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HIGH TIDES FOR CLEETHORPES

Thursday, March 26	9.31am/10.02pm
Friday, March 27	10.21am/11.10pm
Saturday, March 28	11.31am
Sunday, March 29	12.43am/2.04pm
Monday, March 30	3.09am/3.25pm
Tuesday, March 31	4.12am/4.22pm
Wednesday, April 1	5am/5.06pm

CHEMISTS' LATE OPENING TIMES

T J Birmingham Chemist Ltd, Cleethorpes Primary Care Centre, St Hugh's Ave, Cleethorpes Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm	Periville Limited, Weelsby View Health Centre, Ladysmith Road, Grimsby Monday - Friday to 7.00 pm
E A Broadburn, 14/16 St Peter's Avenue, Cleethorpes Monday - 9am - 6 pm Saturday 9am - 1 pm	Sainsburys Pharmacy, Sainsbury Store, Corporation Road, Grimsby Monday - Saturday to 8.00 pm
Springfield Road Monday to Wednesday 8.30 am - 7 pm Thursday 8.30 am - 5.30 pm Friday 8.30 am - 7 pm	Stirling Pharmacy, Stirling Medical Centre, Grimsby Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm
39-41 Waltham Road, Scarcho, Grimsby Monday - Friday to 5.30 pm Saturday 9.00 am - 12.00 pm	Tesco In-Store Pharmacy, Market Street, Grimsby Monday - Friday to 10.30 pm Saturday to 10.00 pm
Rowland Pharmacy, 323a Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm	Lloyds Pharmacy Limited, Pelham Road, Immingham Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm
Tesco In-Store Pharmacy, Hewitts Avenue, Cleethorpes Monday - Saturday to 8.00 pm	Lloyds Pharmacy Limited, 8 Caistor Road, Laceby Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm (except Wednesday to 1.00 pm)
Alliance Pharmacy, Church View Health Centre, Grimsby Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm	Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd, 1-2 Greengables, Station Road, New Waltham Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm
Asda Pharmacy, Asda Superstore, Holles Street, Grimsby Monday - Saturday to 10.00 pm	SUNDAY HOURS Tesco In-Store Pharmacy, Hewitts Avenue, Cleethorpes 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Assura Pharmacy, Freshney Green Primary Care Centre, Sorrel Road, Grimsby Monday - Friday to 6.30 pm	Asda Pharmacy, Asda Superstore, Holles Street, Grimsby 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Periville Limited, Cromwell Road Primary Care Centre, Grimsby Monday & Tuesday to 7.00 pm, Wednesday & Friday to 6.45 pm	Boots Chemist, 43 Friargate, Freshney Place, Grimsby 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
	Sainsburys Pharmacy, Sainsbury Store, Corporation Road, Grimsby 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Tesco In-Store Pharmacy, Market Street, Grimsby 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

FIVE DAY FORECAST

Thursday, March 26



Rain showers
Highest temp 9°C Lowest temp 3°C

Friday, March 27



Sunny intervals
Highest temp 14°C Lowest temp 5°C

Saturday, March 28



Rain showers
Highest temp 8°C Lowest temp 4°C

Sunday, March 29



Rain showers
Highest temp 9°C Lowest temp 2°C

Monday, March 30



Rain showers
Highest temp 11°C Lowest temp 3°C

Chinese bid to buy flats finds support

MOST of the people living in Grimsby's six tower blocks have broadly welcomed a bid by a Chinese company to buy the flats, according to a ward councillor.

The Cleethorpes Chronicle exclusively revealed last week the Yu Property Group had offered around £2.5-million for the entire high rise estate on the East Marsh.

The company, which is based in the Isle of Man, wants to modernise them and then let them out in the private sector.

The Yu Group also said it preferred to acquire them as vacant blocks, but added it was prepared to negotiate on this point.

Last year the Shoreline Housing Partnership, faced with a multi-million pound upgrade bill, announced it planned to demolish the flats and rehouse the 600 or so tenants.

So far around half the residents have since been moved to alternative accommodation.

Shoreline chief executive Tony Bramley said in a statement this week: "I can confirm the approach from Yu Property Group was taken to our board meeting on March 18.

"As a charity, we have a duty to give serious consideration to any genuine proposal of this nature and we have agreed to open a formal dialogue with Yu Property to establish the detail of their intentions."

BY VINCENT McDONAGH
Reporter

Mr Bramley added: "Until such time as the board decides otherwise we will act on the basis of our original intentions, which is to empty and demolish the blocks and seek proposals for the redevelopment of the cleared site."

Shoreline said on its website: "While press coverage has focused on the financial implications of the proposal, this is only one of the important matters that we must take into consideration when making a decision and we have been asked to explore the proposal further and report back as soon as practical.

"It is far too early to speculate where this proposal might or might not end up. We remain completely committed to decanting residents from the occupied units and continuing to prepare the blocks for demolition and clearance."

But local ward councillor Steve Beasant, who has been fighting to prevent demolition, wants the transfer of residents stopped.

He and most of the remaining tenants are now urging Shoreline to give the offer careful consideration.

While he had certain concerns over the principle of the flats going into private hands, he felt the offer had a lot of merit.

"The residents I have spoken to have told me they feel quite chuffed about this offer from the Yu Group."

The disclosure has also been welcomed by businesses in the area who told the Chronicle they were mystified by an earlier report to the contrary.

"Why on earth should any business want to lose 600 or 700 existing customers to other parts of the town?" said one retailer.

Cllr Beasant, who is also Grimsby's Liberal Democrat candidate at the General Election, said he felt the best solution was to leave the existing tenants where they are, modernise the empty apartments and then move people in as they became ready.

"I am particularly concerned about Nelson House where there is a high proportion of elderly people.

"These blocks were among the highest quality in the country when they were built in the 1960s.

"With the right treatment I believe they have another 20 or 30 years life left in them - perhaps even longer.

"If they are demolished we are going to be left with a great big empty scar on the local landscape that could be there for 10 years or more. I don't think Grimsby wants that."

GTFC seeks investors

GRIMSBY Town Football Club has announced it is open for business and is preparing to "explore all avenues" in the hunt to bring in new investment.

A new working group has been set up to pursue funding options to help facilitate relocation to a new stadium, however the club admits it could lead to a "shift of overall control" should terms suit such an investor.

At a press conference called yesterday (Wednesday), directors and working group members Stephen Marley and Dave Roberts said they were now open to receiving expressions of interest from potential investors.

"Building a new stadium is a £22-million project; the largest construction project the club is likely to be involved in," said Mr Marley.

"We have just less than 1,300 shareholders so have a professional duty to ensure the funding of the stadium is done in an efficient manner."

A club statement added that, with an enabling development an "essential element" of the new stadium, planning process would require proof it is sufficient to catalyse the scheme "and no more".

Mr Marley said that even with the sale of Blundell Park and other fundraising activities this would leave a "funding gap", which they were obligated to fill by "exploring every avenue".

"That funding gap is an ever moving target which could be reduced by grants, but we don't know what the ultimate figure will be."

And he said the football club offered a worthwhile investment opportunity in terms of league position, history and catchment area.

"We always tend to look at our own club through rose-tinted glasses but we're one of the best-placed clubs in the league and worth the investment. We would look and see what the intentions of investors are because clearly it's not for people looking for a high rate of return."

Mr Roberts also put emphasis on the role supporters could have to play in accumulating funds, highlighting the £1.5-million share scheme initiated by FC United fans to help fund a new stadium.

"That was a slightly different scenario because the club is owned by the fans but it shows the impact fan involvement can have in a community project."

The working group will also use its "professional and business contacts" to approach potential investors, now its intentions are out in the open.

"We didn't want to start down avenues and following leads without announcing it first, because the rumour mill would soon have started."

The working group will report back to the board of directors within three months.



Winner Richard Grant with chef Muhammad Karim.
More pictures next week.

Feeling the burn!

THE heat was on for brave fundraisers who attempted to eat "the hottest curry in the UK" in aid of St Andrew's Hospice.

Ten people took on the challenge of the "Widower" - with Grimsby man Richard Grant the winner after being the only one to clean his plate.

"He did extremely well," said Angela Greenfield, events co-ordinator at the hospice, adding most people managed around 14 spoonfuls.

One participant, who did not want to be named, was taken to hospital with stomach pains, but was "fine" according to Angela.

The fiery dish was the creation of Muhammad Karim, of the Bindi Restaurant in Sleaford, and recently featured in the Quest TV programme Hot And Dangerous, starring the comedian Omid Djalili.

Angela added the sponsorship money was still being collected but most seemed to have raised around £100.

70-year puzzle finally solved

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diamond wedding anniversary with Audrey in 2013.

Mr Fleming (58) said he was "thrilled and quite moved" by the surprise email.

"After reading my father's wartime diaries, this tale stood out from others as being very poignant," he said. "How two members of a bomber crew, who flew thousands of feet in the air, detached from humanity on the ground below, were able to assist one young boy on a beach in England who became an unwitting victim of the war itself.

"When I contacted the

Chronicle with this story I held a slim hope that the 'boy' or someone who knew him might see it and be pleased to know who it was who helped them that day."

He continued: "Unfortunately, my father died in 1984 at age 64, but I am sure he would have been pleased to know that the boy's family had tried to contact my father to thank him for helping a young lad in trouble.

"After the end of the war I don't think my father ever had any further contact with his fellow crew members, including Fritz Hansen (Royal Canadian Air Force) who also as-

sisted the unfortunate boy.

"It would seem that for many servicemen it was a time that was best forgotten, choosing instead to rebuild and continue their lives after that terrible time of war."

Mr Fleming, a self-employed electrical technician and the youngest of five children, added: "I have shared it with my siblings and I'm sure they are happy that our father's involvement was appreciated and not forgotten - not that he would have expected any particular recognition, only doing what he was able to do at the time."

Flt Lt Fleming was stationed at the time in 550 Squadron, Royal Air Force, in North Killingholme, piloting Lancaster bombers, after three years as a flying instructor on Airspeed Ox-fords.

On this particular day, he and a number of his Lancaster crew took a taxi to Immingham Docks, then a train to Grimsby and on to Cleethorpes Beach.

The diary entry told how they had come across a "little boy" running with a hand "dripping red".

It continued: "Fritz and I were longer than we should have been in realising what was wrong but we

still got there ahead of the other gapers.

"The poor little beggar had blown his left hand to pieces taking his thumb and I think a finger off. The amazing thing was his courage and he didn't faint, worse luck.

"I grabbed the pressure point and kept him from looking at his hand while he told us how 'fed up' he was and that he should have gone to school.

"Eventually a Wren came up with a first aid kit and after an age of messing about an ambulance."

Mr Barnard added: "I wonder if Fritz is still alive. It is possible."