

# How well do you know your Avenues and Pearson Park?

## Part 1 of a two-part quiz from Christopher Ketchell

Part Two of this Quiz and answers to Part One will appear in the next issue of APPRAnews

My Question	Your answer
1 Pearson Park opened in which year?	a) 1860 b) 1862 c) 1863
2 The land for the park was donated by	a) David Parkinson Garbutt b) Henry J Atkinson c) The Local Board of Health d) Zachariah Charles Pearson
3 Prince's Avenue or The Princess Bank Avenue was opened in which year?	a) 1863 b) 1875 c) 1876
4 How many fountains were there originally in The Avenues and Prince's Avenue?	a) two b) four c) six d) seven
5 Historically, Pearson Park is in which place?	a) Southcoates b) Sculcoates c) Newland d) Cottingham
6 And the Avenues are historically in which place?	a) Newland b) Derringham c) Cottingham d) Sculcoates e) Wyke
7 The cast-iron drinking fountain in Pearson Park was manufactured by?	a) Young & Pool b) MacFarlane's Saracen Foundry, Glasgow c) King & Co, Hull
8 The Avenues & Pearson Park Residents' Association was formed in which year?	a) 1970 b) 1974 c) 1975
9 The large houses on the west side of Salisbury Street were designed by?	a) Rev John Scott b) John Oldrid Scott c) George Gilbert Scott jr d) The Three John Scotts
10 The Avenues & Pearson Park Conservation Area was designated in which year?	a) 1964 b) 1974 c) 1984

## Prizes for 1st 3 all-correct entries

Christopher Ketchell

### "Living in the Past"

Tel (01482) 346125

## Tai Chi Trail

The Tai Chi Trail on Westbourne Avenue, paid for by the NHS as an exercise trail cum community asset and with boards made by the men with learning difficulties from CASE, was, as everyone knows, vandalized by a thoughtless group of youths. The boards are being repaired by CASE and will be replaced one by one, but unfortunately not in the 3-D form they were when first made, as such wonderful work, the product of months of effort, cannot be duplicated for financial reasons. We hope those responsible for the damage are ashamed of themselves.

From Westbourne East NW

## Verge preservation

Report the following to Sally Walker:

- Damage by Utilities,builders, skip companies etc. Sally reports to Highways who

enforce the company to put it right. This can include rubble left behind as well as damage. Please state place (eg outside number...) and date/time.

- Parking on verges by named company vehicles. Please state place, date/time. APPRA will write to the culprit.
- "Please do not park on the verge" notices are available from Sally— she will deliver to you on request. Hull City Council have now produced a city-wide notice. It is legal to put them under windscreen wipers: we have checked with our local police.

**Volunteers for verges sub-committee, please contact Sally Walker (details below)**

## Repair & Renovation Services

**Total Window Repair and Renovation**  
Period Windows: tel 222231  
Ventrolla Ltd: tel: 01423 859323

**Total Window Replacement**  
Brian Parkinson c/o Dairycoates Timber Supply Ltd, 602 Hessele Road: tel 329570

P & J Timbers: tel 07717 2810233  
(Ash Grove, off Beverley Road, 1st tenfoot on left)

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Jubilee Joinery: tel 224275

The Woodcraftsman: tel 07896 753861

**Ironmongery, including sash weights**  
Build Center (formerly King & Co): tel 589989

**'K' Glass**  
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**Secondary Double Glazing**  
Granada Secondary Glazing Ltd  
Units 1 & 2, Carrwood Trading Estate  
Chesterfield, Derbyshire  
tel: 01246 261262

**Stained Glass**  
N Harrap & Son: tel 329818

**Boiler Replacement**  
Martin Ainley Plumbing: tel 445492  
British Gas

**Building Services**  
Stubbs Brothers Building Services Ltd (builders, joiners, plumbers & roofing contractors) specialise in all types of joinery manufacturing incl hardwood and softwood windows, doors, staircases and mouldings. Free advice + quotations tel: 01482 449195/473149

**Roofers**  
Byron (Hull) Roofing Ltd: tel 224335  
Will renew roof with existing slates or tiles.

**Staircases**  
The Woodcraftsman: tel 07896 753861

*Get quotations as prices can vary quite a lot*



# APPRA news

APPRA exists to help retain the unique character of the Avenues and Pearson Park conservation area and to support the neighbourhood's strong community spirit

## APROPOS

### Silver medallist

APPRA Committee member Haris Livas-Dawes has won the HANWAG Silver Medal for service to the Community. Haris is organiser of Westbourne East Neighbourhood Watch—13 project notebooks detail their activities!

### Do you remember the Whitfields?

Does anyone remember George Whitfield and family (daughter Ann), who lived at 73 Park Avenue between 1937 and 1940? George Whitfield was Head of English at Hymers and his wife was a doctor. **Contact Ian and Christine Colquhoun on 01482 446125.**

### Loft & Cavity Wall Insulation for £75 each!

Hull Warm Zone offer to owner-occupiers or householders who rent privately, paying Council Tax to Hull CC. Phone 612908 for details.



## A Design Guide for The Avenues FREE to Avenues households

A small sub-committee has been putting together a Design Guide. It will provide you with practical guidance and information on renovation and design as well as being a pictorial record of the unique architectural character of the Avenues.

It will be delivered free to every household over a period of about a month, starting in January 2007. If you are out when we are delivering, it will be available for you to collect from a named Committee member in each Avenue. A slip will be put through your door at the time.

## Chair's report November 2006

It is disappointing that the plans for **Sanderson's Field** were approved; the City and the two Conservation Areas lost a chance for a development that could have combined different interests and created an example of consultation and co-operation between community and capital: metaphorically as well as literally ground-breaking. As it is, 26 undistinguished houses are to be crammed into the site; traffic levels in Victoria Avenue and Ella Street will increase; the so-called 'green space', enclosed as it is between the new houses, does not look as if it can be used as by

the whole community; and the real green space, never before built on, will be lost forever as habitat for walkers and wildlife. I am persuaded that the owners and developers could have been as well served by building fewer, better, more expensive houses, which would have left more recreational land for residents old and new. Instead, we have yet another local development, the third in fact, which has offered the City money in lieu of the legally required amount of recreational space. There was plenty of room on Sanderson's Field to accommodate the

statutory requirements; why has the City cheated us and the law by accepting a paltry amount of money in lieu?

It was particularly galling for me to be rebuked by a councillor, during the Planning Committee discussion, for ingratitude towards the generous owner who had kindly allowed residents to use his land for years—years which, I had suggested, could have established some common rights, if we had been more alert. This was an odd inversion of what could be seen as years of neglect by the owner which made the field a source of trouble

## Our annual carol singing around the Avenues takes place on Thursday, 21 December, meeting at 5.45 pm at the Park Avenue fountain.

Carol sheets will be provided but please bring your own Christmas lantern or torch.

People preferring to stay at home and listen are asked to give generously to the caller at the front door.

The charity benefiting from this year's collection will be the NSPCC. Last year the carol singing raised £281 for this charity.

A warm Christmas drink and mince pie will be waiting for all who take part and survive the cold until the end (8 pm)

Ian & Christine Colquhoun



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WEBSITES					
APPRA online	www.avenuesonline.org.uk	news + pictures of all Avenues events incl Open Gardens; info on Conservation, planning matters; APPRA committee minutes; back issues of APPRA newsletters, and much more...			
Art in the Avenues	www.hullsangel.org	complete record of tree sculptures; fountain rescue; Advent Calendars			



## ADVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2006

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
94 M	84 W	178 M	171 P	108 V	6 W	142 W	10 P
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
75 P	96 P	121 W	9 S	96 M	149 W	92 V	72 W
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
30 S	193 M	167 V	20 P	54 M	201 V	55 R	147 M

### Key to Location

M	Marlborough
P	Park
R	Richmond
S	Salisbury
V	Victoria
W	Westbourne

Advent  
Calendars on  
the web

**A walk-round Advent Calendar:** this event started in 2001 on a resident's suggestion. Our thanks to **Lesley Longworth** who works many hours to organise this event, and to all the participants for their colourful and creative work.

**Saltire Village** (Bradford) is launching their own Living Calendar this year, inspired by the Avenues calendar which they saw last year! They loved the hullsangel calendar website, and Chrys has agreed to do a similar one for them.

[www.saltirevillage.info/advent06/](http://www.saltirevillage.info/advent06/)  
[www.hullsangel.org/](http://www.hullsangel.org/)  
[www.avenuesonline.org.uk/advent/](http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk/advent/)

## Are you doing house repairs or improvements? Is planning permission required?

Always ask before you build or do alterations. Hull City Council will give you advice. Write to **Planning Services Kingston House Bond Street Hull HU1 3ER** with your proposals. They will let you know in writing if you need planning permission or not. Informal advice can be given by telephone: **612345**.

In the Avenues and Pearson Park Conservation Area **specific planning permission (under Article 4 Directions of 1995)** is required for:

- the construction of a *driveway* across a pavement or verge;
- the removal or alteration of a *window or bay* facing the highway.

**There is no fee for an application resulting from an Article 4 Direction.**

Detailed information is available from the Council in leaflet and other forms; and on the website:

[www.hullcc.gov.uk/planning](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/planning)

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as well as an asset to those living around it.

We asked John Bell, Energy Manager for the City Council, to a recent committee meeting; he explained the new legislation concerning the **Home Information Packs** which will have to be provided from next June when houses are being sold. The packs must include an energy performance certificate; Mr Bell admitted that there is a limit to the efficiency achievable in our older houses—we can insulate our lofts (I hope you all know about the **subsidised installation of 12" insulation** available through the Council—ring 612908) and replace old and inefficient boilers. We might thereby increase efficiency from an average 30% to perhaps 50%—but we'll always score when it comes to ventilation...

Of interest to those who specialise in 'Landlord Watch' are the **rules for rented property**; they will require energy certification from April

2008. There will be energy efficiency grants available for accredited landlords, which might encourage more to seek accreditation.

Still on the subject of energy, I had a recent query about our attitude to **domestic wind turbines**, now on sale in B&Q. I had to admit to an opinion vacuum; this is really a community topic. Have you got an opinion? Please let us know. One response so far is that they may not enhance a Conservation Area, or have a perceptible impact on global warming.

Finally, the relations between **traffic wardens**, double-yellow lines and confused, disgruntled residents has forced me into correspondence on the vexed issue. I'll report on success, and the need for a possible policy of resistance to apparently arbitrary fines.

See you at the carol singing! **21st December**, meet 5.45 pm at the Park Avenue fountain.

Stephanie Wilson



Your column—your say

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent APPRA policy. Ed)

### In praise of local shops

Writing recently in *The Guardian*, Jackie Ashley saw modest signs of a rebellion against the domination of the top food supermarkets. She gave several reasons: their failure to persuade government to extend their Sunday opening hours beyond the six hours now permitted, compared with the unrestricted hours of the small shops; the example of a popular protest widely supported by local people against a fast food outlet moving into a small closing restaurant; the rejection of a giant Tesco store in Saxmundham, so "bucking the trend" away from small shops.

She contrasts the alien feeling of most suburban main streets and laments the loss of a more

homely atmosphere. For me that homely feeling has not been lost in Charterlands Avenue where I shop, with small shops with shopkeepers who know and care for their customers, with friendly small cafés and sandwich bars, personally run, and one (only) welcoming pub-with-food.

I am sure there are many similar in Hull, resisting change before it happened and avoiding the need for a rebellion. Perhaps not surprising in friendly Hull!

Donald Campbell

This article first appeared in Hull Civic Society News. Thanks to the Editor, John Scotney, for allowing us to use it.

### What do our readers think about local shopping in Princes, Newland and Charterlands Avenues?

Send your emails and/or letters to the Editor. Contact details are on page 4.

## Singing for a good cause!

**The Avenues Singers** is a group of amateur singers (currently 9 people) who enjoy singing madrigals and other part-songs. The Avenues Singers, so called because they are based in the Avenues area of Hull, were 'officially' formed in Easter 1991 from the Marlborough Singers. This was an ad hoc group of singers assembled by Chris and Pat Coulson while on leave during the nineteen eighties from Kenya where they were founder members of the Nairobi Early Music Group.

Although the group sings weekly for enjoyment concerts are given free of charge for good causes. The concert programmes usually include music of a wide variety of styles and periods and sometimes include readings of poetry and prose. Since its inception the group has given a number of concerts at a variety of venues. For instance a concert of songs and readings was performed at the church where William Wordsworth was married as part of the bi-centenary celebrations of his marriage. This year concerts have been performed at Burton Constable Hall, Burton Agnes Hall and in the Orangery at Sewerby Hall. In addition



the group have sung at the Avenues Open Gardens every year since 1991 and also make a yearly visit to the Bedded Unit at Dove House Hospice to sing Christmas songs and carols for the patients and staff.

The group has no single conductor, this task being performed by any members

who are willing to undertake it. This approach is also adopted for any readings and introductions which are included in any concerts. However, none of the programmes involve soloists.

The group would welcome an extra singer in each part to provide greater flexibility. Some sight-reading would be useful,

but enthusiasm and commitment are more important. Singing is from 8 pm to 10 pm on Sunday evenings with breaks for 'school holidays'. If you enjoy singing this sort of music and would like to join us, please contact **Alan on 01482-442758** for further details.

Alan and Maria Deighton

## Window replacement— some guidance on the new government regulations

You are probably aware that replacing any window to the street side of your house now requires you to gain planning permission under an Article 4 Direction. Less well publicised is the need to gain **FENSA** certification or **Building Control** approval for **any** window you replace to the front, back or side of your dwelling. This is part of the government's initiative to improve the thermal performance of buildings. Any certification you obtain will form part of a home owner's manual (to be introduced next year) which will be required in order to complete the future sale of your property.

FENSA stands for the Fenestration Self Assessment Scheme (see <http://www.fensa.co.uk>), and was set up by the Glass and Glazing Federation. A FENSA registered installer agrees to comply with current Building Regulations. This should ensure that your windows are thermally efficient and safe. Building Regulations will generally require argon gas-filled double glazing units which incorporate glass that has a **low** emissivity coating on the surface that faces into the air gap of the double glazing unit. This kind of glass is often referred to as K glass but there are other suppliers. To conform to Building Regulations any window

with a sill height that is below 800mm (31½") will need to use toughened or laminated glass for safety.

Glaziers and joiners pay to become FENSA registered (around £500 minimum a year) and they will be issued a certificate for every installation they do. A percentage of the work they complete is inspected by FENSA each year. Currently, few local joiners are FENSA registered. This does not mean that they don't adhere to regulations; and you will probably find that they are very knowledgeable when it comes to safety and thermal efficiency. However, it does mean that you will have to ask them to obtain permission from Building Control for you, or you can obtain it yourself.

For this you will need **BC Form 3**, available online by searching for *Building Notice Window Replacement* and selecting the page at [www.hullcc.gov.uk](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk) from one of several selected for you (or phone 300300 and ask for Building Control).

There is a cost involved: any windows costing up to £500 will require a fee of £45; between £500-2000 is £65; over £2000 is £95. So it is worth getting approval for several windows at once even if you will be staggering their installation (approval lasts for 3 years).

### What to ask your joiner

When you are replacing windows it is also worth discussing the use of hardwood sills and/or bottom sections with your joiner. This involves a small increase in the cost of materials but will increase the lifespan of your windows. (It is usually the sills that rot first.) Remember that sash windows can be upgraded to double glazing by replacing only the sub frames. This does involve extra weight for each sash; and you should ask your joiner if new mechanisms can be installed to ensure they will slide safely and efficiently.

*Keeping sills etc well painted will also help and should be the first line of defence against weather and rot. Ed*

### Avenues tree pruning programme 2006/7

During the coming autumn and winter period a comprehensive programme of highway tree pruning will be undertaken in the Avenues Area. Last year all of the highway trees on Marlborough Avenue were pruned. The proposed 2006/2007 programme will continue the works through Westbourne, Park and Victoria Avenues, Salisbury Street and Richmond Street.

The large mature trees will be pruned to raise the crowns over the roads and footpaths and branches overhanging adjacent gardens will be trimmed back. The semi-mature trees will also be pruned to raise the crowns to an appropriate height and to establish a well balanced crown for their future development. The young newly established trees will be formatively pruned to produce a healthy balanced branch framework.

It is hoped that all of the proposed works will be finished by the end of March 2007. Should this not be possible then the remaining part of the programme will be completed early in the 2007/8 financial year.

Tim Beckley

Urban Forestry Officer  
Hull Parks and Gardens