



## **BEVERLEY & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY**

### **NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2013**

#### **BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Beverley and District Civic Society Annual General Meeting will be held at St Mary's Church Parish Hall, North Bar Within, Beverley on **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30PM**. Nomination forms for office in the Society or vacancies on the Executive Committee can be obtained from, and should be returned to, Dennis Peckett, 36 Thurstan Road, Beverley HU17 8LP, tel 01482 862014, by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013**.

#### **Agenda**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the 2012 AGM.
3. Matters arising.
4. To receive the Annual Report.
5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and receive and approve the Annual Accounts.
6. To receive the Membership Secretary's Report.
7. To elect the following Officers of the Society: President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.
8. To elect members of the Executive Committee.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Society, the under-mentioned members will retire at the AGM but will be eligible for re-election:

Barbara English, Mike Hildyard, Pamela Hopkins, Gerald O'Callaghan, Sandy Patience

9. Any other business.

**NOTE:** The under-mentioned will continue to serve on the Executive Committee for at least another year:

Sylvia Ashwell, John Bird, Harry Flynn, Mike Guest, Jill Jones, Berna Moody, Angela Mulford, Dennis Peckett, Sandra Ryan, Wendy Usher-Bacon.

## Coronation Gardens



COMPLETION OF THE JUBILEE PROJECT IN THE CORONATION GARDEN

I am pleased to report that the Civic Society's latest project in the Coronation Garden, North Bar Within, was completed in July, ending with a "thank you" celebration there on the 5th for all those directly involved.

Members will know that in 2005 the Society initiated a plan to develop the western end of the Garden as a Sensory Area especially for people with a disability. It proved a real success in attracting more visitors to this central but peaceful spot in the town. However, some renovation was eventually needed to replace certain plants lost in hard winters and to improve the functioning of the water feature.

The Coronation Jubilee was the ideal time for a smaller second stage project to address these needs whilst making improvements to the eastern end of the Garden in recognition of such a special year. The Civic Society took the lead in putting forward money and, as with the first project, the Rotary Club, Beverley Lions and the Macular Society added their financial support. We were then awarded matching funding from the ERYC's Commuted Sums Fund.

The brief agreed with the East Riding Council included provision of more seating while retaining most of the grassed areas. It was decided with our Landscape Architect, Richard Lancaster, who designed the Sensory Area, to create a central circular feature based on the two semi-circular flower beds already there. Three bespoke curved seats designed by Richard were constructed by Chris Greenlaw at Driffield. They were a challenge to make but public approval has been rewarding. An inscribed stone commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's Coronation and carved by Matthias Garn, Master Mason, almost completes the design. Only the permanent planting around these remains to be added in the autumn.

Now the Garden has several extra seats with some existing ones moved to new positions and the new planting and trees will soon add to the general interest. It is

always a pleasure to see visitors coming in so purposefully to enjoy this special space and, blessed with warm weather, even more are doing so in 2013. I would like to thank the Civic Society membership for all the support given to this project. In particular I am very grateful to the members of the Garden Group sub-committee for their practical assistance in making it a reality.

Rosemary Major  
Project Co-ordinator

### **Beastly Beverley**

Colin Bradshaw and Fiona Jenkinson (Guildhall Curator) have put together two town trails called *Beastly Beverley* which draw attention to the darker side of the town. They are available on the Museum Service website, but those of you who are receiving this newsletter electronically may be able to download them by clicking [Beastly Beverley - North trail](#) and [Beastly Beverley - South trail](#).

### **Forthcoming Public Meetings & Events...**

All meetings are held in St Mary's Parish Hall, North Bar Within, Beverley.

**Tuesday 10th September 7.30 p.m.**  
Peter Birch, Yeoman Warder R.V.M.  
*The Tower of London*

**Tuesday 8th October 7.30 p.m.**  
AGM  
*Discussion of topical matters*

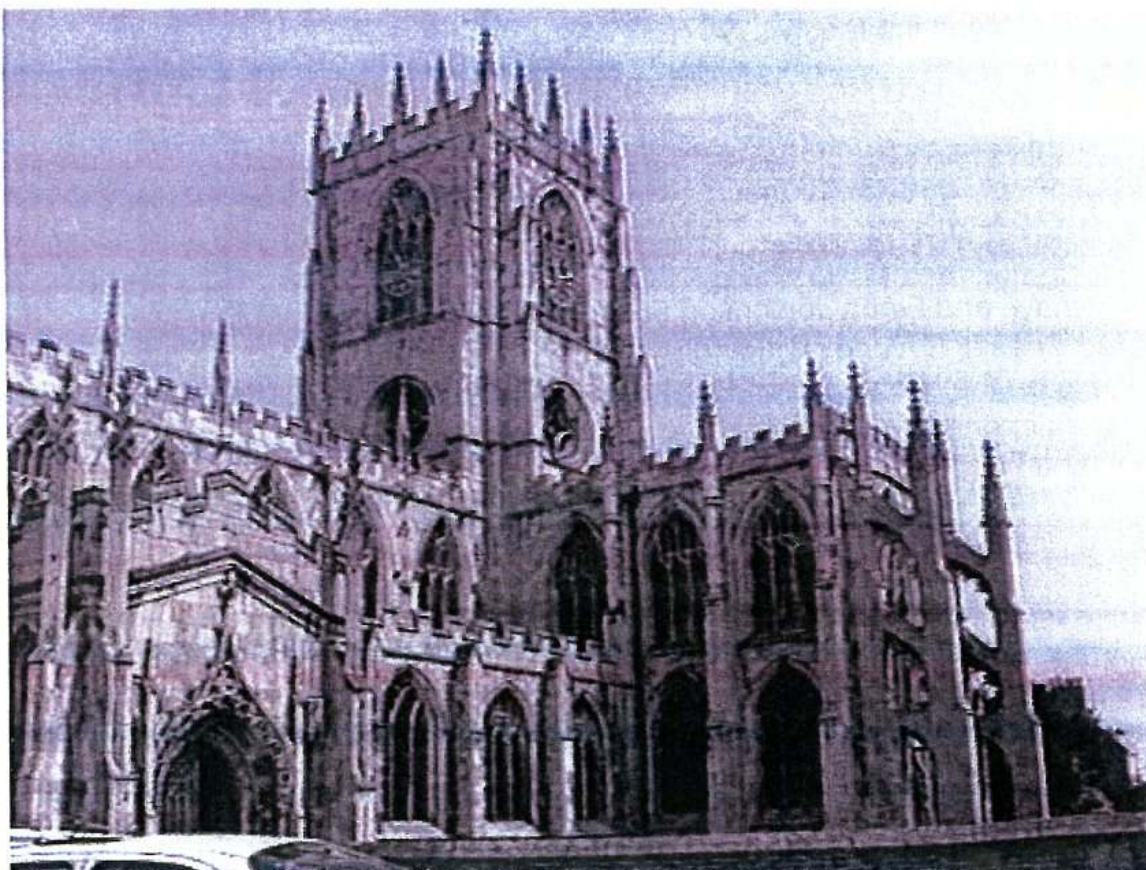
**Friday 25th October 7.30 p.m.**  
*Annual Dinner*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
*Study Day*

**Tuesday 12th November 7.30 p.m.**  
Mr B S Barnes  
*The Beverley War Memorial – Missing Names*

**Tuesday 26th November 2.30 p.m.**  
Phil Walker  
*The Inca Trail*

**Tuesday 10th December 7.30 p.m.**  
Ed Dennison  
*Archeological Services Ltd.*  
*Recent Recording in the East Riding*



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