

Newsletter: October 2021

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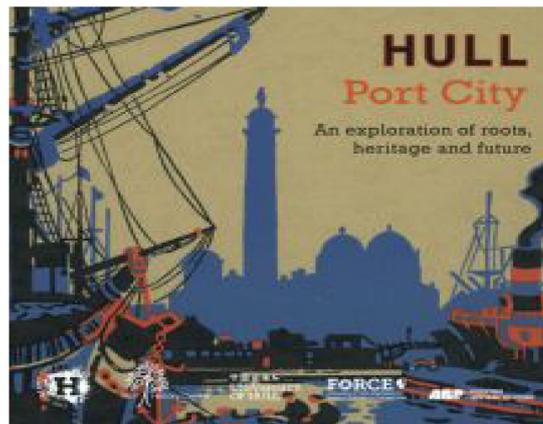
**BEVERLEY
CIVIC
SOCIETY**

Founded 1961

Annual General Meeting

Followed by a talk from Robert Bell

History - a Bridge from the Past to the Future



Thursday 21st October 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Delivered via Zoom

Papers for the A.G.M., including the Chairman's Report and the Financial Statement, will be sent to members by email/post in the week prior to the meeting, as will instructions to join Zoom for the meeting itself.

The A.G.M. is also the date by which the £15 annual subscription is due. Please pay promptly.

Ways to pay the £15 annual subscription:

- ⇒ **Standing Order:** see the Society's banking details below to set one up.
BACS: Account name: BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY
Virgin Money
39 Saturday Market Place
Beverley HU17 9AQ
Sort code: 05-02-37 Account number: 27597439
- ⇒ **Cheque:** Please make payable to Beverley Civic Society and send to:
The Treasurer, 35 Eastgate, Beverley HU17 ODR
- ⇒ **Cash:** At any of our meetings or to any Officer of the Society.

Following the A.G.M., Mr. Robert Bell, the Hull historian, will talk on the subject 'History - a Bridge from the Past to the Future'. Members may have seen Mr. Bell recently on television, explaining the history of the Hull Docks to Michael Portillo.

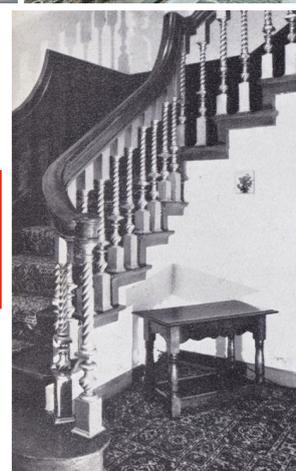
Planning Matters

Many applications continue to be lodged, most are straightforward, but some are more problematic. One recent example is the application for change of use to construct two apartments but retaining front office space at 19 North Bar Within. This is a Grade II* listed building, one of Beverley's smaller special buildings with many interesting internal features, including the fine 18th century staircase and panelling believed to be by Wrightson. Whilst not necessarily opposed to the change of use, the Society has objected along with the Conservation Officer, the Georgian Group, Historic England and the Council for British Archaeology as the plans would damage the historic fabric of the important building.



“Stop Press” as a result of these objections alternative plans for a single apartment only have been submitted which are acceptable and will protect the important heritage features.

We are still awaiting a decision on the application for new housing on the Amenity Land at Parklands to which we have objected, and indeed we had hoped by now to have had a resolution to the problem of the oversized illegal advertisement signs on Westwood. We are aware that negotiations for a solution between the relevant bodies continue to take place, but no news as yet.

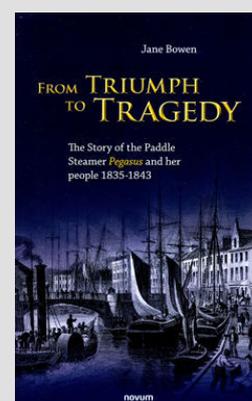


The Society is a member of Civic Voice, and will be responding to a research project on the current role of Civic Societies within the planning system, and to consider whether they should be given formal consultation status. The survey is being undertaken independently by Reading University. As you will appreciate, our Society has been active in contributing to the planning process since its foundation in 1961, not only by commenting on applications and policies, but also by having biannual meetings with both the Head of Planning and Development and the Conservation Officer. It will attempt to keep up with the present Government's constantly evolving planning reforms, in the light of yet another change of Minister (the fourth since 2018!); the latest, Michael Gove, has been appointed with a new title and an enlarged range of responsibilities: Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. It remains to be seen as to whether this latest development will lead to a more integrated approach to resolving these continuing pressing issues.

Dick Lidwell

From Triumph to Tragedy

Robert Hildyard's account of his survival after the wreck of the *Pegasus* (BCS Newsletter July 2021) came from "From Triumph to Tragedy", published last month. The book tells the story of the seven years service of the paddle steamer between Hull and Leith, her wreck in July 1843 and accounts of the drowned victims and her six survivors. An article about the book should appear in Saturday's Yorkshire Post. Copies (£12.90) can be obtained from Amazon, through the Beverley Book Shop, or signed copies from the author (boward@hotmail.co.uk)



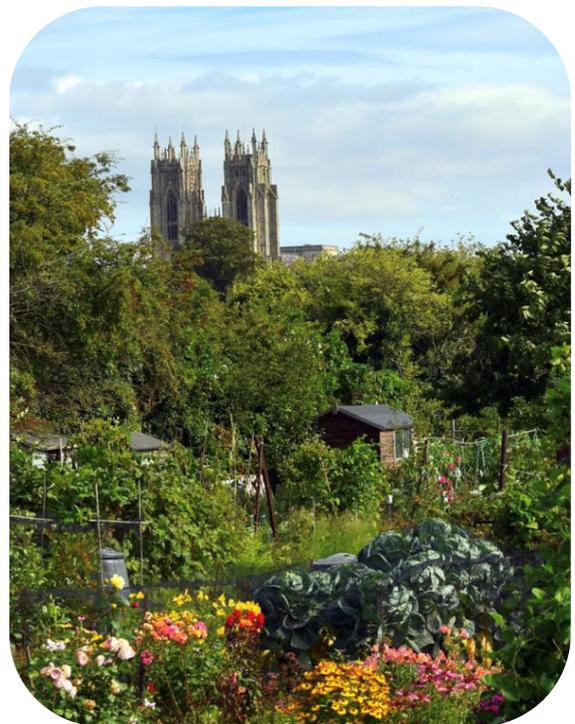
Heritage Open Days 2021

Again the sun shone on us, and for 3 days people visited buildings, gardens, beekeepers and wine makers in and around Beverley, all freely open by the wonderful owners, custodians or workers. This year the theme was Edible England, a superb theme for our ancient market town (we've been selling food for 1300 years). In town our great churches and other sites were thronged with visitors; out of town this year we added Bishop Burton and Beswick, with the vineyard at Aike. We were delighted that the magazine *Yorkshire Life* listed 2 of our events (Barges on the Beck and Beverley Minster's Secret Garden) among Ten of the Best Heritage Open Days in Yorkshire. As ever we had the wonderful Hull volunteers, and many many of you who helped as stewards. Thank you to every one who took part. We had over 9000 visits this year.

Barbara English and Rosie Ryan



*Barges on the Beck with volunteers
Barbara English*



*Queensgate Allotments, Beverley
Alison Farr*



*Bishop Burton walled garden
Janet Ward*



*Low Farm, Beswick Hall Farms
Rosie Ryan*



*Beswick Hall guided tour
Barbara English*

September Meeting



For our opening meeting of the new season, through the wonders of Zoom, we were fortunate to welcome Crispin Truman O.B.E, Chief Executive of the C.P.R.E. He spoke to us on 'A Shared Vision for Countryside and Rural Communities in the 21st Century'.

The C.P.R.E. was founded in 1926, with a key aim to improve access to and enjoyment of the countryside. Over the next century, while the meaning of its initials changed, its core vision of 'a beautiful and thriving countryside which enriches all our lives' remains true to its origins, and currently it is content that the letters CPRE simply stand for THE COUNTRYSIDE CHARITY. As such it serves as an umbrella body for 42 local CPREs, generally county based.

In recent years, the Charity has shifted its focus from publicising threats to the countryside, to emphasising solutions, and working in partnership with other organisations. In 2020, a six year strategy was launched:

- to connect people more strongly with the countryside;
- to promote rural life, emphasising, among other things, rural infrastructure and services, including housing, transport and public spaces;
- to empower communities to have a greater say in and secure better results for their environment; and
- to grow the organisation's capacity to meet the ongoing challenges.

Two major policy papers have been produced. The first, 'Greener, Better, Faster', looks at the issues arising from the climate emergency in relation to food and farming, transport, planning and energy, this latter a particularly challenging one for an organisation which had previously opposed wind farms and solar panel farms. The second, formulated in conjunction with 40 other campaigning groups, presents an 11 point joint vision for planning. Among many other features, it emphasises the importance of making effective use of brown field sites. Earlier in the week when he spoke to us, Crispin had also launched 'Hedge Fund' at the Houses of Parliament. This report sets targets in relation to the growth of hedging - hoping for an increase of 40% by 2050.

This summary can only skim the surface of Crispin's most comprehensive talk. Full details of the Charity's vision and reports can be found at: www.cpre.org.uk

Tree News

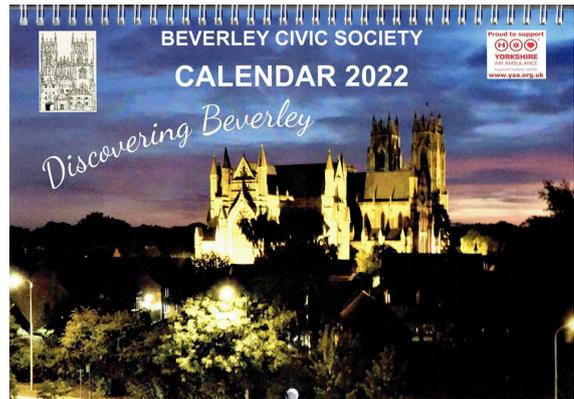
Good news! Our tree planting initiative - 1300 trees for Beverley 1300 - has received a boost. McCarthy Stone is funding the planting of three trees on their Andrews Court site on Molescroft Road, Beverley, one of which will fill the unsightly gap in the line of lime trees fronting the road. If members know of other likely sites, please contact Rosie Ryan (rosie@ryanuk.karoo.co.uk) as soon as possible. November is considered the ideal time for planting.



The gap in the Lime trees

Discovering Beverley 2022 Calendar

Following last year's successful Calendar, we have decided to do it again! Members were invited to the launch event in September, and we were blessed with a lovely sunny day. (See photos below). We hope you will support this initiative and buy a copy or two of the calendar for yourself and your family and friends.



As with last year's edition we are raising funds to be shared between the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and our society. The calendar has 13 full colour photographs of local views and is A4 in size and costs £8.00. It can be bought by copying and pasting the following into your Internet browser Beverley-Civic-Society.SUMUP.link or via our website www.beverleycivicsociety.co.uk or by contacting Chris Burrows on 01482 866252 or at Beverley House, 44 North Bar Without, Beverley, or Colin Bradshaw on 01964 543815.



'Fred Goes Digital'

In a year when most people have become more reliant on digital media for many aspects of their life, a sculpture of Fred Elwell using an iPad à la David Hockney seems particularly appropriate. Throughout the summer it has greeted visitors as they climb the stairs in the Treasure House. The papier-mâché sculpture was originally created by Philip Cox for Beverley Art Gallery's 2017 Exhibition of Digital Art by Gary Saunt.



'Fred Goes Digital', papier-mâché sculpture by Philip Cox

EVENTS

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY AND THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Henry V, from Agincourt to Beverley and Back (600 years ago, in 1421)

An illustrated talk by
Emeritus Professor Anne Curry



Monday 25th Oct. 2021, 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Beverley

Non-members £ 10.00
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In a recent article for the Historical Association, Anne Curry, a Northern lass from Chester le Street, attributes her passion for history to a 'sense of place' which as a child was fostered by the town's mediaeval church, views of Lumley Castle from her bedroom, and her grandparents' enthusiasms. After reading History at Manchester University, she rejected the idea of studying law in favour of 'being a history detective as well as a history advocate', a choice which she said 'gave her a wonderful life and career', during which she held posts at Teesside, Reading and Southampton. She is an acknowledged expert on the Hundred Years War, and the part played by Henry V. Her recent book *Agincourt*, considers not only the



battle but the way in which succeeding generations have exploited the memory of it for their own purposes, not least the making of the Laurence Olivier film of Henry V in the middle of World War II. Professor Curry is seen here in her role as Master of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers (arrow makers). This promises to be a fascinating lecture.

**Coming
soon**

Beverley 1300

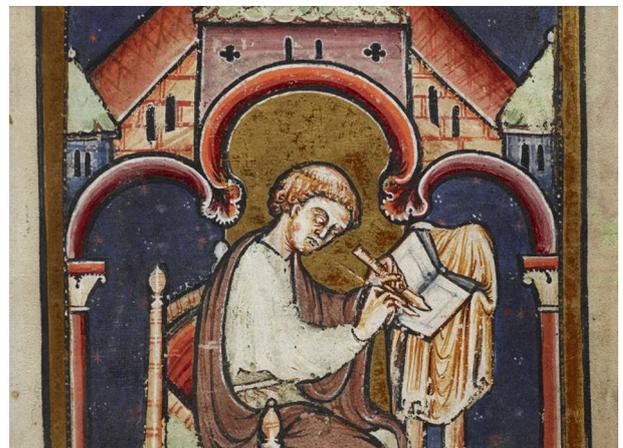
A mini festival to mark the 1300th anniversary of the death of St John of Beverley.

22nd – 24th October 2021

We are very excited that this long weekend of community events at heritage sites across town is upon us. The programme will be announced on:

Friday 8th October.

Keep your eyes peeled for news of this cultural celebration of a landmark year for Beverley and join in the festivities.



The Venerable Bede, who knew St John of Beverley and recorded his life story 1300 years ago

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We're 60 years old!

Beverley & District Civic Society is 60 years old in 2021. It was founded by a group of people who were strongly opposed to the County Council's destructive traffic schemes, and the Society held its first meeting in October 1961.

Below are pictures showing some of the achievements of the Society over the past 60 years. We look forward to the next 60 years.

2021 has been a year of extraordinary events, Covid-19, Climate Change now visible to all, and the end of endless wars (or is it?).

As a Society, we should certainly engage with Climate Change, the major problem for all of us. East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Climate Emergency policy is mitigation (reducing carbon emissions) and adaptation (becoming better prepared for a changing climate).

We will play our part by pressing for carbon-neutral housing standards (homes are a greater carbon threat than cars), better and cleaner transport links, green energy and hundreds more trees: while not neglecting the conservation that makes our Beverley such a very special place.

The Council's 1960s road scheme for central Beverley, opposed by the newly created Beverley & District Civic Society. Dozens of listed buildings were to be destroyed, ancient streets removed, North Bar demolished.

15 green plaques

Beverley North Bar festival & booklet (with Beverley Town Council)

Hengate Memorial restoration and additional names (with Beverley Town Council)

Coronation Garden with sensory garden

Scholars' pictures in Narrow Racket

Street name boards renewal

Surveying and adding to 1950s listed buildings

Talks & excursions

Websites

Beverley Pastures Books

Westwood booklets, two 20th century editions

Study days based on original documents and group work

Surveys of Newbegin and Limekiln Pits, Westwood

Coach park (with ERYC)

WELCOME TO BEVERLEY
WEDNESDAY MARKET
BEVERLEY CIVIC SOCIETY
9 history boards

Local Plan consultations

Market Cross restoration (with ERYC)

The Lanes project

Discover the paintings of Fred and Mary Elwell as you walk through the centre of Beverley...
Paint the town Fred & Mary
Elwell trail and leaflet

Beverley VE day booklet (with Beverley Town Council)

Tree planting on Westwood and Swinemoor

BEVERLEY HERITAGE GUIDE 20p
Beverley Heritage Guide

Conservation Area Assessments (consultation, printed comments, with ERYC)

Additions to Elwell trail

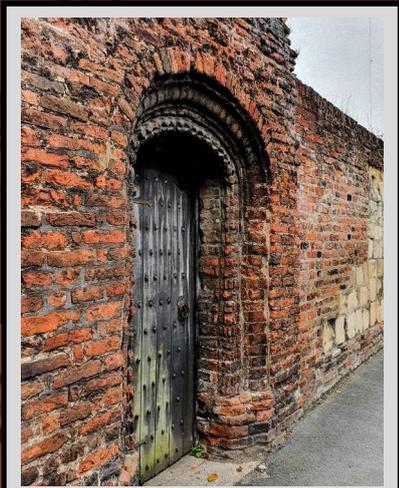
Footpath registration

Newsletters from 1970 onwards



North Bar Within pump restoration

1914 Remembrance services, Market Cross and Hengate (with Beverley Town Council)



Moving Friary gateway to Eastgate



Saturday Market replacement of setts

Planning and development advice and comment

Street Scene walkabouts with ERYC

Brown tourism sign near Jock's Lodge (with Renaissance Partners)



Heritage Open Days since 2014



1st World War Rolls of Honour (with Beverley Town Council)



Two houses in Walkergate restored

Hosting quarterly meetings of YHACS including one with the Secretary of State in 2011



Work with City of Culture volunteers

Evidence at Public Inquiry, Toll Gavel demolition at Landress Lane end

Tudor Beverley book and exhibition 1973 (with Beverley Borough)

Take part as walk leader in annual Walking Festival (with ERYC)



Pasture Masters regulation boards restorations

Providing town tours for other societies

Produced calendars (2021 and 2022)

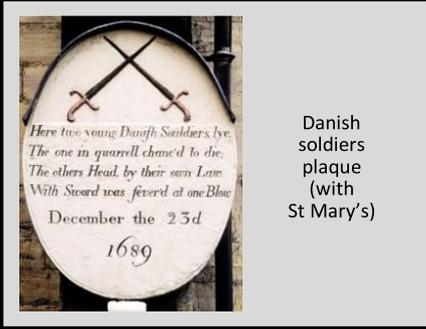
Evidence over cycle track and Fishwicks Mill site



Flood-lighting North Bar (with Festival of Christmas)



Two Churches One Town scheme (contributions)



Danish soldiers plaque (with St Mary's)

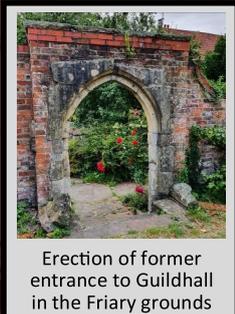


Ladygate Survey (book)



Special newsletters during Covid lockdown

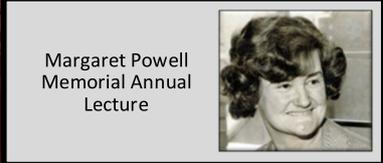
Restoration and relocation of Regency lamp posts (with ERYC)



Erection of former entrance to Guildhall in the Friary grounds

Plan for planting 1300 trees in 2021

Celebrate 1421 to mark Henry V's visit



Margaret Powell Memorial Annual Lecture

