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Front cover: Sketch of Spurn Point by RG showing both Smeaton lighthouses and a swape. Swapes were used before permanent lighthouses and as a replacement when either of the lighthouses were not functioning. (*Hull Local Studies Library*)

Contributions

Based in Hull it is not always easy to keep track of events in other parts of the Riding; news that members could contribute on their town or village should be sent to the editor.

Short articles, illustrated or unillustrated, news on libraries, archives, museums, societies or education, queries other people may be able to answer, etc. for inclusion in future newsletters should also be sent to the editor.

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News from the Society

As in the previous year apologies for the late appearance of this issue.

Programme

As usual, the Society has arranged a full programme of lectures and excursions for 2007. Please support the events and bring along your friends. Please do not hesitate to ask for lifts; you will be expected to contribute to petrol.

PLEASE NOTE: Please make all cheques payable to the East Yorkshire Local History Society. All cheques and booking slips (which are on a separate insert with this newsletter) should be sent to the relevant named individual at the address on the booking form.

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2009

Venue: WISE, Oriol Chambers, 27 High Street, Hull

Topic: The Guildhall collection

Speaker: Michelle Day

Time: 2.15pm

Cost: £4

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2009 AGM

Venue: Beverley Minster Parish Hall

Topic: "A load of all bollards"

Speaker: Chris Mead

Time: 2.15pm

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2009

Venue: The barge Sytan, round the corner from Forester's Arms on Beverley Beck

Topic: A talk on the barge and Beverley Beck; optional walk to lock

Speaker: Neville Holgate of the Beverley Barge Association

Time: 1.30pm

Cost: £2.50, includes refreshments. Maximum number 30

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2009

Venue: Full day coach excursion (Ellie Rose) - to celebrate St John of Beverley birth at Harpham and see the Well we are visiting the group of churches between Driffield and Bridlington; St Nicholas, Burton Pidsea.; St Martin's, Lowthorpe; lunch at Harpham (own packed meal or St Quinton Arms (details later) own cost); The Well and St John of Harpham; St Martin, Burton Agnes. Afternoon refreshments at Burton Agnes Hall cafe (own cost).

Pick-ups: approx.

St Michael's Church, Holderness Rd, Hull, 8:45am

Willerby Square, 9:15am

Cottingham Green, 9:30am

Beverley, Wylies Rd, 10:00am

Leaders: Pat Aldabella and Geoff Bell

Cost: £10.00

Please note: Anyone not able to reach these pick-up points please let Pat Aldabella know who may be able to arrange an extra one or transport.

Anyone north of Driffield, let Pat know so a meeting place and time can be arranged.

A comfort stop will be arranged before visiting the churches.

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2009

Venue: Holmpton Bunker, Rysome Lane, Withernsea

Leader: David Smith

Time: 10.15am at the bunker

Cost: £5, includes admission

RAF HOLMPTON started life in the 1950s as an Early Warning Radar Station and by the 1970s it had gone on to become a major hub in the UK's Air Defences. In the 1980s it was extensively refurbished and became the National War HQ for RAF Support Command. In the 1990s it underwent a major rebuild to become an Experimental Electronic Warfare Operations Centre. In 2003 it became home to a new Public Exhibition set in the 35,000sq ft command bunker some 100ft beneath the Yorkshire countryside

SATURDAY 4 JULY 2009

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Hull

Leader: BBC - Who Do We Think We Are?

Time: . 10.30-4.30

Cost: .Free

A series of mainly family history talks and events. For further information, when available, contact Nicholas Evans 01482 305187

FRIDAY 17 JULY 2009

Venue: Bishopthorpe Palace, York

Leader: Sandy Reynard

Time: 2.00 pm

Cost: £5.50 per person; £4.50 concession for over 60's

Meet at road side of Clock Tower

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2009

Topic: "Changing Cottingham", a walk around central Cottingham

Leader: Pat Elliott

Time: 2.00pm

Cost: £2

Meet at Market Green

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2009

Venue: Shandy Hall, garden and church, Coxwold, York

Leader: Patrick Wildgust

Time: 2.00pm

Cost:£6

Meet at the church

Participation in events

As reported in previous years, it has not been possible to arrange group insurance for events. We therefore strongly recommend that members and their friends take out personal accident/loss insurance, or include this in their households policies. We would also stress the need for suitable clothing - in particular, sturdy footwear and water-proofs - for outdoor events.

Please note

There is usually a waiting list for most of the Society's events. If you book an event and then find you cannot attend, please inform the Secretary. Please do not transfer your booking to a relative or friend without first consulting the Secretary, whose telephone number can be found on the inside of this newsletter. Thank you.

Subscriptions 2009

Just to remind you that all subscriptions fall due for renewal on 1 January 2009. Rates remain unchanged at £10.00 for individuals and £12.50 for UK family and all overseas member-

ship. Unless already paid, or arranged by banker's order, please mail remittances as soon as possible to the Membership Secretary at 5 John Gray Court, Main Street, Willerby, E Yorks, HU10 6XZ. If a receipt is required please enclose a SAE with your payment

Review of EYLHS Events

Lincolnshire spinsters, Judith Spicksley, Oriel Chambers, Hull 6 September 2008

This was one of those serendipity days that make local history such fun. 6th September was one of those typical end-of-summer Saturdays – cold, wet and overbooked. Options included a market fair in Beverley, the Sea Shanty Festival around Hull Marina, bus day at the Hull transport museum – and a talk on Lincolnshire spinsters in the Oriel Chambers. Like several people at the talk, I had booked to attend in the spring, and then spent the morning wondering if this was what I really wanted to do: Lincolnshire spinsters sounded as dull as the day, and the venue was not one I knew. How wrong – and pleasantly surprised – one can be. Not only was the talk most interesting, but the building in which it was held was a bonus. And outside one could see the old buses too!

Dr. Spicksley specialised in the social and economic role of spinsters and, for this talk, focused on those in Lincolnshire up to the 19th century. The talk gave colourful and fascinating insights into women's lives, especially those who were unmarried. Spinster is the

legal term for a woman who has never been married, but unmarried does not necessarily mean celibate; nor marginalised. Marriage ("for the procreation and education of children; to avoid fornication and for mutual support and comfort") was important, as women were considered in danger of the fatal "green sickness" when deprived of sex. In the 17th century marriage declined because of economic difficulties and female preponderance within the population (war and migration denuded the male population: war deaths paralleled those of World War I). This led to "marriage overdrive" – single men were taxed, charities provided dowries for women under 40 and "old maids" became stock comedy figures. Marriages increased, the population grew and economics boomed.

But what was the reality for many spinsters? The very poor and very rich existed like all their class, single or married. A spinster cottager had rights to common land (pre-enclosure); with stock (cow, pig, hens) she had extra income. Fathers often left land / property / stock to their sons and cash to their daughters, thus some women became money-lenders.

After this fascinating talk Chris Mead gave us a tour of the Oriel Chambers, once busy solicitors' chambers in the heart of Hull's High Street, now the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation. Another excellent EYLHS day.

Liz Grove

Greetings Cards

Liz Grove has produced a range of cards featuring a variety of local photographic views for the Society. These are still available direct from Liz, 5 Long Lane, Beverley, HU17 2NH and previews of the photographs are on the Society's website, <http://www.eylhs.org.uk>.

BALH Conference

The first in a series of British Association for Local History conferences to be held in Hull took place on the first Saturday in November in Ferens Art Gallery. Attended by about 70 people, mainly from the East Riding but a good number from all over the country, it was a very enjoyable and well organised day, even the catering came from M&S.

Under the title 'Methods and Materials in Local History' the morning, chaired by Helen Good, covered the methods and the afternoon session, chaired by Professor Cross, dealt with the materials. 'Methods' included the new History Centre, the University course, the VCH and, perhaps the highlight of the day, an entertaining talk by John Markham on writing and publishing local history. The 'materials' session allowed researchers to present new findings in their field. A novel feature was the "sexist" computer, which refused to work for any of the female speakers! We look forward to this year's conference on 7 November 2009 entitled 'New Research in the History of Yorkshire'.

Marjorie Salkeld

Mrs Marjorie Salkeld was our Honorary Secretary from 1988 until she retired from the office in 2004. She is now living in a residential home outside Birmingham near to family.

Mrs Salkeld worked from her home answering telephone queries, researching the answers with the help of the very efficient Beverley Local Studies Department staff and sorting out our members' problems. We used her house to prepare your newsletters and publications for post in the years before the present printers took on the task. Her small bedroom was the storage point. Marjorie typed and then transferred to the word processor with ease.

Every year Marjorie and I reconnoitred historical venues for inclusion in the next years programme. We vetted 'comfort stops' and cafes en-route also! Marjorie collected your booking slips and money and kept me informed of numbers and viability of each excursion. Mrs Salkeld worked beyond the call of duty and the Society misses her cheerful presence and hard work.

As members we thought you would be interested in the following résumé of Marjorie's life before she came to Beverley and to the EYLHS. This is written by one of her daughters, Pamela Meggie.

Pat Aldabella

Marjorie Jean Charlton born 18th February 1922 in Heaton Rd, Newcastle on Tyne.

Attended La Sagesse Convent School in Jesmond. This was a private, fee paying Roman Catholic School where discipline was light, the concentration was on good manners and there was no pressure for examination success. (Marjorie attended there because her older sister Freda had been bullied at the local school and so their father had changed schools for her, though Marjorie often wished she had been sent to a different school because when she misbehaved her sister got to know about it!)

Although she matriculated in the University of Durham School Certificate in 1936/7 (one of only 2 girls to do so) her father considered he had paid out enough in school fees and he didn't believe in higher education for daughters as they just got married and then all the money was wasted. She was therefore enrolled on the Comptometer School course which she hated, and studied shorthand and typing in the evening.

She worked briefly for the Co-operative Society totalling up dividend cheques in preparation for the pay outs to members, then was chosen to go to work for the British Tabulating Society a subcontractor of the Inland Revenue, translating information from tax payers forms into punch holes on printed cards for the grand sum of 7/6d. per week.

It was while she was travelling to the Comp School on the bus that she first met Bernard Salkeld who was later to become her husband.

Her first permanent job came after she replied to an advertisement for the Prudential Assurance Company, and she really enjoyed this, initially typing, filing and entering information into ledgers.

In June 1939 Bernard, who had been Marjorie's occasional travelling companion (some of it engineered of course so he could see her!) enlisted for 6 year's service with the RAF. They wrote to each other while he was away training and on one weekend home he asked her to marry him. They finally married on 25th October 1941 while both on a week's leave, and honeymooned in Edinburgh.

She worked as a secretary/shorthand typist for a timber merchant in 1942. She also smoked. The following year she got jaundice for which she was prescribed a 'milk diet', totally the wrong thing, and was recruited to the National Fire Service to do 2 hours typing 2 evenings a week, for which she was amazed to find she was given a uniform!

After the War Marjorie and Bernard lived with his mother and stepfather in South Gosforth and their first child Patricia was born in December 1947. They were finally able to rent a flat in a newly built block the following October. Along with her sister Marjorie worked

for a while as a corsetiere for Spirella, which meant working from home.

February 1952 their second daughter Pamela was born. The search began for a house with a garden. A small group of families responded to an article in the local paper about a self build scheme which involved the men learning different building skills, Bernard being the plasterer. They worked together to build bungalows for themselves in Daras Hall, Ponteland, with Marjorie and Bernard finally moving in 1955.

The family stayed there until 1958 when the travelling became too much for both Bernard, and Patricia who was about to go to Grammar School in Newcastle. They moved to Eastfield Rd, Benton where Marjorie once again started a home based working venture with her sister initially, this time clipping poodles. Later she advertised for typing work in the local newspaper and a few of the replies were not the sort she expected!

When both daughters had left home Marjorie and Bernard moved to a bungalow in Chapel House in the early 1980's. Marjorie started working for the same firm Bernard had been with since the War, Turners Photographic Company, at their Team Valley Trading Estate branch near Newcastle (Bernard was by this time an industrial representative). To begin with this was only temporary, part time and involved secretarial work but they soon learned the value of her skills and following the departure of another member of staff the

post became more established and she soon got them well organised!

Bernard managed to negotiate an early retirement at the age of 62 following which he and Marjorie began looking for somewhere to move to which would be nearer their daughters, one in Birmingham and the other in Barnsley, as well as being a place which enabled them to pursue their interests. Beverley was eventually decided upon and they moved in 1985. Unfortunately Bernard died the following May from cancer.

However Marjorie always liked to be active and she had many interests. Amongst other things she enrolled at Hull University and obtained a BA in Local Studies in July 1992. She found it very amusing when approached by the Careers people after the degree ceremony!

(I believe M+B had already joined the local history society but don't know when.)

Pamela Meggie

Henry Perronet Briggs

I collect photographs and other reproductions of the paintings of Henry Perronet Briggs RA (1791-1844), whose king-sized work *The Romans instructing the Ancient Britons in the mechanical arts* hangs in the Ferens Gallery, Hull.

Briggs was a prolific painter of historical scenes, Shakespearean characters, and especially of portraits which included dukes, actresses, scientists, and my own great great grandmother, daughter of Dr John Alderson of Hull (1757-1829).

I would love to trace Briggs' The burning of Cottingham Castle in the reign of Henry VIII, which was exhibited in Hull in 1829. It illustrated an extract from Tickell's History of Hull which stated that when Henry VIII visited the town in 1540-41, Lord Wake of Cottingham feared for the safety of his beautiful wife if the "amorous monarch" came to stay, and burned down Baynard Castle rather than receive the king. What a dramatic scene!

The picture seems to have vanished – possibly in the Hull blitz – but as one who takes a particular interest in the artist, I would be delighted if anyone can tell me its present or last known whereabouts.

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Holderness Sketches

A few months ago three folio albums containing sketches and watercolour views of Holderness c.1816-20 were transferred from Ferens Art Gallery to Hull Local Studies Library but unfortunately there are no acquisition details. The albums, labelled North, Middle and South Holderness, appear to have been in the Ferens store for a considerable time but had not been given an acquisition number until 2006 as part of the Museums Documentation Project (U.I.2006.238 – also see EYLHS newsletter 18); they bear old catalogue numbers, L39, 40 and



Watercolour of Garton church and typical of RG's examples. Its unclear what the structure at the east end is; it is not present on the engraving in Poulson. (*Hull Local Studies Library*)



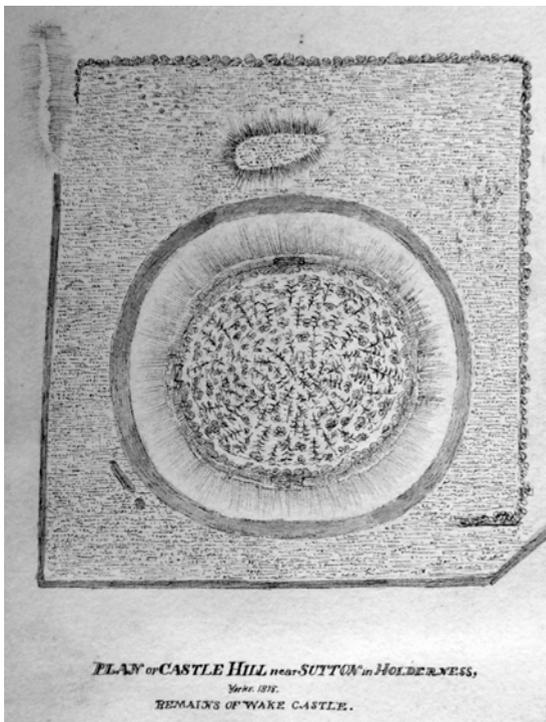
Drypool church 1820. RG made a number of church sketches with the building materials indicated. Possibly he intended to turn them into watercolours later. (*Hull Local Studies Library*)



The countryside between Sproatley and Hedon showing, probably, Preston windmill without sails. One of the few landscapes by RG. (*Hull Local Studies Library*)



The remains of the Barmston Manor House of the Boyntons after being largely dismantled in the C18. The house dates from the mid C17. (*Hull Local Studies Library*)



One of a number of sketches showing "ancient fortifications"; in this case Bransholme castle home of the Sutton family. (*Hull Local Studies Library*)

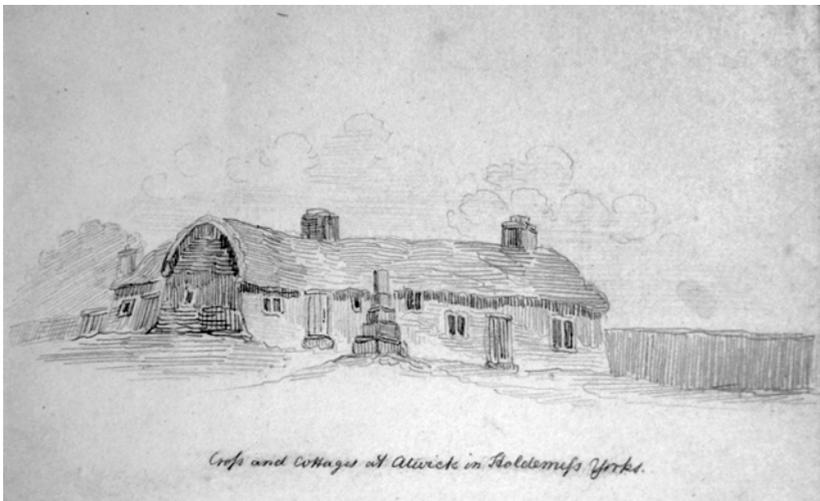
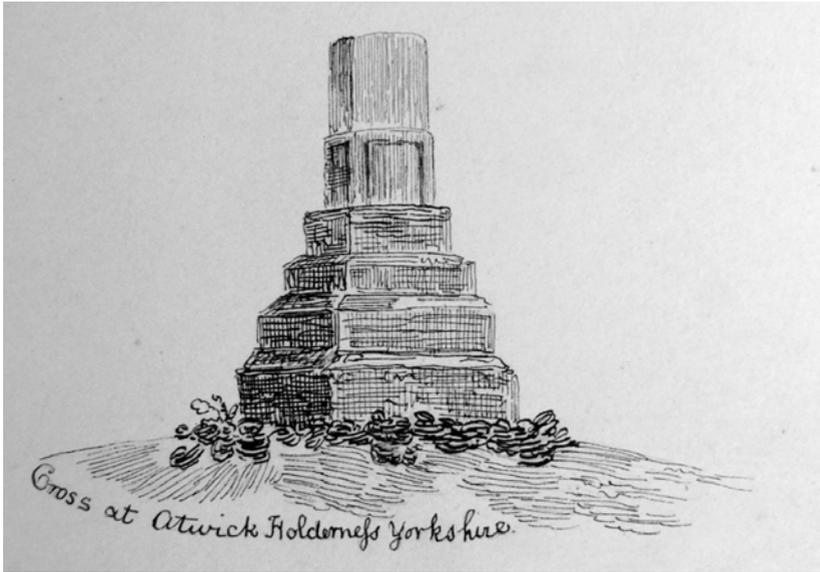
41, but so far it has not been possible to identify the institution or collector these refer to. Each album contains around twenty watercolours of churches and forty sketches of churches and antiquities and while slightly crude in execution they must have been made on the spot and are accurate representations. As well as antiquities the artist occasionally depicted newly built structures such as the Lodge at Grimston Garth and there are a few landscapes.

Most of the sketches but none of the watercolours are dated, however only three are signed; two have the initials R.G. and one says R.G. del. The only recorded local artist whose dates could fit is Richard Gell (c.1802-1879) who was a carver and gilder in Savile Street, Hull. There are no examples of Gell's artwork known to have survived and he did not exhibit. The only claim there is to him being an artist is around 1846 when he opened a short-lived artists' repository at his Savile St premises. The earliest reference to Richard Gell is in 1823 when he appears in the trade directory as a furniture painter at 8 New Dock Street; in the 1817 directory Thomas Gell is a furniture broker in New Dock St. By the early 1830s Gell had moved to 30 Savile St, employing one man and four apprentices in 1851, where he stayed until retirement. Gell married but there is no record of children in any of the censuses; after he retired they moved to Lime Tree Terrace, Spring Bank.

Other members of the Gell family, whether they are directly related or not is unknown, also left sketch books. John Morrison Gell (c.1833-1914), a Hull commercial agent but also described as artists' colourman, exhibited locally and Wilberforce House has a collection of local watercolour views by him. The Hedon architect, Edward Gell (1818-1899) also left a surviving sketch book mainly containing church interiors and views made in Switzerland.

Holderness crosses

Amongst the sketches by RG there are a significant number depicting village crosses; many of which still survive today. Most are market crosses but cross-road, church and commemorative crosses are also recorded. RG's survey is not complete and neither is the set of modern photographs that accompany this article. Not photographed in November 2008 are the probable cross-road cross, Coniston Lane, Swine, probably not in its original position (illustrated in Poulson, ii. 197); a very fine head of a churchyard cross in Leven church, which dates from the early fifteenth century and was originally in the old St Faith's church (illustrated in VCH vol.7, 305) and in Garton church porch part of a late medieval cross.



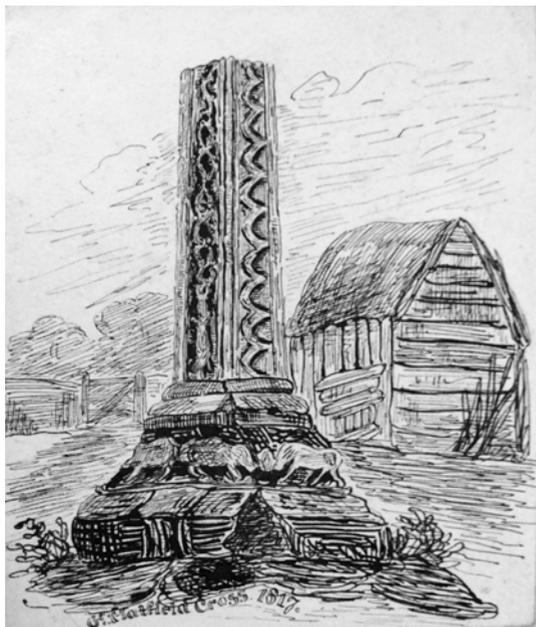


Atwick. On the Green, part of shaft and stepped base, possibly fifteenth century. Between c1817 and 1820 the shaft seems to have been restored, sketch to left. The restoration is also depicted in Poulson but was removed later.



Brandesburton. Medieval market cross, tapering octagonal shaft with remains of a carved cross head on stepped base.





Great Hatfield. At road junction, medieval shaft carved with geometric decoration and standing figure. The animals round the base are lions, clearly seen in VCH vol VII, their heads joining at the corners. A very fine survival.

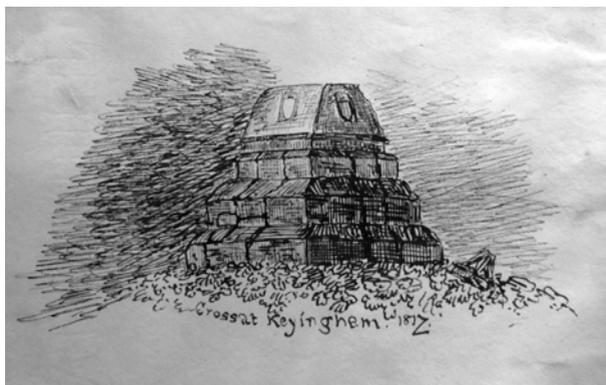




Hornsea. The medieval cross now in the churchyard (right) originally stood in Market Place until the mid nineteenth century, when it was moved to Southorpe Hill Farm. To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee the cross was moved to the churchyard in 1898; the top has been restored. RG depicts stocks next to the cross and there are quite a few nineteenth century engravings showing stocks near crosses, probably as there were the most public places..

The other medieval cross is in Southgate, near the sadly slightly derelict looking Low Hall.





Keyingham. Medieval cross (left and below) in the main street, behind the war memorial. Much eroded but there is a blank shield on each side of the base.

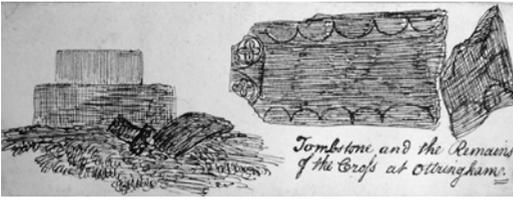
Keyingham. Medieval cross in grounds of Ebor House, opposite church (below right). Originally it stood near St Philip's Well in a field to the south west of Ebor House. A plaque beside the cross says it is dedicated to Philip Ingleberd, Rector of Keyingham d.1325, whose shrine stood in the south chapel of St Nicholas church.

In the churchyard is an early nineteenth century cross with tall shaft. Originally it was in private grounds according to Wildridge. The base is inscribed with memorials to the Oldfield family, 1860s and '70s.

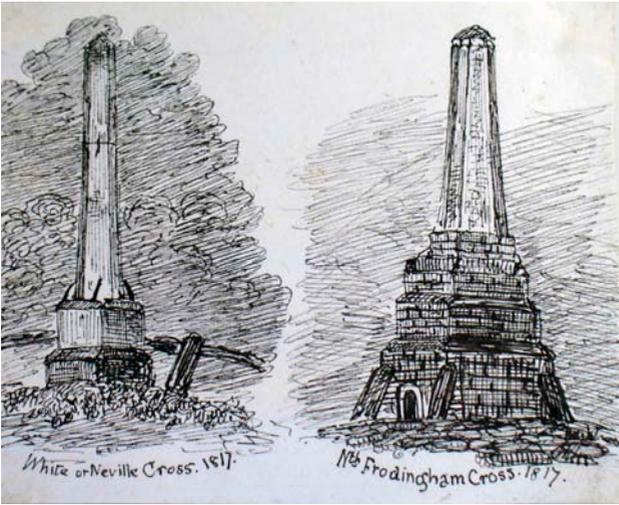




Hedon. The finest of the Holderness crosses and one of the few sketches signed RG. Reputed to originally been erected at Ravenser to commemorate the landing in 1399 of the future Henry IV, however there is no evidence for this. It was at Kilnsea but in 1818 moved to Burton Constable Hall and there is an excellent engraving, dated 1818, in Thompson's *Ocellum Promontorium* (1824) showing the cross dismantled ready for transportation to Burton Constable. The cross was moved again to Holyrood House, Baxtergate, Hedon in 1828 where it was going to form the centrepiece of a never completed square by James Iveson. The cross head has numerous figures but what they represent is unknown.



Ottringham. This possible crossroads cross, they often had a single step, had been removed by Poulson's time. RG's sketch may be a unique depiction. (Hull Local Studies Library)



North Frodingham. A medieval cross (right) stood at the junction of the main street and the lane to Brandesburton. It was allegedly destroyed by navies working on the Beverley and Barmston drains c1880, and a new cross was erected in 1811 on the original base. Wildridge says the old cross resembled Brandesburton cross and used for pavement. The shaft was replaced in 1991 and the base has also been rebuilt



White Cross. The area about a mile to the south of Leven is known as White Cross (left). According to Pevsner / Neave the cross is a twentieth century replacement, but it is a convincing one. It originally was on the road but is now in the grounds of White Cross Cottage. RG labels this as Neville Cross; this seems to derive from the cross head now in Leven church possibly having links with the Neville family according, spuriously, to Poulson.



Nunkeeling. In front of Magdalen Cottage, formerly Nunkeeling Cottage Farm is the shaft of a cross inscribed 1718 near the top.



Skeffling. In the churchyard, the only such one to be in its original position, is the base and part of the shaft of a fourteenth or fifteenth century cross. The sundial is eighteenth century by George Brown of Beverley.

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Robert Barnard

Book Reviews

The Garden Village Centenary Commemorative Book, Garden Village Society 2008, £4.50.

This book is heartily recommended as an interesting introduction to Hull's Garden Village, opened in 1908 by its instigator, Sir James Reckitt, the well-known philanthropist and industrialist. I enjoyed the mix of family reminiscences and historic fact provided by Village residents and local historians.

Photographs of gardening competition entries and winners who received prizes from Mr Thomas Ferens, one of the directors of Reckitt & Son, Ltd are

included and show the importance of gardening in the life of the village. Sir James Reckitt and Mr Thomas Ferens were both very keen on gardening and the enjoyment which could be gained from it, enriching the lives of factory employees. Other social events appear in photographs such as the Boys Brigade.

The history of the Village Hall and its eventual destruction by bombs in the Second World War also features. All in all, a good buy.

Jane Pietrusiak

David and Susan Neave, *A History of the County of York: East Riding. Vol VIII: East Buckrose: Sledmere and the Northern Wolds*, 2008, ISBN 9781904356134.

This new volume covers parishes and ancient settlements on the eastern dip-slope of the Yorkshire Wolds, describing the history, archaeology, landscape and topography of the area and analysing the impact of the Sledmere estate on local villages, churches and farmsteads. The villages covered are Cowlam, Duggleby, Fimber, Fridaythorpe, Helperthorpe, Kirby Grindalythe, East and West Lutton, Sledmere, Weaverthorpe and Wetwang.

Volume VIII differs from previous volumes in some respects; chiefly the chronological introduction, 50 pages, is much more expansive covering the history of the area as a whole and would make a good publication in its

own right. The volume is also deliberately thinner, as will be future volumes in the series. The sections on the individual parishes cover the landscape, topography, economic, social and religious history as usual. The photographs are in-line with the text rather than separate lithographic plates in the middle of the volume; this is much more convenient but they appear to have been printed digitally resulting in a slight loss of quality from previous volumes. Another change is the paper, which is white rather than the previous slightly buff colour. As with the previous volume East Riding Council and Hull University have part financed the work with smaller contributions from other organisations and individuals including EYLHS.

The publishers, Boydell & Brewer, are able to offer EYLHS members discounts on volume VIII and all other volumes still in print. The offer code is 08430 and will end 31st March 2009. Full price £95.00, discounted price £71.25.

Postage is UK £4.00 each volume (to a maximum of £12.00) and rest of the world £6.50 (to a maximum of £20.00).

Orders can be placed by phone on 01394 610600, by fax on 01394 610316, by email to trading@boydell.co.uk or using their secure ordering website at www.boydell.co.uk/souk.htm.

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box of the form where it says "Please use this space to add any notes or special instructions." The code makes sure that whoever takes the order is aware there is a discount and what it is and it also helps them to track how well an offer has been taken up.

All other available volumes (III, IV, V, VI, VII) in the East Riding series can be bought at 25% off using the same details given above. That means volumes III, IV, V, VI are each £45.00 (full price £60.00) and volume VII is £67.50 (full price £90.00). If anyone wants to order all of the six available volumes, B&B can offer a 35% discount which would mean they cost £318.75, rather than £425.00.

Volume IX: Driffield will be published in 2010 and research on volume X, covering Howden and the surrounding parishes of Barmby Marsh, Blacktoft, Eastrington, Laxton and Newport has begun. Anyone who can help in any form with the Howden volume can contact the County Editor by email, Sue.Parkinson@hull.ac.uk, or at:
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History Online website, www.british-history.ac.uk.

Robert Barnard

Ruth Richardson *The Making of Mr Gray's anatomy - bodies, books, fortune, fame* OUP £16.99 ISBN 978-0-19-955299-3

As recorded in the exhibition 'HB Carter and Son', held at the Hull Maritime Museum in 2006 the artist of 'Gray's Anatomy', Henry V Carter (1831-1897) was born and educated in Hull. He was tutored by JD Sollitt, master of the Hull Grammar School and grew up in an environment where the arts and medicine were inextricably entwined thanks to the efforts of Dr John Alderson who founded the Hull Lit and Phil Society and the Hull and East Riding Institution for the Promotion of the Fine Arts.

Henry Gray, a youthful Fellow of the Royal Society, gave his name to this famous book but died of smallpox in 1861 at the early age of thirty four. He wrote the text while Carter and he both worked on the numerous dissections necessary to ensure accuracy and clarity in description and illustration. It can be fairly said that it is the quality of the illustrations by Carter which established the volume as the most important anatomical handbook available to the medical profession. First published in 1858 it continues to be updated and the 150 anniversary edition was published in 2008 with an introduction by Ruth Richardson.

Neither Gray nor Carter left a large corpus of biographical material, the former because of his premature death and Carter because he spent most of his career in India doing pioneering work on tropical diseases. Despite these drawbacks the author has woven a skilful history of the making of 'Gray's Anatomy', its publication and the impact it made on medicine in the nineteenth century and beyond.

Arthur Credland

Philip Hoare *Leviathan - or the whale* Fourth Estate 2008. £18.99 ISBN 978-0-00-723013-6

This is a volume which makes an interesting narrative when read from cover to cover but one that is a delight to dip into again and again. It is the product of the author's fascination with the whale which originated in childhood combined with his quest for Melville, the author of the most famous whale saga of all, 'Moby Dck'.

Though Melville visited England he never reached East Yorkshire but his reading of contemporary sources made him aware of Hull and its cetacean links. Not only was Hull a major whaling port (though long past its peak at the time of the publication of 'Moby Dick') but, as Melville narrates, was the home of a 'Leviathanic Museum'. These were and still are skeletons of whales large and small in the Hull Maritime Museum collection but prior to 1935, when it was transferred to South Kensington the old Albion Street building had the skeleton of the type specimen of the Blue

Whale, the biggest of the whale tribe, which had washed up in the Humber in 1835. Also described by Melville is the sperm whale skeleton which was displayed in the grounds of Burton Constable hall. With typical licence he describes it as was an automaton when in fact it was simply a static skeleton mounted on a metal armature. This fell into decay and was only recently recovered and cleaned and was, during Philip Hoare's visit to East Yorkshire in his researches for a BBC Arena documentary temporarily displayed on a bed of gravel occupying most of the great hall of Burton Constable.

Hull, the museum and the whale skeleton all feature prominently in this book, a must for whale enthusiasts, Melville buffs and local historians.

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New Publications

Ainscough, Jim & Margaret *The Stewarts of Burnby Hall* (01759) 304351 for availability.

The Avenues Conservation Area Avenues and Pearson Park Residents' Association £5 available from Stephanie Wilson 48 Marlborough Avenue Hull HU5 3JS

Avery, A *The Story of Hull* Blackthorn Press £9.95

Barker, J *In Parallel - A Yorkshire Childhood* £12.99 or direct from Jeremy Mills Publishing (01484) 463340

Bell, G, Heather Birchall and Arthur Credland *Northern Seascapes and Landscapes* Blackthorn Press £9.95.

Capes, S 'The Contribution made by Devonian and Kentish migrants to the fishing industry and community of Hull during the late 19th. Century', *Journal Maritime South West*, Volume No.18 (2005).

Fearon, M *The History of Filey* Blackthorn Press £14.95

Fairfax, R, *Corky's War: A Yorkshire Man at War*, £9.9 plus £2 p&p. Available from Ronald Fairfax 01482 346754

Gibson, P *Hull then & now* ISBN 978-0-9555569-1-3 £14.95.

'Hullensian', magazine of *Hull Collegiate* (Hull Grammar School) - last edition - contains historical articles www.hull-collegiateschool.co.uk

Limon, M *More Tales From the East Riding* Tempus 2008.

McCarthy, Angela, 'The Scots' Society of St Andrew, Hull, 1910-2001: Immigrant, Ethnic and Transnational Association', *Immigrants & Minorities*, 25:3 (2007), pp. 209 — 233

Neave, David & Susan *The Spa, Bridlington* £7.50. Available from The Spa, South Marine Drive, Bridlington, YO15 3JH

Simpkin, W *Driffield And District Through The Times* £10 in bookshops

or available from G I Simpkin, Tiroler, Downe Street, Driffield, YO25 6DX

Smith, Margaret & Rita Sellars *The Right Side of the Dyke* £12 which will be donated to St Oswald's church & Flamborough Methodist Chapel www.yps-publishing.co.uk

Stephenson, George A *Welcome to Preston In Holderness* Available from Carole Walker 44 Weghill Road Preston HU12 8UW £7 + £1 P&P

Watson, N *Through Tides and Time - The Story of John Good & Sons Ltd* St Matthews press

Regional News

Based in Hull it is not always easy to keep track of events in other parts of the Riding; news that members could contribute on their town or village should be sent to the editor.

Beverley

Every Friday 10am – 4pm - **Beverley Guildhall Community Museum**, Register Square, Beverley open free of charge.

Every day – **The Treasure House**, Champney Road, Beverley open - combining East Riding Archives, Beverley Local Studies Library & ERYC Museum displays - 'The Treasures of the East Riding' exhibition in Gallery One and a frequently changing temporary exhibition.

East Riding

(From the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group newsletter Nov. 2008)

Timber-Framing in the East Riding

Following the recent successful dendrochronology of the cruck frame at Glebe Farm, Octon, near Driffield, the need for a wider systematic and comprehensive survey of timber-framed buildings has been recognised. The cost of this type of survey is well beyond the finances of the YVBSG, but we have been informed that such a survey would be a very good type of project to attract lottery funding. The committee has agreed that the YVBSG should lead a partnership with other agencies, including the Humber Archaeology Partnership, to apply for 'Your Heritage' funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The working project objective would be to complete the recording of all surviving timber-framed buildings within the area of the historic East Riding of Yorkshire and the City of Kingston upon Hull and undertake dendrochronology to determine dates where possible.

We invite anyone who is interested and feels capable of leading or making a significant contribution to the project to contact the YVBSG Chairman before Friday 12 December. Thank you,
David Cook

Hedon

Hedon Museum: The Hedon Room – Hedon Museum, behind the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon (10am – 4pm Weds. and Sats. only)

Tel (01482) 890908 for further details of current exhibitions

Hull

Carnegie Heritage Centre

The Carnegie Heritage Action Team finally opened up the old Carnegie Library on January 1st 2008 as a local resource for the general public to research both local and family history. The group had negotiated a Service Level Agreement with the Hull City Archives and Heads of Terms were agreed with Hull City Council Property Services to enable the group to hold a 25 year lease for the building.

Once in the building the volunteers were able to start cataloguing the books and sorting all the information CHAT had acquired from various sources. This was a mammoth task and is still going on now.

Interest was shown by East Yorkshire Family History Society and a licence with them was drawn up from March 2008. They now hold their monthly meetings at the centre as well as opening every Monday afternoon for a Family History Help desk.

A licence has also been agreed with 'The Bindery', a department of Hull City Council who were made redundant on March 31st 2008 and who wanted to go independent. They moved in from April 1st 2008 and offer a large variety of book binding from student dissertations to renovation of old books.

In the first three months of 2008 CHAT have held two courses facilitated by Hull History Unit, 'Local History for beginners' and 'Family History.' They then went on to offer 'The History of Hull Floods', 'Hull in the 50's' and a second run of the 'Local History for beginners'.

In the autumn we started a run of Illustrated Winter Talks by various local historians which are held on the third Tuesday of the month.

To enable the group to be partially self sustaining they had commissioned local historian, Paul Gibson, to write a new book using his vast collection of Edwardian photos and postcards. This was called 'Hull, Then & Now' and was published in June 2008. The launch was a great success with the Lord Mayor coming along to the event and helping to promote this local book.

General maintenance of the building is ongoing with volunteers doing things like clearing gutters, painting the outside of the building and renovating the veranda to make it habitable. We hope to tackle the inside decorating in the next few months.

Plans are being made to tidy up the exterior garden area and talks are on going with an architect to have a disabled toilet fitted and a larger kitchen.

This all takes time, money and valuable volunteer hours so if there is anyone out there who would like to contribute in any way we would be very grateful.

New courses starting this year are 'Hull in the 50's' and 'Local History for beginners'. Our Illustrated Talks are 'The Anlaby Park Estate' with Chris Mead, 'Aspects of Local History' with David Smith and the March talk is still to be arranged.

We open the centre up every Tuesday and Friday from 9.30am to 3.30pm for anyone who wants to research either local or family history and are pleased to see anyone with an interest in preserving their local heritage.

Liz Shepherd

Liz gave a talk to the Hull Civic Society on Monday 12th January and the organisation received their Good Mark award for "Rescuing the building and preserving its place in the community as the Carnegie Heritage Centre."

Hull & District Local History Research Group

The Group meets weekly on Thursdays 10am-12noon. Contact the secretary, Margaret Justice, 4 Harbour Way, Hull, HU9 1PL 07760 165364, mej@romar.karoo.co.uk or the chair, David Sherwood, 9 Simson Court, Beverley HU17 9ED mob. 07799357262 for information of meetings, visits and local history walks. www.hulllocalhistory.org.uk

Skidby

Every day 10am – 5pm - **Skidby Windmill and Museum of East Riding Rural Life**, Skidby open each day 10am-5pm – admission adults £1.50, children 50p, OAPS 80p

Sutton

Every Friday 10am – 2pm – **The Sutton Exhibition Room and Resource Centre** - History of Sutton village exhibition – Sutton C of E Educational Resource Centre, the Old School, Church Street, Sutton 10am – 2pm The Sutton Exhibition Room and Resource Centre open every Friday from 10am until 2pm. Admission free. Coffee and biscuits 50p.

Local History Meetings & Events

7 January 2009 - *Cottingham Local History Society* - Dr Lee and his houses, Alan Kerr and Donald Simpson. Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School, 7:45pm.

12 January 2009 - *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - Bridlington in the Second World War, BR Langton. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30pm

13 January 2009 - *Hedon Local History Society* - Kelvin Young;, East Yorkshire Dialect. Church Hall, Magdalen Gate, Hedon, 7.30 pm

13 January 2009 - *Lunchtime Club* - Reflections and life in medieval Hull, Bryan Elletson. Lending Library, Central Library, Albion St, 12:30-1:30. Contact 01482 616829 for more information.

Tuesday 13 January 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Paul Schofield, Beverley's Pubs - Past and Present. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

Saturday 17 January 2009 Local history Resources at the *Treasure House* (Archives and Local Studies Service), Beverley. 10-11.30am. An opportunity to look at some of the books, directories, newspapers, journals, poll books and postcards they hold. £3. To book, telephone 01482 392790

19 January 2009 - *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - Annual Reflection at the Ye Olde Star Inn, Westgate.

21 January 2009 - *East Riding Archaeological Society* -Dr Nicky Milner - University of York, Star Carr. Hull University, Cottingham Rd, room S1, floor 1 of the Wilberforce Building. Contact Rose Nicholson 07770 470443.

22 January 2007 *Pocklington And District Local History Group*. A Talk on the Archaeology of Pocklington and the work of the Humber Archaeology Partnership by Ruth Atkinson, Sites & Monuments Record Officer for the partnership. The Old Court House, George Street. 7.30pm. Admission £2.00

26 January 2009 - *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - My Bridlington Tale is Told, Robin Sharpe. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30pm

2 February 2009 - *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - Members Evening. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30pm

4 February 2009 - *Cottingham Local History Society* - A Journey along Woldgate, Mike Sewell. Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School, 7:45pm.

9 February 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* -The Stricklands of Boynton, Michael Mortimer. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30.pm

9 February 2009 *Hull Civic Society* - Regeneration of Hull's Fruit Market – Richard Scott of the Igloo consortium. 7.30 pm at the Quality Hotel Royal, Ferensway.

10 February 2009 - *Hedon Local History Society* - (Presidential Evening in the Town Hall) Phil Thomas; J L Pearson and G E Street in East Yorkshire. 7.30 pm

10 February 2009 - *Lunchtime Club* - Welcome to the Madhouse, Alan Brigham. Lending Library, Central Library, Albion St, 12:30-1:30. Contact 01482 616829 for more information.

Tuesday 10 February 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Rod Mackey, Humps, Bumps and Hollows - Reading the Ground as History on Beverley Westwood. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

16 February 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - The Fliver Girls of Filey, Ann Fearon. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30.pm

18 February 2009 Clay tobacco pipes 1585 to the present, Peter Rayner at the *Treasure House* (Archives and Local Studies Service), Beverley. 10-11.30am. £3. To book, telephone 01482 392790.

18 February 2009 - *East Riding Archaeological Society*-Brendon Wilkins - (Headland Archaeology) Known knowns, known unknowns and unknown unknowns: Rumsfeldian archaeology on the Irish road schemes. Hull University, Cottingham Rd, room S1, floor 1 of the Wilberforce Building. Contact Rose Nicholson 07770 470443.

19 February 2009 *Pocklington And District Local History Group*. Ladies' Night – Some of our group have been researching the history of women in Pocklington and District – come and hear what they have found out. (men are welcome to attend too). The Old Court House, George Street. 7.30pm. Admission £1.00

Tuesday 24 February, 2009 2.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Helga Stephens, White Peaks and Holy Men. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

27 February - 1 March 2009 *British Association for Local History* - Who do you think you are? Exhibition, Earl's Court, London. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

28 February 2009 *Bishop Wilton Local History Group*. Bishop Wilton - The War Years. Saturday afternoon of entertainments, and Exhibition and a 'War Time' tea produced by the WI. Also the release of Bulletin 18 which will include an Index of all previous issues. The Village Hall, Bishop Wilton, Date & Time to be confirmed.

2 March 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - Excavations @ Hungate - York The First two years, Pam White. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30.pm

4 March 2009 - *Cottingham Local History Society* - Hull- Around the Square, Mary Fowler. Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School, 7:45pm.

4 March 2009 *British Association for Local History* - The Apothecaries Hall and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, London. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

9 March 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - Nunnington Hall; 17th Century to the present day, Peter Apencer. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30. pm

9 March 2009 *Hull Civic Society* - The Reporter's Angle – Angus Young, Hull Daily Mail. 7.30 pm at the Quality Hotel Royal, Ferensway.

10 March 2009 - *Hedon Local History Society* - Peter Harrison; A Hundred Years Ago. . Church Hall, Magdalen Gate, Hedon, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 10 March 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Open Forum on Current Concerns. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

Saturday 14 March 2009 Map Workshop at the *Treasure House* (Archives and Local Studies Service), Beverley. 10-11.30am. Primarily looking at Ord-

nance Survey and other published maps with hands-on session. £3. To book, telephone 01482 392790.

16 March 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - Bridlington's Utilities, Rick Hudson. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30.pm

18 March - *East Riding Archaeological Society* -Dr James Gerrard - (Pre Construct Archaeology) Excavations at Drapers Gardens, City of London. Hull University, Cottingham Rd, room S1, floor 1 of the Wilberforce Building. Contact Rose Nicholson 07770 470443.

19 March 2009 - *Pocklington And District Local History Group*. A Talk about Major & Mrs Stewart by Jim & Margaret Ainscough. The Old Court House, George Street. 7.30pm. Admission £1.00

Monday 23 March 2009 - Francis Johnson: Architect - Talk by Diana Tasker to *Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society* at 7.30pm in the Concert Room, Central Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. Details from Chris Hall, 01723 354237, www.scarborough-heritage.org.

23 March 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - East Riding Nostalgia, John Walker. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30.pm

30 March 2009 *Bridlington Augustinian Society* - AGM. Masonic Hall, St John's Avenue, 7:30.pm

1 April 2009 - *Cottingham Local History Society* - AGM followed by talk by Geoff Bell. Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School, 7:45pm.

6 April 2009 *Hull Civic Society* - 7.00 pm – AGM, followed at 7.30 by A History of Hull Prisons – Tony Baker. Quality Hotel Royal, Ferensway.

14 April 2009 - *Hedon Local History Society* - Alan Kerr; Dr Lee and His Houses. Church Hall, Magdalen Gate, Hedon, 7.30 pm

14 April 2009 *Lunchtime Club* - Symbolism in Gravestone Art, Judy Bangs and Pam Walgate. Lending Library, Central Library, Albion St, 12:30-1:30. Contact 01482 616829 for more information.

Tuesday 14 April 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Mr John Phillips, Masons' Marks in Beverley Minster St Mary's Church Parish Hall.

15 April - *East Riding Archaeological Society* -AGM followed by Lisa Staves (PAS) Romanesque metal work in Lincolnshire. Hull University, Cottingham Rd, room S1, floor 1 of the Wilberforce Building. Contact Rose Nicholson 07770 470443.

15 April 2009 - *Bishop Wilton Local History Group*. Landscape Archaeology in the Township of Bishop Wilton. Stephen Moorhouse distinguished Landscape Historian is to examine the township of Bishop Wilton, and is to give a talk on features and avenues for research in Bishop Wilton. The Village

Hall, Bishop Wilton, 7.30pm, Admission £2.

16 April 2009 - *Pocklington And District Local History Group*. AGM. With short talks and other entertainments. The Old Court House, George Street. 7.30pm. Admission £1.00

22 April 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Nottingham University Archives. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

23 April 2009 Saturday East Riding's Secret Resistance at the *Treasure House* (Archives and Local Studies Service), *Beverley*. 10-11.30am. The Secret Army - one of the best kept secrets in World War Two £3. To book, telephone 01482 392790.

Tuesday 28 April, 2009 2.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Miss P.E.Deans, Back to Old Beverley. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

12 May 2009 *Lunchtime Club* -Hull in Focus: Yorkshire Films, Yorkshire Stories, Graham Relton of the Yorkshire Film Archive. Lending Library, Central Library, Albion St, 12:30-1:30. Contact 01482 616829 for more information.

Tuesday 12 May 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Dennis R. Sissons, Editor, *Beverley Guardian*, *The Beverley Guardian* - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

13 May 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Verulamium, St Alban's Cathedral and St Alban's Museum. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Thursday 21 May 2009 - *Hessle Local History Society* - The Humber Part 1, Keith Hare

6 June 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Professor Nigel goose's lecture on Almshouses. Friends' Meeting House, London. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Tuesday 9 June 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Summer Event - Details to Follow

15 June 2009 *Hull Civic Society* - Historic Cottingham – a guided tour by Cottingham Local History Society, based on their recent "Town Trail" (Starting point to be advised), 7.00pm

9-12 July 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Local History in Britain after Hoskins. Conference at Leicester University. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Thursday 16 July 2009 - *Hessle Local History Society* - Personal Exchange of Information

22 July 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Avonscroft, Bromsgrove. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert,

Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Thursday 20 August 2009 - *Hessle Local History Society* - Maps of Hessle, Pat Howlett

Tuesday 8 September 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Chris Chapman, Police Licensing Officer, Police Licensing in and around Beverley . St Mary's Church Parish Hall

15 September 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Newark Castle's part in the Civil War and a cruise on the Trent in a former Salter steamer. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Thursday 17 September 2009 - *Hessle Local History Society* - The Humber Part 2, Keith Hare

October - *British Association for Local History* - The Guardian Newspaper Archive and the London Museum. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert, Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Tuesday 13 October 2009 7.30pm - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Annual General Meeting and Topical Matters

Friday 23 October 2009 - *Beverley and District Civic Society* - Annual Dinner

7 November 2009 - *British Association for Local History* - Hull Conference, New Research into the History of Yorkshire. BALH, PO Box 6549, Somersal Herbert,

Ashbourne, DE6 5WH or www.balh.co.uk

Tuesday 10 November 2009 7.30pm -
Beverley and District Civic Society - Chris Dawson, Secretary, Beverley Friary Preservation Trust, The Friary - Historic Past and Uncertain Future. St Mary's Church Parish Hall

Tuesday 8 December 2009 7.30pm -
Beverley and District Civic Society - Dave Evans, Archaeology in Beverley during the Last Two Decades . St Mary's Church Parish Hall

EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Notice of the
58th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 28th March 2009 at 2.15pm

The Parish Hall, Beverley Minster

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting held at the Bridlington Library

3. Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2008 (herewith enclosed)

4. Presentation of the Financial Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2008 (herewith enclosed)

5. Election of officers:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Executive Committee

6. Member's Forum and Any Other Business. An opportunity for informal discussion, when members may wish to raise points relating to the Society of specific interest to them or make any suggestions for further consideration by the Executive Committee

EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 29th March 2008 in the Masonic Hall, Howden.

Present: the Chairman, five other members of the Executive Committee and 43 other members and friends.

APOLOGIES: Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, Colonel A. Wilson, Jane Petrusiak, Mrs. Wilson, Ian Wright, Mary Bentall, Mr. and Mrs. Scotney, Anne Bennett, Pam Richard, Ken Powls, Karen Ounsley, Joe Santaniello, Liz Grove, Mrs. J. Ryder, Pam and Richard Walgate, Eileen Fisher, Mrs. Audrey Wilson.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 31st March 2007, having being distributed to members, were received and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT: The Chairman's annual report had been distributed to members; it had been a good year for local history with the Treasure House in Beverley now open and the History Centre in Hull under construction (and due to open autumn 2009). There had been a bumper edition of the Journal and he hoped members had enjoyed it.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer presented his financial report stating that the Society's finances were healthy. There had been a surplus this year because there had not been an occasional publication.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: There was one amendment to the Executive Committee: Mrs. Mary Bentall wished to stand down and Carole Boddington would like to join the Committee. There being no other nominations the President and Executive Committee were unanimously elected.

MEMBERS FORUM AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Miss Pat Aldabella had stood down as programme organiser and an appeal was made for anyone interested in taking up the post to contact the Executive Committee. The Chairman informed members that the BALH would be holding its 2008 away day in Hull on 1st November at the Ferens Art Gallery; the cost would be £10 including a buffet lunch and forms were available at the meeting today and could be returned with payment to the Society.

The Secretary congratulated member Mr. Ken Powls on his BALH personal achievement award for his work on the history of Howden.

Miss Pat Aldabella updated members on former Secretary Marjorie Salkeld: Marjorie had moved to the midlands to be near her family and we all wish her well. Pat also updated the meeting on current membership: there are 6 USA and 3 English Universities; 3 library and archive members; some overseas members including two from Denmark, one of whom had joined us today; and 279 ordinary members. There had been twelve new members since Christmas, 6 cancellations (for various reasons), but there were still 41 members who had not yet returned their forms and Pat asked them to do so as soon as possible.

The Chairman reported the sad loss of two members, Dr. Ken Green, an authority on Cottingham; and Mr. D. Teale. They would be greatly missed by the Society.

There being no other business the meeting was closed. After a short break Susan Butler gave an interesting and informative presentation entitled "An Illustrated History of Howden."

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a successful year with membership holding up well and good attendance for both talks and trips. The Treasure House has been a comfortable and convenient venue both for our Committee meetings and for talks in our programme requiring the lecture room facilities.

Members have received two publications this year, a journal and a volume from our occasional series. The latter, an account of boat building in Beverley emphasises the need to capture material held in private hands rather than public archives. Much of this is only fully comprehensible with the specialist knowledge of particular trades and skills of individuals who are not professional historians or regularly involved in local history studies.

Thanks to Helen Good the Society along with the Council's History Services and the University Archives, hosted 'Means and Materials in local History' the first Hull conference of the British Association for Local History, held 1 November at the Ferens Art Gallery. Contributors gave us insights into ongoing research, the progress of the Victoria County History in Yorkshire and insights into the joys and tribulations of local history publishing. Another conference will be held in 2009 to mark the opening of the new History Centre. Christmas saw the shut down of the Local Studies Library in Albion Street and of the City Archives in preparation for the transfer of their contents into the new building.

Arthur G. Credland, Chairman and Editor

The East Yorkshire Local History Society

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2008

	2008	2007
INCOME		
Members' Subscriptions	3,494.50	3,273.50
Bank Interest	610.47	496.16
Summer Events	1,107.00	2,081.00
Book Sales	2,337.53	1,002.47
Donations	69.00	75.00
Gift Aid	566.17	561.73
Publication subsidies	0.00	50.00
BALH Conference	370.00	0.00
	8,554.67	7,539.86
EXPENDITURE		
Summer Events	1,033.50	1,552.00
Meetings/Lectures	0.00	44.00
Postage/Stationary	850.16	723.36
Committee Members Expenses	278.48	192.13
BALH Conference	317.50	0.00
Victoria County History	100.00	100.00
Printing Costs	4,966.66	2,694.19
Insurance/Subscription to BALH	58.00	58.00
Subscription Refunds	8.00	10.00
Georgian Society Book Sales	0.00	40.00
Book sale charges (eBay)	186.61	0.00
	7,798.91	5,413.68
Surplus/(Deficit)	755.76	2,126.18
BALANCE SHEET		
As at 31 December 2008		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	3,038.72	2,893.43
Building Society Deposit		
MacMahon Fund	175.00	175.00
Cash	14,674.46	14,063.99
	17,888.18	17,132.42

OFFICERS FOR 2008

President: Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, Bart., F.R.I.C.S., MRSH

Vice-Presidents: Mr. A. G. Bell
Mr. K. D. Holt
Mr. C. Ketchell
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Secretary: Miss P. Aldabella
Hon. Publication Officer: Mr. J. Santaniello

Honorary Life Members

Mrs. M. Salkeld
Mr. I Wright
The Reference and Local Studies Library, Beverley

Executive Committee Members for 2008

+ Member willing to be re-elected

+ Miss. P. Aldabella
+ Mr. R. Barnard
+ Mrs. Carole Boddington
Ms J. Burg
+ Mr. A. Credland
+ Mr. N. Evans
Mr. C. Ketchell
+ Miss P. Martin
+ Mr. Geoff Percival
+ Mr. C. Mead
Mr. J. Santeniello
+ Mr. D. Smith
+ Mrs. J. Stanley
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