

# Newsletter:

November 2022

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## Chairman's Remarks

This time of year brings many emotions to the fore: the enjoyment of a past sunny Summer merges into the expectation of rewards for a brightly coloured Autumn, which is particularly evident this year after the drought, producing not only early tree colours but also a bumper crop of conkers (apparently the wise tree's regeneration technique). But with the shops full of not only Halloween goods but also Christmas fare, the end of another year looms. So the Society moves smoothly into its new season of activities following the recent well attended AGM, where some amendments to the constitution were approved in a SGM (Special General Meeting), and our sub-groups presented on their work and future plans to keep members aware of the range of the Society's activities. The Executive is always keen to hear from any members who are inspired to get involved in any aspect of their works. I should like to record our thanks to Rosemary Major who is retiring from the Executive after 15 years of service, working in particular on the long and continuing successful Coronation and Sensory Gardens projects. Finally, may I commend this month's public talk being very special as the Margaret Powell commemorative one. It is focussing on Beverley's little known, but significant, association with Loyal American 'refugees' following the American War of Independence?



*Courtesy Lesley Blucke*

*Dick Lidwell*



## Planning Matters

The month has been a very busy one with many initiatives and reports by ERYC of which the Society has been notified and to which it is continuing to contribute.

### **Pedestrianisation of Saturday Market.**

Following full consideration of the consultation results, the ERYC Cabinet decided to carry out a second trial based on revised layout, which should improve traffic circulation, and public seating. This would be via another experimental order for up to 18 months. It also resolved that the trial should be all year round (not on a seasonal basis). The main reason for this was to avoid confusion to visiting members of the public.

### **Design Guides for East Riding.**

ERYC is consulting on establishing Design Guides for the whole of the East Riding. Members of your planning group attended two consultation exercises organised by an outside agency (AECOM), namely a coach tour around the Riding and a meeting of many stakeholders at the Brough Business Centre (incidentally a fine 1930's building!). This is an initiative to establish good practice in physical design and the creation of a healthy environment for all. We are awaiting the results and expect to be involved in future consultations. In addition to this overall Design Guide, Neighbourhood Plans continue to be developed.

### **Relocation of Beverley's Recycling Centre.**

The existing recycling centre at near Weel is not fit for purpose and there are plans to relocate it to a site on Ings Road just North of Grange Way (the Northern Bypass) opposite The Hayride. The plans are for a much larger site with more, and improved access to skips. Two public consultation sessions have already taken place, but a third one is to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the Education Room at the Treasure House from 5.00-7.00pm.

### **East Riding's Local Plan.**

Following a comprehensive Review consultation, ERYC has published the next stage for Updating the Local Plan. For full details on the plan, which includes an on-line response form, see:

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/planning-permission-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-the-local-plan/local-plan-update/proposed-submission-local-plan-update/>

The response facility is open now (from 24<sup>th</sup> October), but there is a public consultation session being held in Beverley on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00-7.00pm at Beverley's Leisure Centre. Comments need to be submitted by 11.59pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

### **Wayfinding in Beverley.**

The Society has been in discussion with ERYC to improve the signage for pedestrian Wayfinding within Beverley's Town Centre, including the location and content of Finger Posts, the introduction of Totem Boards, and improvements to the rather poorly maintained Town Map dispensers.

### **Finally:**

We are still awaiting details of the planning application for the vitally important town centre Lord Roberts Road site.

*Dick Lidwell*

## **Civic Society Subscriptions**

A reminder that Civic Society subscriptions are now due. We thank those members who have already renewed their subscription.

May we remind members that bank charges are now in place when cheques are processed and so the preferred method of payments are as follows:

- 1 - Standing order
- 2 - BACS transfer via web banking app
- 3 - By debit or credit card using SumUp at a monthly meeting
- 4 - Cash at a monthly meeting
- 5 - Cheque

Bank details are as follows:

Beverley & District Civic Society  
Sort Code 050237  
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You can pay at the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November with credit/debit card, cash or cheque.

# The Pilgrimage of Grace Heritage Walk



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In my first University lecture, the great Tudor historian Geoffrey Elton, opened with a startling announcement 'If you *had* to live next door to a Tudor monarch you should always choose Mary. You certainly wouldn't wish to borrow a lawn mower from Henry VIII'.

It is true that whilst Mary is often referred to as 'bloody', the reality is that she had, on average, 60 people executed for each year of her reign. Henry had more than 1,600. Henry's capacity for mass execution is particularly relevant in our local area in the month of October when the second Friday of the month is set aside for the remembrance of the 'Howdenshire Martyrs'. These were individuals martyred for their Catholic faith, many of whom, although not exclusively, were involved in the 1536 Pilgrimage of Grace.

The first in a series of uprisings began in Louth, Lincolnshire, in the October of 1536. These were popular revolts and probably the most serious internal threat posed to the Tudor dynasty. But whilst the Lincolnshire rebellion was quickly suppressed it inspired what came to be known as the Pilgrimage of Grace, a more serious revolt against the policies of the Crown which began in October 1536. Elton believed that the revolt was led by those members of the nobility who distrusted Thomas Cromwell, the King's chief advisor and their motives were essentially political. Economic difficulties with taxation and enclosure also played a part. In Beverley, for example, where approximately 500 men joined the uprising, some of their anger was the result of the town's decline relative to Hull. But most historians agree that it was primarily religious factors which motivated the commoners. Henry, whilst doctrinally conservative, wanted the riches held by the many small friaries and monasteries which were essential to life in the North. Robert Aske, from Aughton near Selby, was the leader of the revolt, and named it the Pilgrimage of Grace. The participants marched behind the banner of the 5 wounds of Christ. Henry, ill advised by Cromwell they believed, threatened the foundations of both their Faith and their way of life.

Up to 30,000 men joined the uprising and both York and Pontefract were taken. Finally, the rebels met the Duke of Norfolk, the King's military leader, near Doncaster. It was agreed that two of the rebels' leaders

should go to London with their demands. These included the re-establishment of Papal authority and the monastic and mendicant way of life, so intrinsic to much of the North. Much was promised by the King and Aske eventually returned to Yorkshire with full confidence that the king had acceded to their demands and given full pardon to those involved. Aske ordered the dispersal of the rebels which allowed the Duke of Norfolk's much smaller army to take control. Around 216 men, including Aske, were executed in the summer of 1537. One woman, Margaret Cheyne, was tortured and burned at the stake for her suspected involvement. Francis Bigod, of Settrington, was another victim following an uprising in Cumberland in 1537. The Pilgrims obtained none of their demands, although Cromwell too became a victim of Henry's wrath and paranoia and was executed in 1540.

To commemorate the Pilgrimage of Grace it is possible to take part in a Heritage Walk from Warter to Pocklington, passing through a number of significant religious locations where the Pilgrimage would have gathered recruits. These include the sites of Warter Priory and Nunburnholme Abbey which Aske travelled through on his way to Pocklington to muster followers. The walk finishes near Pocklington church, thus celebrating the important role this part of Yorkshire played in the uprising. The walk is linear and 8.5 miles long. Refreshments are available at Kilnwick Percy and Pocklington and a bus links the start and finish of the route.



The route with instructions can be found at [www.top10trails.com/yorkshire-wolds-way/4](http://www.top10trails.com/yorkshire-wolds-way/4)

*Lesley Blucke*

## **THE MARGARET POWELL MEMORIAL LECTURE**

### **New York to North Bar, the de Lanceys, Crugers, and Other Loyal American refugees**

**An illustrated talk by Dr Marianne Gilchrist**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm  
in St Mary's Church**

The Loyal Americans are commemorated in Canada but largely written out of the story of the American War of Independence as told in Britain. In the 1780s, Beverley became the home to some distinguished Loyalist refugees, notably Oliver De Lancey and his son-in-law John Harris Cruger: Oliver's memorial plaque can be seen in the Minster gift shop. Their story is one of survival, courage and resilience.

## The Danish Soldiers' Plaque



The restoration of the Danish soldiers' plaque was celebrated in St Mary's Church with an illustrated talk by Barbara English and Hanne Hamilton. They revisited the story of the Danish soldiers and examined some of the debates around their story.

The plaque appears to have always been on the outside of the church on its south wall. Reference was made to its position in 1773, 1829, 1892, 1920 and 1978. It is likely that at one time the two soldiers it commemorates were buried close beside it. It certainly was never in the ground as a tombstone – much of the inscription would have been lost. Claims that it once hung on the inside of the church have never been corroborated.

Who were these Danish soldiers and what were they doing in Beverley? Their names appear in the church's burial register for December 1689 in what appears to be the Vicar's hand. They are called Daniel Straker and Johannes Bellow, but Danish sources suggest that this is an inaccurate Anglicised version of their names which were probably Streicher and Bülow.

They found themselves in Beverley as part of a Danish mercenary army, hired by William of Orange. William, a Protestant and married to James II's eldest Protestant daughter, Mary, had been invited to Britain to seize the throne from James, a Catholic who had recently sired a Catholic son. When James fled to Ireland, William needed an army to follow him there, and in 1689 around 7000 Danish soldiers set sail. Storms stranded many of them in Hull and a number were billeted in Beverley from December 1689 to the following summer. As Lutherans, the Danes were allowed to hold their own services in local churches, following the regular English parish services.

Two of these soldiers were the Danes of the plaque. The nature of their argument, the intent to murder and the formality of a duel are all unknown. Whatever the intentions of the combatants, Streicher was killed and Bülow, under Danish law, was sentenced to death. The fact that the inscription records that one 'chanc'd to die' suggests it was an accident. The authorship of the inscription is a matter of debate. It seems unlikely that the Danish Commander's grasp of English would have been strong enough to write in verse and he may have used an intermediary.



William II, Prince of Orange and Mary Henrietta Stuart, by Gerard van Honthorst – Creative Commons

The details of the execution of the survivor are a result of an oral history chain which makes the accuracy of the account problematic. Some elements certainly seem plausible. The scaffold was said to have been erected in Saturday Market, the Cavalry was at hand to quell any possible disturbance and a large crowd gathered. Less likely is the report that two cart loads of gravel were laid to soak up the blood. Whatever is true, the second combatant had his head cut off.



King William III at the Battle of the Boyne 1690, by Jan Wyck - Creative Commons

In the June of 1690 the Danes left their Yorkshire billets and headed to Ireland where James was finally defeated at the Battle of the Boyne, an event still remembered in Northern Ireland and the cause of much civil unrest and enmity.

Those who wished then had an opportunity to examine the plaque, to talk to the restoration team of Matthias Garn, Master Mason and his partner and to enjoy the refreshments of gløgg and Danish pastries kindly laid on by St Mary's Church.

## 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.

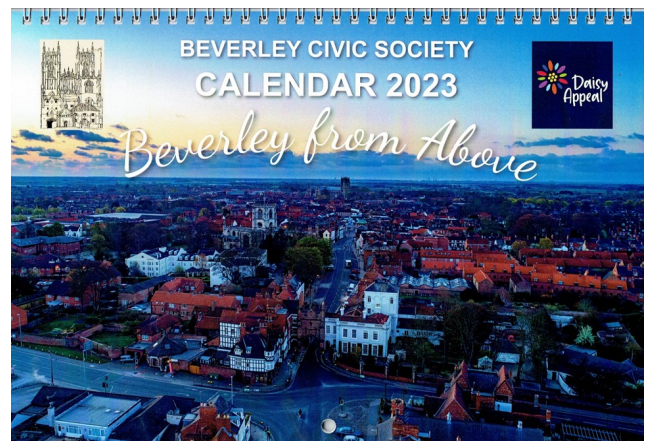
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Payment can be made via Bank Transfer (Beverley Civic Society, Sort Code 05-02-37 Account No. 27597439) quoting your name and "Cal" as the reference e.g. "Smith Cal), or via a Credit / Debit Card at our meetings, a cheque (made payable to Beverley 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](mailto:goodtymeshull@hotmail.com) Tel: 01482 866252) for further details.**

Follow this link to the online shop to order your 2023 calendar

<https://beverley-civic-society.sumupstore.com/product/calendar-2023-2024>



## East Yorkshire and York - An illustrated journey

A new book on *East Yorkshire and York*, written by Beverley historians Susan and David Neave, was launched at Sledmere House on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Published by the Heritage Shell Guide Trust, inspiration is drawn from the County Guides series established by John Betjeman in the 1930s, which was sponsored by Shell. The series ended in 1984, before any volumes on Yorkshire had been published. The Trust has been established to publish new guides (no longer sponsored by Shell!), filling gaps in the original series.

York is known throughout the kingdom, and has its fair share of space in the book. East Yorkshire is altogether more shadowy. Mention Yorkshire, especially to a southerner, and for some the name still seems to conjure up images of coal mines and dark satanic mills, both firmly a thing of the past, or of the landscape portrayed on television as James Herriot or Heartbeat country - the remote Dales and heather-clad moors. People might have heard of Hull and Bridlington, and perhaps even visited Beverley Minster, and many will have seen David Hockney's vibrant paintings of the Yorkshire Wolds in galleries around the world, but East Yorkshire has always been the least well-known part of England's largest county.

J.B. Priestley described the East Riding as 'somewhere in the remote east where England is nearly turned into Holland or Denmark'.

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. To fit with what has already been published the boundary is that of the East Riding unitary authority, which stretches roughly from Bempton with its bird sanctuary in the north-east to Goole and Snaith in the south-west, and from Stamford Bridge, scene of a famous pre-Hastings battle, in the north-west, to fascinating Spurn Point, Yorkshire's own 'Land's End', in the south-east. The landscape is one of great contrasts, ranging from the dramatic chalk headland at Flamborough backed by the Wolds to the windswept marshlands of the wide Humber estuary and river Ouse.

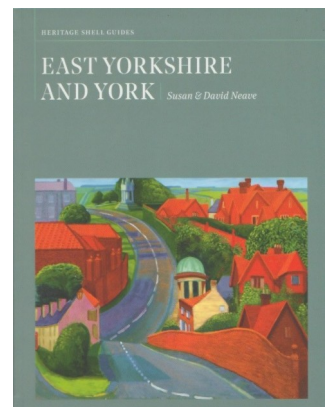
All the towns and most of the villages in this area have an entry in this book. Separate sections are devoted to Hull, with its Old Town and splendid museums and galleries, and of course York, which needs no introduction. For both cities, and for Beverley, much of the text is arranged as walks, and there are plenty of maps. The 20 or so villages now within the York boundary are also included in this volume. 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 Hearld.

The book, which would make an ideal Christmas present for anyone interested in learning more about the region, is available from the Beverley Bookshop.

*East Yorkshire and York*  
by Susan and David Neave  
(Heritage Shell Guide Trust, London, 2022)  
Price £24.95  
ISBN 978-1-7397907-0-7



Susan and David Neave launch their book at Sledmere House





## Brewing and the Beginnings of Biochemistry - Clive La Pensée Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm



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 21<sup>st</sup>?

## Beverley & District Civic Society – Programme of Talks 2023

Time & Date	Title of Talk, Name of Speaker
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm-9:00pm	Maintaining the Full International School Award at Molescroft Primary School - Michael Loncaster, Headteacher
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm-9:00pm	Hull Minster Revival - Back to Life – Jane Owen, Heritage Project Manager
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm-9:00pm	Dogger Bank Wind Farm – Mark Jones MBE, Director of Regeneration, Hull City Council
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm-9:00pm	Tales from the Archive – a Buzz Around a Beehive with a Little Bit of History Thrown in – Wendy Maslin Master Beekeeper
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm-9:00pm	The First Illustration to Show the Coronation of an English King – Prof Barbara English MBE, FSA, FRHistS
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm-9:00pm	Update on Street Life Project Coney Street, York – Andrew Morrison, Chief Executive Officer, York Civic Trust
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm-9:00pm	Annual General Meeting, Beverley Civic Society Slavery and the East Riding of Yorkshire - Dr Nicholas Evans, Senior Lecturer in Diaspora History, University of Hull
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm-9:00pm	National Garden Scheme – Helen Marsden, Garden Scheme County Organiser for East Yorkshire <b>MARGARET POWELL MEMORIAL LECTURE</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm-9:00pm	Tree Planting Programme – Leah Cave, Humber Forest Partnership Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council



## Society Updates

At the recent AGM, the Executive committee presented the programme of talks for 2023. By now you will also have received an electronic member's card, which can be printed and fixed onto your notice board.

Hopefully you will find the wide range of topics of interest and enjoy listening to our speakers. The Society owes them a big thank you. Despite their busy schedules, they all so readily agreed.

As loyal supporters of St. Mary's Church, this venue will remain the Society's meeting place. After some debate, not ignoring the heating issue, several good points helped to make this decision: Wayne's assistance provides us with good sound and the speaker and images on the screen are easily visible.

Whether we like it or not, COVID-19 will be with us for a long time. The large well aired space allows for distancing if required.

To protect the surfaces in the nave, the temperature in the building must not exceed 18 degrees Celsius.

The church now provides blankets. You can also buy cushions, which warm up as you sit down and switch off when not in use. The more expensive version can be charged up and provides warmth for 3 hours. One of those will be my wish for Christmas!!

All the same, St. Mary's Church is a very welcoming and beautiful place to be!

*Eva La Pensée*



## Gaslight Catalogue

For a copy of the Beverley Gaslight Catalogue at a cost of £3.00, please contact Chris Burrows at

[goodtymeshull@hotmail.com](mailto:goodtymeshull@hotmail.com)

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