

Newsletter:

December 2022

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Chairman's Remarks

Winter certainly feels to be on its way with the recent winds, rain, and drop in temperature. But what a summer we had, followed by a beautiful colourful autumn.

My photo today features Magdalen College School's delicate foot bridge lighting up the wintery early evening sky with the delicate tracery of bare tree branches reflected in the still Cherwell in Oxford; a bright and peaceful view with which to end the year.

There's still a lot going on in the Society as reflected in this newsletter and elsewhere, and no doubt, there will be even more in the coming year. Remember the Executive Committee is always keen to hear your views on the Newsletter and all our activities. This being the end of the calendar year I should like to thank our Newsletter production and editorial teams who, keep us 'on our toes' and unfailingly produce a quality product which I hope you all enjoy reading; our thanks go to Jane Bowen, Janet Ward, Lesley Blucke and Rosie Ryan.



May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Dick Lidwell



**A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all our Members**



Beverley Civic Society Comments on Proposed Recycling Site

The Society objects to the application to re-site the Beverley Household recycling facility. It agrees that the present site on Weel Road is 'not fit for purpose' with very many fundamental problems which preclude making improvements to the site. An alternative site needs to be found.

It is in agreement with the design of the new facility which improves traffic circulation and removes vehicle conflict within the site. The 'over the wall' disposal method is widely used and proven to be effective elsewhere. It queries whether asbestos collection is necessary with an existing site being available at the Humber Bridge. The current proposal site though is inappropriate for very many reasons. It is on a green field site, resulting in the loss of high quality agricultural land, and it is adjacent to the well-used public footpath leading to the Hudson Way. There are also potential problems with traffic movements, e.g.; turning off Grange Road into the site causing tail backs on the already heavily used bypass road. The access road, with traffic going both in and out of the site, will share, and be in conflict with, the vehicular access to the well-used secure Dog Walking Field via Carr Road.

While tree planting etc might create a green protection belt, the additional noise, lighting, height of buildings etc will cause a nuisance to the housing south of Grange Road, and the children's nursery. Wildlife, including deer, would be adversely affected.

The Society would appreciate seeing the results of the initial survey of the 30+ alternative sites. It strongly recommends that the facility be re-sited on a brown field site, possibly further out from the town boundary away from residential areas.

If you wish to comment about the Recycling centre concerns should be sent to:

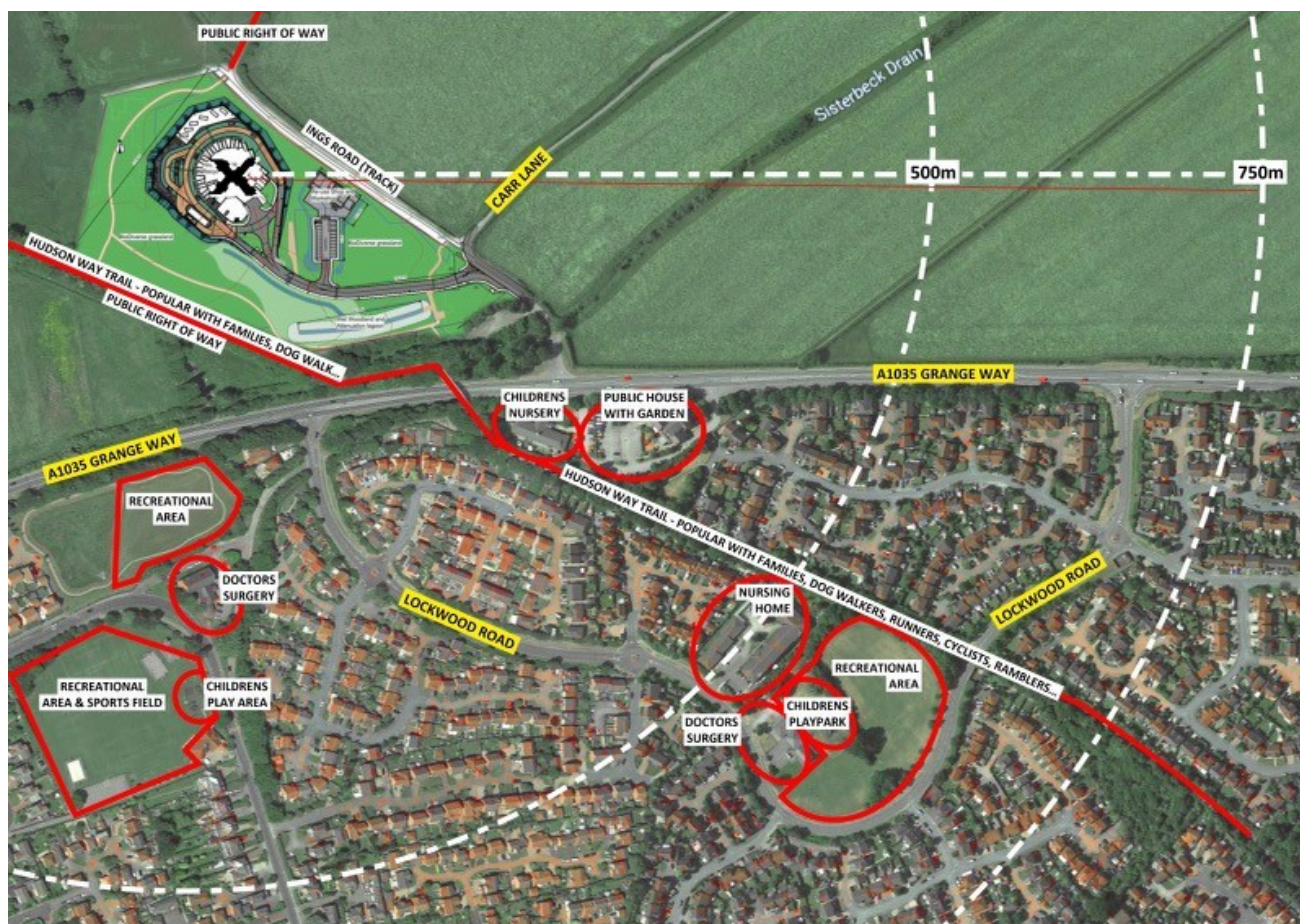
Planning Application Ref.22/03331/CM Proposed erection of a recycling site

FAO Mr Matthew Sunman, Principal Planning Officer ERYC

Planning and Development Management

County Hall, Cross Street, Beverley HU17 9B

mailto: Matthew.sunman@eastriding.gov.uk



Love the new Lane

In October 2022 a new wall was topped out in Beverley. Just a wall? No, rather a special wall, designed and built by Advanced dry stone waller, Emma Knowles. Born in Beverley, she emigrated to Australia in 2009, but regularly returns here, this year to build a monument to Anne Lister, at Shibden Hall near Halifax (visited by our own Society last summer). She also found time to build the remarkable dry stone wall in Love Lane, a footpath (first recorded in the 1600s) from Wood Lane to Westwood.

The wall divides the footpath from the 'ten-foot' track used for many years as one of Beverley's ropewalks. *Ropes were essential to early sailing ships (the standard length of rope for the Royal Navy was 1000 feet, and ships like Nelson's HMS Victory needed 31 miles of the stuff. Rope, made of strands of hemp, had to be laid out in a long straight lane to twist the fibres together – the rope carved in the wall end stone recalls this former use.*

The new wall was built with sandstone hand-selected from the 'Rievaulx seam' and brought (with some difficulty) from North Yorkshire to the site. Set in the wall are a dozen small Westwood themed carvings (already much loved by small children) including a lark, an owl, a buttercup, a cow, racehorse, a stone recording the former Union Workhouse and a very realistic Black Mill (illustrated).

The wall was built with the generous help of the local community, who offered donations, free labour, wheelbarrows, verbal encouragement, food for wallers and several hundred mugs of tea. They also commissioned the carvings which helped with the construction costs. If you are near Love Lane, walked by dozens every day, do have a look.



Building the Love Lane wall
Barbara English



Black Mill in the wall
Emma Knowles



The wall completed (Emma Knowles and Barbara English)

Lord Roberts Road Application

The Society has been notified of the long-awaited planning application for developing the site of the former Minster Towers care home on Lord Roberts Road. In the current Local Plan the site was originally designated for housing and employment use. However, the designation was changed to housing only; a sensible alteration given the changing retail market and need for well-designed town centre dwellings.

The planning group will be submitting a detailed objection, but, briefly, some points to note and encourage debate.

The proposed plans fail to live up to the Society's expectations. It had suggested earlier that there should have been a national architectural competition for such an important, though small, site within the core of our historic medieval town; a practice adopted elsewhere. Whilst attempts have been made, the plans fail to respect one of core principles that was established previously; to protect and enhance views of the Minster; hence the single storey care home, not a terrace of two and three storied houses enclosing the south side of Lord Roberts Road and obscuring one of the current long views of the Minster .

Whilst care has been taken with regard to building materials (but what green energy generation measures have been included?) the housing behind the terrace is shown as a series of cul-de-sacs; inappropriate for Beverley's town centre referencing more a modern suburban style with the usual problem of shared car parking space.

A proposed 47 space car park would replace the one which currently allows East Riding Theatre access to load and unload their stage props and other equipment and provides convenient public car parking for theatre goers.

The site is adjacent to many listed buildings including the theatre and along Highgate so regard needs to be given to protect their setting. Equally, the Lord Robert's Gardens remain isolated by the road when more carefully planning might have improved accessibility. The site also abuts the Minster's Secret Garden; a peaceful place which needs continuing protection. The area must have archaeological significance, having been used for many purposes over the ages. While a survey has been included; what provision will be made to accommodate the results?

I encourage members to read the comprehensive application details, including the Heritage impact statements: Ref: 22/03203/PLF, and please do submit your comments via letter and/or ERYC's Public Planning Access website as soon as possible, and by Friday 9th December 2022.

Dick Lidwell



Lord Roberts Garden from the Civic Society Calendar 2021

Beverley's Heritage Open Days 2022

Our Civic Society's involvement in England's largest community heritage festival, Heritage Open Days, received special national recognition in 2022. In September this year (the days over-shadowed by the death and funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II) 2,150 organisers, c.100 coordinators, and 43,500 volunteers put on 4,945 events across England, attracting 1 million visits, with many first time visitors to the events, that are always free.

The festival is run from London by a small team of the National Trust, and this year we were delighted when the chief organiser, Sarah Holloway, chose to come up north to see 'how we do it', and as she wrote to us later...*it was such a delight to finally be up in Beverley to see it in action. It was BRILLIANT...Everything about it was BRILLIANT. Your use of signage so I could stumble across the beautiful gardens, every volunteer I met was welcoming and knowledgeable, and of course the sites and stories themselves were just fascinating and fantastic...from the oldest in-situ street gas lamps to a beautifully renovated medieval friary, the most incredible archive tour and even sight of a listed loo.*

The numbers of the Beverley & District 'visits' on Heritage Open Days 2022 were around 7000. A particular success among very many was Laurel Vines at Aike, with over 500 visits, and the wine-makers there were particularly delighted that some visitors volunteered to return to help with their grape harvest. In 2023 we might be drinking those wines in Heritage Open Days.



'incredibly knowledgeable' and friendly' at Norwood House



'Our amazing volunteers'



'Oldest *in situ* gas lamps'



'A listed loo'

The Margaret Powell Memorial Lecture

New York to the North Bar: the Loyal American Refugees

Dr. Gilchrist's wide ranging talk concentrated on two families of British Loyalists, the De Lanceys and the Crugers and their part in the American War of Independence (1775 - 83). She began by saying that, despite the considerable contribution made by the Loyalists to that British War effort, even in Britain, their role had been largely ignored in subsequent years. She had first encountered the De Lanceys and the Crugers whilst researching the career of a British officer who commanded Loyalist troops, Patrick Ferguson, 23 years ago, and only discovered their connection with Beverley when she returned to Hull 20 years later.

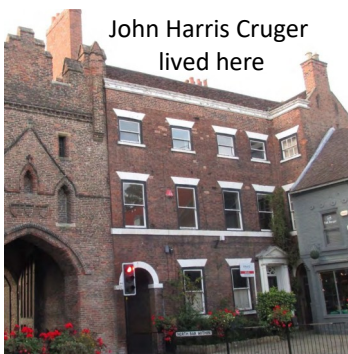
The De Lanceys were a French Huguenot family who moved to New York, at the end of the 17th century, to avoid religious persecution. There they flourished as privateers, and merchants, and when in 1741 the original settler, Etienne died, he left a fortune equivalent to £20 million today. His youngest son, Oliver, played a significant role in the Seven Years War, acting as paymaster for New York and being involved in some of the fighting. Then, when the War of Independence broke out, he joined the British forces under General Howe at Staten Island. There he raised the three battalions of the New York Volunteers Brigade and gained the rank of Brigadier General. One son, also Oliver, was already serving with the 17th Dragoons before the outbreak of the war. He then returned to America where he fought at the battles of Brooklyn, White Plain and Monmouth Court House. In the Southern Campaigns he was Deputy Quarter Master General, and became A.D.C. to Lord Cornwallis, the British Commander in Chief, in 1781.



Oliver De Lancey snr

The Crugers were also a merchant family based in New York, and in the early 18th century one served as Mayor and Alderman. In 1762, John Harris Cruger married Oliver De Lancey's daughter Anne, and by 1776 had become Chamberlain of New York. At the outbreak of the War of Independence, family loyalties were divided, with John's brother Nicholas supporting the rebels. John however commanded a Brigade of the New York Loyalists raised by his father-in-law. He took part in the capture of Savannah in 1778, and was briefly a prisoner of the rebels in 1780, before being exchanged. Then he took charge of the successful defence of Fort Ninety Six, being in part responsible for its fortifications, led a relief column to Augusta, and was commended for gallantry at Eutaw Springs in 1781.

Despite the efforts of Loyalists such as Cruger and De Lancey, the War of Independence came to an end in 1783 with the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. Most Loyalists were discharged from the army at New Brunswick in Canada, and many chose to settle there. Oliver de Lancey and his son-in-law, John Harris Cruger, however, left North America for Britain. Both men petitioned the British government for compensation for their lost property in America, and money expended there in support of the British army, but received very little. De Lancey settled in Beverley, where he died two years later, and is commemorated in Beverley Minster. Some of his children and grandchildren remained in Beverley, and are also buried in the Minster. One grandson, William Howe de Lancey, distinguished himself fighting in the Napoleonic wars.



Cruger initially went to Bristol where he helped his brother Henry win a seat in parliament. In 1794 he moved to Beverley, and became commander of the Beverley Volunteers, and lived in the house adjacent to North Bar. He moved to London in 1802. On his death in 1807, his wife Anne commissioned a memorial which detailed much of his military service.

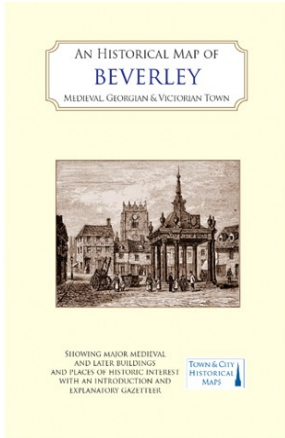


Present Suggestions for the Festive Season



If you're looking for a gift for the person who has everything, you couldn't do better than purchase any of a number of new publications mentioned in Civic Society Newsletters this year. These publications celebrate the beauty and fascinating history of the East Riding and Beverley and are sure to be much enjoyed.

So after you have purchased a few copies of the Civic Society Calendar take another look at these publications.

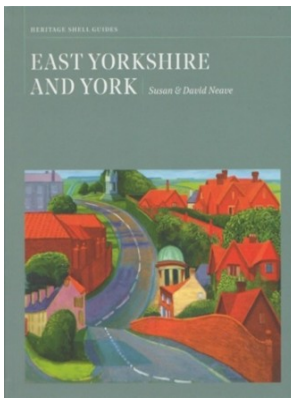


The **Historical Map of Beverley** is produced by the Historic Towns Trust and the Georgian Society of East Yorkshire and published by the Historic Towns Trust, 2022

Price: £9.99. ISBN 978-1-8380719-1-2

Local stockist: Beverley Bookshop

Commissioned by the Historic Towns Trust, this map is part of its *Town & City Historical Maps* series, which so far has covered major cities such as Oxford, Winchester, Bristol, York and Hull. Beverley is only the second town to be included.



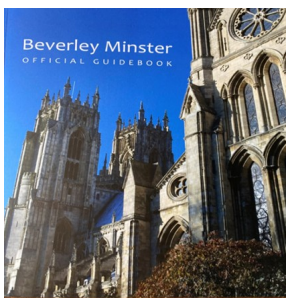
East Yorkshire and York

by Susan and David Neave

(Heritage Shell Guide Trust, London, 2022)

Price £24.95 ISBN 978-1-7397907-0-7

This book is not an architectural guide but rather an illustrated journey around the 'island' of East Yorkshire, an area that is more or less surrounded on three sides by water. The 250 illustrations, the majority in colour, include three images by David Hockney (including his splendid painting of Sledmere village, which is on the cover) and a collage created especially for the book by York artist Mark Heard.



The Beverley Minster Official Guide

Published by Jarrold

Available in Beverley Minster

£6.00 ISBN: 978 0 85101 674 0.

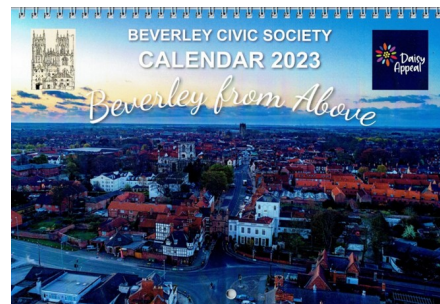
Also still available through the Civic Society are three earlier publications

- **Foods, feasts and festivals**
- **Extraordinary women of Beverley**
- **Beverley Pastures**



Reminder- Our 2023 Calendar Available Now

The Society's 2023 calendar is available to buy now. The price is £8.00 and includes a paper envelope. Postal envelopes are also available at £1.00 each.



Funds raised will be shared between the **Daisy Appeal Charity** at Castle Hill Hospital (which is performing cutting edge research and treatment for Cancer, Heart Disease and Dementia) and the Beverley & District Civic Society.

The theme this year is "Beverley from Above" and shows 13 aerial images of Beverley and District using a drone provided by Flight Sight of Beverley.

Copies can be purchased at our meetings, from any member of the Executive Committee, via our website www.beverleycivicsociety.co.uk, from the Tourist Information Centre, The Refill Jar, Guest & Philips, Bug Vinyl, Beverley Minster Shop and from the Secretary at the following address: Beverley House, 44 North Bar Without, Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 7AB email goodtymeshull@hotmail.com Tel: 01482 862252 07922148662.

Payment can be made via Bank Transfer (Beverley Civic Society, Sort Code 05-02-37 Account No. 27597439) quoting your name and "Cal" as the reference e.g. "Smith Cal), or via a Credit / Debit Card at our meetings, a cheque (made payable to Beverley Civic Society) or cash.

Could you help promote this year's calendar? Are you a member of another society or fellowship club, do you have contacts at other organisations such as factories, shops, schools, etc.? If you can help please contact Chris Burrows (goodtymeshull@hotmail.com Tel: 01482 866252) for further details.



For your Diary



Brewing and the Beginnings of Biochemistry

An illustrated talk by Clive La Pensée

Thursday 8th December 2022 – 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Beverley's



Every town or hamlet once had its own brewery and malting. Beverley was no exception. Malting and brewing were traditions that go back to the ancient Babylonians, although they could be older. Perhaps, they were merely the first to record their alcoholic endeavours. Clive will speculate on how the ancient world discovered malting and brewing, why Pasteur journeyed to Edinburgh, and what connected Edinburgh, Lairgate and Bombay in 1840. Why did the house-brewery all but disappeared in Britain by the beginning of the 20th century, only to reappear by the 21st?

Please join us for a drink and mince pie

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