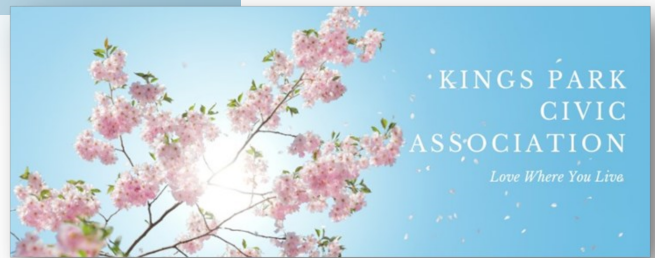




Kings Park Gazette



Letter from the President Jim Sobecke

What a difference a year makes! Are we returning to the 'normal' pace of life as we knew before the COVID-19 pandemic began?

The big challenge for the KPCA Board was the planning for 2022. The KPCA's Ice Cream Truck event was a huge success, and a surprise for many families new to the community. The July 4th Parade was an overwhelming success, and larger than in past years. We will be working on some changes for 2023 to add some family oriented fun activities!

The member-only Oktoberfest is the next big KPCA Event (see more information inside the gazette). Later in the fall, we hope to see our neighbors at the KPCA's Trunk-or-Treat event (day before Halloween) and the Children's Holiday Party event in December for specifically the younger children.

We plan these events for you as opportunities for residents to meet their neighbors, spend more time with family, and enjoy fun activities some of us have forgotten in the past two years.

The KPCA Board has been making every effort to encourage more community involvement in simple efforts that bring joy and enlightenment to our neighbors. I sense that the community spirit is changed significantly (for the better). We want you to be a big part of that.

We want to keep the enthusiasm and the community spirit on a roll. Let us know what you like and what you want to see change in the future to reinvigorate our neighborhood appearance and atmosphere.

I want you all to understand that the cost of these KPCA sponsored community activities comes from membership dues, and not food sales. These community events are for YOU to enjoy and support. We are seeing some increase in the number of attendees at community events, but at the same time the number of KPCA members is not near what it was in past years.

There is going to be more efforts by your KPCA volunteers to encourage more attendees to join the KPCA. We will have a KPCA Membership table at all our sponsored events. **The dues are only \$25 (\$20 for seniors) per family/household/year.**

We are always in need of many more to volunteer to help coordinate these community events. There are many small tasks that you can volunteer to help with and still participate in the event with your family and friends. A little of your valuable time and energy goes a long way to make every event a success and a rewarding return on investing in the community.

Be safe, be careful, and enjoy the time with your family.

Jim Sobecke

About the Gazette

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Treasurer's Report

VP of Finance, Susan Malmberg

KPCA's fiscal year ended July 31, 2022. We had **income of \$13,612**, most of which was from dues and donations. We had **expenses of \$19,439**. The biggest two categories of expenses were \$6,280 for community events and \$6,995 for maintaining the common areas and beautification. As you can see, we spent more than we received, and spent some of our reserve to pay for our expenses. During the past few years we have expanded our community events and expected to use some of the reserve to pay for them. We did this to try to foster a sense of community, especially

during the pandemic. We also hoped that residents enjoying these events would feel like supporting them by joining KPCA and paying dues. This has not happened. We have two events where we charge for food, which offsets somewhat the expense of offering the event. We have one community event, the ice cream truck which costs \$1,600, that many seem to enjoy. We hope these events are building a sense of community and residents will want to join KPCA so that these events can continue. The reserve won't last forever.

Membership Committee Update

VP of Membership, Leeann Alberts

KPCA sponsors many wonderful events and activities including: the 4th of July Parade & Concert, Ice Cream Appreciation Day, Oktoberfest, Trunk or Treat, Halloween and Holiday Home Decorating contests, the Kid's Holiday Party, Neighborhood Watch, Nub/Entrance Maintenance, Community Meetings, KPCA Gazette, important local government organization representation and more. Currently, some of these events are for KPCA members only, others are for anyone who lives in Kings Park.

KPCA dues. At this point in 2021, 441 families had joined KPCA, and as of 9/2020, 415 families have paid their dues.

Membership in the KPCA is still only \$25 per calendar year (\$20 for seniors).

We need your dues as well as your volunteer support to sustain all of these events and to fund additional activities as time goes on!

To submit your membership for 2022, complete the 2022 Membership Form online at www.kings-park.org and submit your payment electronically via PayPal or mail a check following the instructions online.



Our Kings Park subdivision consists of 1130 single family homes. As of September 1, 2022, **359** families have paid their 2022



Upcoming Neighborhood Events

VP of Events, Susan Metcalf

Oktoberfest 2022: Please join your community for some family fun at our Annual Kings Park Oktoberfest **September 24th from noon—2:00pm at Parliament Pool**. This event is only open to 2022 KPCA members. If you are not a current member, we will have a membership table at the Oktoberfest so you can pay your dues. We will have the popular Kings Park German Band again this year and a traditional German feast of Bratwurst (homemade by sausage-meister, Don Metcalf), German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Apple and Cherry Strudel, and sodas for \$10 per plate. For the kids, we will have hot dogs for \$5 per plate. Please bring a chair to sit in.

Please RSVP by Wednesday September 21st to let us know to throw a brat on the grill for you and so we don't run out of delicious potato salad and strudel! If you have German attire, we would love to see you dressed in it! Email Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net or call at 703-472-6512.

Halloween Decoration Contest: Back by Popular Demand, the KPCA Halloween Decoration Contest, Friday **October 28**. Our panel of judges will judge during the day and again during the night and pick their three favorites. Each winning house will receive a \$25 prize, bragging rights, and a coveted sign in their front yard. You must be a KPCA member to receive the \$25 prize. To ensure that your house is on the judges "not to be missed" list, please pre-register with Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net. You do not need to be pre-registered to be judged as our panel of judges drive around. Please have your lights on at dusk and leave them on until at least 9:30pm.

Trunk or Treat: Families and neighbors, children of all ages, please join us for the 9th annual Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 30th from 3 to 4 pm in the parking lot of Parliament Pool**. Children in costumes will walk from car to car to gather small prizes and treats from adults who have decorated their vehicles and parked them in a semi-circle. If you would like to participate by giving out candy, please arrive by 2:45 pm to set up and prepare for the children to arrive at 3 pm Please do not bring treats containing peanuts as some children have significant allergies.

This event is perfect for any child who may be too young

to stay up late on Halloween and/or children who would love an extra opportunity to dress up! Adults without small children are welcome to join the group; the children love being admired and getting goodies!

Kids Holiday Party: Please join us for the KPCA's annual Children's Holiday Party on **Friday, December 2nd in the cafeteria at Kings Park Elementary School**. The festivities run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and include Holiday music by our beloved Kings Park Band, arts and crafts, face painting, a Cupcake Walk, and an appearance by the famous man in red, Santa Claus! Please bring your own camera to take photos with the famous "man in red."

All KPCA Paid Members are welcome to bring their children/grandchildren to this KPCA sponsored event. If you have not paid your dues please do so you can attend. If any students needing service hours are welcome to help, please bring your service hours forms if you need them signed.

Holiday Lights/Decoration Contest: The KPCA will be running its annual Holiday Decorating Competition on Saturday **December 17th** in the evening. You may pre-register by emailing Susan Metcalf at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net so our esteemed judges know to look out for your house (and can give you a head's-up as to when the judges are heading over). Note that pre-registration is not required.

We will be nominating 5 winners! As well as recognition on social media and in our quarterly gazette, bragging rights, and the coveted sign in your front yard, you'll win \$25 cash. You must be a current KPCA member to win a cash prize. Please have your lights on at dusk and leave them on until at least 9:30pm.



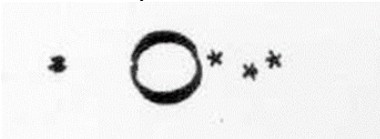


Whimsy Corner

By Terry Boschert

Ever since humans became self-aware and curious, they have looked up and marveled at the bright dots of light in the night sky. Now I assume this is a fact because I was not around then. I assure you I only go back to the widespread use of bright artificial lights that mask the night sky.

This may shock your worldview, but Galileo did not invent the first telescope. He is the first, however, to use the telescope in a systematic way. With his orderly methods and patience, something we Americans should practice more, he discovered that Jupiter had four moons. Remember, no photographs in the 1600s, hence his drawings of the four moons of Jupiter which he could see. We now know that Jupiter has seventy-nine moons.



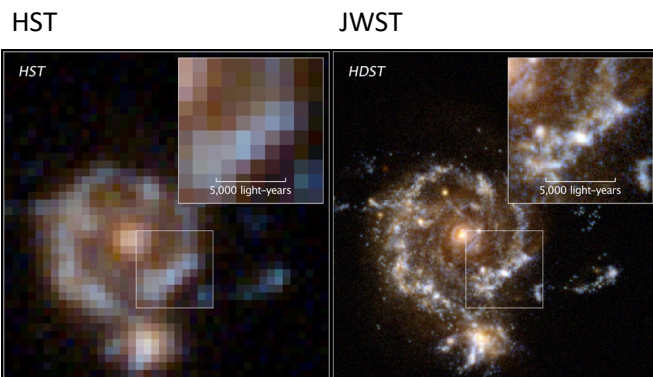
Galileo Galilei view of Jupiter

Time marched on. We invented better methods to observe the night (and day) sky. We made advances in astronomical instruments. Although cheaper to build, Earth-based telescopes are limited by natural (air turbulence) and technological (transmitter) interference. The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) can see into a small portion of the infrared (think heat) and ultraviolet (think sunburn) light spectrum. Engineers designed the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) to see much more into the infrared than the HST. The JWST does not see into the ultraviolet spectrum.

Now we will look further out in our Universe to

see the differences in detail and knowledge gathered between the HST and the JWST. The Pillars of Creation lie 7000 light years from Earth. That is 41,150,377,612,285,248 miles (a light year is a measure of how far light can travel in one year at 186,282 miles per second in a vacuum.) If you traveled at the speed of light, blink your eyes and you are 200,000 miles from where you were.

Look at the difference in detail of the JWST space telescope for this galaxy.



The JWST has the capability to observe the atmospheres of planets circling other stars. It recently discovered carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of a planet, WASP 39b. The planet orbits the star Wasp 39, 700 light years away, but WASP39b lies so close to its star that its surface temperature is about 1,650° F, hot for life forms as we know them. The JWST is just warming up. Discovery of a planet which can host alien life may be just months away. In our lifetimes we will know that the Earth is not the only planet to harbor life. The detection of intelligent life cannot be far behind. Whether Earth itself harbors intelligent life remains in question.



Thanks to 35!

By Beverly Boschert

Thank you to the 35 families and individuals who regularly patrol for Kings Park Neighborhood Watch (KPNW)! You are great!

It is disappointing that in a neighborhood of over 1100 homes only 35 choose to volunteer to help keep our neighborhood safe. If you are able to spend about 1 ½ hours 1 to 12 times a year to help with KPNW - new volunteers are always welcome. All you need to be able to do is drive or ride in a vehicle, check out what is happening in our neighborhood and feel pleased with volunteering to help your neighborhood. If you can help, please contact terry.boschert@verizon.net.



If you are interested in land use in Fairfax County, the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee (BLUE) welcomes new members. For information see <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddock-district-land-use-and-environment-committee> and/or ask Beverly Boschert, terry.boschert@verizon.net.

New Fairfax County Bamboo Ordinance

By Susan Malmberg

In March 2022 Fairfax Co. passed a Bamboo Ordinance (Fairfax County Code 119-3-2) that goes into effect **January 1, 2023**. It provides that a bamboo owner must not allow bamboo to spread to neighboring public or private property. The bamboo owner must contain their bamboo to keep it from spreading beyond their property line.

After getting a Notice of Violation, each day the bamboo is not contained may result in a fine of \$50, up to \$2,000 in a 12 month period.

Methods of containment include a vertical heavy-duty root barrier 30 inches deep and 6 inches above ground, mowing and applying herbicide, and removal. It is legal to have bamboo on your

property if it is contained. Dispose of cut bamboo and roots in trash – not in yard waste.

More information is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/running-bamboo. After January 1, 2023, complaints can be filed at the Department of Code Compliance at (703) 324-1300.





Real Estate Corner

Active/Coming Soon Listings

Style	Address	List Price
Duchess	8434 Thames St	\$699,530
King	5527 Eastbourne Dr	\$727,000
King	8937 Victoria Rd	\$749,000
Princess	8722 Clydesdale Rd	\$649,000

Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
King	8475 Thames St	\$698,000
King	8705 Clydesdale Rd	\$759,000
Queen	8432 Thames St	\$719,000



Sold		List	Sold	Subsidy (Seller's Credit to Buyer)	Final Sold Price	Final Price Reduction/ Increase	Date Closed
Style	Address	Price	Price				
Craftsman	5631 Southampton Dr	\$1,349,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,300	\$1,348,700	-\$300	6/3/2022
Duke	5529 Yorkshire St	\$719,000	\$775,000	\$0	\$775,000	\$56,000	6/6/2022
Duke	5516 Eastbourne Dr	\$685,000	\$685,000	\$0	\$685,000	\$0	6/15/2022
Duke	5618 Eastbourne Dr	\$710,000	\$725,000	\$0	\$725,000	\$15,000	6/21/2022
King	5231 Perth Ct	\$749,000	\$749,000	\$0	\$749,000	\$0	7/25/2022
King	5308 Weymouth Dr	\$725,000	\$700,000	\$7,000	\$693,000	-\$32,000	8/31/2022
Queen	8917 Cromwell Dr	\$680,550	\$680,550	\$0	\$680,550	\$0	6/21/2022
Queen	8609 Victoria Rd	\$764,900	\$770,000	\$0	\$770,000	\$5,100	8/15/2022

Provided by Susan Metcalf, Avery Hess Realtors

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If you're considering buying, selling, or renting real estate, if you know anyone who is, or if you have any questions, please give me a call!

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Gardening in a Drought

VP of Community Safety, Susan Cappa

A drought is a hot, dry weather pattern that stresses your garden in many ways. We have been in a drought since July 6. While there's nothing you can do to prevent a drought, there are some strategies you can enact to help minimize the effect it has on your yard.

Water Your Garden

It's the most obvious strategy, of course, but to stay healthy, most garden plants need about an inch of moisture per week. In most cases, it's better to water deeply weekly or every other week. Deep watering encourages deep root growth (where it stays moister longer) and it's more efficient, losing less water to evaporation.

Apply Mulch

Mulches help conserve soil moisture and reduce competition for water from weeds. They add organic matter to the soil which promotes root development and improves the soil moisture-holding capacity. Mulched, natural areas eliminate competition for water and nutrients from turf or other ground covers. Use organic mulch, such as wood chips, shredded bark, bark nuggets, pine straw, grass clippings, or leaves. Apply mulch 2-4 inches around landscape plants, no deeper, and do not apply mulch against the stem or root collar of trees or bushes. To increase moisture, run a soaker hose underneath your mulch This delivers water directly to the ground

(reducing evaporation) and slowly (reducing water loss to runoff).

Stop Fertilizing

Don't fertilize during a drought. Fertilizers encourage plant growth; the more a plant grows, the more moisture it needs.

Pull Weeds

It might not be fun at the best of times, but getting those weeds out of the garden is especially important during drought. The reason: Weeds' roots steal valuable moisture from the soil.

Deadhead Your Flowers

Removing spent blooms before they have a chance to set seed saves energy for your plants: They don't need to put extra energy (which they need water for) into producing seeds.

The most obvious way a drought affects your garden is the way it makes your plants look: Healthy green foliage wilts, develops crispy brown edges, or dies completely; flowers fade more quickly or fail to appear at all; plants (even weeds) grow more slowly. Drought weakens your plants, increasing how susceptible they are to attack from insects and disease. It also makes plants less winter-hardy, especially if the drought occurs in fall as plants are going dormant. The hot, dry conditions have a lasting effect, too—trees and shrubs, in particular, can take several

years to fully recover from drought.



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Reflections on Parliament Pool, a focal point of Kings Park

By Colin Wiemer, Editor of the Parliament Press

Parliament Pool had something to offer everyone this summer. For many, it was the Parliament Panthers Swim and Dive Team, where kids and their parents enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships they made with other families from around the neighborhood that will certainly last a lifetime. For others, it was enjoying lounging on the pool deck on new furniture while listening to music, taking in rays, reading a book, or conversing with friends. Some had fun keeping in shape with our lap lanes, a huge hit with those who made the most out of their 45-minute workout sessions. There was also never a shortage of people eating the delicious dinner they cooked with our new grills under the soft lights of the picnic area, or relaxing under the new gazebo on our new picnic tables while mingling with family and friends. And let's not forget the joy of diving off one of our two brand-new diving boards into the crystal-clear water maintained by the newest member of our team (the robot vacuum that works 8 hours each night, with nary a complaint) while participating in the less-crazy-than-I-remember, back-by-popular-demand Raft Night. Whatever the case, young or old, large family or small, Parliament Pool was the place to be in 2022, and this summer has been a blast.

It is only the beginning, however, and we have every intention of making the summer of 2023 at Parliament Pool bigger and better. And while our primary focus is a clean and clear pool, we realize that we need to keep innovating. After listening to our members, it is obvious that a revamped play area needs to be near the top of our improvement list. In fact, we are already hard at work designing a plan that will deliver a new play structure that will not only entertain our children, but will enhance the appearance of the pool as a whole. Another highlight of our improvements list is continuing to enhance the landscaping on the hillside, around the club house, and on the

deck. We are developing a plan that relies heavily on volunteerism that will build on the work from this season, and we are confident you will be happy with the result. Other improvements to be on the lookout for include new swim lane lines donated by the Swim & Dive Team, continuing the painting refresh of both the interior and exterior of the Club House, and upgrading the cabinetry in the kitchen, just to name a few. We are also working on other, longer-term projects to be implemented over the next 4-5 years that include deck, pump and filter, and plaster work.

Suffice it to say, while the pool may be closing for the season on Labor Day, the Board will not be going on hiatus. We have a Vision for Parliament Pool that includes making it a focal point of the Kings Park community, and we intend to be active throughout the offseason in this pursuit. In order to help us achieve this goal, we welcome your help.

First, we welcome your opinions, and want to hear what you have to say. Even if you aren't yet a member, please feel free to reach out if there's something we can do to make Parliament Pool right for you and your family. As a non-HOA, community pool, Parliament Pool is only as strong as its membership and their contributions, so we welcome your volunteerism, as well. This can range the gamut, so if you'd like to discuss volunteering at any level, feel free to email me (wiemerc@gmail.com), especially if you have a special skillset or business connection that might benefit the pool. And finally, we welcome your help with getting the word out. So, if you hear anyone looking for a pool over the off-season, please remember to mention all the fun they can have at Parliament. We will begin early registrations for 2023 in March, so mark your calendar, and invite your neighbors and friends to come check out Parliament Pool. Go Panthers!



Kings Park Neighbor Spotlight

David Bandman (dbandman@mac.com / kingsparkwoodshop.com)



How long have you lived in Kings Park?

25 years in a King (model)

What's your favorite thing about the neighborhood?

I came to Virginia from San Antonio, Texas. That's where I went to school and started my military career. The first thing I noticed when I got here were the trees. It reminded me of home, Waukegan Illinois. And the Kings Park neighborhood was older and well established. Great neighbors helped too!

Tell us something interesting your neighbors may not know about you?

I was in the USAF Band for 24 years. I'm still in the music business. A few of the neighbors I wave to as they walk by know that I work in my wood shop (garage) almost every day. It's a business I'm just starting to get off the ground. I started this when I had to take down two large oak trees that were dead from a bark disease. The wood was still good. Instead

of throwing the wood in a landfill

I had the trees sawed into lumber. Some of you may have noticed a sawyer in my front yard. I now have a LOT of white and red oak, maple, poplar and beech lumber just waiting to be turned into something beautiful. It's satisfying to see the furniture in my house knowing it is wood from my yard. And a few neighbors, too. Thanks, Volpes, Ingrahams, and Porters!

What local events are you looking forward to this fall?

I enjoy going to the local football games to see my music students perform their marching band show. I also enjoy the Fall art festivals to see what's what in the world of wood and to see what others are creating. Not quite local, but since I'm from the Chicago area, I look forward to hockey and football, Hawks and Bears, starting up in the Fall.

A note from Supervisor James Walkinshaw Fairfax County Board of Supervisors / Braddock District

First, I want to congratulate Kings Park on your recent appearance in the [Washington Post Where We Live section](#)*. The article highlighted Kings Park's walkability and proximity to schools, the Kings Park Library, and the Kings Park Shopping Center. But the real focus was you – the neighbors who look out for one another, support each other, and make the community the wonderful place that it is. That spirit of community is what makes the Braddock District and Fairfax County such a great place. Thank you!

Fall is here and you know what that means – leaves! I know many of you, like me, are preparing mentally and physically to tackle the mountains of leaves that will fall on your yard. Did you know that doing a bit less work can lead to a healthier lawn?

Grasscycling and leafcycling — leaving your grass clippings and fallen leaves on your lawn so that they can be mowed and mulched during your routine lawn care – will naturally fertilize your lawn and reduce the

need for chemical fertilizers by up to 50%. Give it a try this year!

I also want you to be aware of Fairfax County's new Running Bamboo Ordinance taking effect on January 1, 2023. While property owners who allow running bamboo to spread beyond their property could incur penalties, our goal is to work with property owners to educate them on methods to contain or remove this fast-growing, invasive plant species.

Finally, I am here to serve you and we are always available to answer questions or help solve problems involving county agencies. You can reach us by phone at (703) 425-9300 or by email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

We have also have **Slow Down – We Live Here** yard signs at the Braddock District Office. To get your free Slow Down sign, please visit us at 9002 Burke Lake Road Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

* URL: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/07/27/where-we-live-kings-park/>



Trash/Recycling Curbside Pickup

By Beverly Boschert

There is a lot of frustration about the lack of consistent curbside pickup of trash, recycling and yard debris in Kings Park. Jeffrey McKay, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors says “My office is working with the county’s Solid Waste Management Program to meet with haulers and address these specific issues.”

Kings Park is served by [private haulers](#) chosen and paid for by individuals. Fairfax County is currently not accepting [petitions](#) for additional neighborhoods to use County service. You can contact your company directly. Using their website seems to be the faster method and does receive acknowledgment from the company.

Fairfax County operates two transfer stations open 7 days a week where residents can, on their own, bring a variety of household waste. While [there are fees](#) for bagged or bulk trash, brush and yard waste as well as appliances, etc., recycling is free as is the disposal of household

electronic items and hazardous waste. Complete information can be found here: [Recycling and Trash Locations and Hours](#). You can even get [free mulch](#)!

Fairfax County government is aware of and are working on this problem. There are three ways for you to present a formal complaint:

- Go to the page <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/solid-waste-feedback-form> and fill out the form;
- Send an email to the solid waste compliance team at dpwesswmptrashmail@fairfaxcounty.gov;
- Call the Public Works and Environmental Services office at 703-324-5230.

The local disposal companies no longer provide bulk pick-up. Please don’t leave bulk pick-up items in your yard until you have a company scheduled for your bulk pick-up.

HOOMANS, Please Listen!!

We dogs are getting in trouble
 When we do our business outside on a
 particular spot.
 Don’t let us go on private lawns,
 But on the utility strip between sidewalk and
 street
 That Belongs to our beloved VDOT!
 Pick up our poop and put it in YOUR trash
 Not in the closest can,
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LITT’L BIT O’ BRIT” TOUR

By Sandy Kester, Kings’ Park resident since 1999

H’alo, mates. Are you up for another adventure tour discovering why our neighborhood’s street names were thusly named? We are going to two “shires,” i.e., “an administrative division of land, synonymous with a county,” says Dr. Google. Which are they? *Yorkshire* (Street) and *Lancashire* (Drive). Now we in the UK, don’t pronounce it “shy-er,” here we says, “sure.” Like, ‘For sure, dude.’ Speak like a local, man, and don’t sound like a tosser [idiot]. Jump on the tour, mates!

The name *York* originated from the Viking word: Jorvik, meaning “city controlled by kings.” Dominated by Norse warrior-kings in the 9th century, “scir” or “skyr” or now “shire” means “official charge of land.” Yorkshire is famous for many notables including:

- *The York Maize Maze* is the largest maze in the world. It covers 8 football (not soccer) fields! Over the years they’ve added rides, shows and attractions around the perimeter
- In 1913, Yorkist metallurgist, Harry Brearley, invented stainless steel which is 100% recyclable and resists corrosion. Now we use it for guns, cutlery, and surgical tools and more
- *Yorkshire pudding* (not a true dessert pudding but a biscuit made of fried batter) was first found in a recipe book in 1737. It’s still eaten at meals by many in the UK and in restaurants
- Famous Yorkists: Actors Dame Judi Dench (“M” in James Bond movies), Patrick Stewart (Star Trek, Doctor Strange, The Wolverine), and Sean Bean (Lord of the Rings, Troy). Also, political saboteur Guy Fawkes who attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. They remember him on Guy Fawkes Day (Nov. 5) with fireworks and bonfires. Victorian poet-novelists, the Bronte sisters, Charlotte (Jane Eyre & others), Emily (Wuthering Heights & others) and Anne (Tenant of Wildfell Hall & others). The sisters used

pseudonyms Currier, Ellis & Acton Bell when selling their books to prevent prejudice against female writers.

Yorkshire has to its south its neighbor Lancashire County, established in 1182 with fourteen districts/towns. Two of the largest are Manchester – think soccer star David Beckham and Liverpool – think of who else? THE BEATLES!!!!!! The Fab Four. John, Paul, George & Ringo. This is where “The Beat Music” began, i.e. the “pop”ular music scene in the ‘60s.



Other well-known facts about Lancashire:

- The first KFC in the UK came here in 1965
- Tasked with creating a new model of jellybeans, Jelly Babies were first sold here in 1864 by Fryers
- The infamous Pendle witch trials were held in Lancaster Castle in 1612
- The Blackpool Tower Circus hasn’t missed a season since its opening in 1894
- Famous folk from Lancashire: Hollywood actress Kim Cattrall (Sex in the City) and the late great Rex Harrison (My Fair Lady, Dr. Doolittle plus 51 movies & long Broadway runs)

Mates, so many great places to learn about and never enough time to do it in. See ya next tour.

Cheers, Love.

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