

Newsletter: September 2021

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Chairman's Remarks



In these turbulent times it is salutary to remember our history. Much has been written recently about slavery, but did you know that the 1st of August is 'Emancipation Day' in many West Indian Countries? The date memorializes the abolition of slavery within the British Empire, a process that began with the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833, which became effective August 1st 1834. But in that year, only children under the age of 6 in the colonies were freed; others were redesignated 'apprentices'. We continue to live with the consequences.

In September, our speaker meeting will again be held virtually, but we look forward to enjoying the wonderful range of live events which go to make up our Heritage Open Days offering, about which there is more elsewhere in the newsletter. If you have not already seen the published booklet, do look out for a copy - it contains much of interest in addition to listed openings. How our meetings in October will be held remains under review, given the continuing Covid crisis.

I hope you will enjoy reading this Newsletter, and should any of you feel inspired to join us in helping in any way with any of our activities, you would be most welcome.

Dick Lidwell



Many domestic applications for alterations and extensions continue to be lodged.

An update on a couple of major applications: the fuel filling station and two fast food outlets by the Swinemoor Lane/Hull Bridge Road roundabout has been refused. The application for the McCarthy Stone retirement apartments at the end of Langholm Close has been approved subject to a number of conditions and the signing of a legal agreement. Your Executive continues to press ERYC for the removal of the large, illegally erected, oversized signs on the Westwood approach roads. We shall report back on progress in the next edition of the newsletter.

As part of the present government's plans to revise planning regulations, ministers have created a new Permitted Development Rights that took effect on 1 August and work in the same way as they have for office buildings. They now apply to all town centre buildings, and enable a change of use from 'commercial, business and service' (the class E use) to residential without seeking planning permission, even within Conservation Areas. Notwithstanding the need and desirability for housing in our town centres, something the Society has advocated for over the years especially regarding using empty upper floors, the Society has some concerns about the possible effects of this legislation (having regard for the rise of substandard housing in office blocks), and will be monitoring closely the situation in Beverley.

Stop Press: We have just received plans for a housing development of 30 dwellings on the site of the demolished former St Nicholas Junior School. These follow an informal public consultation earlier in the year. This is an important site for the area, and deserves close attention. Please see application reference number: 21/02391/PLF on ERYC's Public Access planning site.

Dick Lidwell

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Beverley and District Civic Society to be held at 7:30pm on **Thursday 21st October 2021**. The members of the Executive Committee have decided that this will be a Virtual Meeting to be held online using the Zoom application. Details of how to register and join the meeting will be sent to members nearer the date.

The decision to hold this meeting online is due to continuing uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. This will be kept under review and if a physical meeting is to be held further details and instructions on how to join the meeting will be sent to members.

Please note the change in date from that detailed in the previously issued Programme for 2021 which is due to logistical issues.

AGENDA

- 1) Numbers Attending
- 2) Apologies for Absence
- 3) Minutes of the 2020 AGM
- 4) Matters Arising
- 5) To receive the Executive Committee's reports:-
 - 5.1) Chairman's Report
 - 5.2) Honorary Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements up to 30th September 2021
 - 5.3) Honorary Secretary's Report
 - 5.4) Membership Secretary's Report
- 6) To elect the Officers of the Society and Members of the Executive Committee for 2021/22
- 7) Any Other Business

The Executive Committee 2020/21

Officers

President	Andrew Marr	Vice-President	Graham Stuart M.P.
Chairperson	Dick Lidwell	Vice-Chairperson	Vacant
Honorary Secretary	Chris Burrows	Honorary Treasurer	Mike Farrimond

Members of the Executive

The Members of the Executive during 2020/21 were:-

Chris Burrows (Year 2 of 3)	Rosemary Major (Year 2 of 3)
Barbara English (Year 2 of 3)	Angela Mulford (Year 1 of 3)
Mike Farrimond (Year 1 of 3)	Eva La Pensée (Year 3 of 3)
Neil Harris (Year 3 of 3)	Rosie Ryan (Year 2 of 3)
Chris Harrod (Year 2 of 3)	Helen Watson (Co-opted*)
Richard Lidwell (Year 1 of 3)	

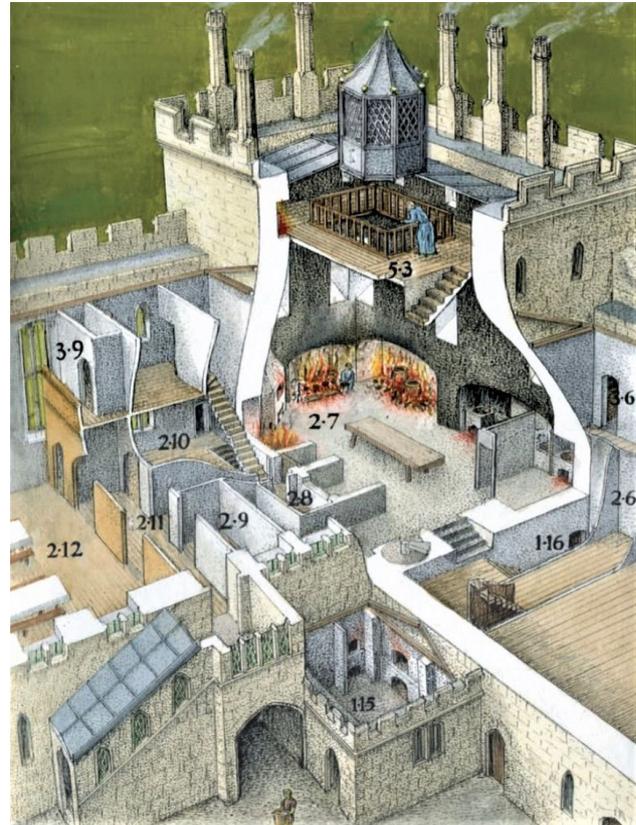
NOTES

- i) *Co-opted members have an advisory and non-voting role.
- ii) The following Members have resigned from the Executive with effect from the A.G.M.:
Barbara English
- iii) The following Members are due to retire but are eligible to be re-elected:-
Neil Harris, Eva La Pensée

Prepared by Chris Burrows, Honorary Secretary

The printed programme is out, and we hope you have managed to find a copy, they are disappearing fast, but Tourist Information in the Treasure House still has a good number.

The 2021 theme is Edible England, and to mark that our distinguished speaker this year is Peter Brears, who has devoted years of his life to understanding the meals our ancestors ate, both the food and the ritual, and also adapting ancient recipes for modern cooks. His books include his drawings of historic kitchens and cooking equipment: one (used in our new book **Foods Feasts and Festivals**) is a reconstruction of the kitchen tower at Wressle in the 1500s. In Brears's hands a picture is surely worth 1000 words. Book early (via Archives, the Treasure House, 01482 392792) for his remarkable talk on 11 September. And as well as that, see how many of the wonderful sites you can visit over the weekend 10-12 September (and it's all free).



The Tudor Kitchen Tower at Wressle Castle.

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| 1.15 | Bakehouse | 2.10 | Buttery with stairs to the beer cellar |
| 1.16 | Kitchen cellar | 2.11 | Screens passage |
| 2.6 | Cook's chamber | 2.12 | Hall |
| 2.7 | Kitchen with 4 large fireplaces and pastry oven | 3.6 | Cooks' lodging |
| 2.8 | Dresser hatch and surveying place | 3.9 | Screens gallery |
| 2.9 | Pantry | 5.3 | Kitchen gallery to supervise the Kitchen |

Heritage Open Days Corrections to the Printed Brochure

- * Beverley Butt Farm World War II Battery (11,12,18 & 19 September) **ALL TOURS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED 01482 870984.** They last 90 mins
- * Beverley Freemasons' Hall, Trinity Lane, is **OPEN SATURDAY 11 September 11-4**
- * Bishop Burton Walled Garden is **OPEN SUNDAY 12 September 11-4** and **NOT OPEN ON SATURDAY 11**
- * Beverley Walk: Out with the Old and in with the New, is on **FRIDAY 17 September 6-8** and **NOT SUNDAY 19**
- * Beverley Walk: Over 500 years of history in less than 500 footsteps is on **SATURDAY 18 September 1.30-3.15** and **NOT FRIDAY 17.**



60th ... 600th ... 1300th ... Watch out in October 2021



We have so much to celebrate this October.

Sixty years ago, your Civic Society was founded, so we are planning some events to celebrate what we have achieved over the years (and what we hope to achieve in the future). There is much to remember, and we intend to issue a special newsletter to look back and forward, to mark the anniversary.

Six hundred years ago, Henry V came to Beverley Minster to hear a High Mass in honour of the Feast of the Translation of St John of Beverley (25th October). The victorious king was giving thanks to St John for his victory at the battle of Agincourt, (another 25th October.) We have invited the eminent historian Professor Anne Curry to give a talk to the Society about this visit, and on 24th October we hope to show at the Parkway cinema the classic 1944 film of Henry V, directed by Laurence Olivier who also played the king.

Thirteen hundred years ago, St John died here at his monastery, and his holy shrine in the Minster attracted kings and queens, pilgrims and sanctuary seekers. And so the town of Beverley for centuries welcomed visitors and flourished.

A weekend of festivities to mark this auspicious anniversary year is being planned under the banner of Two Churches One Town. The completed celebrations will include a 'pilgrimage' around heritage sites across the town, a performance by a world-famous choir, talks by leading historians and theologians, a competition for young people to design a roof boss for St Mary's Church, and a community event featuring countless scallop shells! The festival will be a chance to discover more about Anglo-Saxon England, learn about miracles at the shrine of St John and to reflect on what Beverley means to its people today. The programme will be announced in September.



Visit to Everingham Park



On 30 July, 37 members gathered at Everingham Park for a visit to the Hall and the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Everilda, courtesy of the owners, members Helen and Philip Guest.

To begin with St. Everilda, she was a seventh century Wessex noblewoman who founded a nunnery at Everingham on land she was given by St. Wilfrid, when he was Bishop of York. I think she must have approved of our visit, for, on a horribly wet day, it remained dry at Everingham throughout our visit, but resumed the downpour on our journey home!

Everingham Hall is a beautiful Georgian House, with a doric porch, and, on the right hand side, several false sash windows preserve its symmetry; but it has undergone much change. Built in the mid 18th century by the northern architect John Carr, it replaced an earlier Tudor house. The 19th century owner, William Constable-Maxwell, who had 16 children, carried out major alterations,

adding two wings to the house, moving its entrance to the opposite side and building the separate chapel and campanile. In 1962/3 it was again remodelled for Lady Anne Fitzalan Howard, eldest daughter of the Duke of Norfolk. In charge of this work was the Bridlington architect Francis Johnson. The Victorian additions, other than the chapel, were demolished, the entrance returned to its original position, a new cantilever staircase installed, and the carving renewed by the York carver Dick Reid.

A feature of the estate was that until the 1980s, it had remained in the hands of one Roman Catholic family who had maintained the faith even under proscription. In 1829, when the Catholic Emancipation Act was passed, William Constable-Maxwell celebrated with the building of his new chapel in Mediterranean style. It was made large enough to accommodate not merely the family but also all the estate workers who shared the family's faith. Although the exterior was plain, the interior was highly ornate, decorated with statues of the apostles, painted Stations of the Cross and elaborate marble altars brought over from Italy. The origin of the altar rail is unknown but its beautifully carved cherubs seem to date from an earlier period. The Lady Chapel was enhanced with a floor of Minton tiles. The church was consecrated in 1839, in a ceremony that took seven hours! and it remained in use for the Roman Catholic families of the area until the diocese made other arrangements at the end of the twentieth century.

Our visit ended with a delicious afternoon tea, and a chance to consider the lovely things we had seen. Much thanks are due to Helen and Philip for providing us with such an enjoyable and interesting visit.



Section of the altar rail



Part of the Minton tiled floor

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - It is that time again!

The end of September would be a good time to think of renewing your subscription, due 21 October. We do hope you will continue to enjoy your membership and stay with us. We are always very grateful to members who pay by standing order. (see the Society's banking details below to set one up).

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.

EVENTS

Annual Dinner

Booking is now available for the Society's Annual Dinner on:

**Friday evening, 24 September 2021
7 for 7.30 p.m.**

at
Cerutti "2", Station Square, Beverley.

As usual, there is an excellent choice of options for each course.

Early booking is advisable as there are only 38 places available.

For more details, and a booking form please contact Eva La Pensée via email or ring (from 7 September):

Email address: elapensee@gmx.com

Telephone: 01482 869609

Cerutti "2"
Beverley Civic Society
24th September 2021
Menu

Godminster cheesecake with Tomato salsa
Whitebait
Salt and pepper squid with lemon mayonnaise
Prawn and smoked salmon cocktail
Baked Mushrooms with a cheddar and bacon Sauce
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Coq au vin with creamy mash
Smoked haddock Florentine
Mushroom and spinach risotto
Trio of fish fry
Vegetables and potatoes
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Strawberry Flambe
Lemon Cheesecake
Cheese
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Coffee /Tea Chocolates
£33.50 per person inc vat

BEVERLEY CIVIC SOCIETY



A Shared Vision for Rural Communities



An illustrated talk by
Crispin Truman OBE
Chief Executive - Campaign to Protect Rural
England

Thursday 9th September 2021 7.30 p.m.

Delivered via Zoom

To book please send email to goodtymeshull@hotmail.com

Non-members welcome £5.00
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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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