

# Serpents in good shape

Thanks to Avenues resident Stefan Weigert, who has sent us a dramatic picture of the entwined sea serpents (or dragons) in Westbourne Avenue.

This tree sculpture was completed by Jacky Ward Lomax in 2005. There is no postcard of it yet, but we are hoping to produce one in the new year.



Photo: Stefan Weigert

## Repair & Renovation Services

### Total Window Repair and Renovation

Period Windows: tel 222231  
Ventrolla Ltd: tel: 01423 859323

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(Ash Grove, off Beverley Road, 1st tenfoot on left)

Paragon Joinery: tel 585205

Cottingham Joinery: tel 868145

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G E Rice Joinery Ltd: tel 01964 551402

Jubilee Joinery: tel 224275

The Woodcraftsman: tel 07896 753861

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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.

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tel: 01482 449195/473149

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### Roofers (Will renew roof with existing slates or tiles)

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The Woodcraftsman: tel 07896 753861

*Get quotations as prices can vary quite a lot*

This list is now published in more detail as an insert in the Design Guide, delivered to you in Jan/Feb 2007. It should also be available on the APPRA website

# Artlink exhibitions

## Ian Killen: Community (Assemblages, Collages & Prints)

The outcome of 2 community arts projects undertaken by Ian, Arts Development Worker. Themes are 'Heritage', exploring East Hull, and collaborative artworks by pupils, parents and staff at Craven Primary School, linking with Stella Maris school in Sierra Leone.

8-28 November 2007

## Mini Print

Artlink Christmas show of small scale prints including lino prints and etchings, digital prints, photographs. All at affordable prices!

6 Dec-14 Jan 2008

## In My World...

Children tell their story: what is important to them, their hopes and dreams for the future. Artwork is mixed media: photography, felt and text.

17 Jan-4 Feb 2008

## Tides of R-Evolution - Saffron Waghorn

Celebrating the end of 60 years of chalets on the cliff top at Skipsea, and the start of relocation to an eco-friendly straw bale development.

7 Feb - 3 March 2008

# Avenues Tree Management Programme

You may have noticed the significant number of gaps between trees on Park Avenue. APPRA has been working with the Council to have the gaps planted up. As there are a lot of gaps—about 30—the task of replanting will take about 3 years.

In a couple of places on the north side of the avenue towards Princes Avenue it is, unfortunately, impossible to fill in the tree gaps, due to obstructions: old stumps, crossrover, telegraph pole, lamp-post.

Urban Forestry will have to wait until the old stumps have decayed in order to be able plant over them. (A replacement tree is usually planted next to the old stump.)

It is our intention to survey with Urban Forestry over time gaps in other avenues.

We are grateful to Tim Beckley of Urban Forestry who has taken the time to survey the whole of Park Avenue with members of APPRA committee. He has also identified a few weak specimens among the new trees which will be replaced.



# 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

### Carol singing

Thursday 20 December. Meet at 5.45pm at Park Avenue fountain.

### Design Guide for The Avenues Conservation Area

*A very big thank-you to those residents who helped with the huge job of delivering the Design Guide to all householders.*

If you have very recently moved into the area and thus do not have your free copy, please phone Stephanie Wilson, Chair of APPRA on 493037, and she will provide you with one. As well as being a pictorial celebration of the varied architecture in The Avenues, the Guide provides practical advice on repair and renovation; and information on the planning controls for this area, with details of whom to talk to at the City Council.

You can buy copies for friends, at £5 each, from Stephanie Wilson, Panache on Chanterslands Avenue and Clements News on Princes Avenue.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE USED THE DESIGN GUIDE WHEN HAVING REPAIRS/RENOVATIONS DONE

### Pride of Place

What's your favourite place in Hull? More than 100 councils are asking residents to vote in the 'Pride of Place' poll online, and the council with the most votes will be named as the best place to live!

Do your bit to counter-attack the recent bad publicity for Hull by voting online at: [www.hullcc.gov.uk](http://www.hullcc.gov.uk) (voting ends on 30 Nov)

# View from the Chair

Stephanie Wilson  
Chair, APPRA

## Rebuilt portico

To start on a positive note, I would like to celebrate and share the pleasure of the rebuilt portico—so much more than a mere porch—at 139 Princes Avenue. We opposed the application to demolish it (on the grounds that it had become dangerous), and stated our preference for a repair in keeping with the impressive façade of the house and the Conservation Area. Doctors Musil and Queenan have obliged us all with a splendid new, but faithful, structure and we thank them. We would also like to mention the pleasing new roof at 96 Park Avenue, The Hollies; the slates look old and are entirely in keeping with the house and the area. It is rewarding, and bodes well for the future, that residents are favouring original roofing materials, perhaps with the help of the Design Guide.

## New Article 4 Directions

It is relevant here to note that we are requesting new Article 4 Directions on doors, porches, roofs, fascias and barge boards. We have at the moment two Directions, concerning windows and vehicular crossings, so this would constitute considerable new powers. We planned the Design Guide as the first step towards wider controls, hoping that it would demonstrate the reasoning behind the Directions more economically and persuasively than words, and showing residents the value of the original design of our houses, which is debased by different materials and discordant styles.

## Planning Appeal

Back to the negative: we were dismayed that the Planning Inspectorate overturned, on

appeal, Hull Planning Committee's refusal of permission for an extension in the grounds of 1 Salisbury Street. We see this as a precedent that will threaten the settings of our grandest houses, at the heart of our Conservation Area. I wrote in objection, not realising that the next step is to take the case to the High Court. We don't feel able to do this, but have asked the Planning Office to do so.

## Post Office closures

An unusually large number of local residents attended the Ward Forum on 25 October. There was strong feeling, and good arguments presented, against the closure of the Princes Avenue Post Office; its continued presence is felt to be important to the local community and important in retaining the normal daytime provision of a city street, to balance its nocturnal party time. The meeting also thought the pressure on remaining Post Offices, in the event of these closures, would be intolerable, for staff and customers.

## Antisocial behaviour

Worrying reports about groups of people who are behaving in a way which upsets local residents have been a feature of these last months. There is a roving youthful group who congregate noisily and move through the Avenues, disturbing residents and doing damage. The police promise attention to the problem, and issued a number they are not supposed to give out: 220811. The official number to call is 0845 6060222. However, instant response isn't promised even on this secret number—which elicited a good-natured and cynical groan from the meeting.

I have also had a description of anti-social behaviour emanating from a Park Avenue house, which is alienating other residents to the extent that they are considering moving; time to disturb the landlord in the same way that his tenants are disturbing their neighbours?

## The facts about gating

And now to the controversial: it seems that the time has come to stop arguing about the gating of tenfoots. It was established at the same Forum that each gating is its own affair, so the decision about the dogleg between Park Avenue and Victoria Avenue, whatever it turns out to be, has no bearing on any other gated stretch of tenfoot. The Committee has had many discussions on the subject, and has invited residents with differing views to meetings, so that we can all listen to each other and understand opposing arguments. The Committee has never, as a Committee, had an official view, as we have aimed for an overview, co-ordinating opinions and establishing facts; thanks to those who did the research, and for the clear statement by the Legal officer at the Forum, we now know the law, on which we can choose to proceed, or not. The tenfoots gated with the consent of all with rights of ownership and access will presumably remain uncontested; but—my common sense solution again—any resident who wishes to continue walking the gated stretches can request a key.



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APPRA online	<a href="http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk">www.avenuesonline.org.uk</a>	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	<a href="http://www.hullsangel.org">www.hullsangel.org</a>	complete record of tree sculptures; fountain rescue; Advent Calendars			

## Wonders worked on Wildlife Garden - win award

Chris Vitoria

Lifestyle group **Wildlife Wonders** took on the task of clearing part of the wildlife garden in Pearson Park.



The group was made up of four school-friends (above, left to right: Beth Anderson, Caitlin Marshall, Ellie Holah and Isabel Crabb).

### A challenging project

They worked extremely hard throughout the six weeks holiday. They revamped two small gardens which had originally been created by a Princes Trust Team several years ago to demonstrate how wildlife can be attracted to even the smallest space, ie an inner city backyard. The demonstration backyard gardens had been neglected and were completely overgrown. The girls did an amazing job tidying the gardens. They cut back bushes, put in new planters, planted new plants and re-sited and repaired a small pond.

### Winning team

The team won a trip to Alton Towers in the main Lifestyle event, and came 4th (out of 1300!) in the Green Scene Challenge, winning family tickets to the Deep

### The Pearson Park Wildlife Garden

Pearson Park (Kingston Environment Group/The Wildlife Garden) is presenting examples to the public of how gardens can be transformed into interesting and practical places which are there to be enjoyed by people and wildlife! The garden is looked after by volunteers and they raise money for maintenance etc from the recycling facilities that are sited within the Wildlife Gardens.

### Anti-litter

As part of their project, the girls did several litter picking trips round the park collecting bottles and cans etc that could be recycled. They also did a questionnaire and a poster to publicise the **recycling facilities\*** in the park and to encourage more people to use these.

### Fund raising

At the end of the project the girls presented a cheque for £100 to Kingston Environment Group who maintain the wildlife gardens area and £20 to the Hull and East Riding Gardeners Organisation to plant a fruit tree in the demonstration organic vegetable gardens which are also within the Wildlife Gardens at the Park. The money was raised through a garden party organised by the girls, which attracted many visitors.

Please go and have a look. The area they transformed is towards the rear of the Wildlife Garden on the right.

\* There is now a bin for TetraPak cartons at the Pearson Park recycling centre



Your column—your say

## Gating and Rights of Way

Sally Walker

I attended the Wyke Area Forum on 25/10/07. Below is my summary, as a resident, of what the City Council's Legal Department told the meeting with regard to the issue of the currently gated dogleg stretch of tenfoot between Park and Victoria Avenues. (Please note that the APPRA committee of which I am a member, do not have a policy for or against gating. APPRA's stance is one of neutrality as it is up residents and neighbours to decide together what they wish to do.)

### Background

In Feb 2006 Bob Sandham and other residents submitted evidence to the City Council to establish a public right of way over the dogleg (see September 2007 newsletter).

### At the Wyke Area meeting

- 1 Legal Department told us that they had found the evidence submitted to be sufficient to declare the named stretch a right of way (to be added to the Council's definitive map).
- 2 Residents have a right to challenge this ruling and objections were submitted (September 28 2007).
- 3 All letters (for and against the establishment of a right of way) have been sent by the Council to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol, who will either make a ruling on the issue without asking for further evidence, or will call a public enquiry if they deem this to be necessary based on the volume of competing evidence received.
- 4 After adjudication by the Planning Inspectorate, whether direct or following a public enquiry, there is right of appeal (for both sides in the dispute) against the ruling made.

5 The gates in question will remain standing until the process is completed, up to and including the appeal hearing.

### Other tenfoots

Legal Department also clarified the situation concerning other gated tenfoots (current and future):

- a) Where tenfoots are private land, residents have the right to gate. However, residents should examine their deeds to see if they are able to gate. There is a full consultative process to be undertaken before gates can be erected.
- b) The gating of individual tenfoots can be challenged by applying to the City Council to establish a public right of way over private land.
- c) Any ruling on the dogleg between Park and Victoria Avenues does not have a knock-on effect for other gated tenfoots, as each stretch is investigated separately where an application is made to establish a right of way.

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

## Our annual carol singing around the Avenues takes place on Thursday, 20 December. Meet 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 £277.47 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

## Avenues Advent Calendar 2007

### ADVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2007

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
34 W	96 P	178 M	121 W	171 P	66 V	37 M	41 S
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 V	173 V	10 P	9 S	96 M	18 P	72 W	55 R
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
60 W	127 V	19 V	20 P	143 M	45 W	117 M	162 P

### Key to Location

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

This is our seventh walk-round Advent Calendar: the 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.

**Lesley Longworth has forwarded us this email from Dave Rowe with news of our much-missed giraffe:**

"I was just catching up with the April Newsletter. The article on Christmas decorations needs correcting: the giraffes were always at 193 (though I think there could have been a bit of movement late on a night!)

We are very happy with our move to Cottingham, but now Christmas is coming Geoffrey (Giraffe) is wondering where his Christmas stable is going to be?

Could you extend the Advent calendar to Cottingham? He



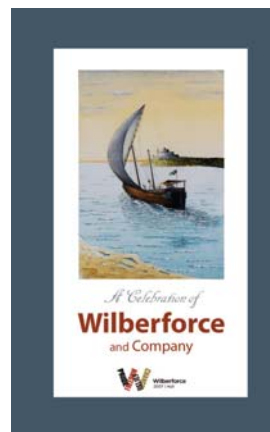
Geoffrey Giraffe's last appearance at 193 Marlborough Avenue, 2006

will be making an appearance outside **Twiga Cottage, 188 King Street Cottingham**, in time for the Cottingham Christmas Lights switch on (Monday, 19 November, 5pm start, switch on at 7 pm, Main Square).

Thanks again for all you have done for the Advent Calendar and the Avenues. Geoffrey sends his Christmas greetings to all in the Avenues."

Dave Rowe

## Residents of Westbourne and Marlborough celebrate Wilberforce Year



Cover illustration: Indian Ocean Slaving Dhow Passing Fort Jesus, by Chris Coulson

**Congratulations are in order for the Avenues contribution to Wilberforce year.**

One hundred and twenty five copies of *A Celebration of Wilberforce and Company* have been published by Hull City Council.

Contributors were: Chris Coulson, Pat Coulson, Anne Crick, Adrian and Jane Crummay, Lesley Davies, Alastair Gittens, Frances Kendrick, Ruqaiyyah Waris Maqsood, Pearl Williamson, Alan Worsley. The Editor was Haris Livas-Dawes and the book was designed by Chrys Bavey.

A gala celebration is being planned on 9 December at the Wilberforce Museum for officials and contributors.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### Tidying up your garden?

Remember planning permission is required for felling or pruning trees which are over 75mm in stem diameter, 1.5m above the ground.

### 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)

The full text of this article appeared in APPRA news issue 25, April 2006. Copies on request to the Editor.

### Come and join the Guides!

**A new Girl Guide unit** has recently been set up in the Avenues. The group meets at St Cuthbert's Church in Marlborough Avenue on Mondays from 7.30 to 9.30 (term time only). New members (age 10-14) are welcome. What do Guides do? Come along, girls, and find out! (They have fun.)

### Christmas Bazaar:

The guides are organising a Christmas Bazaar at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 24 November at 2pm. Stalls, refreshments etc. Donations of tombola prizes etc gratefully received.

**For further information telephone Eileen on 346453 or June on 343070.**