

FLASHBACK DAILY WITH REX BOOTH



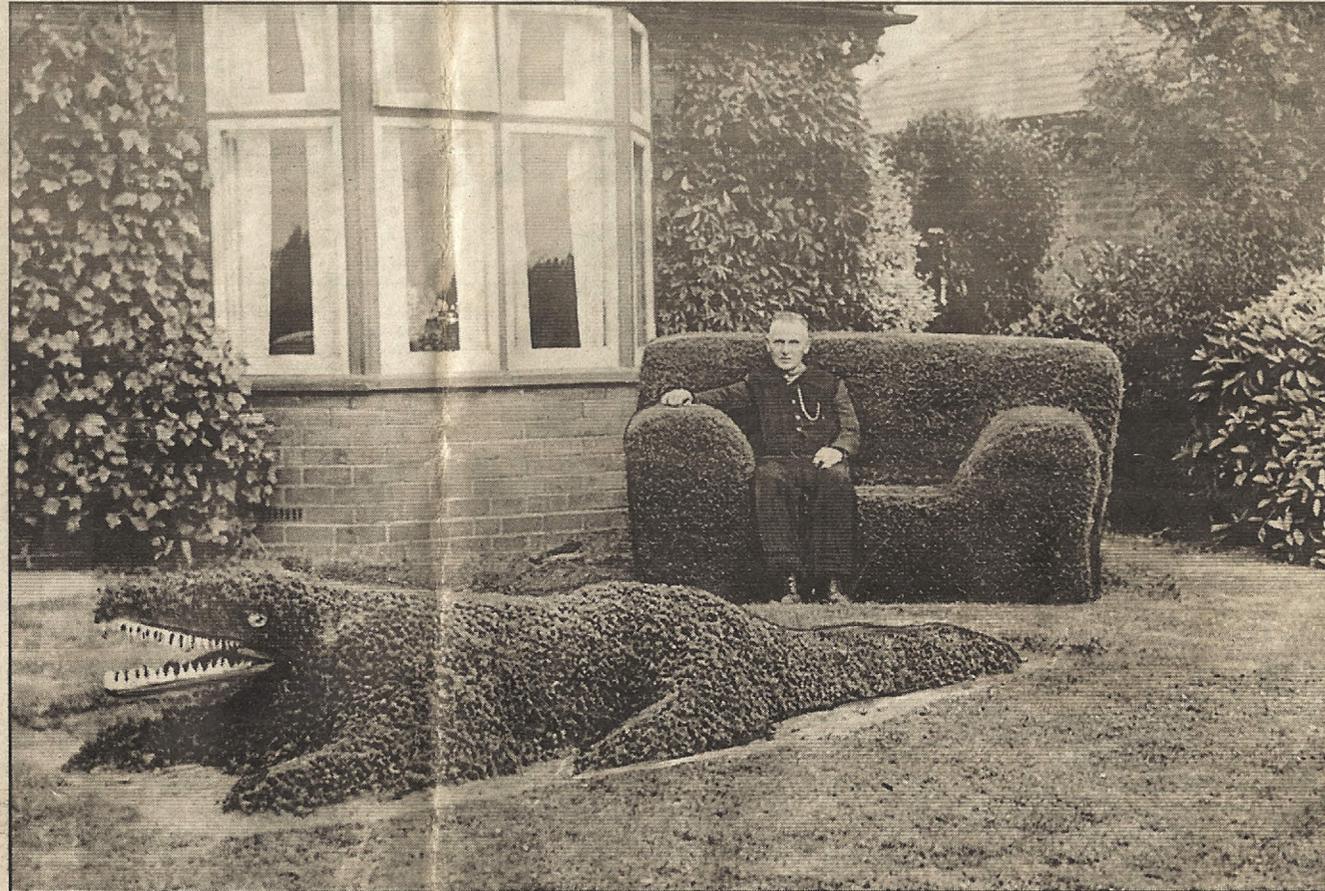
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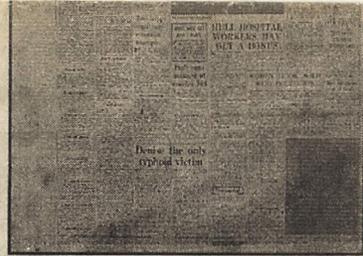
10 years ago

July 9, 1993: Beverley College bosses claimed its future could be jeopardised if town planners blocked the possibility of a move to a bigger site.



TAKE A SEAT: Hubert Harsley sits on his "living" settee in the garden of his home in Whitdale

Garden furniture with a difference



30 years ago

July 9, 1973: A tight security screen was thrown around Hull Guildhall at the start of a trial of a prisoner from the top-security Hedon Road jail. The police operation was mounted because several category A prisoners – the most dangerous and high-risk class – were being called as witnesses.



40 years ago

July 9, 1963: A coldstream guardsman from Hull stopped a howling crowd of about 30 people with his rifle butt and bayonet during a clash between Indians and Africans in British Guiana.

THE unusual garden “furniture” shown in our photographs today dates from the 1950s.

It was to be found in the garden of the house where Hubert E Harsley and his wife lived in Whitedale, Holderness, and the pictures were taken on December 17, 1957.

The photographs were taken in connection with Hubert's retirement as a railwayman, from a working life made remarkable by the fact that he spent all 50 years and eight months of it at one station – Whitedale.

He retired on December 27, 1957, his 65th birthday.

He received a letter from Mr C Hearnshaw, the district operating superintendent, Hull, expressing appreciation of his service. Later he received a personal visit at the Whitedale signal cabin from Mr Hearnshaw and the assistant superintendent Mr S Brown, and he was presented with an inscribed gold watch in recognition of his service.

Mr Harsley started work in April 1907 at Whitedale station as “lad porter”, then took charge of the signal cabin in April 1914, when Mr J Potter was stationmas-



GREEN FINGERS: Hubert lets the “dogs” out in his self-designed garden

ter. Other station masters during his time were Mr AN Train, Mr J Andrews, Mr J Newton, Mr C Russell and Mr S Wilde.

His connection with the station had begun even earlier however, while he was at school, for at the age of 11 he had a donkey and cart which he used to carry passen-

gers and parcels to and from the station. He also fetched from the station and delivered in Withernwick, where he then lived, the Mail and its weekly newspaper.

He was a pupil of Withernwick Council School where he was taught by Mr and Mrs EC Wright. He lived in Withernwick until

1936 when he built a house, Fairholme, at Whitedale, and lived there with his wife and three sons. Mr Harsley and his wife planned to remain there on his retirement.

He designed the garden, with its unusual features shown in our photographs, himself

● MORE than £200 was raised in a period of 14 weeks by members and officials of Newtown Club, Hull, to provide pensioner members with a Christmas dinner and presentation. Each of the 67 guests received a monetary gift of £2.10s (£2.50).

Entertainment was provided by Edle Grimwood, with Harry Fisher at the piano and Johnny Wells providing rhythm and song at the drums.

● AT THE Dee Street Club, Hull, more than 100 pensioners attended their annual dinner and party. Wally Palmer welcomed the guests. Top table guests included Col Hubert

REMEMBER WHEN...

DECEMBER 1957

Robson and Stanley Robson. Also present were Billy Carmichael and members of the organising committee. After the meal, cigars were distributed to the men and boxes of chocolates to the women.

● MARKET Welghton Parish Council decided to press for full postal

facilities to be provided in the town and that the postal establishment should become a Crown office. They felt the improvement was opportune as Mr RH Hobbs was retiring from the postmastership and leaving the town.

● “WHEN the C of E School pupils

of Tickton presented a Christmas concert and Nativity play in the village hall, the programme was enthusiastically received by a packed audience. It demonstrated many of the school's activities and included the percussion band, choral speech, mime, selections by a group of recorder players and unison singing. Mr GA Hall, headmaster, thanked the members of the staff and others who contributed to the success. Among those present were the school managers Mr R Dunn, Mr G Parker, Mr G Shields and Mr J R Julian.”