


**THE GREEN GINGER
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What is The Green Ginger Fellowship?

The GGF was founded in 1970 by Allison Deaves, Antony O'Brien, Martin Murphy, formed through a shared passion for local myths, legends and curiosities.

In 47 years, they've investigated over 30 local legends and attracted a number of members as curious in all things unexplainable and improbable as they are.

After some time out, The Fellowship was called upon in 2017 to investigate a huge cache of crates found in a previously undiscovered vault under the city. Predicting the rise of a number of Acts of Wanton Wonder taking place across the city, throughout the year, their tireless research has led to 7 Alleys at East Park in May, The Longhill Burn in July and the momentous return of the Gold Nose of Green Ginger to Bransholme over the summer.

To find out about future Acts of Wanton Wonder, or more about The Green Ginger Fellowship, follow their ongoing investigations at greenginger.org.

Look out for this mark, heralding the beginning of a new Act:

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THE GOLD NOSE OF GREEN GINGER

gold, 40 x 35 x 80 mm

Unearthed in Bransholme, Hull, 1967. Rediscovered in Hull, 2017.

Origins unknown. Possibly worn ceremonially.
Considered by some as lucky.

In 1967, excavations made to lay the foundations to build the first houses on Bransholme unearthed a small casket. Prizing open the lid, a strange gold object was discovered nestled within - and so The Gold Nose of Green Ginger, as it has now come to be known, was discovered.

The Nose disappeared again shortly after its brief reemergence, presumed lost or stolen for its rumoured custom of bringing good luck. After a search failed to find any clues as to its whereabouts, The Nose faded from memory, once again becoming nothing but an urban myth.

Fifty years later, in February 2017, a local group of experts was called in to investigate the discovery of a large cache of crates in a previously unknown vault beneath the city. During their extensive investigations, The Green Ginger Fellowship was drawn to a crate that smelled unmistakably of ginger; upon opening it, they discovered The Gold Nose lying within.

After much public interest in this unexpected rediscovery, The Gold Nose began a momentous two-month residency from Saturday 17 June 2017 at North Point Shopping Centre in Bransholme, Hull, displayed for the public to view at close quarters. It has now been handed back to the City of Hull for safekeeping, residing at Hull History Centre for the foreseeable future.

Archaeologists do not know definitively what The Gold Nose was originally used for, its source, or how it ended up in Bransholme, but laboratory analysis confirms it is made of real gold. Some believe it was transported to Hull on cargo ships bringing spices from the East. Others tell a story about the wild boar that used to roam around the marshes and forests that now form Bransholme (the name Bransholme coming from the old Scandinavian phrase meaning 'wild boar water meadow'). Wild boar forage for food, and it is said that one such animal unearthed the gold root; other variations on this story says that the boar had special powers and turned the root gold itself.

There are societies throughout history where a focus on the human head and the senses have been particularly important. In some respects, The Gold Nose of Green Ginger is similar to the pair of eyes beaten from a sheet of gold that were excavated in 1970 from the Roman city of Wroxeter, Shropshire. The gold eyes are thought to have been a votive offering to the gods from someone seeking a cure for an eye disease; perhaps somewhere in the world there was a similar culture devoted to the nose.

Wherever it came from or how it came to be, many believe that The Gold Nose of Green Ginger brings unfathomable and unexplainable good luck. Many have visited to wish upon it hoping good fortune might come their way, and there are many stories that appear to validate this phenomenon.

