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Hedon Penny Throwing



Town Mayor Councillor Mrs Brenda Goldspink at last year's event

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The Hedon 'Penny Throwing' event is always one of the first civic duties carried out each year by the new **Hedon Mayor** following their appointment.

The event is supposed to be steeped in history and is a parody of the days when Hedon was a 'rotten borough' with people being offered money to vote for a particular Mayoral candidate.

After agreeing to vote for a candidate for payment (and after signing for your vote in those days) the new Mayor's agents would visit to give you your pay-off!

Today the event is a real fun occasion with the pennies offered or 'thrown' to local children by the town Mayor and civic dignitaries. All local children are invited to bring their parents and take part.

The penny throwing starts at 7:00pm outside the Town Hall on **Thursday 19th May**. It is a good idea to get there a bit earlier and make sure you get a good spot!



Royal Wedding Gala – Fri April 29th

The Station on Souttergate is holding a Gala to celebrate Prince William and Kate Middleton's

Wedding. **Still some space for stallholders.** Ring Jackie on 07707636876 for details.

BEVERLEY BRASS BAND will be performing at the Alexandra Hall in Hedon on Saturday, 26th March 2011, 7:30pm. The concert is to help raise funds for Help for Heroes.

The band plays a wide range of music including modern popular music, scores from the films and shows and more traditional compositions.

Tickets: £5.00 are available from the Coffee Mornings held every Wednesday (9am - 12 noon) at the Hall.

Capturing the East Riding



**Capture
YOUR
East
Riding**

“WHAT IS THE EAST RIDING? Is it merely a series of beautiful landscapes – the picture postcard East Riding? Or is it a collection of individuals – family, colleagues, ethnic groups, insiders and outsiders? Or perhaps it is a series of places – places of work or of worship, places for sport or sites of conflict? What does the East Riding mean to you? What is your East Riding?”

The Hedon Blog is encouraging local residents to enter a two-stage amateur photography competition organised by the East Riding Cultural Partnership. The first stage of the competition has already started. Community groups and individuals are being invited to send their images and views of the East Riding up until 30th September 2011.

The winners from the first stage will then be entered into an East Riding-wide competition in October 2011. A panel of judges will choose the top entries, which will be exhibited at Beverley Art Gallery. This exhibition will tour the region in 2012 and showcase the artistic talent and collectively conjure a distinct ‘sense of place’ for the East Riding.

The Hedon Blog has started a new page PHOTO CONTEST which will display those photos submitted by local people who might wish to enter the competition.

Send in your images to the Hedon Blog at e-mail hedonblog@gmx.com and we will send you further details of the competition.

St Augustine's Church, Hedon
presents



Driffield Male Voice Choir
in the Church on Saturday 9th April
at 7.30 p.m.

tickets: £7.00
including refreshments

ring: 896343
or at the door

proceeds to the organ repair fund

Hedon Library is appealing for those interested in forming a **Creative Writing Group** to get in touch.

A group of people interested in creative writing could inspire and learn from each other. Working within a group is a good way to enjoy your writing and improve writing talent. Those who would like to get involved are asked to contact Hedon library on 01482 897651 for more information or e-mail hedon.library@eastriding.gov.uk

PAULL: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND REGENERATION

PAULL a village of approximately only 500 people, has undergone something of a transformation in community spirit in recent years:

The **St Andrew Church** faced closure in 2007 unless funding for urgent roof repairs could be found, but in January last year the church was blessed by the Archbishop of York and villagers praised for their community efforts to keep it open. The church also now runs its own **pop-in cafe** that can be used as a base for those taking part in the village's unique **Paull Heritage Trail**.



The **Village Hall** was also generally run-down and not used to its full potential, but now the Hall has a packed calendar of events and has ambitious plans to re-build itself as an iconic centre of local community activity.

The catalyst for these events has undoubtedly been the enthusiasm and drive of Village Hall and St Andrew Church Treasurer, Paul Cross. His passion for the area, its people and heritage has certainly inspired other villagers, ex-pats and supporters to get involved.

The new **Village Hall website** is also symbolic of the new lease of community life emanating from Paull. Find it at:

<http://paullvillagehall.wordpress.com/>



Proposed New Village Hall, Paull

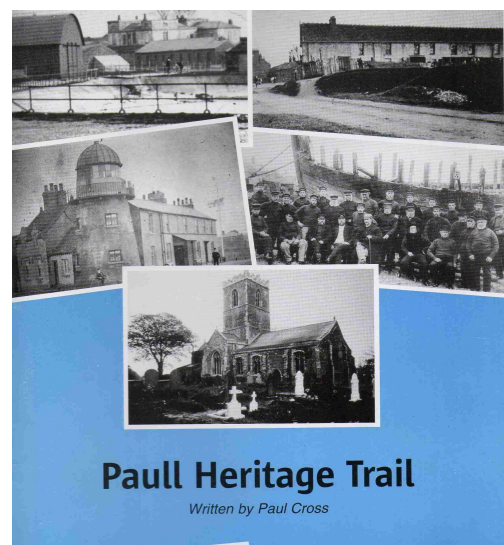
NINETY SEVEN (97) people attended a public meeting in Paull on 27th January 2011 and voted unanimously for the plans for a new £350,000 Village Hall.

The new hall would include the realisation of an idea, suggested by a local resident, of a second level viewing gallery where spectacular panoramic views of the River Humber would be enjoyed.

"It is considered that the initial design is excellent... the inclusion of the balcony with balustrade, this is a positive design feature, and it makes good use of the adjacent view across the Humber Estuary, which is a special feature of the Paull Conservation Area"

Area Conservation Officer

The magnificent turnout for the meeting from such a small village reveals the commitment of the local villagers to the idea of a new hall as a focal point for their local community.



A Guide Book to the Paull Heritage Trail has been written by villager Paul Cross and edited by local historian John Markham, which takes you around the trail via marker posts. Children from Paull Primary School have been involved in helping produce the marker post images.

HEDON TOWN COUNCIL

HEDON NEEDS YOU!



**Would you like to be more involved
in decisions made about YOUR
town?**

**Could you give some of your free
time to represent the residents of
HEDON on YOUR Town Council?**

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Thursday 5th MAY 2011

If you require further details or an informal discussion please contact
Mrs J Richardson – Town Clerk
Hedon Town Council
01482 898428

Alternatively contact the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Electoral Services Department
on 01482 393310 for nomination forms/information

Appeals: Can you help out?



THE STATION in Souttergate, Hedon is organising a Gala to celebrate the **Royal Wedding** of His Royal Highness Prince William and fiancé Kate Middleton on Friday 29th April 2011 – the day is also a special Bank Holiday for the rest of us!

The Station aims to make full use of its large enclosed, family-friendly, grassed beer garden at the rear of the premises.

There are lots of activities organised for the day including a fancy dress and bouncy castle for children.

There are still some spaces for stalls. Any charity or good cause stall-holders wanting to book space for the event are asked to contact Jackie at the pub on mobile: 07707 636 876

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COULD YOU HELP OUT AT THE LOCAL YOUTH CLUB? Can you serve and make drinks? Could you lead a game? Are you the craft-making type?

The **Hedon Youth Group** meets every Friday between 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Red Cross Hut, Sheriff's Highway, and relies on the support of the local community as it is run by volunteers. If you are able to help either regularly or occasionally, then please contact:

Scott Burton, Youth Group Volunteer
Tel: 01482 396 691

E-mail: admin@hedonyouthgroup.org
Website: www.hedonyouthgroup.org

Cricket – It's the Big Society!

LOVE HIM OR HATE HIM, you'll have heard about David Cameron's ideas on the “**Big Society**”. Well, according to this message from the **South Holderness Cricket Club**, they were doing the Big Society first! The Hedon based Club is looking for people to help out:

South Holderness Cricket Club was established in 1882 and is solely run by volunteers. We are always on the lookout for people with skills and the time to help out, either on a small or large-scale.

We currently have a few specific roles that need filling - Club Photographer, PR & Media Officer, Treasurer and Secretary. If you have a spare couple of hours a week/month and can help out, or know someone who can - please get in touch, even if you could only do part of the role.

We would love to hear from you also if you can offer other skills not specific to these roles such as organisation & secretarial skills, gardening, hedge trimming, painting, making teas, fundraising, organising events, etc, the list goes on!

We currently run two senior teams and five junior teams. We have also just become a Focus Club, meaning that we are committed to providing a safe, effective and child friendly Club, working with the English and Yorkshire Cricket Boards and local schools to provide high quality coaching.

Thanks from:
Neal Everingham - Chairman
Email: neal_everingham@yahoo.co.uk



IT'S TIME to celebrate everything IRISH on Thursday 17th March.

To some that will mean enjoying a traditional **Irish Stew** or pint of **Guinness**. Both will be available at the **Hedon British Legion Club** on St Patrick's Day.

Andrew and Dawn at the Club say: *"A warm and friendly atmosphere awaits you. Come and enjoy St Patricks Day at the Hedon British Legion. Guinness and other beers at reduced prices, Irish Stew served and music throughout the day."*

All Club members and their friends are welcome at the Magdalen Gate venue. Club Membership will be available on the day. 11am – 11pm.

Local Entertainment

Ballroom Sequence and Latin dancing. Dance and Quiz

Hedon British Legion Club, Every Sun 8pm – 10.30pm

Steve Caprice – the "Rocking Rev" Elvis tribute act

Keyingham Village Hall, Sat 19th March, 7:30pm

Line Dancing for Beginners

Hedon British Legion Club, Every Mon and Wed from 21st March, 2pm-3pm

Dave Metcalf, 60's and 70's vocalist

Station Pub, Hedon, Sat, 26th March, Evening

The Rumble, Trio play variety of rock, pop and blues

Station Pub, Easter Sunday 24th April, Evening

BEATING AUSTERITY?

As people tighten their belts in these tough times, certain luxuries have had to go out the window.

According to research almost two-thirds of us plan to cut back on eating and drinking out this year. 61% plan to spend less on eating and drinking out and 42% of drinkers are spending less in the pub than 8 months ago.

So what are restaurants and bars doing in Hedon, Preston and Paull to try to beat austerity and get people munching and supping? Are they offering discounted service? Or special promotions?

We are doing a feature on Beating Austerity in HU12 and want to collect stories from local businesses and customers. Find out more from:

<http://hu12bizz.wordpress.com/>

THE BAD NEWS..... AND THE GOOD NEWS: TWO STORIES



Potholes crisis – made worse by unreported problems

BAD NEWS: Potholes can be more than a nuisance. They can be a danger to cyclists and others. In the UK, there's an average of one road defect for every 110 metres (360ft) of road.

Despite receiving a £1.1m Government grant to repair potholes, the East Riding Council has claimed that far greater resources are needed to ensure that repairs and maintenance take place. The total cost of mending potholes, broken paving slabs, crumbling surfacing materials, worn-out highways, bridges and footpaths has been estimated to be at least £316.5m with the problem having been aggravated due to the impact of the severe freezing weather in December and January.

However, the problem may be even worse due to the fact that lots of needed repairs remain **unreported**. The Council carries out structural surveys on a regular basis and defects are recorded to allow repairs to be scheduled. However, some problems can only be identified if someone notices them and reports them.

If the Council don't know about a pothole problem then they can't fill it in! So if you know of a pothole - report it!

There are many ways to report problems. But one web-based service makes it easy: **FixMyStreet** at www.fixmystreet.com/ involves you putting in your post code and searching for your local problem. You log the problem on a map and verify its real via e-mail, and then its reported directly to the East Riding Council.

You can also email potholes direct to the Council: highways.customer.care@eastriding.gov.uk.

So what is considered to be an "urgent" pothole problem? The Council has this to say on its website:

"It is difficult to precisely define criteria. A good guideline is that a pothole will be considered to be dangerous if it is more than 40mm deep on a main road."

....That's just over 1.5 inches deep.



GOOD NEWS: Spending on **Sure Start** Children's Centres in Holderness, which aim to give children from birth to 5-years old the "best possible start in life", is expected to **increase** during the next financial year. This is welcome news in Hedon and Withernsea, considering that elsewhere in the country there are fears that up to 250 centres may close within one year and 3,100 centres will have a reduced budget.

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This **Community Newsletter** has been produced by the **Hedon Blog** primarily to provide local news and information about the town and its surrounding villages. Its aims are threefold:

- 1) To promote a positive image about the places in which we live.
- 2) To encourage people to get involved in their local communities and benefit from local opportunities.
- 3) To encourage people to use the Hedon Blog and other means of networking locally.

The Hedon Blog is a **voluntary endeavour** that is part of the **www.hu12.net** family of websites and is published DAILY. It can be found at **<http://hedonblog.wordpress.com/>** (Search for **Hedon Blog** on Google or your favourite Internet browser).

The Hedon Blog is always seeking news, information and details of upcoming events to share with our readers. Visit the website for information or email us at **hedonblog@gmx.com** at any time.

We also invite **your comments** on all our articles and ask you to join the local conversation! Also contact us if you fancy having a go at writing articles and features for the Hedon Blog.

We hope to produce a limited printed version of this newsletter, eventually on a monthly basis, but that really depends on securing enough interested local advertisers. The next newsletter will be published on Monday 16th May 2011. **Please submit your local news, information and notices for the next issue by Friday 6th May.**



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