

Beverley Civic Society

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2019

Update on the Society's Activities 2019

History Boards

Members may have noticed that the history boards at Eastgate and Hall Garth have been removed owing to their poor condition. The Society is co-operating with ERYC to renew and revamp these two boards. The historical research, pictures and design for the Hall Garth board have been completed and it will be erected shortly. Work on the replacement for the former Eastgate Board will commence soon.

Discussions are also being held to re-vamp the Beck area boards as a future project.

The Society is encouraged by the favourable feedback, and reminds members that all these boards may be seen, in colour, on the website.

Members' E-Mail Addresses.

Virtually all of the new members this year, around 40, have contacted us by e-mail and are now on our circulation list for newsletters.

Could members who still receive Newsletters by post and who have e-mail addresses please contact us so we can reduce our postage and printing costs?

Hand delivery also uses shoe leather and time and our private postman will not keep going for ever! Remember all our-newsletters are available on our website.

North Bar Within Pump



Funding is now in place, (thanks to Dick Lidwell and all contributors), and necessary consents obtained, to begin the task of renovating the Listed Victorian cast iron pump. An identical pump in Esher Surrey has been scanned in 3D and replicas of the spout and handle are being created with a 3D printer to create the moulds to replace the missing parts. The pump is about to be removed to specialist contractors who will clean it, cast the new parts and re-attach them before returning it to the site for re-painting.

Planning Applications

The Society is consulted by the planning authority and numerous planning applications have been commented on. We are not a statutory consultee but our views are always considered useful, if not always agreed. We are often asked to support objectors but can only make comments which are valid material planning reasons.

Members are reminded that all planning applications are published on ERYC's Public Access website where all the plans, reports, and responses from the public, consultees, and other agencies, together with any decisions may be viewed. See: <https://newplanningaccess.eastriding.gov.uk/newplanningaccess/>

There have been three recent developments which are considered to be worth mentioning here:

A further application has been made by EE to erect their telecommunications mast (replacement for the temporary mast on the Beverley Arms car park) on a site at the southern end of Manor Road, on the grass verge of the tree lined eastern side and opposite the entrance to the nursery school. This is an improvement on the previous refused application outside Tesco and, being sited further out from the Conservation area without impacting on listed assets, appears to be more satisfactory.

The application to construct a petrol filling station and M&S 'Simply' store at the Killingwoldgraves roundabout on the A1174 road towards Beverley was refused by the Eastern Area Planning Committee on Monday 25th November. The Society will continue to monitor any possible future developments on this highly unsatisfactory application.

The Coletta and Tyson application to take access to its existing and proposed development at Low farm along Long Lane to Hull Road has been approved despite strong local opposition, including from the Society. As recommended by the Highway Authority, to improve access and safety, a number of passing places will be constructed in Long Lane, and traffic lights installed at the junction of Long Lane and the Hull Road.

The Society continues to push for the promised seminar with Paul Bellotti, ERYC's Director of Communities and Environment, to address issues of clutter, road markings, A boards, and light pollution within Beverley's Conservation area.

We still have our regular, twice yearly, constructive meetings with the Head of Planning and Development and the Conservation Officer to discuss matters of mutual interest. These discussions keep us informed of national policy changes, current important applications and projects in the pipeline.

The Society's continues to have concerns about the quality of design for housing in the UK, and hopes that notice will be taken by developers, builders and Local Authorities of

the Government's recently published 'National Design Guide' which contains some useful advice and guidelines. Members may like to see this at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-design-guide>

Visit to Kiplin Hall



On a beautiful day in June members went on a very enjoyable trip to Kiplin Hall, near Richmond. Thanks to Ann Spedding and Eva La Pensée for the organisation.

Coronation gardens and the Old Burial Ground

At the instigation of the Town Council a representative group has been formed to propose developments in accord with the principles of the original design scheme, and for the maintenance of both spaces. The charity r-evolution has appointed a horticultural leader. Regular meetings are taking place to take the project forward.

Rosemary Major has been involved with progress from the start and continues to be our leading representative in the group

Trees

There are grants schemes already in place for the planting of trees and we, as a Society, are investigating whether we can make a contribution. If we could manage to organise the planting of a large number of trees it would help in saving the planet in a small but positive way.

Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies

YHACS are coming to Beverley in April next year and we will be hosting the event. A dinner is proposed at Cerutti 2 on Friday 24th April at 7.30pm. On Saturday 25th April, a tour of the Town centre has been organised for delegates followed by the YHACS' meeting at Toll Gavel Church with speakers. We will be publishing more details as they become available.

Mike Hildyard, Dick Lidwell

Urgent request

Ed update: posts now filled thanks to Chris Burrows and Chris Harrod

1) Honorary Secretary 2) Minute Secretary

The Executive of the Civic Society is in urgent need to fill two posts, an Honorary Secretary and a Minute Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary deals with the administrative matters including receipt and response to enquiries and attends the Executive Committee on the first Monday of every month except August. The post also involves preparing and sending out the agenda a week in advance of the Committee meeting.

The Minute Secretary attends the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and sends out the draft minutes to Executive members by email.

There is a small honoraria for each post and both holders will be co-opted on to the Executive Committee

Any member of the Civic Society can use the contact page on the Society's website for further information.

Michael Hildyard

Beverley's Heritage Open Days 2019

Our three September days as part of the national festival of Heritage Open Days have just ended. We offered open buildings, gardens, historical walks, talks and water tours, advertised through 10,000 copies of a printed programme where Beverley is the junior partner to Hull Civic Society, and also advertised on the national website <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

We had a wonderful time this year, helped by three sun-drenched September days. The numbers of 'visits' (not visitors, too complicated to calculate) was 6642, much the greatest total we have recorded. 'Clickers' helped the recording – when a single-fronted Georgian town house is getting more than 100 visitors an hour, recording on paper is tricky.



Clicker and City of Culture volunteers at the Beverley Friary

Beverley Civic Society are lucky to be helped by Hull's wonderful City of Culture volunteers, (we requested the services of over a hundred this year). We also joined forces with the East

Riding Walking & Outdoor Festival, and all the walking places were filled. Everything is free. Numbers are important to organisers, but the effect of Heritage Open Days is much more than numbers: people came from all over to see our town, learn more of its past, and appreciate the history around us. Our town becomes better known, we increase our Society's profile and add to its membership.

Highlights were Beverley racecourse, the walled garden at Bishop Burton College, and Beverley Minster, all singled out by the national HOD team as star attractions. Beverley Guildhall had a resident prisoner for the day, picking oakum. The largest number of visitors, 650, came to a medium-sized Georgian town house, more than a hundred each hour.



The national theme for 2019 was People Power: in Beverley we had a talk on the 1536 Pilgrimage of Grace (the people lost) and the eight-year strike of the 1380s clergy at Beverley Minster against the archbishop of York (the clergy won).

One of the striking canons, Nicholas of Louth

Special features this year were the ancient street leading to the Minster, called Highgate, and the wonderful pairing of a medieval church and an 18th century house both with unusual histories, standing in green countryside without a village.



Visitors to Rowley Church and queuing for Highgate Beverley house

We intend to take part again next year. HOD could not happen without great goodwill on the part of all those who open their buildings, lead walks, and put up special exhibitions, all with the generously given help of many volunteers. The London HQ too is unfailingly helpful, and supply us with great publicity, and bags of banners, bunting, balloons and other gear.

Text and pictures by Barbara English. This article also appeared in the Autumn newsletter of the Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies <https://www.yhacs.org.uk>

Champney Road Library Beverley



On 11th September Beverley Library was named by Heritage England as one of 'Eight of England's Most Magnificent Libraries'. They went on to say: 'This Edwardian public library was funded by a private endowment from successful industrialist and art enthusiast John Champney... It was built in stages: the core block in 1906 was designed by John Cash in Jacobean-revival style and his son Herbert added a gallery extension and reference library in 1928.' The other seven names were the John Rylands Library, Jesmond Library, Lillington Library, Dulwich Library, the Bodleian Library, Penzance School of Art and Library and Hove Library.

Annual Dinner

Dinner at Cerutti 2, earlier in the year than usual, was well attended and more than 40 members and guests enjoyed a topical talk by the Vicar of the Minster Revd Canon Jonathan Baker who reminded us not to lose sight of the magnificence of our beautiful Town. Once again, our thanks go to Wendy Usher Bacon for the organisation and to the Cerutti 2.

Michael Hildyard

Michael Woodcock

I announced at the recent AGM that Michael passed away suddenly a few weeks ago.

Michael was a lover of Beverley, and a great help to the Society over many years in analysing the weekly list of planning applications, giving advice to the development group and getting involved in urban design matters.

As a well known international architect his wealth of knowledge of architecture, town planning and townscape was immensely useful to the Society. His proposals for the layout of Saturday Market were far better than the scheme implemented and would have secured the retention of the subtle curve of the setts through to the junction of Toll Gavel. Long discussions and the public protests at least ensured the relaying of the setts.

His valuable friendship and expertise will be sorely missed by his friends and colleagues and our prayers and condolences go to his wife Jean and Family.

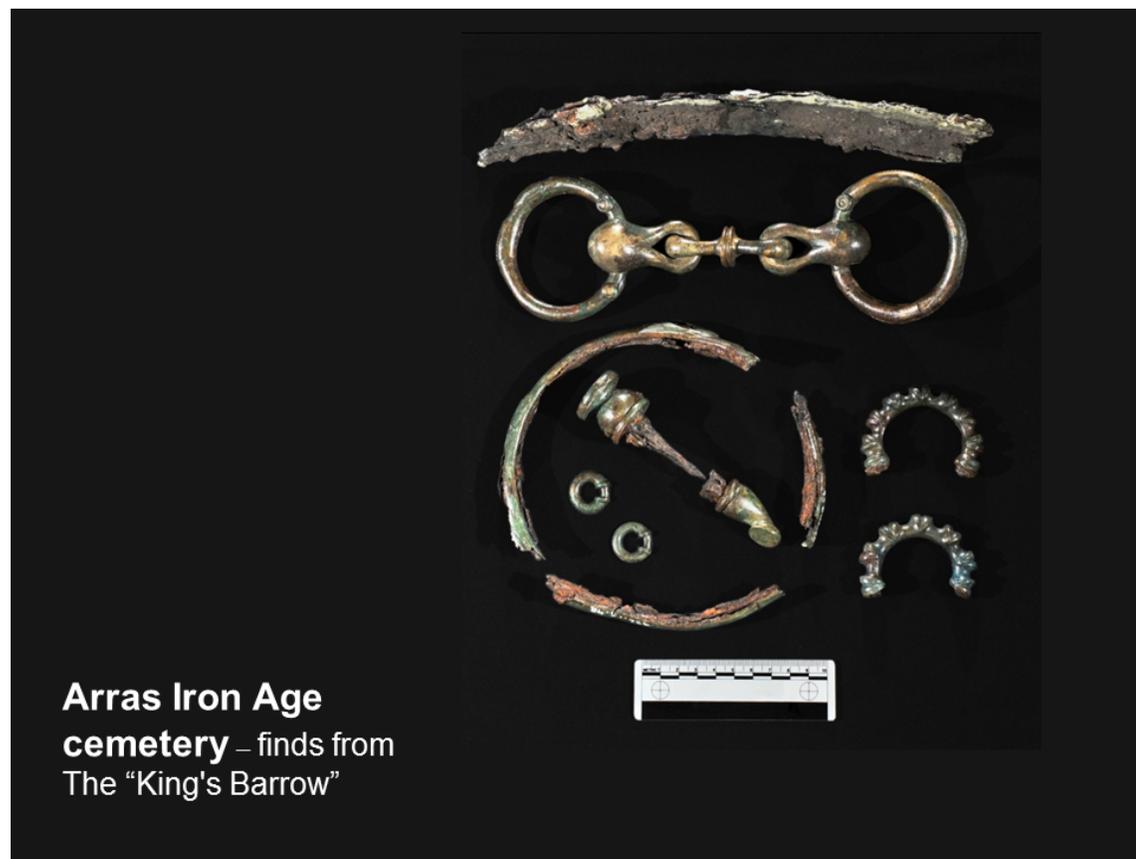
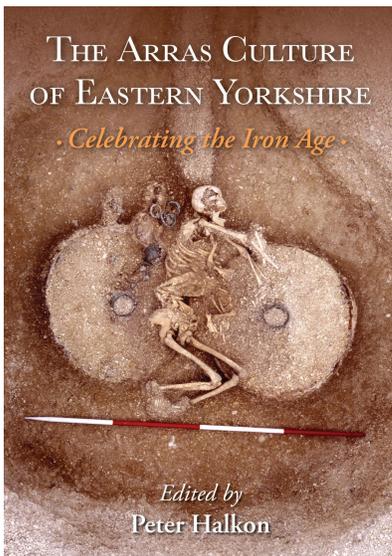
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The Margaret Powell Lecture: 14th November, 2019

There was a good attendance at St Mary's Church Hall, in spite of bad weather, for the Civic Society's annual lecture to celebrate the work of Mrs Margaret Powell in the 1960s. Prof. Barbara English recalled her outstanding role in preventing most of the drastic new road planning, which would have carved up Beverley town centre, from being realised. She also took action to save the Friary and to restore old houses through improvement grants, leading to a revaluation of Beverley's heritage. In *The Landscape Archaeology of the Yorkshire Wolds* Dr Peter Halkon, Senior Lecturer at Hull University, gave a most comprehensive, illustrated talk on the many archaeological discoveries in his home territory to which he has actively devoted his career. The rolling chalk hills and valleys of the Wolds, offering vantage points and well-drained slopes, have attracted people seeking safe habitation and good arable and pasture land since Neolithic times. An increasing interest in this prehistoric human activity over the last two centuries has led to some exceptional finds. In exploring the evidence for settlement Peter has exploited various methods of detection apart from excavation, including aerial photography, which in certain conditions can reveal traces of enclosures, ditches, building foundations, and drove roads, etc., which are not easily distinguishable at ground level. It has also assisted in the understanding of large linear earthworks from the Bronze Age such as the Great Wold Dyke, which appear to mark territorial boundaries between settler groups, regarding ownership and access to vital resources, such as water supplies. The shape of burial mounds indicate their associated culture, and round barrows in East Yorkshire tend to be of Bronze Age origin. In 2017, a geophysical survey and subsequent excavation near Kipling House Farm revealed a large round house on a hill top within protective curvilinear enclosures suggesting a site of importance over a considerable time. By the mid Iron Age, between 400BC and 100 AD, a new people

had arrived in the Yorkshire Wolds, identifiable through their square barrows. The first remarkable excavations took place between 1815 and 1817 at Arras Farm near Market Weighton, where three charioteers were found laid on top of their dismantled chariots and with their horses. These burials are virtually unknown in other parts of Britain and the tribe concerned, which is thought to have originated in north eastern France, is known as the Parisi. The Arras Culture has made its mark since the 1970s, with excavations of square barrows and chariot burials being carried out at Rudston, Wetwang, Arras and Pocklington, where a large cemetery is yielding many graves, including the most recent chariot burials in 2017 and 2018. The finds demonstrate the high standards of metal working in copper alloy and iron to produce weapons, bridle bits, terrets and linchpins plus fittings for the chariots. DNA from Pocklington Cemetery is currently being tested at Harvard Medical School to discover more about these remarkable people. If you want to support the current on-line campaign for a local heritage facility go to <https://www.change.org/p/phil-gilbank-to-establish-a-heritage-facilityin-pocklington-to-store-the-burnby-lane-iron-age-archaeology-finds>

Rosemary Major



Winter

Here is another extract from *A Westwood Walk Through the Seasons* by Susan Walker, taken with permission from *The Freedom of Beverley Westwood*, by Norman and Susan Walker (privately printed 2019):

Winter - cold, wet, muddy days when the wind blows through your very soul but also frosty mornings which are a joy, blue skies and tiny diamonds shining on the grass make for a magical walk, the ground hard as stone and the big black crows strutting around trying to find some breakfast and their harsh throaty calls cutting through the cold air, magpies cackle in the distance. The wonder of snowy days is always a cause for excitement, turning the whole area into a winter wonderland, children enjoying toboggan rides down the hills, dogs barking and frolicking in the snow, the enjoyment of walking where the snow has been blown into drifts and big, round, fat snowmen enjoying their brief time on earth. Black Mill standing out like a black knight guarding his kingdom. There are spectacular sunsets in winter when the sun is low in the sky, bathing the horizon in deep shades of red and orange, the black silhouettes of the trees standing out in a line along the road. In late winter the gorse which normally melts into the landscape is suddenly alight with vivid yellow flowers, welcoming spring.



Photo by Dick Lidwell

Puzzle Picture

The Autumn newsletter showed an entrance to the New York subway called Delancey St Station, on the Lower East Side. The De Lanceys were a very rich New York family, but in the late 18th century Brigadier General Oliver De Lancey, the head of the family, was forced out of America for supporting George III against the American revolutionaries. He bought a house in Highgate, is buried in the Minster, and there is a memorial plaque to him in the present shop.

This newsletter's puzzle picture by Fred Elwell is a well-known Beverley building which has been restored to a very high standard. Where is it, and what it is used for now?



Forthcoming meetings...
... which will be in St Mary's Parish Hall,
and all meetings will commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated



On **12th December** our Christmas Talk will be held in St Mary's Church, Beverley and **Roland Deller**, Development Officer at St Mary's, will give us an account of the urgent works to repair and conserve the fabric of the church. There will probably be scaffolding if the work is in progress but we will provide refreshments as usual at Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH AND NOT IN THE PARISH ROOM.

All talks start at 7.30 and non-members are welcome to attend for a fee of £5.00.

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9th January **The Yorkshire Nature Triangle**
(Colin Bradshaw)



The Yorkshire Nature Triangle stretches from Bempton and Flamborough in the north to the Humber Estuary, within which area there are 30 nature reserves. This is an illustrated talk.

13th February **Tall Tree Tales**
(John Killingbeck)



A conversation, including live specimens. What stories do our trees have to tell - past, future, biology, landscape, relationships?

12th March **Winifred Holtby's Yorkshire Roots – a Family Connection**
(Robin Horspool F.R.S.A.)



A personal presentation of Winifred's love of her native Yorkshire and her association with the speaker's family

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Please send material by email if possible: this saves re-typing. However, if you do not use email all contributions and letters, no matter how brief, are welcome.

The deadline for copy to be included in the Spring 2020 Newsletter is **Saturday 29th February 2020.**

Please note this date in your diary if you are likely to contribute

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to All our Readers**



Winter Landscape by David Casper Friedrich, c.1811

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