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# Welcome



Welcome to the Spring edition of Grantham Now! magazine. It has been an exciting and stressful time for me getting to know how to publish a magazine. I would like to thank Richard and Andrea Coppin for all their help and support; I could not

ask for better mentors or friends.

Spring is a time of renewal and growth which is really pertinent to me at this crossroads in my life. I have really enjoyed working on the magazine and meeting regular and new clients. Thank you all for being so friendly and helpful.

I would like to welcome and thank Dr John Manterfield who will be writing regular historical articles about Grantham. John is a respected historian from Grantham and a member of the Civic Society.

I have a new website which is now live. The website is being developed further and will have a new business directory system to showcase all of Grantham Now's advertisements. To keep up with modern demand, my web developer is designing an online archive of all of Grantham Now's advertisements and editorials. Grantham Now will provide free online space for businesses who advertise with Grantham Now! Magazine.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Grantham Now! magazine. I am now going to start preparing the Summer edition and welcome any feedback readers and clients have.

Regards  
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# Grantham *Then*

## *Grantham in the Twenties*

By John Manterfield



It is an honour, albeit tinged with sadness, to be invited to take over this column which, since the inception of *Grantham Now*, has been compiled by the late Malcolm Knapp. I had known Malcolm for over fifty years from when I first attended the Grantham Local History Society of which

he was Chairman. Malcolm's talent for researching aspects of Grantham's past and coming up with diverse and well-chosen images will be a tough act to follow.

Last year marked the centenary of the end of the First World War. Over 300 Grantham men did not return alive and are commemorated in the memorial inside St Wulfram's Church on the north wall. The monument in the churchyard, designed by Sir Charles Nicholson, has been the focus of the town's annual Remembrance Sunday service since 1921. Borough councillors and townspeople felt that, additionally, there should be another memorial in the community and that of course was Wyndham Park. The Honourable Reggie Wyndham was the third son of the Second Baron Leconfield of Petworth House in Sussex. Reggie was a veteran of the Boer War and subsequently visited Africa and North America hunting and shooting large animals. His winters from 1908 until 1914 were spent in Grantham, where he hunted with the Belvoir Hunt in common with many gentry and professionals in Edwardian society. The hunting season provided employment for saddlers, bridle makers, blacksmiths, grooms and domestic servants in the hunting-boxes and hotels in Grantham that were utilised by those attending the Hunt.

Within days of the outbreak of war, Reggie was appointed in September 1914 as Captain of the Lincolnshire Yeomanry.



Wyndham Park bandstand taken in 1934



Dysart Park was opened in July 1926

This voluntary battalion was then despatched to the western front in September. Before leaving, Wyndham gave £100 towards the relief of distress amongst men who had been laid off at Richard Hornsby & Sons Ltd as the demand for agricultural implements fell away and it had not yet been determined what Hornsby's would be producing for the war effort. Wyndham also put his stable of hunters at the disposal of the military.

On 6 November, just eight weeks after his division had been transported across the Channel, the Hon W R Wyndham was killed in Belgium. He was buried at the small military cemetery in the churchyard at Zillebeke. In December 1919, his grieving mother offered Grantham Borough Council £1000 towards the provision of a Recreation Ground in Grantham. Work on Wyndham Park began in 1922 and the grand opening was held in July 1924 attended by Lady Leconfield. The Heritage Lottery-funded project completed last year has brought new life and facilities to a much-loved jewel in Grantham's townscape.

Unsurprisingly, the provision of facilities at the northeast end of the town prompted clamour for a Recreation Ground at its southern end. Built between March and July 1926, the Houghton Road Recreation ground was renamed in August 1926 as Dysart Park, at the Council's suggestion. Lord Dysart was apparently 'very diffident' about this, lest it be thought he had stipulated this with a view to 'self-advertisement'. This new park contained tennis courts, a bowling green, football pitch and swimming baths. In four weeks during July 1926, 11,840 attendances were recorded at the Dysart Park baths compared with 10,469 at Wyndham Park.

1926 also saw the opening of the new Public Library and Museum on St Peter's Hill funded with help from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. With new Council houses, first in Dysart Road and Earlsfield and then in Harrowby Close and Turnor Crescent, Grantham borough should be credited for actions that made the town a 'land fit for Heroes to Live in' as tasked by Prime Minister Lloyd George in 1918.

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As the condition worsened, life became a trial. Getting out of the car Maureen explained was awful. "I seemed to be dragging my left foot along the ground as I tried to walk," she said. Well, Maureen is a committed Christian lady and like anyone who has given their lives to The Lord, she prayed for His help. No sooner prayed than done, she met an old friend; Edna Cox, who recommended an acupuncture session as the best way to find relief. "It did me the world of good. After just five sessions I was feeling great," she said. It did her so much good in fact that she took her husband along to get help with his painful knees. Maureen's husband passed away three years ago, but she says that with God's help she 'keeps on keeping on'. By 2015 the arthritis had crept to other parts of Maureen's body; both knees were now affected but so were her wrists, shoulders and fingers, the latter of which were showing the tell-tale signs of this painful condition. Glucosamine and Rose Hip Syrup (in tablet form) offered a measured alleviation of the symptoms, but nothing was working to take the pain away completely. Again she decided to let acupuncture come to the rescue and booked herself in to the Chinese Herbcare and Acupuncture Centre on the High Street. Once again, the results were astonishing, granting her free



*When you've had severe arthritic pain taken away by acupuncture, we think you're permitted to celebrate like this!*

and unfettered mobility once more, even allowing her to run to meet the post on one occasion. A couple of years ago; unbeknownst to Maureen, an old friend and village neighbour of hers, Val Richardson was suffering from osteoarthritis. Her eventual recovery by this very acupuncture centre was so astounding in fact that Grantham Now had covered her story back in the 2017 spring issue. In that edition we'd written; 'Val freely admits that she knew very little about acupuncture but seeing her friend so much improved she thought she had nothing to lose by trying it out'. That friend of hers was Maureen. In those 'Mysterious Way of His' Maureen seems to have been led to meet Val at Robin Hood's bay in Yorkshire near to where she was enjoying a holiday. Val was

flabbergasted to learn that Maureen had walked the nine miles from her hotel to the seaside resort, yet more so when she learned how Maureen had been able to achieve such a monumental transformation in her health from acupuncture. It took no persuasion for Val to take on board Maureen's recommend for her to visit the Chinese Herbcare and Acupuncture Centre. Val's recovery was so complete that she sent Maureen a lovely bouquet of flowers to say thank you.

Well, Maureen loves her acupuncture sessions. She lies on the bed with the painless needles in place and relaxes to soothing Chinese music and the heat of an electromagnetic lamp warming the areas being treated. It so soothing she says that she often falls in to a deep sleep; better still is the feel good feeling she has at the end of the session. She describes it as 'A totally holistic sensation', which perhaps sums up what acupuncture is all about better than all the words written about it. It just goes to show, a little prayer, a little faith, a few little needles and whole life changed for the better. No wonder Maureen is full of joy.



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The car park owners offer a totally personalised service as well. Long term parking for multiple consecutive days can be paid for in advance; particularly suitable for business people or holiday-makers going away for several days at a time. At incredibly competitive rates it has to be said too (just £5.00 per weekday and only £2.00 per day at weekends). For shorter stays of up to 5 hours, the rate is only 85p per hour, and, just three minutes from the town centre it's a car park worthy of serious consideration.

Even more convenient, especially for the regular daily commuter, there is the personalised reserved parking option, giving you your own allocated space bearing your car's registration number. This has proven very popular with commuters; even so there are still a few spaces available on a first-

come-first-served basis and can be paid monthly by Bank Transfer/Standing Order (no contract required – contact for more details). Flexibility can also be arranged for absence during holiday/Christmas periods.

Comparing the costs to those of the railway station's car park it's not unreasonable to state that if you're a regular user you could save yourself somewhere in the region of £1,500 per year.

The car park is continually

monitored closely by CCTV. Flood lighting illuminates the car park from when darkness descends to midnight in the winter. In any case, during the day there's usually a member of the management in attendance making this a very safe and secure car park indeed. In fact as far as car parking in Grantham is concerned it's a no-brainer really, don't you think?



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Isn't it a pity we cannot ask **Alexa** to read her own instructions and set herself up? Wouldn't life be wonderful if she could! Isn't it so frustrating that after several hours of pressing menu buttons; back, side, up and down just for your gadget or computer to flash up errors and refusing to work? Do you have a dash cam that was easy to set up but cannot view the recordings on your computer? Do



you have a wireless printer that refuses to connect to your Wi-Fi? Do you have a new Fire stick and do not know how to set it up? Are you using all the functions on your smart TV? The list is endless.

It makes you wonder how many Christmas presents from more tech savvy relations are hidden in houses all over the world because we cannot understand the simple instructions that look to us like they have been written by aliens. Or how many of our gadgets

have been left in boxes as we think we have broken them because we got confused by the instructions? We all like to think that we are technologically 'savvy' but really we are technophobes. If only we could set up our gadgets properly and fully understand what they are capable of as they could make our lives so much easier and pleasurable. Don't be afraid to admit being a technophobe; you are not on your own. Grantham Computer Centre



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## **A bit about food...**

Kitchen & Coffee's chefs all have

Fine Dining backgrounds and have vast knowledge and experience gained by working in some of the region's top restaurants. Kitchen & Coffee take 'homemade' seriously, and everything that is served is made fresh and from raw ingredients (locally sourced where possible). Kitchen & Coffee also cater for all dietary requirements. If you try 'something naughty' it has been made by Sue, Kitchen & Coffee's very own baker. Sue is amazing and makes all cakes, tray bakes and specialty breads in-house, which are pure delight. Sue also ensures all dietary requirements are catered for, and Kitchen & Coffee provide dairy free, gluten free and vegan options every day that are available from the 'Something Naughty' section.

All menus are designed to ensure that there is something for everyone. Kitchen & Coffee serve breakfast, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea, after school Early Bird menu (available between 4 pm and 5 pm Monday to Friday), 'Casual Fine Dining' on a Friday and Saturday evening and Grantham's best Sunday Lunch (according to their Facebook and Trip-advisor reviews).

If you are wanting a light bite and a drink after work, why not try one of Kitchen & Coffee's sharing boards with a glass of wine, or Gin!



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If you're in a hurry don't worry Kitchen & Coffee have it covered with speedy drinks and takeaway menu options. It's certainly not "fast food" but it is quite speedy!

## **A bit about the Kitchen & Coffee family...**

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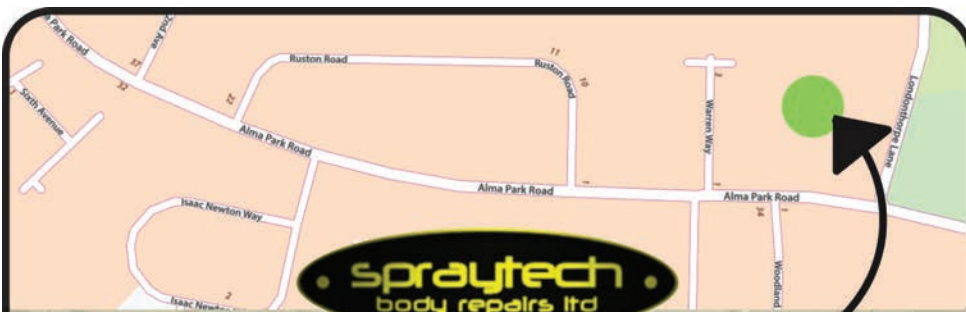
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By Sara Gill

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John Beaty's Garage has been open for over 40 years and Gary Bowers, Jason's dad, took over the garage in 1991 after working for John Beaty since he was a teenager. Gary initially worked at Amoco Filling Station, owned by John Beaty, and started on the petrol pumps and worked his way up to be a mechanic. Rob and Jason took over the garage in 2015 when Gary retired. Gary now covers for 'the boys' when they are on holiday. The garage is based on Castlegate, Grantham which is central for all who live in the town.

John Beaty's garage do MOTs whilst you wait which is so convenient when you want to go shopping as 'the boys' will have your car ready for you in no time. Rob and Jason



are always ready to carry out servicing, repairs, diagnostics and to give advice. They give a top-quality service to their customers; many of whom are regulars and they have earned their good reputation from 'word of mouth'. 'The boys' can MOT, service and repair any make and model of car regardless of the age of the car and confirmed that guarantees and warranties will not be affected if repairs are carried out in an independent garage. My family and I have always found them to be responsive and honest whenever we need them. Many a time I have called them with a problem which, when they have had a look, has just been a blip on my electrics! However, there have been times when they have had to find the fault and have always explained what the problem was in layman's terms for clarity and agreed the repairs before going ahead with the work. When I ring,

they always tell me to drop the car off straight away or book me in as quickly as possible. All the work carried out on my cars and my family's cars has been of a high standard making sure they always use the recommended manufacturers' parts, so that we are back on the road as soon as possible. My dad, before giving up driving, used them for so long that he got a cup of tea when having a service or MOT as 'the boys' became good friends and he still visits them today. I have to say, when I take my car to the garage, Rob or Jason will always park it up for me and make sure that when I pick my car up it is placed where I cannot hit anything, so I do not have to worry as I am not the world's best parker!

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This is also the time of year when people start thinking about painting and decorating but we do not

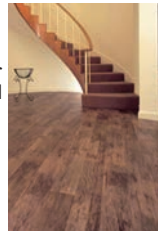
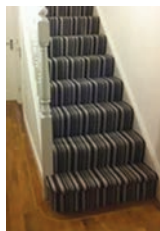
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Focus on...

# Avenue Veterinary Centre

by Richard Huddart, a veterinary surgeon at the Avenue Veterinary Centre in Grantham and Bottesford.



As the New Year kicks in and we prepare for another Spring - the season of lambing and calving on the farms, Richard Huddart reflects on some of the strange (and sometimes disturbing!) cases which have cropped up at the Avenue Veterinary Centre over recent weeks.

Although the practice is still heavily involved in some farm veterinary work, the more interesting cases seem to occur in cats and dogs these days! Christmas unfortunately saw the usual list of naughty dogs (and their owners!) which had consumed chocolate. This is the most common form of food toxicity we see around the festive season and is deadly serious, especially if large quantities are consumed or they are high in cocoa content. If we catch them quickly, we can make these patients vomit the chocolate before it becomes absorbed.

This is a good way to cure one's craving for Chocolate Oranges. Once you have enjoyed the sight and delicious smell of these after regurgitation by a dog, you will not be inclined to eat them again!

Many other seasonal foods are amazingly toxic too – most



notably raisins, grapes and currants, especially in fruit cakes. Even onions and garlic must not be fed to pets.

Cats are particularly sensitive to poisoning by any of the varieties of lily. All parts of this plant are potentially lethal, so make sure cats cannot come into contact with any lilies. Please take great care to dispose of car radiator antifreeze properly, as this too can be lethal and appealing to pets.

This winter I have noted the emergence of a new hazard, which was successfully dealt with by our vets at the practice. GORILLA GLUE, a common material used by

builders and for DIY tasks, apparently has a sweet taste. This proved too tempting for a Labrador puppy in the town, which was presented to the vets when he started vomiting. The feature of this glue is that it expands to fill a cavity before solidifying, so we had to surgically remove large clumps of the glue from the poor pup's stomach. After a recovery period,



Gorilla glue cast of stomach

our patient was back to normal!

Bladder stones can form in the urine of all species, but Jackie removed this stunning example from a poor dog having difficulty passing urine. It was alone, floating around in the bladder, until it was surgically removed. Lab analysis showed that it was mainly composed of silica, and diet can be used to prevent its recurrence in dogs. Apparently, dogs which eat



*The bladder stone we removed*

soil, possibly while rooting around for other foods on the ground, are more susceptible. Nature can produce some amazing sights!

When I was a student in London during the 1970s, one of our anatomy lecturers was the late Harry Merlen. He was

a great character who had been one of General Montgomery's Desert Rats during World War II. He was a leading authority on ..... camels! He often spoke about "The Bactrian, or two-humped camel, can inflate its soft palate during the rut!" Said in his immaculate and clipped military English, this used to set us all off into fits of giggles. This week, however, I saw this photograph in a veterinary journal, which explains how this might indeed cause consternation if one had not heard Mr Merlen's lectures!



*Camel palate inflation*



*Mr Merlin with model camel in 1976*

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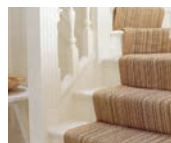
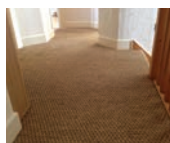
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## We need to be asking ourselves critical questions:

- If you are self-employed can you afford to retire?
- If you are employed, is your workplace pension good enough to cover living costs when you retire?
- When do you want to give up work?
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*Source Flagstone – 8th January 2019*

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*Source – Age UK 4th December 2017*

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# Will Power

## Emily Lister

### **Did you know that three out of five people die without making a Will?**

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Rules of Intestacy mean that it is possible that your loved ones will not get anything. You need to think about the consequences of not having a Will which, in the

worst scenario, can leave the people you love

destitute and upset. If you have a new relationship and both of you have children, then it is really easy for you to disinherit your first family unintentionally. It is important that you know that step relations, relations by marriage only and cohabitants NEVER qualify under the intestacy rules.

The old saying 'Live for today' is fine if you have made provisions for your own future and for your loved ones, but if you haven't then everything you owned could go to the State if you do not have any living blood relatives. Why do you work so hard? To have a happy life now and safeguard your legacy for your dependents. To ensure your wishes are followed, you need to take control as making a Will empowers you. You will be able to live your life now in the assurance that your assets will go to those that you love and care for. Remember, if you live with a partner, they are not automatically entitled to any of your assets. Making a Will is a responsibility that

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# Making a difference to young people

Anyone passing along New Beacon Road in Grantham over the past few months can't fail to have noticed the building of an interesting new school rising from the site of what many will remember as the old Youth Centre. This is the new Springwell Academy; a facility will offer something very exciting indeed for Lincolnshire when it opens its doors in May later this year. They say that the measure of a truly civilised society is found in the way it cares for those in need and this new school epitomises that cherished ethic by providing an education for young people who through no fault of their own have been unable to fit into mainstream education.

The Wellspring Academy Trust (the umbrella organisation for Grantham's Springwell Academy), in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council and the Department for Education are investing significant amounts of money to provide the finest education for its children who can no longer access education in the usual way. It's for this reason that this school is being built; to develop a state of the art alternative provision across the county so that pupils are given the best possible chance in life.

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idea of inspiring innovation, creativity and aspiration for life will run like a golden thread woven into a climate of high expectation for each pupil. The levels of support from staff and families alike will be matched with appropriate and tailor-made challenges to ensure that each and every pupil gets the maximum from school with the main aim of creating confident individuals, equipped to become responsible citizens and successful learners.

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# The Gift of Matilda



**The childhood of author Roald Dahl was one of tragedy and pain. A few weeks after his sister died from appendicitis his father died of pneumonia. To compound this misery his experience of school life was one of abject cruelty; suffering many canings (once because he and his friends were found to have put a dead mouse in jar of sweets at the local shop). His next school Repton was far worse. The location for the 1939 film 'Goodbye Mr. Chips', this was nothing like the film's romantic portrayal; beatings of younger children by older boys and masters were frequent and severe.**

Of course, it seems that these trials led Roald to write many of his children's stories from the perspective of the underdog, (just as he often must have felt he was a boy) and his story Matilda is no exception. Many of Roald's real-life experiences can be found in both

the book and the film, and they pour out equally poignantly into the musical which this spring will be the focus of the Easter Camp held by New Youth Theatre.

Matilda is a gifted child, spurned by her selfish and materialistic mother and father; a wanna-be dancer and a crooked car salesman. Her school life is marred by a headmistress who evidently hates children; Miss Trunchbull, who on one occasion boils with rage when she discovers a newt has been placed in her jug of water; (an obvious reference to the mouse in the sweet shop) and there they go to 'The Chokey' a tiny glory hole armed with inward-facing spikes driven into its door. Miss Honey is the only teacher who has any sympathy with Matilda. She tries her best to encourage her and advance her education but Miss Trunchbull is having none of it. After suffering many acts of cruelty Matilda's inner fury brims over, displaying an ability to move things with her mind. This effect once used on Miss Trunchbull creates a hilarious ending to the Headmistress' career terrorising her into believing that a ghost is after her. At this point her father, having annoyed the Russian mafia by selling dodgy cars to them, finds his life in peril. However the head of the mafia likes Matilda and lets the matter drop on condition that she goes to live with Miss Honey, which is what she does and a happy ending brings this wonderful show to a satisfying end and great applause, especially since throughout there have been some

great song and dance routines. If you are feeling that you'd like to perform on stage but are a little afraid to make that first step, then perhaps this show is the one to unlock your bravery. Just like Matilda found her inner courage, you too will be inspired by the story to do the same. It's very unlikely that you'll be gifted with the ability to move things with your mind, but you will find the ability to move your life with your inner spirit which this show is bound to release in you. From this point on you'll find you have the courage to do so much more, so that when the real trials of life challenge you, you'll have discovered that you have what it takes to meet them. In any case, you'll have made some great friends along the way, had a great time learning new songs and dance steps and discovered the fun that can be had with simply performing in front of an audience. Your applause when it reaches your ears only helps to let you know that you've grown as a person and been given a gift to last your whole life through; the simple and effective gift of self-confidence.

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# If you work from home, then read on



**When I decided to take over Grantham Now! magazine, there were a lot of preparations I needed to take into consideration. Put it this way, I knew I could not run the magazine with my laptop but then again, I did not really know what I needed for the task in hand.**

I met Simon Pell, a regular customer of Grantham Now! Magazine, and I asked him to help me. Simon was able to understand my needs better than I could as he had worked with Andrea and Richard for many years. I explained to him that although I was a good 'user' of computers, I did not have a clue on equipment options that I could choose from. Simon asked me a few questions and then took all the hassle away from me by emailing details of computers that would suit my needs at affordable prices. I told him the packages I needed installing which he did very quickly without any problems. He then set up my equipment and now looks after my computer's security and does all the updates required. I have a suitable computer with a large memory to deal with all the tasks I must do for the magazine. Simon also is on hand to sort out any problems I may have and can access my computer remotely. His help and support have made my life easier and it is something I do not have to worry about, especially as I have tight deadlines to meet.

I would highly recommend Simon's services to homeworkers as I am sure they need support and the peace of mind that I do. I do not have to run security scans or worry about what could attack my computer; I just leave that to Simon to manage. It also helps that Simon is friendly, approachable and answers emails

very quickly. Thankfully, I have not had to ask Simon to fix any technical issues to date, but this is part of the service which also gives me peace of mind as Simon would come to my house to sort out any problems if necessary. Simon offers a comprehensive and affordable package for his customers and nothing seems too much for him. Just one thing you would need to remember; when Simon visits, you must make sure that the kettle is on. He likes his coffee black with a drop of cold water!



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# A Conservatory Conversation

How a Warma Roof system can do wonders for your existing conservatory

It's incredible just how much interest has been shown in the Warma Roof system being rolled out in the town over the past couple of months by Newark & Notts Fascias since it was featured in the previous issue of Grantham Now. In a way the astonishment is a little disingenuous, since the company has roofing expertise running through its blood stream.

Joe Gray the man at the helm knows more about roofs and roofing than most of us know about Christmas. The down-to-earth, no nonsense, unpressured way he explains about what his business does is perfect when people show an interest in this fascinating conservatory roofing system. He'll enjoy giving you the facts of course, but there won't be any fancy patter or gimmicks, no mind-bending tricks, just something we don't see very much of these days; straightforward honesty, a can-do attitude and a sincere approach to business that puts you in command of your decision making.

A Warma Roof makes your conservatory look like an even more elegant part of your home. During its installation it allows for the correction of the 'fall' on your gutter. When a conservatory is built, the gutters come as part of the structure and are completely level. It seems obvious, but gutters need a slightly descending slant to allow rainwater to run downhill; so that's one of the first things which gets amended. This opportunity also gives the team chance to ensure that the trajectory of the rain leaving the roof is aimed directly at the gutter, thereby avoiding any overspill during heavy rain.

There's no need to dismantle your existing roof either since the new highly durable uPVC tiles made by the renowned company Tapco fit straight on to timber slats fixed on to your



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current transparent roof.

The result is not only aesthetically pleasing but practical too; helping to maintain cooler air in the summer and holding in the warmth in the winter months. This exceptional temperature control is achieved through a 25mm layer of special polycarbonate insulation placed over your existing roof prior to the slats and tiles being fitted. To make this work even more effectively against the ever-changing outside temperature the company can also fit

a flat uPVC ceiling, giving you another bonus when it comes to keeping your conservatory clean; one easy wipe down and it's done. Ask Joe about having a vaulted ceiling; you'd be surprised at just how many options the Warma Roof system has.

If you ever find that your conservatory causes your eyes to strain through the glare of a sunny day, that it overheats in the summer or seems as unwelcoming as Jack Frost when the days are cold, then you might well find that a Warma Roof is just the thing for you. It'll make your home look great, feel great and give you a talking point to be proud of. To find out more, call

Joe Gray at Newark & Notts Fascias. A visit from him will tell you all you need to know and you can ask as many questions as you like; after that the decision is up to you. You only have to take a look at how these homes have been transformed to

see that these new Warma Roof installations have become a real credit to the homeowners, a home improvement that will hold its value and give you years of relaxing pleasure as you enjoy the many benefits that a Warma Roof provides.



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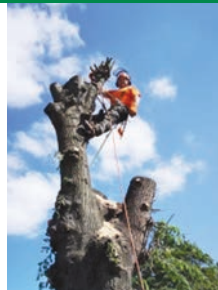


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# Give a dog a break

**Do you dream about having a dog but cannot commit full-time? For many people the full-time commitment of dog ownership may not be feasible so the opportunity to become a 'host' is a welcome way of enjoying that companionship without the year-round commitment or cost. Why not become a host for Barking Mad and give dogs a holiday? Dogs bring so much joy into our lives but with the pressures of work and family life it is not always possible to have a dog full-time. You may be retired, semi-retired or perhaps living on your own or working from home. You do need to be able to spend most of your time at home during the day so you can devote the time to caring for your holiday dog and becoming a dog host.**

Do you want your children to grow up knowing how to look after, have empathy and love a dog? It is a bit like being a grandparent whereby you can hand a dog back to its owners but still enjoy the love and pleasure a dog can bring into your life. It is the time of year when everyone wants to be out and about, and a dog gives you the incentive to go for a healthy walk and you can watch them run, play, sniff and meet other walkers and

their dogs. You can have the best of both worlds being a host for Barking Mad. Whatever your circumstances, hosting for Barking Mad will allow you to have the company only a dog can give; pure love without judgement.

Dogs are a source of love and comfort, a listening ear and are great at getting us out and about exercising. There are numerous health benefits that dogs can bring into our lives, for example, just stroking a dog can reduce blood pressure! Dogs can help with depression, loneliness, recovery from illness, self-esteem, meaningful existence, stress, and activity.

As a dog lover you will understand the anxiety that owners feel when they have to leave their dogs behind. As a host for Barking Mad you will be a vital part of the team in providing this valuable service.

Becoming a host first requires a home visit to assess matters such as security. Photographs are taken to put the owner's minds at ease and to create a visual record for Barking Mad's files. Doing things in a step-

by-step way like this makes certain that all of the dog's needs are met and just as importantly that the host can manage the type of dog in question. Sometimes a host has a family dog too; a friendly family pet who will get just as much enjoyment from a guest as the hosts would.

Barking Mad will ensure that dogs meet their hosts and dogs to ensure that they are comfortable with one another prior to any stay. Such pairings create bonds and friendships that everyone benefits from for years and years. Hosts can have children, but for safety reasons, they must be over five years of age. Owners do not meet their dog's host as Barking Mad will ensure that the required information, meetings and resources are provided to the hosts. Hosts will have 24-hour emergency cover if needed and will never be asked to have two dogs from different homes.

It couldn't be simpler to be a host and the benefits will improve your wellbeing. So, don't delay, contact Barking Mad today.



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Now Winter should, hopefully, be on its way out (if the weather is being kind to us!) there is usually one thing on everyone's minds. No, not summer holidays just yet, that's right - Spring cleaning.

If you are thinking about getting your home a bit more organised, Michael can advise on helpful, space saving solutions to get some of that clutter out of sight. He can create a bespoke cabinet in a small unused area within your home or even add some shelving to that difficult cupboard that you keep your Hoover in. He can also board out your loft space to create a larger, usable storage area (think suitcases and Christmas decorations!). Just give Michael a call or a text and he will be happy to pop round to discuss ideas and give you a free quote.

Wouldn't it be great if we could all make our homes more eco-

friendly? Well, making your home a little more energy efficient, and helping you to save some money in the long term is something that the



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Handyman can help you with. He can lag hot water tanks and pipes and fully insulate your loft which will reduce the cost of your energy bills on a long-term basis. If you are thinking about redecorating a room this Spring, why not have some thermal blinds fitted or put up some new curtains? These can help to insulate your room and keep it nice and cosy in the evenings or cooler in the summer. Michael can also advise on more energy efficient lighting as there is now a very good range of LED bulbs available that do not compromise on style or functionality.



Michael

is proficient in replacing a variety of flooring, painting and decorating internally and externally and can help you to improve the security of your home and garden. In fact, he is capable of most jobs that

all of us find need doing at some time or another. Have you noticed some draughts during the Winter? You don't want them to still be causing you a problem next year. Now is the time to get in touch with the Grantham Handyman. If you fill in the web form on his website or send him an email, he can put together a plan to help you to get on top of all the little things on your jobs' list.

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# Wake up call to all Gardeners and Gardening Professionals

**Spring is here again, and your garden is waking up and before you know it will be bursting forth. You need to wake up and take stock because once the garden is awake, there is no rest. Preparation is key. Have you thought about your tools and equipment? Did you just close the garage or shed door at the end of the summer without thinking? Is your mower up to scratch? Are your hedge trimmers sharp and the batteries charged?**

How come we make lists of what we need to do but do not think about what equipment we need to do the jobs? Well, the best advice would be to nip out to your garage or shed and check everything over. Are your ultimate plans to change your garden or clear away bushes that you no longer want? What are you going to use to do all these regular and new jobs? Yes, you will need help and LRS have all the equipment you may need for your garden such as hedge trimmers, mowers, aerators, scarifiers (cuts through the soil, helping to remove dead moss and other debris like grass cuttings), grass strimmers, brush cutters, chainsaws, spreaders and so much more. Then you need to think about what manufacturer you want to buy your equipment from such as Webb, Stiga, Atco and Greenworks just to name a few. Did you know LRS have a range of lawn movers from petrol (push and auto drive), electric and cordless, cylinder, field and brush and ride on. There is a lot to think about and LRS are skilled and knowledgeable and are happy to help you make the right choice for you and your garden.

Now to the professional gardeners out there; have you checked your equipment? Is it up to scratch? Is your equipment good enough for

the kinds of jobs your customers want you to do? You will be much busier from now to the end of the autumn and need to make sure that your equipment is serviced and up to standard for the jobs you are required to do. LRS will help commercial customers select and maintain equipment and obtain parts to keep their machinery in tip top condition so that their work is not disrupted too much.

Gardening is a labour of love and many of us enjoy nurturing our plants, hedges, flowers and lawns to look their best. However, we all also enjoy sitting and perusing our lovely gardens and without the right equipment, our time would be taken up working all the time in the garden. Having and using the right equipment will also help your garden to look its best, for example, having light and proficient hedge trimmers will make the job far less physical and time consuming to using standard hedge clippers.

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Price & Son Family Independent Funeral Directors has been open since December 2018. Jason Price is a highly experienced funeral director who is passionate about giving the highest possible standards and service. He believes in giving a caring, compassionate and respectful service to ensure that all your needs and your loved one's needs are met. Jason has a military background as well as 15 years working his way up in the funeral business and has worked for the Co-op and Dignity. He has

experience of every role within the funeral services from casual bearer to working in the Coroner's office. He has incorporated everything good he has learnt into his own funeral directors.

Price & Son Funeral Directors is based on Castlegate, Grantham; originally the Queen Victoria Institute for Nurses which was established in Grantham in 1901 and two years later the building was opened, as a memory to the Queen, thanks largely to a fund launched by then Mayor Trynor Lynn. The Tudor-style Queen Victoria Nurses' Home has been sympathetically restored whereby many of its original features are still



in situ. The premises have a family room, kitchen facilities, a chapel, arrangement room and offices with the potential to expand. Although the building is 118 years old, it is disability accessible and provides parking at the back of the premises. Price & Son Funeral Directors is also equipped to care for your loved one on the premises and you can visit your loved one anytime that you wish. Jason has an open-door policy and welcomes anyone who would like a tour and information to call in. Jason stated that, "We only have one chance to

get it right" and this is what he bases his standards on. He said, "Price & Son can provide a funeral that best reflects someone's life". Jason believes that costs of funerals should be transparent and that Price & Son Family Funeral Director's website details services provided, costs that are affordable, and support provided including registering your loved one's passing. The website has been designed so that it is easy to navigate and is understandable. As you can see, the company logo is a hand holding an apple with an acknowledgement to Isaac Newton and also to the care and support given by the business.

Price & Son Funeral Directors run a Forget-Me-Nots friendship group for people who have been bereaved which takes place every Friday from 10 am to 1 pm and is hosted by Jason's mother. It is a peer led group whereby experiences can be shared, and group members can support one another through the stages of grief. Refreshments are provided, and the group is free and open to everyone. A small donation is collected at the end of each group with the proceeds going to St Barnabas and Cystic Fibrosis. You do not have to book to attend. Jason will also be running groups to dispel the myths and worries associated with funerals. He has run this group with the British Legion regarding funeral planning which is tailor made for local people. Everyone is welcome to attend. Details of these groups are on the website.



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