

# EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER 16

WINTER/SPRING 2007

## NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

### PROGRAMME 2007

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.

#### 1. SATURDAY 31 MARCH 2007

**Venue:** The Library, King St., Bridlington  
**Topic:** AGM and illustrated talk, *Through the East Riding in the steps of Queen Henrietta Maria*.  
**Speaker:** Mike Sewell  
**Time:** 2:00pm  
**Cost:** £2

#### 2. FRIDAY EVENING 11 MAY 2007

**Venue:** Saltmarshe Hall  
**Topic:** A guided tour of house and garden with Mrs Sally Bean. This will include light refreshments. The fee will be divided between MacMillan Nurses and Marie Curie Nurses.  
**Time:** 7:15pm  
**Cost:** £8

#### 3. SATURDAY 12 MAY 2007

**Venue:** Peter Harrison Room, Minster Schoolroom, Beverley.  
**Topic:** Early life and settlements in the Lincolnshire Marshes.  
**Speaker:** Helen Fenwick of Hull University.  
**Time:** 2:15pm  
**Cost:** £2:50.

#### 4. WEDNESDAY EVENING 23 MAY 2007

**Venue:** St. James' Church, Warton.  
**Topic:** The restored church. This will be followed by a short walk. There will be refreshments.  
**Speaker:** Dr David Neave  
**Time:** 7:15pm  
**Cost:** £3.

#### 5. SATURDAY 2 JUNE 2007

**Venue:** Blaydes House, High St, Hull  
**Topic:** The Scots Society of St Andrew (Hull) and Scottish migration  
**Speaker:** Dr Angela McCarthy  
**Time:** 2:00pm  
**Cost:** £4  
Maximum number 30.

#### 6. WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2007

**Venue:** Full day coach trip to Northallerton. The town has an interesting market (Weds/ Sats) and very interesting buildings and shops. You will have time to yourself, own arrangements at lunchtime, and an afternoon guided walk with Mrs Jennifer Allison.  
**Pick-ups** approx.  
HULL Ferensway 8:15am  
WILLERBY SQUARE 8:40am  
COTTINGHAM GREEN 9:00am  
BEVERLEY Norwood 9:20am  
**Cost:** £12.

#### 7. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 20 JUNE 2007

**Venue:** Cottingham Green.  
**Topic:** A walk around Cottingham featuring merchant's houses.  
**Speaker:** Pat Elliott  
**Time:** 2:15pm  
**Cost:** £1.50  
Maximum number 25.

#### 8. FRIDAY 13 JULY 2007

**Venue:** Reedness Hall and Adlingfleet church  
**Topic:** Guided tours of hall and church  
**Leaders:** Pam Martin and Geoff Bell  
**Time:** 7:15pm  
**Cost:** £4  
Maximum number 40.

## 9. SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2007

**Venue:** Peter Harrison Room, Minster Schoolroom, Beverley

**Topic:** The history of the Humber Pilots

**Speaker:** Captain John Simpson

**Time:** 2:15pm

**Cost:** £2.50.

## 10. SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2007

**Venue:** WISE (Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation), High St, Hull

**Topic:** William Wilberforce and the end of the Slave Trade

**Speaker:** Professor Richardson of Hull University

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Cost:** £4 including light refreshments  
Maximum number 35.

### 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 waterproofs - 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 at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007

Just to remind you that all subscriptions fall due for renewal on 1 January 2007. Rates remain unchanged at £10.00 for individuals and £12.50 for UK family and all overseas membership. 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

## REVIEW OF EYLHS SUMMER EVENTS

### *Heslington on 14 September 2006*

The Heslington meeting was a fascinating combination of a guided tour of the very up to date Borthwick Institute for Archives and a stroll through the past history of the hall and village. I am sure it was enjoyed by all who attended. I found the meeting of particular interest as someone who had used the Borthwick Institute in its old accommodation in the centre of York and also one who had spent a year of my national service at Heslington Hall when it was an R.A.F. H.Q. in the 1950s.

The morning was spent at the Institute, one half of the time studying old documents relating to Heslington and the hall and the other half being impressed with the well planned hi-tech methods of preservation and care of the documents enthusiastically explained by the archivist Chris Webb. These methods included such things as rooms with specially controlled atmospheres and specially designed tables for maps and for use by wheelchair users.



View of the rear garden from the top floor of Heslington Hall 1952.

The afternoon session was an interesting and informative tour of the hall and grounds and of the village led by Professor Edward Royle who had previously guided us through the Heslington documents in the morning session. Nearly every public building in the village had connections with the Yarburgh family. I personally found the hall much smarter than it was under the old R.A.F. occupation and was particularly pleased to find that a photograph I had then taken of the topiary behind the hall was now of historic interest, as the original central path leading to the old Tudor front entrance of the hall (placed at the far side of the garden in the 1850s) has now been obscured by the growth of the yew bushes and

a more recent garden wall. On the other hand it did bring home how long ago the photo was taken, especially on the day I had seen the futuristic new Borthwick Institute!

Brian Natriss

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS/ SOCIETIES' 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.

### **Archaeological Investigations Project**

The AIP, run by Bournemouth University, aims to provide a list of all archaeological fieldwork that has taken place in the last ten years, however they have only reached 2004 at this stage. Their website, <http://csweb.bournemouth.ac.uk/aip/aipintro.htm>, covers all of England but searches can be limited to the East Riding and any search can be saved as a spreadsheet. The list gives the document title, consultants, report author, map reference, document description and a summary of its contents. The AIP team visited the Humber Archaeological Partnership in December and reports for 2005 should be added to the web site soon.

### **Beverley**

Beverley Community Museum is planning an exhibition about *Beverley's hospitals*. Anyone with photographs, artefacts or memories to contribute is invited to contact the museum's volunteer co-ordinator, Fiona Jenkinson on Tel. (01482) 392783 or visit the museum in the Beverley Guildhall, Register Square, Beverley on Fridays from 10am to 4pm.

The Treasure House, adjoining Beverley Library, opened on 2nd January. Combining the East Riding of Yorkshire Archive Service and Beverley Local Studies Library there is also a permanent exhibition of East Riding life through the ages as well as temporary exhibitions. The Treasure House is open from 9:30am to 5:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays it opens

from 9:30am to 8:00pm and on Saturdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. For details call (01482) 392790 or e-mail [archives.service@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:archives.service@eastriding.gov.uk).

### **Bridlington**

Nick Laister is in the process of completing a book about amusement arcades in Bridlington entitled *Pennies by the Sea* and is seeking photographs of Promenade/Esplanade, the location of Joyland, around which the book centres [Nick@joylandbooks.com](mailto:Nick@joylandbooks.com) or visit [www.joylandbooks.com](http://www.joylandbooks.com) The home of Amusement Park books. [The book has now been published.]

### **Cottingham**

*Historic Cottingham Walk: Market, Church and Castle*, Cottingham Local History Society, 2006 (free leaflet)

### **Hedon**

Hedon Museum: The Hedon Room – Hedon Museum, behind the Town Hall, St Augustine's Gate, Hedon HU12 8EX (10am – 4pm Weds. and Sats. only) - exhibitions  
Tel (01482) 890908 for further details

### **Hull**

#### **Local History Unit closure**

Hull College closed the Local History Unit permanently at the end of July 2006 after an existence of twenty two years. Over that period the Unit has encouraged a significant number of people, many of whom had no previous interest in local history, and given them the confidence to write publications or lead two to three hours walks.

#### **Hull & District Local History Research Group**

is a new local history organisation formed to continue the work of students of the former Local History Unit's 'Know Your Place' local history workshop classes. Over the Summer and Autumn of 2006 various walks and visits have been held, led by members of the group; these have included Swanland parts 1 and 2 (Terry Cork); Hessle: Southfield and Little Switzerland (Maureen Beck); South Cave (Susan Knowles); Hull's Fish Trail; East Park, Hull; Patrington (Jennifer Grey); Wawne (Kevin Stephenson); 'Beverley Doors' Walks parts 1 and 2 (David Sherwood); Pearson Park, Hull (DB with CJK's notes); Garden Village (Tony Wing); Cottingham (David Bliss); and Burstwick

Revisited (Norman Angell); Blue Plaques Trail (led by Janet Duck), and visits to Arctic Corsair trawler and The Guildhall. From Autumn 2006 occasional meetings have been held on Thursday mornings 10am – 12noon at the Octagon, Walker Street, Hull. For further information about the outings and meetings of the group contact the secretary, Terry Cork, 8 Dale Road, Swanland, North Ferriby Tel. (01482) 63688 or the chair, David Sherwood, 9 Simson Court, Beverley HU17 9ED mob. 07799357262

### **Carnegie Heritage Action Team (CHAT)**

CHAT has been formed with the intention of acquiring and restoring, for use as a heritage centre, the former Carnegie Library (1905 by Joseph H. Hirst), in West Park, Anlaby Road, Hull. For further information contact Liz Shepherd, Carnegie Heritage Action Team, c/o Lonsdale Community Centre, 8 Lonsdale Street, Anlaby Road, Hull HU3 6PA Tel (01482) 564691

### **The History Centre**

Lottery funding has been secured to finance the construction of a new History Centre for Hull, due for completion in 2009, which will combine the collections of Hull Local Studies Library, Hull City Archives, Hull University Archives, the library bindery, and Hull History Services' Family History Unit

### **Victoria Dock, Hull**

Victoria Dock Trail, by Victoria Dock Winding House Community Group inaugurated (4th December 2006) heritage trail leaflet and accompanying book by Colin McNicol [*Hull Advertiser* 30.11.2006]

### **North Ferriby**

The Ferriby Heritage Trust is campaigning for the return of a half-scale replica, based on the three 4,000 year old vessels found in mud-flats at North Ferriby, to the village. Funding of £10,000 is needed to put the boat, known as 'Oakleaf' on permanent display in our region. Contact Ferriby Heritage Trust, 10 Melton Road, North Ferriby HU14 3ET  
[www.ferribyboats.co.uk](http://www.ferribyboats.co.uk)

## **THE PROTEST OF 'THE WITHERMEN' 1231-2 AND THE REBELLION OF HOLDERNESSE c.1260**

by David Pilling

The authority of royal government in England in the 13th century was frequently challenged, particularly during the long reign of Henry III (1216-1272). Henry's fruitless attempts to recover territory in France lost by his father, King John, and his habit of promoting his foreign relatives to positions of importance in England led to popular resistance and civil war. The East Riding of Yorkshire and Holderness were the setting for two of the more serious protests against royal authority. This article will attempt to detail these events and how they reflected a growing sense of self-consciously 'English' nationalism and resentment against autocratic royal government.

Early sentiments of 'England for the English' were expressed in the crimes of a knight of the East Riding named Robert Thwing. The Thwings were of Norman descent and rose to prominence in the thirteenth century thanks to astute marriages, inheritance of land and noble or royal patronage. The family took their name from the manor of Thwing in the East Riding, some 15 miles south of Scarborough, and they had held land in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Northumberland since at least the mid-12th century. Apart from Thwing, which they held from the Brus family, their estates in the East Riding included a portion of Lund, held from the Bishop of Durham.

The Thwings were no strangers to lawlessness: Robert's father Marmaduke was imprisoned for homicide in 1204, though the details of the case are vague. He was released after a personal payment of 100 shillings and a further 40 shillings paid by his sureties, including Peter de Brus, who pledged to prevent Marmaduke causing further trouble. Marmaduke took the side of the Barons against King John in the civil wars of 1215, but by 1217 he was reconciled to the royal minority government of Henry III and spent the rest of his life serving as a royal official in the North.

Robert, Marmaduke's eldest son, was born in 1202. In 1228 he married the rich heiress Matilda de Autrey, a match that brought the Thwing family the manors of Kilton, Thorpe and

Kirkleatham, a few miles east of modern-day Middlesbrough, in the North Riding. This alliance was the catalyst for a career that would bring the minor East Yorkshire knight Robert Thwing to the attention of the King of England and even the Pope.

The young King Henry III was susceptible to the influence of Pope Gregory IX and depended upon foreign favourites. In the late 1220s Henry, at the expense of native clergy, gave large numbers of grants and benefices to Italian and French clerics. According to Hugh Mackenzie the number of benefices given over to foreigners ran into 'several hundred...at least'<sup>1</sup>. The revenue from these benefices amounted to 60,000 marks a year and the widespread imposition was authorized by letters of Papal Provision.

During 1231-2 there were violent risings and demonstrations against the foreign clergy. In autumn 1231 letters were sent to bishops and monasteries throughout England from a group of barons who claimed to be willing to die rather than continue to endure the oppression of Rome, and by December a number of violent incidents had occurred throughout England. Foreign clerics were assaulted, including instances of kidnapping and at least one murder, and their property attacked and plundered.

The spirit and instigator of these protests was Robert Thwing. In 1230 an assembly of the Northern baronage met at his castle at Kilton, there to plan a campaign of resistance aimed at forcing the foreign clergymen out of England<sup>2</sup>. Those assembled at Kilton included the Lords Percy, Nevill, Fitz-Randolph, Vesci, Mauley, Meynell, Roos and Bruce, a cross-section of the Northern nobility and an indication of the widespread baronial resentment against foreign influence.

Robert Thwing's personal grievance stemmed from a dispute over the church of his newly acquired manor of Kirkleatham. The priory of Guisborough had a claim to the church, claiming that it had been granted to them by one William de Kilton before his death in 1213, but the issue was still unresolved when Kirkleatham passed into Robert Thwing's hands in 1228. Robert appealed to the archbishop of York to resolve the dispute, but nothing was done until the archbishop appointed an Italian papal nominee to the church. This cut out Robert's claim completely and sparked off his defiance. Though he was one of the landed Norman elite Robert evidently considered himself an Englishman with the right to violent protest against foreigners who interfered in his affairs.

Resorting to direct action rather than the law, Robert assumed the alias of 'William Wither' or William the Angry, and led an armed and hooded gang that rampaged up and down the North and East Ridings and Humberside, attacking and looting estates and tithe barns owned by foreign clergymen<sup>3</sup>. The chronicler Roger of Wendover in his *Flowers of History* describes tithe barns being plundered by well-bred men, while Matthew Paris supplies a physical description of Robert Thwing as *Juvenis elegans et miles strenuus* - 'an elegant youth and a hardy knight'<sup>4</sup>.

William Wither's gang, the 'Withermen', were unusual in that they sold their stolen grain cheaply to the poor, or even on occasion gave it away free (shades of Robin Hood)<sup>5</sup>. His marauding enjoyed a great deal of support among the nobility, who shared Thwing's resentment against the foreign clergy, and there appears to have been little or no action taken to stop him. The Justiciar of England, Hubert de Burgh, himself in dispute with King Henry who had threatened to replace him with a papal envoy, may have sympathized with Thwing. Many of the lesser nobility, such as those who assembled at Kilton in 1230, gave him outright support.

According to Roger of Wendover Henry III eventually authorized Thwing to travel to Rome, there to plead his grievances before the Pope in person. The king provided Thwing with testimonial letters that supported his case, a remarkable turnaround in Henry's attitude. It seems that the king was eventually persuaded of the justice of Thwing's cause, or perhaps he realized that supporting Thwing was the only way to stop his revolt.

Thwing won his argument in Rome, was restored to the living of Kirkleatham Church, and returned to England<sup>6</sup>. In 1240 he accompanied Richard of Cornwall on Crusade and - apart from an incident in 1245 where he was prosecuted for assaulting a clerk in the hall of Windsor Castle - for the rest of his days he was a loyal servant to the Crown, a remarkably successful conclusion to the career of a man who had defied both King and Pope.

The East Riding was to be a thorn in King Henry's side once again, several decades after Thwing's revolt. This time the trouble was located in Holderness, where in about the year 1260 there was a brief but serious rebellion against royal authority. Though a strictly localized event, it can be seen as a precursor to the civil war that broke out several years later be-

tween the king and the reformist baronial movement led by Simon de Montfort.

Only one source describes the rebellion of Holderness in any detail. This is the Chronicle of Meaux Abbey, a record of the history of the abbey and wider events in Holderness. The chronicle was written between 1396-9 by the then Abbot, Thomas Burton, and covers some 250 years from the founding of the abbey in 1150.

Volume II of the Chronicle describes how, about the year 1260, King Henry III's son and heir Prince Edward, travelled to Scotland to visit his sister, Queen Margaret. En route he summoned the knights and freemen of Holderness to meet him at York. From there they would serve as an armed escort as he travelled north. The men of Holderness refused this service and sent one of the monks of Meaux to excuse them. On his return from Scotland Edward sent another summons, which was again refused.

This spirit of independence, at a time when King Henry's government was threatened by De Montfort and his allies, could not go unpunished. After consulting Parliament Henry dispatched an army led by seven barons to Holderness, with orders to seize the persons and goods of those who had twice refused a royal summons to military service.

Instead of meekly submitting to this show of force, the men of Holderness decided to resist. Led by the local Sheriff, they smashed the bridge over the river Hull before the royal army could cross. The rebels then occupied the monk's grange of Sutton, where for two nights they kept a close watch on the river. Meanwhile, the royalists camped close to the convent of Cottingham, where the nuns were obliged to supply them with provisions.

The Sheriff of Holderness then held a council at an unspecified 'chapel in the wood', where all the knights, squires, free tenants and commonalty of Holderness were present. It seems a pitched battle between the men of Holderness and the royal army was imminent, but the Meaux Chronicle claims that the situation was defused by the prompt action of the Abbey's sub prior, who:

'Put himself to infinite fatigue in seeking interviews with the barons, and negotiating for the people, scarcely took a rest for six days and nights, and tired out three horses in twenty-three hours...' <sup>7</sup>.

His efforts appear to have been successful, for instead of a battle an agreement was reached, whereby representatives from both armies met on neutral ground at Beverley and agreed a truce. In rather self-satisfied terms, the Chronicle states that 'the whole country of Holderness, was for ever held in obligation to the house of Meaux for its conduct on this occasion' <sup>8</sup>.

The Meaux chronicler does not name any of the Holderness rebels, his chief concern being to reflect glory upon the Abbey for its role in ending the rebellion. The date of the rebellion is also vague, the Chronicle giving it as 'about 1260'. It is known that Prince Edward visited his sister Queen Margaret in 1256, 1265 and 1268, while Parliaments were held in London in 1258, 1259, 1260, 1263, 1264 and 1269.

Combining these dates with the Chronicle, the most likely scenario seems to be that Edward summoned the men of Holderness to do military service when he travelled to Scotland in 1256. Their refusal to do would then most probably have been discussed in one of the Parliaments held between 1258-1260, with an army being dispatched to subdue Holderness soon afterwards.

There are no other direct references to the rebellion, but it is possible to glean a little more information from surviving legal records. This can at least give us some idea of the state of law and order within Holderness at the time of the rebellion, and who was involved, or accused of being involved, in criminal activity.

One local criminal gang of fourteen men and women were accused of plundering the goods and chattels of a landowner named Saero de Gargrave <sup>9</sup>. The thefts took place at the towns of Hedon and Ottringham, a few miles west of Hull. The offenders were summoned to court in 1262 but failed to turn up, upon which the Sheriff of Yorkshire was ordered to seize their belongings. Evidently nothing much was achieved for the case is repeated in further court rolls in 1265 and 1268 <sup>10</sup>. Of all the people accused, it appears that the local bailiffs only ever managed to apprehend one, an Isabel Ficlyng.

On the surface this looks like the kind of violent local dispute common in medieval times, except that two of the men accused were not common thieves. One was Sir Simon Constable, a member of the Constables of Halsham and Burton Constable, a monument to which family still stands in Halsham. They are not to be confused with the Constables of Flamborough, another local baronial family of separate lineage.

The other was a Remigius of Pocklington, who served as Sheriff of Holderness between the years 1260-1264. The Chronicle of Meaux states that it was the Sheriff of Holderness who led the rebellion, though the chronicler does not name him. The dating of the robberies is slightly vague and they can only be said to have occurred sometime in the early 1260s. According to the Meaux Chronicle this is about the same time as the rebellion, and given his known term of office there can be little doubt that Remigius was the Sheriff who led the rebellion. Records of him and his cronies involved in robbery and serious disturbances of the peace provide us with a glimpse of the state of lawlessness within Holderness at this time.

The revolts of Robert Thwing and the men of Holderness were short-lived affairs, but as examples of the nature and violence of popular protest in this period they are worthy of note, and in the case of Robert Thwing as a demonstration of how one man's private grievance could lead to widespread rebellion. They are also fascinating and perhaps largely forgotten episodes in the history of East Yorkshire, and hopefully this article can help to preserve their memory.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

**R.K. (Dick) Lloyd *Forty years a salesman* 2005 463 pages; with many illustrations plus illustrated colour cover, limp. ISBN 0-9550250-0-1 A limited number are still available four Bill Bromwich, 47 Derrymore road, Willerby, HU10 6ET £25 inc. post and packing**

This autobiography is a lively and swashbuckling account of a career selling cranes and excavators around the world. Starting in 1957 as a sales trainee with Coles Cranes, of Sunderland, he was 'blooded' in South America, where he relates crossing Lake Titicaca in the *Inca* a steamer built by Earles of Hull in 1905 she was sent up the Andes in pieces on mule back to be assembled on the lakeside.

He spent a great deal of time in Eastern Europe as well as in the Mediterranean then joined Hyman of Rhymney in 1965 but it is his time at Priestmans 1970-1984, which will interest most readers in our region. Founded in 1870 the firm was just a hundred years old when he joined the staff after they had been taken over by the Steel Group, though Philip Priestman and other members of the family still had the major influence on the company's development. Substantial government contracts during the war provided the company with the capital for expansion in the 1950s and 1960s on their new site at Marfleet on the Hedon road. The introduction of hydraulics proved a mixed blessing

and in 1972 there was a change of ownership to Acrow, synonymous with the adjustable prop which revolutionised scaffolding methods.

Expanding sales reached a peak in 1979 after which a rapid decline ensued, and the extravagant style of the chairman Bill de Vigier failed to impress the stock exchange and 1984 saw the collapse of the Acrow group. Thereafter Dick Lloyd had a mixed career in Europe and in 1997 what proved to be his last job was the task of arranging the delivery of a crane to handle containers to the remote island of St. Helena. His stay in this remote Atlantic outpost was an unusual and not unfitting end to a lifetime of globe-trotting.

Arthur G. Credland, 2006

**Baker, David J. *Thomas Horsley - gunmaker of York* 2006; 207pp. Illustrated throughout, largely in colour. Available from the author at Arfryn, Rhydlewis, Llandysul, Ceredigion, SA44 5SA**

This is the story of four generations of the Horsleys, makers of 'best guns', the Purdeys of the North one might say, assembled from fragmentary documentary evidence and a detailed study of the surviving guns. Thomas Horsley I began in Doncaster in 1832, moving to York in 1834 and he was succeeded by his son and grandson of the same name. In 1881 a new shop was opened in Doncaster which was run in parallel with the York enterprise. Skilled and innovative craftsmen they registered 8 patents relating to firearms from 1862-1892 and from 1906 when they described themselves as 'Gunmakers and Motor Car Engineers' two further patents relating to the internal combustion engine were added to the tally. Last of the line was Anthony Horsley, nephew of Thomas Horsley III, a retailer only, and the firm which had moved from Coney street to 102 Micklegate closed down in 1956. The Horsley name is familiar in Hull in the timber trade; Horsley-Smith was founded by Joseph Henry Horsley, nephew of Thomas Horsley I; the latter and his siblings were descended from a Marmaduke Horsley of Helmsley.

Arthur G. Credland

***Cottingham's year of victory 1945 being the diary of Vi Jarvis*; two volumes, Malet Lambert Local History Reprints 2005, £5. Avail-**

**able from Geoff Bell, 3 Grange Drive, Cottingham, HU16 5RE.**

Mrs V.A. Jarvis kept a detailed diary for about 20 years and the entries for 1940 have already been published by the Cottingham Local History Society in 1992/93. With the publication of the diary for 1945 an impression of life in Cottingham during the Second World War can be gleaned. The diary is reproduced in facsimile and unedited, which although 'bulky' does give the views of Mrs Jarvis rather than the editor's. Mrs Jarvis lived with her husband, Pip, a market gardener, her son David, and daughter Vivienne and the early part of the diary is mainly concerned with the family moving from Northgate to Briargarth, Castle Road. The diary was published to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second World War in 2005 but does not seem to have been generally available until 2006.

Mrs Jarvis wrote in a very readable style and combined international and local events, such as falling off a bus and the Russians capturing Warsaw or Mussolini executed (Pip's birthday). There are good accounts of work as a market gardener and the brief descriptions of Humber Street are tantalising. At the end of the diary are various lists, with comments, of radio plays; books read, apart from April - July "too busy"; plays and films seen; highlights of the year and lectures attended.

An innovation with this Malet Lambert Publication, and *Alice in Holidayland*, is the use of colour printing. VE Day was a "Red Letter Day" and Mrs Jarvis used red ink for the following three days, which has been faithfully reproduced.

The great value of Malet Lambert Reprints, and Originals such as the Diary, lays in bringing to attention pamphlets that contain much of interest to the local historian but few of us have any knowledge of their existence. Apart from a few railway enthusiasts who knew of the excellent *Alice in Holidayland*? A comprehensive catalogue of Malet Lambert Publications would be a great asset to the local history scene.

Robert Barnard



## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Bancroft, Thomas (edited by Pat Dawson) *From Woollen Mills to Flying Machines*. 2006 £8.99, available from Elloughton Post Office and the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington (autobiography of former employee of Blackburn Aircraft Company, now BAE, Brough)

Bell, Gordon, with Arthur Credland and Ruth Richardson *HB Carter & Sons: Victorian Watercolour Drawing and the Art of Illustration* Blackthorn Press, Pickering, 2006 £9.95 (Arthur Credland's contribution is 'The Carters and the Hull art scene')

Boland, Geoffrey *The Fourth Estate in Hull; the life and times of the daily press* Hull Local Studies Library, April, 2005 (five page information resource guide available from Hull Local Studies Library)

Carstairs, Ian *A Portrait of Hull* Halsgrove, 2006 £14.99 (modern photographs)

Chapman, Ben and Mave *Around Goole* Non-such Publishing Ltd., (Pocket Images series) 2006(?) pb £5.99 (a reprint in a different format)

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*Hedon History*: The joint newsletter of Hedon Museum Society and Hedon & District Local History Society Issue 32 Autumn 2006 – includes 'Michael Tennyson, surgeon apothecary' - Marion Shaw, 'Brandesburton Hall' – Berna Moody, 'Thomas Cromwell found locally' – Martin Craven, 'Henry Guy Esq MP for Hedon & secretary to the Treasury' – Wendy Austin & Martin Craven, 'Henry Grimston' – Martin Craven

*Hessle Local History Society Newsletter* No.54 April 2006 – includes 'Medical Officer of Health Reports on tuberculosis' by Keith Hare, Hessle Primary Care Centre, 'reminiscences of a cycle shop' by Trevor Fox, and 'Hessle Council Senior School' by George Potter 'The History of Newland Avenue Allotments' – Sharon Dunn, in *Friends of Hull's Wildlife Newsletter* Vol.2 Spring 2006 pp7-12

*Hull Civic Society Newsletter* January 2006 – includes 'Castle Street Revisited – John Scotney; 'East Hull Revisited' – Colin Cooper; 'Planning & Buildings News' – John Scotney; 'Good Mark: The Octagon, Ice House Road, Hull' – John Netherwood; and 'Good Mark Caesar's Restaurant, Prince's Avenue, Hull' - Malcolm Sharman

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*Hull Civic Society Newsletter* June 2006 – includes 'Kingston upon Hull & Her Neighbours: The Uneasy Peace' – Peter Asquith Cowen, 'Good Marks' reports and planning news

*Yorkshire Film Archive*  
Yorkshire Film Archive, based at York St John College, which "Finds, Preserves and shows

films made in, or about Yorkshire", has produced a series of six programmes available both in VHS and DVD format. They are, A Region At War, A Region on the Move, A Region at Play, A Region at Work, A Region Growing Up, and From Coast To Country. I am not sure how much 'East Yorkshire' material there is in these programmes as I have not seen them, but they may well be worth exploring. The films are £14.99 each for either format, plus £2.00 p&p, make cheques payable to Yorkshire Film Archive, York St John College, Lord Mayor's Walk, York YO31 7EX Tel (01904) 716550 email [yfa@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:yfa@yorks.ac.uk)

*Holderness Churches: A Gazetteer* has been published by The East Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust. It features 39 churches in areas including Hornsea, Beeford, Swine and Thorngumbald, and is available, free, from local Tourist Information Centres

*Hull Medical Society Centenary Publications*  
See <http://www.hullmedicalsociety.co.uk/page7.html> for a list of publications in print, and proposed, at January 2006

## **LOCAL HISTORY MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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

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.

Every Friday 10am – 4pm - *Beverley Guildhall Community Museum* open free of charge – current exhibition 'Handmade Beverley'

Every Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm - *Skidby Windmill and Museum of East Riding Rural Life* (£1.50 entry charge) Bank Holidays and school holidays open Weds-Sun 10am-5pm – admission adults £1.50, children 50p, OAPS 80p (*now open every day*)

Permanent exhibition – ‘Telling Time’, permanent gallery exploring Hull & East Yorkshire clocks and their makers. A fine collection of long-case and bracket clocks from the late 18th to the 19th century, many in full working order, as well as a fine collection of pocket watches and watch movements – includes children’s activities – *Wilberforce House (Georgian Houses)*, High Street, Hull

*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

8 January 2007- Hull One – Jan Sylvia Yates - *Hull Civic Society*, Quality Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull 7.30pm

9 January 2007 – The History of Yorkshire Gardens – Rose Horspool - *Hedon & District Local History Society*

10 January 2007 – More Treasures of the English Parish Church – Sophie Weston - *Cottingham Local History Society* – Hallgate Junior School, Cottingham 7.30pm

17 January 2007 – Raised mire systems and the archaeological record – Dr Ben Gearey – *East Riding Archaeological Society*, University of Hull, 7:30pm

7 February 2007 - Building Materials of East Yorkshire – David Neave - *Cottingham Local History Society* – Hallgate Junior School, Cottingham 7.30pm

12 February 2007 – Planning – Councillor John Fareham - *Hull Civic Society*, Quality Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull 7.30pm

13 February 2007 – Stained Glass – Janice Smith - *Hedon & District Local History Society*

21 February 2007 – Ritual, hoards and helmets – Vicki Score – *ERAS*, University of Hull, 7:30pm

7 March 2007 – Reuben Chappell Pierhead Painter North and South – Arthur Credland - *Cottingham Local History Society* – Hallgate Junior School, Cottingham 7.30pm

10 March 2007 – Vernacular Buildings on Yorkshire’s Borders. A day school held at Leeds Metropolitan University by *Yorkshire Buildings Study Group / Yorkshire Archaeolog-*

*ical Society*. Further details from David Cook, 23 North End, Sedgefield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS21 2AZ.

12 March 2007 – WISE (Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation) – Mike Turner - *Hull Civic Society*, Quality Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull 7.30pm

13 March 2007 – Composing Paradise: Italian and English landscapes as inspiration – Valerie Thornhill – President’s Evening - *Hedon & District Local History Society* – Hedon Town Hall

21 March 2007 – Rethinking Ingleborough – Yvonne Luke – *ERAS*, University of Hull, 7:30pm

2 April 2007 – Hull Civic Society AGM followed by Townscape Heritage -Joanne Byrne - *Hull Civic Society*, Quality Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull 7.30pm

4 April 2007 - Cottingham Local History Society AGM followed by an illustrated talk possibly by Geoff Bell - *Cottingham Local History Society* – Hallgate Junior School, Cottingham 7.30pm

18 April 2007 – Ancient Egyptian Mummies: a resource for studying disease and everyday life – Prof Rosalie David – *ERAS*, University of Hull, 7:30pm

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