

Newsletter:

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CIVIC
SOCIETY**

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Chairman's Remarks

A summer's day in a busy Toll Gavel. Let's hope they look up, and see our lovely Banner for the imminent Heritage Open Days. Thanks to the diligent work of Sandra and Mike we have an excellent programme to offer, and with Kloskk's brilliantly designed brochure, and not forgetting all our helpers 'on the days', we are hoping for a good turnout in fine weather.

P.S. note the ever present resident flying pigeons!

September always feels a 'funny' month; the end of summer, and holidays, children starting school and the older ones off into employment or away for further study. But in compensation it is often a lovely soft weather month with trees beginning to turn and conkers falling...fingers crossed for this year...enjoy.



Courtesy Dick Lidwell

This Newsletter publicises our AGM in October, but also on the 14th September the first of our autumnal Thursday's talks in St Mary's; dates for your diary, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Dick Lidwell



Friday 8th to Sunday 17th September 2023

Brochures are available in churches, Treasure House, libraries, ERT and the Oxfam bookshop.

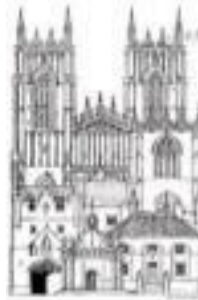
This year's theme is "Creativity Unwrapped" and we are lucky in Beverley to have the opportunity to listen to three outstanding artists at our talk in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th September from 13:30 to 16:00:

- Anna Ingleby founded the biennial puppet festival in Beverley;
- Philippa Naylor, award winning quilter, author and textile artist;
- Peter Naylor, award winning sculptor and artist who created the Lost Trawlermen of Hull amongst many other commissions.

We hope to see you there.

Sandra Williams and Michael Farrimond

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Update on Street Life Project Coney Street, York

An illustrated talk by Andrew Morrison



Thursday, 14th September 2023 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church, Beverley

Non-members welcome £5.00

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The *Sheraton*

Another remarkable Beverley trawler

Readers may be well aware of the only intact steam trawler the *Viola*, made in Beverley in 1906, but still languishing in South Georgia awaiting her return to be restored. But who knows about the career of another remarkable Cook Welton and Gemmell built steam trawler; the *Sheraton*?

Built at a similar time to the *Viola*, 1907, she was a busy Grimsby based fishing trawler, but was soon to be caught up with the growing hostilities of the 20th century. The Royal Navy needed all the power it could get to resist the increasingly large German fleet. In 1914, along with many other trawlers, she was requisitioned by the Royal Navy and took on the role of laying and patrolling anti-submarine booms. After the war she returned to fishing from Grimsby. But with the commencement of World War II, she was again requisitioned by the Royal Navy and this time armed with a 6-pounder gun and, with an amended bow, she apparently looked like a torpedo boat. The ship was registered as an armed patrol vessel and served along the North Sea coast; familiar waters no doubt but quite a change of role!

She survived both World Wars, but an unpleasant fate awaited her afterwards! All her equipment was stripped out, and she was painted bright 'daffodil' yellow, and was moored in the Wash off Brest Sand for target practice by the RAF, no doubt flying from those many Lincolnshire and Norfolk airfields.

Then, in April 1947 in severe gales, she broke her moorings and drifted across the Wash to beach at Old Hunstanton, where she remains to this day as visible evidence of the effects of war, and a curiosity to the many North Norfolk residents and tourists; a rather sad ending to a distinguished life starting at Beverley's renowned ship yard.

Two early photos of the wreck.



Courtesy Tony Armstrong



Wreck of the Sheraton on Hunstanton Beach

The Sheraton wreck as it used to be at low tide. Photo taken July 1948 © Copyright [William Grindrod](#) and licensed for [reuse](#) under this [Creative Commons Licence](#).

As she is today:



Courtesy Lesley Blucke

With thanks and for further reading, and more illustrations see:
<https://norfolktalesmyths.wordpress.com/2019/02/17/hunstanton-the-s-t-sheraton-wreck/>

Dick Lidwell

Tesco Community Grant

Civic society members will be delighted to know that we received the highest amount of support in a recent Tesco's Community Grant Scheme, so recently were presented with a cheque for £1500 to plant more trees in Beverley.



Courtesy of Tesco

Pictured being presented with the cheque are Barbara English, Marlene Godfrey and Rosie Ryan (from the Tree Group) and Dave Ryley, the Tesco Community Champion.

We will update you on how the money is to be spent. Thanks to all those who voted.

Book Launch at the Minster

Long standing Beverlonian and supporter of the Civic Society, Valerie Thornhill is leaving Beverley. She invites us to the Covid delayed launch of her book 'Mastering the Sun' at the Minster Parish Room on Saturday 23rd September from 4pm-7pm.

Generously, Valerie is dividing the profits from her book between the Minster and the Beverley Civic Society. Do go along to support the event and wish her well.

Barton comes to Beverley

On a lovely sunny 9th August this year we were delighted to meet with our colleagues from Barton Civic Society. They had chosen Beverley for their annual society outing and we were pleased to assist them in making their trip across the Humber a successful one.

Pictured are members of Barton Civic Society together with members of our own Executive outside the Guildhall.



Courtesy Chris Burrows

We greeted the Barton party at the East Riding Theatre and told them something of the theatre, the town and the activities of our society. We were able to give them copies of the town map and town trail, the Elwell Trail leaflet and our Heritage Open Days brochure. We hope that these will encourage them to come back to Beverley to enjoy our beautiful town again.

In addition to the theatre, the group visited the Guildhall and St Mary's Church and had free time to explore the town and visit the various eating venues we have.

Although not a trip to see Beverley & District Civic Society it was nice to welcome them to the town and we hope that we can visit Barton as a group activity in the future.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Beverley and District Civic Society to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 12th October 2023 in St Mary's Church, Beverley.

Please note:

The meeting will be immediately followed by a talk by Nicholas Evans on Slavery and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

AGENDA

- 1) Numbers Attending
- 2) Apologies for Absence
- 3) Minutes of the 2022 AGM
- 4) Matters Arising
- 5) To receive the Executive Committee's reports
 - 5.1) Chairman's Report
 - 5.2) Honorary Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements up to 30th September 2023
 - 5.3) Honorary Secretary's Report
 - 5.4) Membership Secretary's Report
- 6) To elect the Officers of the Society and Members of the Executive Committee for 2023-24
 - 6.1) Mike Farrimond for a further 3-year term as an Executive Committee member
 - 6.2) Richard Lidwell for a further 3-year term as an Executive Committee member
 - 6.3) Angela Mulford for a further 3-year term as an Executive Committee member
- 7) Any Other Business

The Executive Committee 2022/23

Officers

President	Andrew Marr
Vice-President	Graham Stuart M.P.
Chairperson	Dick Lidwell
Vice-Chairperson	Vacant
Honorary Secretary	Chris Burrows
Honorary Treasurer	Mike Farrimond

Members of the Executive

The Members of the Executive during 2022/23 were: -

Lesley Blucke (Year 1 of 3)
Chris Burrows (Year 1 of 3)
Mike Farrimond (Year 3 of 3)
Richard Fatkin (Year 1 of 3)
Neil Harris (Year 2 of 3)
Chris Harrod (Year 1 of 3)
Richard Lidwell (Year 3 of 3)

Angela Mulford (Year 3 of 3)
Eva La Pensée DECEASED (Year 2 of 3)
Rosie Ryan (Year 1 of 3)
Peter Stevens (Year 1 of 3)
Sandra Williams (Year 1 of 3)

NOTES

- i) *Co-opted members have an advisory and non-voting role. There were no co-opted members in this year.
- ii) The following Members have resigned from the Executive with effect from the A.G.M.
None
- iii) The following Members are due to retire but are eligible to be re-elected:
Mike Farrimond, Richard Lidwell, Angela Mulford, Sandra Williams.

Prepared by Chris Burrows, Honorary Secretary

Subscription Reminder

May we remind all members that the Annual Subscription is due at the beginning of October, still only £15.00.

This allows members access to the monthly talks presented by the Society as well as open forums, visits and study days. It also includes 12 Newsletters which provide UpToDate information on what's going on in Beverley.

Above all it supports an organisation designed to watch over the planning and development of our beautiful town.

The Society is part of a group of Yorkshire and Humber Civic Societies and is affiliated to the national organisation, Civic Voice.

How to join

If you would like further information regarding the Society, the benefits of Corporate Membership, or how to join please contact the Honorary Secretary: Chris Burrows by email: goodtymeshull@hotmail.com or Telephone 01482 866252 / 07992148662

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