

# HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **Premier Work & Leisure - a treasure at risk**

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## **Civic Society President**

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Peter Shipp has accepted our invitation to stand for election as Hull Civic Society's President.

During Peter's 27-years as Managing Director of East Yorkshire Motor Services up to 2017 and Executive Director of the EYMS Group, he built up a family-run company that has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of sustainable public transport in Hull and the East Riding. Investing in a modern low-emission bus fleet, operating attractive schedules and employing well-trained staff have all helped to make bus services an attractive alternative to the private car.

Our last President was Mike Killoran, Manager of Prince's Quay, who was elected in March 1999 and stepped down in May 2011 when he retired and moved away from the district.

## **Spring and Summer Programme 2019**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30 p.m.** "*Home Front Hull*" - Alan Brigham, Hull People's Memorial Trust.

**8th April AGM - 7.00 p.m.** followed by "*The bridges over the River Hull*" - Malcolm Sharman.

**Mon 20th May - 2 30 p.m.** visit to **Hull Minster** - an opportunity to see the finished work that was in progress during our last visit in May 2017, and described in this year's January talk by speakers from Geo Houlton & Sons Ltd. No charge, though voluntary donations will help the organ restoration fund.

**Sat 15th June - 11.30 a.m.** Guided tour of the **Wilderspin School, Barton upon Humber** - an opportunity to visit the pioneering infant school that featured in Ian Wolseley's talk last November. £3.50 per person (pay on the day).

**Mon 2nd September - Quiz at the Carnegie Heritage Centre, 7.00 p.m.**  
Quizmaster: Malcolm Sharman

*Advance booking for all these events is essential. To book or for more details, please contact the Newsletter Editor, John Scotney, email: [john.scotney@talk21.com](mailto:john.scotney@talk21.com), tel. 01482 492822 or our Honorary Secretary, Cynthia Fowler [pinkhouse1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pinkhouse1@hotmail.co.uk) tel: 01482 377434*

## Cottingham Local History Society

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Annual General Meeting**, followed by a talk on Cottingham by Peter McClure. The venue is the Red Hall, Hallgate Primary School (entrance off King St). The doors will be open at 7.00 p.m. until 7.25 p.m. The meeting begins at 7.30 and finishes at 9.00 p.m.

**All welcome. Admission fee: £2 for members, £3 for non-members**

### **Heritage Open Days, Friday 13th to Sunday 22nd September**

This year, Heritage Open Days in Hull and the East Riding will run from\_ John and Christine Netherwood are already well into the process of arranging a very interesting programme of talks, walks and visits to a variety of historic buildings, factories, workshops and offices.

**Hull in Paint:** We have decided not to run Hull in Paint in 2019, but to re-launch it in 2020 in a different format, possibly as a photographic competition. Full details will be announced later.

### **Subscriptions - a gentle reminder**

If you have paid your subs for 2019, thank you. Many members pay by standing order, 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 is for £15 (individual) or £24 (two people living at the same address). Thank you.

### **Friends of Hull General Cemetery - current activities.**

#### **Historical Research**

Bill Longbone and Pete Lowden have researched the cemetery's history and have published two very informative books: *Hull General Cemetery 1847-1972, a short introduction* (£5), and *The War Dead of Hull General Cemetery* (£8). Both books are available for sale at Hull Central Library or from Pete Lowden direct (contact [pete.lowden1@gmail.com](mailto:pete.lowden1@gmail.com)) or on Amazon. Bill and Pete have very generously donated all book sale proceeds to FOHGC funds, for which we are very grateful.



Bill has also posted on the [Friends of Hull General Cemetery](#) Facebook site an interesting series of biographies of eminent women buried in Hull General Cemetery.

Lisa Hewson & Andrew Elliott are also very active in research and have helped many people to find out about ancestors who are buried in this cemetery, as well as stimulating interest in the cemetery itself through their separate [Hull General Cemetery](#) Facebook page.

### **Litter picking and monitoring the state of the cemetery**

We are very grateful to a number of volunteers who remove litter regularly from the General Cemetery, including Bill Longbone, Sonja Christiansen and others. As a result of their constant work, and the co-operation of Hull City Council, the rate of fly tipping and casual littering is much less than when our group was formed in 2014.

### **Activity Days**

This year themed Activity Days will be separate from litter-picking. We aim to have walks through the cemetery led by experts on different aspects of monuments, wildlife, plants and trees. Dates are still to be finalised. They will appear on the Civic Society Website and Facebook.

### **FOHGC Committee**

The monthly FOHGC committee, which is a sub-committee of Hull Civic Society, co-ordinates activities and is attended by a mixture of Civic Society members, Ward Councillors and others interested in the cemetery. Our Secretary is Eva La Pensee. We meet at the Avenues Centre in Park Avenue, thanks to Mike Tindall, the council officer based there. For more information, please contact us at [fohgc@outlook.com](mailto:fohgc@outlook.com) or Friends of Hull General Cemetery, c/o The Wyke Area Team, The Avenues Centre, Park Avenue, Hull, HU5 4DA.

### **Mrs Grace Bradley**

Readers who enjoyed Mrs Grace Bradley's memoirs of wartime Hull (September 2018), which Malcolm Green encouraged her to share with us, will be sorry to hear that she died on 15th February 2019, just a couple of months short of her 99th birthday. We would like to express our sympathy to her family and friends.

Editor.

## William Clowes Bi-Centenary Events 2019



William Clowes is almost a forgotten figure today. His first visit to Hull was from Staffordshire to work at a Hull pottery, but he wasted most of his wages on heavy drinking and led a pretty wild life, until a narrow escape from the Press Gang persuaded him to return to the Potteries, leaving his debts behind him.

When he returned to Hull in 1819, he was a changed character whose enthusiastic missionary work helped to bring about religious and social change that benefited the lives of thousands of "working class" people through the Primitive Methodist Movement. He also paid off his debts to the surprise of his creditors! The work often involved him and his fellow workers holding preaching and prayer meetings outdoors and in members' homes. They reached out to a new generation of people hitherto remote from the church and "respectable" society.

Their first permanent chapel in Hull (1819) was between Mill St and West St. It was followed by many more chapels. The "Prims" gave responsibilities and education to many lay people of a social class often denied opportunities in the social hierarchy of the 19th century. Women, as well as men, were called upon to be preachers, "class leaders" (responsible for leading Bible study, discussion groups and visiting sick members), singers in mixed chapel choirs, musicians, chapel stewards (responsible for day to day running of chapels) and other positions of responsibility.

Clowes and his fellow preachers travelled many miles (often walking to minimise the expenses that they would need to be paid by churches), extending missionary work from the Midlands and Hull (one of the most important centres of Primitive Methodism), into surrounding countryside and beyond. Hull Circuit also helped the Primitive Methodist congregations that had been established as far afield as Northumberland, London and Cornwall. It rapidly became a nationwide movement, but was always strongest in the Midlands and the North. Primitives re-united with the Wesleys and other branches of Methodism in 1932.

William Clowes died on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1851 and is buried at the eastern end of Hull General Cemetery near to the shops at the corner of Spring Bank West and Prince's Avenue. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, there was a gathering, beginning with refreshments at Prince's Avenue Methodist Church, from where we walked to the graveside. Rev Martin Batstone gave a short address about the significance of William Clowes' life, mission and example. Three brass players from Clowes Methodist accompanied the singing of two hymns and children placed a posy of flowers on the grave.



Martin Batstone's book, *The Fruitful Mother and the Forgotten Son*) is a very readable account of William Clowes' mission in and from Hull, his adopted home town. It is available from the author ([mbatstone67@gmail.com](mailto:mbatstone67@gmail.com))

William Clowes' grave,  
Hull General Cemetery.

Further events, to which all are welcome, have been organised by an *ad hoc* committee from Clowes Methodist, FOHGC and other interested parties:

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Clowes Methodist Church Anniversary Services 10.30am & 6.30pm led by Dr Jill Barber (a recognised authority on Primitive Methodism).

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** 11am – 2.30pm:- outdoor "Camp Meeting" in Clowes Methodist Church gardens, Greenwood Ave, with family activities. Bring your own picnic. 19<sup>th</sup> century costume optional!

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July:**-Proposed visit to Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism and Mow Cop, site of the first open air "Camp Meeting" and regarded as the "birthplace of Primitive Methodism".

**Sat. 21st Sept:** Heritage Open Days talk and drama at Clowes Methodist Church, where there is also a small exhibition.

**Mon 14th Oct, 7.30 pm:** talk "*William Clowes*" by Martin Batstone at Hull Civic Society, Royal Hotel (free to members, £2 for non-members),

**Sat 26th Oct:** a craft fair and pottery workshop at Clowes Methodist

**Sun 24th Nov 3 pm:** special service at Clowes Methodist Church.

## Long Live Whitefriargate!

Whitefriargate (always “Whitefra’gate” to local people) has been an important street for longer than any of us can remember. Since medieval times, it has been the main route into the heart of the town from its principal entrance, Beverley Gate. King Charles I would have ridden along it on his visit to stay with Sir John



Beverley Gate, Burton's and Thornton's Toffee

Lister in 1640, though he was denied a return visit two years later. The map-maker, Wenceslaus Hollar, would have surveyed it in 1640. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century it was the route by which mail coaches reached the George Inn (which then faced onto both Whitefriargate and Land of Green Ginger) or the Cross Keys in Market Place.

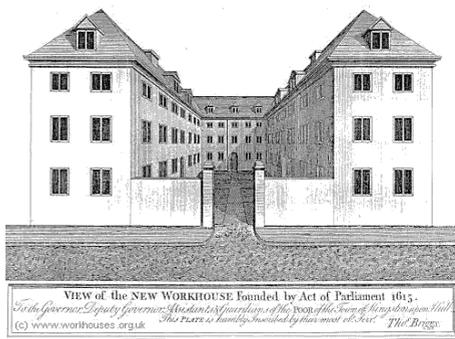


Left: original British Home Stores building on site of the George Inn  
Right: George Inn: surviving section in Land of Green Ginger

From the 1870s, passengers would have ridden along here in horse trams bound for the Pier and deliveries to Whitefriargate's shops were by horse

and rully. In the 1950s, motorists were allowed to park only on one side of the street using the north or south side on alternate weekdays. The circular parking signs were hinged across the middle to vary their message. Whitefriargate and Parliament Street were Hull's first car-free streets (1965), allowing generations of pedestrians to stroll at their own pace, window shopping or raising their eyes above the shop windows to enjoy the architecture.

Some sites have had a real contrast in uses: the site now occupied by New Look clothes store (built as Littlewood's) was previously occupied by the Hull branch of the Bank of England. Its war-damaged shell survived into the 50s. On the same spot in the 18th and early 19th centuries paupers would have entered Charity Hall Workhouse.



Left: New Look, built for Littlewoods on the Bank of England site. Right Charity Hall workhouse, which occupied the same site from 1698 to 1852. Below: Smith's Bank now Boyes.



The 29-bay building stretching westward from the corner of Trinity House Lane was by Charles Mountain Junior (1829-30). It included the 11-bay Smith's Bank. It has housed Woolworth's, Peacock's, Poundstretcher and is now Boyes.

The most magnificent of all is the former Neptune Inn by George Pycock, (1794-5). It failed commercially, became the Customs House in the early 19th century and now houses Boots and The Works.



Above: Neptune Inn 1794-5 (Boots and The Works) and Kardomah (later Kapow)  
 Below: Midland, later HSBC Bank 1878-9 (Lockwood & Mawson)

In the late 1940s and 1950s Whitefriargate was one of the shopping streets least damaged in the blitz and home to Burton's, Marks & Spencer's, Martin's Bank, Littlewoods, Lyon's self-service café, the more exotic Kardomah café, Lamberts' (a rather up-market provisions shop where we sometimes bought cooked ham for special occasions), Woolworths, British Home Stores, Britannia Building



Society (corner of Land of Green Ginger) Midland (later HSBC) Bank at the corner of Parliament St, Boots and the Monument public house. Footfall was swelled on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays by shoppers bound for the open market in King St and the fruit, vegetable, meat and fish stalls in the covered market (now Trinity Market).

Some newcomers since the 1950s, such as WH Smith or Kapow pop art shop, Littlewood's, Grainger Games and Bon Marche have gone, but others, like Deichmann shoes, The Works, HMV, Friary

Fish & Chips and Crawshaw's butchers are still with us, together with long-term survivors such as Boot's, Burton's and Marks & Spencer's.

Sadly, M&S announced in February that its Hull city centre branch is due to close in May 2019, to the disappointment of many local people, some of whom have been lifelong regular customers. M&S Food is still available at the Anlaby (Springfield Way) and Beverley branches



Marks & Spencer (1931, by Jones & Rigby of Manchester) - seen in 2013.

and I gather that the latter also sells some clothes. These stores will attract the most loyal M&S customers, while some will turn to other clothes stores, but Hull's shopping choice will certainly suffer. There is no doubt that it is a serious blow to the fortunes of Whitefriargate and Hull city centre as a place to visit for shopping, especially if any of the remaining stores close.

So what is the future for the building itself? It is hard to think of a retailer for which the M&S store would be suitable in its present configuration, especially as the Prospect Centre Boots is also due to become vacant in May this year, when that branch moves to St Stephen's. Sub-division of M&S into smaller units is feasible, but Whitefriargate already has a surfeit of vacant smaller shop units.

Other options could be a hotel, offices, residential, entertainment, restaurant or licensed premises – or a combination of such uses.

Some people have suggested that Whitefriargate is finished as a shopping street, but a totally residential street would be dull and a street totally dedicated to the evening leisure economy would be deserted during the day. Vitality comes from a street having a mixture of activities to generate footfall at different times of the day and evening. Fortunately, there is still hope for continued day and evening footfall thanks to the surviving mixture of useful shops in Whitefriargate itself – Boyes,

Heron, Crawshaw's, The Works, New Look, Friary Fish & Chips,



Trinity Market 25.1.19

HMV, Coopland's, Boots and other shops, as well as the recent revival of Trinity Market, the restaurants, pubs and bars in Silver Street, Trinity House Lane and Trinity Square, the specialised markets (and other events) in Zebedee's Yard, the apartments in upper floors and the increased number of concerts and other events (as well as religious

activities) in Hull Minster.

It was heartening to read in the Hull Daily Mail (15.2.19) that Hull City Council is preparing a bid for money from the government's Future High Street Fund to help to bring all the vacant premises back into use, as well as to carry out improvements to facades. More discreet, less stridently coloured corporate fascias, especially on the Grade II\* listed Neptune Inn, would improve the street's appearance, but the most important improvement would be a wider mixture of uses including more independent shops. Long live Whitefriargate!

John Scotney.

### **Green Plaques; Avenues and Pearson Park Conservation Area as at December 2018**

Pearson Park and The Avenues - Marlborough, Westbourne, Park and Victoria, together with Salisbury and Richmond Streets, which cross them and Ella Street which runs parallel to the north - have some of Hull's most varied and interesting 19th century houses. The Avenues & Pearson Park Residents' Association, who work constantly to defend the district's character from inappropriate development, have always taken an interest in the history of the district. So far, they have installed 14 Green Plaques to mark the houses which, at various times have been home to some very eminent people. Here is the current list, kindly supplied by Paul Dodsworth and Sally Walker.

**Joseph Groves Boxhall** Fourth Officer of RMS Titanic and survivor of the disaster  
27 Westbourne Avenue

**Ian Carmichael** Actor  
32 Westbourne Avenue

**Jean Hartley** Writer and Publisher of Philip Larkin  
82 Victoria Avenue

**Amy Johnson** Air Woman  
85 Park Avenue

**Jack Kaye** Epicurean Grocer  
Salisbury Street

**Philip Larkin** Poet & Librarian  
32 Pearson Park

**Kay Mander** Pioneer, Cinematographer and Director  
198 Marlborough Avenue

**Anthony Minghella** Playwright & Film Director  
168 Park Avenue

**Alan Plater** Playright  
133 Westbourne Avenue

**John Saville** Socialist & Historian  
152 Westbourne Avenue

**Dorothy L.Sayers** Writer and Scholar  
80 Westbourne Avenue

**Thomas Sheppard** Curator of Hull Museums  
3 Victoria Avenue

**Thomas Somerscales** Marine Artist  
127 Park Avenue

**Ralph & Gerald Thomas** Film Directors  
89 Westbourne Avenue

*If you have not yet explored the Avenues and Pearson Park, the ideal time is during Avenues Open Gardens, held on the first and second Sundays in July. The admission ticket raises funds for Dove House Hospice and is valid for both Sundays.*

*Editor.*

## **Parking Strategy – Comments submitted to Hull City Council**

### Introduction

We believe that parking is only one aspect of traffic management and that traffic management is only one aspect of the overall economic future of the city centre.

The daily flow of traffic into and out of Hull's city centre used to be taken for granted. In the morning peak (06.30 to 09.00) it consisted of people coming in for work in shops, banks and offices or education. From 09.00 to 16.00 it consisted of customers using the shops, banks and other centrally located services. From 16.00 to 18.00 the flow of workers, students and customers was outward from the centre. In the evening there was an influx of traffic generated by leisure facilities. Throughout the day there was also a flow of people to and from Paragon Station in connection with rail travel. Long term parking meant commuter parking and a parking policy that encouraged the shift to commuting by other modes made sense. We believe that the issue is now less clear-cut.

Today, the city centre has to compete for employment opportunities and retail, leisure and business customers with other centres, for example, offices relocated to the Humber Bridge Business Park and Livingstone Road, Hessle and "city centre" type retail businesses at Kingswood, St Andrew's Quay, Springfield Way and Willerby Retail Park. Some shoppers now travel regularly to Beverley, Meadowhall or York. In addition many choose to access retail and professional services on the internet. The out-of-town shopping and offices have one advantage over Hull's city centre: free parking and absence of parking restrictions.



Top left: Livingstone Rd business park. Top right: Willerby retail park  
Below left: York - shopping and buskers Below right: Hull Marina..

However, many people who choose to shop in central York are attracted by the city as an overall leisure experience with a historic atmosphere, as well as specialist shops and places for food and drink.

While Hull city centre may not be able to regain its former monopoly of shopping, entertainment and office employment from its edge-of-town competitors, we need to frame a transport and parking policy which will help to promote the city centre (including the Old Town) as an attractive destination for visitors, residents and employees

- as a place where employers can set up viable and accessible businesses,
- as a place where shoppers and out-of town visitors can enjoy our cultural facilities as well as shops and feel relaxed enough to patronise cafes and restaurants rather than constantly watching the clock as a 2-hour parking restriction forces them to cut short their visit.

- as a residential location where the residents' travel and parking needs are catered for at least as well as in other locations within the city and surroundings.

Hull is, in the words of one eminent local and architectural historian, “Yorkshire’s second most historic city” and it has unique attractions in the form of the Marina and waterfront, which other Yorkshire cities do not have. Our parking strategy should help the city to capitalise on these assets to counterbalance the competing forces mentioned above, rather than penalise visitors and local people who want to spend a long time in the city centre.

## **Detailed Comments on the Parking Strategy Document by paragraph**

### **1. Visions and Objectives**

The map at Figure 1 shows the Parking Strategy Area extending eastwards to include the old Drypool village and the streets between Hedon Road and Witham & Holderness Road as far out as Williamson Street, northwards to include all the streets between Wincolmlee and the east side of Beverley Road as far out as Fountain Road and streets on the west side of Beverley Road as far out as Wellington Lane. All the side streets off both sides of Spring Bank are included, and on the western side of the city centre all the streets of Great Thornton Estate are included. All of the streets in these areas have free parking, some with time restrictions, but no pay and display parking charges. They are very useful for short-term “park and stride” where people willing to walk a moderate distance can park and walk to their destination without having to estimate precisely to the minute the length of their stay, provided it is no longer than 2 hours or is within 2 hours of the end of the restriction period. The Parking Strategy document does not say how parking in these areas would be managed, nor does it really explain why the extensions are necessary. We are opposed to any extension of the pay & display parking zone.

### **2. Relationship to the Local Plan**

While we welcome all moves to strengthen the viability of public transport and cycling as an alternative to private cars, we are aware that there are many journeys which require use of a car, because of a large volume of shopping or other items to be carried, because several calls need to be made in the course of one journey, because there are no direct bus

services for the journey or because of the time of day, when buses are less frequent or when a person would feel insecure without being able to travel door to door at night.

As outlined in the introduction, we believe that long stay car parking could be an important factor in the re-invention of the city centre to encourage longer visits to the city. We therefore would query the strategy of restricting long-stay parking to 3,500 spaces.

We believe that residents' parking should be as close as possible to where people live, partly for convenience, especially when shopping is to be unloaded, and partly for personal security, especially at night. For this reason, we do not support the idea of residents having to park in the multi-storey car parks, where a person may easily be alone late at night. On the other hand, opening multi-storey car parks later for theatre, concert and cinema-goers would help the evening economy. The security issue is less of a problem for these users, as people tend to go to entertainment venues in pairs or groups and park or collect their cars when other patrons are also leaving or entering the car park.

### **3. Location of Car Parks**

In addition to existing car parks, we believe that any future reconfiguration of Queens Gardens would present an opportunity to create a large, centrally-located underground car park that is convenient for the Old Town and which could help to restore a balance of footfall. At present, the strong attraction of Tesco at St Stephens tends to draw trade to the western side of the city centre, benefitting only the shops in St Stephens and, to an extent, in the Prospect Centre. This harms the trade of many smaller shops in other parts of the city centre if they cannot comfortably be reached from St Stephens within the 2 hour parking limit.

With the increasing leisure activity in the Old Town and the greater frequency of concerts and other events in Hull Minster, we believe that evening opening of King William House car park, Market Place, should be negotiated with the owners, as there is increasing competition for parking here.

The vacant land between Wincolmllee and the River Hull would be a suitable location for a free "park and stride" car park, to complement on-street parking at the eastern side of the city centre.

#### **4. Balance between long and short stay parking**

It is desirable to encourage a shift from commuter parking in the sense of driving to work and leaving a car parked all day until the homeward journey. This kind of movement could be catered for by public transport throughout, cycling over short distances (up to 2 or 3 miles) or use of Park & Ride where the journey originates beyond the city in a place with limited public transport.



Priory Park & Ride in 2013

However, it must be recognised that long-stay commuter parking is essential for occupations which require access to a car to make rapid or multiple calls or journeys that would be difficult or time-consuming by public transport. There are also occupations where the working day starts in the early morning or extends into the evening when bus frequencies are low or buses have finished for the day.

We also believe that visitors need adequate and reasonably-priced long-stay parking to encourage them to explore and enjoy the city's cultural, entertainment and shopping facilities.

Even local residents coming into the city centre by car for bulk shopping would be encouraged to support local cafes, restaurants, museums and entertainment if more long-term parking spaces were provided at reasonable cost. A 2-hour limit allows only for a rapid visit to a few shops, with the anxiety of watching the clock to avoid over-stay. This does not make a visit to the city centre the enjoyable experience it should be. Not all shoppers want to leave the city centre after two hours!

#### **5. Development Potential of Car Parks**

We welcome the statement that no more than two permanent car park sites should undergo redevelopment at any one time, so as to ensure that there is adequate short-term parking for shoppers and visitors to the city centre, but we believe that this rule should also apply to long-term parking, which is equally essential.

#### **7. Park & Ride Options**

The development of major Park & Ride sites in the east and north of the city are essential to easing traffic on Holderness, Hedon, Beverley and

Stoneferry Roads and these should be provided as soon as possible. Their effectiveness would be greatly increased, especially at the time of major events, if operation were extended later into the evening. This could be done later in the evening by:

- re-routing regular bus services after the dedicated Park & Ride service has finished, to call at the P & R car park or by
- allowing the dedicated P & R service buses to pick up intermediate passengers in the evening to increase their revenue.

We would also suggest creation of clearly-signed smaller free car parks at or near existing bus routes to encourage drivers to continue their journey into the city centre by bus. The re-opening of Hull Fair ground on Walton Street (without a special dedicated P & R dedicated bus service) is one obvious candidate, as it is close to frequent bus services on both Anlaby Road and Spring Bank West. Other smaller parking sites should also be investigated.

## **8. Condition of Car Parks**

As car parks are part of the city's townscape, Policy 31 should be amended in paragraph 4a to state:

"The perimeter should have a clearly defined and landscaped boundary.

## **9. Safety and security of Car Parks**

We agree completely that car parks need to be safe and secure. We do not, however, consider that even George St and Pryme St car parks are secure enough for overnight residents' parking needs. Residents should always be able to park at their homes, at least in the evening and overnight.

## **10. Timing of Parking - 24/7 Option**

We welcome the idea of opening more car parks at least into the very late evening, to serve the evening economy. There have been occasions, when a concert at the City Hall has coincided with a show at the New Theatre, and demand for on-street and off-street spaces has exceeded supply in the Albion Street / Baker Street / Jarratt Street area, resulting in drivers touring all the locality in search of a space. When there is also an event at the Bonus Arena, this competition for parking spaces is even worse. The opening of George Street Multi-Storey until at least 11 p.m. would help patrons of the New Theatre and relieve demand on Albion Street Car Park, currently diminished by demolition work at Edwin Davis.

We believe that negotiating later opening with the private owners of King William House Car Park would help to satisfy the increased demand for parking in the Old Town, arising from greater use of Hull Minster for concerts and other events and the increased number of visitors to Old Town restaurants etc.



Multi-storey car parks: left: George St; right King William House

## **11. Council Operated Car Parks - Pricing Policy**

While the cost of providing car parks may need to be covered and demand for car park spaces may need to be regulated by charging, parking is a service that is essential to the city's economy. At a time when the city centre's businesses face severe competition from the internet and out-of-town businesses in locations where parking is free, charges, if raised at all, need to be set at a level that minimises their deterrent effect. Resident Parking Permits should also remain at an affordable level and not increased sharply.

John Scotney.

## **Good Mark - Geo Houlton & Sons Ltd for work at Holy Trinity (Hull Minster) and the Ferens Art Gallery**

At the Civic Society public meeting on 14th January, Geo Houlton & Sons were awarded a Good Mark for two important projects.

The work at the Ferens Art Gallery prepared it to host the four short-listed art works for the Turner Prize, which was awarded in Hull for the first time in recognition of the city's first year as UK City of Culture. This required the installation of new glazing to minimize ultra-violet light and putting in more modern humidity and temperature controls. Much of this work goes unnoticed by the visitor, apart from the new glass foyer inside the front entrance, but it has raised our much-loved Ferens Art Gallery

(first opened in 1927) to the most modern standards, which will enable it to host many more important exhibitions in the future.

At Holy Trinity, Houltons have carried out restoration work at all levels. The chancel, transepts and nave have been re-roofed, new flooring with under-floor heating has been installed, a glass foyer has been erected around the west door and the nave pews have been relocated to the side aisles to create a much more flexible seating which can be arranged as appropriate for worship, concerts and other events. Since completion in late 2017, numerous concerts and the East Yorkshire Local History Society's Book Fair have taken place in the nave.



Hull Minster's nave is now a flexible space

Geo Houlton's are to be congratulated for their work, carried out to the highest standards, which has prepared two of Hull's most important buildings for their continuing role in the city's life. Hull Civic Society was pleased to present a well-deserved Good Mark Award on January 25th

John Scotney

### **Good Mark - Dinostar**

Hull Civic Society was pleased to award a Good Mark on January 25<sup>th</sup> to Steve Plater of Dinostar, Humber Street, Hull, for his unique Dinosaur Experience visitor attraction, which celebrates its 15th anniversary shortly

The museum was opened in Humber St at Easter, 2004, when Humber Street was still home to the wholesale fruit market, in a sympathetically refurbished warehouse which preserves many of the original features such as fireplaces, beamed ceilings and a pulley hoist.

There is an interactive exhibition where you can see and touch real and replica dinosaur bones and fossils and hear dinosaurs roar.

Steve offers workshops and visits to schools and is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays and some school holidays

While this museum is completely self-funding, Steve has a very good working relationship with The Deep, with each attraction publicizing the other to visitors.



### **Premier Work & Leisure - the jewel of Hessle Road**

The Grade II listed Premier Work and Leisure shop, at the corner of Hessle Rd and Coltman St, closed in July 2018.

It was built 1896-98 to the design of William Alfred Gelder (of Gelder & Kitchen, architects) for Lennards Ltd, who traded as the Public Benefit Boot Co. It was later bought by Hull & East Riding Co-operative Society, who closed it in 1959.

Premier, who specialised in work (and later leisure) footwear, have been owned by Malcolm Shields' family for 138 years. By the 1960s they had four other shops in Carr Lane, Jalland St (Holderness Rd), Rugby St and Wassand St (both off Hessle Rd) but more storage was needed and the former Co-op had plenty of space. The agents, Larards, offered the shop, on the Co-op's behalf, to Malcolm for a very modest rent of £2 a week. It became Premier's fifth shop and proved very successful. Later, the Co-op offered to sell it to Mr Shields and under his ownership it was beautifully restored to its original appearance, retaining as many original features as possible. The original Public Benefit sign was revealed (and rescued) when a restoration worker broke one of the Co-op's glass signs by accident.



Left: in Co-op days. (photo supplied by Ian Wolstencraft) Right: in 2013

The restoration earned a Hull Civic Society Good Mark.

During a phone conversation with Malcolm Shields, he described working there as a “pleasure, a privilege and an honour” and, although he retired 30 years ago, he has retained an interest in the business and the building. However, in 2018 the family decided, reluctantly, that it was necessary to close the business.

I had the privilege of visiting the vacant shop recently with Malcolm Shields’ permission and at the invitation of Ian Wolstencraft, who had worked there for 30 years, and has been cleaning the premises.

This is one of the most interesting shop premises in Hull and, though protected from demolition by being listed, it is important to ensure, firstly, that it gains a new use so that it doesn't remain empty and vulnerable to vandalism. The second aim must be to ensure that its character and surviving original features are respected, and not spoilt by garishly coloured or over-large signs that detract from its external appearance and character or by insensitive interior alterations which would spoil the surviving wooden counter, shelves, panelling, doors and staircases.

Mr Wolstencroft says he would love to see its four floors of spacious rooms housing museum exhibits of fishing heritage, with toys of yesteryear and other by-gones, house and shop interiors, illustrating Hull's social history, providing extra revenue for a shop or café at the front, (whether a commercial or charity enterprise). As he says, a fishing heritage museum would be very appropriate in a building that has the mural of the Triple Trawler Tragedy on its eastern façade.

Whatever ideas emerge, this superb building must be cherished. It could also contribute to the rejuvenation of Hessle Road and help to pass on the memories to the next generation.

John Scotney.

## **Planning and Buildings**

### Old Town

In w/c 9.12.18 permission was granted for a block of seven new flats at No. 7 Wellington St, the vacant site at the eastern side of Pier St, next to the convenience store on Pier St and the new flats at 9 Wellington St.

In Humber St, Fruit Trades Music recording studios are being converted into the Taphouse brewpub. It is owned by the recently combined Yorkshire Brewery and Bone Machine Brewing Co., according to the Winter 2018 edition of Pub Mirror, the free magazine of CAMRA's Hull & East Riding Branch. Work was well advanced when observed on 25th January. On the same day, I observed work in progress on the popular Fruit entertainment venue, which closed last August for refurbishment and a new rear extension to Wellington St.

The new premises to fill the gaps at 10-11 and 22-25 on the north side of Humber St and the houses and flats on the south side of Blanket Row and west side of Queen St are almost all structurally complete, with internal work continuing.

Hoardings on both sides of Castle St near the Marina and Princes Quay testify to the start of work on the new Castle St footbridge (observed 25.1.19). The work will also include archaeological investigations.

The western corner of corner of Market Place and Castle St has been a vacant site ever since 1973. In w/e 7.12.18, a 5-storey extension was proposed for this site as an eastern extension of the refurbished Burnett

House for 30 one- and two-bed flats. Unfortunately the extension as



Proposed extension to Burnett House  
(from application documents)

proposed would dwarf Burnett House itself and the design is rather bland.

At the east side of Market Place, refurbishment of King William House, which began in August, is still in progress.

The former Job Centre at the corner of Market Place and South Church Side has been bought by Allenby Commercial for conversion to a new use. Round the corner, on South Church

Side, permission was granted in w/c 6.1.19 for the ground floor of Kings Building to be converted from a nightclub to a pub and restaurant.

Trinity Market's recent renovation has proved a real success, to judge by the number of customers patronising the stalls and the food court area. In September there were quite a number of empty stalls, especially in the arcade leading from Market Place, but walking round Trinity Market on 25<sup>th</sup> January, I found only one vacant stall.

Permission was granted in w/c 21.10.18 to convert 21 Posterngate (opposite the Sugar Mill club) from a vacant shop to a ground floor café with two flats above.

An application to re-erect the Hull 700 spiral and fish pieces of public art on Scale Lane Staith was withdrawn in w/c 9.12.18. We had objected, on the grounds that they were designed to be located in or next to the market. Conversion of 14 Scale Lane from offices to a 9-bedroom house in multiple occupation was approved in w/c 20.1.19. In November, Garbo's café bar at the corner of Silver St and Lowgate re-opened as "Dirty Dick's" (no reflection on its hygiene rating!).

In w/e 25.11.18, approval was given to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor extension to the offices at 19 Bowlalley Lane. At the listed Ellerman's Building in Bishop Lane Staith, an application was approved in w/c 16.12.18 to build a 4-storey extension for four 1-bedroom flats.

An application to convert Wilberforce Court (bounded by High St, Ghandi Way and Alfred Gelder St) from offices to 12 apartments was submitted in w/e 18.1.19. Prior approval for conversion of part of the office building into 133 flats had been granted in August 2018.

On “little” High St, an application to build three blocks of flats (14 dwellings) on the vacant site to the south of Blaydes House was refused for various reasons, including poor quality of design in a sensitive location within the Old Town Conservation Area, next to Blaayde’s House. Hull Civic Society was among the objectors.

Nearby, on Dock Office Row (behind Hull College), there was an application to provide concrete hard standing at the rear of the former dock offices between No.1 and No.2 Dry Docks, as part of the plan to re-locate the Arctic Corsair. Work to remove the silt in the No.2 dry dock has already begun.

On 2.12.18 listed building approval was granted for erection of 2.1 m high railings and automated vehicle and pedestrian gates at both ends of Hanover Square, on the north side of the Guildhall. The aim is to improve security.

### City Centre

Conversion of the former Queen’s Gardens Police Station into 89 flats is progressing well. By 25.1.19, all the windows of the ground, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors had been re-glazed and steelwork for the two additional upper floors was in place. Round the corner, on George St, Sharkey’s (originally The Georgian pub) re-opened in the autumn as Warehouse No 1.

In w/c 6.1.19, a revised application for conversion of the former gym at 83 George St into two apartments was granted Listed Building Approval. Further along George St, a scheme was approved in w/c 30.12.18 to build a 4-storey block of 7 flats to the rear of numbers 13-25, former Biarritz club and shops, on the north side, (site of the old Dorchester Cinema).

At the former Kingston House, Bond St (now rebranded as K2), Prior Approval was granted in w/c 28.10.18 for conversion of offices in the upper floors of the North Block into 42 flats.

Listed building consent was approved in w/c 16.9.18 for internal and rear external alterations to 18 Albion St.

Work is already in hand to refurbish the listed Paragon Arcade, following approval in w/c 28.10.18 of the application to repair and re-instate the shop fronts and balustrades.

Re-roofing work is in progress at Paragon Station.

A last-minute deal between the owner of Sports Direct and the landlord of House of Fraser (formerly Hammond's) has prevented the expected closure. The Hull branch was one of three in the country for which there had been difficulty in finalising a deal.

Work is in progress at St Stephens to turn three units into the new main branch of Boots, expected to open in May.

At the former Hull College building on Park St, permission was granted in w/c 9.12.18 to change the existing approved scheme for a 35-bed hotel and 20 serviced apartments into 68 bedrooms and 19 apartments.

### East

At Reckitt Benckiser, work was well advanced on the new buildings in the expanding complex (observed 28.12.18).

In w/e 21.12.18, there was an application to vary a condition of the original permission for 750 dwellings at Wawne Rd, and for outline permission for new residential properties and an extension to the school.

Listed Building Consent for works to the chapel at the Eastern Cemetery and its surroundings, were applied for in w/e 19.10.18.

Many local people began life at Hedon Rd Maternity Hospital, before it was replaced by the Women's and Children's unit at Hull Royal Infirmary in 2004. It has since been demolished and permission was granted in w/c 25.11.18 to build a new industrial development on the site.

### West

A 4-storey block of 29 flat was proposed in w/e 2.11.18 for the site at the corner of Manor House Street and Kingston St (opposite the indoor bowling centre). Just round the corner, the Odeon cinema on Kingston Park, Kingston St, is to receive a new style front façade, approved in w/c 16.9.18.

Further west, Prior Approval was granted in w/c 28.10.18 for demolition of the disused AKJ Ltd cold store opposite Smith & Nephew on Jackson St, near the Daltry St Flyover. Work had started by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Efforts had been made to have it listed, as this building originated as the Hull & Barnsley Railway's main Neptune Street Goods Depot and the original structure survives beneath the modern panelling. The office block facing onto Neptune St is still in use by SPS security firm.

Change of use of the ground floor of the Lord Line Building into a restaurant & bar Permission was approved in w/c 11.11.18. We are confident this will become a reality almost as quickly as this developer's schemes for the Clarence Mills site, the old Central Synagogue or the old Co-op!

In the same week, a single storey extension was approved for offices, reception and meeting room at the Boulevard Centre (170 Boulevard). This handsome listed building, designed by Joseph H Hirst dates from 1914 and was the School for Fishermen, later known as the Nautical College, until that institution moved to its new George St premises in 1973.

Restoration of the Eagle pub at the corner of Coltman St & Anlaby Rd was well advanced by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

A new block of 24 one-bedroom flats was approved in w/c 4.11.18 for the former Smith & Nephew car park on Rawling Way.

An application to build 50 dwellings on the site of and on land behind the Calvert Club (110 Calvert Lane) was refused on 11.10.18 on the grounds of *irreplaceable loss of designated open space, adverse effect on the continuity and value of the green network and the habitat of species of local and regional importance", poor quality of design and amenities and failure to show that there is a strong need for the development on this site.*

### North

In w/c 6.1.19 approval was given for a revised version of a strikingly modern block of 67 flats on the site of the car park bounded by Trippett St, Carroll Place, Bourne St and George St, between Hull College's Henderson Building and Napoleon's Casino. Previously this was the site of the Registry Office.



New flats approved for George St  
(image from planning documents)

Re-roofing and restoration of the bell-tower is in progress at the single-storey section of the listed former Charterhouse Lane School after the fire which gutted it in mid-November (observed 16.2.19).

A revised version of the three applications for residential development at De Smet Rosedowns' site in Caroline St, Cannon St and Bridlington Ave was refused in w/c 2.12.18. The plans included residential conversion of the listed, but disused ferro-concrete building (the first in Britain built by the Hennebique method) and adjacent buildings as well as new houses. The refusal cited failure to show that the land could not continue to be re-used for industry or that residential conversion of the disused Hennebique building would not be viable without building houses on the rest of the site.

Over the 30 years since Hull Daily Mail opened its new offices and printing works at Blundell's Corner, no.1 Beverley Rd (approved Oct 1988, opened in 1989), change of ownership and new technology has meant that its occupancy of its premises has shrunk steadily over recent years and most of its work requires only the use of the first floor. Hudgells Solicitors have moved from the part of the ground floor they occupied to new offices at C4DI and now various sections of the ground floor are now being developed by Allenby Commercial under the brand WORX. In 2017 one part became a gym and another became a day nursery. In August 2018 permission was granted to convert the storage & distribution section into an indoor recreation centre. The latest application, to turn units 3 & 4 into an NHS Surgical and Diagnostic Treatment Centre, with its entrance on the Vane St elevation, was approved in w/c 16.12.18.

Nearby, there was an application in w/c 10.2.19 to convert the vacant listed 53-55 Beverley Rd (which date from about 1820) from offices back into residential use. Unfortunately, the proposal is for a 20-bedroom House in Multiple Occupation. Most tenants in such houses are only short term and this often results in lack of care for the premises and their immediate surroundings. The Civic Society has objected.



53-55 Beverley Rd

Permission was granted in w/c 27.1.19 for demolition of 52a-54 Beverley Rd, part of Brunswick Arcade (next to Kingston Youth Centre) for replacement with a 3-storey building with shops on the ground floor and 6 flats above. This part of the block was abandoned by its owners and compulsorily purchased by the council to restore and sell on. Funding for this forms the largest part of the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to the Beverley Road Townscape Heritage Scheme.

At 2 Epworth St, Listed building Consent was granted in w/c 4.11.18 for a single storey extension to the rear of the Masjid Assahabah & Islamic Cultural Centre, part of the complex of buildings of Beverley Rd Baths.

In February 2019, Pearson Ave gateway to Pearson Park was removed and taken away for restoration, as part of the wider Pearson Park Restoration Scheme. At no.43, Listed Building Approval was granted in w/c 18.11.18 for internal and external refurbishment, conversion into 5 flats and demolition of garages at the rear.

Work is nearly finished on the conversion of Newland Ave Primary School into 24 flats with an outbuilding divided into two dwellings and two 4-house terraces facing respectively onto Reynoldson and Marshall Streets. The standard of work is high with excellent attention to detail.

In w/c 13.1.19, permission was given to build a single storey café for student residents of Newland Homes. It will be situated between Buckston Browne House and Hannah Pickard House (which face the end of Newland Ave). The design by the DLA Design Group (Leeds, Manchester & London) is inspired by the bandstand which once stood nearby.

On the western part of the main university campus, continuing construction work was observed (30.1.19) on some of the new multi-storey student accommodation near Newland School for Girls. Some blocks are already occupied. The new University Sports Centre at the Inglemire Lane side of the campus came into full use during the autumn. Renovation is in progress next door at the older listed Sports Centre

### ***May Newsletter***

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### **Committee Changes**

David Ostler, who has long been actively involved in conservation, local history and the Carnegie, has been a co-opted member of the Civic Society committee since July 2018. Sally Walker and Paul Dodsworth have been co-opted committee members since November, bringing experience of the work of Avenues and Pearson Park Residents' Association, another active conservation body. Pete Lowden, also active with our Cemetery group, was co-opted in January 2019. David, Sally and Pete have agreed to stand for election to the committee at the AGM.

Although Paul does not feel able to take up permanent committee membership, he has very kindly invited us to call upon his assistance when appropriate.

Lisa Hewson has decided not to seek re-election to the committee, partly because of her professional career, but also because her extensive work with Friends of Hull General Cemetery takes up so much of her spare time. We are very grateful for the contribution she was able to make before she started her professional training in 2017 and her continuing work within FOHGC.

Chairman.

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John Scotney, Chairman.

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