Archaeology project prevails despite setback

The Petuaria Revisited archaeology project that hopes to unearth more information about the Roman town of Petuaria has suffered a setback after an application for National Lottery funding was turned down.

Following the decision the Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council has formally withdrawn from the project, removing some of the legal complexities associated with its involvement.

The Town Council will continue to support the project at arms length.

Revised plans will see the project broken down into stages with each being dependant on results of the preceding phase. The first stage will be completed this year and will have three components.

Firstly a public meeting will be held to launch the project. This will take place during the summer. Project plans will be unveiled which will include details of how the members of the public can support and join in with the work.

Secondly a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey will be carried out on the Burrs playing field. GPR is capable of producing 3D images of sub-surface features. Results of the survey will build on those from an electrical resistivity survey conducted in 2016 which indicates that Roman remains at the Burrs may be far more extensive than previously thought. The site is already designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument by Historic England due to archaeological artefacts found in earlier investigations.

Thirdly there will be the opportunity to carry out a survey of surrounding gardens and land. Local residents will be invited to allow electrical resistivity surveys of their own land. The procedure is non-invasive and relatively low cost. Depending on results and permissions there may be small scale excavations undertaken at these sites by trained volunteers.

Management of the revised project will be taken over by a newly formed Petuaria Revisited Community Group which may consist of members of the Playing Field Association, local volunteers (including some members of the Town Council) and Dr Peter Halkon, who is Senior Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Hull. Dr Halkon would join the group in a voluntary capacity.

The estimated cost of this first stage of the project is around £6,000. There have already been substantial pledges of support for Petuaria Revisited from BAE Systems, Barrett Homes plc and Horncastle plc. Contributions from these sponsors will cover the majority of the initial budget.

Plans for subsequent stages of the project will depend largely on the results of the GPR survey. To keep up to date with the latest developments search for Petuaria ReVisited on Facebook.

Petuaria presentation

Results of the annual Petuaria Community Award will be announced on the weekend of the Art & Photography Exhibition. The ceremony will take place in the Brough Community Centre at 4.30pm on Saturday 7th April. Last year’s winner was Tony Barker who received the award from the Lord-Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire the Honourable Mrs Susan Cunliffe-Lister in recognition of his work with Brough Voluntary Action.

Your advice is needed

Citizens Advice is looking for volunteers in this area to help make a difference to people in our community.

As an adviser you will introduce clients to other services and agencies, help write letters and complete forms, negotiate with creditors, make phone calls on clients’ behalf and help them prepare for tribunal.

Volunteering with Citizens Advice provides opportunities to acquire new skills, improve confidence and support your local community. Full Skills for Justice approved training is provided and travel expenses paid. The most common enquiries concern benefits, debt, housing or employment but enquiries are also received on consumer rights, legal matters and immigration.

Advisers don’t tell clients what to do, but explain their options and the possible outcomes of different courses of action. Clients are encouraged to make their own decisions and act on their own behalf.

Please contact Alan on 01405 720866 or alan.barker@hull-eastridingcab.org.uk for more information.

How good is your garden?

Judging for the Town Council’s Annual Front Garden Of The Year competition will take place during June and July. Last year’s winners were Diana and Alec Russell of King Edward Terrace. Visit the Town Council’s website for further details at www.elloughtonbrough-pc.gov.uk.

Calling local artists and photographers!

Residents are invited to enter up to three pieces of work for the Town Council’s 11th Annual Art & Photography Exhibition which takes place on 6th, 7th and 8th of April at Brough Community Centre.

Entry fees are £1.50 per item and receiving times are Friday 6th April from 9.30am to 1pm at Brough Community Centre. Sponsors and the public are invited to the exhibition opening at 7pm that same evening. A glass of wine or soft drink will be provided while they view the work on display.

The Town Council very much appreciates the support and sponsorship from local businesses and organisations which go towards running the exhibition. Voting for the most popular painting and most popular photograph will take place throughout the weekend. The winners will be announced at the exhibition’s close on Sunday afternoon.

Entry forms are available from the Town Council Office, Brough Library, The Picture Box on Station Road or may be downloaded from the Town Council website.
Charley takes one giant leap for charity

Brough woman Charley Tooke is taking part in a charity skydive to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer’s Society this May.

The One Giant Leap campaign is a series of parachuting events run by the charity at various airfields around the country.

Charley’s grandma suffers from Alzheimers disease. The condition is the most common cause of dementia which can result in memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language.

Charley said, “At first the symptoms weren’t too bad. But her condition deteriorated so fast, often leaving her confused and forgetting where she is.”

If you would like to help Charley to raise money you can donate through her JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charleytooke.

Your photos wanted for #YourBridge

Readers are invited to submit their best photographs of the iconic Humber Bridge for a competition run by former Petuaria Press editor Tony Barker.

Tony, who lives in Elloughton, now works for the Humber Bridge Board. He organises #YourBridge, a monthly photography challenge around the Grade 1 listed landmark.

Each month offers a new themed challenge and the 12 winning pictures will be published in a charity calendar for 2019. There will also be some great photography prizes at the end of the year.

Tony says: “You don’t have to be a great photographer – just capture an eye-catching image of the Humber Bridge.”

Further details are available at www.humberbridge.co.uk.

Air cadets fly high with help from charity

Plans to purchase an up-to-date flight simulator for the young people of 1324 Air Training Corps are a little further on following a grant from local charity the Atkinson Foundation.

The simulator will be used for flight training when the cadets meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings at their headquarters on Skillings Lane, Brough. The group is carrying out various other fundraising activities towards achieving their goal, such as bag packing at Morrisons.

Drivers needed

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help the less mobile with journeys to hospital, medical appointments or local shops? Contact Brough Voluntary Action on 667271 for details.

The Jordan family does it again!

The Jordan Family of Elloughton raised £213 for the Salvation Army with a pop-up soup kitchen in their garden. They held the event over the festive period, offering soup and snacks to passers-by. It has become a regular event in the Jordan family’s calendar.

Soup up: (L-R) Two customers with Josie Jordan, Frances Jordan and Florence Jordan.

Surfer Fay gets on board with RYA

Windsurfer Fay Tominl from Elloughton has been selected to join the Royal Yachting Association’s UK Zone Squad for gifted and talented windsurfers who are on the pathway to the GB national team. The achievement will provide Fay with opportunities to receive world-class training and advice in her sport.

Fay has been helped by a grant from the Atkinson Foundation which will go towards the purchase of her own sailboard.

Councillor Kate Brogden presented a cheque for £115 to Claire Crosby of the charity KIDS. The money was raised through donations to the Remembrance Tree at last year’s Christmas Tree Festival.

KIDS is a national charity founded over 47 years ago. It provides a wide range of support services to disabled children, young people and their families. The charity supports children with any disability from birth to 25 years of age. It offers support to the whole family with the aim of giving disabled children a brighter future.

Find out more about their work at www.kids.org.uk.
PCF plans more events for 2018

The Petuaria Community Forum has completed its third year as a campaigning organisation whose aim is summarised in its motto ‘Bringing People and Business Together’.

The group held its Annual General Meeting in March and Chairman Tony Galbraith was re-elected for a further term in office.

The group has successfully organised various local events, including a public seminar to address the problems faced by local gardeners due to chafer bug infestations that have been prevalent over the last couple of years.

Following the popularity of their Food & Drink Festival at the Village Hall last year the PCF will be running the event again this September. They are also planning an event aimed at pet owners sometime in the summer.

For more details as they are announced visit the PCF website at hu15online.co.uk or join the HU15online Facebook group.

Guides get that thinking feeling

Elloughton-cum-Brough Brownie and Guide sections celebrated World Thinking Day in February.

Taking part were 120 children and young people from one Rainbow unit, three Brownie units and two Girl Guide units together with 25 leaders. Activities included international games, singing, crafts and cooking.

The event involves everyone in Guiding and takes place all around the world. Participants explore and celebrate being part of a bigger movement – the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

World Thinking Day took place on 22 February and has done so every year since 1926. The date is the anniversary of the shared birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide movement and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide.

Katy is set for an American adventure

Local Explorer Scout Katy Gawn has been selected to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree. The event takes place approximately every four years and the next one is in West Virginia, USA in summer 2019.

Katy was chosen from 36 applicants in the Blacktoft Beacon district covering the 40 miles from West Hull to Snainton. She is hard at work to raise the £4,000 needed to pay for her place. With £3,000 raised already, which includes a contribution from local charity the Atkinson Foundation, she is well on the way to reaching her target.

American dream: Katy Gawn is fundraising for her trip to West Virginia.

Cricket club members remember

Welton & Brough Sports Club continues to celebrate its 125th anniversary with a commemoration of the centenary of World War I and its members’ contribution at the time.

Four members of the 1903 team are among the 138 men named in the Roll of Honour in St Helen’s Church who served during the conflict.

One member, Aircraftsman Arthur Kellington, served in the Royal Flying Corps and in October 1918 was transferred to Brough Aerodrome. He was killed in a tragic railway accident three months later.

Brough Scouts are having a ball!

Elloughton-cum-Brough Scout Group are holding a Summer Ball at Brantingham Park at 7pm on Saturday 16th June. The event includes a three course meal and band.

The group is raising funds towards a minibus and major refurbishment of the Scout Hut. Tickets are £35 and can be booked through Emma Gawn on 07791 671575. They also plan to hold more fundraisers throughout the year, including afternoon teas, sponsored kayaking and an ‘I’m A Parent, Get Me Out Of Here’ challenge.

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Players bring back family farce for a second run
The Petuaria Players’ latest production revisits a play the group first performed 22 years ago. Performances run from 26th to 28th April at the Village Hall.

Set in a hospital, It Runs in the Family by master-of-farce Ray Cooney, contains the usual assortment of farcical characters running in and out of doors mistaking everybody for someone else, as Dr Mortimore tries to fend off a paternity suit, an ex-wife, a punkish son and various other lunatics so that he may, at last, deliver the Ponsonby Lecture at an international conference.

Tickets are £7 and are available from www.petuariaplayers.co.uk or the ticket secretary on 666908.

For a chance to win a pair of tickets to the Saturday night performance just answer the following question. How long is it since the group first performed the play?