

ADVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
189P	55 W	41 S	112 M	27 W	30 S	119 V	72 W
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10 P	96 M	9 S	18 P	195 V	20 P	95 V	42 M
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
171 P	35 M	36 V	240 V	94 M	96 P	244 M	43 W

This is our eighth 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.

Details correct at time of going to press. For full programme visit www.avenuesonline.org.uk

Key to Location

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

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Jubilee Joinery: Tel 224275
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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

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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.hullangel.org	complete record of tree sculptures; fountain rescue; Advent Calendars



The Friends of Pearson Park
invite you to join us in singing carols, led by the St Vincent's Choir in the Pearson Park Hotel on Sunday, 14 December 2008 from 3 pm to 4 pm

Complimentary tea, coffee and mince pies will be provided, courtesy of the Hotel Management

Friends of Pearson Park
It's only £2 to join this lively group, working to make the Park a safer and more beautiful place. Contact either Haris (491785) or Chrys at chrys@hullangel.org

No more parking on grass verges - please!

I would like to learn fellow Avenues residents' opinions on people who park their vehicles on grass verges. As I walk around the avenues I see it is a problem. I have used the leaflets you can get from Sally Walker and it does sometimes work, but you do still get people who just do not care. Down Marlborough Avenue there appears to be a resident who habitually parks his vehicle on the grass verge. Perhaps these people should pay for the damage caused not just to the grass but to any pipe work running underneath. This problem does need sorting out soon because if people are getting away with this offence others will copy. It would be nice to think people care about our lovely green verges but I am afraid it is not always the case.

Sarah Davis
Avenues resident.

PLANNING MATTERS

Are you doing house repairs or improvements?

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**.

Planning permission is required for windows and crossovers

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

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Design Guide

for The Avenues Conservation Area
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 Chanterlands Avenue and Clements News on Princes Avenue.



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

Chair's Report November 2008

We were so grateful to Alan Plater for coming on to the Avenues after opening a studio at the University dedicated to the memory of Anthony Minghella. Knowing that he was coming back to Hull for that, I asked if he would be kind enough to do further duty and unveil the plaque on the Park Avenue house where the Minghellas lived when Anthony was teaching at the University. Tony Meech, a member of the same Drama Department, and a friend as well as a colleague of Anthony, helped me with the arrangements; the University thoughtfully provided a car for the Platers, which gave extra style to our mini-event and made it more comfortable for them. We thank them; we thank Neal and Sarah McIlwaine, whose house it now is, for their pleasure in the prospect of the plaque and their efficiency

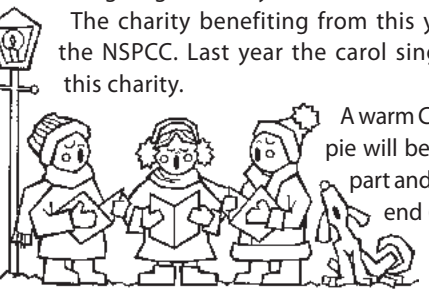


in putting it up; we thank the residents who assembled on a chilly Friday afternoon (it had at least stopped raining) to make an occasion of it; and we thank Nina Wilson (left), who presented Alan Plater with our tokens of gratitude—a Design Guide and some Avenues postcards, what else? and a bottle of champagne to add sparkle to his Avenues memories.

It's been an autumn of negotiating with national agencies. As a result of what we consider an inconsistent decision by the Hull Planning Committee, we have complained to the Local Government Ombudsman. Twice an application for a verge crossing in Marlborough Avenue was refused; a third application was approved. Because there was no change in the application, we think that the use of the same words to justify refusal, then approval, brings the decision-

Our annual carol singing around the Avenues takes place on Friday, 19 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 £188.75 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

making process into disrepute. How can one respect a process that refuses a proposal on the grounds that it will not enhance or preserve the Conservation Area, then, a month later, approves it on the grounds that it will do both? From my past experience, I don't have any hope that the Ombudsman will agree, but it's made us feel better to express our incredulity over the reversal.

We've also had to write (in triplicate) to the Planning Inspectorate in response to the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for nine flats, instead of the six already there, at 3 Westbourne Avenue. We think those houses divide well into five flats, preserving their essential features and something of their past grandeur; other landlords make a success of this number of flats, and do not try to torture the fabric into further subdivisions, so that is the pattern we recommend.

We have also co-written (thanks to Ian Colquhoun and Sally Walker) a letter with illustrations to the Planning Inspectorate about the decision to allow a new building beside and behind 1 Salisbury Street; the proposal was refused by the Planning Committee here but allowed on appeal. The new building diminishes the adjacent Gilbert Scott houses in precisely the way we foresaw; it is also jarringly out-of-keeping, unlike the additions behind others in the complex. We think the detrimental result of the decision should be brought home to the Inspectorate, and to



Sarah and Neal McIlwaine with Alan Plater

English Heritage, to highlight what we see as an unusually careless piece of work (we have previously found Inspectors to be scrupulous and thorough) and to prevent its setting a precedent.

There is concern about Japanese knotweed growing in the tenfoot between Marlborough and Westbourne Avenues—and perhaps elsewhere. Residents who are concerned might like to go to <http://www.nature.net/law/weeds.html> and the Environment agency website for information and help.

Finally, as you know, APPRA is apolitical, but I want to say how pleased I felt to get a 'phone call from Diana Johnson's office to ask the date of the carol singing (5.45 pm at the Park Avenue fountain, on Friday, 19 December). I think we are very lucky to have our MP and two Ward Councillors, Simone Butterworth and John Robinson, living in the Avenues, sharing and enhancing our sense of community.

Happy Christmas! and see you at the carol singing.

Stephanie Wilson Chair, APPRA

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Your column—your say

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

In praise of gated tenfoots

Over the last couple of years the APPRA newsletter has printed a couple of points of view on not having gates on tenfoots. Time to redress the balance I think.

Firstly, let me declare an interest. For five years I have lived in the shelter of a gated tenfoot and I have a side passage which is also gated.

I have lived with a tenfoot for 20 or more years—ungated for the first 15 years. In that first 15 years my house has been burgled twice, vandalised once and has had two other attempts at forced entry. All via the tenfoot. My insurers have suffered considerable loss and I have taken a sentimental loss of much greater value. All my immediate neighbours have been burgled using tenfoot access.

What other anti-social behaviour has taken place in the tenfoot before gating? A stolen car has been fired, a garage set on fire, an addict found shelter, all sorts of rubbish dumped, hypodermic needles picked up, children learned to smoke on the way home from school, petrol siphoned out of cars and of course the lavatorial residues both human and doggy. You might like to think back at what

Blocked drains

Thank you to the many residents who gave details on the blocked drains in the tenfoots (approximately 20 drains need attention). To judge by the number of comments about poking around in them in vain attempts to unblock them, they have been a source of anxiety for some time.

The information received forms a bid for funding from the Wyke

has happened in your nearest tenfoot.

Since the tenfoot was gated five years ago, there has only been one act of vandalism that I know of. Of course anybody that is determined to get in will do so and has done so, even lifting bicycles over the gate in one instance. But on leaving, there is a limit to what can be carried. By not gating, convenient multi-directional escape routes are made which rather cancels out the CCTV system at the ends of the Avenues. We complain at the lack of police foot patrols in the area but by not gating all tenfoots we cannot be bothered to make our own property and neighbourhood sensibly secure.

To regard tenfoots as attractive pleasant byways is romantic tosh. Tenfoots are scruffy, ill-cared for, disfigured dumping areas. No lighting, uneven surfaces and certainly no place I would want a daughter or child to be in at night. (Mind you, if I was in my late teens with a couple of mates and some spray paint an open tenfoot would be heaven.)

Overall a good many of the Avenues houses have no tenfoot, reliant on side passages to get things from the front to the back of the house. By gating tenfoots we get equality with those houses. The gates by and large are recessed out of the eyeline and whilst not pretty are not glaringly offensive. My personal thanks go to our local Councillors who have supported and committed to the gating schemes.

Gated tenfoots? I'm all for 'em!

Malcolm Ruddiforth
Park Avenue

Area Committee. The bid will be submitted early next year.

We will provide an update on progress in the Spring newsletter, although by then, hopefully, the drains will have been cleared. Be advised, however, that funded work can move slowly.

Stefan Weigert

Watch Group welcomes New Year fountain plan

By Alister Heywood, Communications Officer, Westbourne Avenue Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a police presence in the Avenues area on New Year's Eve 2008 in a bid to stop the serious disturbances seen in previous years from taking place again.

Wyke Area's Inspector, Duncan Collins, has said the Neighbourhood Policing Team will provide targeted, voluntary cover in the Avenues, focusing on the Westbourne and Park Avenue fountains.

Mr Collins said: "We will be patrolling our hotspot areas, which will include the Avenues. We will be monitoring any build-up, so if we start to see a build-up, as happened last year from about eight o'clock, then we will encourage people to move on."

The move follows a sustained and ongoing campaign by Westbourne Avenue Neighbourhood Watch (WANW) to try to ensure the unruly scenes at the Westbourne Avenue fountain on New Year's Eve 2007 and into New Year's Day 2008 are not repeated.

Since 1 January 2008, WANW has been working with Humberside Police, the city council, local Neighbourhood Watch groups and the Avenues & Pearson Park Residents' Association to find a solution to increasingly antisocial behaviour in the fountain area on New Year's Eve.

Welcoming this significant step forward, WANW chairman Charles Heywood said: "Westbourne Avenue Neighbourhood Watch is very grateful to Inspector Collins, Sergeant Marsden and the Wyke Neighbourhood Policing Team for agreeing to provide a police presence in the fountain area on New Year's Eve.

"The fact that locally-based officers have volunteered to work a late shift on the busiest night of the police calendar shows their high level of commitment to the area and to its residents. The police have listened to residents' concerns and taken their views into account in planning a workable response. It's now up to us—the residents—to help them with this difficult task."

Although their aim is to focus on the Avenues, the officers

involved will be on call and their deployment will be decided on the basis of logged calls from members of the public.

Mr Collins said: "We will have a number of staff covering the entire Wyke area not just the Avenues ward," adding that "if there is an impromptu build-up then we will be dependent on residents to report it".

This means that if Avenues residents see or hear something that concerns them, they must report it to the police on 0845 6060222. (999 in an emergency only.)

Such concerns could include:

- ✦ a flow of people towards the fountain (as mentioned by residents on Ella Street and Salisbury Street) or a steady build-up of people in the area
- ✦ troublesome noise
- ✦ indecency, for example urinating in gardens
- ✦ blocking or barricading of the roads around the fountains
- ✦ attacks on vehicles and/or people, including fights
- ✦ intimidation
- ✦ throwing of missiles including bottles, cans and fireworks.

The police have also asked that, for this year at least, residents do not attend the Westbourne or Park Avenue fountains on New Year's Eve.

They would like us all to discourage any friends, relatives, pupils or colleagues from visiting the fountains on New Year's Eve.

There are a number of reasons for this, some of which are operational, but the three that particularly concern residents are:

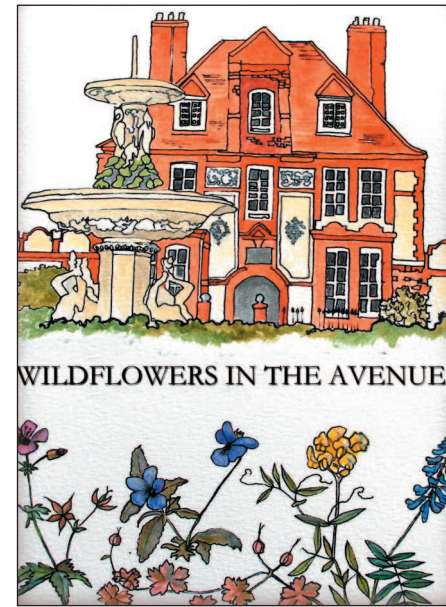
- ✦ the difficulties experienced by people and ambulances trying to access the GP out-of-hours service at the NHS Centre on Westbourne Avenue last year. The number one priority has to be keeping this essential facility open and readily available to patients;
- ✦ in 2007/8, bottles, cans and even lit fireworks were thrown at or near revellers and passers-by. There were also reports of scuffles, assaults and attacks on vehicles;
- ✦ the condition of the fountains, which is already giving cause for concern. Walking or climbing on them risks damaging the fragile structures, while there is an obvious risk to life and limb.



Fundraising doesn't stop once the garden gates close. There are stylish notelet cards on sale, the profits from which all go into the communal pot. Botanical illustrations of wild flowers found in the typical Avenues garden have been produced pro bono by Nikki Abramson of Park Avenue. Each pack has Nikki's drawing of Park Avenue fountain on the cover and contains ten cards, five different flowers. These neat packs would make an excellent stocking filler for Christmas for those

friends who live away and would like a reminder of The Avenues.

Notelet packs are on sale in Panache, Trains Fabric shop and the Library, all on Chanterlands Avenue; Hollyhocks and Clements



both on Princes Avenue as well as The Ferens Art Gallery and some Dove House Hospice shops. The price for a pack of 10 is £4 and each outlet is selling them without any mark-up, so all the proceeds

go straight back to Avenues Open Gardens. Please buy one, or more, to help raise even more money for the deserving charities.

After seventeen years of organising Open Gardens, Bob and Rose have hung up their clipboards, and Paul and Debbie after 8 years have joined them in retirement.

If this well-known and popular annual event is to continue somebody must volunteer to take up the reins; so far nobody has put themselves forward. Is this really the end of an event that started 31 years ago?

Over the years the four organisers have built up a formidable book of contacts and an easy to follow timeline leading up to the Open Gardens Sundays. All this is available to whoever would like to take over and develop the event further.

Furthermore, there is money in the Open Gardens account to help with initial running expenses before the income starts to come in.

Bob and Rose Sandham
81 Victoria Avenue, 472014

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Public Inquiry (May 2008) on proposed Public Right of Way n° 30

Background

The inquiry held in Hull by the Planning Inspectorate was to hear the local witnesses for both sides concerning the Order made under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, which proposed adding to the "definitive map" a public footpath between Victoria and Park Avenue. This is the dog-leg tenfoot starting at nos. 99/101 Victoria and exiting at nos. 94/96 Park Avenue.

Inspector's decision

The Inspector did not confirm the Order because he judged, "...whilst there has been some use of the Order route by the public, and that use was of right and without interruption, there is insufficient use by the public to raise the presumption that the way has been dedicated as a public footpath."

In layman's language: the public do not have a right of way across this private land, due to lack of use of it by the general public.

Comment

The legal ruling of the Planning Inspectorate has reinforced the information given to Avenues

residents by Hull City Council's Legal Officer at the Wyke Forum in October 2007: the private tenfoots are not public rights of way. To establish a right of way through a private tenfoot an application has to be made and adjudicated, as it has been in the case of Public Right of Way n° 30.

For residents who attended Wyke Forum to express their concerns that gates erected might have to come down, the ruling means that the gates at the Victoria end remain in place.

Further information

The full report on the Public Inquiry is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website at:

http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/row_order_advertising/councils/documents/fps_v2004_7_2.pdf

Planning Inspectorate address:

Room 4/04 Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6 PN

(from Sally Walker, APPRA committee member who attended the proceedings)



Everyday memories of Hull The Avenues and the Dukeries: What do you remember?

Hull University are collecting people's memories of the Avenues and Dukeries areas from any era - 1930s... 1990s... however young or old you are, they would like to hear your stories.

You can find out more: Tegwen Roberts is talking about the project at Artlink on Princes Avenue, on Saturday, 17 January, from 2 pm to 4 pm (free entry).

The project has set up a website to record these stories from all over Hull. As well as people's stories, there are many images of Hull, past and present.

Go to www.geog.hull.ac.uk/memoriesofhull

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