

# Newsletter:

January 2025

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## A Happy New Year to all our Members



### Chairman's Remarks



Dawn of a New Year  
(View from the Pelion, ancient Iolcus, whence Jason set sail in the  
Argo to seek the Golden Fleece )

Welcome to 2025, I hope you all have had an excellent Christmas, and let us hope for a more peaceful co-operative year, both internationally and nationally.

It was such a shame that adverse weather caused the cancellation of the Festival of Christmas. However, the hard work of the traders and others was not totally wasted, with our Churches stepping up to provide spaces within their churches and parish rooms for some stalls; an uplifting sign of the spirit of Christmas.

Our final talk of 2024, on *Past and Present Beverley Taverns*, attracted our largest audience of the year, 113, including 27 guests. For those who were unable to make it a detailed report follows in this Newsletter. Many stayed on for a most enjoyable social occasion; a good opportunity to 'mingle' over a glass of wine and traditional mince pies.

**As a reminder for your diaries, the Executive decided to avoid holding a wintry meeting in January, so our first Public talk of the year to be given by Colin Bradshaw on *The Women of Beverley in WW1*, will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February: NB: the first Thursday of the month as our usual second Thursday was not available.**

Happy New Year!

Dick Lidwell



## Planning Matters

### **Lord Roberts Road:**

Please see the additional piece in this newsletter for a full update. The Society's planning group maintains its objection to the current application on numerous grounds. See ERYC's planning public access site for details of all the very many comments made on this disappointing application. Ref: 22/03203/PLF

### **Walkergate House:**

The, now former, Registry office is on the market with bids to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing what the result will be, and trust that any new owner will do justice to this important c.1780 historic Grade II Listed Building.

### **The North Bar Floodlights;**

The much improved flood lighting on both sides of the Bar (an initiative of our former member and town mayor John Bird, who founded the 'Festival of Christmas') has been looking wonderful. Unfortunately the lights on the south side have been damaged on three occasions now, possibly by irresponsible drivers of vehicles. It was good that ERYC responded quickly to restore them; thank you.

### **Gas Works:**

In January the Northern Gas Network will be renewing the gas main down the eastern side of Toll Gavel and Butcher Row from Saturday Market to Angel Square. This essential work will be undertaken in stages, but will inevitably cause much disruption to traders and pedestrians. We have been in touch with Northern Gas and ERYC to ensure that the at risk 'thimbles' of the Heritage Trail will be protected. We trust also that proper full reinstatement will follow quickly.

### **26/28 Lairgate:**

This historic Listed building, built in 1843 for the Beverley Savings Bank, and subsequently a solicitor's and architect's office amongst other uses, which has been looking rather 'sad', is about to undergo a high quality conversion into two residences. The Society, having viewed the plans in detail, is looking forward to seeing the completed work in due course.

### **The Discontinued Park and Ride site and the new Southern Railway Bridge:**

Proposals for these two important projects are still under consideration, and we await news of the full applications.

### **Traffic:**

Members will have observed, and probably suffered, disruption from the major works on the A164 and A1079, Jocks Lodge, and the Southern Relief Road. These will continue for some time ...as will the congestion on Swinemoor Lane which the Society thinks will only get worse through increased 'funnelling' when the Southern works are completed. Our patience will be needed. For regular updates on the works see: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKERYC/bulletins/3c48d6c>

*Dick Lidwell*

## Minster Towers, Lord Roberts Road

An update on this long running planning application.

At the Eastern Area Subcommittee's meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November the Committee, after a long debate with many councillors seeking further information, was unable to reach a decision. As a way forward it was resolved to hold a Pre-Planning Committee presentation on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2.00pm in County Hall.

That process will involve two 30 minute presentations, one from objectors and the other from the applicant. Each of these groups may have up to five speakers registered in advance. There are also 40 seats available in the public gallery for those who wish to attend, but attendance must be registered in advance with the Committee Manager via email, [Michelle.bennett@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:Michelle.bennett@eastriding.gov.uk). The meeting can also be watched via the ERYC YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR6ExCxbLOJUyRfmC1IMeQ>

The intention is that the planning application will then be considered by the Eastern Area Subcommittee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, and the report for that meeting will be available on the ERYC website from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.

*Mike Farrimond and Dick Lidwell*

Beverley Civic Society Talks 2025	
January	No Talk
February 6 <sup>th</sup> *	Colin Bradshaw - The Women of Beverley during WWII
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Our Journey at Laurel Vineyard Aike
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> *	Kloskk Tyrer - Photos of bygone Beverley Part 2
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Travis Glasson (US) - The Cruger Family
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Stamp (ERYC) - Beverley Archives
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Marcus Ramshaw - Neighbour against Neighbour, Beverley & the Wars of the Roses
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Beverley Civic Society <b>AGM</b> (No Talk)
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Powell Lecture - Philip Pullen - Larkin and Beverley
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	David Marchant (ERYC) - Archaeology finds in East Yorkshire

*\*Talk one week earlier in the month due to commitments at the church*

### ★ Correction ★

Apologies everyone. In the December Newsletter regarding the Industrial Trail, poor Mr Malam was given the wrong initial. He was John Malam not Thomas as the article suggested. I hope this clarifies any confusion.

## The Champney Treasure House Now Open!

It is really good to see the Library, the Art Gallery, the Cafe and the Archives all now open with the addition of Tourist Information, Customer Services and the Registrar Service under one very 21<sup>st</sup> Century new roof. After an extensive remodel and renovation, the old Library has been given a facelift to make it a central focus point again. You should get, as we did, a warm welcome and helpful assistance from the newly re-housed staff.

Whilst the Tourist Information Centre is now located in the vestibule it would be good to see better signage for its location and more space within the TIC itself.



The Front Door

The front door is now back in use, and the glorious iron staircase is looking splendid again. The new Registry Office and Ceremony Room in the former reference library look suitably dignified. The gardens have been newly laid out and will, in a couple of years or so, provide an elegant backdrop for wedding parties etc. They are a far more accessible and attractive area for the public to use.



Iron Staircase

It is pleasing to see a name change acknowledging John Edward Champney's generous

philanthropic bequests to the town at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We do have some concerns about the Library's unstaffed opening on a Thursday and the rather complex variations of opening times across the different services. In addition, it is disappointing that the Library, Art Gallery and Tourist Information Centre are not open on Sundays. Surely this is an important day to provide services for the local community and tourists alike?



Ceremony Room



Garden

*Photos courtesy Rosie Ryan*

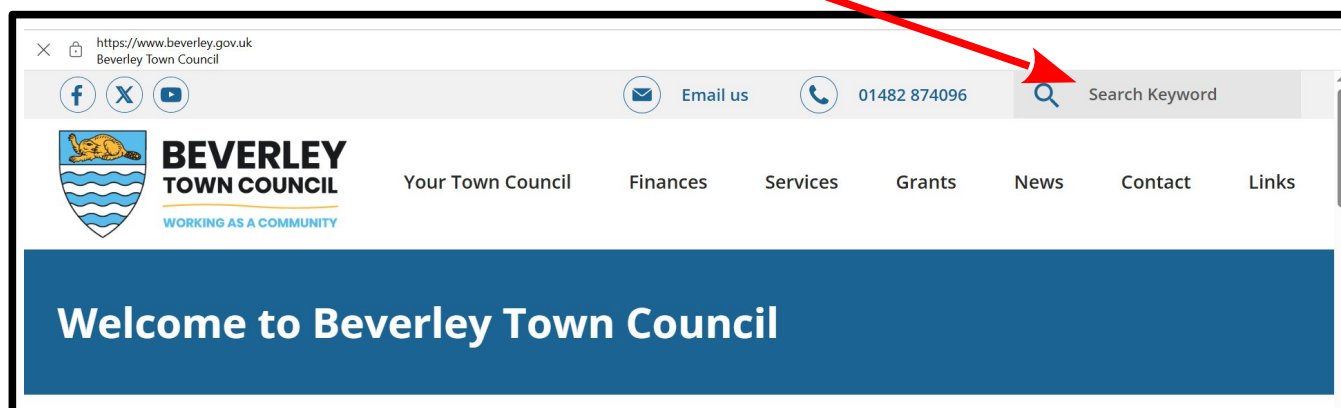
## Beverley and District Talking Newspaper

The Beverley Talking Newspaper CD is issued fortnightly and is organised and produced entirely by volunteers. This past year has been successful for us in many ways, notably winning a Best of Beverley Civic Award in May from the Town Council and, more recently, the Mayor presented us with a cheque which, since we are an entirely voluntary charity, is a very welcome help with our running costs.

Our target audience began as a service to people who have visual problems, but in recent years the list of recipients has included others who may find reading a newspaper a problem, possibly through stroke or similar disabilities. Many live alone and some have described it as “like having visitors chatting to me” which is rather touching. The news articles are taken from local publications and therefore are of rather more local interest than the radio or TV programmes. Each disc lasts approximately one hour.

The service is entirely free to the recipient and is popular. We are, however, always very happy to put more names and addresses on to the list. So, when chatting to your families and friends over the Christmas break, do please mention this free service to any you believe would find it beneficial.

If you would like to receive recordings from the Beverley and District Talking Newspaper, visit [www.beverley.gov.uk](http://www.beverley.gov.uk) and enter in the search keyword box “Beverley and District Talking Newspaper”, where you will find the details.



*For your Diary*



### Of Interest to Our Members

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Hedon and District Local History Society  
**Grave Robbing in and around early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Hull**  
Pete Lowden  
2pm at Hedon Methodist Church  
£5.00 per visitor  
Parking, level access and free refreshments

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

**A new world and a new dawn?**  
**Beverley and the 1381 Peasants Revolt**  
Marcus Ramshaw  
7-9pm in Beverley Minster Nave  
Admission free with freewill donation in aid of the Minster

Members might also be interested in accessing the Bridlington Augustinian Society website to see what they have to offer. Talks are for members only.

## Tree News

A big THANK YOU to everyone who turned up to plant the 200 new hawthorn saplings on the Archery Field in early December. We were home by lunch-time! Fingers crossed they will get off to a really good start.



Photos courtesy Rosie Ryan

Beverley Civic Society - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### **‘The Pubs of Beverley’ - talk by Paul Schofield**

Paul gave a fascinating talk about the history of Beverley pubs from the earliest times from the 1500s up to the present day, with details of pubs long gone and those that remain, with the various changes of names over the years.

In 1892 there were 14 pubs and a large number of inns and taverns, between 36 and 41.

Some of note:-

- The **Royal Standard Inn** in North Bar Within. Formerly called the **Boot** and the **Turf** it was renamed to commemorate when Charles I was refused entry to Hull and stayed in Beverley somewhere close to this location.
- Next to the Royal Standard was the **King’s Arms** which closed in the 1920s though the building still exists and the bracket that once held the sign is still on the building.
- The **Rose & Crown** – has been voted the best pub in East Yorkshire recently though it has had several changes of ownership. This pub was rebuilt in the 1920s/30s in the mock Tudor style. The name refers to the Wars of the Roses. A pub has been on this site since the 1500s, it was formerly the **Bull**.

- In North Bar Within, the range of shops, including Carol Bird Interiors, was once the **Tiger Inn**, built in the 1730s. It closed in the 1840s when the railway came to Beverley, which was also the downfall of many pubs.
- The **Beverley Arms Hotel** was originally called the **Blue Bell**, named after St Mary's bells opposite.
- On Hengate many properties were owned by St Mary's Church – there is a marker that is still readable on one building, 'STMSCHP' (St Mary's Church Property). This included the **White Horse**, known as 'Nellies' after the landlady, Nellie Collinson, who ran the pub until she died in the 1970s. It is now owned by Samuel Smith's brewery, who have strange ideas about their expectations of customer behaviour!
- The **Cornerhouse**, originally called the **Holderness** and then the **Valiant Soldier** was a hotspot for squaddies at one time.
- There were eight pubs on Ladygate and a brewery in Victorian times:- the **Custom House Vaults**, the **Freemasons Arms**, the **Lion and Lamb** (more recently Bug Records) which closed as a pub in the early 1900s, the **Globe Inn** (demolished to make way for the new access road), the **Dog and Duck** (which still exists, though rebuilt in the 1920s replacing the original from 1700s, named after setting a dog on a duck on a pond to decide who paid for drinks – the poor duck would have had its wings taped to ensure it couldn't escape!) and the **Wheatsheaf**, formerly the **George**, now called the **Beaver**, that still exists.
- Towards Saturday Market there is the **Cross Keys** (named after St Peter, Defender of the Faith), the **Green Dragon** which was re-fronted so the main entrance faces Saturday Market, and the **Dings** which once stood opposite, named after dung heaps! Where Guest & Phillips is was the **White Swan** (a white swan can be seen above the shop), and the **Grapes** formerly the **Push** named after a sign on the door. This pub was built in the 1700s and at one time had an off-licence attached. The **King's Head** was built in the late 1600s, and the **Pack Horse Inn** once stood next door, a Victorian building built in Georgian style.

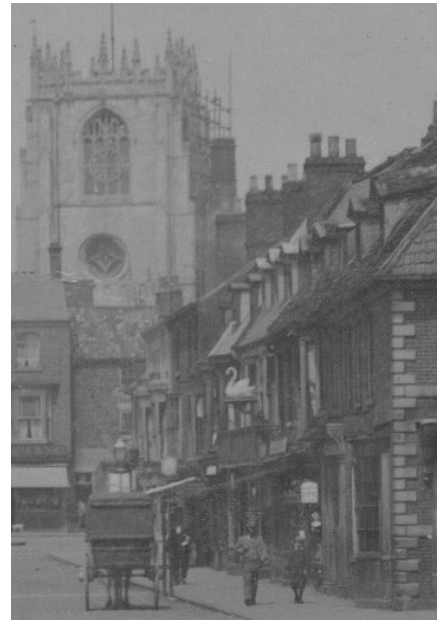
In the 1860s Beverley had a reputation for political corruption, as in Anthony Trollope's novel *Ralph the Heir*, which is based on Beverley. The local Liberals used to bribe voters at their pub, the Tories would serve tea from a huge teapot laced with rum and laudanum! It got so bad that in 1868 Beverley lost its right to elect politicians!

- In Swaby's Yard is Beverley's first micropub, known as **Chequers**.
- On Toll Gavel and Butcher Row there were once a number of pubs: - the **Holderness** (now shops), the **Golden Ball Brewery**, the **Lichfield Hotel** (closed in 1970s, now Halifax bank) and the **Angel** that still exists, and had a claim to fame for making huge pies in the 1840s. Daniel Boyes, then landlord, created a 7 stone game pie, and in 1844 surpassed that with a 10 stone pie, which was 2ft 2in long!
- In Wednesday Market, the butcher's shop, now Rose Cottage and formerly Ye Olde Pork Shop, was once a pub. The **Queen's Head** still exists though it was rebuilt in the 1920s. There is a gap in the corner of Wednesday market and Eastgate where the **Railway Tavern** pub once stood, the **Tudor Rose Hotel** was formerly a brewery. Nearby was the **Oddfellows**, now accommodation. Near to the station was the **Telegraph**, - long gone, it had the garage and stabling attached – this is now also accommodation.
- On Lairgate is the newer **Tiger Inn**, there was also the **Beehive** (now demolished).

- The **Sun Inn** near the Minster has claims to be one of the oldest pubs in England, though this is difficult to prove. It was originally named the **Tabard** after The Pilgrimage of Grace uprising that started in Beverley.
- On Flemingate were a number of pubs, the **Sloop Inn** and the **Foresters Arms** still exist, though the latter was built in the 1920s to replace the smaller original one. Both the **Mariners Arms** and the **Buck** have now gone.
- On Highgate is the **Monks Walk** named (in Victorian times, incorrectly!) after the passage along which the monks were believed to have carried plague victims. This pub was the **George & Dragon** before. Part of this pub is a house dated 1671, some timbers in this pub have been dated to 1270 so are almost as old as Beverley Minster!



Beverley Arms c.1915



Swan c.1928



Royal Standard Inn c.1934



King's Arms

Many of the pubs in Beverley, past and present, were similar in form as they often had a narrow frontage but were very long. The **Green Dragon** and the **Royal Standard Inn** are two good examples. Paul Schofield made reference to Paul Gibson's book about local pubs which he recommended, and also stated that the question he gets asked the most is not about the pubs, but about why there are cream telephone boxes in Beverley.

*Photos courtesy Jane Bowen & Janet Ward*



## **Your Civic Society Needs You!**

We hope members have noticed the many activities in which the Society is involved as we strive to preserve yet develop our beautiful town in the best possible way. To manage all our diverse projects, you may be able to help as we continue to work to create an accessible and informative website. At the moment Peter Stevens is doing a stalwart job with the project but there is much more to be done. Experience in web design would be desirable.

**If you feel you could help Peter with the website, please contact any member of the Executive or contact us through the website itself.**

## **Civic Society Subscriptions**

Civic Society subs are now overdue, still at the bargain price of £15.00! We thank those members who have already renewed their subscription.

Can 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

If you would like to pay at the next monthly meeting, this will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Church

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