



BEVERLEY & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

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Beverley Pastures by Barbara English

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Beverley & District Civic Society has published a new book BEVERLEY PASTURES, by Barbara English, formerly Professor of History at Hull University. The book deals with the past, present and future of all the common pastures, Westwood, Hurn, Swine Moor and Figham, with additional sections on wildlife and plants by Gerald O'Callaghan, Mark Feather of the Woodland Trust, and ecologist Kieran Sheehan. Lavishly illustrated in colour, the book has historic and contemporary photographs by Liz Grove & Rob Byass. 96 pp, £5.99.

Copies of the book are available for sale from the Tourist Information Centre, Butcher Row, at all open meetings of the Civic Society, or from Barbara English, Westwood Close, Beverley HU17 8EL (benglish@newbegin.karoo.co.uk) and Angela Mulford, 7 Hengate, Beverley HU17 8BL (mulfo@mulfo.karoo.co.uk).

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Reproduced below, with kind permission of the *Beverley Guardian*, is a letter by our Chairman, Sandy Patience, and published in the 22nd February edition under the heading 'No end to traffic woes':

The *Beverley Guardian* has brought two letters of joy from Keldgate at the absence of traffic, with a wonderful photograph of the street under snow. After all these years, when the Southern Relief Road is built, are Keldgate and the Minster finally to be rid of the horrendous traffic? The sad answer is 'no'. The East Riding Council's predictions are that the new road and the closure of the Flemingate railway crossing will reduce the traffic down Keldgate to 6000 vehicles a day: still 6000 too many, and adding problems for the east end of the Minster and Eastgate.

Now it seems that many people want Flemingate crossing to be left open. If this happens, many more vehicles than 6000 will continue to use Keldgate.

An even greater threat comes from the decision to build on the fields to the south of the town. Under the Draft Local Plan 2912 houses will be built here. Nearly 3000 houses = 6000 cars, plus service vehicles. All trying to drive in and out of Beverley, not by the new road to which they will have no access, but, we are told, by Woodmansey Mile, Lincoln Way, Kitchen Lane or Parklands. Where will they go next? Up and down Keldgate, past the Minster, and the traffic will be more intolerable than ever - not only there but throughout town, for there are no plans to deal with this increased traffic in Queensgate, Lairgate, Hengate and so on. And as this Council never enforces the weight limits, it will be cars plus the familiar lorries and caravan transporters - it saves them time and fuel.

Councillor Parnaby, Leader of the Council, promised us (*Beverley Guardian*, 23 Nov. 2007) that the new road would not open up land for housing development. He is quoted as saying 'I can categorically say there is not a hope in hell of anyone building houses on there...[the road] would have achieved nothing, by building more problems than it was solving.' What happened to that promise? Keldgate residents, if the Leader of the Council says the combination of the road and the houses will bring you more problems, now is your last chance to object to the Draft Local Plan.

Members are urged to go and have a look at the Draft Local Plan and comment upon it, as very important decisions depend upon it. Hard copies of the Plan may be seen by asking at ERYC Customer Services in Cross Street or at the Library in Champney Road. It can also be viewed online at <http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/say/news/draft-east-riding-local-plan2/?locale=en>.

Tour of Norwood House followed by supper

On Friday 15th March we have organised a tour of the principal rooms of Norwood House, followed by a three-course supper. The cost is £22, which includes a tip. Cheques should be made out to 'Beverley Civic Society' and sent to my home address:

Mobile number 07970886479

If you require a receipt please enclose an SAE when you send your cheque and menu choice, which has to be given to me by March 8th. (See the flyer inserted with this newsletter). Please be at Norwood House by 6.00 p.m. as the meal will be served after the tour at approximately 6.45 p.m.

Wendy Usher-Bacon



Saturday Market – Nathaniel Whittock, 1830

Saturday Market both as a place and as a weekly event is at the centre of our town. Crowds come every week, enjoying the shopping, the meetings with friends, and the freedom from cars. Without the market, Beverley would be a much poorer place in every sense.

So it was with great anxiety that the Civic Society saw the plans to replace all the existing surfaces with different coloured concrete blocks. A campaign to save the historic setts began, with support from all over the town, the Riding, other parts of England and even overseas. Huge numbers of people turned out in evil weather to march and petition to Save the Setts: the complex organization of the march and the petition was that of a new group, Beverley Action, to which we are all very grateful.

The setts were saved. The work on renovating and widening the pavements began, and on 20th February the constructors found a wall of a large building running across Dyer Lane, so work was stopped while the archaeologists investigated. At the time of writing, it seemed this might be the archbishop's hall of the 1160s, known to be in the Market Place, which became in 1282 the Guildhall, predecessor of the 1500 Guildhall in Register Square. Many more structures still lie to be found under the tarmac of the Market Place.

Barbara English

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Forthcoming Public Meetings & Events...

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

Friday 15th March 6.00 pm

Tour of Norwood House followed by supper

Tuesday 9th April 7.30pm

Jenny Howard

Yorkshire Gardens Trust

Tuesday 23rd April 2.30pm

Ronni Hewer

Discovering Yorkshire Architecture

Tuesday 14th May 7.30pm

Stephen Hunt - Planning Policy Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

The East Riding Local Plan

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