

# 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:** Please make all cheques payable to the East Yorkshire Local History Society. All cheques and booking slips should be sent to the Programme Coordinator.

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### Saturday 16th March 2019

The Lairgate Hotel, Lairgate, Beverley

2.00pm

AGM

Approx. 3.15pm

'Charles I and Beverley: a new look at the evidence'

Talk and Presentation

Speaker: Professor Barbara English.

In her talk to the Society, Professor Barbara English MBE examines the primary sources for the crucial months of early 1642 when Charles was trying to gain access to Hull and its Arsenal. He and his court stayed in Beverley, and she describes his activities there. Additionally, by studying the original record of the trial of the King in the House of Lords archives (a trial that ended in his execution), she has unearthed previously unnoticed evidence about the outbreak of

the Civil War, which changes all the traditional views.

There is limited parking behind the hotel, accessed via Grayburn Lane off Lairgate.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

\*\*Own Transport

### Saturday 30th March 2019

Education Room, Treasure House, Beverley

2.00pm

'Investigating the archaeological landscapes of the Western Yorkshire Wolds'

Illustrated Talk

Speaker: - Dr Peter Halkon

This talk will include reference to recent aerial photography and other forms of remote sensing which have added much new information, particularly on the Later Prehistory of the region.

Cost: £3 per person

Max. No. 40 people

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

\*\*Own Transport

### Saturday 27th April 2019

Education Room, Treasure House, Beverley

2.00pm

'Of a Fair Uniforme Making - the building history of Beverley Minster 1188-1736'

Illustrated Talk

Speaker: John Phillips

John talks about his recent publication and researches which have revealed the re-dating of Beverley Minster

Cost: £3 per person

Max. No. 40 people  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
\*\*Own Transport

**Friday 31st May 2019**

2.00pm

Visit to Everingham Hall

Hosts:- Mr & Mrs Philip Guest

Everingham Hall was built by John Carr 1757-64 and in 1962 Frances Johnson made extensive alterations to the property. It is a fine Grade I listed Georgian house and within the grounds near to the house is a Roman Catholic Chapel built in 1839 dedicated to Ss Mary & Everilda

Meet at the House (Car Park in grounds)

Cost: £10 per person

Includes Tea and Cakes.

Max. No. 50 people

\*\*Own Transport

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

PLEASE NOTE Bring walking shoes to explore around the lake – the land is rough and can be muddy. (This is not part of the tour).

Take the A1079 from Beverley and just as the Bypass begins after Shiptonthorpe, there is a left turn to Everingham. Follow Thorpe Le Street until you arrive in Everingham (quite a good distance) and turn left at the junction. You will pass the Parish Church on your left and shortly after there is the road to the Hall, rather a concealed entrance; follow the road as directed to the house and car park.

**Friday 14th June 2019**

7.15pm

Visit to Thorngumbald Hall

Hosts: Mr & Mrs Ian Lanham

Thorngumbald Hall is the home of Mr & Mrs Lanham, but also the business premises of Lanham Associates Ltd which provides Architectural Services  
Meet at the Hall

Cost: £5 per person (which will be donated to charity)

Includes tea/coffee.

Max. No. 25 people

\*\*Own Transport

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Hall is situated on the left hand side of the main road (A1033). through Thorngumbald travelling from Hull. It is before the Church on the crossroads and just before The Crescent on the left. Do not mistake The Hall for Thorn Hall which is a residential home; this is located off the road on the left, but just before The Hall.

**Friday 5th July 2019**

2.00pm

Visit to Goodmanham Rectory (Hall Garth)

Hosts: Mr & Mrs John Bladon

... and Goodmanham Parish Church

Guide: Dr Martin Craven

Goodmanham Rectory, now entitled Hall Garth, is a grade II listed building built 1823-4 by Charles Mountain. Currently it is the home of Mr & Mrs John Bladon.

A tour of the Church will be followed by a visit to the former Rectory. Tea and refreshments will be served with the opportunity to walk around the garden.

Meet at the Church

Cost: £8 per person (which will be donated to Goodmanham Church)

Max. No. 25 people

\*\*Own Transport

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Directions: Come down Market Weighton Hill from Beverley on the A1079 and turn right at the first roundabout into Sancton Road which runs into Southgate and up to the junction with High Street. Turn left into High Street and drive just past the Parish Church on the right and turn into Londesborough Road. Follow the road until you see the Goodmanham sign on the right. Continue on this road until you approach Goodmanham. The Church is on the left hand side after the acute bend and the car park is just before the church.

Instructions will be given for Goodmanham Rectory on the day.

### **Saturday 10th August 2019**

2.00pm

Visit to Byland Abbey

Guide: Dr Stuart Harrison

Byland Abbey, an English Heritage property, inspired the design of church buildings throughout the North. Built in the 12th century, it was one of the largest Cistercian monasteries in Britain.

Dr Stuart Harrison has made a lifetime study of Byland Abbey, as well as Rievaulx Abbey, Meaux Abbey and other related monasteries. He is undoubtedly an expert in the field.

Meet at the Abbey

Cost: £2.50 per person NB Entry to the site is now free; there is a small, excellent museum within the grounds, to which we may be able to gain access, in which case an additional fee would be charged on the day. It is worth

including it in the tour. EH members should bring their cards with them.

Max. No. 40 people

\*\*Own Transport

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Directions: Take the A1257 (Malton - Helmsley road) to Hovingham and turn left into Park Street (before you pass Hovingham Hall). Continue driving on this road, crossing the Gilling/Brandsby road until you reach the Yearsby crossroads. Turn right here and then shortly afterwards left on to the road signposted Coxwold. Continue along this road until you reach the Oulston junction and turn right as signposted to Coxwold. Drive into Coxwold and turn right at the crossroads. Byland Abbey is approx. 4 miles down this road on the right.

Parking: There is a small triangular car park opposite the Abbey site which will accommodate approx. 9 cars. Further layby parking can be found along the roadside towards Coxwold. Alternatively, there is parking behind the Abbey Inn, opposite the site.

The Abbey Tearooms provide a good lunch and afternoon tea menu.

### **Friday 6th September 2019**

1.00pm

Guided Walkabout of Withernsea and Tour of Lighthouse

Guide: Godfrey Holmes

1.00pm. Meet at the Lighthouse (47, Hull Road, Withernsea. HU19 2DY) – to visit the Museum and climb the 144 steps (optional). There is a café on the premises.

2.00pm. We commence the tour of Withernsea, with the acclaimed author

and journalist, Godfrey Holmes. He will take us on a walking tour of the town which will last approx. 1.5 - 2 hrs.

Cost: £2 per person (Lighthouse & Museum)

£2 per person (Walking Tour)

Max. No. 25 people

\*\*Own Transport

NB. There is a bus service from Hull to Withernsea.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

\*\*Sensible shoes and appropriate jacket recommended. Withernsea can be a windy location!

### **Saturday 21st September 2019**

Local History Book Fair

Venue: Hull Minster, 10 King Street, Hull HU1 2JJ

10.00am – 03.30pm

Free Entry

\*\*Own Transport

### **Saturday 19th October 2019**

Education Room, Treasure House, Beverley

2.00pm

'Lawson Lies Still in the Thames': The Extraordinary Life of Vice-Admiral Sir John Lawson'

Talk and Presentation

Speaker: Gill Blanchard

Gill has recently had a book published detailing the extraordinary career of an ordinary merchant seaman, Scarborough born and bred, who navigated his way up the ranks to become a celebrated Vice Admiral. He served in the republican army and both the republican and royalist navies; was rewarded by Cromwell and knighted by Charles II for his role in the

restoration of the monarchy. Yet, until now, he has been largely ignored by historians. During the 1640s he twice went into exile in Hull and claimed to have played a part in uncovering Sir John Hotham's 'betrayal'. He also played an important part in the 1648 siege of Scarborough Castle.

Gill is a historical biographer, writer of local histories, professional genealogist and house historian based in Norwich.

Cost: £5 per person

Max No. 40 people

\*\*Own Transport

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

### **Saturday 2nd November 2019**

Education Room, Treasure House, Beverley

2.00pm

'Southburn Archaeological Museum'

Talk and Presentation

Speaker: Bill Coultard

The Southburn Archaeological Museum first opened its doors in 2008 at the Southburn site. More recently it has moved to larger premises located between Driffield and Nafferton.

Cost: £3 per person

Max No. 40 people

\*\*Own Transport

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

## **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.

### **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions are now due, the rates are £15 for individual membership and £20 family / institutions / overseas.

If you have an email address it would be useful if we could contact you for changes to events, etc. Please send either to Pat Aldabella (by phone: 01482 671009) or Jenny Stanley (by email: [jenny@ianstanley.karoo.co.uk](mailto:jenny@ianstanley.karoo.co.uk)).

## **Danes Dyke House during WWI**

**From Colour to Flower**  
by  
Carrie Rose

I was born in 1892 in London in the basement flat my parents had rented at 25 Alexander Road, Westbourne Green. The area was very pretty and most of the houses were owned by well-to-do people.

I was Christened Caroline Annie in St Peter's Anglican Church, Elgin Avenue. Caroline was also my mother's name, but since she did not want to be known as 'Old Caroline,' I have always been called 'Carrie'. It's the sort of thing that should have been thought about before I was named because it caused a lot of confusion.

There were six of us children. I was the eldest, then came John Adam, then Allen, Margaret, William Forbes, and Ellen Eliza, all in two-year intervals. Sadly Margaret died soon after being born, probably of diphtheria or scarlet fever, both very common at the time.

My father, John Green, was employed as a painter and decorator. He had come to London from Scotland in 1886 at the age of nineteen to seek his fortune. In Bayswater and Tyburnia workmen were needed to decorate the fashionable parlours and drawing rooms of the rich people. My father also used to paint the white stucco on the outside of their big Georgian and Regency houses. Aunt Mary, dad's sister, lived in Chelsea at 7 Sloane Street as companion to Lady Luck and dad did all the decorating there. He also worked in Ireland for a time, decorating Birr Castle for the Earl of Rosse.



The Greens 1917. Back row left to right: John, Billy, Nell, Alan. Front row left to right: John, Carrie, Caroline

By the time I was four we had moved from Westbourne Park to 36 Waverley Road, half a mile away. The street is now demolished but it was near the old Lock Hospital, between the Great Western Railway track and the Grand Junction canal, just south of the Harrow Road. Dad must have found work hard to come by because Waverley Road was one of the worst streets in Paddington. It was a very poor and overcrowded area, full of slums even in those days. Subletting had gone so far that a room might have different tenants by day and by night.

By the age of nine we were at number 11 Errington Road, the family home for the next twenty-five years. It was

a two-storey house with a basement, dating from about 1880, near to the bustling Harrow Road, and within a stone's throw of Paddington Rec.

I went to Essendine Road Board School, about half a mile away. We were taught the three Rs, with a little geography and history, and for the girls sewing and embroidery. When school had finished in the afternoon I'd help mum get dad's dinner ready which was the main meal of the day.

On Saturday afternoon whenever it was fine we children would go playing. We'd often walk to Kensington Gardens or Hampstead Heath or Queen's Park

and mess about with a ball or play hide and seek.

The choice of a career for a girl born into my circumstances was not difficult. Most girls I knew went into service. At that time domestic service was by far the largest female occupation.

I thought I could go into service as a housemaid or kitchenmaid and work my way up but dad would not hear of it. He was determined that I should learn more about needlework, dress-making and hat making then I would be able to apply for one of the better service jobs, maybe a housekeeper or lady's maid.

When I left school at fourteen I was apprenticed to Madame Lefevre, a dress-making and millinery establishment in Queen's Road, Bayswater, near William Whiteley's department store. Madame Lefevre was a well-respected couturiere and most of our customers were well-heeled. The apprenticeship was for five years.

In the end I stayed eight years with Madame Lefevre. I became a skilled milliner and seamstress. I was a reliable worker and was given trust and responsibility. After eight years I was getting itchy feet. I was twenty-two and shapely and felt like a change. I had earned a good reference. Employers set great store by references. They had to be immaculate otherwise you would have no chance.

Then the Great War came and turned everything upside down. Two of my Scottish uncles were killed. My brother John, who had been working as a bank clerk, went to France with the Cameron Highlanders. Allen, an electrician, joined the Royal Navy aboard HMS Renown. Bill was too young. He was doing his apprenticeship as a cabinet-maker, and Nell had just started at St Peter's Church School in Chippenham Mews.

Some of my friends became bus conductors or office clerks whilst others went into factories or worked on the land to help the war effort. My parents still insisted I go into service. I'm sure they thought it would be good training for me and help me be a better housewife if I found someone to marry. I contacted the well-known domestic agencies and within a week I was told there was a vacancy with a Mrs Cuyler at Danes' Dyke House at thirteen shillings a week. There was only one snag with the job. Danes' Dyke House was two hundred miles away in Flamborough, Yorkshire.

I was interviewed for the job in London and decided to take it. Wearing my best hat, I said a tearful goodbye and set out for that big, rambling house. My dad came with me to make sure I got there safely. We got off the train at Bridlington and travelled three miles by bus to the house. It was in the middle of nowhere. The nearest house was Sewerby Hall, a mile away and Flamborough village was a mile-and-a-half away. Dane's Dyke House itself was

nearly a mile from the nearest road. I was half-excited and half-scared stiff as I walked up the long tree-lined drive.



Sir George and Lady Cuyler

Mrs Cuyler was aged forty. She was the wife of Captain George Cuyler and the daughter of Frederick Gordon of Sunderland, a millionaire shipowner. She had married Captain Cuyler in 1913 in St George's Hanover Square, a posh London Church, after her first husband Mr Alexander McKenzie, a solicitor, had died some four years before. Her fifteen-year-old daughter, Miss Sybil, was her bridesmaid.

Danes' Dyke House had belonged to the Cottrell-Dormer family for forty years until they sold it in 1914. It was

a large gothic style manor house, very isolated and windswept, perched on a hill overlooking the sea. There were lots of pointed gables and little dormer windows and a conservatory on the west side. It was quite an ugly, spooky sort of house really.

Danes' Dyke itself is a two-and-a-half mile long ditch about fifteen feet high, running north to south across the Flamborough peninsula. Apparently it was dug in the Iron Age to cut the area off from the mainland. The house was at the very south of the dyke. A steep path led through the dark woods down to the sea a quarter of a mile away. It was a very stormy area and you could hear the sound of the waves beating on the rocks. The grounds, over 130 acres, were covered in woods and shrubs although there were some terraced gardens and neat lawns at the north side of the house. I remember seeing beautiful wild flowers like scarlet pimpernels and blue speedwells.

Mrs Cottrell-Dormer, whose family the Stricklands were Lords of the Manor of Flamborough, had built Danes' Dyke House in 1873. Her husband was Charles Cottrell-Dormer, of Rousham, Oxfordshire, son of Sir Clement Cottrell-Dormer. On her death in 1892 her grandson inherited the house and sold it in 1914 to the new Lord of the Manor of Flamborough, Mr Robert Boulton. He was a businessman, a London banker, the brother of Sir William Boulton, Conservative MP for Sheffield. During the war Mr Boulton let the house to the Cuylers. The west wing and some of the



Danes' Dyke House, Flamborough

out-buildings were also used for some time as quarters for the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons.

The staff was almost all female, the war had seen to that. There were only three men, Mr Sparke the butler, Frederick the chauffeur and Fletcher the gardener. Most of the others had joined up. There was a housekeeper Ivy Scott and two housemaids Dorothy and Lily, a cook Mrs Carter and two kitchenmaids Gladys Newton and Ella Fayle, and Emily, Miss Sybil's maid.

The most dominating figure amongst the staff was Mr Sparke the butler. His Christian name was the most unimportant thing about him. He was known to everyone as Sparky or Mr Sparke. He was addressed as sir by all the staff. He never once called me by

my Christian name, only as Miss Green. Mrs Cuyler only ever called me Green.

Captain Cuyler was busy in the army. He always looked so grand in his smart officer's uniform. I can only describe him as the very model of an English gentleman. He was in his late thirties and had been to school at Repton in Derbyshire.

My timetable and duties sounded pretty straightforward as Mrs Cuyler said them, but were complicated in practice because something could suddenly crop up or she could be in a funny mood, wanting one thing one minute and another the next.

My day went something like this: I would go to Mrs Cuyler at seven thirty with her morning tea. I would gather

up her clothes from the night before from her dressing room and take them to my room where I would press them later. My room was in the attic. It was sparsely furnished with grey walls and an iron bed. I quite liked the room though because it had a lovely view of the sea and wild cliffs. Though it didn't half get cold in winter.

I would then have my breakfast. If there were no guests and she wasn't eating breakfast downstairs, I would take Mrs Cuyler's up to her at nine o'clock and would lay out her clothes for the day and prepare her bath. After her bath it might be ten o'clock. I would do her hair and arrange her jewellery and shoes. She would dress for whatever the occasion demanded that morning, for visiting or shopping, for tennis or riding or whatever.

This required from me a great deal of organising, pressing, cleaning, and repairing. And there were non-stop errands to be run, messages to be delivered, shopping to be done. After lunch Mrs Cuyler would change for the afternoon. She might relax or go for a drive. Sometimes we would visit friends in York or Beverley or go over to Sewerby Hall to see Colonel and Mrs Lloyd-Greame. Captain Cuyler's brother Sir Charles Cuyler lived at Kingswood House in Medmenham and Mrs Cuyler would go down to Buckinghamshire to see Lady Cuyler who was lonely because her husband was away in the army. I think he was a colonel in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

Mrs Cuyler also visited her brother Mr Gordon and his wife at Boveridge Park in Cranborne, Dorset, and her other brother at Letton Hall in Norfolk. Naturally if she ever went away on a visit I would accompany her. So it was I learnt the difficult art of packing. Choosing what to take was not easy. Mistresses were likely to blame maids if you haven't put the right things in.

At all times I was expected to dress smartly but plainly. Make-up and lipstick were not encouraged and other than a string of cheap beads jewellery was frowned upon. When ladies were out with their maids there should be no mistaking which was which.

Sometimes we would have guests at Dyke House. Mrs Cuyler's widowed mother came up from London and Captain Cuyler had three spinster sisters, Miss Katherine, Miss Amy and Miss Edith, who used to visit. His widowed sister Mrs Rolt also used to come up from Gloucestershire now and again. And Sir Walter and Lady Strickland of nearby Boynton Hall were occasional visitors. They were very nice. Real gentry.

Whenever I was not with Mrs Cuyler I was kept busy at home. Clothes had to be repaired, cleaned and pressed. The kitchen maids did all the washing although sometimes it was sent out and delivered weekly. I had learnt how to iron the various materials that frocks were made of and how to clean them if they became stained. As well as repairing clothes I made a good

deal of Mrs Cuyler's dresses. I copied a lot of the latest fashions from the latest magazines. Her favourite was Mousseline de Soie and her tweeds came from Captain Cuyler's tailor in Savile Row. At her wedding to Captain Cuyler she had worn a dress of pink charmeuse satin trimmed with point d'Alençon lace and a pink hat encircled with a long ostrich feather in shaded rose tints.

Much of Mrs Cuyler's underlinen had come from Paris, mostly made from triple ninon, beautifully appliquéed by French seamstresses. With the war on however I had to make a lot of underlinen. Material would be sent up from London and I would make pants, slips, petticoats and vests. Underwear was very different in those days. None of the flimsy bras and knickers you get nowadays. Bust bodices, camisoles, petticoats were much more usual and corsets were fitted personally.

I remember in 1916 making a muslin cover of lace and net for Mrs Gordon of Boveridge and receiving a letter of thanks and a crisp £1 note as a Christmas present.

Marriage was the ambition of nearly every woman servant. It was not easy for us. During the war men were scarce and my limited and time off was a disadvantage. On afternoons off we would often do the half hour walk across the fields to Flamborough or the three mile cliff top walk to Brid. There we would sit in the teashops making conversations with the locals, the

fishermen and the farmers' sons. We had to be careful though. Boyfriends were not allowed in the house and you could lose your job if you were not in by ten o'clock. I never stayed out too late. I found the whole area too spooky after dark and was really afraid of being out in the woods or near the cliffs after sunset.

Romance was not altogether out of the question though. Because food was delivered it meant we could spend a quarter of an hour talking to the butcher's boy or the grocer. Many a secret rendezvous was made at the tradesman's entrance. We also got friendly with some of the soldiers billeted in the west wing. I particularly remember one Corporal Alfie Shaw of the Yorkshire Dragoons who had a great singing voice.

Close familiarity between the men and women servants was forbidden. Sometimes it was unavoidable though. I never really thought much about romance and was surprised one day when I realised I was always happiest when Frederick Rose the chauffeur was around. We spent a lot of time together. Whenever Mrs Cuyler travelled I would accompany her and Fred would drive the Wolseley. We would often find ourselves alone in the car waiting for her. We would chat and laugh. Fred had come from Derby and was a talented artist. He told me all about how he used to work for Royal Crown Derby as a plate designer and painter. He had a great eye for detail and could fix anything from watches to leaky

taps. He knew everything there was to know about car engines. Anyway one thing led to another and we decided to get married, but we kept it a secret and told no-one.



Frederick Rose 1915

In the autumn of 1917 Captain and Mrs Cuyler left Dyke House for The Hurst, their country seat at Clunton,

Shropshire. Fred returned to Derby and got a job as a driver and mechanic for Hodgkinson's, a highly respected firm of family grocers. He had to drive to the great Derbyshire houses delivering groceries to the gentry. I was sad to be apart from Fred and to see the Cuylers go but I was given a good reference and almost immediately offered employment by another family, the Barkers, at a big house, 'Northlands', at Walkington near Beverley, about twenty-five miles inland from Flamborough.

Northlands was built in 1892 and bought before the war by John Barker, who owned the cattle feed mills at Walkington. It had half-timbered gables and big windows overlooking the Wolds.

I was employed as lady's maid to Mr Barker's two spinster sisters. I had not done the job long when Mr Barker sold up to Sir James Reckitt, the owner of Reckitt & Sons, who made laundry blue, grate polish (I had used it so often!) and Brasso. Sir James turned the house into a twenty-four-bed TB sanatorium called 'The Hull After-Care Colony for Consumptives.'

On my way home I stopped off at Bradford to visit my brother John who had been gassed in France and was recovering in St Luke's Military Hospital. He had fallen in love with the sister of ward D3, Betty Baggott, and they married the following year.

In London I found work as an office clerk at HM Stationery Office in Holborn. On 22 November 1919, Fred's twenty-eighth birthday, we were married at Emmanuel Church, Harrow Road, Paddington by the Rev Frank Bedwell and after a small reception set off for Derby. We bought a three-bedroomed semi at 1159 London Road for £575 and I became a housewife.

### CAROLINE ROSE 1975



Envelope addressed to Miss Caroline Green at Dyke House, Flamborough, from Mrs Charles Gordon of Boveridge Park, Cranborne, Dorset, dated 21 December 1916

*Postscript* by Caroline's grandson, David Rose

Danes Dyke House was acquired in 1924 by Major Herbert Woodhouse CBE (b.1860) a Hull solicitor with family roots in Flamborough. He was the younger brother of Sir James Woodhouse MP, Lord Terrington. The house was acquired by Bridlington Council in 1935 and demolished in 1953.

Caroline Rose lived in Derby until her death in 1991 aged 98. She married Fred Rose in 1919 and became a housewife. Fred worked for forty years as a delivery driver for a Derby grocer and died in 1974 aged 82. They had two children.

Captain Cuyler (1876-1947) became Sir George Cuyler, 5th baronet, in 1919 on the death of his brother. Miss Sybil (1898-1985) married, in 1918, Major Arthur Lombe Taylor (b.1882), barrister, squire of Starston, Norfolk, and had three children. Sir George and Lady Cuyler moved to Pulham St Mary, the next village to Starston. Sir George died in 1947 and his wife Amy (1874-1948) the following year. The Cuyler baronetcy became extinct on his death.

## **Killingwoldgraves.**

*This article first appeared in 'Walkington Newsletter', February 2017.*

The Walkington Singers are a wonderful group: they raise hundreds of pounds for charity. After a concert in Hull, the car carrying a group of the Singers turned off Beverley's western by-pass at the busy roundabout, on to the exit road to Walkington. "KILLINGWOLDGRAVES LANE: that name is unusual", commented Shirley Scrowston, alto (and poet). "I wonder where it comes from?" Such inquisitiveness deserves an answer, so the driver (my wife) volunteered me to find out: "he's interested in that sort of thing". Some time later, the

origin of the name came up at an Over-50's meeting, but there was a literal confusion - "killing" and "graves" - with the mass-burial site discovered in Walkington parish in the 1960s: HELL'S GATE - the subject of a further article.

KILLINGWOLDGRAVES is a very small district of Bishop Burton parish at its extreme south-east corner, west of Burton Bushes. The Lane takes its name from this district. Although the name Killingwoldgraves is first recorded in 1169, it originated in the much earlier Anglian settlement of what we call today East Yorkshire. This colonization began in the 5th century AD, so local place-names are commonly Old English (OE) in origin. Killingwoldgraves is most likely to be a corruption of CYNEWALDGRAEF(E). The name has three parts:

1. CYNE (OE) = an Anglo-Saxon personal name: this is sometimes compounded, as in Cynewulf and Cynewald.
2. WALD (OE) = wold: in early times meaning high wooded land, but later, after long-term deforestation, open upland. The Saxon term WEALD is used in the south of England.
3. GRAEF(E) (O.E.) = grave, pit or trench.

On early maps, such as John Speede's of 1610, and Robert Morden's reprint of a 1695 map, Killingwoldgraves is prominently identified: it was regarded as equally important as communities such as Bishop Burton, Walkington and many others, yet virtually no-one

lived there. Presumably, then, it was important for some other reason, such as its historical significance. Before the building of the by-pass with its big new roundabout and associated carriageway improvements, there was a simple cross-roads here where, on the first Ordnance Survey map of 1856, the Surveyors noted: "Killingwoldgraves, Site of the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene". They also recorded distinct linear earthworks running south-west to north-east. The Hospital and the Killingwoldgraves earthworks explain the area's significance to early map makers.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE HOSPITAL was a medieval religious house. Early documents indicate that this community of nuns already existed by 1169. Its location, close to the York road, suggests one of its functions was to give hospitality to pilgrims visiting St. John's tomb, an important medieval shrine in Beverley Minster. After Henry VIII dissolved the religious houses (1536-39), a farmhouse succeeded the Hospital. A farmhouse and business premises continue to occupy the site.

It was common for Christian establishments to be built at, very near or even on, pagan religious sites, and the Old English origins of the name Killingwoldgraves might suggest this was Cynewald's grave - that of an important chief or religious leader - but there is no historical nor archaeological evidence for a grave site. This was confirmed for me by

Humber Archaeology Partnership in Hull.

LINEAR EARTHWORKS are stretches of bank and ditch, difficult to date, but believed to have been mainly boundaries. So, in the case of Killingwoldgraves, presumably the Old English term graef(e) was not a grave but a trench and banks marking the boundary of Cynewald's land or estate, or the part of a longer boundary that had survived. Its extent is not known, nor the precise location of his abode. Further, all the constructional activity in building the new five-way roundabout, and the associated realignment to the east of Killingwoldgraves junction, destroyed the linear earthworks. The former notation, "Killingwoldgraves, site of the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene" ceased to appear on new editions of O.S. maps.

However, Cynewald, historic forebear, Anglian chief or pagan high priest, is still remembered over a thousand years later in the district and the Lane called Killingwoldgraves, corruption of CYNEWALDGRAEF(E).

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Colin Jenkinson.

## 'Cypher' Book, 1822

We have recently been in correspondence with Renee Martin in America whose ancestor, George Taylor, was born in Walkington in 1810. In her possession is a 39 page school book covering the years 1822/3. Renee has scanned the fragile book and sent it to us as jpegs, see front cover. Its a trigonometry exercise book with, hand written, questions and space for the answer underneath. Identifying it is 'George Taylor's Book' on a few pages as well as the name of the headmaster, William Carling. The school was probably the demolished Parochial School on Northgate, situated on the grassy area in front of the 1876 Board School.

A fascinating survival of early nineteenth century education in the East Riding.

Robert Barnard / Colin Jenkinson

## Beverley Gate

Dave Evans (Humber Archaeology Partnership) has produced an updated monograph on Beverley Gate, it also includes over 60 years investigations

into the Hull Town Defences. Available as a free PDF download [https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/forthull\\_he\\_2018/downloads.cfm](https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/forthull_he_2018/downloads.cfm)

Briony Mcdonagh (Hull University) also has a conference paper on Beverley Gate available as a pdf [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/330564614\\_Rebellious\\_Hull\\_A\\_Drama\\_in\\_Three\\_Acts](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/330564614_Rebellious_Hull_A_Drama_in_Three_Acts)

## Local History Meetings & Events

21 February 2019 *Pocklington History Group* Geoff Sidwell 'Katherine Stewart - remarkable wife of the Major' The Old Court House, George Street, 7:30pm, £2

3 March 2019 *Carnegie Heritage Centre* Alan Beadle 'The White City Story' 1:30pm, £2.50

4 March 2019 *Blades House Maritime History* Micael Duffy 'The Battle of the Atlantic over Two World Wars', 6:00 pm, admission free

5 March 2019 *British Association for Local History* Dr Richard Olney 'Class and Community in North Lincolnshire: the life and thoughts of William Dixon of Holton-le-Moor', , Senate House, London

11 March 2019 *Hull Civic Society* Alan Brigham 'Home front Hull

WWII', 7:30pm, Britannia Royal Hotel, Ferensway, £2 for non-members

12 March 2019 *Hull History Centre, Lunchtime Club*, Kevin Watson 'Lost Cinemas of Hull', 12:30pm admission free

12 March 2019 *Hedon and District Local History Society* Martin Eldred 'All Saints Church & Cavendish Square', 7:30pm, Hedon Town Hall

12 March 2019 *Scarborough and District Civic Society* AGM followed by Christine Hepworth 'Scarborough Old Town', 2:30pm, Library, Vernon Road, £2 or £3 for non-members

13 March 2019 *Carnegie Heritage Centre* David Ostler 'Hull in the Sixties' 10:00am, £2.50

14 March 2019 *Beverley Civic Society* Stephen Stockton 'The ever-changing auction world' 7:30pm, St Mary's church hall

20 March 2019 *East Riding Archaeological Society* Chris Casswell 'Findings from the Dig Ventures Elmswell Project', 7:30pm, Wilberforce Building (LT2), Hull University, £2 for non-members

21 March 2019 *Pocklington History Group* Stephen Caunce 'The Highlight of the Rural Year: The Agricultural Hiring Fairs of East Yorkshire 1890-1925' The Old Court House, George Street, 7:30pm, £2

- 21 March 2019 *Hessle Local History Society* Michelle Beadle 'Edwardian Hull', 7:17pm Town Hall, South Lane
- 23 March 2019 *Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group* Annual Day School 'Building our knowledge: recent projects on historic buildings and contexts', York St John University. Booking form <http://www.yvbsg.org.uk/day2019.pdf>
- 26 March 2019 *Carnegie Heritage Centre* Rob Bell 'Madame Clapham' 7:30pm, £2.50
- 4 April 2019 *Blades House Maritime History* 'Margarette Lincoln 'Working Women in Eighteenth Century London', 6:00 pm, admission free
- 7 April 2019 *Carnegie Heritage Centre* Judy Bangs 'Death and mourning in days gone by' 1:30pm, £2.50
- 8 April 2019 *Hull Civic Society* AGM followed by Malcolm Sharman 'The bridges over the River Hull', 7:00pm, Britannia Royal Hotel, Ferensway, £2 for non-members
- 9 April 2019 *Scarborough and District Civic Society* Anne Morley 'Scarborough's Children's Charities, 2:30pm, Library, Vernon Road, £2 or £3 for non-members
- 10 April 2019 *Carnegie Heritage Centre* Pete Lowden 'The T.S. Southampton' 10:00pm, £2.50
- 11 April 2019 *Beverley Civic Society* Sally Iggulden 'Tales from Beverley Racecourse' 7:30pm, St Mary's church hall
- 17 April 2019 *East Riding Archaeological Society* Dr Mike Nevell 'Excavating Engles: recent archaeological evidence for 19th century industrial housing in Manchester and Salford', 7:00pm, Wilberforce Building (LT2), Hull University, £2 for non-members
- 18 April 2019 *Hessle Local History Society* Sheila Dixon 'Children of the Titanic', 7:17pm Town Hall, South Lane
- 16 May 2019 *Hessle Local History Society* Kath and Clive Richardson 'Lest we forget', 7:17pm Town Hall, South Lane
- 17-19 May 2019 *Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group* 'Annual Recording Conference: Sheffield'
- 23 April 2019 *Carnegie Heritage Centre* Dennis Chapman "'Big Bangs" attacks on West Hull' 7:30pm, £2.50
- 30 April 2019 *British Association for Local History* Prof John Beckett 'Digital recording of churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire', , Senate House, London
- 9 May 2019 *Beverley Civic Society* Stephen Walker 'The Roles and Duties of a Conservation Officer' 7:30pm, St Mary's church hall
- 14 May 2019 *Hedon and District Local History Society* Stephen Caunce 'Hiring

Fairs & Horse Lads' 7:30pm, Hedon  
Town Hall

16 May 2019 *Pocklington History Group*  
'Kaley Kramer 'History of York Printing'  
The Old Court House, George Street,  
7:30pm, £2

1 June 2019 *British Association for Local  
History* Local History Day, Comway Hall,  
25 Red Lion Square, London

11 June 2019 *Scarborough and District  
Civic Society* Morning Walk on North  
Side to start at 10.00am from St Mary's  
Church, near Anne Bronte's Grave and  
finish at St Columba's Church

20 June 2019 *Hessle Local History  
Society* Gill Crowther 'Stanisland Wake,  
anthropologist', 7:17pm Town Hall,  
South Lane

18 July *Hessle Local History Society*  
Francis Davis 'A walk through Willerby's  
past', 7:17pm Town Hall, South Lane

12 September 2019 *Beverley Civic  
Society* Dr David Bostwick 'The Medieval  
Carvings of St Mary's, Beverley' 7:30pm,  
St Mary's church hall

21 September 2019 EYLHS Book  
Fair, 10:00am - 3:30pm, Hull Minster,  
admission free

14 November 2019 *Beverley Civic  
Society* Dr Peter Halkon 'Landscape  
Archaeology of the Wolds' 7:30pm, St  
Mary's church hall

# **EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Registered Charity 1007312

Notice of the 67th AGM

16th March 2019 at 2.00pm

Lairgate Hotel, 30-34 Lairgate, BEVERLEY. HU17 8EP

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
  
- 2 Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting
  
- 3 Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended  
31st December 2018
  
- 4 Presentation of the Financial Accounts for the year ended  
31st December 2018
  
- 5 Election of Officers  
  
a) President  
( b) Executive Committee
  
- 6 Members Forum and any other business.

## EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 10th March 2018  
at the Lairgate Hotel  
30-34 Lairgate  
BEVERLEY  
HU17 8EP

**Present:** 8 members of the Executive Committee, 50 members and guests of the Society.

**Apologies:** Roger Lewis, Sandra Dews, Val Franklin, Iris Westerby, Matthew Harrison, Jennifer Briody, Sir Ian Macdonald, Olwyn Hurst, Jean Thornton, Olive and Brian Walker

**Chair:** Arthur Credland took the chair.

**Deaths of members during the year:** Professor B Jennings, Carole Boddington, Brian Nattriss, Stuart Crumpton, Brian Lavin and Pauline Hopper.

**Minutes of previous AGM:** Minutes of the previous AGM, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record. Proposer: John Kirby, Seconder: Chris Mead.

**Annual Report:** The Chairman's annual report had been previously distributed to members. The chairman thanked the Executive Committee for their support. The Annual report was accepted with no questions and was approved. Proposer: Geoff Percival, Seconder: Shirley Scotney

**Financial Accounts:** The financial accounts had been previously distributed to Annual Report: members. The Treasurer reported that the book on Hull Telephones was originally to have been published by the Society. However as it became too large instead a contribution was made by the Society from the MacMahon Fund to assist with its publication. Society members may buy the book at a reduced price.

**Election of Officers:** There being no other nominations, the President was re-elected. There being no other nominations from the members present, the officers were re-elected, Proposer: David Neave Seconder: Margaret Oliver. Two members of the committee have resigned, and do not wish to be re-elected: Shirley Scotney and Chris Mead. One member has died: Carol Boddington. The remaining Executive committee members were re-elected. Proposer: David Neave, Seconder: Sally George.

**Members Forum and any other business:** Pat Aldabella reported on membership and subscriptions. There are currently 43 members who have not paid and 9 who have not renewed their standing orders. There are 10 new members. She also reported two exhibitions in Hull which members may find interesting: one on the Italian Connection to Hull and the other on Shackleton's Antarctic Exhibition. Pamela Martin thanked the members for supporting last years events and also those who organised some of them. Helen Good gave details of the 2018 Local History Book Fair. It will be held on Saturday 27th October in Hull Minster. She asked those members present who had access to social media to give assistance with advertising the event.

The AGM was closed at this point.

After refreshments, the members were given an interesting talk by Dr David Neave entitled "Hull and the East Riding Revisited".

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The range and variety in the programme of visits and talks received an enthusiastic response from our members. It was a personal treat to return to Boynton Hall after a great many years, and David Neave's presentation at the AGM reminded us of key figures in local history and the interconnections of Hull and East Riding families.

The Book Fair took place at Hull Minster for the second year running, and local societies and individual authors were able to showcase their wares. It was wonderful to enjoy an event in a church, during October, without shivering with cold and damp!

Computer programme problems were resolved enabling once again a high quality of reproduction of text and illustrations in the journal.

Members can look forward to the publication of the journal of John Good, 1813-34, recording his time at sea and his coming ashore to set up business as a merchant of ships stores.

Arthur G. Credland MBE, FSA

## The East Yorkshire Local History Society

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
<b>INCOME</b>		
Members' Subscriptions	3,530.00	3,808.00
Bank Interest	41.08	44.91
Summer Events	2,063.10	1,845.00
Book Sales	252.50	631.00
Book Fair	540.00	795.00
Donations	24.00	44.00
Gift Aid	435.00	478.29
	6,885.68	7,646.29
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Bank Charges	0.00	4.00
Summer Events	1,741.00	1,873.00
Postage/Stationery	605.35	1,099.00
Committee Members Expenses	116.08	137.42
MacMahon Fund	0.00	1,500.00
Victoria County History	100.00	100.00
Printing Costs	2,108.63	2,905.40
Insurance/Subscription to BALH	0.00	75.00
Subscription Refunds	0.00	0.00
Computer equipment	0.00	28.00
Book sale charges (eBay)	97.83	102.10
Book Fair	540.00	771.20
	5,308.89	8,595.92
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>1,576.79</b>	<b>(949.72)</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
As at 31 December 2018		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank	4,023.86	2,488.15
Building Society Deposit	12,720.64	12,679.56
	<b>16,744.50</b>	<b>15,167.71</b>

## **OFFICERS FOR 2018**

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

Vice-Presidents: Dr. D. J. R. Neave

Chairman: Mr. A. Credland

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Stanley

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. Barnard

Hon. Journal Editors: Mr. A. Credland

Mr. R. Barnard

Hon. Newsletter Editor: Mr. R. Barnard

Hon. Membership

Secretary: Miss P. Aldabella

Hon. Publication Officer: Mr. G. Percival

Hon. Programme Secretary: Miss P. Martin

Honorary Life Member

Mr. I Wright

Executive Committee Members for 2018

+ Member willing to be re-elected

+ Miss. P. Aldabella

+ Mr. R. Barnard

+ Mr S Bartle

+ Miss M Carrick

+ Mr. A. Credland

+ Miss H Good

+ Dr J Kemp

+ Miss P. Martin

+ Mr. G. Percival

+ Mr M Rymer

+ Mrs. J. Stanley

+ Mrs S Wade

+ Mr K Wade