**LAND OF GREEN GINGER – Script first two weeks as at 28th Feb 2017**

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**PROLOGUE**

In preparation for Hull’s year as City of Culture, the Council has carried out a huge programme of public realm improvement. The city centre was thoroughly dug up, lines of orange barriers interrupted usual walking routes, businesses were disrupted and disgruntlement was rife.

During this process, workers made an interesting find, near to the junction of Whitefriargate and Land of Green Ginger, when they happened upon what appeared to be the roof of a previously unknown underground chamber. Further investigation showed this to be an annexe of various other vaults and cellars under buildings in that area.

Workers broke through to this previously unopened chamber to find inside a cache of neatly stacked packing crates, each stencilled with “To Hull from the Land of Green Ginger.”

An investigation was instructed and the find reported to the press.

**WEEK OF 3RD APRIL**

A newspaper article with grainy photos appears describing the find. It explains that the crates cannot yet be opened as they need to be acclimatised first. Some have been x-rayed and found to contain books and other unidentifiable objects. Some of the crates are behaving oddly, ringing with the sound of bells for example. Quote from Garry Taylor re the initial discovery.

A few days later, a follow up article appears, profiling a group calling themselves “The Green Ginger Fellowship”. This group first banded together some years previously from a mutual interest in local history. Including Archaeologists, Academics and Scientists as well as interested enthusiasts, they had initially started out meeting to look into and explore all aspects of local history. Over time they had become particularly interested in local mythology – such as the Beast of Barmstone Drain – and had developed a specific interest in the unusual street name of Land of Green Ginger. They had recorded sightings of a similar “Green Ginger mark” around Hull and other unexplained occurrences around the area of the street and also further afield – the smell of ginger, the ringing of bells. They believed that there was more to the street name than whimsy or linguistic confusion. Unfortunately, nobody had paid any attention to them at the time and, as nothing very profound or significant had occurred, they had disbanded.

However, with this recent discovery, somebody had remembered the group and got in touch with the founder members to see if they would be interested in taking the crates and investigating the contents.

They talk, with some confidence and knowledge, of the probability of the cases containing artefacts that are of the utmost curiosity to students of the weird and wonderful. They talk about the kind of mythologies that have no physical evidence but still remain somewhere in the psyche and folklore of the communities. They are looking forward, with great excitement, to unearthing some hidden mythology -and who knows what this might unleash!

For those who go looking at [www.landofgreenginger.org.uk](http://www.instituteofwonders.org) (address to be confirmed) they find background on the group, details of “the members” and blog posts reiterating the above. There is also a facebook group to sign up to to follow the details of this fascinating discovery.

**WEEK OF 10TH APRIL**

The Fellowship has set up a temporary HQ in Hull. Their members – or associates - in branded overalls and truck, have started to move the crates to the HQ so that they can be acclimatised. The crates billow green smoke as they are driven around and people start to report sightings on social media. HDM run another story on this including statements from witnesses.

The Fellowship places an advert in the Hull Daily Mail and leaflets around the place appealing to the people of Hull to come forward and contact them if they have anything to contribute to the investigation. The advert reprints the “Land of Green Ginger” mark and asks for any sightings of the mark to be logged with the Fellowship.

They reveal that some of the crates are stamped with more specific locations and dates, some of them seem to contain a library of book and some of them seem to contain bells which ring at odd times. CCTV is set up on the crates and the Fellowship begin their detailed investigations.