

## LODGE YOUR COMPLAINT HERE

As the condition of the Pearson Avenue lodge to Pearson Park is the cause of some concern currently, here are some comments about the Park's various entrance gates and lodges.

The original 'Design for Laying Out The Pearson Park...' by Jas C Niven, curator Hull Botanic Garden, signed as "approved" by J Fox Sharpe, Borough Engineer 21 December 1860 (who later lived in the park at Avon Lodge) shows the two lodges, which still survive. That at the eastern entrance to the park from Beverley Road, now known as Pearson Avenue, although unnamed on the original plan; and that at the western entrance from Princess [note the two ss's!] Bank—this is of course fifteen years before Prince's Avenue was created in 1875.

The two 'Lodges' are shown adjacent to the park gates—those at the western entrance (by Thompson & Stather of Hull) long gone. Although there were later gates at the Park Road entrance (although I have never seen an illustration of these apart from one photograph actually of Park Lane ("Mucky Peg Lane") which shows part of one of the gate piers)—these are not shown on the 1860 plan. The 'triumphal arch' at the Pearson Avenue entrance of course survives although minus its three sets of

gates and much of its decorative details—the gates always presumed to have been 'sacrificed' to the war effort salvage drive in the Second World War and the decorative urns etc from the top of the arch removed in the early 1970s. (See [www.hullangel.org](http://www.hullangel.org) and follow links to *Fountain Rescue, Park Avenue, Pearson Park arch.* Ed)

Wright's 1863 directory lists six residents of the "People's Park", mostly "gentlemen", and George Pearson, *lodge keeper* (Pearson?—evidence of nepotism, or sheer coincidence?) So at least one of the two lodges, presumably the eastern one, was clearly occupied by the 'park, or lodge, keeper' as early as 1863.

Hunt's 1876 directory lists 'R Burton, Park Keeper, East Entrance Lodge' and 'C Peake, Gardener, West Entrance Lodge' confirming the use of the two lodges. Incidentally this directory lists the as yet un-named Park Road entrance as 'South Entrance'; Goodwill & Lawson's 1869 plan shows the alignment of what is now Park Road as laid out but un-named; and by this date what had earlier been Princess Bank has become Newland Toffs Lane.

The 1853 OS plan shows the southern end of what is now Park Road as 'Park Street', and taking its name from 'Park House' (which survives as part of

'Salisbury Hall') so the road is not actually named after Pearson Park.

But back to the lodges—the west lodge was rebuilt to the designs of Smith & Broderick in the 1890s to take on its present 'half-timbered' appearance, almost like a small 'dormer-bungalow' version of one of the larger 'Avenues' houses of this style. However the ground floor elevation is I believe part of the original 1863 (or earlier?) lodge by the architect R.G. Smith.

I assume the east lodge (unless you know better?) is also by the same architect. There are drawings by the artist F S Smith in Hull Museums' collections showing both lodges; and illustrating the west lodge in both 'before' and 'after' designs.

Does anyone have designs to bring the East Lodge back into use...?

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**Our carol singing this year** raised £315.47 for the NSPCC. Thanks to everyone for their commitment, and to Ian and Christine Colquhoun for their very welcome hospitality at the end of the evening!

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# appranews

The newsletter of the Avenues and Pearson Park Residents Association

APPPRA exists to help retain the unique character of the Avenues and Pearson Park Conservation area and to support the strong community spirit which exists in the neighbourhood

## From Stephanie Wilson

APPPRA Chair

I recently received an anonymous letter, complaining about a car valeting service operating from a ten-foot garage in Marlborough Avenue. Because I had no-one to contact informally, I had no choice but to refer the matter to the Enforcement Officer and to copy the original letter, plus my plan of action, to the resident involved. This generated alarm from him and supportive residents, who want to use the service. The Planning Office have been slow to respond, so the issue is unresolved and I am left

with the question: did I do the right thing? Should anonymous letters be ignored?

Those of us working on the design guide for the Conservation Area have noted, sadly, that we've missed the opportunity to standardize tenfoot gates. They've been installed as part of separate schemes, as residents have decided to realize their status as private roads and exclude the nefarious wanderer; the result of this is, of course, that the upright citizen and his dog is no longer free to walk our network of back ways: a definite deprivation. Residents concerned with a new gating scheme—between Marlborough and Westbourne

Avenues—have opted to keep open the 'cut-through' beside the former Nuffield, because it is a major internal walkway and a convenient short-cut. The residents of the houses backing on to this stretch want to be included, as it is clearly in their personal interests. We would value your opinion on this difficulty: please ring, write, email or tell us at the AGM. **(Wednesday, 5 May, 7.30 pm in St Cuthbert's Church Hall).**

There is a controversial application for outline planning permission to build on the land known as 'Sanderson's field.' We are waiting, before finalizing our Committee response, to gauge public feeling and reaction.

See you at the AGM!

## out and about

### "Elgin Marbles — Here or There?"

A talk by Dr Haris Livas-Dawes at the Ferens Art Gallery, on 11 May 2004, at 7.00 pm. Entry free.

### Friends of Pearson Park meetings

Next meeting Monday 26 April at 7.00 pm at the Church on the Way, Princes Avenue.

The AGM is on Sunday, 27 June at 11.00 am at the Dorchester Hotel, Beverley Road.

### Rapid Response Rubbish

Collection: phone Wyke Area Team on 331943

## CCTV scheme under scrutiny

When the CCTV scheme is fully operational (some time before September), APPRA committee members have been invited to visit the CCTV control centre, where they will see the scheme in operation, and put residents' questions and concerns to the organisers.

Please contact any APPRA committee member, if you have questions you would like them to raise during the visit.

## Community Initiative Funding ideas

Money is available to community groups for approved projects from the Wyke Area Committee. Ideas being considered include:

- improving the Spring Bank Cemetery paths;
- improving the planting scheme for Queen's Road;
- restoring Avenues verges where they have been destroyed by heavy vehicles.

Contact the APPRA committee with your ideas!

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## Litter, litter, everywhere...

Dr Haris Livas-Dawes

Some time ago I wrote to the editor of the Hull Daily Mail on the problem of litter. He did not choose to publish my letter. However, the problem remains.

It is to include everyone who lives in the Avenues. So far no takers, although dozens of people have congratulated me for "adopting". I would really like the project to be city-wide as there is a dreadful problem with litter in our city.

I sit on the Local Strategic Partnership as an elected member and am also on the Steering Committee of the Community Network (also elected). My board on the LSP is the Environment Board and it was my idea to

hold a forum on Litter. I really would like Zero Tolerance, not only for litter but for all kinds of uncivilized behaviour.

Just as a footnote, last spring, I visited one of the grand old cities of the American South, Savannah. The city is 50% black and poor. There's not a scrap of litter to be seen in any part of the city. Ditto for most of the cities on the continent.

[www.avenuesonline.org.uk/conservation](http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk/conservation)

### Window replacements

The Committee reminds residents that planning permission is now required for the removal or alteration of any window facing a highway. The Enforcement Officer is acting on illegal installations.

Sally Walker, APPRA committee

## Garden waste disposal

Chrys Bavey

If you need to dispose of garden waste and have a car and trailer, you can take it to the council tip at Wilmington, where it will be recycled and used as chippings or made into compost (available free once a year). The council will collect garden waste, charging £25 for up to 20 bin bags full, and £40 for between 21 and 50 bags. Ring 300300 for this service.

Hull Friends of the Earth run a garden waste collection scheme in the Avenues. The waste is taken to the Newland Avenue allotments, and shredded. It's then used on their environmental projects (eg tree nursery and planting schemes), or can be returned to the householder if required.

Their scheme works as follows. Buy special tags (costing 25p each) from the shops listed below. Put your waste into bin bags or tie it into bundles, attach a tag to each bag or bundle, and leave it on the verge for collection on Mondays (not bank holidays).

Special collections of large amounts (up to 50 bags' worth), are charged at £15 for a bagged and £20 for an unbagged load.

You can buy tags from **Avenews** (Salisbury Street), **Grain** (Newland Ave), **Clements News** (Princes Ave) and **Recycling Unlimited** (Newland Ave opposite Planet Coffee).

The phone number for this scheme is: **07817 824418**

## Open Gardens 2004

Bob Sandham



Are you thinking of opening your garden this July? Perhaps you are little bit nervous. The organisers—Bob & Rose Sandham, Debbie Cook and Paul Dodsworth—know how you feel. They were first timers themselves once.

Whatever you do, don't feel that two afternoons as an opener will take over your gardening year. Avenues Open Gardens is a fund raising event and should be fun as well. There are no qualifications necessary, apart from being community minded, and there is no garden inspection. All who want to join are welcome. Don't worry about replanting to

make your garden special on the day. It will be special, it's yours and there is none other like it.

You don't know the name of all your plants. So what? You planted them because you liked how they look. In our experience people often ask the name to start a conversation, so the name isn't really that important. Someone else may be able to help and they will join in with the answer. So that means everybody is happy.

Your garden has been knocked about by the children playing football. So what? Families use their gardens in different ways. There is no right or wrong way. Our visitors enjoy seeing the tremendous variety our Avenues gardens have to offer. If they were all "park perfect" they would be disappointed.

## Avenues Advent Calendars [www.hullangel.org](http://www.hullangel.org)

Many thanks to Lesley Longworth, who organises our Advent Calendar each year. Book early for your preferred date in 2004, because this is a very popular seasonal event and windows get booked quickly. Phone Lesley on 342516.

### Calendar CD

The calendars are such an attractive feature of Avenues life that residents agreed it would be a good

idea to produce a permanent, easily accessible record, that we could sell to raise funds, adding to the income we receive from our tree sculpture postcards.

Several of the participants have agreed to write about their experiences of designing and producing an Advent window, for inclusion on the CD.

If you would like to contribute, I should be very glad to hear from you.

Chrys Bavey, Editor

Remember, our visitors come to soak up the atmosphere, get some good ideas, and perhaps a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

**Avenues Open Gardens** will be **4 and 11 July** from 1pm to 5pm. Please contact the organisers either by e-mail:

[opengardens@avenuesonline.org.uk](mailto:opengardens@avenuesonline.org.uk) or by phone:

Bob & Rose 472014, and Paul & Debbie 447747.

### RECYCLING UNLIMITED

Recycling Unlimited is a social enterprise offering work experience and skills training opportunities to people who are unemployed, users and ex-users of the mental health services, members of a minority group or individuals with special needs. The work activities provided help recovery from mental health problems through learning new skills, feeling valued and supported as well as developing self-confidence. Recycling Unlimited constructs garden furniture like benches, bird tables, trellis, fencing and arbours from reclaimed timber and sells these along with other donated goods in its Charity Shop at **151 Newland Avenue**. We welcome volunteers, including retired people, and those interested in sharing their special skills to support the work of our charity by helping in a wide range of activities.

Eddie Brookes, Recycling Unlimited