Lernen Ohne Grenzen Comenius Regio Showcase

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Introduction

- The University of Hull's contribution to this Comenius Regio project has focussed upon three separate but connected pieces of research:
 - 'My town in a box'
 - A Migration Report
 - The Lemerley Passport
- Through this innovative piece of education work we hope to assist schools on both sides of the North Sea to explore citizenship
- Central to the UK side of this project is to provide education resources of use within Citizenship modules in primary schools



'My town in a box'

- Building on the success of 'My Life in a Box' the idea behind this aspect of the project was for me (as a historian) to showcase some of the familiar parts of Beverley
- In particular teachers asked for less-well known information on Beverley's people, products and places so that they could utilise this within their Citizenship modules
- This latter issue has been a concern within UK schools with monocultural populations as diversity is not visually evident
- Some of the items are specifically aimed at younger audiences and how diversity may be viewed in people, products and places they enjoy





Central to the town has always been its name and its minster

Language

The origins of the name Beverley are well known and reflected in the arms of the town. (The Beavers around a lake).

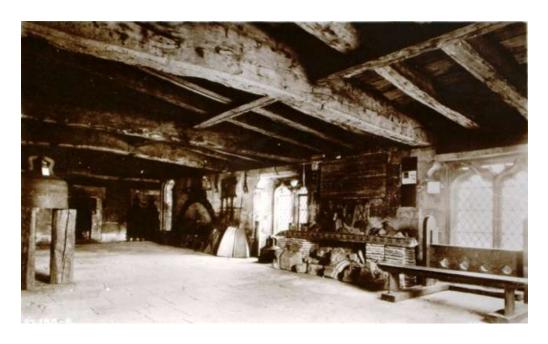
Yet the Minster - an Old English word meaning Monastery - also distinguish it from other cathedral towns. Indeed the use of Minster (or Münster) can be found in Germany as well

Building

Also relevant is when trying to reduce the perceived dangers of Islamaphobia (control of religious habits here by an overseas-based faith) was that the Minster was established as a Catholic place of worship. This encouraged medieval pilgrims as well as the foundation of many of the town's leading historic sites supporting the pilgrims



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Noutdrit Lane

Also called Neatedreate Lane recorded in the 16th century. The name means "Cattle Dung Lane". Was located to the north of the Shoemarket, and could well have been off Hengate. [Site located between Saturday Market and Hengate]













Ethical business - changing attitudes















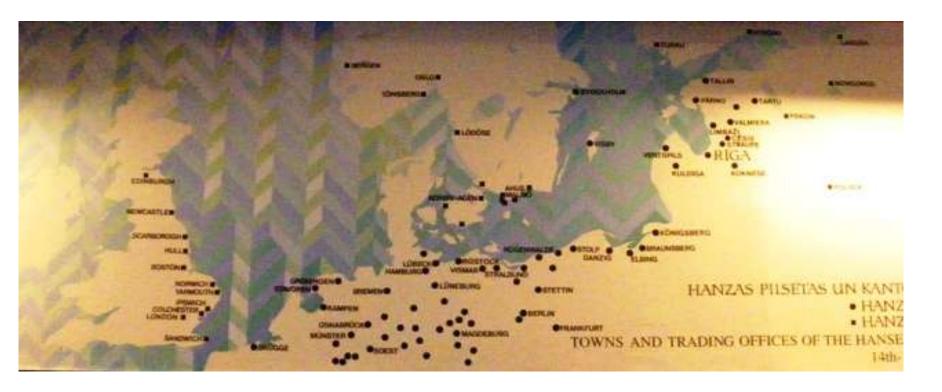




Migration Report - with a particular focus on Beverley's links with Germany

- The migration report has occupied the lion's share of my work
- It has specifically explored the links between Lemgo and Beverley
- Unfortunately, as will become apparent, I could find no links between both areas - except for Town Twinning and associated activities
- Instead Beverley (and the surrounding areas) links with Germany have focussed on Germany as a whole





Central to the historic ties between both Beverley and Lemgo are that both ports were part of the Hanseatic League. This map from the Hanseatic Port of Riga shows the expansive network of ports (such as Lemgo) and sub-ports (such as Beverley)

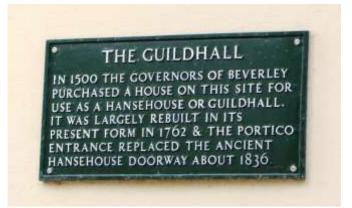


Symbols of the Hansa



Despite research in Hull and even Riga shields of either Lemgo or Beverley are presently missing from historic and contemporary collections of Hanseatic shields













Blucher Lane

Runs from Beckside to Holme Church Lane, and was perhaps named after a Prussian General. Was previously called Raw Lane around the end of the 16th century, and also Waterloo, but has been known by its current name from the middle of the 1850s, and at one time consisted of several little terraces.

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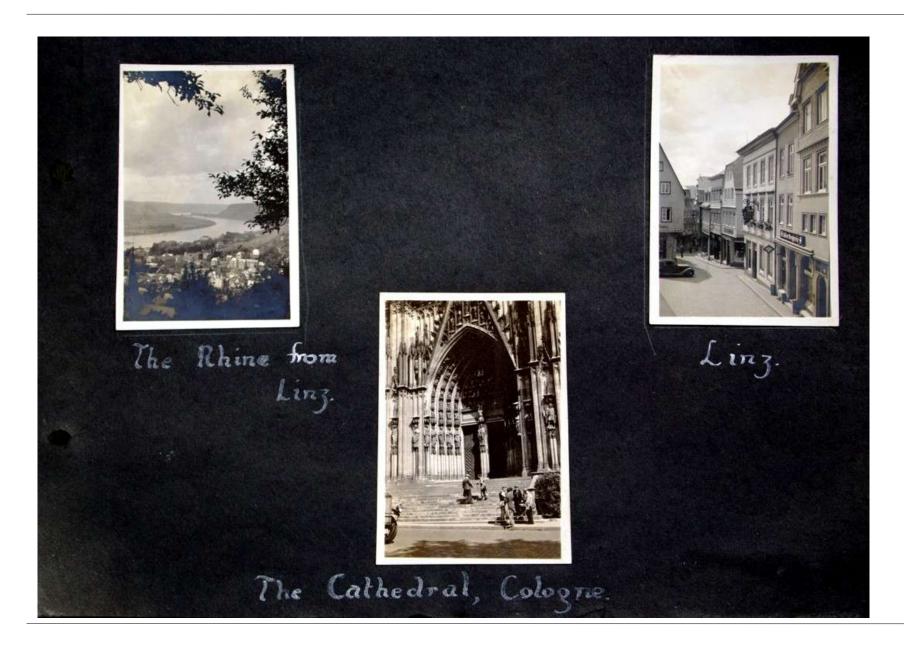
British Soldiers Garrisoned abroad

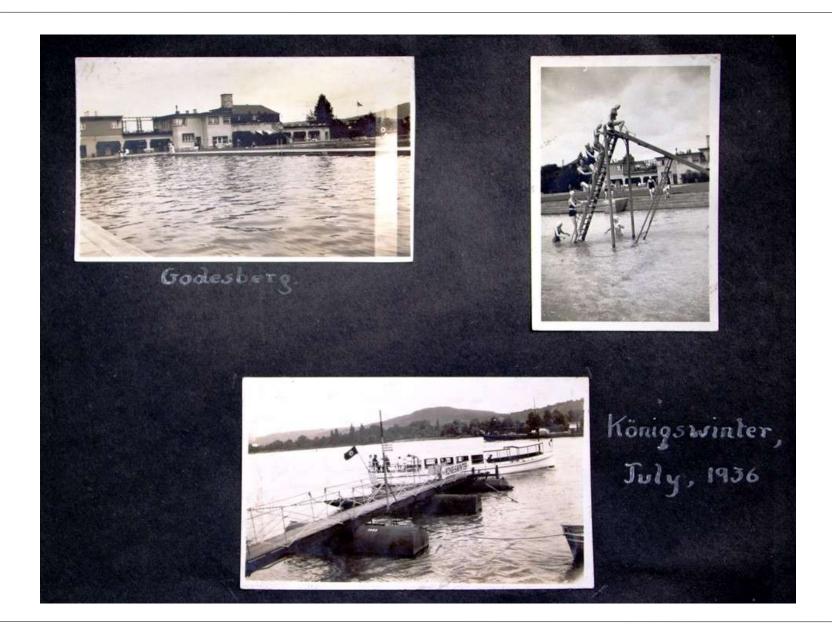
Since the First World War British troops were regularly found in Germany. This Names Day card send to a soldier's daughter in Hull shows how British and German consumer cultures often merged.

The soldier's card from the Y.M.C.A. in the Rhine was even censored when posted by Field Post in 1919.

For children in the UK one's name day is something alien outside of Catholic worship.

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Hamburg highschool students, who wisited Hull, June, 1937.









Lemerley Passport

- Created in tandem with the two schools the passport was designed to encourage inter-generational learning outside of the classroom
- With the assistant of Matt Britton it was visually aimed to provide a bridge between the pupils of both towns so that they could understand common links
- The data recorded aimed to show how the youngest generation of children in Beverley were very much global citizens
- The passports (seen on the side of the room) were sent out during the same week as the UK decennial census



Nationality and Region of Birth

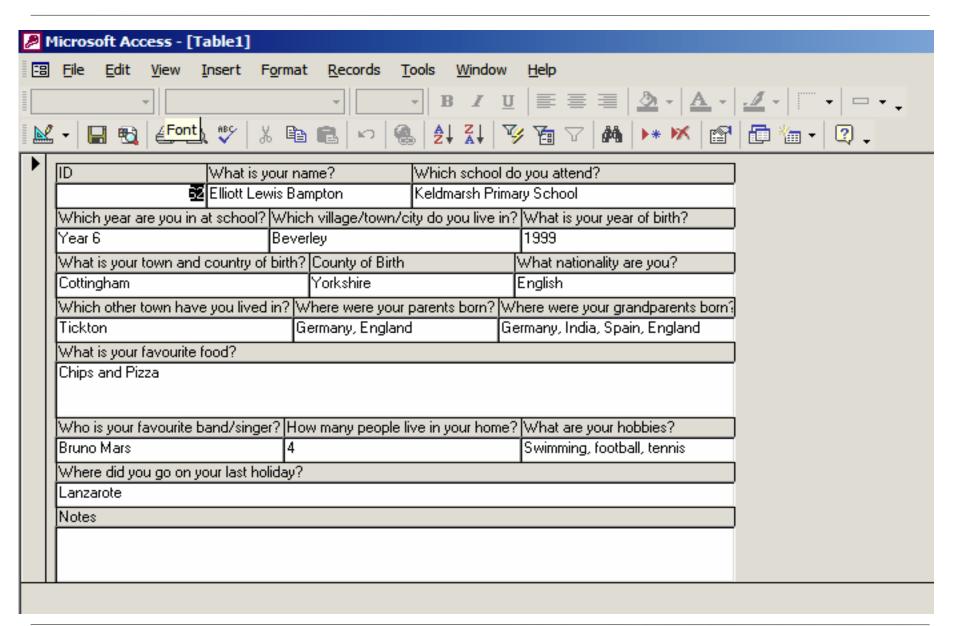
What is your nationality?	Count
British	76
British & Thai	1
British (Quarter Nigerian)	1
British Pakistani	1
English	6
Scottish	1
Spanish & English	1

County of Birth	Count
Bristol	1
Derbyshire	1
Devon	1
Durham	2
England	2
Figarus, Spain	1
Hampshire	1
Harare, Zimbabwe	1
Johannesburg, South Africa	1
London	1
Merseyside	1
Northamptonshire	1
Shropshire	1
Surrey	2
Teeside	2
West Dunbartonshire	1
Yorkshire	67



Place of birth

- Only three children were actually born in Beverley
- Most (50) were born in Cottingham and (8) the next largest number born in Hull
- This suggested that most children had migrated within the course of their short lives
- When approaching migration and diversity this provides a useful opportunity through which to make the topic of migration resonate with children living in a 'very monocultural region'
- Where information was returned for the place of birth of parents and <u>especially</u> grandparents it was possible to show the distances that the respondents had migrated were even greater





Conclusion

- Hopefully this presentation has highlighted the cultural diversity of Beverley in the past and the present
- The people, products and places connected with the town are as diverse now as they have been at any stage in the town's past
- Like Lemgo the town had strong links with various regions and nations
- Whilst the demographic profile of the area is not as varied as the UK's inner-cities and especially Hull this position is changing on a weekly basis
- I hope that the schools and students have learned more than me about IT throughout this process!