

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hull Venue

Photo: John Scotney

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Winter Programme 2018

All meetings are at the Mercure Royal Hotel, Ferensway, on Mondays.

12th March - 7.30 "A review of 2017 Hull City of Culture" - Paul Schofield.

9th April – 7.00 - AGM followed by "A selection of recent and current developments in Hull" - John Scotney.

Summer Visits 2018

Our summer visits are still being organised.

Full details will be shown as soon as possible at our public meetings and on the Hull Civic Society website, <http://www.hullcivicsoc.info>.

Friends of Hull General Cemetery Activity Days

Wild Garlic in Spring – Sat 24th Mar 11am-2pm

Bird Watching in Summer – Sat 16th Jun 11am-2pm

Cemetery Trees in Autumn – Sat 15th Sep 11am-2pm

What do we do at an Activity Day ?

The activity days are themed and we aim to have an expert present to guide us through the cemetery as we monitor the area and do a spot of litter picking along the way.

Where will we be meeting ?

The original listed gates situated on Spring Bank West.

How do I get involved ?

Simply turn up on the day in suitable clothing, armed with a carrier bag (or 2), litter picker and gardening gloves. If you have any questions or would like to become more heavily involved please contact us at fohgc@outlook.com or Friends of Hull General Cemetery, c/o The Wyke Area Team, The Avenues Centre, Park Avenue, Hull, HU5 4DA.

Heritage Open Days 2018

This year, Heritage Open Days in Hull and the East Riding will run from Tuesday 4th to Sunday 9th September.

Other People's Events

4-7 April - Remember Me. The Changing Face of Memorialisation

Conference in collaboration between Hull University and the National Associated of Memorial Masons (NAMM). For details please visit:

<https://remembermeproject.wordpress.com/events/>

Hull Civic Society Website

Our website <http://www.hullcivicsoc.info> was designed for us by Graham Latter and inaugurated a year ago. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham for the efficient way in which he maintains the website, always making the requested changes and additions very promptly and quietly removing outdated material. He has provided us with a very effective medium of communication and his work is much appreciated.

Subscriptions - a gentle reminder

If you have paid your subs for 2018, thank you. Many members pay by standing order or PayPal, but unfortunately a small number of these annual payments are for an out-of-date amount, so would you please check that your standing order or PayPal order is for £15 (individual) or £24 (two people living at the same address). Thank you.

Committee Vacancies

We could do with more members on the Committee; is there anyone out there who would be interested?

Public talks, summer visits and Heritage Open Days events are all important Civic Society activities, but the Society is also active throughout the year in protecting our city's historic heritage and helping to shape its future.

Do you want to be more involved? Would you be interested in joining the committee? If so, please contact our Chairman, John Scotney (email: john.scotney@talk21.com or phone: 01482 492822) or our Secretary, Cynthia Fowler (email: pinkhouse1@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01482 377434).

You would be most welcome to come and observe one of our monthly committee meetings before you decide whether to join the committee!

Hull Old Town Heritage Action Zone: Update from Historic England (December 2017)

Project Manager Appointed

We are delighted to have appointed Carl Lewis as the project officer to oversee the delivery of the projects in the HAZ Delivery Plan. Carl has a background in heritage-led regeneration work at Hull City Council and has previously worked on the Pearson Park Heritage Lottery Fund bid project, the city centre public realm works and the Fruit Market regeneration programme. He will be in touch about stakeholder meetings but, in the meantime, do feel free to contact Carl on 01482 612 554, mobile 07734 777 529 or by email carl.lewis@hullcc.gov.uk

Measuring the success of the Heritage Action Zone

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey and shared it with colleagues and members to provide baseline data for the Heritage Action Zone. This will help enormously when we come to evaluate the success of the scheme.

Henry VIII's South Blockhouse

We want to develop the South Blockhouse as a stepping stone between The Deep and the Old Town and to explore the potential of this site as a visitor attraction that tells more of Hull's story. This project has literally taken off with aerial drone footage of the local schoolchildren getting involved in the work to mark out the walls of the South Blockhouse on the ground back in July. There were further excavations and a public exhibition during Heritage Open Days with lots of public and media interest.

Bringing historic buildings back into use

A strategy for de-risking historic buildings and repurposing vacant floorspace in the Old Town (in line with the newly adopted Local Plan) is helping to identify some key targets. Historic England and Hull City Council are meeting owners and developers who are looking at investing in sites in the Old Town. We have also initiated a research-led student placement with the University of Hull to help scope options for improving the frontages on Whitefriargate.

Promoting the Old Town's Heritage

The Heritage Action Zone featured in the Heritage Open Day's publication and both Hull City Council and Historic England delivered talks as part of the week long programme of events in the City. Work has also begun with partners to explore new ways to grow tourism in the area and ensure strong links with the HLF Maritime Project.

What next?

As part of the activity to renew Hull's status as a Fair Trade City, the HAZ will find ways to raise public awareness of the Old Town's important historic links in the quest to establish fairer trade at home and abroad.

Deborah Wall

Are you ready to make your mark on Hull's history?

The most significant of England's historic buildings and places are listed, so they can be understood and protected for the future. The List is a unique record of our country's evolving history and character. You can [search every entry on it for free](#) here

<http://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list>

Historic England need your help keep the List rich, relevant and up-to-date.

Many places on the List are well-known and even world-famous. But in some cases there is much that remains unknown. 40% of Hull's listed buildings are in the Old Town.

Historic England is inviting you to share your knowledge and pictures of listed places to help record important facts, and even unlock the secrets of some places. Hull Old Town has some amazing places from the impressive Guildhall to the newly listed Tidal Surge Barrier. The list does not include photos and may sometimes be out of date if changes have been made to the building. That's why we need your help - so we can all share images, insights and secrets of England's special places, and capture them for future generations.

Can you help to make Hull Old Town the first Heritage Action Zone in the country to have photos on the every List entry in the area?

For more information about how to get involved please go to:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/enrich-the-list/>. If you have any

questions about it, you can contact

EnrichingTheList@HistoricEngland.org.uk

Good Mark: The Hideout Apartment Hotel

Hull Civic Society has awarded a Good Mark to Allenby Commercial Ltd for the Hideout Apartment Hotel recently opened in the heart of Hull's Old Town.

Summer 2017 saw the opening of The Hideout Apartment Hotel in North Church Side, just across the street from Hull Minster (Holy Trinity), giving the Old Town its first hotel of this type. The property was acquired about three years ago by local developer Andrew

Allenby, converted in-house by Allenby Commercial Construction Ltd and is run by his daughter Georgia Allenby.

Behind the horizontal louvres of the façade and on the floors above are 15 very comfortable apartments, each comprising a spacious, well appointed lounge-kitchen, a bedroom and bathroom, available for rent for a night or two, a weekend or for a few days on a regular basis. Guests arrive to find their kitchen stocked with essentials.

Energy for the underfloor heating and the hot-water system comes from the most advanced eco-friendly thermo-dynamic panels mounted on the roof. Unlike solar panels, these extract energy from both sunshine and heat-transfer from the surrounding air.



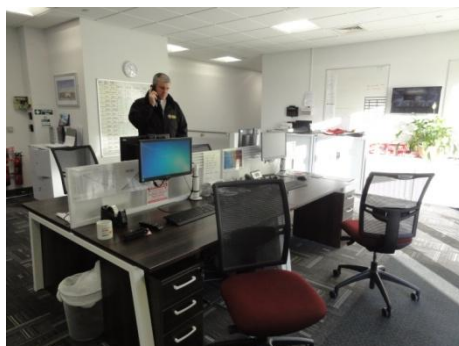
Unlike most anonymous hotel bedrooms, the Hideout's apartments are furnished with locally sourced furniture, decorated with local photographs and paintings by local artists and - a unique feature - have an easel with a pad of paper for guests to write or draw on or leave messages.

The success of this enterprise is indicated by the high degree of occupancy, especially at weekends, and by the praise volunteered by one of the regular customers we met outside the hotel.

We congratulate Andrew Allenby and his family and staff, for their vision and enterprise, which has given Hull a new, high quality apartment hotel providing a very comfortable and convenient base for business and leisure visitors in the very centre of the Old Town.

John Scotney

Good Mark: the new Central Fire Station



The new Central Fire Station is tucked away on Pearson Street in the heart of the city. It replaces the older Central Fire Station sited in Worship Street, which was re-built in 1927 on the site of the first purpose built fire station in Hull in 1867.

The new fire station is a very modern, attractive, energy efficient, building and is fully reflective of the well-designed, modern Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, housing the most up-to-date equipment in order to assist in effectively carrying out the duties required of the modern firefighter.

It is a welcome addition to the city centre townscape and adds a new level of security and safety for Kingston upon Hull.

Colin McNicol

Its Hull in Paint again!

A heritage art exhibition for the City in 2018 from the Hull Civic Society



Hull in Paint began life as a one-week exhibition during Heritage Open Days in 2013. Over the last five years it has grown into an annual nine-week city wide touring exhibition that attracts an audience of over 75,000.

It is an event that is open to all artists and looks to them to create representations of Hull's heritage through the medium of paint. The exhibition brings the 'art of the everyday' to audiences through the local heritage, evoking memories to inspire conversations and engagement and to create a positive image of the city to the people of Hull.

This year are looking for expressions of interest from anyone wishing to enter paintings with a heritage theme as potential candidates for a touring exhibition in the Summer.

The paintings will reflect a unique view of Hull as seen through their eyes, capturing the excitement and positive feeling that exists in Hull and reflects the rich diversity of its heritage and history.

For 2018, the exhibition will start its tour from the established retail and leisure centre Princes Quay. It will then move onto the following venues:

- Princes Quay, Harbour Deck
- St John the Baptist Church, St Georges Road
- Orchard Park Health Centre
- Hull Show, East Park Art and Culture





The Hull in Paint exhibition is produced by Ol' Town Arts Events Ltd, a not for profit organisation working in partnership with the Hull Civic Society to provide the management and expertise to deliver the exhibition programme.

If you are interested in participating or would like to find out more, please download the Hull in paint 2018 details from www.oldtownarts.co.uk and contact the following: info@oldtownarts.co.uk

Ian Goodison

"National Railway Heritage Awards": a commendation for restoration of the Edward Booth headstone, Hull Western Cemetery



On Wednesday 6th December, Sonja Christiansen and John Scotney attended the National Railway Heritage Awards ceremony at the Merchant Taylors' Hall in London on behalf of Hull Civic Society, the North Eastern Railway Association and the Ken Hoole Trust. Sonja herself and the three

societies had all contributed to the restoration of the Edward Booth headstone and the work was expertly carried out by W.P. Everingham & Sons, monumental masons, Hedon.

There were many large restoration projects of historic stations, signal boxes and a pier, compared to which our project was very modest in scale.

However we were commended for preserving a headstone which was not only of visual interest because of its accurate carving of the North Eastern Railway class D22 locomotive on which Booth and his driver, John Dunham, were killed, but a physical memorial to a tragic railway accident which inspired the introduction of a new railway safety measure: detonators on the line to give an audible warning of a red signal in poor visibility. The full story is related in our February 2017 Newsletter.

Editor.

The Origins of Hull General Cemetery (part 4)

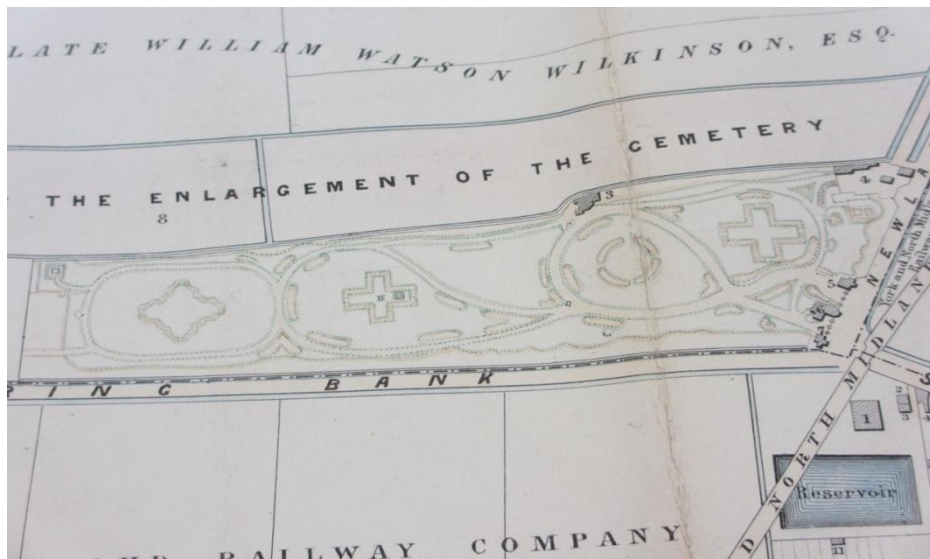


Fig.11. Original map of 1854, showing proposed extension to Hull General Cemetery.

The map above is taken from the original map of 1854, when the Company were thinking of extending the cemetery to the north rather than to the west. It shows both the reservoir at what was the end of Bank Street, now entirely subsumed under William Jacksons' factories, and also the beginnings of Princes Avenue but known then as Newland Tofts Lane. As

you can see it was out in the country and it met the criteria as laid down, by tying neatly with other civic aspirations as to a grand boulevard or promenade being developed. The Committee also stated that if they took up the option to buy Mr Broadley's land they would also seek help and apply for a grant from the government, "for making a Promenade on the Spring Bank, as had already been proposed." This proposal stemmed more from the proprietors of the Zoological Gardens than it did from the Cemetery Company, as the zoo attempted to encourage more business for their venture. Indeed, although this isn't clear from the documents, I feel it was the Zoological Gardens that made the appeal for the grant. The idea for a "promenade" along the Spring Ditch had been mooted in 1830 by Charles Frost and associates, but had never been acted upon, due to financial issues.

Just take a minute to imagine what Hull would have looked like if such a scheme had actually taken place. The proposed development of the Avenues/Boulevard promenade would have been still-born and it would have been more likely that Spring Bank West would have been the join between the Spring Bank Promenade and the Boulevard. Hull's gentry would have strayed in a more westerly direction rather than the northerly one they took to the Avenues and Newland Park. Possibly Newland and Cottingham would have remained much more rural and Willerby, Anlaby, Kirk Ella and even, perhaps, Hessle would have been smothered by their giant neighbour. In some ways this scheme makes more sense, as the developments would have followed the main rail axis into the town. Alas it was not to be, as the government, as today, was always encouraging of such projects as long as they didn't actually cost them anything.

Civic pride being what it is, and the Victorians being the way they were, an article in the Hull Packet of the 21st of November positively crowed that it had not only spent less on procuring a cemetery than other significant towns in the country, but that it was bigger than those others too. This before the site was actually bought and well before a body was buried there! (Fig.12)

On the 21st of November a full general meeting of shareholders was undertaken which, amongst other things, voted to allow the directors of the new company to raise a loan for £5,000, as the land from Mr Broadley was for sale at £6,000, and this loan would have allowed the Company to act on this purchase without straining their shareholders.

advocating. It appears from the statements made by Mr. Wm. Irving—the chairman of the provisional committee—who has praise-worthily exerted himself to bring about a successful issue to this undertaking, that the cost of the proposed Cemetery in Hull will be considerably below that of those constructed in other large towns. For instance, the Cemetery in Leeds, ten acres in extent, cost £11,000; that in Birmingham £12,000; and the necropolis in Liverpool, on'y five acres in extent, £7,000. The proposed Cemetery in Hull, it will be seen, is to cover twenty acres of ground, and it is estimated that the total cost cannot exceed £8,000. The capital proposed to be raised by the company is only £10,000; the site fixed upon is to cost £6,000, and the cost of formation is not expected to exceed £1,500 or £2,000. It is not as a remunerative investment of capital that such companies as these ought to be recommended by the journalist or supported by our townspeople—the advocate of a beautiful site for the becoming interment of the dead should take far higher ground. But as a proof that even as a mere question of pounds, shillings, and pence—as affording an ample return for the outlay—these companies are deserving of encouragement, we may state that last year the shareholders of the Liverpool Necropolis, divided 30s. on each £10 share, and at the same time placed a surplus of profit to the reserved fund of more than £1,100. The reserved fund previous to that increase having amounted to upwards of £1,000.

Fig.12. Hull Packet, November 1845

In early December the Directors of the Company reported in the local press that, “upwards of 150 of their townsmen are already subscribers to this intended beautiful and well-ordered place of undisturbed repose for the Dead of all classes of this large community.”

Early the following year the purchase of the site had gone through and in February an advert for designs from architects was placed in the local press. This finally showed that the cemetery would become a fact of life, rather than just an aspiration. The Hull Advertiser noted this in an editorial of the same edition that began with the words, "It affords us no little satisfaction to notice the actual commencement of operations for carrying out this long-needed improvement." The same article went on to say that, "The site, running parallel with the Spring Bank, is well chosen; and a delightful promenade, by improving the present bank and the road in front of the Old Waterworks, might, with a moderate outlay, be provided for our busy population; in fact the whole of the road from the Zoological Gardens to its termination at the entrance gates of the intended cemetery, is capable of being made an attractive adornment to the town."

The idea of the promenade would linger on until Mr Garbutt took it in hand some 30 years later with his Avenues project, but General Cemetery would play no part in that plan. (To be continued).

For information about the Friends of Hull General Cemetery, a group affiliated to Hull Civic Society, please contact:

email: fohgc@outlook.com or chair@hullcivicsoc.info

facebook: Hull General Cemetery Group

Pete Lowden.

Kingston upon Hull Fire Brigade - a brief history Part Two

In Part One of this article I noted the development of fire fighting in Hull up to the late 1800s, by which time organised firefighting in the town had been devolved as a function of the Police force, being known as the Hull City Police Fire Brigade. Prior to 1887, the equipment and appliances were dispersed between the four Police Stations in the town, at each of which there was hose and other equipment for use in case of fire. The equipment was kept on a hand cart in the charge of a reserve duty policeman.

When an alarm of fire was received, it was the duty of this reserve man to run with the hand cart to the scene of the blaze. His immediate need on arrival was to obtain the necessary personnel for fire fighting. Reinforcements were to be found working their beats in the vicinity, together with others summoned from other beats in different parts of the town. Many often arrived long after the initial outbreak of the fire, so that the fire had a good chance of taking hold. The men were largely untrained

in the art of firefighting and the work of extinguishing the fire usually took three or four times as many men as would have been required had they been properly trained. At a fire in Hedon Road, as an example, there were 150 policemen tackling the flames.

Fires in those days were no small matter, damage to the extent of £50,000 being caused at one fire in Hull. Insurance companies became alarmed and imposed huge premiums, or refused to insure dangerous fire risks, which prompted some serious thought as to obtaining better fire-fighting equipment. As a matter of note, the Hull Dock Company had a fire engine which was loaned when needed, but the cost of hiring the appliance sometimes exceeded the cost of the machine.



Merryweather steam fire engine
(picture supplied by author)

From 1862 onwards the number of steam fire engines in use in Britain grew, so that by 1866 there were 91 horse-drawn steam fire engines in the country. In 1884, the Watch Committee in Hull decided to purchase a Merryweather patent, double-cylinder steam fire engine, capable of pumping 600 gallons per minute, which was based at the Corporation Yard, Chapman Street.

Due to a huge oversight nobody considered the need for horses to pull it, so when it was needed, a policeman had to go out into the streets and obtain horses when and where he could! As you might expect, great difficulty was often experienced in this regard and the engine was removed to Mr Sowerby's stables in Carr Lane.

Finally, in 1886, the Watch Committee decided to form a properly equipped and trained fire brigade and the property known as Sculcoates Hall, Worship Street, was purchased for use as a fire station. Telephones to the Post Office and to Police Stations were connected and the steam fire engine was taken there. In the same year a Fire Brigade Sub-Committee was formed from the Watch Committee, with Alderman F. Larard as Chairman and a fire brigade staff of nine was employed, including Inspector William Elliot, who was placed in charge. Wheeled Fire Escape

ladders were also kept at the police stations in the town and on the receipt of an alarm a policeman had to run with it to the scene of a fire.

A Volunteer Fire Brigade was formed in August, 1887, their first headquarters being situated in Norfolk Street and later moving to a specially built premises in Hall Street. The Corporation loaned them a manual fire engine with some hose and other equipment. They turned out from their premises to assist the regular fire brigade on occasion but they encountered some financial difficulties and disbanded in 1891. The manual engine was returned to the Corporation. The keystones of the archways of the Hall Street Station still remain and bear the sculptured likeness of the Captain of those days.



Above: Norfolk St Police Station.
Below left: Hall St volunteer fire
Below right: keystones at Hall St
(Photos: JD Scotney)



A Fire-fly and tender were purchased in 1886 and in 1889 a National Telephone line was installed at the fire station to enable the public to communicate directly with the Brigade to report fires and in 1892, three fire boxes were built and placed at the Market Place, Waverley Street and Witham. Other boxes were later fixed at West Park, St. George's Road, Beverley Road and Stoneferry. They were later used as Police Boxes. In the same year a second steam fire engine was purchased and in 1893 another four wheeled fire-fly was added to the equipment.

A huge blaze occurred during the dock strike at the Citadel Estate,

Victoria Dock, timber yards that summer, causing £86,000 damage. In February and March 1895, during the 'The Distress in Hull' The Police Fire Brigade provided tea and soup for 12,147 poor children. On 21st December that year they fought a blaze in the cargo hold of the Wilson Liner, SS Torpedo.

The strength of the Brigade was increased to 34 in 1896 and in 1899 an agreement was reached to protect Sutton from fire at a fee of £10 per annum. A Chemical fire engine from America was purchased and arrived in January, 1900 for fighting oil and chemical fires. Mechanisation of the Brigade began in 1915, when the first

motorised fire engine, with high pressure pneumatic tyres and carrying a wheeled escape was added to the equipment, to be followed by a second carrying extension ladders a year later. They were of a Braidwood style 'open' design where the crew sat open to the elements with little in the way of protection from the weather or road accidents. There were a number of Zeppelin air raids on Hull during the Great War and several sightings of the airships over Hull.

The Number 1 steamer was sold in July 1920. Until 1924, Army Box respirators were used by firemen to protect against the inhalation of smoke but in that year a bellows smoke helmet was purchased. A motor ambulance was also bought in 1924, for use at street accidents and in the same year the Watch Committee decided to build a new Fire Station on the site of the old premises, which were demolished. The new station, built at a cost of £17,000, was opened in 1927, when the existing equipment was augmented by a trailer pump and by a turntable escape ladder in 1928. A Foamite generator for combatting oil fires was the next addition in 1929 and in 1930, there was the addition of another motor ambulance, a motor fire engine, two trailer pumps and in 1931, the most up-to-date Salvors self-contained breathing apparatus was purchased.



Merryweather motor fire engine 1915
(picture supplied by author)

A Venner System was installed in 1932, being the first such system to be, installed by any Local Authority in the country. It was an automatic system for warning traffic of the approach of fire engines. At several main road junctions in the centre of the city (covering five and later seven alternative routes) warning bells and illuminated signs were fixed to indicate the approach of an appliance. Where traffic lights operated on the routes covered by the system, they were also controlled to facilitate a clear run for the fire engine(s). The system was activated by Central Fire Station Control Room staff and was hugely successful for many years. The East Hull Sub-Fire Station was opened on 31st January, 1933, with the personnel being housed in semi-detached dwelling houses situated in a semi-circle at the rear of the station. In 1936, the Leyland Metz 150-foot turntable ladder was purchased, being at that time the longest in use in the British Empire.



East Hull Fire Station (picture supplied by author)

With typical British individuality fire chiefs specified the design of fire appliances which they considered to be best for the job locally and a real haphazard bunch of designs were produced. However, in 1935, Germany announced its intention to create a truly modern fire service and began to standardise equipment such as branches, hose, couplings, hydrants and mobile apparatus. An International Fire Symposium was held in Dresden in that year to display the newly standardised modern fire fighting equipment and Britain's Fire Authority duly took note.

As the threat of war increased an Auxiliary Fire Service was created in 1938 and the number of volunteers was such that they were easily absorbed into the City's defences in 1939. Central control and standardisation became an imperative and on 18th August, 1941, all Brigades throughout the country were embodied into the National Fire Service. Kingston upon Hull then became the headquarters of the No. 6 Fire Force. More of that in Part Three.

Colin McNicol

ANNO DOMINI & THE CIVIC SOCIETY FUTURE

Editor's Note: The ideas put forward in the following article represent the author's personal views and, while he raises some interesting issues, the article does not necessarily reflect the views of the present committee.

For many years under various Chairmen the Hull Civic Society has carried out much valuable work in ensuring that its strap line, "**Promoting the Future - Protecting the Past**" really means what it says.

However attendance at its public meetings, whilst good as far as numbers go, reveals that the Hull Civic Society has the same problem that so many organisations have today: an aged attendance. That is not to denigrate those who attend, but highlights the problem which reveals that few of our Corporate Members or the Good Mark recipients, often just the younger element we need, come.

The problem is very, very simple. "We need more members, especially younger members" to attend, but even more importantly we need new younger members to follow our existing members onto our Committee of Management.

Yes, the current committee members are dedicated, loyal, honest and excellent, but regrettably, like most of us, no longer in the first flush of youth - they can, as can we all, at times be moribund or set in their ways. Younger members look at things differently. They challenge the status quo and established order. This brings a modern perspective to the events. The old guard, will in the not too distant future, either be unable to do the job or just simply drop off their perches, still in post, leaving someone else to, hopefully, pick up the pieces.

This relatively negative start is purely and simply a statement of reality from which we can build to keep the Hull Civic Society alive and vibrant and so enable its most useful contribution to the City of Hull to continue. At present the Chairman produces a most interesting and useful monthly appraisal of the submitted Planning Applications. This is circulated to all members of the Committee. Perhaps it should be circulated via e-mail to all members and its contents considered at each of our Public Meetings as a specific Agenda Item. Thus, more members would be aware of the work being done by both the Chairman and Committee whilst allowing the Committee to explain why they had supported, or not, a particular

application, as the case may be, and encourage the ordinary members to become more involved.

Thus each meeting would have, as now, an interesting presentation plus greater involvement of ordinary members in the overall decisions being made. This would give them a greater feeling of ownership of the Society and its working.

The AGM also requires radical overhaul which because of time constraints will require the dropping of any "presentation" to allow a full and frank discussion not just of the Accounts but also a detailed examination of the preceding year's events and decisions made/taken, including HODS. All this before the election of the next years Committee. Again this will increase the feeling of ownership of the Society by the members, as it will enable them, in conjunction with extra consideration of matters at regular meetings, to become much more involved.

Running any organisation today from "top down" will, without doubt, alienate the younger element who are now used to being fully involved and having their say, rather than just accepting what those elected to office decide to tell them.

John C Sharp FIoR, AMIED
Society Member and former Corporate Membership Secretary

Cottingham Civic Hall Update

The transfer of the building from East Riding to the Cottingham Village Trust has taken place. After setting up all the legal arrangements and contracts that are required for running public buildings such as the Civic Hall and Council Offices, keys were handed over on 28th February and from 1st March the Trust began running the Civic Hall and Council Offices. It has been necessary to set up phone and IT connections in order to take over the booking system from East Riding. In future, if you want to book the Civic Hall for a meeting, event or anything else, you will be able to e-mail enquiries@cottinghamvillagetrust.org.uk or phone 844599.

The entrance to the booking office will be the former entrance to the Customer Service Centre, round the side of the building on the public footpath from the Market Green to the library.

(Information received from Katrin McClure)

Planning and Buildings

Old Town

In Humber St, an application was submitted in w/c 22.10.17 to build an extension to Fruit comprising a courtyard and another block facing onto Wellington St. We wrote in favour, but expressed concern at a lack of detailed information about the proposed Wellington St façade, which will set the standard for good design of other new buildings on that street. Permission was granted for conversion of two other Humber St properties into a variety of possible non-residential uses: 59 (w/c 17.12.17) and 66-68 (w/c 31.12.17). At 59 Humber St, the rear extension is almost finished. On the north side, numbers 10 and 11, Humber Street's oldest surviving houses (circa 1757), were demolished in late November, despite objections. Work is still in progress on the foundations for the new dwellings on both sides of Blanket Row.

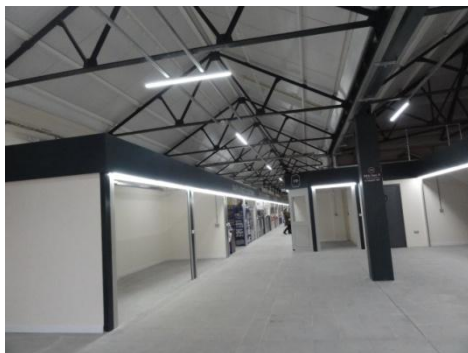
In High St, permission was granted in w/c 18.2.18 to convert the vacant offices at Liberty House (number 144) into 26 flats. Nearby, at 44-46 High St, an important scheme was submitted in w/c 21.1.18 to restore a very interesting group of buildings. Bayles House (17th century & 1750s) and the warehouse behind are hidden from view by the Victorian (1858) offices of Danish Buildings. All are in use as offices, but part of the application involves change of use of the disused second floor into an apartment hotel. We have written in support.



Left: Danish Buildings, Bayles House and warehouse seen from Scale Lane Staith
Right: Bayles House c.1750 (c.1750)

Permission was granted in w/c 8.10.17 to convert 14 Scale Lane from offices to 4 apartments.

In w/c 3.12.17 permission was granted for change of use of 35-36 Scale Lane and 148-149 High St from A2 (professional services) to A4 (drinking establishment).



Trinity Market

Refurbishment of Trinity Market had been completed and the brickwork of the Market Place façade rendered by mid February. There are more stalls than before, but many are still to be taken. In w/c 11.2.18, “prior approval” applications were permitted for conversion of King’s Buildings on South Church Side from offices to 16 apartments and for 9 apartments in the upper floors of 49-50 Whitefriargate.

In w/c 11.2.18, a very sympathetic scheme was approved to refurbish the listed 79 Lowgate to accommodate the Social Services Department staff who will be relocated from Brunswick House (Strand Close, off Beverley Rd) as part of the very sensible policy of bringing scattered council departments as close as possible to the Guildhall. 79 Lowgate was the City Archives until 2010, but was originally built for wine merchants B.B. Mason in 1881 to the design of Joseph Tiffen. Brodrick, Lowther and Walker added the fourth floor and the corner projecting office in 1908.



79 Lowgate

In late November, a protective layer of bricks was laid on top of the historic brickwork of Beverley Gate. Sadly, by the end of the year, this layer had been damaged by intruders and dislodged brickwork will have to be repaired.

City Centre

The former Queens Gardens Police Station has been completely gutted as part of its conversion into 89 flats. In George St, more residential conversions are in progress, with several houses on the south side regaining their Georgian appearance. Valbon night club closed at the end of 2017. It was formerly called

Position and previously the Queen's Hotel, venue for Hull Civic Society meetings in the late 1960s) Planning permission for conversion into 18 flats was granted in April 2017.



Valbon night club (former Queens Hotel), George St

Nearby, Sharkey's pub (formerly "The Georgian") has re-opened.

At 90-92 George St an application was submitted in w/c 26.11.17 to install dormer windows at front and rear and rear balconies for change of use of the upper floors to 4 one-bed flats. At 83 George St permission was granted in the same week for the vacant theatre / dance hall of the old YPI (Young People's Christian & Literary Institute) into a single flat unit. Also part of the former YPI complex, the studio and changing rooms at 14-18 Grimston St were proposed in w/c 21.1.18 for conversion into two townhouses and two flats.

Permission was granted in w/c 17.12.17 for conversion of the former Ven-u night club (41-65 George St, previously Carmichael's store), into a 44-bedroom hotel. Approval was given in w/c 19.11.17 for the first floor of the former Biarritz nightclub, 29-31 George St to be changed into bed & breakfast accommodation serviced from the ground floor café bar. In w/c 21.1.18, a new application was submitted to erect a new bed & breakfast building to the rear to add a further 20 beds.



George St: former Goose & Granite previously Manchester Hotel.

The former Goose & Granite (Manchester Hotel) has emerged from behind its hoardings as a beautifully restored apartment block (observed 20/2). In w/c 10.12.17 a scheme was submitted to restore and create 13 flats at no.13 (the derelict building to the left of the former hotel).

The plan to convert the former Lloyds Bank at 1-7

George St into a place of worship seems to have been abandoned, as w/c 7.1.18 saw permission granted for change of use from bank and offices to 32 one- and two-bedroomed flats.

Diagonally opposite, permission was given in w/c 15.10.17 for 1-5 Jameson St (formerly Miss Buffet Chinese Restaurant), to be used as a shop (A1), professional services (A2) or food & drink (A3) and for the upper floors to become three 6-bed "houses in multiple occupation".

Kingston House, the former council office in Bond St, is in the process of gaining several new uses. Permission was granted in w/c 31.12.17 to replace all the metal-framed windows with UPVC ones. Conversion of the upper floors (1-3) of the North Block into 45 flats was approved in w/c 4.2.18 and in w/c 7.1.17 saw approval for the conversion of the 12-storey tower block into offices, a "break-out area" (2nd floor), gym (4th floor), yoga studio (8th floor) and a café (12th floor). By 20.2.18, some of facilities in the tower block appeared to be open and the other conversion work is making good progress.

Permission was granted in w/c 8.10.17 to convert 2-4 Baker St into offices. It was built about 20 years ago to be used as a restaurant or night club, but, apart from a spell as the "Rhythm Room" it has mostly remained empty.



2-4 Baker St

External alterations to Princes Quay were proposed in w/c 26/11/17.

In the listed Paragon Arcade, between Paragon St and Carr Lane, approval was granted in w/c 21.1.18 to install balustrading to the first floor arcade windows over units 4-8 and 13-17, plus various internal alterations in connection with a refurbishment scheme.

By mid-January, the main building of the new Hull Venue concert and conference centre facing onto Myton St was externally complete and being fitted out internally. The multi-storey car park, which projects towards

Osborne St, is finished and landscaping work was in progress.

There was an application in w/c 7.1.18 for remedial works to safeguard the eastern end of Castle Buildings following demolition of the unlisted and fire-damaged 13 and 14 Castle St.



Castle Buildings

By the end of February, one the four new shop units on the site of the demolished 1986 travel centre / waiting room, in Paragon Station had opened as a Starbuck's coffee house.

At 36 Ferensway (Cherry Court), a prior approval application was approved in w/c 11.2.18 for change of use from tax office to 48 flats. Further up Portland St, demolition of the disused Star pub (no.48) was approved in w/c 10.12.17, to create extra parking spaces for guests at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel (18 Ferensway), which opened in early December.

The new Central Fire Station also opened in December. There is access from it both to Ferensway (via Pearson St) and Spring St. Inside, it is finished to a very high standard of design and workmanship (see Good Mark, page 7).

East

Ever wondered what became of the 75 metre Blade after it left Queen Victoria Square? In w/c 22.10.17, approval was given to Siemens' application to install it as an artwork on Siemens Way, off Hedon Rd.

Further east on Alexandra Dock, the former hydraulic pump house has been very sensitively restored and was used for an exhibition relating to the history of Hull's port. This history was brought to life through performances by the History Troupe during the autumn.



Alexandra Dock Hydraulic Pump House

On Victoria Dock Village, permission was granted in w/c 8.10.17 for the winding house on South Bridge Rd to be converted into 5 apartments.



Above: Victoria Dock winding house.
Below: Windmill Hotel

The Windmill Hotel at the junction of Holderness Rd and Witham is listed because it has some of the best external tilework in Hull. On 30.10.17, permission was given for change of use of the upper floors from hotel rooms to 5 flats, with associated internal alterations and minor external ones.



Windmill Hotel

The Energy Works on Cleveland St is nearing completion.

At present, Hull's Sikh congregation meets in a building in Parkfield Drive, Anlaby Rd, to the rear of the former Carlton cinema. However, parking problems and the need for a larger building have prompted an application, submitted in w/c 22.10.17 to convert a long-vacant industrial building into a new temple on land in exotic East Hull between Mount Pleasant and the end of Bedford St, off Cleveland St.

On the adjacent Reckitt- Benckiser site, approval was given in w/c 4.2.18 to erect a one- and two-storey extension to the north of the KWE 1 building.

In September, a prior application was submitted for demolition of 63 more pairs of houses in Preston Rd Estate.

By early November, the sensitive conversion of East Park Baptist Church into flats and the building of a new terrace of three houses on the site of the church hall was finished. On the opposite side of Holderness Rd, the rebuilding and extension of Woodford Leisure Centre is well advanced. In w/c 21.1.18 an application was submitted to add a library to the mix of uses at the Pavilion in East Park.

The conversion of Tower Grange Police Station, Holderness Rd, into 18 two-bedroom flats and 3 ground floor shops and 3 offices, which was approved in July 2016, was completed and re-named The Ridings by mid February this year. The three shops are already in use and the building is reported to look very attractive.

A new development was approved in w/c 4.2.18 for up to 135 dwellings on land to the west of Poorhouse Lane (off Preston Rd, Hull Kingston Rovers' Craven Park ground).

West

The demolition of the derelict New York Hotel at 51-59 Anlaby Rd was a popular move, but empty sites are not pretty. Fortunately, in w/c 7.1.18, there came an application for a 106-bedroom hotel.

In w/c 12.11.17, permission was granted to erect 10 family houses, 8 town houses, 10 one-bed flats, 5 two-bed flats and 7 duplex units on the site of the old Goodwin Centre on Icehouse Rd. Construction had begun by early January.

At Hull Royal Infirmery, demolition of Houghton House was almost complete by the beginning of February, in preparation for creating a new



Houghton House, Hull Royal Infirmery

helipad nearer to A & E than the present one. This building, a familiar sight to rail passengers and people crossing Argyle St Bridge, was the last remaining part of Western General Hospital, originally the hospital wing of the Hull Workhouse, built in 1912.

An application to erect four new self-build dwellings on vacant land at the rear of 68-69 Coltman St was submitted in w/c 7.1.18. While the ideas in the scheme are sound, the site is in a street with no fewer than 15 listed buildings within a conservation area and, understandably, there have been numerous objections.

The listed City Temple at 161 Hessle Rd is a fine example of a former Primitive Methodist chapel, later used by a Pentecostal congregation and long disused but recently refurbished externally. An application was approved in w/c 11.2.18, reviving an earlier scheme to create 10 apartments in the former



City Temple, Hessle Rd, showing former Sunday School block at the rear

chapel, demolish the Sunday School building (once used by the Northern Theatre Company) and build a 3-storey block of 8 apartments at the rear. The front part is to be used as a charity shop.

Demolition of the Lord Line building and the listed hydraulic pump house were refused in w/c 10.12.17. However, with an owner unwilling to carry out the approved development scheme, their future is still uncertain.

The distinctive façade of the Dover Sole (807-809 Hessle Rd) in Gypsyville is to be retained in a scheme approved in w/c 28.1.18 to erect a 3-storey building behind the façade with retail on the ground floor and 7 flats above.

Outline planning permission was granted in w/c 31.12.17 for 166 dwellings and a health centre on Trinity Fields, to the east of Calvert Lane.

An application was submitted in w/c 28.1.18 to demolish the handsome George Hotel, Walton St, a Victorian pub familiar to those who visit Hull Fair from the Spring Bank West end. It is locally listed and the applicants have no immediate plans for the site. We, and others, have objected.

North

The gap created by demolition of the old Registry Office is currently used as a car park, but in w/c 15.9.17, a scheme was submitted for a 7-storey block of 67 apartments.

In w/c 19.11.17 an application was submitted to build two 4-storey blocks for 16 two-bed apartments, after demolishing the offices (former house) and warehouse behind at 22 Park St (next to G K Beaulah's workshop).



Hull College, Park St site.

A little further along Park St, an application was submitted in w/c 21.1.18 to convert the former Hull College building (which closed in June 2016), into a 35-bedroom hotel with 8 serviced apartments.

At Blundell's Corner, permission was given in w/c 14.1.18 for changes to the external appearance, perimeter fencing & gates and landscaping and in connection with change of use application from offices to a day nursery (w/c 10.12.17). At 61-63 (between Bed World and Anderson's Garage), a developer has brought about a very sympathetic residential renovation of the former Securicor building (63) with traditional fenestration replacing that installed in the 1970s. 61, with its semi-circular bay windows is really the northern end of York Terrace and the mirror-image of 55. The render is being removed and the brickwork re-pointed prior to internal work. The middle part of this terrace survives but is obscured by the Bed World showrooms.

61-63 Beverley Road in 2016 and 2018



The new flats at the corner of Beverley Rd and Providence Row have been topped out and roofing was in progress by 22.2.18

Permission was granted in w/c 28.1.18 for the former Endsleigh Convent on Beverley High Rd to be converted into 50 ensuite rooms, for the chapel to become 18 flats and for four new 4-storey blocks of 16 flats at the western end of the site. We supported this scheme, which retained the character of the existing buildings and a fair amount of open space.

By the end of January, new windows had been installed in Newland Avenue School, which is being converted into flats.

Permission was granted in w/c 10.12.17 for 5 trade units and a drive through café on the Yorkshire Water site at the east end of Clough Rd.

In w/c 7.1.18 a single-storey café was approved at the Newland Homes site on Cottingham Rd.

We have objected to an application in w/c 10.12.17 for a 3-storey block of student flats on Ferens Ave in the garden of a student house, on the grounds that it would set a precedent for more developments in the gardens of student houses owned by the same property company.

By the end of January, the steelwork for the university's huge new sports hall on Inglemire Lane was complete.

By late February, a two storey building at 159 Princes Avenue (Former Police office site), was well advanced. It was approved for a variety of non-residential uses in June 2011.

Cottingham

The new Aldi supermarket opened on 1st March on the site of the demolished 1960s part of the former university student residence, Needler Hall. Refurbishment of the original 18th century house has not yet begun and the developer has now applied for a scheme that involves demolition of the 1780 house. Cottingham Local History Society, the Georgian Society for East Yorkshire, Historic England, Hull Civic Society and many local residents have objected to the demolition.



Needler Hall, Northgate,
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Please note: items may sometimes be held over for lack of space.

Committee Changes

In mid-February, we were sorry to learn that Colin McNicol had decided to step down from the committee because of ill health. We would like to take this opportunity to wish him well and thank him for all his work and for his contribution to the committee meetings, bringing a combination of good sense and good humour to the proceedings.

Colin joined the committee in 2008 and has been a very active member ever since. He has been involved in the Society's marketing and publicity, taken a special interest in Old Town developments and contributed many interesting and thought-provoking articles including the history of Kingston upon Hull Fire Brigade (see part 2 on page 11), a subject upon which he is well-qualified to write, as a former firefighter. As a resident of Victoria Dock Village, he has led numerous walks there, campaigned for the restoration of the winding house. His book about Victoria Dock Village was published jointly by Hull City Council, Highgate of Beverley and Bellway Homes in 2002 (ISBN 1 902645).

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