# HESSLE



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## NEW YEAR MESSAGE



Dear Resident

2023 has been one of the most difficult years we have experienced in both local and international terms. The war in Ukraine has continued, and the recent conflict in the Middle East involving Israel and Hamas has added to the level of uncertainty in



the world. Whilst COVID is no longer the threat it once was, there are still many people who are suffering from the effects of 'long COVID'. On the economic front we have seen rising fuel and food prices, fueling inflation to levels not seen for a long time. This has caused difficulties, not just for Hessle residents but for the entire country. Nevertheless, recent falls in the inflation rate are a possible sign that the worst is over, and better times may be ahead.

On a lighter note, in May the Coronation of King Charles III was marked by a public holiday and several street parties were held by residents in Hessle to celebrate this occasion. Like many people, this was the first coronation I had ever experienced, and I guess like many others watched the proceedings from the comfort of my own home on the tv. It may well be the only coronation we will ever see. I still find it strange not to sing 'God save the Queen' at formal occasions, the late Queen Elizabeth II seemed such a permanent fixture in our lives

On local matters it was great to see the return of the Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby in July, after the break due to COVID. This was run by Hessle Town Council in conjunction with our partner charity Hull 4 Heroes and a very good

job they did. Thanks to the teams, both young and old, who helped make it such an enjoyable day. The weather was warm and sunny, which certainly helped and Hessle Feast, which was also held in July, was blessed with similar weather, enabling everyone to enjoy the music and refreshments whilst listening to the live music on offer. Well done and thanks to all who helped make this such an enjoyable day.

The refurbishment of the Town Hall is continuing, and this has been creating a few problems for the many community groups who use the hall, but we have been trying to keep such disruption to a minimum. Unfortunately, one of the casualties has been the annual Christmas pantomime which will not be able to be held in 2023. Having witnessed the excellent productions of the Hessle Theatre Company twice this year, this is indeed a shame, but they will be back next year with dates of 6th, 7th and 8th December 2024 already penciled in so keep your diary's clear if you enjoy a traditional Christmas panto.

Finally, my thanks must go out to all those involved in organising and running the Christmas Lights switch on in Hessle Square. There are too many to list individually, but you know who you are, and all your efforts were appreciated. Thanks, do go to Specsavers Hessle, Bush Opticians, Sainsburys, Co-Op Hessle and The Pour House for their generous donations and to Mr Skelton as always for his wonderful cake, donated to Tranby Park Care Home.

Looking forward to 2024, it would be great to see the end of the two conflicts mentioned earlier and a return to a more stable economic situation at home, with lower inflation, an improved environment for local businesses to thrive in and better employment opportunities for local people.

Best wishes to you all for 2024.

Councillor John Bovill, Hessle Town Council Mayor & Chairman



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## **HESSLE BUS SERVICES**

Hessle is well served by East Yorkshire Buses but services have been reduced since before the Covid pandemic. Many services being reduced since 2019. The services to Hull run every 20 minutes on the 66 and the 57 runs every 30 minutes during the day. They both run every hour in the evening.

Route 25 runs every 2 hours to Castle Hill, Cottingham, Beverley and Hornsea.

Route 183 is the Hessle Town Service running on Fridays only, funded by Hessle Town Council

Route 150 is the Hessle Sainsburys, Hessle Square, Anlaby, Swanland to North Ferriby.

At the recent presentation of East Riding of Yorkshire bus forum at Bishop Burton where East Yorkshire and Stagecoach bus services were represented as well as the East Riding Council.

It was announced that there is to be a £2.8 million bus grant from the East Riding bus services this will mean that some East Riding Services will get enhanced bus services especially at off peak times.

How this effects Hessle is that the 150 to Anlaby, Swanland and Ferriby will run Monday to Friday (Tue and Thursday only at present). Incidentally this service starts at Sainsburys and goes through Hessle Square.

The presentation at Bishop Burton College threw out many statistics, the key ones mean we are using the bus services less since the pandemic, bus usage during the pandemic dropped by 90%. Numbers are now up but not to pre-pandemic levels. In fact even the issuing of bus passes is down and the number of concessionary free trips is down. This is the reason that the 25 is now every 2 hours to



Beverley and the 66 and 57 bus services to Hull run less frequently. These are not subsidised services so it is important that we use our buses as much as we can.

We do have nationally in England a maximum fare of £2 for a single journey so why not have a day in Hornsea or Beverley. This maximum £2 fare is now extended to the end of 2024.

All timetable information for East Yorkshire services can be reached on their website https://www.eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk/

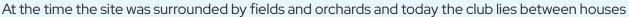
Paul Toogood Hessle Town Councillor

# THE HUMBER BRIDGE SOAPBOX DERBY SATURDAY, 15th JUNE 2024

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## **SERVING IN HESSLE FOR OVER 100 YEARS!**

Did you know that The Hessle Lawn Tennis Club is the oldest club in the Hull and East Riding area? Originally formed in 1896as The Hessle Golf and Tennis Club on the foreshore, it separated in 1912 and moved to its current site. Bowls and croquet were also then played at the club.



on BoothferryRoad and Oaklands Drive.

During the war years, in1940, the courts suffered a direct bomb hit, though fortunately no one was playing at the time!

Post war, bowls and croquet ceased to be played and housing started appearing around the club as





some of the land was sold to a local builder. In the mid1970sthe old wooden clubhouse was replaced with the current brick structure and in the 1990s the grass and shale courts were replaced with three hard and four synthetic surfaces. At the same time flood lights were installed on the two main courts.

The club can boast that it has produced a couple of Wimbledon players. Valerie Lewis, who was a junior member, played at Wimbledon a number of times in the 1950's and Katie O'Brien, who reached a career high of No 84 in the world in 2010, started her tennis career at Hessle before moving on to Grand Slams around the world.

The club has never stood still, always seeking to provide top quality facilities to both learn and play the game of tennis either socially or competitively.

With over 200 members, including 100 juniors, coaching is delivered by Tom Goodaire, a LTA level 3 coach, from the age of 5 upwards(visit his Facebook page TGT Coaching for more details). There is also a Community Defibrillator that is registered with the NHS Ambulance Service. It has not been

needed for anyone playing tennis but has been used by the local community on 4 occasions.

Socially the club is always busy with a varied programme including an annual BBQ, monthly quiz and regular boules. The clubhouse contains a comfortable lounge with a well-stocked bar.

Anyone wishing to join the club, as either a tennis player or social member, can do so by either visiting the club's website at www.hessletennis.org.uk or by contacting Maggie Alsop, the club's membership secretary, on 652262.

## HESSLE COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

After 7 years of faithful service the time has arrived for us to fundraise for a new minibus. The present minibus was purchased in 2016. Prior to this, we were successful in fundraising for 4 minibuses.

Our present minibus has been used for approximately 150 trips per year as well as being used by scouts, churches, sports teams, Open Gardens to name but a few. We are very fortunate to have 3 voluntary drivers who take our trips out.

Over the past 18months the bus has shown signs of wear and tear and has cost a considerable amount of money to keep it on the road and our passengers safe.

We would appreciate help with fundraising or donations to enable us to purchase a new minibus as we know everyone enjoys and appreciates the opportunity to socialise, get out and about as well as the minibus being an asset to our community.

Christine Prattley Chair Hessle Community Organisation





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# HESSLE TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT



Hessle Town Councillors are celebrating the start of external building works to refurbish and update Hessle Town Hall in South Lane Hessle.





The Town Hall Working Party member Cllr David Nolan reported:

"We are delighted that diggers and spades are now turning our long-awaited plans into an improved community facility for the people of Hessle. The works include modernising the electrics, replacing the old flooring and rotten windows and updating the central heating. In addition to these muchneeded repairs and updating, we are also improving it as a community facility. We are adding another function room and bar, modernising the toilets (separate male female and disabled) and kitchen. We are creating a linking side corridor, so that everyone doesn't have to go through the main hall disrupting events. To give equal access, we are installing a lift on the side of the building. We are transforming a community facility built in the Victorian era to one fit for Hessle residents in the 21st Century."

Cllr John Bovill, Chair of the Council added: "The scheme went out to consultation with local residents. It was strongly supported with 90% saying the scheme was very or fairly good. The Town Hall in South Lane Hessle is regularly used by community groups including: Bowls, model railway, music tuition,

sports, dance lessons and concerts. As well as accommodating the Town Council it also provides a CCTV facility for the Local Police Team. Essentially we are catching up with over 40 years of works. We could have done it in a rolling piece-meal fashion but that didn't make sense as we are dealing with the roof, windows and floors as well as changing the layout of the rooms."

Cllr Phil Davison commented: "The works are being paid for by a low interest Public Works Board loan of £750K. This works out at less than 20 pence per household per week and is effectively a mortgage. The project was delayed by Covid and difficulties in finding and lining up Contractors post-covid. The works are due to be completed by March 2024. The improvements should increase the lettings and income of the Town Hall. The Town Hall is an iconic building in the Conservation Area and the works will respect the character of the original exterior."

The Town Hall Working Party reviewed the plans and timescales (see photo) and met with the Project Manager Nik Wilson, the main contractor and the Clerk Kim Cooper to review progress on refurbishing the Town Hall. The Side Corridor lift and toilets (female, male and Disabled) should be sorted by Xmas and then the office, kitchen and Main Hall in the New Year. Plan is to complete by end April and project is on schedule. The interior design scheme will be "Regal Blue" to reflect Victorian colour themes. The mood Board is available to view in the Town Council office – by appointment only.

## FREE PARKING REVIEW

East Riding Council are currently reviewing parking charges, behind closed doors. On their topic list is the currently free car-parks in Hessle, Anlaby, Willerby and Cottingham. Ominously the topic list says "The review will consider how parking fees are a source of income for the Council and help ensure spaces are not taken unnecessarily or for an undue length of time". Other parts of the East Riding, such as Beverley, Hornsea and Bridlington charge for parking. But they do have a lot of tourism visitors and in the case of Beverley a lot of commuters.

Says Hessle Cllr David Nolan: "This review is likely to recommend to bring in parking charges locally in Hessle. We are concerned at the probably harmful effect on local shops who will be struggling to compete with the free parking in major supermarkets and out of town retail parks. It also may simply dislodge workers and commuter parking into nearby streets in Hessle. Once the Review is complete, there should be a period of consultation and residents and business owners need to make sure their voice is heard."

## MAYOR'S DIARY May-October 2023

Since having the honour of being elected to the position of Hessle Town Mayor I have been fortunate to have been invited to several events in our town. The re-launched Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby was held in June, and this was the first Soapbox Derby to involve Hull 4 Heroes as the Town Council's Charity partner. It was a very successful day, and we look forward to working with them again. It was a pleasure to present the prizes to the winning teams, but credit should be given to all the teams that took part.

In July I was invited to The Hollies on Ferriby Road to officially open their newly refurbished wing and to meet the staff and residents. The design and layout of the new wing was very impressive, with dementia friendly design to help the residents feel more comfortable and at ease in their surroundings. Credit to the senior management team and Lauren Knight for the successful revamp.

On the last weekend in August, I was invited to the Hessle Raceway to present the prizes to the winners of the British Individual Cycle Speedway Championships. As a 'newbie' to cycle speedway I wasn't quite sure what to expect, having only ever watched the motorized version before. It didn't seem to matter what age bracket the riders were in; the enthusiasm and determination of the riders on their single-speed no-brakes cycles was the same, from the over-60s category down to the under-16's. A sunny Saturday was followed by a rainy Sunday, but rain didn't dampen their enthusiasm. with Charlotte Geach from Exeter winning all four of her races to win the British U-16 Girls Final in difficult conditions. Credit to Andy Schofield, Diane Bellis and their team for organising an entertaining and successful weekend of racing.





In September the Hessle Theatre Company put on their production of 'Grease' at the Hull Truck Theatre and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The cast all played their parts but inevitably the main two characters Danny Zuko (played by James Galer) and Sandy Dumbrowski (played by Holly Brigden) were in the spotlight, with those of us who were very familiar with the film version making inevitable comparisons with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. But the acting and singing were first rate. (Indeed, having watched The Hessle Theatre Company's production of 'Our House' earlier in the year at Hull New Theatre, I felt it was difficult at times to believe I wasn't watching professional performers). I will look forward to their productions in 2024.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Paul Hardy (pictured) represented the Town Council at the Hessle and Districts Gardening Association Annual Show in September.

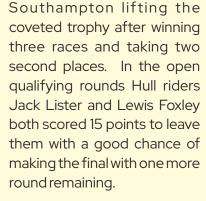
## **HULL CYCLE SPEEDWAY**

The Hull Cycle Speedway Club staged finals and qualification rounds as part of the British Finals Weekend over the August Bank Holiday. Riders from throughout the country descended on The Hessle Raceway on Livingstone Road.

Highlights of Saturday were the British Finals for over 60's and under 18's with qualifying also taking place in the open category. The over 60's Final saw Poole's Phil Gard produce a superb unbeaten four rides to take the title while local rider Barry Ashton finished in a creditable sixth place. The under 18's highlighted the current crop of incredible new talent with Leon Penketh of







Sunday saw more qualification for under 16's and open riders but the spotlight was on the under 16's Girls Final. The racing was fast and furious as Charlotte Geach of Exeter continued the South coast domination with four faultless



race wins to take home the trophy. Hessle based rider Kacey Bennett showed plenty of promise for the future scoring 10 points. The under 16 boy's qualification saw local rider Noah Lyon calmly make it to the Final the following day in the Manchester area. The Town Mayor of Hessle Councillor John Bovill was a welcome guest over the two days and presented awards to all the finalists.

Sheffield and Astley also staged finals over the weekend with Hull rider Spencer Glenton finishing third in the under 12 British Final at Sheffield and Noah Lyon scoring 12 points in the under 16 final at Astley. Jack Lister scored 10 points in the open qualifying round at Sheffield where Lewis Foxley scored 15 points but just missed out on a final place after a run-off.

The Hessle Raceway is on Livingstone Road, Hessle HU130EF (sat nav) with free admission plus refreshments and programmes available. Cycle Speedway is a fast-physical sport with riders racing four laps of a banked shale oval track in just over 40 seconds. Fast starts, bike handling, tactical awareness and an ability to use some physical contact is all part of a riders make up.

The club held a family fun day in May thanks to funding from Hessle Town Council and also raised £750 each for the club and Dove House Hospice with a 24-hour sponsored ride around the track.

The sport is open to riders of all ages and abilities with training on a Tuesday night from 6pm to 7-30pm for juniors followed by seniors from 7-30pm to 9pm. Bikes, helmets and gloves can be provided free of charge with first year membership costing just £10.







### HELPING HESSLE TO PLAN FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2024

How did your Christmas go? We hope all Hessle residents had a lovely time without any financial headaches.

With a full year before the next festive bash, now is an ideal time to review your finances. Why not write down all your weekly spending and see if you could manage a New Year savings habit. Putting a little aside regularly, however small, soon adds up. Just £8 a week all through the year grows into a savings 'pot' of £400 by Christmas. But it's never too late to start.

Don't keep your savings in a jam-jar or tin box under the bed. It's too easy to 'dip in' if you fancy a treat! Instead open an account with a place you can trust. One where your savings are fully protected by the **FSCS** (Financial Services Compensation Scheme).

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- A nice reward called 'Dividend' is added, plus a £25 starter bonus if it's your first Credit Union Christmas account.

You'll find the friendly HEY Team in **Hessle Town Hall**, South Lane (HU13 ORR) **every Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 noon**. Why not pop in for a chat? You'll be sure of a warm welcome (with tea or coffee). Or find out more online at www.hullandeycu.co.uk

### Here's what two local Credit Union Members said:

"I opened a Christmas Saver account – massive peace of mind when Christmas comes round" – Amanda "The Christmas Saver is the best way to save! I find it so much easier to build up my savings when I can't access it until November" – Emily



## **HESSLE SPORTING CLUB COMMUNITY HUB....** WHAT'S ON!

Are you over 55 and need to get out of the house and meet new friends?

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Also Saturday mornings we have Development Centre from 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. for Nursery and Reception, and 10.00 a.m. - 11.10 a.m. for year One boys and girls interested in football.

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### Mid-Week Service

Faith Clinic & Digging Deep (prayers on Salvation, divine healings, deliverance and Bible studies) online 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

### Saturday

Food Bank coming soon - 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.



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