around the Westwood, revisiting the spots that mean something to your shared history.



Following February 14th's romantic celebrations, we dive into Chinese New Year on the 17th February, moving from western to eastern tradition. This is the most important holiday in the Chinese calendar, marking the transition from 2025's Wood Snake to the 2026's powerful Fire Horse, associated with high energy, independence and rapid change - a year of transformations. You may well be out celebrating the cultural and culinary delights of Chinese New Year, only to wake up the following day on February 18th to the sombre fasting of Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent in the Christian calendar.

Easter falls on 5th April and Lent is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. The period recalls the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Modern practises may involve fasting from meat or giving up a specific "vice" like social media, sugar or chocolate as a test of self-discipline and spiritual focus.

It occurred to me, in a world that can seem to, at times, have an agenda of divide and rule, that generally, when we're left to our own devices, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and a desire for common good, most people rub along together rather well and respect each others' values and beliefs.

This thought resonated with me when I read the incredible story of Karl Bushby, a former paratrooper who's remarkable 36,000 mile, 27-year journey has seen him walk around the world, setting off in November 1998 and due back home to East Yorkshire in October 2026. Karl reflects on the "wonder" of humanity, describing it as the most surprising and profound lesson of his nearly 30-year journey, leaving him with a deep conviction that the world is far kinder than typically portrayed with "smiles and nods" being enough to bridge cultural gaps.

In a year of 'Fire Horses' and transformations, may we all find that the world is indeed a kinder place than we are led to believe.

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As we look forward to Spring, make sure you have the right mobility aids for your safety, continued independence, and wellbeing during the colder Winter period.

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Love isn't roses or words overdone,
It's shared on the grass, five kilometres run.
Oh Beverley Westwood, open and wide,
Where community meets with joy and with pride.
Each Saturday morning, come rain or come shine,
We show up together, right on the line.
To the volunteers, the heartbeat, the glue,
With hi-vis bright smiles and a cheery hello or two.
You clap, time, direct us, scan barcodes with care,
In wind, rain, and mud, you are always there.
To the runners, walkers, bimmers too,
Fast or unhurried, there's space here for you.
Every pace matters, each effort is seen,
From charging ahead to strolling serene.
To the dogs and the cows who share in the view,
One wagging with joy, one mooing right through.
You ground us in nature, remind us to smile,
And laugh at ourselves at least once per mile.
To Beverley's community and BWp supporters near,
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MAKING NEW HABITS FOR WELLNESS SUSTAINABLE

By the time February arrives, the noise of January has usually faded. The bold promises and busy periods give way to something quieter and much more honest.

The gyms thin out, the running shoes gather a little dust and many people quietly decide that this year's attempt at "being healthier" hasn't quite gone to plan. That moment is not failure.

In many ways, it is the exact moment where real change can begin. January is built on enthusiasm. February is built on reality. And it is reality, not excitement, that creates habits which last.

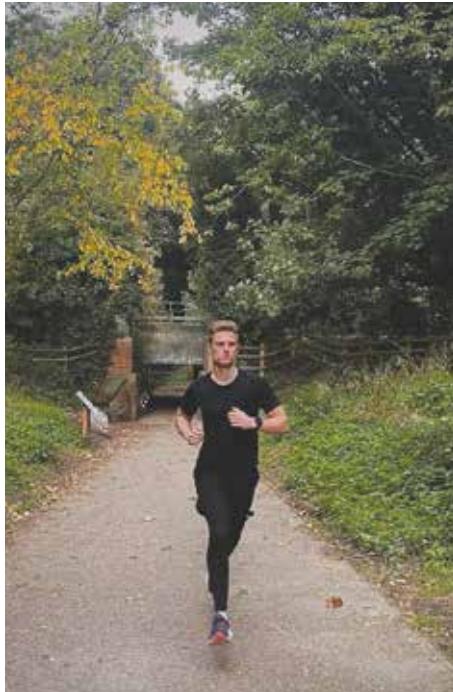
Most people try to change their health using motivation. Motivation is useful, but it is fragile. It disappears quickly when the weather turns cold, when sleep is short or when life becomes busy.

If our health depends on feeling inspired, it can easily be neglected. What lasts is identity and routine.

People who remain well over time are rarely the ones who feel driven every morning. They are simply the ones who see themselves as someone who looks after their body, someone who values their energy, someone who protects their independence. From that identity, behaviour follows quietly and consistently, without constant internal battles.

For many people, particularly those who spend much of the day sitting, the biggest obstacle is not a lack of exercise but a lack of movement.

Long, uninterrupted periods in a chair stiffen joints, slow circulation and gradually weaken the muscles that keep us upright and balanced. A simple habit can change this.



Standing up and moving for just a couple of minutes every half hour - walking around the room, gently stretching, rolling the shoulders or marching slowly on the spot - protects the joints,

improves blood flow and reduces stiffness far more than people realise.

These moments seem small, but repeated daily they quietly preserve comfort and mobility.

Walking remains one of the most powerful and underrated tools for health at any age. It strengthens the heart, supports the joints, improves mood and helps maintain confidence with everyday movement.

Ten to twenty minutes once or twice a day is enough to make a meaningful difference. The pace does not matter. The route does not matter. What matters is that it becomes part of life. A steady walk through the town, for example, builds resilience one step at a time.

Wellness is not about becoming fitter than you were at twenty. It is about protecting the life you enjoy now and the independence you hope to keep in the years ahead.

February does not have to be the month where resolutions fade. It can be the month where quiet routines take root, slowly shaping better health, one ordinary day at a time.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me: edthompsonpt@gmail.com



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CHOCOLATES
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Where are the Ducks?
Answer on Page 32.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

February is the month of hope -
With Spring ahead.

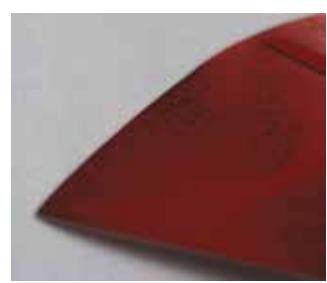
WHERE IN BEVERLEY?

Where in Beverley can you find this
landmark? Answer on Page 32.



WHAT IS IT?

Can you work out what this
obscure image is? Answer on Page 32.



COMEDY CORNER

Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?
Of course! February 14th!



When is the best time to run a marathon?
Lent – when you fast!

What month is the best month to tell a lie?
FIB-ruary.

Why did the man get fired from the calendar factory?
He took a few days off in February thinking nobody
would notice.

What do you call a
very small Valentine?
A valentiny.

What did the girl squirrel say to the
boy squirrel on Valentine's Day?
I'm nuts about you.

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ST VALENTINE'S DAY: FROM MARTYRDOM TO MODERN LOVE

Every February, shop windows blush pink and red, restaurant tables fill with couples, and the global language of hearts takes over. Yet behind the roses and restaurant bookings lies a surprisingly complex story. St Valentine's Day, now a celebration of romance, began with far darker, more tangled roots.

The name itself is thought to derive from one, or possibly several, early Christian martyrs called Valentine. The most cited is a Roman priest who, according to later legend, defied Emperor Claudius II by secretly marrying couples, and was executed on 14th February in the third century.

Over time, stories embroidered his fate: he supposedly left a farewell note signed "from your Valentine", a detail that now feels eerily familiar every time we write a card. The date also brushes up against older midwinter and early spring traditions. In ancient Rome, the festival of Lupercalia was held in mid-February: a raucous day of purification rites and fertility customs.

As Christianity spread, elements of pagan ritual and saintly commemoration blurred. By the Middle Ages, poets in France and England were already linking 14th February with the mating season of birds and, by extension, with human courtship.

Geoffrey Chaucer wrote of it as a time when every bird chose its mate, anchoring the association between this winter's day and the promise of love renewed.

From there, the idea of Valentine's as a day to express affection slowly evolved. In 18th- and 19th-century Britain, exchanging hand-written notes and simple tokens became fashionable, especially among the rising middle classes. The industrial revolution then did for romance what it did for so much else: it made it printable. Mass-produced cards, often ornate and sentimental, spread the tradition far beyond elite circles, first in Britain and then across the Atlantic.

Today, the way St Valentine's Day is marked varies widely, revealing as much about local culture as it does about love itself. In the United Kingdom, the familiar pattern of cards, flowers and dinners remains dominant, though many couples now stretch their celebrations over a weekend, or swap material gifts for shared experiences. In Japan, Valentine's customs have a striking

twist: it is women who traditionally give chocolate on 14th February. Some of it is offered to romantic partners, but much is "giri-choco", or obligation chocolate, for colleagues and friends.

A month later, on White Day, men are expected to reciprocate. In neighbouring South Korea, a similar pattern unfolds, followed in April by "Black Day", when the unattached gather to commiserate over bowls of noodles.

Elsewhere, the focus sits less squarely on couples. In parts of Latin America, 14th February is celebrated as the "Day of Love and Friendship", with platonic relationships as warmly acknowledged as romantic ones.

In Finland and Estonia, it is officially a friendship day, when friends are remembered and thanked. Mexico has its "Día del Amor y la Amistad", while in Brazil, the main celebration of romance shifts to June, aligned with St Anthony, patron saint of marriage. There are countries where St Valentine's is muted or contested, either for religious reasons or as a reaction against commercialisation.

Yet even there, quieter, more private rituals often persist: a handwritten note, a favourite meal cooked at home, a simple walk shared.

Across borders and belief systems, the forms may differ, but the impulse is recognisable: to pause, once a year, and say to someone, in whatever language and with whatever symbols feel right, "You matter to me."

Personally I have a love of travel - from my early days being brought up in Kenya to my career which has always been in the travel industry and has led me to be fortunate enough to visit so very many places.

I still have a lot of places to cover and am very excited to see where my heart takes me in 2026 and beyond.

If you need any ideas of new places to explore please feel free to contact me, Amanda McConnell, by phone on **01482 770540** or by email on amanda.mcconnell@travelcounsellors.com and let's make your dreams come true.



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A new payment website, new Humber Bridge Toll app, and other payment methods will then become fully operational from Monday, 2nd February.

The start of the go-live weekend - at midnight on Friday, 30 January - also corresponds with the first increase in the Humber Bridge toll charges since 2012. For non-account customers, the toll fee will rise from £1.50 to £2.00 for cars, from £4.00 to £5.00 for vans and from £12.00 to £15.00 for HGVs.

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To sign up for an account to get access to the discount, go to www.humberbridge.co.uk

WHAT IS IT ANSWER

A love heart.



WHERE IN BEVERLEY ANSWER

Arches for the Toll Collectors Seats.



FIND THE DUCKS ANSWER

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

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Mid January 2026. Freezing temperatures. 17 hours of darkness. Miles upon miles of gruelling terrain. Brutal weather, ice, wind, hail, rain, mud and snow. Mountain-bike challenges don't come much tougher or more rewarding than the Strathpuffer - the legendary 24 hour mountain-bike endurance event held every year in the Highlands of Scotland in the middle of Winter.

Richard mentioned, "The last time I was racing up in Scotland's Strathpuffer was in 2018, it has been a long time since I was last there, I didn't know what to expect".



When entering these endurance events it is always difficult to know what to take and logically it's hard to know what equipment, kit to have and organise support to go all the way up to Strathpuffer, from Beverley.

Rich and his support crew Lucy, set off on the Thursday before with an overnight stop in Aviemore on the way up. The endurance journey began!



At this time of the year and particularly in Scotland, participants have to contend with cold temperatures, and this year heavy snowfall in the days leading up to the race.

For Richard these conditions were perfect for him, especially at the start of the race, to build up his confidence and mindset for the challenge ahead.



Richard commented, "The first four laps were great, but then the temperatures increased, making the snow break up into a thick slush the riding became harder and harder with every lap. I had tried to start carefully and reserve energy but inadvertently managed to do the fastest lap of my category (male solo 55+ age group) on my 2nd or 3rd lap. So much for plans and strategy!"

Richard continued, "As the halfway point approached it was a case of managing effort and to keep on top of food and drink, just to keep going, I had lost the lead by that point and was in second place.

"Rain was forecast for the early hours, this made the course even harder to ride, increasing tiredness plus ice and slush resulted in numerous falls from the bike, my strategy now was to manage not only nutrition but injury prevention".

As the daylight returned, Richard continued giving his all, his mood improved, although energy levels were low, he continued to give his best, until he could ride no more!!

Leaving the highlands of Scotland, returning to Beverley, it wasn't until a few days later he got the news from the organisers it transpired he had actually won and become National Champion of his category Male Solo 55+ years old - geared bike!

Results apart from his specific category - 20th out of 159 solo riders. Riders can ride in teams of 4 or pairs as well and there were approx 650 riders there in total.

As we start 2026, it's great that inspirational people of Beverley enter competitions far and wide, helping to put Beverley on the map.

The Wilsons Wheels team headed up by owner Nathan Wilson managed a podium finish at Walesby Scout Camp, Sherwood Forest winning the Focus Winter round 1 while WW rider Paul Campbell came 4th in the Sport Race.



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WHAT'S ON IN BEVERLEY

Every Wednesday

Ladies Who Latte Beverley and Villages

10am-12noon. Launched at ERT Cafe in Beverley. For Ladies who work in and around Beverley, wanting to make connections with like minded ladies. Free to attend. Attendees are encouraged to purchase drinks and food. Co-hosts, Nicola King and fellow local business lady, Julie Rogerson.

Saturday 31st January - Saturday 14th March

Eastgate Studio Members' Winter Exhibition

Eastgate Studio Gallery reopens after its January redecoration with a printmaking exhibition celebrating the work of our studio community. Eastgate Studio, 11 Eastgate, Beverley. www.eastgatestudio.co.uk

Wednesday 4th February

Jazz Makers Collective

Join the Jazz Makers Collective, for an evening of classic jazz. Monthly residency at the Sun Inn, features Matthew Smith on saxophone. Start playing soon after 8pm so be sure to get there early to grab a seat. And it's only £5!

Friday 6th February

Nigel Clark (Dodgy) Live at St Nicholas'

Join us for a great night out with the legendary Nigel Clark from Dodgy! Nigel enjoyed chart-topping success and critical acclaim, releasing hit singles such as "Staying out for the Summer & "Good Enough". The band's unique blend of Indie & Rock quickly garnered a loyal fanbase, and they became a staple of the UK music scene. Come and hear Nigel performing live in the brilliant surroundings of St Nicholas' Church, Holme Church Lane, Beverley, HU17 0QP. 7.30pm.

Sunday 8th - Sunday 15th February

Stage4Beverley Winter Festival

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Monday 9th February

Community Cinema Event

Norwood Church, Beverley. 7pm. A group of friends reunite as their friend, Peter's English country estate after ten years. Each one gets an opportunity to reassess their life choices and help each other through an unexpected crisis. We warmly invite you to join us again or, for the first time, to our monthly film night. FREE ADMISSION! A new programme running February '26 - July '26. Due to Copyright we are only allowed to display film titles on the Church premises. Refreshments and Raffle from 6.30pm. Films shown in the hall to the rear of the Church.

Saturday 14th February - Saturday 6th June -

Photo Finish - A Year at Beverley Races

Champney Treasure House Museum. FREE. Seven regional photographers capture a year of

action at Beverley Racecourse - the excitement of the crowds, the behind-the-scenes work of the stewards, vets and caterers and the stars of the show - the horses and jockeys.

Sunday 15th February

Beverley Pancake Race

www.beverley.gov.uk/pancakes - teams gather at 11.30am, Cross Street, Toll Gavel.

Friday 20th February

The Whisky Club

A celebration of chocolate. www.northmenspirit.co.uk at Junk Bar.

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd February

East Riding Stages Rally

This year's rally brings a completely new route to test crews and thrill spectators. The weekend begins on Saturday evening, when competitors are flagged away from the ceremonial start at Beverley's historic North Bar Within. Start 6pm.

Monday 23rd February

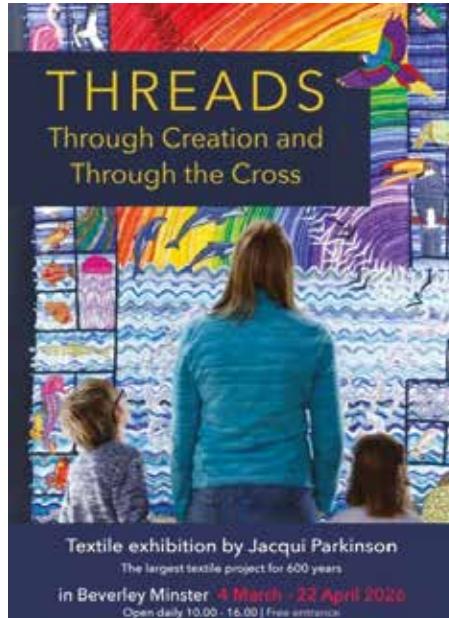
Beverley Ghost Walk

Winter 2025/26 - Outside Mountain Warehouse, Toll Gavel. 7.15pm. Tickets on Eventbrite.

Wednesday 4th March - Wednesday 4th April

Threads - Through Creation and Through the Cross

Textile exhibition by Jacqui Parkinson, Beverley Minster. Open 10am - 4pm. Free Entrance.



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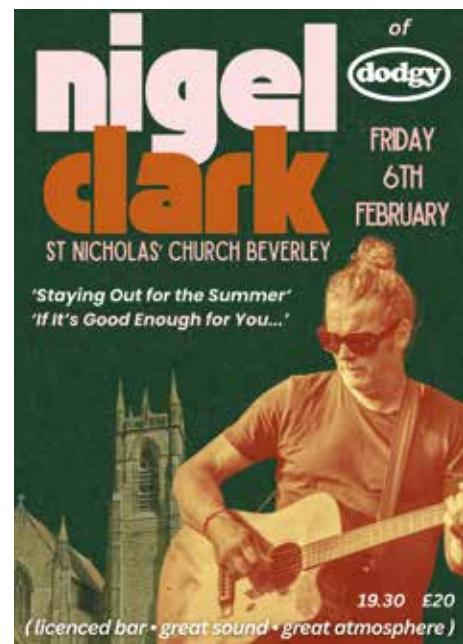
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Tell us about your event!

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For more events visit
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NEW 'NORTHERN SOUL' WATERCOLOUR AND PRINT EXHIBITION

A new exhibition at Beverley Art Gallery looks beyond the familiar, picture-perfect image of England to explore the real character of the north.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council's newest exhibition is a love letter to the north of England by Ian Scott Massie. Shaped by a journey that began nearly fifty years ago, the pieces on display delve into both the honest and the complex.

Entrance to the exhibition is free. Beverley Art Gallery is located within the Champney Treasure House, Beverley. For more information and opening times, please visit: Beverley Art Gallery. 'Northern Soul' will feature inside Beverley Art Gallery, on until Saturday, 14 March.



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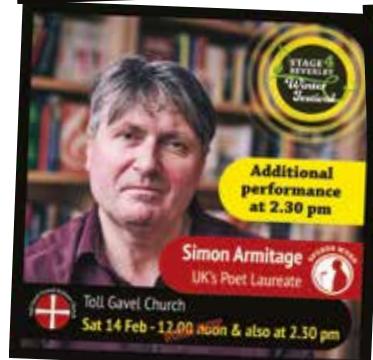
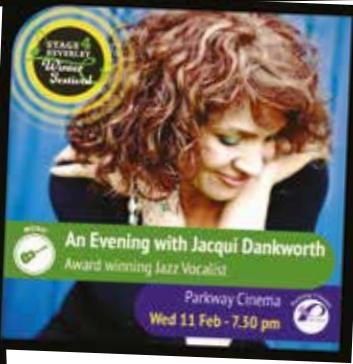
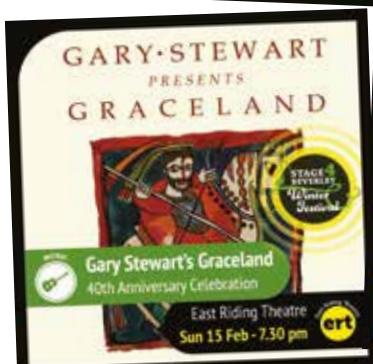
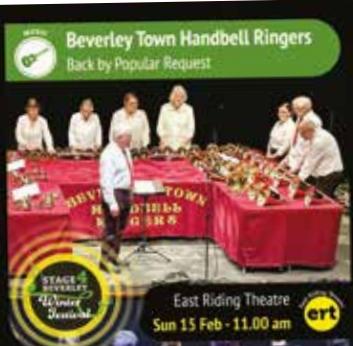
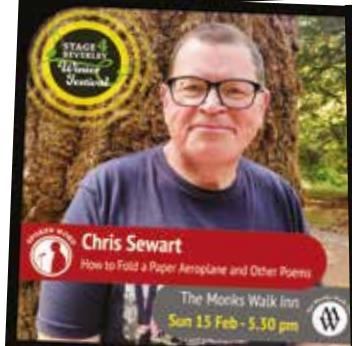
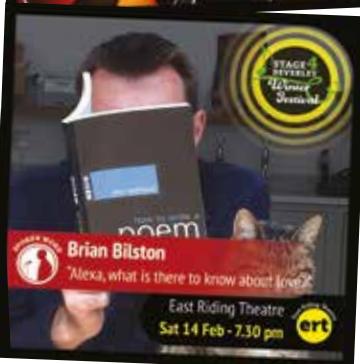
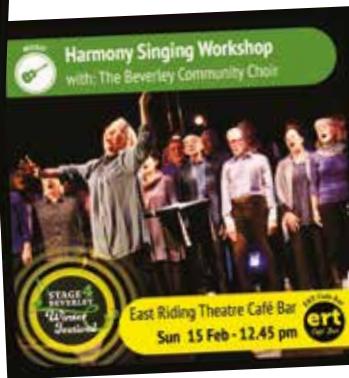
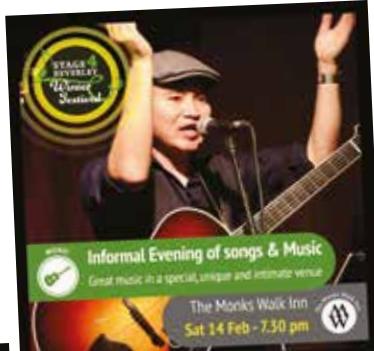
STAGE4BEVERLEY WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL, 8 - 15TH FEBRUARY 2026



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For more informal events at prices where at some "Pay What you Can" is an option there are Workshops, the Horizon Stage for young emerging musicians, and finishing off the Friday and Saturday evenings with a Late Night Festival Club.

Venues for the festival include the East Riding Theatre, Parkway Cinema, Toll Gavel United Church, The Memorial Hall, Monk's Walk Inn and Beverley Library.



STAGE4 BEVERLEY Winter Festival FEBRUARY 2026

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Monks Walk Inn	Poetry Writing Workshop "Earworms: Poems inspired by Music" led by Chris Stewart.	SOLD OUT
Parkway Cinema	An Evening with John Cambridge, "Bowie, Cambo & all the Hype" £15 Tue 10th 7.30 pm In conversation with John Cambridge & Garry Burnett about his work with David Bowie	
Parkway Cinema	An Evening with Jacqui Dankworth in Concert, A special concert with this moving and award-winning vocalist with keyboard accompaniment £27.50 Wed 11th 7.30 pm	
ERT Auditorium	Alan Johnson "The Beatles, Harold Wilson and Me" One of the most popular and respected politicians of our time tells the story of his greatest influences £25 Wed 11th 7.30 pm	
Parkway Cinema	Spiers and Boden have been at the forefront of the English traditional folk scene for 25 years both as a duo and as founder members of Bellowhead £25.50 Thur 12th 7.30 pm	
ERT Auditorium	The Sam Kelly Trio with support from Maddie Morris £21.50 Fri 13th 7.30 pm Three of the finest musicians in the English folk scene	
ERT Café Bar	Late Night Festival Club with festival guests including Maddie Morris, £6 Fri 13th 10.00 pm The Nick Rooke Band and Chris Stewart. Great music and good company	
Beverley Library	Shanty Singing Workshop with The Saltburn Smugglers £11 Sat 14th 10.30 am Bringing singing and songwriting together with the history of Yorkshire's smuggling coast	
ERT Café Bar	The Horizon Stage presents some of the best young musical talent around today, with Rillen, The Rookery and Dexter Humphries pay what you can Sat 14th 11.00 am	
Toll Gavel Church	The UK's Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, reads live on stage from a range of his poetry and answers questions from the audience £20 Sat 14th 12.00 & 2.30pm	
ERT Auditorium	The Saltburn Smugglers transforming tales of smuggling into vibrant, contemporary sea shanties. Support from Beverley Community Choir £18 Sat 14th - 2.30 pm	
Memorial Hall	Dance to The New York Brass Band North Yorkshire's only contemporary New Orleans inspired Brass Band. Dance - Limited seating £18 Sat 14th - 7.30 pm	
ERT Auditorium	Brian Bilston - "Alexa , what is there to know about love?" £25 Sat 14th - 7.30 pm He has been described as the Banksy of poetry and Twitter's (now X) Poet Laureate	
Monks Walk Inn	Informal Evening of Songs & Music enjoy some acoustic music in this unique and historic setting from Michael Nagasaka, Rillen and more £8.50 Sat 14th 7.30 pm	
ERT Café Bar	Late Night Festival Club with Michael Nagasaka and The Rookery, £6 Sat 14th 10.00 pm Chris Stewart and more. Relax with great music, beer and good company	
ERT Auditorium	The Beverley Town Handbell Ringers A chance to have a go as well as listen to a range of well known tunes and different ringing styles pay what you can Sun 15th 11.00 am	
ERT Café Bar	Harmony Singing Workshop with The Beverley Community Choir pay what you can Sun 15th 12.45 pm led by Sue Murray. Warm harmonies sung with infectious enthusiasm.	
ERT Auditorium	The Charlotte Carrivick Band new acoustic music, Bluegrass, £17.50 Sun 15th 2.30 pm Old time and Swing with support from Pete Bolton & Brian Swinton	
Monks Walk Inn	Chris Stewart "How to Fold a Paper Aeroplane and other poems" £9 Sun 15th 5.30 pm Once again Chris smashes the square peg of his life through the round hole of poetry	
ERT Auditorium	Finale Concert with Gary Stewart's "Graceland" celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Paul Simon's "Graceland" with South African rhythms and harmonies. £24 Sun 15th 7.30 pm	

That's it for 2026 Folks - see you back again in 2027 - Sunday 7th to Sunday 14th February!

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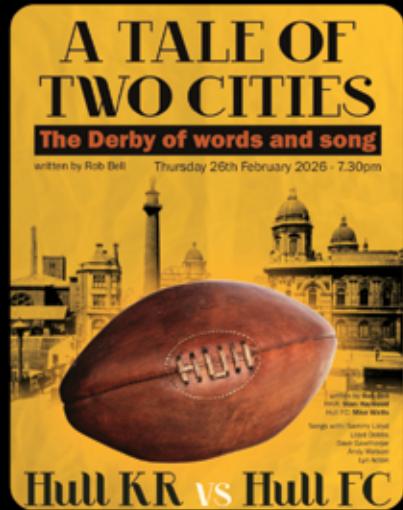
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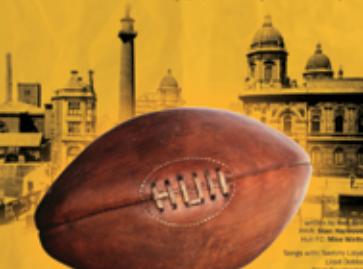
19th February



A TALE OF
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The Derby of words and song

written by Rob Bell Thursday 26th February 2026 - 7.30pm



Hull KR vs Hull FC

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