



Newsletter:

August 2025

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**BEVERLEY
CIVIC
SOCIETY**

Founded 1961

Chairman's Remarks



Wednesday Market's Floral display

During the summer months we become even more aware of our 'Beverley-in-Bloom' displays all around town, from the North Bar down to Wednesday Market and onwards to the Station (where some additional display boxes on the platforms have recently been installed). Their work, in conjunction with Beverley Town Council (see below) is much appreciated by residents and visitors alike, creating a softening of the hard urban surfaces, and attracting the eye walking through town. We look forward to appreciating their continuing good work.



All photos courtesy *Dick Lidwell*

Although our public talks programme has been suspended until September, the Society is continually active in other areas; our planning group keeps a watchful eye on applications, including solar farms and windfarm converter stations, see the report later in the newsletter. Our tree activities continue with monitoring the Archery Field planting, and the proceeds from the raffle at the forthcoming garden party on Saturday August 16th will go towards donating fruit trees to the Cherry Tree Centre. The planning for next year's talk programme is well underway, and other projects are being developed.

Dick Lidwell

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SUMMER

party

**MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE
INVITED TO A SUMMER PARTY FOR
DRINKS AND CANAPES**

**SATURDAY
16TH AUGUST
5PM - 7PM**

**39 NORTH BAR WITHOUT,
BEVERLEY, HU17 7AG**

Admission £10pp

First drink and canapes included with ticket. Additional drinks will be available to purchase. There will also be a raffle, all money raised will be put towards fruit trees for the Cherry Tree Centre

RSVP Mike Farrimond. Please send cash or a cheque to the address below, or pay via BACS. No ticket will be issued, but please include your name and address, along with the number of places you wish to book, as this will be checked upon entry. You can mail this form to 35 Eastgate or email it to bevcivicsoc@gmail.com

**Address: 35 Eastgate, Beverley,
HU17 0DR**

Name.....

Address.....

**Bank Transfer:
Beverley and District Civic
Society
Account No. 27597439 Sort
Code: 05-02-37**

I wish to book places at £10 each. I enclose cheque/cash for £.....

**I confirm I have paid £.....payable to Beverley and District Civic Society
by BACS**



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS East Riding

Friday 12 - Sunday 21 September 2025



Pick up a brochure from
tourist information
centres, libraries,
churches & shops



heritageopendays.org.uk



heritage open days

2025

12 to 21 September

Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help out at the upcoming Heritage Open Days. The increase in venues mean that we need even more volunteers than usual. Please consider offering an hour or two of your time to ensure this very popular and successful event runs smoothly in 2025. Please contact Sandra Williams.

sandrabwilliams@btinternet.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Event	Date	Times	Can help ✓
Barges on the Beck	Friday 12 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
	Sunday 14 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
Beverley Friary	Saturday 13 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 14 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
2 Highgate	Friday 19 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Saturday 20 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	

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Beverley Minster – Secret Garden	Friday 12 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14-00 to 16-00	
	Saturday 13 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14-00 to 16-00	
	Sunday 14 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14-00 to 16-00	
	Friday 19 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14-00 to 16-00	
	Saturday 20 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14-00 to 16-00	
	Sunday 21 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14-00 to 16-00	

Norwood House	Friday 12 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	

Bishop Burton Walled Garden	Sunday 14 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	

Beverley Allotments	Sunday 14 September	14-00 to 16-00	
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Etton – Cherry Corner	Saturday 20 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 21 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	

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Former Savings Bank, Lairgate	Saturday 13 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Sunday 14 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	

Newbegin house	Saturday 13 September	10-30 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 14 September	10-30 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	

The Beverley Friary

Members may be aware that the Youth Hostel Association has been rationalising their estate of hostels, with some closing and others being transferred to other organisations/individuals to continue running the buildings as hostels.

The YHA has closed our Friary's hostel as part of this reorganisation, and its lease with ERYC will end on 8th August this year. The Friary is, of course, owned by ERYC and we understand that negotiations are on-going between the East Riding Council and a prospective new tenant to continue running the Friary as a Youth Hostel.



Photo courtesy Dick Lidwell

Meanwhile the Friary, a Grade II* building, has been standing empty during this period, and, unfortunately, recently some intruders have broken windows to enter and caused some internal damage to fittings, leaving quite a mess. We understand that the historic wall paintings have not been affected. Subsequently another entry took place, but the police were called and, we understand, made arrests. As a result of all this the YHA have now employed security guards 24/7 to protect the building from any potential damage.

Given the fast-approaching 8th of August date the Society hopes that a permanent solution is found very soon.

Dick Lidwell



Lord Roberts Road application

The applicants have appealed against the refusal of their application. The Appeal will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate by written representation with a closing date for representations to be made by August 26th. See the instructions to make comments below:

‘It is preferable for representations to be submitted electronically to the Planning Inspectorate, please refer to their web page <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> where you can submit representations electronically (quoting their reference APP/E2001/W/25/3368783,), alternatively representations can be submitted by post to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3K, Temple Quay, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN; ensuring their reference number is quoted.’

Minster Moorgate/St Matthews Court

The application to remove the wall and lamp post to the south of 15 Minster Moorgate at the Eastern end of St Matthews Court and install a fence and gate was withdrawn, but a new application has now been lodged with minor amendments. See: **25/01773/PLF**

Sessions House, New Walk

An application has been lodged to convert the Sessions House into a restaurant, bar and bakery shop: For details see: **25/01396/PLB**

Solar and Wind Farms

Members will be aware of the increasing number of applications and consultations for solar and wind farms, with the East Riding being a highly productive area for such developments contributing to generating green energy.

The latest is a proposal for a solar farm at Molescroft Farm (north of the Hull Bridge Road leaving Beverley) by ‘Enraypower’ who held a consultation day at the Beverley Rugby Club on the 17th July; see <https://molescroftsolarfarm.co.uk/> Comments are due by Monday 4th August.

Another long on-going consultation is the one for the siting of the converter station for the huge Dogger Bank 4 Wind Farm to link into the National Grid at Cryke Beck: <https://doggerbankd.com/> As mentioned in our earlier newsletters the company mounted consultation events in Beverley which members may have attended, but there are two sites open for consultation. One to the North of the A1079, and South of the A164 relief road near the Jocks Lodge new road, and the other to the South West of Bentley off Coppelflat Lane towards Risby woods; both controversial sites, one impacting on new housing and views towards Beverley, the other a ‘green field’ site with implications for wildlife and Bentley village. Feedback again by 5th August to <https://doggerbankd.com/feedback.html>

In order to keep up-to-date on these and other applications ERYC Planning Department have created a very useful on-line map showing the locations and details of all such applications. See: [Energy developments](#) or if that doesn’t open use <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/planning-permission-and-building-control/energy-developments/>

Walkergate House (the former registry office) has been sold subject to contract. We await further news as to its use.

The Lairgate Hotel has, we understand, also been sold, and again we await news of its future use, hopefully remaining as a hotel, a facility that Beverley needs.

Long Lane Traffic Control:

Members may be aware that traffic from the new estate to the east of Long Lane, and from the Woodmansey Mile must not turn into Long Lane. The junction has traffic lights to allow such traffic to cross safely. However some drivers are flouting this regulation and turning both ways into Long Lane. This is of concern and the Society suggests that this junction is more closely monitored, and maybe enforcement cameras should be installed.

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The Window Seat

Something that may be of interest to members - there is a new addition to the Frederick Elwell collection in the Art Gallery until the end of September. It has been loaned by the Peters Family and is called 'The Window Seat' painted in 1932. It shows a mother and two little girls in the window of the Bar House, North Bar Within.

The mother is Sarah Kate Hobson, the wife of Neville Hobson (so well known and respected in Beverley that he was known as Mr. Beverley). The little girls (same girl painted twice!) is their daughter Jan, sister of Christopher (Kit), a founding member of this society.



Photo courtesy Rosie Ryan

This is the final archive piece for 2025. We hope you have enjoyed reading the articles which were chosen to reflect the HODs 2025 theme of Architecture. We hope to bring you more archived material in 2026.

THE GUILDHALL GATEWAY



Photos courtesy *Mike Farrimond*

Members of the Civic Society may be aware that the Society have been given the old Guildhall gateway, through the generosity of C. R. Booth Ltd. It is proposed to re-erect the gateway as a lasting memorial to two long-standing members of the Society, Mr. Arthur Millett and Mr. Tom Harrison, who between them rendered many years of service to the Society.

The gateway is to be re-erected within the precincts of the Dominican Priory, known as the Old Friary in Friars Lane, off Eastgate, and the consent of the Trustees of the Friary has been obtained.

Mr. Jonathan Hobson, Architect and adviser to the Friary Committee, has chosen the site of the gateway where it will act as an 'eyecatcher' when viewed along the footpath from Eastgate. It will also partially screen from view the factory in Chantry Lane, and the area of the Friary enclosure now used as a car park.

Although the Society has some moneys already in hand from various sources, work of this nature will prove fairly costly, even though the three tons of stone comprising the gateway has been delivered by C. R. Booth Ltd. free of charge to the site. In order to meet the balance of the costs of this work the Project Committee of the Society and the Social Committee have joined forces to plan a series of events which it is hoped will raise the necessary funds. These include a Social Event, and a photographic quiz competition, planned for this summer, with other events hopefully to take place in the future. If any member of the Society would like to make a donation towards the re-building of this ancient gateway, the Society's Treasurer Mr. McBride would be pleased to receive any such donation, which would be placed in a separate account until work is ready to begin.

It may be that members of the Society would like to know a little about the gateway in order that they may realise the importance of saving such an artefact.

The Guildhall, Beverley, had its origins in the Hanshouse of the town when c. 1122 Archbishop Thurstan granted to the men of Beverley the right to have their hansehouse which was first held in the Butterdings, Saturday Market Place. The hanse or group of men trading as a joint stock company, subsequently moved to a hall in Walkergate. The word 'hanse' means 'a companion'. In 1501 the Keepers, who were the town's civic leaders, bought a 'capital messuage' or large house in the Crossgarths from Edward Mynskip, dating back to the early 14th century and the Beverley Borough Council, who are the descendants of the Keepers, still hold the title deeds to this property. It may be that the gateway was newly erected in 1501, though it is surmised that it came from an earlier 'hansehouse.' Poulson described it in 1829 in his book "Beaverlac" (*sic*), "The entrance to the guildhall is through a pointed arched door-way, the drip-stone of the arch being supported by two mutilated heads, with the archiepiscopal arms carved on the centre of the arch. There is little doubt but this door-way was removed from the old hanse-house."

The archiepiscopal arms referred to above are the cross-keys which would be a constant reminder to the Keepers, later the Aldermen and Councillors, that the archbishop was Lord of the Manor of Beverley.

The gateway was removed when the Guildhall was re-fronted in 1832-35. It was sold at auction by Beverley Corporation on the 25th April, 1836, when it was bought by Gillyat Sumner, a Councillor and antiquary. It was erected at 'Lamplugh House', the site of which is unknown, and, subsequently re-erected at Gillyat Sumner's house, No. 4 King Street, Woodmansey. Removed from Woodmansey approximately four years ago, it has remained in store at C. R. Booth's premises in Beverley until its recent move to the Dominican Friary, on the 6th February, 1991, this being its fourth or fifth move. One can only wonder at the events which must have taken place in and around this gateway, and the personalities who have passed through its portals. The Guildhall has had a multiplicity of uses, being the depot of the militia, the home of the Clerk to the Council, the headquarters of the Beverley Police, the Council Chamber, Town's Court, and at one time a school was held there, whilst outside was the Town's fold, where lost and straying animals were penned, and where horse fairs took place in the early 19th century. Surely, we must welcome back to Beverley such an important part of our heritage?

HALL GARTH AND THE HALL GARTH INN from Summer 1975

(As re-printed in July 2025 Newsletter)

This article was written by Barbara English 50 years ago. She comments that since then much more has been discovered about the Hall Garth site, especially by the archaeologists: for which see Historic England and Heritage Gateway online sites, with reports such as that of the excavation of a wooden bridge in 1980.



Of Interest to Our Members

Much is quiet for the summer holidays, but here are 3 outdoor events you might enjoy

Saturday 2 August 2025

Pearson Park Guided Tree Walk

10.00 - lasting 1 hour

Meet at the Pearson Park bandstand 5 minutes before the walk

Free

Saturday 9 August 2025

Guided history and tree walk

10.00 – lasting up to 90 minutes

Meet at the Pickering Road entrance to Costello Park

Free

Saturday 16 August 2025

Beverley Civic Society Garden Party

For details of how to get your ticket please see the poster in the Newsletter

St Mary's Graveyard, Molescroft Road

Molescroft Wildlife Network is arranging a working party to clear the vegetation after it has been cut by ERYC. This enables native flowers to thrive. We will rake the arisings, wheelbarrow them to a flatbed truck, and they will be taken to a local compost heap. If you would like to come along and help, please send us an email as soon as possible, or by **Friday 8 August**, to Molescroftwn@gmail.com. This is so that we know how many people are coming to be able to borrow enough equipment and get enough fruitcake in.

Sunday 31 August 2025

Commonwealth Graves Commission Guided Tour of St Mary's Graveyard

11.00-12.15pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cwgc-tours-2025-beverley-st-mary-church-cemetery-tickets-1365303382169?aff=oddtcreator>

Free. Meet at the chapel inside the cemetery

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