

LAND OF GREEN GINGER CRATE FOUND IN LONGHILL ALLOTMENT

In the latest strange twist in the tale of the Land of Green Ginger crates, Margaret Cranwell, Chair of Wansbeck Allotment Association, has revealed that she has had one of the very same crates in her shed for decades.

She said:

'It's been in my shed for years - I don't know what all the fuss is about really.

'I threw a tablecloth over it when I first got the allotment back in '78 and don't think I've looked under it since. It's a handy surface for keeping tools and the like on.'

But the wide media coverage of the crates, all marked with the words 'To Hull from Land of Green Ginger' piqued Margaret's interest, and she decided to investigate further.

'I dragged the crate out last week and prised it open. I'm not one to hang about when I've got the bit between my teeth.

'I'd like to say I found treasure, but not quite; we pulled out what looks like a jar of ashes, a megaphone covered in ribbons and a document about something called The Guild of Commoners. It seems to be some sort of instructions about doing good work in the local community, bringing people together for the common good of the area – that's why it's called that.'

Margaret is a well-known figure locally, named *Community Champion* in the 2015 Neighbourhood Network Awards for her involvement in the local church community and allotments, so it's perhaps unsurprising that this go-getter has decided to follow the instructions she found and is appealing to people in the Longhill area to join her in reinstating the Guild of Commoners.

"It's just something different and keeps us out of trouble! I don't see what harm can come from trying to do a few good things around the area, and it would be nice to have like-minded people to join in.'

We asked Margaret whether she had been in touch with the Green Ginger Fellowship, the group investigating the cache of crates found under the city centre, but she replied:

"On no. Each to their own, but they sound like a bunch of hippies to me. I'm just getting on with this by myself and with the help of Hull Daily Mail!"

There are 100 places in the Guild of Commoners. Anyone local to Longhill who is interested in joining is encouraged to email theguildofcommoners@gmail.com to register interest and find out more.