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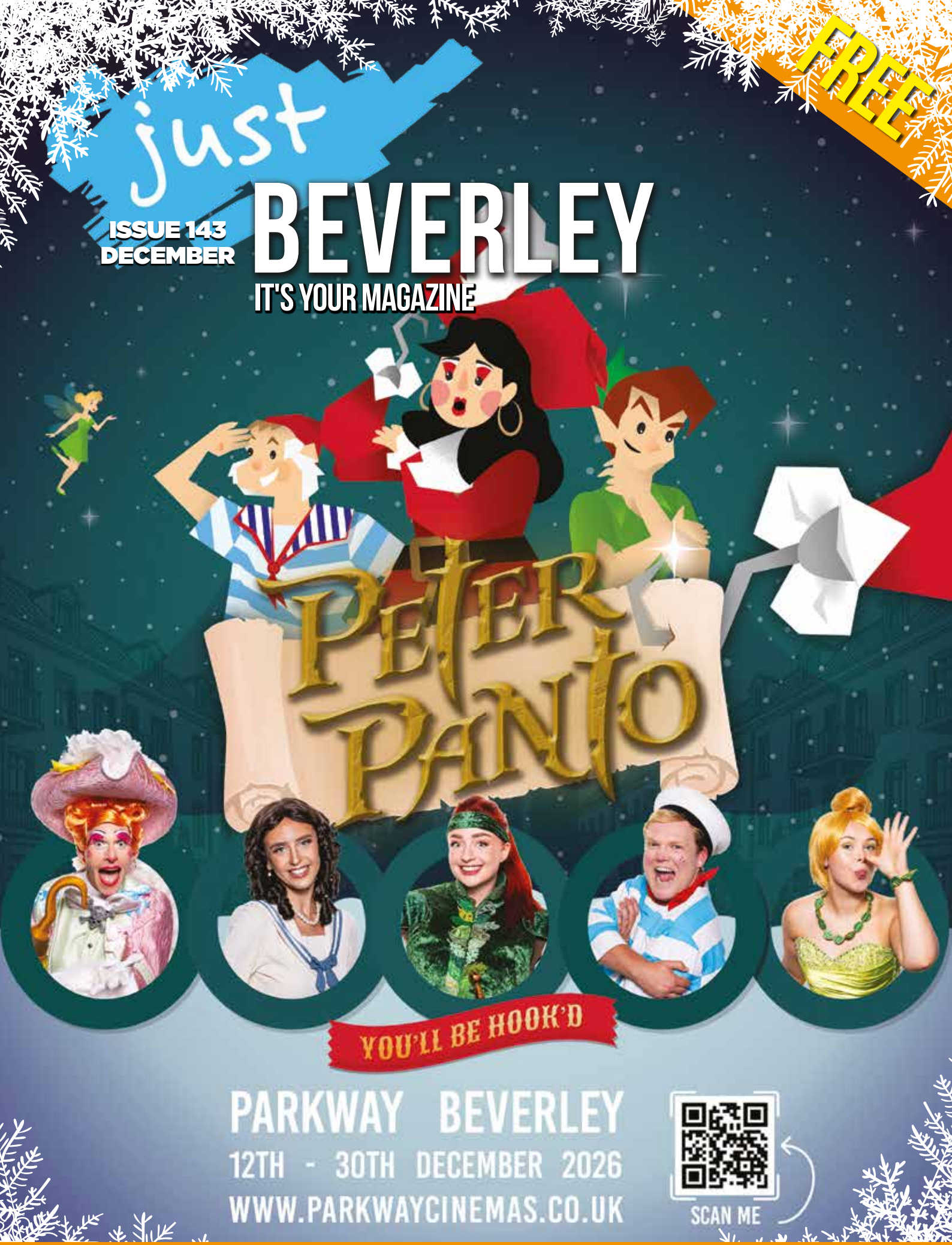

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



WOW - We cannot believe the festive season has arrived so quickly, it feels like in the blink of an eye suddenly it's December and it's Christmas time. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

At this time of the year, as people start to put up Christmas lights, decorations and start to get involved in celebrations, I feel some time needs to be spent just relaxing whether that be in the home with a good book, watching a film, musical, quiz show or just chilling out, it is the perfect time to sit and reflect.

Venturing out, taking a little trip to the cinema, panto or theatre is a must and enroute take in all the festive lights, shop windows, decorations, it is a time to be jolly.

Everyone is welcome to our great market town to enjoy the events, embrace the community spirit, we are all in for a great time and are fortunate in Beverley to have a great variety of entertainment on offer through the year and especially during the festive season. "Something for everyone".

Remember, at this time of the year especially, words can inspire, a kind word can brighten someone's day. "Be the reason someone smiles during the festive season".

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Thank you for all your support.

Julian.

The Best of Beverley Awards WINNER 2024

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REYTA Award Nominee 2016 'Best Newcomer'

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A LOCAL TEAM OF FOUR TAKES ON "THE RAT RUN" FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

The Rat Run is a charity driving adventure created to bring people together while raising vital funds and awareness for charities and good causes.

Teams take on the exciting challenge of driving a budget-friendly vehicle from the UK to Benidorm. Team 'Fools & Horses' - No 458 decided a Black Cab would be ideal!

What lies ahead of them is unbelievably beautiful scenery, unforgettable challenges, plenty of laughs, and the opportunity to meet like-minded people from across the country.

Every mile travelled helps support a chosen charity, turning an epic road trip into something truly meaningful. The Rat Run is about much more than reaching the finish line. It's about making memories, building friendships, embracing the unexpected, and making a real difference for charities while enjoying one of Europe's most unique driving adventures.



Brian aka "Uncle Albert", commented, "We will be driving a 2009 Black Cab London Taxi that we have bought, called Betty. The drive takes four days. We will depart from Dover on the 22nd March 2027 driving through Tours and Toulouse in France, heading on to Andorra, Barcelona before finally arriving in Benidorm on Good Friday. Fingers crossed".

Mark aka "Del Boy" added, "We have managed to get the taxi branded up by various generous local companies. This has already raised over £1500. We would like the amount to continue going up and welcome donations".

You can keep in touch with "the boy's"! They will be posting updates on their YouTube page, keeping you updated on progress: **@ratrun2027**

Barry aka "Boycie" said, "Our overall target is £5000 split between our chosen charities. The main two are East Yorkshire Air Ambulance and RNLI Bridlington Station plus local ones, TBA. We are now asking friends to donate 1p per mile (£15) for the 1500 miles we will be travelling, payable either to us four cash / QI or JustGiving".



Kevin aka "Rodney" added, "We also have other local companies and organisations helping our cause. I think"!!

The Four Boys doing the run are Brian Crockett, Kevin Goddard, Barry Pattison and Mark Sneddon. They are confident the taxi will last the journey, but not too sure whether they will!

"Uncle Albert" concluded, "Thank you so much for any support you can offer".

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Please scan the QR code here to visit the JustGiving page.

BEVERLEY BITES WINS REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR

Beverley Bites has won Remarkable Experience of the Year at the Remarkable East Yorkshire Tourism Awards (REYTAs)!

Emma Hetherington mentioned, "When I started Beverley Bites just 18 months ago, I didn't imagine I'd be writing a blog about winning one of the region's top tourism awards. I was just hoping people might enjoy my idea of combining two of Beverley's greatest assets - its fascinating history and its fabulous independent food and drink businesses. It turns out they do".

Emma continued, "The REYTAs celebrate the very best of tourism and hospitality across East Yorkshire, so to find Beverley Bites among the winners, alongside some of the region's most established attractions and businesses, is a real thrill".

While Beverley Bites' name is on the award, Emma genuinely feels it belongs to a whole host of other people too. She gets to do the fun bit. Spending her Fridays and Saturdays wandering around one of Yorkshire's loveliest medieval market towns, sharing some of its extraordinary history, introducing people to places they might never otherwise discover.



The real magic of Beverley Bites happens when they walk through the doors of the independent cafés, shops, pubs and other businesses that welcome us along the way. That's where my guests meet the people who make Beverley's food and drink scene so special.

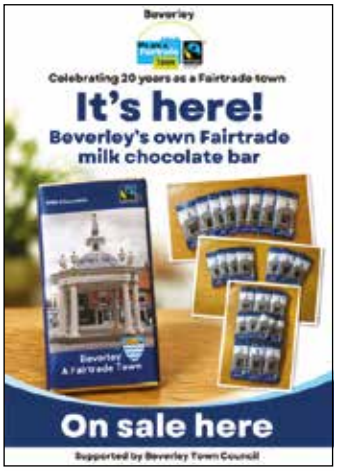
Emma would like to share the credit with all the wonderful people and businesses she has worked with over the past 18 months. To her partners, past and present, Emma sends a BIG "THANK YOU", for taking a chance on Beverley Bites.

Emma added, "And if this award helps put Beverley and its fantastic independent businesses a little more firmly on the map, then I think we can all raise a glass to that! Thank you, Beverley."

IT'S HERE, BEVERLEY'S FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE BAR

In 2027 Beverley will have been recognised as a Fairtrade town for 20 years and to celebrate this milestone a chocolate bar has been produced.

The bars are available from Toll Gavel United Church, Tourist Information Centre and Fresh and Fruity currently, but other retail outlets will be stocking them soon. Beverley is approaching a special anniversary of being granted Fairtrade status by the Fairtrade Foundation which oversees the scheme. Over 500 towns and cities across the UK have been awarded this status and several overseas in Europe, America and Asia.



As part of the celebrations the chocolate was produced for them by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. The chocolate bar comes with a specially designed wrapper which features the Market Cross. It also contains a small amount of information on the back of the cover explaining why the chocolate bar has been produced. This has been made possible by a grant from Beverley Town Council to help supplement the group's funds.

The chocolate bar will make a suitable souvenir or gift for visitors to the town, a Christmas stocking filler, a reminder to residents that we are a Fairtrade town, and an irresistible purchase for chocolate lovers.

If you would like to join the group to help create these ideas, then please contact John Turner, email: **jetbev2@gmail.com** or telephone: **01482 867573**.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF BEVERLEY & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE



As the festive season approaches, it provides us with a welcome opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward to the opportunities that await the Beverley business community in the year ahead.

Our local economy relies on the resilience, dedication, and adaptability of our independent traders. While the past twelve months have brought their own challenges, they have also demonstrated the strength of our community, knowing that Beverley is good place to do business. The Beverley & District Chamber of Trade remains deeply committed to providing a supportive, collaborative, and positive environment where businesses of all sizes can thrive. If you are an independent trader in Beverley not yet registered with us, we warmly invite you to join our network, Beverley and District Chamber of Trade.

On behalf of the Chamber, thank you for your continued hard work and commitment to making Beverley a vibrant place to live, work, and do business. I would like to wish you and your employees a highly successful festive trading period, a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Warm regards,
Shaun Dart, Chair Beverley Chamber of Trade
chair@beverleychamber.co.uk

BEVERLEY'S STRENGTH AND SPIRIT BUILDING ON EXPERIENCE



Leanne Mills, a proud Beverley girl, has built on her reputation with 20 years in the industry teaching to all ages.

Leanne commented, "I set up Strength and Spirit in January 2019, to introduce clients to the benefits of yoga and pilates for both physical and mental wellbeing". Leanne's strapline is "we are all beautifully wonky", meaning we are all different, and what works for one person may not necessarily work for another. Everyone has different abilities, limitations and ways of responding to exercise.

Leanne continued, "Earlier this year in July 2026 I took on my studio helping clients to improve flexibility, strength, balance, posture and relaxation along with reducing stress, improving mobility, and encouraging a greater awareness of our bodies is what drives me on".

Strength and Spirit are mindful that the important thing is not to compete or compare ourselves with others, but to find what feels right. Listen to your body, respect its limits and enjoy the journey towards a healthier, happier you. Are you looking for a little more balance in your life?

- Yoga and Pilates for groups and 1:1
- Studio classes
- PT
- Sports and remedial massage
- Corporate bookings

The studio is available to hire for other teachers/ facilitators. Heading into 2027, get in touch with Leanne, whatever your age or ability, now is the time to discover the benefits of movement, mindfulness and taking time out for yourself. Remember, we are all beautifully wonky.
Leanne Mills, Strength & Spirit.
Tel: 07969 180264.

SALLY ROGERSON, FOUNDER OF 26 HAIR RETURNS TO BEVERLEY



Sally grew up in Beverley and began her hairdressing career as a Vidal Sassoon apprentice in Leeds. From there she went to the Sassoon Academy in London and went on to become a Senior Creative Director.

Sally has more than 30 years experience in the industry. Sally commented, "I've worked in London, Tokyo and Los Angeles, taught thousands of stylists around the world and founded my own education company, SR Education".

Sally continued, "After more than three decades in Los Angeles, I came home to Beverley and opened 26 Hair, my single-chair studio. I wanted to create a space where there's time to talk through what you want, how your hair behaves and what feels manageable day to day". Sally specialises in precision cutting, bespoke colour and grey blending and has particular experience with fine or thinning hair, curly and wavy textures, and Asian hair, using hand-blended extensions to add subtle fullness where it's needed. Sally added, "Whatever brings you in, I want you to leave with hair that feels like you and you know how to look after at home".

26 Hair, 26a North Bar Without, Beverley.
https://l.fresha.com/3ttd1qskv
Book and follow on Instagram: **@26hairbeverley**

LIVING - DESIGNED BY OT



Beth Singleton based in Beverley has set up her independent occupational therapy business, supporting people to live safely, comfortably and independently in their own homes.

Beth commented, "I provide assessments, advice and practical solutions to help people with everyday activities. This can include recommending equipment, adapting homes, supporting rehabilitation and helping people maintain their independence".

Beth works with individuals, families, care providers and other professionals to provide personalised support that meets each person's needs.

Based in the East Riding of Yorkshire and offering services locally and beyond.

You'll Be Hook'd on Peter Panto This Christmas!

Christmas is just around the corner, and TaleGate Theatre Productions are getting ready to bring a little pixie dust and plenty of panto magic to Beverley!

Returning to Parkway Cinema Beverley for their eighth consecutive pantomime season, TaleGate are bringing a brand new production of Peter Panto to the stage from 12th to 30th December.

Join the boy who never grew up, Peter Pan, as he takes on the dastardly Dame Captain Hook in this swashbuckling adventure! With the help of Tinker Bell and a naughty tick-tocking crocodile, TaleGate are putting their own pantomime spin on a story audiences already know and love.

Packed with all the songs, slapstick and silliness that Beverley has come to expect from TaleGate Theatre, Peter Panto promises to entertain the whole family. Of course, no pantomime would be complete without a little audience participation, so get ready to cheer, boo and join in with all the fun!

Whether you're introducing little ones to panto for the first time or continuing a much-loved family tradition, there's plenty of magic waiting at Parkway Cinema Beverley this Christmas. So gather your pirate crew and come along for a festive adventure!

Peter Panto runs from 12th to 30th December 2026.

Time is ticking - book your tickets today.

www.parkwaycinemas.co.uk
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Competition Winner

Our congratulations go to **Norma Parsons and her grandchildren** who won the Talegate Productions competition for Family Panto Tickets to watch Peter Panto at Parkway Cinema and Theatre this Christmas.





JOIN IN WITH THE FESTIVE SPIRIT AT THE FERGUSON FAWSITT

Allen, the Landlord at the Ferguson Fawsitt commented, "We understand the importance of the Fergie, as a local pub restaurant and how it plays an important role in bringing a community together, and at Christmas, it can add that extra touch of festive magic.

We like to offer more than simply somewhere to enjoy good food and drink, we like to provide a welcoming place where friends, families, neighbours and colleagues can meet, celebrate and make memories".



From the outside and as you enter the Ferguson Fawsitt, you are enticed in with the twinkling lights, seasonal decorations, festive menus and a warm atmosphere.

The Fergie helps lift spirits during the darker winter months. Christmas lunches, social gatherings and special events create opportunities for people to connect, particularly those who may otherwise feel isolated.



In return whether you live in Walkington or further afield, supporting your local pub/ restaurant also means supporting local employment, suppliers and the wider economy.

Its contribution goes beyond the festive season, helping maintain the character and vitality of your local village or town.

Allen concluded, "Sometimes, all our community needs is a friendly face, a warm welcome and somewhere to come together. That's the true spirit of Christmas"!





The Ferguson Fawsitt

OPENING HOURS:
Monday & Tuesday: 12pm to late
Wednesday to Saturday: 9.30am to late
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Monday & Tuesday: 12pm to 7.30pm
Wednesday to Saturday: 9.30am to 8pm
Sunday: 12pm to 6.30pm

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Remarkable East Yorkshire Tourism Awards
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AFTERNOON TEA:
Wednesday to Saturday: 12pm to 5pm

What's on at the Fergie

MONDAY EVENINGS:
Viewfinder Photographic Society - a friendly Walkington based club for photography enthusiasts of all abilities. (weekly, excluding the 3rd Monday of the Month and Bank Holidays)

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:
Porsche Club

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:
Bingo from 2pm

LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:
Fergie Live Lounge

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:
Quiz Night from 8.45pm

PARKWAY BEVERLEY

Senior Screen

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 £6.50 for newer releases) with drink and biscuits included. Aimed at 55s & over. Films subject to change.

Thursday 3rd December -
Prima Facie (£6.50)
Starring: Cynthia Erivo, Daniel Ings, Toheeb Jimoh, Elizabeth Dulau.
How to Rob a Bank (£6.50)
Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Zoë Kravitz, Anna Sawai, Rhenzy Feliz, Paul Sparks.
Merry Christmas Aubrey Flint (£6.50)
Starring: Celia Imrie, Richard E. Grant, John Bradley, Adjoa Andoh, Sophia Di Martino.

Thursday 10th December -
How to Rob a Bank (£6.50)
Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Zoë Kravitz, Anna Sawai, Rhenzy Feliz, Paul Sparks.
Merry Christmas Aubrey Flint (£6.50)
Starring: Celia Imrie, Richard E. Grant, John Bradley, Adjoa Andoh, Sophia Di Martino.
Josephine (£6.50)
Starring: Channing Tatum, Gemma Chan, Mason Reeves, Philip Ettinger.

Thursday 17th December -
Josephine (£6.50)
Starring: Channing Tatum, Gemma Chan, Mason Reeves, Philip Ettinger.
Focker-in-Law (£6.50)
Starring: Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Ariana Grande, Owen Wilson, Blythe Danner.
Ebenezer (£6.50)
Starring: Johnny Depp, Rupert Grint, Andrea Riseborough, Sam Claflin, Daisy Ridley.

Thursday 31st December -
Focker-in-Law (£6.50)
Starring: Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Ariana Grande, Owen Wilson, Blythe Danner.
Behemoth! (£6.50)
Starring: Pedro Pascal, Olivia Wilde, Will Arnett, JoBeth Williams, Hank Azaria.



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



The Cat in the Hat
From 4th December
Starring: Bill Hader, Xochitl Gomez, Matt Berry, Quinta Brunson, Giancarlo Esposito America Ferrera.



Behemoth!
From 4th December
Starring: Pedro Pascal, Olivia Wilde, Eva Victor, Will Arnett, Alexa Swinton, JoBeth Williams.



Violent Night 2
From 4th December
Starring: David Harbour, Kristen Bell, Jared Harris, Joe Pantoliano, Maxwell Friedman, Daniela Melchior.



Dune: Part Three
From 11th December
Starring: Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, Florence Pugh, Jason Momoa, Josh Brolin, Rebecca Ferguson.



Onslaught
From 11th December
Starring: Adria Arjona, Dan Stevens, Eric Wareheim, Reginald VelJohnson, Michael Biehn.



Avengers: Doomsday
From 16th December
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Chris Evans, Pedro Pascal, Anthony Mackie, Florence Pugh.



Jumanji: Open World
From 18th December
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, Nick Jonas, Rhys Darby.



The Angry Birds Movie 3
From 18th December
Starring: Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Emma Myers, Rachel Bloom, Walker Scobell, Danny McBride.



LIVE ON STAGE
The Snowman accompanied by the East Riding Concert Orchestra
Saturday 5th December
12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Flemingate, Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 0PW **Tel: (01482) 968 090** **www.parkw**

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT CINEMA

PARKWAY

JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT FILMS AND LIVE SHOWS THIS WINTER

THE CAT IN THE HAT



As his last chance to prove himself to his incredibly exasperated boss, and to keep his job, the Cat in the Hat is given his toughest assignment as an agent of the I.I.I.I. (Institute for the Institution of Imagination and Inspiration, LLC): to cheer up siblings Gabby and Sebastian, who are struggling with their move to a new town.
From 4th December.

DUNE: PART THREE



Dune: Part Three is set nearly two decades after Paul Atreides seized control of the Imperium. Now a ruthless Emperor, Paul must face the consequences of his reign as old allies return, terrifying new threats emerge, and betrayal lurks in every shadow.
From 11th December.

AVENGERS: DOOMSDAY



Fourteen months after the events of Thunderbolts, amidst the collapse of the multiverse, groups of heroes from three different universes - the Avengers, Wakandans, and New Avengers from Earth-616; the Fantastic Four from Earth-828; and the X-Men from Earth-10005 - converge to face the existential threat of Doctor Doom.
From 16th December.

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 3



The flock is back for another big-screen adventure. This time, everyone's favourite feathered hero Red (Jason Sudeikis) faces his biggest challenge yet: fatherhood. With three children to look after, including teenagers Glider and June (voiced by Walker Scobell and The Minecraft Movie's Emma Myers), Red discovers that raising a family might be even trickier than saving Bird Island.
From 18th December.

JUMANJI: OPEN WORLD



The final Jumanji movie is tipped to bring the saga full circle. Spencer, Fridge, Bethany and Martha have dealt with the perilous obstacles of Jumanji before, but this time Jumanji is out of the console, while Bravestone, Shelly, Mouse, and Ruby, are roaming around in demo mode. Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, Nick Jonas, Rhys Darby.
From 18th December.

EVENT CINEMA

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.

Tuesday 1st December, 7.15pm -
RBO: The Nutcracker 2026
Clara meets the mysterious magician Drosselmeyer.

Saturday 5th December, 5pm -
The MET: Samson et Dalila
Saint-Saëns's spectacular take on the biblical hero of legendary strength.

Sunday 6th December, 1pm -
Andre Rieu's 2026 Christmas Concert: Let It Snow
Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra return with a brand-new Christmas concert.

Tuesday 26th January 2027, 6pm -
The MET: La Fanciulla del West
Soprano Sondra Radvanovsky makes her role debut as Minnie.

Wednesday 3rd February 2027, 4.45pm -
RBO: Götterdämmerung
Deception leads to treachery, then devastation, when Siegfried is tricked into betraying Brünnhilde.

Tuesday 23rd February 2027, 6.45pm -
RBO: Così fan tutte
Spurred on by a bet, two young men hatch a plan to test the fidelity of their girlfriends.

Saturday 20th March 2027, 5pm -
The MET: Silent Night
A Pulitzer Prize-winning opera by Kevin Puts.

Tuesday 23rd March 2027, 7.15pm -
RBO: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Alice is surprised to see her parents friend Lewis Carroll transform into a white rabbit.

Saturday 3rd April 2027, 5pm -
The MET: Manon
Superstar soprano Nadine Sierra takes on another alluring French heroine.

Thursday 22nd April 2027, 7.15pm -
RBO: Swan Lake
Princess Odette is bound by a curse, turned into a swan by the evil sorcerer Von Rothbart.

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LEWIS NORTHEN INVITE YOU TO THE MEMORIAL SERVICE 2026

Six years in business is quite a milestone for any independent funeral director, Lewis Northen Funeral Directors have been representing our local community with compassion and supporting families through some of life's most difficult moments since the day they took the bold step on the 1st of December 2020.

During the past six years Lewis and Kirsty have been building relationships within the community, whilst offering personal care and understanding individual wishes which have remained at the heart of the service they provide.

Lewis mentioned, "Every family has their own story, and providing guidance, reassurance and a professional service helps us to ensure that saying goodbye is a meaningful and personal experience".

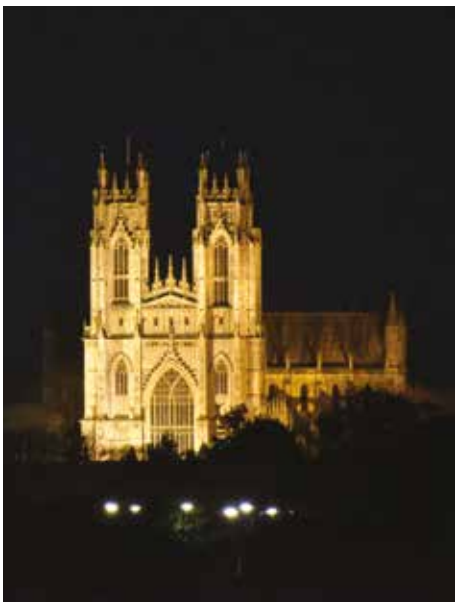
Kirsty added, "Six years have passed quickly, during these formative years we are proud to have been able to establish and host at Beverley Minster our Memorial Service".



The Annual Memorial Service will be held at Beverley Minster at 6pm on 16th December and offers a special opportunity for families and friends to come together and remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Christmas can be an emotional time, particularly when someone special is missing from family celebrations.

Lewis said, "the memorial service provides a welcoming and supportive environment to reflect, share memories, light a candle and celebrate the lives of those who remain forever in our hearts"

Lewis and Kirsty have built up an unrivalled reputation for delivering a personalised and professional service, not only locally but also undertaking funerals further afield, they have built a great team who all care about making sure families get the support and care they need.



Kirsty mentioned, "We look forward to being here for families for many years to come and continue with 'My Family Taking Care Of Yours'. If you are looking to attend the Memorial Service please let us know in advance".

Call the office on **01482 888658** or
Email: **info@lewisnorthenfuneraldirectors.co.uk**



FROM THE QUEEN AND PADDINGTON BEAR TO BEVERLEY MINSTER: CELEBRATED ARTIST ELEANOR TOMLINSON JOINS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The East Yorkshire artist whose touching illustration of Queen Elizabeth II hand-in-hand with Paddington Bear captured hearts around the world is bringing her creativity to Beverley Minster's Christmas Tree Festival this December.

Eleanor Tomlinson became an international sensation when her illustration, inspired by the Queen's famous television sketch with Paddington Bear, went viral following the monarch's death.

Now Eleanor is turning her talents to a very different canvas - a Christmas tree. Her creation will be one of 150 decorated trees transforming Beverley Minster for its much-loved Christmas Tree Festival, running from 4 to 13 December 2026.



150 Trees, 150 Stories, One Magnificent Minster

From internationally recognised artists to deep-sea divers, local charities, businesses, choirs and community groups, every tree has its own story to tell.

Behind each one is a shared passion, a cause close to someone's heart, a creative idea or a community brought together by the magic of Christmas.

Together, these 150 unique creations will transform the magnificent medieval Minster into a sparkling forest of festive imagination, celebrating the people and organisations that make Beverley and its surrounding communities so special.

And with everything from traditional decorations to wonderfully inventive designs, visitors can expect surprises around every corner.





A new nativity scene and the return of a festive favourite

The magic will begin even before visitors step inside the Minster.

A brand-new, life-sized, silhouette of the nativity scene, lovingly handcrafted by Minster volunteers, will welcome visitors as they approach, along Highgate. This beautiful addition brings the Christmas story to life and provides a striking new focal point outside the historic church.

Also making a welcome return are the handmade reindeer and sleigh, which proved such a hit at last year's festival. They will once again offer families the perfect opportunity to capture a magical Christmas photograph, particularly for younger visitors.



A festive soundtrack to the celebrations

This year's festival promises to be a feast for the ears as well as the eyes, with six local choirs and a number of visiting organists providing a wonderful seasonal soundtrack throughout the ten-day event.

The musical line-up includes Positive Note Choir, Hooked on Harmony, Beverley Community Choir, Fitmums Choir, a cappella group Answers on a Postcard and Beverley Junior Choir.

Their performances will add another dimension to the atmosphere as visitors wander among the trees beneath the Minster's soaring medieval architecture.

Festive floral workshops will offer another opportunity to embrace the Christmas spirit, while the festival café will provide a welcome place to pause for mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pie or a gingerbread man.



Much more than a Christmas tree display

Continuing its reputation as the UK's largest Christmas Tree Festival of its kind, Beverley Minster's annual celebration is about far more than beautifully decorated trees.

It is a showcase of local creativity, generosity, talent and community spirit, with every contributor bringing something personal to the festival.

Whether visitors come to discover Eleanor Tomlinson's latest creation, find their favourite tree, uncover the stories behind the decorations, enjoy the music or simply soak up the festive atmosphere, there is something to delight every generation.

150 Trees. 150 Stories. One Magnificent Minster. Ten days of Christmas magic.



Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2026
Friday 4 – Sunday 13 December

- 150 individually decorated Christmas trees, including a creation by artist Eleanor Tomlinson
- Six local choirs and visiting organists
- Brand-new handcrafted, life-sized nativity scene
- Returning handmade reindeer and sleigh for family photographs
- Festive floral workshops
- Festival café serving seasonal refreshments

Admission: £6 adults. Accompanied children free. Tickets: Available to book in advance: **www.trybooking.com/uk/event/120031** or purchase on the day.

CLOSING THE INVESTMENT GAP: INVESTING ON YOUR TERMS

Women remain significantly less likely than men to invest. Fewer than one in three women (27%) invests, according to research by St. James's Place, compared to 43% of men.[1]

Yet the reasons behind the gap are often more complex than they first appear. Much of the discussion has focused on whether women are more risk averse than men. But for many women, the challenge isn't willingness to invest. Instead, investing may not feel aligned with their goals and circumstances.

Women's financial journeys can also look different. St. James's Place research found that more than half of women (56%) have taken a break from paid employment, compared with 38% of men. Whether due to caring responsibilities, family commitments or life events, these experiences can shape how women save, invest or plan.[2] Women who have a financial plan, receive professional advice and have clear financial goals are far more likely to invest.[3]

Defining what matters

While it may seem obvious, knowing why you want to invest is one of the first steps on the journey. Some people may have long-term ambitions, such as retiring at a certain age or helping their children and grandchildren reach key milestones. Others may want to build greater financial resilience, create a pot of money that could help them navigate future life events or act as a financial safety net. Defining what you want from investing, linking it to specific goals that feel tangible, can make the process feel more personal and meaningful.

Competence and confidence

Even when you know what you want to achieve, investing for the first time, as well as making investment decisions, can feel daunting. Only 44% of women feel confident making changes to investments themselves, for example, compared with 63% of men, according to St. James's Place's Financial Health 2026 report.[4]

But confidence can develop through experience and greater familiarity with investing. Successful investors don't need extensive market knowledge or an ability to predict what markets will do next.

And for long-term investors, consistency rather than timing is often the foundation of success. Claire Trott, head of advice at St. James's Place, says: "Many women seem to show less confidence when it comes to investing, but that's not a question of capability. Confidence grows with familiarity, experience and support."

Make it work for you

To make investing work for you, it's important to choose an approach that reflects your financial situation, ambitions and preferences. Some people prefer a hands-on approach, while others are more comfortable taking a step back and seeking guidance when needed. Where appropriate, financial advice can provide a useful sounding board for important financial decisions. Your approach may also evolve over time. As your circumstances change, your financial priorities and objectives may change with them. This is why a flexible approach is important. "Some life events, such as career breaks, can sometimes have a negative impact on your future from a financial point of view," Claire adds. "But there are steps that you can take to minimise the impact. A clear financial plan and sound financial advice can help."

Small and steady

Investing is often viewed as something that requires large sums of money, but that's not necessarily the case. Many people begin by investing relatively modest sums regularly. The right amount will depend on your circumstances, goals and ability to invest comfortably alongside your other financial commitments. Investing regularly can help build wealth gradually over the long term. One reason is the compounding effect, where any investment growth that remains invested has the potential to generate further growth over time. Although investment returns are never guaranteed, compounding can have a powerful effect over longer periods.

When investing, your capital is at risk. The value of your investments can fall as well as rise over time, and you may get back less than you invested. While the size of an individual contribution matters, developing a long-term investing habit can be just as important.

Five questions to ask before investing

Before investing, it can be useful to take a step back and think about the following questions:

1. What goal am I investing towards?
2. When am I likely to need access to this money?
3. How much can I realistically afford to invest regularly?
4. How comfortable am I that investments can rise and fall in value?





5. Would I benefit from professional advice before making any decisions?

Taking time to answer these questions can help ensure your investment choices align with your goals, circumstances and attitude towards risk. And you don't have to navigate financial decisions alone.

When uncertainty gets in the way, having a conversation can often provide valuable perspective. That's why building a support network is important. Speaking with members of your family or a financial adviser can help reduce uncertainty and improve understanding.

Claire adds: "Building a support network can help you validate decisions, whether that's about goals, plans or investment decisions. By engaging with other people - professionals or those you trust personally - you can build greater confidence in the decision-making process. Most importantly, investing becomes something that works on your terms."

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Sources:
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PRESENCE OVER PERFECTION: FINDING CALM THIS CHRISTMAS

What does Christmas mean to you?



I asked a couple of friends what their conception of Christmas was: one said family, friends and food, while the other spoke of the more ancient traditions of "Yule".

You might think of the chocolate Yule log on the supermarket shelves or "Yuletide", mentioned in classic songs such as "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". Yule is associated with the Winter Solstice (21st-22nd December), celebrating the return of the sun and the gradual lengthening of daylight.

It can be healthy to go with the natural rhythms of the year as we slow down in autumn, gather in the harvest, and burn the Yule log on the fire - symbolising the bringing of light from the fire to the darkest time of the year, along with warmth, comfort and safety at home, and the feeling of renewal, good fortune and continuity as we pass from one year to the next.



I love Beverley at Christmas, particularly around North Bar Without, where the character of the houses and the avenue of trees make me feel as though I have stepped into a magical Dickensian world. Even more so when it snows, when there is that wonderful feeling of being enveloped in a magical scene, with the world seeming to fall quiet, its usual sounds softened and distant, and everything taking on an almost timeless quality.

I was on New Walk yesterday with a friend, and as I stepped out of Merienda bakery - having indulged in a gorgeous Praline hot chocolate followed by a fresh mint tea - I was stopped in my tracks by the magnificent sight of the enormous tree in the grounds of Sessions House.

My eye was initially drawn to the dwelling opposite with sparkling Christmas lights, which looked beautiful, yet couldn't compare with the majesty of the mature tree, which I have since come to find is Yorkshire's largest sycamore, thought to have been growing there since around 1804 - therefore a survivor from the Dickensian era. I wonder what stories that tree has to tell.

Christmas can be a stressful time, so it can be helpful to bring a little mindful meditation to your day. Stop for a moment and take in the sounds, scents and sights around you, and just breathe. If the shopping becomes overwhelming, take some time out, slip into a café or your favourite pub, and savour a seasonal drink - whether it's mulled wine or hot chocolate - absolutely guilt-free, taking a moment to acknowledge everything you have already ticked off your list. Take in the scents of wood smoke from the fire and share a smile with a stranger.

At a time when there can be a pressure to have everything perfect, it's good to remember that the spirit of Christmas is about warmth and kindness, and being present for yourself and others. A thousand candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Wishing you joy and peace for a calm Christmas, and may this carry you gently into the new year.

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WHEN DID WE START RENTING EVERYTHING?

It seems that nowadays we're paying a monthly subscription for just about everything. We used to buy something, own it and use it until it stopped working. Now, even keeping an eye on our own front door can come with a monthly bill.

But does it really need to?

With the darker evenings upon us, and many of us spending more time away from home over Christmas, it's a good opportunity to think about home security.

Smart doorbells and wireless security cameras have become incredibly popular in recent years, and understandably so. They're relatively inexpensive to buy, easy to use and allow us to see who's at the front door from practically anywhere.

However, if you want to record footage, look back at previous events or access certain additional features, you may find yourself paying a monthly subscription. Even a modest £10 a month adds up to £600 over five years or £1,200 over ten years, and that's before you've bought the equipment.

An alternative that many people overlook is a traditional, hardwired CCTV system.



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There's no need to remember to charge batteries either, and a wired connection is generally more reliable than relying on Wi-Fi reaching every corner of your property.

Of course, there's a greater initial cost, and equipment may eventually need maintaining or replacing, but a good quality system can provide many years of service without a regular subscription charge.

It's also worth considering how your outdoor lighting works alongside your security cameras. A well-positioned security light can illuminate an area when movement is detected, helping provide clearer footage whilst also making it obvious that someone approaching your property hasn't gone unnoticed.

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THE EVERGREEN STRUCTURE OF THE GARDEN



The addition of evergreen shrubs to a garden can benefit you on many levels. It is a natural form of both colour and texture that will create an image that you will experience not only when you are in the garden but also one you will see from the house.

One of the positives I experienced during the heatwave this year was that the evergreen shrubs that covered the ground survived with very little watering but also created areas of shade that not only looked after the wildlife when the sun was at its peak, but it also proved very useful for growing salad crops.

When planting a garden, the first thing I think about is creating the skeleton, utilising what is already there but also creating a new outline. The use of evergreens is perhaps one of the first things to consider.

Many years ago, I created a large border for a lady who needed year-round foliage in the flower arrangements she did for the local Church. The shrubs worked on many levels giving her the option for lots of different designs. I constantly received messages from her saying thank you!

When it comes to flower arranging it is amazing what shapes can be created from something as simple as an evergreen branch. If you were perhaps not able to get any flowers then the image as you see in the photograph below was created from taking what I term as a walk in the garden.



I was really impressed with the amount of foliage I was able to pick, both the holly berries, Hydrangea heads, Ivy and Skimmia's were combined to create the flower arrangement.

Extremely cost effective but also very attractive. Almost a Christmas image.

Ideas for planting in the garden

The *Cotoneaster horizontalis* is a very good shrub for growing against a wall, a natural self-clinging climber. The herringbone pattern of the branches when the leaves have fallen still give a visual appearance which lasts through to the spring months when the leaves will return and also produce blossom.

The red berries are also a positive because they feed the birds. The number of birds that are in the garden this year is outstanding. It was wonderful to watch and to see how many berries they ate.



The pruning of deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees needs to be carried out at different times in the year. When the leaves of the deciduous fall, the shrub or tree then becomes dormant.

It is at this point there is no sap flowing so it is ideal time to cut back any crossing or dead branches. There are exceptions to this rule which are plums, damsons and ornamental cherries, that make up the prunus family which will need to be pruned in full leaf in midsummer ideally June or July.

The evergreens will of course retain their leaves, and do not become dormant at any point in the year. Their growth however will be reduced during the winter period. Often evergreens maintain their shape and height and do not need regular pruning, so only do it when necessary.

The ideal time to do this is from February to April but do hold back if we are having frosts or experiencing a cold period.

Something also to remember is to prune evergreen shrubs after flowering. This will encourage new growth and ensure flowers for the following year.

Planting Garlic

It is a tradition to plant garlic before Christmas. The cold weather that ensues is said to give the cloves a more intense flavour. The cloves are best planted in a sheltered but sunny site.

If you are late in planting, then start them off in the greenhouse in small modules or pots and plant out in the spring when the young growth begins to appear. Plant at 15cm (6") apart and 30cm (12") spacing between the rows.

Always ensure the cloves are planted below the soil level as the birds and in my case the squirrel may pull them up!

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Julie Dowding

I'VE BEEN THINKING... SAYS COLIN RAYNOR



The television screen tells me that yet another famous person has "fallen from grace" and I ask myself what do I understand of this small word. Let's think about the various uses of this word.

Regular readers will recall me writing about my wife's pen friend who lives in Michigan in the United States of America. The last letter from America ran to ten pages and naturally the letter was full of their many family activities.

In January our friends in America will welcome their fifteenth great grandchild and their names are so very different to ours but chosen with love no doubt. I did read somewhere that the name Grace was very popular in the States a few years ago but not so nowadays, on either side of the Atlantic.

This leads me to think about the word grace and how we use it or do not use it today. We met a friend of ours in a café in Hull and when our meal arrived our friend invited us to just bow our heads and give thanks for the food we were about to eat.

The practice of giving thanks before a meal was known by many as 'saying grace'. I cannot state that it took place in our house but over the years I have witnessed it at various gatherings.

Some would claim that 'saying grace' is as British as Yorkshire pudding but it has been much neglected in recent years.

The usual version of this grace at mealtimes would begin with the words "for what we are about to receive may the Lord make us truly thankful".

In an article I read recently a different version had surfaced. When work began on an old building from the 17th century, scrawled on the wall were words put together no doubt by a tenant from many years ago.

Equally sincere but definitely with a Yorkshire phraseology it read as follows...
"Give us Lord a bit of sun, a bit of work and a bit of fun. Please grant us in life's struggle and splutter, our daily bread and a bit of butter."

There is of course a connection with the Christian church in the term "the grace of God." The short definition refers to the love of God for all mankind whatever their belief, or non belief.

In some churches there is an expectation from the congregation that they should remain standing after the singing of the final hymn and the person leading the worship will then invite all present to join in the saying of the Grace.

I would offer my personal view that the words of the Grace are so very important for people who in many cases may not remember what that Sunday's sermon was about but will take with them, through the coming week, the sacred promises that are in themselves the Grace.

As I leave you once more at the end of a year that once again has presented the people of this planet with challenges that have changed their lives in so many different ways I invite you to read with me the words of the Grace as we move towards the New Year of 2027...

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, this day and for evermore.
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Ian added, "Sometimes the greatest Christmas gift is having those little jobs finally completed, leaving you with a home that is comfortable, safe and ready to enjoy well beyond the festive season"!

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The group - celebrating its 50th birthday in 2027 - next gets together for its Christmas meeting on Monday 14 December with a buffet and choir. There will be no group meeting on Monday 21 December.

To find out more, contact the Hull and East Yorkshire Support Group Volunteer Team on **contact@hull.parkinsonsuk.group** or **07484 420 616**.

Parkinson's meet ups

We have monthly Parkinson's social meetups in Beverley, Pocklington, Driffield, Withernsea, Hornsea, Bridlington, and Hedon. These are open to people with Parkinson's and their family, friends and carers.



The **Beverley Parkinson's Cafe** is held on the second Friday of the month, 10:30am-12pm at Beverley Housing Charity, Morton House, HU17 9DD. Join us for a cuppa, chance to chat with others, and mutual support. Free refreshments available, no booking is required. The next cafe meet is Friday 11 December.

To find out more about the cafe, contact Alison Lofas on **0344 225 3625** or **alofas@parkinsons.org.uk**.

The **Hull and East Riding Younger Person's meet-up** is a chance to connect with working age people affected by Parkinson's.

If you or a loved one have a diagnosis of Parkinson's, live in the Hull area, are aged under 67, and would like to meet other younger people for a chat and drink, the group would love to meet you!

The informal meet up is held at The Country Park hotel, Hessle, HU13 0HB. Meetings alternate between afternoons and evenings - if you're thinking about coming along, please get in touch with Lesley on **ljhorobin@yahoo.com** for more information.

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Sessions start with seated or standing exercises, followed by circuit activities including archery, table tennis, volleyball, and other team games. The activities aim to help improve heart health, balance, coordination and flexibility. All abilities welcome.

No booking required, just come along! Cost per session is £3.40. Grin and Tonic sessions are also held at East Riding Leisure centres in Driffield, Francis Scaife, and Haltemprice.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF BEVERLEY - CHERYL GILES

As Christmas approaches, I reflect on what has been a wonderfully busy, rewarding and, at times, humbling first few months as Mayor of Beverley. When I accepted the role in May, I hadn't quite anticipated how many wonderful people I would meet or how full my diary would become!

From civic occasions and community celebrations to charity events and conversations with residents, I have been reminded that Beverley's greatest strength lies in its people.

Welcoming friends from our twin towns of Nogent-sur-Oise in France and Lemgo in Germany has been particularly memorable. Serving on the boards of the Turner Trust and Friends of Beverley Minster has also deepened my appreciation of those dedicated to preserving our town's heritage.

Supporting local charities has been a pleasure. Meeting Kevin and Andrew, at their fundraising day for Prostate Cancer reflects the generosity of our community. I send them both my warmest wishes.

In Memory of Linda Freeman

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Linda Freeman, who was made a Freewoman of Beverley earlier this year. Linda's dedication to Beverley in Bloom leaves a lasting legacy and she will be remembered with affection and gratitude.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day were among the most poignant occasions of my mayoral year. Standing together to honour those who served and sacrificed so much was a moving reminder of the freedoms we enjoy and our duty never to forget.

My chosen mayoral charity is White Ribbon. Alongside raising awareness, I am developing an initiative called Behind Closed Doors, working collaboratively with local partners and businesses. I look forward to sharing more in the New Year.

Meeting residents, listening to concerns and sharing conversations around town has been equally rewarding. Being Mayor is as much about listening as it is about representing our wonderful town.

My sincere thanks must go to our Town Council staff, fellow councillors, volunteers and everyone who has supported me on this journey so far. Whilst Christmas is a joyful time, for some it can bring loneliness or sadness and feelings of despair. A little kindness or a thoughtful gesture shared could make all the difference to someone.



As we look towards the New Year, may we continue to cherish the generosity and community spirit that make Beverley so special.

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Cllr Cheryl Giles
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Christmas is the festive season, a time for giving, sharing experiences and making memories.

As Ann from Fox Mobility mentioned, "For someone who uses mobility aids, the right gift can make a real difference to their enjoyment and independence.

So this Christmas rather than giving a traditional gift, it may be worth giving a gift that supports their lifestyle, comfort and builds their confidence?"

Paul added, "Giving someone a practical gift like a good pair of waterproof gloves, a cosy blanket, heated foot warmers or accessories for mobility scooters and wheelchairs could be the best gift ever".

At this time of the year High-visibility clothing, reflective accessories and additional lighting can also help make winter outings safer.

When you are choosing gifts for Christmas maybe the best gift is helping someone maintain their independence and enjoy time with family and friends and just being there for them.

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As Christmas approaches, there is a lot of festive events, Christmas lights and other things to photograph, giving some great opportunities to capture creative night and long exposure photos, with no shortage of Christmas Trees, Christmas Lights and even fireworks.

However, my favourite thing to photograph this time of year is the winter scenes locally or further afield.



The sunrises and sunsets look incredible this time of year with the amazing orange colours silhouetting the trees and buildings.

We might also be fortunate enough to get some Northern Lights displays which are much more visible this time of year and usually much earlier in the evening.
Whether you head up to the Westwood or out to the coast, there are lots of good locations to see and photograph them.

My favourite thing about this time of year is the snow (if we get any), which creates some beautiful landscape scenes, especially around waterfalls and rivers with the icicles that inevitably form around them.

It's also great for photographing wildlife such as robins, squirrels, deer and whatever else you're fortunate enough to see.

You can find more information about my work and full portfolios on my website and my social media pages and if you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch.

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YOUR FESTIVE FIRST AID SURVIVAL GUIDE



Christmas is a time for good food, family and celebration, but the festive season also brings its own risks. Here are three things we think every household should know.

Choking at the dinner table. If someone can cough, encourage them to keep coughing. If they cannot speak, cough or breathe, give up to five sharp back blows between the shoulder blades, then up to five abdominal thrusts. If the blockage does not clear, call 999 and keep repeating until help arrives. Abdominal thrusts must not be used on babies under one or pregnant women.

Burns in a busy kitchen. Cool the burn under cool or lukewarm running water for 20 minutes. Remove jewellery or clothing near the burn unless it is stuck, then lay cling film over it rather than wrapping it. Never use ice, butter or creams.

Button batteries. These small, shiny batteries are found in toys, musical cards and decorations, and can cause serious internal burns if swallowed. If you think a child has swallowed one, take them to A&E straight away.

Reading about first aid is a great start, but nothing builds confidence like practising it with your own hands. At FabTraining, all of our courses are delivered face to face, so you leave knowing what to do, not just what you have read.

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An insight to Set Design for the Railway Children at ERT this Christmas

Emily Clay, local set designer, on what inspired her to get involved with theatre.

Emily first became involved with East Riding Theatre in 2014, when she was studying architecture at university. Steven Knight, the architect leading the project, was kind enough to let her tag along with him to gain some work experience during the summer break.

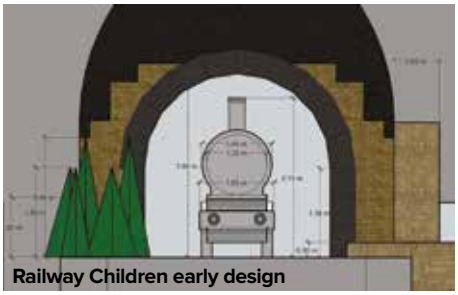
Taking a sideways step from architecture to theatre design, Emily began working with local production company SheProductions, firstly on their touring shows and then her first on stage show at East Riding Theatre in 2019.

Emily said, "I worked as a scenic artist on in-house shows at East Riding Theatre (The Hound of the Baskervilles and Frost Hollow Hall) and was then given the opportunity to design their 2022 Christmas Show, A Dickens of a Christmas. I have been involved with the theatre ever since"!

What influences your ideas, how do you start the process?

The process always begins with reading the script. In some instances, the script writer makes very specific comments about the staging requirements, and other times there is no pre-existing suggestion as to how the set might need to look.

Reading through the script you begin to imagine how the characters will move across the stage and the tone of the play, as well as practical considerations such as scene changes. Sometimes by the end of the script a design will be almost fully formed, and sometimes it takes several read throughs with the design emerging slowly.



Railway Children early design

How closely do you work with the directors?

The extent to which a director has an initial vision for the show varies considerably from project to project.

For The Railway Children, a suggestion came from our producer Sasha Walker-Allen of a small number of large set pieces, including a train, a tunnel mouth and a platform, that would remain largely untouched throughout the play and it was decided early on that this was a perfect approach for this particular play.

When designing Jeeves and Wooster, the director Richard Avery had strong feelings that the play should be firmly set in the 1920s, but it took a long time meticulously working out scene by scene how we would practically make that work. I have been lucky enough to work with directors and producers where design suggestions are welcome, and a collaborative approach is always a priority.

What are your biggest challenges?

I find that working within limited space or a strict budget to be a fun part of the challenge. As a set designer you are presented with a project with such a wide range of parameters.

A quick turnaround time with a small budget on a short independent film is just as much fun as planning a show several months ahead with a substantial budget. The challenge is making the most of whatever resources are available. At ERT we try to reuse set pieces where possible and our timescale for putting up the set is very tight, even when there has been a generous planning period.

ERT is a working theatre, and it is important to keep the stage occupied with exciting acts wherever possible. The biggest challenge is creating an impactful set during our limited time in the auditorium and we overcome this by carefully planning our builds.

Who do you work with?

As a set designer it is important to work with all other creative departments. Once a design concept is established with the director, there are conversations with lighting designers and at ERT, our technical production manager Matt Pilsworth to make sure the design is feasible and about how lighting decisions can be integrated with the design. It is also important to communicate with the wardrobe to make sure there is a synergy between the set and costume design.



Jeeves and Wooster sketchup

What in your opinion makes a successful set?

In my opinion a successful set is one that fully supports every element of the production, facilitating the action on stage rather than restricting it. This could be by bringing the audience straight into the world we have created, for example the set for The One Good Thing in Spring 2025 was one location - a full-scale cottage that immediately set the scene for the play and immersed the audience in rural Ireland. In contrast, the set for Jeeves and Wooster started as a very basic structure which slowly opened out to reveal a series of locations.



The One Good Thing design

How do you manage and work out scene changes?

Having worked on the stage at ERT for several



The One Good Thing Sketch Ideas

years I have become used to how this theatre determines certain design decisions. For example, scene changes must be done in view of the audience as we have no wing space and are unable to fly in additional scenery.

It is important to design a set that works for the venue, so the actors and director have no need to retrospectively adjust what they have rehearsed. This makes for a much neater final production, where enjoyment of the show is not disrupted by clumsy scene changes. For the Railway Children, we have a stationary backdrop to frame the show, with individual scene changes moving furniture and props with a variety of lighting states.

At ert, which production set are you most proud of?

My set design for Jeeves and Wooster has probably been my favourite so far. As soon as I read the script it was apparent that the set would be a very interactive part of the play, with moving parts and secret elements. Finding ways to adapt this script, which was written for a West End production (with a West End budget!) was challenging, but it was important to make sure the adaptations did not lose the charm of the original stage directions.

The set changes formed part of the comedy, and we made sure any adjustments we made did not come at the expense of a joke. Wherever a sacrifice had to be made on account of the restrictions of our theatre, we made sure to swap it with an alternative just as delightful. Watching the joy the audience experienced watching the set unfold was a very proud moment.

What advice would you give aspiring set designers?

I would advise any aspiring set designers to get involved with theatre in any capacity you can. In this job you will never stop learning, as every show brings new challenges. As well as design, there are scenic painting techniques, joinery skills and prop making and the best way to learn is with practical experience. Watch as many shows as you can and take notice of the ways actors have used the spaces that have been designed around them. The lessons you learn are carried forward to the next job.

The Railway Children is a real team effort.You can book your tickets now and appreciate all the hard work that has gone into putting the show together. Sketches c/o Emily Clay.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GRAHAM STUART MP



One thing I can always rely on in Beverley is people telling me how it is. Thank you to everyone who's stopped for a chat this year, whether in the market, on the doorstep or out shopping.

Too often, decisions are made by people in big cities who overlook market towns like ours. But we deserve trains that stop, phones that work and businesses that have a fair chance to succeed.

You've told me about the station loos, trains missing Beverley because of leaves on the line, and phones showing 5G but doing nothing.

I've taken those complaints to the people responsible, helped get toilet repairs moving and pressed Northern and the mobile networks for better service.

Local business owners have been equally frank about rising costs. I've been fighting their corner too, including over Jack in the Box's huge rate increase.

Please give Beverley's shops and market traders your support this Christmas. And keep telling me what needs sorting.

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

WELLBEING DURING CHRISTMAS



As we move into December, our routines naturally begin to change. The evenings are darker, the weather gets colder and, for many, the usual structure of everyday life starts to take a back seat.

Christmas parties, family gatherings, late nights and a generally busier social calendar all become part of the month. It's an enjoyable time of year, and rightly so. But it's also a period where some of the habits that keep us feeling healthy and well can quite easily slip.

I think December is an interesting month when it comes to health and wellbeing. There is often a lot of attention placed on January and the idea of starting again, getting fitter or making healthier choices. But I would argue that looking after yourself throughout December is just as important. In fact, it's probably more beneficial than trying to undo four weeks of poor habits once the new year arrives.

One of the biggest things to consider is movement. As temperatures drop and daylight becomes increasingly limited, physical activity can become less appealing. People naturally spend more time indoors, daily step counts can fall and structured exercise is often the first thing to be sacrificed when the diary starts filling up.

The problem is that movement is not simply about burning calories or maintaining fitness. It plays an important role in cardiovascular health, metabolic function, mood and general physical wellbeing. You don't necessarily need to maintain your usual exercise schedule throughout Christmas. That isn't always realistic. But keeping some level of consistency makes a considerable difference.

A daily walk, even if it's only 20 to 30 minutes, is a relatively simple way of maintaining activity. Equally, a couple of shorter gym sessions throughout the week - if you have a membership - can help maintain strength and routine without taking over your festive period.

Sleep is another area that I think deserves more attention at this time of year. Late nights, alcohol, heavier meals and changes to our usual routine can all affect sleep quality. And whilst a few disrupted nights might not seem particularly important, consistently poorer sleep can influence energy levels, appetite, concentration and emotional regulation. Something I often come back to is the relationship between sleep and the decisions we make during the day.

When we're tired, we're generally less inclined to exercise, more likely to reach for convenient foods and often more reliant on caffeine to get through the day. This can become a cycle, particularly during a month where there are already plenty of things competing for our attention.

I'm not suggesting you should turn down every Christmas invitation or leave a family gathering early to protect your bedtime. That's hardly the point. But maintaining some consistency where possible, particularly with your wake-up time, can help keep your body clock relatively stable. It is also worth being mindful of alcohol consumption, especially in the evenings, as even moderate amounts can affect the quality of your sleep.

Nutrition is perhaps the most obvious consideration during December. There is more food available, more opportunities to eat out and, naturally, more indulgence. But I don't think the answer is to approach Christmas with a restrictive mindset. Food is a significant part of the enjoyment of this time of year, and there is absolutely room for that within a healthy lifestyle.

What matters more is what happens between those occasions. Maintaining a reasonable intake of protein, eating enough fruit and vegetables and not allowing yourself to go several days without proper meals are all relatively straightforward ways of supporting your health. There is a difference between enjoying Christmas dinner, a few chocolates and the occasional festive drink, and abandoning every nutritional habit for an entire month.

I also think it's important to recognise the impact that December can have mentally. Whilst Christmas is an enjoyable period for many, it can also bring financial pressures, family commitments, work deadlines and a certain expectation to be constantly sociable. Not everybody experiences this time of year in the same way.

Giving yourself some time away from the busyness is important. Whether that's going for a walk, reading, exercising or simply having an evening without any plans, having some space to switch off can be beneficial. Wellbeing isn't just about what you eat or how much you exercise. It also comes down to how you manage your time, stress and general quality of life.

I like looking at December from a slightly different angle. Rather than seeing it as a month where healthy habits have to be put on hold, I think it's better to view it as an opportunity to practise balance. You don't need to be perfect, and you certainly don't need to optimise every aspect of your life. But keeping a few important habits in place can make a real difference to how you feel.

So, as Christmas approaches, enjoy the food, spend time with family and friends, attend the parties and make the most of the festive period. Just remember that looking after your health doesn't need to stop because it's December. Equally, you don't need to wait until January to start doing it again.



As always, small, consistent changes tend to have the biggest impact. I would appreciate any feedback on my articles! Feel free to reach out to me: **edjthompsonpt@gmail.com**

FESTIVE COMEDY CORNER

Things that make you laugh!

What goes Oh Oh Oh?
Santa walking backwards!

What do you call an elf who won the lottery?
Welfy!

At Christmas what do sheep say to each other?
Merry Christmas to ewe!

If the end of 2026 is 31st December, what is the end of Christmas?
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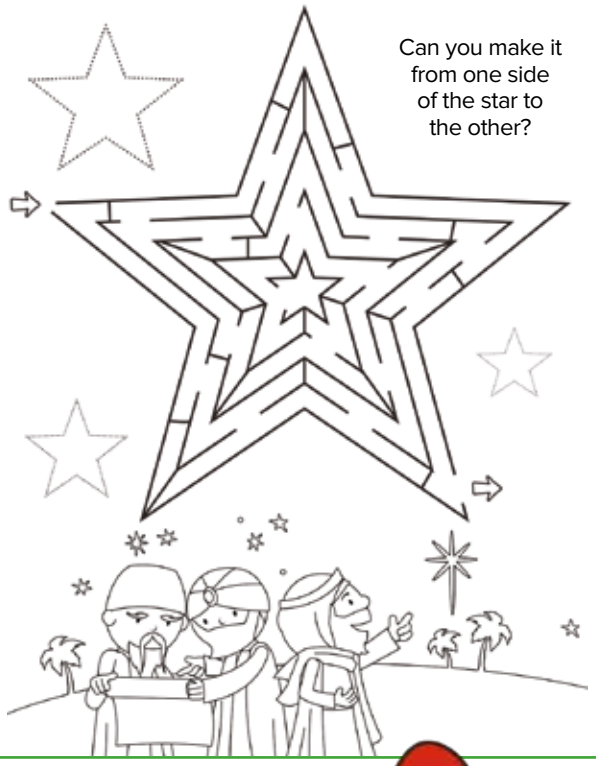
What do you call a naughty reindeer?
Rude – olph!

CHRISTMAS STAR MAZE

Can you make it from one side of the star to the other?



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

"From the home to the heart, from one person to another, the joy of Christmas brings us closer together"



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CHRISTMAS DOT TO DOT



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Then once you've joined the dots, you can colour it in!



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Where in Beverley would you find this landmark? Answer on Page 42.



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ARE YOU READY FOR TWIXMAS?



Christmas is coming. You can feel it in the soft glow of fairy lights in the high street, in the familiar songs drifting from shop doorways, in the comforting return of old rituals.

There are school concerts and office parties, mince pies in the staffroom and that annual debate about who's hosting Boxing Day. For many of us, December in the UK is a tapestry of the same traditions, lovingly repeated year after year.

Yet somewhere between the last cracker being pulled and the first email of January, there is often a quiet lull. The days between Christmas and New Year stretch out, soft-edged and slightly directionless. The tree is still up, but the magic feels as if it has slipped just out of reach. It is in this in-between time - that wonderfully named "Twixmas" - that the idea of escape begins to sparkle.

A short break at the end of December or the very start of January does not have to be grand to feel special. In fact, there is something rather appealing about the simplicity of it. One or two nights in a different city, a change of skyline, new streets to wander. Perhaps it is Edinburgh under a clear winter sky, or York with its cobbles shining after rain. Maybe it is a last-minute rail journey to London, where the festive window displays linger and the South Bank glows with cold-weather cheer.

These little adventures work beautifully as experiences to unwrap. Instead of another object to find a home for, you might give a neatly folded print-out slipped into an envelope: two nights in a cosy hotel, a promise of cocktails in a hidden bar, brunch in a place you have both always meant to try.

It is the kind of gift that extends Christmas forward, something to look forward to when the decorations have been packed away and the calendar turns to a new year.

New Year itself has its own possibilities. Not everyone dreams of a crowded countdown in Times Square or a long-haul dash to a different hemisphere. For some, the ideal New Year escape is quieter: a frosty walk in a national park followed by a pub dinner and a glass of something sparkling by the fire.

For others it might be a European city where you can stroll arm-in-arm through crisp streets, wrapped in scarves, pausing at markets still scented with mulled wine and roasted chestnuts.

There is a particular pleasure in seeing a familiar season from an unfamiliar angle. Standing on a different riverbank, hearing midnight chimes from a different clock tower, watching fireworks reflected in another harbour. These are not always big, once-in-a-lifetime trips; often they are small, carefully chosen interludes that change the way the turn of the year feels.

As Christmas approaches, many of us instinctively focus on the main event: the day itself, the meal, the presents. But there is a quiet joy in planning what comes next. A Twixmas escape, a New Year adventure, or a simple one-night city stay promised as a gift can become a gentle tradition of its own.



A way to step over the threshold of January feeling replenished rather than rushed, carrying with you not just the memory of what has been, but a sense of possibility for all that lies ahead.

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WILSONS WHEELS - CYCLING IN WINTER



Cycling can be enjoyed throughout the winter months, and Nathan from Wilsons Wheels commented, "Everyone must prepare properly, at this time of year take extra care on the roads and cycle paths. You can get caught out with slippery surfaces".

The shorter days, darker evenings, along with the inevitable wet weather and icy conditions bring additional challenges. Make sure you can be seen - visibility and safety is essential.



Maybe a Christmas idea is to upgrade your lights for better quality lights, new reflective clothing, waterproof jackets, warm gloves and thermal accessories are all practical Christmas gifts for any cyclist.

Nathan added, "With Christmas approaching, cycling accessories make excellent gifts for friends and family who enjoy getting out on two wheels. Pop into the shop we would be delighted to help out".

With a full range of helmets, winter gloves, lights, cycling bags and clothing, there is something to suit every budget and ability at Wilsons Wheels.

Nathan added, "Before you head out, check your tyres, brakes and lights, dress for the weather and plan your route carefully. Have a Merry Christmas and keep those wheels turning whatever the weather"!







ROTARY CLUB MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Wrap Up Campaign.
During October and early November club members were busy collecting and sorting coats donated by the people of Beverley in our collection boxes.

There was a wonderful response, with over 400 garments collected by the time the campaign closed after six weeks. These will benefit those most in need and provide some comfort to them during the cold winter months.

The club wishes to thank Beverley Travel in Flemingate for providing the space to store and sort the coats, Longcroft School, East Riding Theatre, Toll Gavel Church, Forthmans Barbers and Tesco and Morrisons supermarkets for their support, and everyone who donated.

Donation to Beverley Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade
Our guests at our meeting on 11th November included past Beverley Mayor Alison Healy and Lesley Wood, representing Beverley Company Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade, Alison's charity for her year as Mayor. They are raising money for a minibus for their band.

Rotarian and past President Mac Fleming and his wife Judith who sold their caravan online by another Rotarian with a substantial amount received, Judith considered the CLCG a worthy beneficiary. A further amount was donated by Janet Kemp, in memory of her late husband Richard, The club's trust fund rounded up the donation to £1000.

Purple4Polio
Visitors to Champney Treasure House Gardens earlier this year will have noticed purple crocuses springing up in the biodiverse lawn either side of the central path; 3000 crocus corms were planted there by our members the previous November.

The crocuses symbolise the purple dye painted on the left little finger of children who had received the oral polio vaccine and are intended to support and raise awareness of Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.Launched in 1985. It has led to a 99.9% reduction in polio cases globally, but the immunisation programme will continue until the disease is completely eradicated.

This year we have donated crocus corms to the villages of Tickton, where they were planted by local children, Hutton Cranswick and Leven. Molescroft Wildlife Trust and Beverley Housing Trust have also received corms.

In addition, we have collaborated with Beverley in Bloom and planted over 900 corms at Beverley railway station, whilst members and friends of the club have purchased corms to brighten their gardens in the Spring.

Longcroft School Assemblies
To promote Rotary and show young people what it offers, we were invited to present at whole-school assemblies over a couple of weeks. Students learned about Rotary's worldwide purpose and some of Beverley Rotary Club's activities and were given details of the Rotary.

If you are interested in joining Rotary or would like more information, please go to our website at **https://tinyurl.com/RCBeverley** for a contact form, or scan this QR code.

Photo Credit: Suham Sidani.





HISTORY ON THE WESTWOOD - THE CLUBHOUSE FOR FESTIVE AND NEW YEAR CHEER

Beverley & East Riding Golf Club (B&ERGC) is much more than somewhere to enjoy a round of golf. As we have uncovered over the past few months it is a place where sport, history, heritage and community come together.

The Golf Club continues its mission to create an environment that members and visitors can enjoy for generations. Understanding and respecting a club's proud history helps preserve its identity, traditions and reputation. The B&ERGC continues to recognise the people who have helped shape and have contributed to its development over the years.

Professionalism is equally important throughout every aspect of a golf club. First hand I have seen this from greenkeeping and course maintenance to the pro shop, coaching, catering and customer service, every department plays a part in delivering a positive experience.



The consistency and attention to detail along with a welcoming approach, helps maintain standards and encourage members and visitors to return time after time The message 'all are welcome' with a smart casual dress code is delivered across the board.

As a Golf Club, it goes without saying that the course needs to be in great condition throughout the year. In fact the land on which the course exists lies directly on chalk, while many surrounding courses across the East Riding suffer during the winter period the Westwood course and its greens remain fit for purpose virtually throughout the full twelve months per year.

This certainly contributes to active golfers paying annual playing subscriptions. However, the Clubhouse is often the heart of the operation. The friendships, camaraderie, stories and with plenty of 19th Hole entertainment. At Beverley & East Riding's Clubhouse, it is more than a changing facility or somewhere to collect a scorecard.



Nadine, Manager of The Clubhouse, ensures it is a functional, welcoming clubhouse providing a place to relax before a round, enjoy refreshments afterwards, meet friends, hold social events and celebrate achievements. It also offers an important space for non-members who may not necessarily play golf or be a club member but can enjoy the club's friendly community.



Nadine commented, "The Clubhouse is very much open to everyone, not just golfers and club members. Set on the beautiful Westwood, it's the perfect place to enjoy breakfast, coffee with friends, a leisurely lunch, Sunday roast or simply a relaxing drink".

Nadine continued, "The Clubhouse is also available for private functions, celebrations and events, with regular live music and entertainment throughout the year. With a warm and friendly atmosphere, you don't have to play golf to enjoy everything The Clubhouse has to offer"!



In the Pro shop, PGA Professional Theo Blake has all the modern facilities, in comfortable surroundings, delivered with good hospitality, all this makes a significant difference to a club's success.



Under the guidance of Club Manager Andrew Webster the administration ensures that the club also supports competitions, functions, meetings and community activities.

Whether you are looking to enjoy a golfing festive season, take up the game in 2027 or just want a place to relax and enjoy a bite to eat and a drink, Beverley & East Riding Golf Club, with its heritage, ultimately provides a welcoming haven for a successful future, while protecting the traditions and character that makes the Club unique.



Everyone at The Beverley & East Riding Golf club wishes readers a Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2027.

For updated information, view the club website **https://beverleygolfclub.co.uk** or via social media.

The East Yorkshire Golf Passport is an efficient way for golfing groups who wish to stay and play some of East Yorkshire's Premier Courses. For more details visit **https://eastyorkshiregolf.co.uk**

Kenton Wright



Scan me to find out more

BEVERLEY'S WINTER FESTIVAL, STAGE4BEVERLEY, CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN FEBRUARY 2027

In February the Stage4Beverley festival celebrates 10 years of bringing the best of music, comedy, dance, the spoken and written word to Beverley to brighten up the long winter days and nights.

As well as concerts and a dance, there are workshops, the Horizon Stage for young emerging musicians and poets, a special performance by children after their shanty singing workshops, and Late Night Festival Socials.

"Pay What you Can" is an option for some events and some are Free giving everyone the chance to enjoy the entertainment.

Venues include the East Riding Theatre, Parkway Cinema, Toll Gavel United Church, The Memorial Hall, Monk's Walk Inn and The Treasure House.



Morganway



The Often Herd
(Photo Credit: Amelia Read Photography)



Saltburn Smugglers



Michael Rosen
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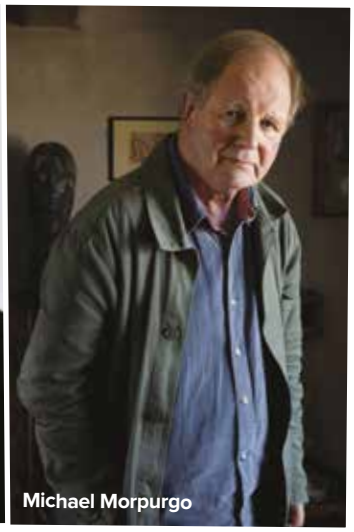

Michael Morpurgo



Swinging at the Cotton Club

BEVERLEY FILM SOCIETY
THE BEST OF WORLD CINEMA

BFS Membership (Jan-Jul) £10
Member tickets: £3 per film
Non-member tickets: £6.50

BFS 20th Anniversary Season

14 January Prime Minister (12A) 2025 | NZ | Documentary	**11 February** The Secret Agent (15) 2025 | Brazil | Drama
11 March Zone of Interest (12) 2023 | Germany | Drama	**8 April** No Other Choice (15) 2025 | Korea | Drama
29 April Black Dog (12A) 2024 | China | Drama	**13 May** Islands (15) 2025 | UK | Drama
10 June Nouvelle Vague (12A) 2025 | France | Comedy	**8 July** Golden Spurtle (PG) 2025 | AUS | Documentary

All films Parkway Cinema 7.30pm

FREE bonus films for Members (Guests £6.50)

STAGE 4 BEVERLEY

Winter Festival 2027

10th Anniversary Year

S4B 10 YEARS

Sun 7th to Sun 14th FEBRUARY 2027

Michael Morpurgo

Morganway : Michael Rosen

Swinging at the Cotton Club

Saltburn Smugglers

Martha Tilston & Ruth Lyon

The Often Herd : The Flatville Aces

Ben Beattie's After Midnight Band

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Get into Golf Sessions - East & Riding Golf Club
Junior coaching aimed at complete beginners and experienced golfers. Saturday 1pm-2pm and Sunday 3pm-4pm. Email: theo@beverley.golf

Beverley Bites Walking & Tasting Tours
www.beverleybites.com

Exploring Beverley Minster Guided Tour
View dates and times www.beverleyminster.org.uk Price £8.

Beverley Minster Roof Tour Experience
View dates and times www.beverleyminster.org.uk Price £12.

St Nicholas Church
Messy Church. 2nd Saturday of the month. Stories, singing & craft activities. 10.30am - 12pm.
Sunday Services - 10am.
Contact: mikepeatman@gmail.com
Call: 01482 881458
Community Connect - Tuesday afternoons - 2pm-3.30pm (not the first Tuesday of the month). Further information Contact Sarah 07539 260078 Kath 07929 950469.

Every Monday
Together in Grief Group Walks
6.30pm. Morton House, Morton Lane, Beverley. Cost: Free. Group walks for those who are bereaved. TiG walks are easy-paced, group walking sessions to help people cope with the loss of loved ones.

'WHAT IS IT' ANSWER

A Christmas bauble.



'WHERE IN BEVERLEY' ANSWER

The weather vane on top of Brown's Roof.



'FIND THE DUCKS' ANSWER

You should have found those ducks on the Halmshaw advert on Page 25.

Every Wednesday Morning
Tai Chi Class
10.30am-11.30am, CLCGB Building, George Street, Beverley. Come and feel the benefits of learning Tai Chi. Ideal for beginners. Cost £6 per person. First class is FREE. To book a place & for more information please contact Shaun 07854 306762 or by email shaun-sun@hotmail.co.uk

4th Wednesday of the Month
Beverley Ladies Who Latte
New venue - King's Head, Beverley. 10am-12pm.

Beverley Arms Hotel
Events in the Tent - The Season for Celebration.
Rockin Around the Christmas Tree - Fridat 4th December, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.
Twilight Sessions - Friday 11th & 18th December 5.30pm - 7.30pm.
Father Christmas Visits the Beverley Arms - Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Monday 21st December, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.
Mistletoe & Melodies - Wednesday 23rd December, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.
New Years Eve - Thursday 31st December - 7.30pm - 12.15am.

Tuesday 1st - Thursday 24th December
It's Tinsel Time - A Festive Family Musical
Touring Hull & East Riding Libraries. A relaxed family musical for ages 4+. Tickets: £4, babes in arms go free. Book: www.sheproductions.co.uk

Friday 4th December - 7.30pm, Sat 5th - 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Sun 6th - 2.30pm
Beverley Musical Theatre - Robinson Crusoe
Beverley Memorial Hall. Tickets: ticketsource.co.uk/beverley-musical-theatre or call 0333 666 3366.

Tuesday 8th December
Beverley Minster Christmas Concert
7pm. In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Tickets: £15. www.macmillan-org.enthuse.com/cf/beverley-christmas-concert-2026

Thursday 10th December
Beverley Film Society - Another Round (2020)
The best of world cinema. Denmark, drama, 12A. Parkway Cinema, Beverley. 7.30pm. Tickets: £3 for members, £6.50 for guests. BFS Membership, £15.

Friday 11th December
Beverley Chamber Choir Christmas Concert
St Mary's Church, Beverley. Beverley Chamber Choir is delighted to announce its Christmas concert, taking place at the beautiful historic setting of St Mary's Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to £12, accompanied children free. www.beverleychamberchoir.org or on the door from 7pm.

Saturday 12th December
Jade Helliwell - Live at St Nicholas', Beverley
7.30pm, St Nicholas' Church, Beverley, £20. Tickets: Eventbrite.

Sunday 13th December
Beverley Festival of Christmas
10am - 4pm. Parade starts at 10am from Wednesday Market. www.visiteastyorkshire.co.uk/beverley-festival-of-christmas

Wednesday 16th December
Lewis Northen Funeral Directors Annual Memorial Service
Beverley Minster. 6pm. A special opportunity for families and friends to come together and remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Thursday 17th December
Ghost Stories for Christmas & Spooky Stroll
Monks Walk, Beverley. 7.30pm. £12. Tickets: Eventbrite.

Monday 28th December
Vivaldi Four Seasons - The Piccadilly Sinfonietta at Christmas
Beverley Minster, 7.30pm. Tickets: £20 - £50. www.classical.tickets. 0333 666 33 66 info@citymusicpromotions.co.uk

The Christmas Memory Tree will be attended by Rotary Club members who will be accepting your donations for memories to attach to the tree on Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th December and at Beverley Festival of Christmas on Sunday 13th December.

All the cards will be removed by the New Year and blessed at a special service at The Minster in January. All proceeds will go to Cherry Tree Foundation with the focus on children.

Santa and his sleigh will be out and about all the way up to Christmas visiting care homes, playgroups, sports clubs and switching on Christmas lights in the villages. He'll also be in Flemingate from 11am on 12th December and at Tesco on 19th December, late afternoon.

Finally, an advance notice that **The Big Beverley Pancake Race will be held on Sunday 7th February 2027**.

Further details and how to enter will be in next month's edition, but now is the time to be thinking about forming a team to join in the fun. If you are interested in joining Rotary or would like more information, please go to our website at **https://tinyurl.com/RCBeverley** for a contact form.





THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

3RD- 24TH DECEMBER 2026, £30.00 - £15.00

WRITTEN BY ANNA WHEATLEY
BASED ON THE BOOK BY EDITH NESBIT
DIRECTED BY RICHARD AVERY



December	Aft	Eve
Thursday 3rd		7.30
Friday 4th		7.30
Saturday 5th	2.30	7.30
Tuesday 8th		7.30
Wednesday 9th		7.30
Thursday 10th	2.30*	7.30
Friday 11th		7.30
Saturday 12th	2.30	7.30
Tuesday 15th		7.30
Wednesday 16th		7.30
Thursday 17th	2.30*	7.30
Friday 18th		7.30
Saturday 19th	2.30	7.30
Monday 21st	2.30	7.30
Tuesday 22nd	2.30	7.30
Wednesday 23rd	2.30	7.30
Thursday 24th	2.30	

Baby Friendly Performance - Thursday 10th December at 2.30pm

Reduced Capacity Performance - Thursday 17th December at 2.30pm

It's Christmas in Edwardian England. The carols are playing and the halls are decked. Siblings Bobbie, Peter and Phyllis are having an absolute hoot. But when their father is whisked away under dark and mysterious circumstances, the festive cheer is rapidly snuffed out. They must leave behind the comfort they know and move to a cold, damp cottage in the Yorkshire hills.

As this adventurous trio adapt to their new surroundings, they find themselves enchanted by the local railway and its collection of larger than life inhabitants.

Amidst fighting fires, saving lives and getting more than reasonably dirty, the children never cease to think of their father. What really happened to him? And will they ever spend another Christmas together?

Don't miss this heartwarming tale of family bonds, jeopardy, and how friendship and loyalty can help you find your way home. Based on E. Nesbit's classic children's tale, this is the perfect treat this Christmas to spread magic and joy.

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10.00 - 17.00

(last entry 16.15)

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10.00 - 21.00 (last entry 20.00)

ADULTS £6, accompanied children (under 18) **FREE**

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or pay at the door (card payments preferred)