

Newsletter:

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**BEVERLEY
CIVIC
SOCIETY**

Founded 1961

Chairman's Remarks



Two views on Eclipse night.

Photo by Nick Robinson

Photo by Chris Harrod

August has come and gone, but what an eventful month; everlasting heatwave but with a later burst of welcome rain to revive Westwood...and us!

Thinking of Westwood we have been shocked by some irresponsible individuals lighting campfires in the Pits, and barbequing on the Pasture itself despite it being against not only the bylaws, but also 'common sense' during the heatwave, when we have witnessed so many wild fires throughout the country and abroad.

Though ostensibly August may be a quiet month with no public meetings, the Executive have been working on various projects; see pieces later in this newsletter. Plus, on 19th August, the Society arranged a visit for the 'Place Group'; see <https://place.uk.com/> Some 16 members enjoyed a tour of our historic Guildhall and a guided walk over Westwood. Many of them remarked on how interesting they found the Guildhall. It always seems a shame that East Riding do not provide extra resources to have it open more often than just two weekdays a week. It stands out as a vitally important building in Beverley's history, and should be promoted more for our increasing number of UK and International visitors to enjoy and appreciate.

The annual HODs event begins in September and we ask that members volunteer a few hours of their time to support this wonderful event. Details can be found later in the Newsletter.

Our Public Talks programme returns on Thursday 10th September with a talk on the Stamford Bridge Tapestry, which promises to be a very interesting talk with some samples to view too. Much easier to witness than trying to visit the British Museum for the Bayeux ... though that is a worthy achievement if successful!

Members no doubt will have been aware of the reopening of Hull's Maritime Museum; well worth a visit! Also Beverley should be proud that in 1960 the *Arctic Corsair* was launched in Beverley. It has now been restored and is berthed in its own dry dock. To read about the adventures of this amazing, now unique, sidewinder trawler see details of the restoration project:

<https://maritimehull.co.uk/projects/the-arctic-corsair>

and even better for the history of her life and achievements.

<https://www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/register/628/arctic-corsair>

Dick Lidwell



11th to 20th September 2026

Once again the Civic Society has taken the lead in organising HODs, and we have a bumper 48 page programme for you covering East Riding. All venues and events are free and we thank VEY (Visit East Yorkshire), Beverley Town Council, Yorkshire Wolds Heritage Trust, Friends of Beverley Minster, and the Georgian Society of East Yorkshire for their financial support, which has enabled us to produce and circulate the brochure.

The free brochure giving full details of all these events and more is now available from local libraries, churches, cafes and hotels. You can also view the brochure by visiting our website (www.beverleycivicsociety.con) where there is a version that can be viewed on line via your computer or ipad, flipped through and individual pages can be read. Or visit our Facebook page.

Unfortunately 2 Highgate has had to withdraw from participation; the HODs website and the digital version of the brochure include this cancellation, but notification came too late to include the changes in the brochure.

This is a good year to visit the Minster to hear the talk by Roger Lewis on the reconstruction work in the early eighteenth century, and to visit the Priest's room and the bell tower at St Mary's. As usual the Friary will be open, and in past years it has attracted visitors from around the country, as well as local residents many of whom had never been inside the Friary. Also open will be the Church of St John of Beverley in North Bar Without, where there will be a display about St John Fisher (c. 19 October 1469 – 22 June 1535), who was born in Beverley and rose to be a Catholic bishop and Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

For those of you who want to stay in the late summer air, don't forget to visit Barges on the Beck, Laurel Vines and the World War 2 anti-aircraft battery on Butt Farm, and then call in at Monks Walk for some refreshment.

As we have done in previous years, the Society aims to provide volunteers at a number of locations to greet visitors, advise them of any restrictions on site and to point out many other open venues. Please help to promote the town and the Civic Society during this annual celebration of heritage by contacting Sandra if you are willing to be a steward at any of the events in the table below – sandrabwilliams@btinternet.com Those events highlighted in the table have already been taken.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Event	Date	Times	Can help ✓
Barges on the Beck	Friday 11 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
	Sunday 13 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
Beverley Friary	Saturday 12 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 13 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
Norwood House	Friday 11 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
Etton – Cherry Corner	Saturday 12 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 13 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Saturday 19 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 20 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
Former Savings Bank, Lairgate	Saturday 12 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Sunday 13 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	

Event	Date	Times	Can help ✓
Secret Garden	Friday 11 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	
	Saturday 12 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	
	Sunday 13 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	
	Friday 18 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	
	Saturday 19 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	
	Sunday 20 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	

Beverley Civic Society 100 Club – Coming Soon

Last month we announced plans to introduce the Beverley Civic Society 100 Club – a new way for members, local residents and businesses to help support the Society’s work, while also having the opportunity to win regular cash prizes.

Preparations are now well underway. During September we’ll be sending members an email with a **100 Club information pack** containing everything you need to know, including how the 100 Club will work, membership costs, the prize structure, answers to ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ and, most importantly, how to join.

We’ll also be inviting members to become **Founding Members of the 100 Club**, ahead of our inaugural draw, planned for November.

So, if you’d like to help provide an additional, dependable source of funding for Civic Society projects and initiatives that preserve and enhance Beverley – with the chance to win along the way – look out for the 100 Club email landing in your inbox during September.

We hope as many of you as possible will join us from the very beginning.

An Unexpected Discovery – Saint Andrew's Church, Bainton

Returning to Beverley from a trip to Sledmere, our eyes were caught by a banner in Bainton, advertising a series of free Saturday lunchtime concerts in the village church, with refreshments afterwards. The first task was to find the church, which, very unusually, is hidden from the main road - the result of the loss of its spire in the 18th century, and 20th century road 'improvements'.

This achieved, the next Saturday saw us enjoying an excellent organ recital by Robert Poyser, interspersed with songs by Rose Wilson, followed by some delicious home baking. As you read this, two concerts remain:

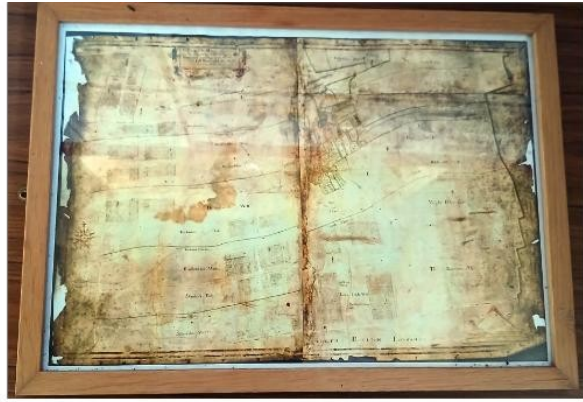
- 5 September - The Farmers Daughters (vocal group)
- 19 September - Mary Barraclough

Certainly worth considering a visit.

Lovely though the music was, equally fascinating was the Church itself, and its context within the village. A detailed exhibition in the ground floor of the tower by Cathy Otton-Goulder, deals with the building of the church, including where the stone came from, how glass was made and fixed in the windows, and indeed the costs of repairs through the centuries. Adjacent, in a transept, a second display on the houses and families of the Bainton area, based on a presentation by David Neave, sets the life of St. Andrew's in the context of the village as a whole, illuminated by a special treasure, a copy of a framed and coloured 17th century map of the village.

It took us over an hour on a second visit to appreciate what was on offer, it will take yet more visits to fully digest all the information. In addition to the map, other delights include a superbly carved Norman font, stalls with Robert Thompson's mice, and magnificent silk work altar fronts. (see below)





Norman Font; 17th century map; carved mouse on choir seat.

The great men of the village have tombs within the church, and as a Scot, I was particularly interested to find that of one of its 14th century rectors, Sir Edmund de Mauley, who apparently drowned fleeing from the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

If, until now, your main experience of Bainton has been waiting in a queue at the road junction, there is much more to the village than that, and I would suggest that a visit to this hidden 'Cathedral of the Wolds' could be very enjoyable and rewarding.

Jane Bowen

Photos courtesy *Janet Ward*



Tombstone of Sir Edmund de Mauley

Saturday Market Pedestrianisation.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, these works are approaching completion, with the newly installed planters thanks to the stalwarts of Beverley In Bloom. There will be a new Beverley Town Council noticeboard installed shortly; a highly logical addition being not only at a focal point of town, but also bridging the gap in provision between Wednesday Market and Wylies Road.

Queensgate allotments.

Beverley Housing Charity is exploring early proposals for approximately 24 affordable and accessible almshouses for local people aged 60 and over, on their land next to the Queensgate and Kitchen Lane Allotments in Beverley.

The link to the extensive website below explains what is being considered, how it could affect the site, and how residents and allotment users can share their views. You can also read responses to the 'frequently asked' questions. If your question is not covered in the pages use the contact link on the site to get in touch with the Charity, who aim to respond promptly to queries.

<https://queensgateallotments.org/>

Jocks Lodge Works.

For the August update on these 'endless' works please see the newsletter link below: they are getting there: lots of shiny tarmac, white lines, and hundreds of trees!

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKERYC/bulletins/4238763>

To sign up to receive their useful monthly newsletter use the link below:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKERYC/signup/37593/>

Beverley Station Public Conveniences.

Members will remember that these conveniences were closed last year; see photo below taken on 5 August 2025.



However, despite appeals from the Community and our MP they have remained closed to this day:
photo taken below on 24th August 2026!



However...Good news!

Workmen have at last been spotted starting to carry out the necessary repairs!

So the situation of having the lack of these conveniences, including accessible ones, at one of the principal entrances to the town, which conveyed a terrible image of Beverley to our many visitors and travellers, has at last been addressed by ERYC and the Arch Company. Let's hope the works will be completed speedily.

Dick Lidwell
Photos courtesy *Dick Lidwell*

Subscriptions 2026/7

The Treasurer has asked me to remind you that the annual subscription remains at £20 for 2026/27.

If you have failed to update your standing order (if this is how you are paying), this means that you will need to amend the payment by contacting your bank, or amend your regular payment within your online banking app.

For the majority of members, payment is due in October.

Woodland Trust Tree of the Year Competition 2026

We entered the spreading sycamore tree by the Sessions House, New Walk into this year's competition, but unfortunately it didn't make the short list. We won't give up as it is a pretty spectacular tree which is very familiar to many of us, and will only improve as each year goes by!

If you would like to vote for a shortlisted tree anyway, see the link below:-

[Vote for your Tree of the Year 2026 - Woodland Trust](#)



Photos courtesy Rosie Ryan



For your Diary



12th - 20th September 2026

Walking East Yorkshire Festival

For more details go to:

Walkingeastyorkshirefestival.co.uk

Thursday 17th September – 7.15pm

Hessle Historical Society

Tranby Revisited

Michael Free

Hessle Town Hall

24th - 26th September 2026

New Paths 2026 Autumn Festival

For more details go to:

<https://newpathsmusic.com/events-archive/category/2026-autumn-festival/>

The following information is reproduced from the HEY History Calendar FaceBook page, by kind permission of Carol Osgerby, developer of the site. Each month we will attempt to include entries from her website which have relevance to Beverley and the surrounding areas.

1st September 1784, Hull General Infirmary charity officially opened a hospital with 70 beds in Prospect Street, a site chosen for its fresh country air. The 3 physicians and 3 surgeons provided their services free. In its centenary year, Queen Victoria agreed to a change of name to Hull Royal Infirmary.

2nd September 1861, the lease on Fishwick's Mill, Butt Lane, Beverley, had expired, and the mill was demolished. The Council tried to repossess the land, but local people considered it to be common land, and 25-30 rioters destroyed the house and burnt it to the ground.

3rd September 1292, King Edward I stayed in his royal castle at Burstwick for 2 days, on his way back from Scotland. At some point he visited Wyke, and asked for a survey as part of plans to create a new town.

4th September 1650, Ann Hudson of Skipsea was tried as a witch at York Assizes, and evidence was given to the court by Dynah Hunmansby and Alice Stevenson that her victim, Susannah Keld, had been bewitched and very ill until she had scratched Ann Hudson and drawn blood, when she began to recover. The events had happened 12 years previously. The surviving records do not say whether Ann Hudson was convicted and sentenced.

5th September 1389, Sir Michael de la Pole died aged 59. 1st Baron de la Pole, later 1st Earl of Suffolk. Appointed English Lord Chancellor in 1383. He founded the Carthusian Monastery which became Hull Charterhouse. Disgraced, he fled to Paris in 1388.

6th September 1611, Thomas Marmaduke, Master of the Hull ship *Heartsease*, and junior brother of Hull Trinity House, returned from the Arctic with a cargo of whale and walrus hides and blubber, the first cargo of the whaling trade on behalf of the Muscovy Company. He was credited

with a number of discoveries, none of them substantiated, and a bay in Greenland was named for him, Marmaduke's Cove, which the Dutch called Dusko, and was later known as Disko.

7th September 1316, King Edward II issued orders to Beverley to arm the whole male population between ages 16 and 60 against the Scottish threat.

8th September 1069, the Danish King Sweyn Estrithson and a fleet of 240 ships anchored in the Humber accompanied by Edgar of Wessex who claimed England's throne. They marched on York.

9th September 1513, Marmaduke Constable, of Flamborough, was knighted for his role in the Battle of Flodden Field, and a letter of thanks from Henry VIII is displayed in Wassand Hall.

10th September 1541, Henry VIII and his court set out from Leconfield (home of Henry Algernon Percy, 5th Earl of Northumberland) for Hull.

11th September 1666, Sir Philip Monckton replied to a petition from Howden residents to raise a company of musketeers to defend them, as the Great Fire of London had made them fear arson by a foreigner or Catholic; he suggested they double the watch and get the constables to watch the movements of every 'Londoner' at night.

12th September 1911, 12 schoolboys from St Mary's Catholic School, Hull, began apparently the first school strike in what became a national movement, following widespread strikes in the docks and other industries.

13th September 1420, Sir Gerard Usflete III and his wife Elizabeth, Duchess of Norfolk, had no surviving children. His will said that all his lands and tenements in Swanland and Ousefleet should be sold and the proceeds distributed to the poor. In return, the poor were to pray for his soul every year. He fought at Agincourt, was an associate of

the De la Poles, and was Sheriff of Yorkshire.
Buried at North Ferriby.

14th September 1861, John Kingston, chimney sweeper and soot dealer of 16 Worship St, Hull, gave his annual bill to Hull Charterhouse for £5 for sweeping chimneys, with a note that his prices would rise in the following year due to a new law forbidding sending children up chimneys to clean them.

15th September 1864, Crown Prince Umberto of Italy stayed overnight at the Beverley Arms, after attending the St Leger at Doncaster, and left to visit James Hall's stud at Scarborough.

16th September 1846, George Hudson, MP and 'railway king' stayed overnight at Sutton on Hull, went to Bridlington Quay for breakfast, back to Hull, then travelled to Northampton.

17th September 1864, 3 residents of Hessle Road, Hull aboard the Humber ferry were gored when a bull being carried across broke loose and ran amok.

18th September 1470, John de Ferriby in his will left 2 silver salt cellars to the parsons and vicars of Beverley, on condition that they pray every day for his soul.

19th September 1069, Northumbrians (including Morcar and Edwin) with help of Danes besieged York and took Sir William Mallet hostage; in retaliation, William razed York to the ground and began the Harrying of the North.

20th September 1188, St John's church at Beverley and most of the town were damaged by fire. St John's remains were not found until 1197.

21st September 1875, John William Duncan, aged 14, orphan, left Spring Bank orphanage to become a cabin boy on a steam ship leaving Hull for Savannah, USA.

22nd September 1690, Beverley Corporation gave permission to create a racecourse between the Newbald and Walkington roads. Horse racing had probably taken place on Westwood for 300 years,

but this was the first time a course was formally laid out.

23rd September 1779, John Paul Jones, American navy commander, fought the Battle of Flamborough Head: an American squadron attacked a large British merchant convoy and their 2 escort vessels, during the American War of Independence.

24th September 1401, Pope Boniface IX declared John of Bridlington a saint. John was born in Thwing, had been the Prior of Bridlington and died of the plague in 1379, aged 59. 15 miracles are recorded during his life, and 12 after his death, including saving the lives of 5 Hartlepool fishermen caught in a storm.

25th September 1917, Army gunners at Paull Point Battery (Fort Paull) prevented a Zeppelin attack on Hull, holding the craft in their searchlight until it was chased off by a fighter plane.

26th September 1649, Marmaduke Richardson of Pocklington was hanged at York Castle for praying publicly before his sermon for Charles II, King of Scotland and heir apparent.

27th September 1813, Altisidora, a filly bred by Richard Watt at Bishop Burton won the St Leger; the village pub is named after her.

28th September 1849, John Ward of Hull, the leading marine artist of his time, died of cholera; one of his paintings, valued at £10k, was stolen from Hull Maritime Museum in 2009 and recovered 3 months later.

29th September 1829, some postboys were watering the Archbishop of York's horses at Bar Dyke, Beverley (next to North Bar) after a trip to Rise; one fell in and was saved from drowning by 2 young men. One of the horses dropped dead, whether from exertion or from drinking the dirty water, the *Hull Advertiser* did not say

30th September 1540, King Henry VIII's commissioners dissolved the priory at Swine.

Information regarding the nomination and election of members of the Executive

With the AGM fast approaching, members are reminded that if they wish to nominate a member of the Society as a member of the Executive, they must submit their nomination, along with a seconder, 14 days before the AGM. This year that means nominations need to be made by the 24th September. The nominee needs to sign to show their agreement with the nomination. Please find attached a form which can be used to make the nominations. The proposer, the seconder and the nominee must be fully paid-up members of the Society.

There are currently no posts available as Officers on the Executive.

Any nominations must be made in writing to the Secretary, Chris Harrod, by the 24^h September.

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 8th October 2026** in St Mary's Church, Beverley.

AGENDA

- 1) Numbers Attending
- 2) Apologies for Absence
- 3) Minutes of the 2025 AGM
- 4) Matters Arising
- 5) To receive the Executive Committee's reports
 - 5.1) Chairman's Report
 - 5.2) Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements up to 30th September 2026
 - 5.3) Secretary's Report
 - 5.4) Membership Secretary's Report
- 6) To elect the Officers of the Society and Members of the Executive Committee for 2026-27
 - 6.1) Richard Fatkin 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
 - 6.4) Lesley Blucke for a further 3-year term as an Executive Committee member
 - 6.5) Peter Stevens for a further 3-year term as an Executive Committee member
 - 6.6) Nick Robinson for an initial 3-year term as an Executive Committee member
- 7) Any Other Business

The Executive Committee 2025/26

Officers

President	Andrew Marr
Vice-President	Graham Stuart M.P.
Chairperson	Dick Lidwell
Vice-Chairperson	Lesley Blucke
Honorary Secretary	Chris Harrod
Honorary Treasurer	Mike Farrimond

Members of the Executive

The Members of the Executive during 2025/26 were: -

Lesley Blucke
Mike Farrimond
Richard Fatkin
Neil Harris
Chris Harrod
Richard Lidwell
Angela Mulford
Rosie Ryan
Peter Stevens
Sandra Williams

NOTES

- 1) *Co-opted members have an advisory and non-voting role. This year a co-opted member of the Executive has been Nick Robinson

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BEVERLEY & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

NOMINATION FORM FOR AN OFFICER OF THE EXECUTIVE

TITLE OF OFFICE:

NAME OF PROPOSED NOMINEE:

PROPOSER:

SECONDER:

DATE:

I agree to my nomination as the above Officer of the Beverley & District Society Executive.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

NOMINATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

NAME OF PROPOSED NOMINEE:

PROPOSER:

SECONDER:

DATE:

I agree to my nomination as a member of the Beverley & District Society Executive.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: