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Newsletter of the East Yorkshire Local History Society



Front cover: Hull Citadel excavation, 1988, Humber wall

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.

Newsletter

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News from the Society

Programme

As usual, the Society has arranged a full programme of lectures and excursions. Please support the events and bring along your friends.

PLEASE NOTE: If you can please consider paying by Bank Transfer or Internet Banking as our bank now charges for cheques. However, if you have to pay by cheque please make all cheques payable to the East Yorkshire Local History Society. All cheques and booking slips should be sent to the Programme Coordinator.

Programme Coordinator:

Pamela J Martin (Tel no 01482 442221; e-mail pjmartin@pjmartin.karoo.co.uk)

Tuesday 12th September 2023

2.00pm

A Walk round the Walls of Elizabethan Hull

Guide: Helen Good

The lines of the mediaeval walls can still be traced, and this walk will encircle the old town, with stops to discuss not only the walls but the Elizabethan town that they contained.

Duration: about 1 hour 30 minutes.

MEET at the junction of Posterngate and Prince's Dock Side (opposite Leonardo's). The walk will end at Beverley Gate (the junction of Whitefriargate and Prince's Dock Side).

The walk is all outdoors, and will take place whatever the weather, so come prepared.

Cost: £3 per person

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Own Transport

Thursday 14th September 2023

2.00pm

'Walking Hull Fair, 1600'

Guide:- Helen Good

In 1600 the date of Hull Fair was changed from Spring to Autumn and, in recording the change, the town clerk also recorded where each trade or commodity should set up its stalls. This walk will also include the placement of the regular twice-weekly market stalls, so far as can be established.

Duration: about 1 hour 30 minutes.

MEET at the foot of the Wilberforce Monument on Wilberforce Drive. The walk will end on Market Place, near the William III equestrian statue.

The walk is all outdoors, and will take place whatever the weather, so come prepared.

Cost: £3 per person

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Saturday 16th September 2023

Local History Book Fair

Venue: Hull Minster (formerly Holy Trinity Parish Church), 10 King St, Hull, HU1 2JJ

10.00am – 03.30pm

Free Entry, booking not required

**Own Transport

Saturday 21st October 2023

East Riding College, Flemingate Centre, Armstrong Way, Beverley

2.00pm 'Bookbinding'; its History and Practice

Illustrated talk and demonstration

Speaker: Colin Tatman

Includes a demonstration of some of the methods, used, e.g. sewing a book. Colin will bring tools, books and journals on binding, plus slides on the history.

Cost per person: £7

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**Own Transport

Multi-Storey Car Park nearby with inexpensive parking fees. Council Car Park to the left of the Railway Station.

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

Please fill in each event slip fully as it makes it much easier to contact you if necessary. 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 Programme Coordinator.** Please do not transfer your booking to a relative or friend without first consulting the Programme Coordinator, whose telephone number can be found at the beginning of this section. Refunds will

only be given for events costing over £5 Thank you.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase the cost of events due to inflation and the need to change our lecture venue. However, the prices, overall do represent value for money, especially the day events.

Hull Citadel Excavation 1988

Prior to the Victoria Dock Development Humberside Archaeology Unit excavated about a third of the citadel during summer 1988.

The citadel occupied 30 acres and was built 1681-85 designed by Martin Beckman, Charles II's Master of Artillery. It formed a triangle with a bastion at each angle, the Henrician Castle and South Blockhouse occupied two of the bastions as ready made strong points.

The citadel was built as part of improved coastal defences along the south and east coasts as a response to war with the Dutch in 1665-7 and 1672-4. However, three years after the completion of the citadel warfare with the Dutch ended when William of Orange became king. It continued to be used for military purposes as barracks, a POW transit camp and a strategic arsenal. During the 19th century further magazines were built in the citadel. It passed out of military



Humber wall



Humber wall, top of stone facing, lead tie-pins



Victorian magazine



East corner



Path and drain under magazines



East sally port



Sentry post in east sally port



Column base of main entrance



Main entrance (top), fireplace, sentry post / base of spiral staircase

use in the 1840s and demolished in 1864.

The 1988 excavation opened up a large area at the eastern tip of the south east bastion. Three feet of the sea wall was exposed, faced with limestone blocks.

A sally port was exposed to the north with fragments of an iron studded door at the entrance. The passage serving the sally port had a couple of sentry boxes.

Half of the Great Entrance was exposed with a neoclassical pillar base and decorative stone facing showing the position of the entrance.

The 19th century Regimental Magazine was fully exposed.

The 17th century saw the final transition away from heavily defended castles towards the artillery fort where defence was by flanking directed from low and well protected earthen fortifications.

The photographs were taken in August 1988.

Robert Barnard

Local History

Meetings & Events

All the events listed below are subject to cancellation or rearranging, please check with the organisation before turning up to any event.

The Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society maintain a comprehensive list of Yorkshire Archaeological and Local History Societies <https://www.yas.org.uk/Learn-more/More-Yorkshire-links>

Hull Local History Group meet weekly on Thursdays at 10:00am in Garden Village Clubhouse, Elm Avenue

6 September 2023 *Howden Civic Society*, Susan Butler 'Local History', Masonic Hall, 7:30pm

9 September 2023 *Friends of St Mary's*, Alec Gill 'HOME Sweet OMENS', St Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, 2:30pm. £7 on the door or £5 in advance, on line booking <https://StMarysTalks9Sept2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

9 September 2023 *BALH*, 'A hundred Years of Names and Places', a one day conference celebrating the the English Place Name Society. Jubilee Conference Centre, Nottingham, details and booking <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk>

12 September 2023 *Hull History Centre* 'Phil Mathison 'How the outside world came to Spurn Point in times gone by', 12:30pm

14 September 2023 *Beverley Civic Society*, Andrew Morrison 'Update on the Street Life Project, Coney Street, York', St Mary's Church, 7:30pm

15 September 2023 Mike Rymer, 'Garth Cottage', St Mary's Hall, St Mary's Close,

Elloughton, £5 including refreshments. Tickets available from Gillian Bullock 666262 or on the door

16 September 2023 *BALH*, 'Local History Live'. Further details <https://www.balh.org.uk/lhl2023>

20 September 2023 *Gresham College*, Ronald Hutton 'Ancient Goddesses of Sex and War, Central London venue TBC, / online / watch later gres.hm/ancient-goddesses

21 September 2023 *Hessle Local History Society*, Michael Free, Eve Johansson and Ian Wilkinson 'Hessle 1500-1800' Town Hall, South St, 7:15pm,

3 October 2023 *Gresham College*, Malachi McIntosh 'Writing after Windrush', Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, Holborn/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/writers-windrush

4 October 2023 *Howden Civic Society*, Helen Farrah 'The golden age of film', Masonic Hall, 7:30pm

4 October 2023 *Cottingham Local History Society*, Colin Bradshaw 'Flight over East Yorkshire', Cottingham Civic Hall, 7:45pm, members £2, nonmembers £3

5 October 2023 *Gresham College*, Kate Dossett 'Women of the Harlem Renaissance', 6:00pm, Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, Holborn/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/women-harlem

10 October 2023 *Hull History Centre*
Paul Leaver 'Popping down the allotment - A brief history of allotments in Hull and the East Riding', 12:30pm

10 October 2023 *Friends of St Mary's*,
Michael Free 'Joseph Pease-one of Hull's greatest entrepreneurs of the 18th century', St Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, 6:00pm. £7 on the door or £5 in advance, on line booking <https://StMarysTalks10Oct2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

12 October 2023 *Beverley Civic Society*,
AGM followed by Nicholas Evans 'Slavery and the East Riding', St Mary's Church, 7:30pm

12 October 2023 *Gresham College*,
Madhu Krishnan 'Literary Activism in Contemporary Africa', 6:00pm, Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, Holborn/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/literary-africa

19 October 2023 *Hessle Local History Society*, Michael Free 'The memorials and stained glass in All Saints' Church', Town Hall, South St, 7:15pm,

1 November 2023 *Howden Civic Society*,
Gary Tavender 'Finds from the Bishop's Palace excavation', Masonic Hall, 7:30pm

1 November 2023 *Cottingham Local History Society*, Pat Elliott & Peter McClure, 'Cottingham House and the Gee family', Cottingham Civic Hall, 7:45pm, members £2, nonmembers £3

7 November 2023 *Gresham College*,
Tom Holland 'Pilgrimages, Pandemics and the Past', 6:00pm, Gresham College Barnard's Inn Hall Holborn/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/pilgrimages-holland

8 November 2023 *Gresham College*,
Ronald Hutton 'Were there Pagan Goddesses in Christian Europe?', central London Venue tbc / Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/pagan-goddesses

9 November 2023 *Beverley Civic Society*,
Helen Marsden 'National Garden Scheme', St Mary's Church, 7:30pm

22 November 2023 *Gresham College*,
Richard Evans 'Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories: Past, Present and Future?', 6:00pm, Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, Holborn/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/antisemitic-conspiracy

14 October 2023 *Hull History Centre*
Mike Rymer 'David Dunster Priest, Poet, Physician or Chancer? Cambridge New England to Kingston upon Hull 1645-1696', 12:30pm

16 November 2023 *Hessle Local History Society*,
AGM followed by Hannah Stamp 'The work of the East Riding Archives', Town Hall, South St, 7:15pm,

6 December 2023 *Cottingham Local History Society*, David Neave, 'Elephants and Tritons, The Kirkbys and the Sykes, the making of the Sldmere Eastate', Cottingham Civic Hall, 7:45pm, members £2, nonmembers £3

12 December 2023 *Hull History Centre*
Staff of the Hull History Centre 'Our
Favourite Archives', 12:30pm

Venue tbc / Online/ Watch Later gres.
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14 December 2023 *Beverley Civic
Society*, Leah Cave 'The Tree Planting
Programme', St Mary's Church, 7:30pm

24 April 2024 *Gresham College*, Ronald
Hutton 'The Western Magical Tradition'.
6:00pm, central London Venue tbc /
Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/western-
magic

14 December 2023 *BALH*, Fiona
Edmonds "Northumbrian institutions
reconsidered: three upland
communities in medieval Britain:
BALH Dymond Lecture 2023', 6:30pm.
Further details [https://www.balh.org.
uk/dymond2023](https://www.balh.org.uk/dymond2023)

5 June 2024 *Gresham College*, Ronald
Hutton 'Witch-Hunting in European
and World History', 6:00pm, central
London Venue tbc / Online/ Watch
Later gres.hm/witches-europe

3 January 2024 *Cottingham Local
History Society*, Pete Walker 'Hull's Old
Town fortifications from Edward II to
Queen Victoria', Cottingham Civic Hall,
7:45pm, members £2, nonmembers £3

7 February 2024 *Cottingham Local
History Society*, Rachel Waters
'Cottingham through a postcard
publisher's lens', Cottingham Civic Hall,
7:45pm, members £2, nonmembers £3

14 February 2024 *Gresham College*,
Ronald Hutton 'Dragons, a History',
6:00pm, central London Venue tbc /
Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/dragons

6 March 2024 *Cottingham Local History
Society*, Colin Cooper 'Ships Sail Right
into the Heart of Hull', Cottingham
Civic Hall, 7:45pm, members £2,
nonmembers £3

6 March 2024 *Gresham College*, Ronald
Hutton 'Ritual Nudity in History and
Religion', 6:00pm, central London