

Newsletter:

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Chairman's Remarks

The olive tree, planted at the service to commemorate those who died during the Covid epidemic is now well established at the western end of the Sensory Garden, Coronation Gardens, North Bar Within. Long may we remember them.

We are fortunate to have so many large rural commons including Westwood, Swinemoor and Figham to enjoy for many activities. But Coronation Gardens, including the Sensory Garden together with the Old Burial Ground beyond, provide one of the few places within the town in which to sit and enjoy peace and quiet, and appreciate the continuity of life.

August, and the holiday period, appears to be a quieter time for the Society but below the surface there is lots of preparation work for the autumn season going on, especially for Heritage Open Days (8th – 17th September). The programme is now available from the Tourist Information Centre, and on-line.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/printable-area-lists/town/Beverley>
Enjoy your summer.



Courtesy Dick Lidwell

Dick Lidwell

Walking East Yorkshire

Each year, between 9th - 22nd September is a 'Walking East Yorkshire Festival'.

A booklet, itemising the walks, can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre. Both the brochure and the history walks listed are free.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

To download your copy see:
www.walkingeastyorkshirefestival.co.uk





heritage open days

8th to 17th September 2023

We are still seeking volunteers to help at some venues on 8th, 9th and 10th September. Volunteers will normally have a two-hour slot with support from HEY volunteering (formerly the Hull City of Culture Volunteers).

In particular:

- Barges on the Beck - Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September
- Beverley Friary - Saturday 9th September 13-30 to 16-00 and
- Sunday 10th September 13-30 to 16-00
- Number 2 Highgate - Friday 8th September 10-00 to 12-30, and 12-30 to 15-00

Brochures for Beverley and East Riding HODs are available now in Tourist Information Centres and other participating venues in Beverley. Heritage Open Days is a national programme and there is a website www.heritageopendays.org.uk, which can be searched by location or by type of event. To look for our local programme, simply search for Beverley.

Highlights this year include the always popular Laurel Vines at Aike, Barges on the Beck, the WW II anti-aircraft site at Butt Farm, and tours to St Mary's bell tower.



Butt Farm aerial view – *Courtesy Dennis Chapman*

You can also enjoy a talk on the medieval minstrels in the Minster, and “a dollop of Trollope” walk discussing the novelist’s attempt to be elected MP for Beverley.

An afternoon of “Beverley’s Creativity Unwrapped”, in the Memorial Hall, showcases local artists Philippa and Peter Naylor. They will talk about her world-famous quilting and his famous metalwork sculptures for the RAF and Hull’s fishermen and Anna Ingleby (Beverley Puppet Festival) will bring along some of her favourite puppets.



St Mary's Bells – *Courtesy Anne Hughes*

There's an opportunity to preview the Society's 2024 calendar which will contain the winning images created by students at the East Riding College.....and there's more!



Minster Minstrel – *Courtesy Mike Farrimond*



Star sign quilt – *courtesy Peter Naylor*

Another Peter Naylor RAF Sculpture

Most members will be familiar with Peter's RAF sculpture of 158 Squadron at Lissett, just off the road to Bridlington, and, in October 2021, many of us gathered at the shipyard for the unveiling of his Historic Shipyard sculpture. On a recent visit to the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield, however, we found one which was previously unknown to us, that to 47 Squadron which was actually formed at Beverley in 1916. Incidentally, if so far you have not found your way to the N.M.A., it is the most beautiful and interesting spot. Well worth a visit.

Jane Bowen



47 Squadron Memorial N.M.A - *Courtesy Janet Ward*

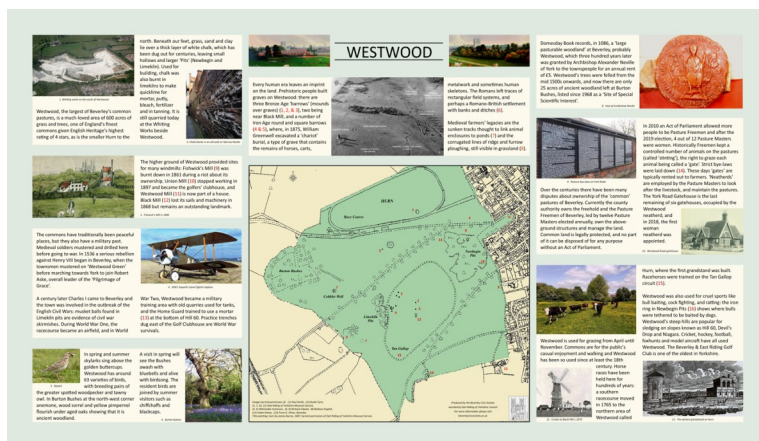
Planning Matters

The Planning Group met Stephen Hunt, ERYC Director of Planning and Development Management for our biannual meeting where many topics and issues were discussed; some feedback below.

- The Lord Roberts Road planning application: no concrete news but the department is anticipating a revised plan from the developer soon.
- The Consultation on the County Wide Design Guide has been completed and the Guide will be published at the beginning of September. The Society contributed to the consultation, and is looking forward to its publication as Design is a critical factor in guiding development especially within historic towns in East Yorkshire, including Beverley.
- The proposed recycling centre: following the deferment on the application by the Planning Committee further assessment work is being undertaken on alternative sites and highways, and hopes to be published in September.
- The Park and Ride: as reported in the July newsletter, the Executive as with other interested parties, had a briefing from ERYC. We understand that the Society and others will be written to shortly with an update on the results of the consultation.
- There remains a National shortage of qualified planners but East Yorkshire has an in-service training programme, and the Conservation section of our planning department has recently been strengthened with the recruitment of a new officer.
- On a similar theme - as members may know HMG has brought in a 10% Diversity, i.e., environmental, Net Gain policy from October this year for large developments. In theory, before a development is initiated, builders must demonstrate that a net gain of 10% in bio-diversity has been achieved. But there is a shortage of qualified Ecologists who might support and monitor such a policy. For an insight into this desirable policy see: <https://urbanistarchitecture.co.uk/biodiversity-net-gain-planning/>
- The redevelopment works for the Library in Champney Road are expected to commence in September, with the library relocating across the road into County Hall, and the TIC to the Customer Services Centre in Cross Street.

Westwood History Board

Members walking on the Westwood, and maybe also seeking a refreshing ice cream by the Newbald Road, will have observed that the Society's Westwood History board at the bottom of Hill 60 has disappeared! Unfortunately, the bottom of the posts had rotted away making it liable to fall down...which it seemed to do one late June Friday evening. It has been retrieved and will be re-erected soon once a couple of bespoke galvanised metal post holders have been made. These should help to remove the risk of any future rot problems. This board is one of three that the Society erected in 2019. The others are at the top of Westwood Road, and at the entrance to Burton Bushes near the Race course; see the illustration.



Courtesy Kiosk Tyrer

Dick Lidwell

When King Henry VIII didn't come to Beverley

In 1541 Henry VIII was married to his 5th wife, Catherine Howard, and it was not going well. The King had ulcers on his legs that would not heal, and his wife had a lover, Thomas Culpeper (that cost them both their heads). That year the royal party of King, Queen, their courtiers with over 5000 staff and soldiers set off on a royal progress to the North, a first visit for the King (and no later Tudor ruler came). The court spent some time at the King's Manor in York and in July 2023 York Theatre Royal staged a play 'Sovereign' about this visit: see <https://www.york.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2023/events/york-theatre-royal-community-play-kings-manor/>

During September and October 1541 Henry made two visits from York to the East Riding, staying at the Percy castles of Wressle and Leconfield (both surrendered to the king by the 6th earl of Northumberland) and at Hull Manor House. On his first visit the Queen came with him. Beverley had enraged the King because the great 1536 rebellion of the Pilgrimage of Grace had begun there, whereas Hull had supported the King and was favoured. The Beverley governors nevertheless thought he might choose to stay in their town, probably in the Friary which was his. The Beverley Town Account Roll of April 1541-April 1542 in our archives shows payments for much sweeping and cleaning of roads in Beverley, removal of dung to the Beck, laying of gravel and repaving, mending Friars' Lane, repairing glass windows and painting the King's heraldic arms. More surprisingly there was payment for 'whitening North Bar', presumably to improve it? When Queen Elizabeth II visited Beverley in 2002 everything on her route was repainted. It seems royal visits require paint.



Henry VIII in 1540 by Hans Holbein the younger. *Wikimedia Commons*

But the King did not come, he and his entourage bypassed by Beverley, although the town gave money to the King's players and the Prince's players, wine to Ralf Ellerker, and capons to the archbishop of York. The knights, marshals, heralds, footmen, and trumpeters of the royal party were also rewarded with cash, and the King was given a present of £10, seemingly at Doncaster. The idea that the royals travelled with troupes of 'players' is interesting and unexpected (my thanks of Diana Wyatt of *Records of Early English Drama* for this reference).

Henry's stay in Hull is well recorded, and there are 16th century pictures and plans of the Manor House refurbished for him. The King was personally involved in improving Hull's fortifications, ordering the rebuilding of the town walls partially with stone and brick from the demolition of Meaux Abbey. Some of the abbey stones with inscriptions still on them turned up again when Hull's town walls were demolished in the late 18th century, stones now in St Mary's church Sculcoates.

The King never stayed in Beverley, but on his way from Hull to Leconfield on 11th September he and the Queen ate Sunday dinner with the Ellerkers at Risby. There is a later copy of the enormous list of food, beer and wine required, and maybe at that feast he drank the wine that Beverley had provided.

The royal party left the North on 4th October from Hull by ship, crossing the river to Barton on Humber, stayed at Thornton Abbey and from there travelled back to Hampton Court by the end of October. A month later Catherine Howard was no longer Queen.

Barbara English

New exhibition of photographs from local visual storyteller

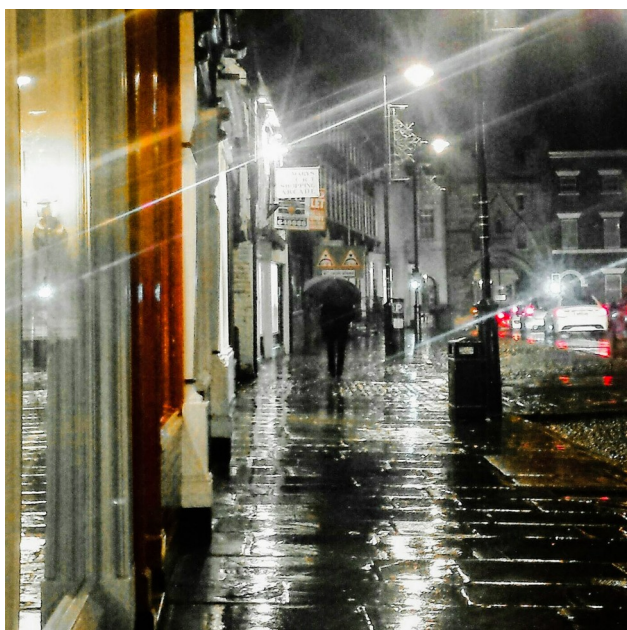
A new exhibition, “*Beverley, by Kloskk*”, opens at the Beverley Guildhall on 5th July, featuring many of the stunning photos of Beverley taken by Kloskk Tyrer, who is well known to Facebook users as one of the town’s “visual storytellers”.

Fiona Jenkinson, curator of the Guildhall, compiled the exhibition as a result of numerous requests from visitors to see more of Kloskk’s photos. Fiona said, “Despite the fact that Kloskk was not keen for her name to be used in the exhibition, her reputation will be a key element in drawing people to see it, as she is a regular contributor to Facebook and people love her views of the town. In fact, if you have ever wondered about the source of her name this is your opportunity to find out more as we will also be featuring some of the fascinating items that have been a source of inspiration in her life”.



Barmston Drain near Shipyard
Courtesy Kloskk Tyrer

“*Beverley, by Kloskk*” opened at the Beverley Guildhall on Wednesday 5th July and runs until 27th October. The Guildhall, which is located at the far end of Register Square, is currently open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 4pm. Admission to the building is free.



Rainy Beverley – *Courtesy Kloskk Tyrer*



Pasture Terrace – *Courtesy Kloskk Tyrer*

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