

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Joseph Rank's birthplace

(Photo: JD Scotney)

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Walter Houlton

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Walter Houlton, our Honorary Treasurer, who passed away on 17th April, aged 84. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to his wife, Shelagh, and their three sons, daughter and four grandchildren.

James Walter Houlton was a member of Hull Civic Society for many years. During that time he served in a number of areas, firstly as Project Officer. From 2003-2004, he was our Vice Chairman.

He always kept a close eye on planning applications, scrutinising the weekly lists (each one 8-10 pages) and many of the more technical applications submitted by bodies such as Yorkshire Water or Associated British Ports. He was the master of small print and could comment in detail, by page and paragraph, on planning documents received (some over 300 pages long).

His views, whether in favour or against a proposal, were based on a deep understanding of the subject matter and always worth listening to. He was particularly knowledgeable about the Humber Estuary, with a unique understanding of the mudflats, the river, the tides and how the river would be affected by proposed developments on the banks of the river.

As long as his mobility allowed, he attended meetings of the city council's Planning Committee, often speaking on behalf of the Civic Society and his reports to the rest of the Civic Society committee were always informative and often contained amusing details.

In 2007, Walter became the Society's Treasurer, keeping meticulous accounts right up until the day he died. Even when mobility problems prevented him from attending in person, he was fully in touch with the committee, sending reports and comments – always pertinent and well-informed - by email.

Behind Walter's quiet facade was a vast ocean of knowledge, which we were privileged to see glimpses of, as and when it was needed.

He had direct business experience, having managed the family shoe repair business from his late teens until his retirement and was active in the Shoe Repairer's Association. He was also very active in the Garden Village Society, which he helped to found in 1971. He and his family worshipped regularly at St Columba's Church, Laburnum Avenue.

We will indeed miss his wisdom, humour and outspoken good sense. We shall remember him with great affection and gratitude for all that he did for us and for many others.

On behalf of the members and committee of Hull Civic Society.

Spring & Summer Visits 2013

To give us an idea of numbers, please book in advance with the editor, John Scotney tel. 492822 - you can leave a message if necessary - or email john.scotney@talk21.com

Mon. 20th May, Beverley - 7 pm: a walk following the Elwell Trail, led by Beverley Civic Society. *Meet at the Market Cross in Saturday Market.*

Mon. 10th June, Howden - 7.30 pm (please note the later time): about 1 to 1½ hour's walk, led by Howden Civic Society. *Meet at the Shire Hall in the Market Place.* There is no fee, but donations to Howden Civic Society would be welcomed. Parking is available.

Advance booking essential – maximum 25 places.

Mon. 1st July, Hull's Industrial Heritage (3) - 7 pm, a walk led by Colin Cooper. *Meet near the New Theatre, Kingston Square,*

Thur 11th to Sun 15th September – Heritage Open Days – brochures giving full details of talks, walks and properties open will be available in late August.

Public Meetings 2013-2014

All meetings are at the Royal Hotel, Ferensway, on Mondays at 7.30 pm (unless otherwise stated). All meetings are open to non-members.

Mon. 14th Oct – *“Reaching for the Land of Green Ginger – the story of migrants through Hull, 1836-1914”* – Robert Bell.

Robert Bell is the author of a moving collection of poems inspired by the Sharp Street Roll of Honour. On this occasion, he turns his attention to the lives of the thousands of migrants who passed through Hull before World War I.

Other public meetings, all on Mondays, are scheduled for:

11th Nov (Spring Bank), **9th Dec** (My first 3 years as a teacher), **13th Jan**, (Dr Lee and his Rest Homes), **10th Feb** (Kingston Cotton Mill), **10th Mar** (AGM & Paull) and **14th April** (Hull's commercial shipping).

The Joseph Rank Display in Streetlife Museum

Congratulations to Hull Museums and the Ian Goodison Consultancy, run by one of our committee members, for the excellent new display about Hull-born Joseph Rank (1854-1943) and his contribution to the industrial development, charitable work and religious life of the United Kingdom.

The display originated in our suggestion for a display within the proposed development on the site of Clarence Mills. The developer's counter-suggestion was to place it in Streetlife Museum with a view across the river to the Clarence Mill site. Following that suggestion, Hull Museums and Ian Goodison have worked together to produce a very interesting and informative permanent display.



The Civic Society Chairman, Lord Mayor, and Lady Mayoress at the official opening,

The opening on 10th April was attended by many guests, from the Joseph Rank Trust, Rank Hovis, the Joseph Rank Benevolent Fund (for Hull's citizens), the Methodist Heritage Trust, Hull City Council and Hull Civic Society. It was opened by the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull, Councillor Danny Brown, and speeches were also given by our Chairman, John Netherwood and the Guest of Honour, Colin Rank, Joseph Rank's great grandson. The text of Mr Rank's tribute to his great grandfather is shown below.

Joseph Rank remembered – 10th April 2013

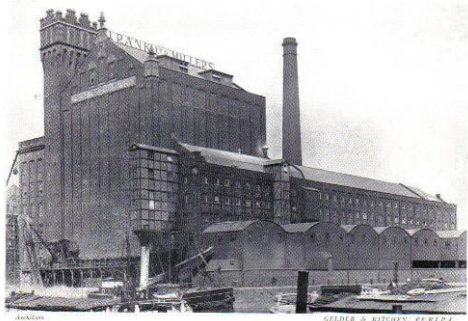


Plaque and picture of Joseph Rank at Willersley House, which opened in 1963, one of the Methodist Homes for the Aged helped by his legacy. (Photo: JD Scotney)

In 1935 Joseph Rank was presented with something he held very dear. The Lord Mayor of this great city presented him with the freedom of the City of Hull. It was a great honour to him. In fact it was practically the only honour he ever accepted.

As someone who had lived through the Great War, freedom was something he valued. But even though he was a perceptive man by all accounts, how would he know that war was about to happen all over again?

Just a few years later he would stand amidst the ashes of Clarence Mill across the way and reflect on the destruction of the flour mill where it all started for him. But he set his face not back, but forward to build again and to do it better. He died before the end of the Second World War and sadly never lived to see the old mill rebuilt.



Clarence Mills as built in 1891 and as rebuilt in 1952
(Photos: left – courtesy of Geo Houlton Ltd, right – JD Scotney)

The tribute to him unveiled today by the Hull Civic Society is as much a tribute to what he stood for; as to the man himself and I am sure he would want it that way.

At one point in his life he thought about giving his life over to becoming a missionary, a work he greatly admired. But he shared his thoughts with a Methodist Minister friend who wisely pointed out that there was a queue of missionaries trained, ready and waiting to go into the mission field, but for the lack of funds to send them. He pointed out to Joseph Rank that he was blessed with the skill to make money and that with that skill he had the ability to send not just one missionary into the mission field but countless more.

He went away to ponder this point and resolved to devote his life, as Wesley put it, to make all he could, to save all he could and to give all he could. And he did just that. It was a decision that liberated him into a new dimension of freedom above all others; the freedom of the Kingdom of Heaven.

And the legacy of that decision lives on beyond his life and reaches down some 70 years through the work of The Joseph Rank Trust, helping others to make that same discovery: the discovery of freedom in Christ that changed his life and in turn changed the lives of others.

On a trip to the USA he wrote back to his sons at school in Cambridge, urging them to give themselves to Christ to become as he put it, ‘true, honest, sincere good men living to the glory of God and the welfare of humanity.’ He concluded his letter with a promise “Do this and I can assure you your lives will be worth living.”

I have that letter in my possession and in a month’s time it will be 111 years old. For a letter written to a couple of young teenage boys at school it’s done well to survive. Evidently they thought it worth keeping

I am very grateful and deeply humbled by the decision of the Civic Society and the Hull City Council to mount this new exhibition to the life and work of my great grandfather, Joseph Rank.

My hope and prayer is that it would inspire others to follow in his footsteps; to discover a life of giving and helping others; a life of making, saving and giving all you

can. This may seem alien in a society driven by the aspirations of the celebrity culture but it’s a noble ambition nonetheless and one worth keeping alive.



Guest of Honour, Mr Colin Rank,
Joseph Rank’s great grandson.
(Photo: JD Scotney)

Colin R.H. Rank

3. The Early Beginnings of EYMS

In 1919, John Ernest Lee started a bus service between Elloughton and Hull. In 1922 Mr Beulah was taken into partnership with Mr Lee and the company name became Lee & Beulah. In 1924 Hull & District Motor Services was set up by Mr Harvey to run a service between Kirk Ella and Hull. On the 5 October 1926 the British Automobile Traction Co Ltd registered the name East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd to take over Lee & Beulah and Hull & District Motor Services (for more detailed history on the formation of East Yorkshire Motor Services read *'Twixt Wold, Carr & Coast* by Keith A. Jenkinson).

On the 8 November 1920 William Henry Chambers sold 254 Anlaby Road (still known as *Eaglestone*) to Mrs Elizabeth Longfield, after presumably purchasing the building after the death of William Arthur Bryant. On the 5 December 1921 Mrs Emily White Rawstom (Rawson) sold 260 Anlaby Road to Mr George Stamp.

The Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire and Hull for 1922 recorded the following:-

- 240 Anlaby Road** (Marlborough House) – Charles Herbert Allison
- 252 Anlaby Road** – Rev. Louis George Buchanan – vicar
- 254 Anlaby Road** – Benjamin Longfield – comm. agent
- 256 Anlaby Road** – John B. Simmons
- 258 Anlaby Road** – Evelyn Cook
- 260 Anlaby Road** – George Stamp

On the 2 October 1922 Mrs Elizabeth Cook sold 258 Anlaby Road to George Stamp and his wife Jane Ann. This gave George Stamp ownership of both 258 and 260 Anlaby Road. He obviously preferred 258 Anlaby Road because on the 5 April 1923 he sold 260 Anlaby Road to Mr James A Stephens.

In 1927 East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd (EYMS) rented office accommodation at Leyton Chambers in Paragon Street. They were looking for more permanent premises however and on the 2 July 1928 EYMS bought the plot of land between 252 Anlaby Road and *Marlborough House* from Messrs Charles Herbert Allison and Richard Hunter Geoff. At

the same time EYMS had arranged to purchase 252 Anlaby Road from The Vicar (Reverend W Seldon Morgan) and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church. This was finalised on the 22 November 1928. Finally on the 24 January 1929 EYMS bought the plot of land and the mansion house known as *Marlborough House* from the estate of Charles Herbert Allison. Now EYMS owned all the land from Arnold Lane to 252 Anlaby Road. It was around this date that EYMS demolished *Marlborough House* and built the garage (which is possibly something they would not get away with today!) (Fig 3). The two large stone lions did survive however, being relocated to Everthorpe Hall.

It was around this time that the use of these buildings started changing from residential to business. This would have been inevitable given the growth of Hull. What was once the desirable outskirts of the town had been swallowed up by the steady growth of the town of Hull resulting in new desirable outskirts further away from Anlaby Road and the surrounding area.

On the 23 April 1930 Miss Gladys Muriel Stamp (presumably a relative of George and Jane Ann) sold 258 Anlaby Road to Dr Thomas Hardie.

In the 1933 Kelly's Directory for Hull the following was recorded:-

252 Anlaby Road – East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd main depot and registered office.

254 Anlaby Road – Benjamin Longfield – Turf commsn agent

256 Anlaby Road – Miss Ellen Ellis – Boarding House

258 Anlaby Road – Gavin Brown & Thomas Hardy – both physicians and surgeons

260 Anlaby Road – Jas. Stephens – fish curer.

In the 1936 Kelly's Directory for Hull the following was recorded:-

252 Anlaby Road – East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd main depot and registered office. (also recorded at 252 Anlaby Road was H.C. Motor Works Ltd. registered office, which was one of the small bus operators taken over by EYMS in 1932).

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Fig 3 : The newly-built Anlaby Road depot in 1929, along with 252 Anlaby Road just to the left of the picture.

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Arlingtol "HYGENIQUE"

Concentrated Liquid SOAP Substitute For all Domestic Uses.

Articles	Concentration	Remarks
Dishes Cutlery	1 dessertspoonful to 2 quarts of hot water.	The dishes may be rinsed if desired but this is not normally essential.
Paintwork Woodwork Linoleum Windows	1 dessertspoonful to one quart of tepid water.	High-gloss finishes may be safely washed with this solution. It may also be applied to baths, wash-basins, tiled walls, etc.
Clothes (Woolens, silks)	1 dessertspoonful to two quarts of lukewarm water.	Use lukewarm water for washing and rinsing woollen and silk goods. Squeeze gently in the wash water; no rubbing. For heavily soiled articles add one dessertspoonful of common salt.
Clothes (Cotton and Linen)	1 teaspoonful to 2 quarts of hot water with a little soap or soap powder added.	For very dirty articles a preliminary 10 minute soak in hot water containing a small quantity of The Solution will be of assistance.
Tapestries Furnishings	1 dessertspoonful to one quart of tepid water.	Apply solution by brush or pad. Remove foam with damp pad.
Carpets	6 tablespoonful to one pint of warm water.	Apply sparingly with a brush and remove lather with a damp pad.
Suits Costumes Suede Jackets	1 dessertspoonful to one quart of lukewarm water.	Applied lightly by means of a sponge.

ARLINGTON CHEMICAL CO., 256 Anlaby Road, HULL.

The Solution may cloud in cold weather but the efficiency is in no way impaired.

Fig 4 : The advice sheet for "Hygenique" found in the cellar of 256 Anlaby Road. Instructions for its use can be clearly read.



Fig 5 : Some of the bottles with “Hygenique” labels found in the cellar of 256 Anlaby Road.

In the 1937 Kelly’s Directory for Lincolnshire and Hull the following was recorded:-

252 Anlaby Road – East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd main depot and registered office.

254 Anlaby Road – Longfield Mrs Eliz. – Turf commission agent

256 Anlaby Road – Brown & Hardie – physicians and surgeons

258 Anlaby Road – no reference to it

260 Anlaby Road – Training Centre for Women (Ministry of Labour)

Brown and Hardie (Hardy) were recorded at 258 Anlaby Road in 1936 and at 256 Anlaby Road in 1937. Initially this looks like an error in the trade directories but it would no appear not. It is likely that Brown and Hardie (Hardy) were the local outlet for Arlington Chemical Co. products. It is also highly likely that they were the distributors of Arlingtol “Hygenique” concentrated liquid soap substitute. A large number of bottles bearing the name “Hygenique” were found in the cellars of 256 Anlaby Road (Fig 5), along with some advice sheets (Fig 4). As this product is for the medical profession and dates from around the early to mid 1900s it fits perfectly with the dates Brown & Hardie practiced from here.

Also at this time the EYMS Traffic Office was situated at 18 Leyton Chambers, Paragon Street, the EYMS Booking Office was at 4 Paragon Buildings, Paragon Street and the EYMS Sports Club was at 37 Anlaby Road.

In May 1941 Leyton Chambers was bombed so EYMS eventually moved to five rented rooms at Ferensway House in Paragon Square. Also in May of 1941 two bombs landed on the houses directly opposite Milton Terrace, missing the main EYMS garage and Head Office by a very small distance. On the 23 June 1945 Elizabeth Longfield sold 254 Anlaby Road to EYMS Ltd. Dr Thomas Hardie died on the 21 November 1941 and on the 3rd August 1953 Mrs L M Hardie (presumably Thomas Hardie's wife) sold 258 Anlaby Road to EYMS Ltd. Finally on the 14 July 1953 Percy Winston Stephen, James Alexander Stephen, Nancy Verna Thornett, Betty Cormack Farrell and Bunty Margaret Turner sold 260 Anlaby Road to EYMS Ltd. On the 19 January 1992 256 Anlaby Road was purchased from K. Binks Plumbing Ltd giving ownership of the entire row of buildings to EYMS.



Fig 6 : 252 (far right) to 260 Anlaby Road today.

It is worth noting that 262 Anlaby Road (along with the rest of what was Milton Terrace) was demolished in 1965 ready for the new flyover to be built, resulting in the huge supports on the side of 260 Anlaby Road which can be seen today. On the 15 April 1970 the Lord Mayor Alderman and

citizens of Hull purchased land on the north side of Anlaby Road, fronting the properties, from EYMS Ltd to redirect the footpath after the erection of the new flyover. This is the reason behind the strange angle the gardens (concreted area) now take. Finally on the 23 April 1992 the ownership of all the properties passed from EYMS Ltd to EYMS Group Limited.

I hope this article has inspired the interest of some of its readers. It cannot measure up to the standard of the excellent book called *The Anlaby Road* by Paul Gibson, but hopefully it will add a little bit of extra detail to these interesting buildings.

Darren Stockdale

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Western Branch Library

On Saturday, 26th January 2013, the Western Branch Library, Boulevard, was officially re-opened after a very sympathetic refurbishment, construction of an extension and the laying out of a garden; the original opening took place exactly 118 years ago, on 26th January, 1895.



Left: Western Branch Library, extension and gates to the garden. Right: Cllr Nadine Fudge & Daughter Leanne unveil the Mermaid Statue. (Photo: JD Scotney)

Guests from many organizations and library users were welcomed by the Chief Librarian and given time to admire the refurbished interior and facilities, before being summoned to the marquee that had been erected in the garden. The centrepiece of the garden is part of Hull's post-war history: the mermaid figure which once stood in the middle of the "Fletcher's Corner" fountain, now the forecourt of Starbuck's at the junction of Jameson St and King Edward St. The gates, which are very attractive, were specially designed.

There were three speeches. The first was by Richard Heseltine of Hull University Library, on behalf of the James Reckitt Libraries Trust, who had provided a substantial proportion of the restoration funding. The second speaker was Cllr Darren Hale, who spoke of Hull City Council's commitment to valuing and upgrading libraries. The final speech was by the Deputy Lady Mayor, Councillor Nadine Fudge, who unveiled the statue, with the help of Deputy Lady Mayoress, Leanne Fudge, her daughter.

After tea, coffee and light refreshments, the afternoon started with Paul Schofield's talk about "Hull's Parks and Gardens". This was followed by

a poetry reading by Robert Bell from his book “Sharp Street”, inspired by the Sharp Street First World War Roll of Honour, currently residing in the former Newland Avenue School.

We congratulate Hull City Council on a very sympathetic restoration of a fine building and the modernization of an important community facility.

John Scotney.

**Good Mark Award:
Magic Cote Cleaning UK Ltd.
Commercial Scaffolding Ltd.**

Hull Civic Society is pleased to award a joint Good Mark to Magic Cote Cleaning UK Ltd. and to Commercial Scaffolding Ltd. for their outstanding effort in the cleaning of the Hull War Memorial, Paragon Square, at their own expense. Over many years the memorial had become ingrained with carbon from passing motor vehicles, algae, water stains and pigeon droppings, rendering it a less than fitting memorial to Hull’s war dead, a fact commented upon by the many veterans who pay respect to their former comrades at the Cenotaph.



Good Mark
Presentation
at the
Cenotaph
(Photo: Paul
Schofield)

Graham Carrison, the owner of specialist cleaning company, Magic Cote UK, made an offer to the Hull City Council to clean the memorial without charge. Graham, who formerly served with the Royal Corps of Signals, was both pleased

and proud when his company's offer was accepted, since he saw the task as a labour of love. The company has undertaken work to clean other delicate national landmark structures and resolved to restore the memorial in Hull to the same exacting standard.

Over a period of four days, Magic Cote UK thoroughly cleaned the limestone blocks of the Cenotaph without attacking the fabric of the stone. It was then covered with a special breathable membrane, which will preserve the monument for the next few years. The Hull Civic Society jointly awards this Good Mark to Mr. Alan Lilley of Commercial Scaffolding Ltd, who supplied and erected the necessary scaffolding free of charge. Their joint action has helped to ensure that the Cenotaph is now in a condition that reflects and honours the ultimate sacrifice of those inscribed on it. The Cenotaph will remain a fitting local tribute and ensures that the names of the war dead will live for evermore.

Colin McNicol

Good Mark – to Julie Buffey – for her campaign to revive Hull's Open Market

Kingston upon Hull, to give the city its correct name, was given the right to hold a market in the original Royal Charter of 1299, when King Edward I acquired the town from the abbot of Meaux. From that time and over the many centuries since, the open air market attracted retailers and craftspeople, shoppers and browsers. The market was originally held at the eastern end of Holy Trinity before the stalls were transferred to the west end at the end of the 19th century. The market remained at Trinity Square in the Old Town, as a thriving, bustling place where traders called out their wares and offered unbeatable bargains to canny and regular shoppers almost until the 21st century – but sadly, there has not been a regular market held there since the late 1990s.

Julie Buffey, owner of the Rosin Dubh shop in Hepworth's Arcade has shown great determination and dedication in lobbying hard for the return of a regular market in Trinity Square and has, almost on her own, succeeded in re-opening the market as a monthly event. In doing so she has worked in partnership with the Hull City Council, HullBid, Holy Trinity and the businesses around Trinity Square.



John Netherwood presents a Good Mark certificate to Julie Buffey
(Photo: Paul Schofield)

The Old Town of Hull is overdue for a renaissance and there are a number of agencies in the city that are working hard to achieve that aim but Julie has demonstrated just what can be achieved by one person's ambition and through being prepared to devote time and effort in working with others, in an effective partnership. This Hull Civic Society Good Mark Award is presented to Julie, in recognition of her drive and determination in contributing to the heritage of the Old Town and for laying a significant piece in the jigsaw of the Old Town renaissance.

The Hull Civic Society is committed to working with others to make the best of Hull's Old Town Heritage and to revive the interest of visitors and citizens alike and we commend Julie for her part in that ambition.

Colin McNicol

Planning and Buildings

Old Town



The conversion of Hesslegate Buildings, Humber Dock St, into a restaurant, with flats above, is now complete. This fine building, previously a fruit warehouse, overlooks the Marina and dates from 1884). The restaurant has adopted the name “1884”.

1884 Restaurant, Hesslegate Buildings (Photo: JD Scotney)

Renovation of the smoke house in Wellington St has now been completed. I am indebted to Philip Hampel for information proving that its original function was the smoking of bacon (please see “Letters to the Editor”). It has three steel doors (orange, green and red) and three cowls, also in these colours. Following restoration of the building, the surrounding land received basic landscaping.

By the beginning of April, work had finished on the refurbishment of Marina Court, with a new entrance lobby added at the corner of Castle St and Humber Dock St.

In early April, a revised application for an 18 storey (instead of 22) hotel and conference centre proposed for 62-71 High St was refused.

We learned recently that the new footbridge across the River Hull at Scale Lane Staith is due to open on Wednesday 22nd May.

In late April, Trinity House submitted a Conservation Area Consent application to demolish the school buildings and create a public short stay car park there for the benefit of shoppers in Whitefriargate. Access would

be from Posterngate if the council goes ahead with its idea of pedestrianising Princes Dock St north of Posterngate.

City Centre

Work on converting the former University of Lincoln building in George St into the new Trinity House School is proceeding apace. Re-panelling of the tower blocks is complete and the void below the right hand block is being enclosed. The sports hall on the site of the adjacent car park is also being panelled at present.

Nearby, at 83 George St, a Listed Building Consent application was submitted in mid-April to convert the 1st floor dance & concert hall of the former YPI (to the rear of the Georgian buildings) into 10 flats. It has been disused since the YPI closed and the beautiful Georgian houses facing George St were turned into apartments.

Further along George St, the rear extension of the Goose & Granite (formerly Manchester Hotel) is being demolished on New Garden St..

Approval was given in mid-April for a new Merchant Navy Memorial in Queen's Dock Ave, near the Maritime Museum.



Portland Hotel, Paragon St
(Photo: JD Scotney)

In mid-April, an application was submitted to turn the disused Portland Hotel, Paragon St, into student accommodation.

An application (10/00489/LBC) for Listed Building Consent to alter the King Edward St façade of Jubilee Central Church, formerly Methodist Central Hall, though not of major importance in itself, reveals some interesting architectural history in the

online documents. When this structure was built in 1902, to extend Waltham Street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel through to the new King Edward Street, it incorporated a commercial unit at each side of a central entrance door below the cupola. One was a bank, which by 1926 needed more floor space, so the entrance was moved a few feet southwards to its present location.



Jubilee Central
 (formerly
 Methodist Central
 Hall)
 (Photo: JD
 Scotney)

In 1960, when the bank was refurbished as part of the new Methodist Central Hall, it was refaced in grey slate, which was rather fashionable at the time. The Nat West bank closed in 1994 and efforts to re-let it have failed, partly because the present window openings are too high to be useful as shop display windows. The application is to lengthen these windows down to interior floor level and re-paint the slate to match the stonework above. It seems to have been approved, as it was included in the list of “Decisions for week commencing 29.4.13”, but the status of the application is not entirely clear from the online documents. There have been no objections and the work can only enhance the appearance of this Edwardian listed building.

On the eastern side of Ferensway (33-53), the 1940s “temporary” shops between North St and Spencer St have all been demolished and an application was submitted in late March to build 100 flats on the site, to a scale that would match the nearby Debenham’s store.



Temporary shops,
 33-53 Ferensway
 (Photo: JD Scotney)

East

Many houses in parts of Preston Road Estate have been demolished, but the end of April brought an application to build 157 houses and 18 flats on the cleared land at Ganstead Grove, Exeter Grove, Rimswell Grove & Wyton Grove.

Kingswood is one of Hull's fastest growing residential districts, with new houses going up in the area to the north of the main district shopping centre. An application was submitted in late April for two primary school buildings at School Lane near the northern edge of the built-up area. Another application in late March for various public realm works included creation of a "village green".

The new Bransholme Surface Water Pumping Station, Selset Way, off Gibraltar Way, Kingswood, was approved in early March, in spite of local protests at the size of the building. The existing pumping station will be demolished and its site re-landscaped.

At East Park, an application to erect a bandstand south-west of the pavilion was submitted in mid-April.

West

Building work is in progress on the site of the Boulevard rugby ground in Airlie St. The steelwork of the new Boulevard Academy free school appears to have reached full height and the first pupils are due to start on 9th September this year.



Elliott Chappell Health Centre, Hessle Rd
(Photo: JD Scotney)

On the south side of Hessle Rd, between Wassand St and Walcott St, the new Elliott Chappell Health Centre & pharmacy is now open – a great improvement on the blank brick wall of the Heron Foods factory that used to stand on this site.



City Temple
(Photo: JD Scotney)

Work has at last started on refurbishing and converting the former City Temple into flats. Various applications relating to this interesting building were approved last autumn. Designed by William Freeman, it opened as a Primitive Methodist chapel in 1881, closed in 1933, was used by the Elim Pentecostal Church (City Temple) until 1984 and has been derelict since then, though Northern Theatre Company used the Sunday School behind.

There is a lot of house-building in progress or planned in west Hull. Some of the new houses and flats are now occupied on the site of Hull City's former ground, Boothferry Park, with more under construction.

The former Jewson's yard, previously a railway coal yard, on the west side of Calvert Lane is being prepared for a development of 120 houses, (called Sidings) following approval of the "reserved matters" in early March.

Permission was also given in early March for 348 dwellings on the site of Riley College, which lies between Parkfield Drive, (off Anlaby Rd) and Spring Bank West, to the west of Alliance Ave. The application includes landscaping, a linear park, new changing facilities, a playground and a nature reserve. In late April, hoardings went up near the railway bridge at the Spring Bank end of the site.

Meanwhile, the redevelopment of Hawthorn Ave and its side streets continues, with a mixture of renovation of the better houses, mainly on the east side at the Anlaby Rd end of the street, and demolition of sub-standard houses further down, to be replaced by new houses. February saw approval of a "Prior approval for means of demolition and restoration of

site” (PAAD) application for a number of houses on Hawthorn Ave and Greek St. Woodcock St, once described as “Little Beirut” now looks very different, with some attractive new houses.

However, an outline application to build 185 dwellings, plus serviced plots for up to 8,360 sq metres of light industry floorspace, on the former Bird’s Eye factory site on the south side of Hessle High Rd was refused in early March.

There was an application in mid-March to build a 3-storey block of 5 flats on the Hessle Rd frontage at 247 Hessle Rd and convert the Jehovah’s Witness Kingdom Hall at the back of the site into another 8 flats, with spaces for 12 cars off Walcott St. The plan was objected to by the owner and employees of Kingston Cycles, whose business may be forced to close as a result of this development.



114 Coltman Street (Photo: JD Scotney)

In mid-February, an application was submitted for internal & external alterations, at one of Coltman Street’s finest listed houses - number 114 (formerly the home of Christopher Pickering). Alterations include removal & introduction of partition walls, new staircase, re-instate windows and doors, block an existing window and install a new window on south elevation, reduce width of door opening on the south elevation, new cast iron railings to steps on south elevation, new balcony with iron railings on the west (rear) elevation.

Permission was given in late April for 215 Anlaby Rd (the listed house opposite Hull Royal Infirmary) to be converted from offices to a 9-bed “house in multiple occupation”. This fine 1840s house has been in need of a new use for some time.



215 Anlaby Rd
(Photo: JD
Scotney)

North

Hymers College gained permission in mid-April for a 2- storey building to the north of the swimming pool for changing rooms and music lessons.

At Newland School for Girls (listed) an application was submitted in late February for a 2-storey rear extension on the north façade, with new door & window openings.

The new Endike Primary School is now in use and the old one has been completely demolished. No doubt, many of the pupils will eventually go up to the new Ferens Academy on Hall Rd (opposite Tesco), which is structurally complete, with its bright orange panelling. This school will also serve the young people of Orchard Park, whose surroundings will be dramatically improved if the city council’s plans go ahead to build 300 one, two and three-bedroomed properties, 65 one and two-bedroomed apartments for the elderly in a sheltered housing complex, modernisation of 94 flats in Gorthorpe tower block and up-grading 1,200 existing homes, according to the Hull Daily Mail on 4th March.



Above: Endike School past and present. Below: Ferens Academy.
(Photos: JD Scotney)

Last year, Chanterlands Developments lost their appeal to build student accommodation (87 beds) on the YPI car park on Chanterlands Ave after a public enquiry. In March 2013, they submitted another appeal for an



alternative scheme for three blocks (61 beds), which the city council had also refused. The Civic Society, and many of the residents of Chanterlands Ave and surrounding area objected to the loss of open space and the extension of the “student area” into another residential district. The Planning Inspector’s decision is awaited.

Permission was given at the beginning of April for a new fire station on Clough Rd to replace the present one, which will be demolished. Most of Clough Rd and its side streets are industrial, so it was surprising to read that permission was given in early April for the KC Engineering centre in Vulcan St to become a place of worship - not a pagan temple to Vulcan, blacksmith to the gods, but new premises for the expanding Hull Vineyard

Church, which needs more room, not only for worship, but also for a very wide range of socially beneficial activities in Hull, including a food bank, business start-up, help with finding work, litter picking, a mother & toddler group and so on. At present the Vineyard Church meets in the former Christian Science Church on Beverley Rd. This isn't, far from the closed Newland United Reformed Church (480-498). A Conservation Area Consent application was submitted in mid-April to demolish the URC church buildings. The original chapel was demolished many years ago and flats are planned for the site.

At the Government Buildings site on Spring Bank, approval was received in early April for the application to build 16 x 3-storey 3-bed town houses in 4 blocks (3 fronting onto Spring Bank), one 3-storey building for 4 x 2-bed flats over 8

garages and 7 single storey garages in 2 blocks, a children's play space, access and car parking. At 214, across the road, the vacant land at the corner of Middleton St is already being built up with a 2-storey shop

with 2-bed flat above, having been approved in late March. Further

towards town, an application was submitted in mid-March to turn the Pines Hotel (138 Spring Bank, at the corner of Hutt St), into a "house in multiple occupation".



Pines Hotel, 138 Spring Bank
(Photo: JD Scotney)

John Scotney

September Newsletter

Many thanks to all our contributors. Please submit all items by 18th August to the Editor, John Scotney, 126 Cottingham Rd, Hull, HU6 7RZ, or preferably, by e-mail to john.scotney@talk21.com. Please note: items may sometimes be held over for lack of space.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr Scotney,

I was interested to read your article “Mr Pulfrey and the modern bus” in the May 2012 Civic Society Newsletter, as I worked in the Hull Corporation Transport Manager’s office (then at 26 Newland Park) on my return to Hull in 1945.

When I resigned in 1957, and bid Mr Pulfrey my farewell, he told me that a time would come when only public transport would be allowed in city centres. I must admit I thought it a sweeping (and prejudiced!) statement, but with the proliferation of the car and the institution of Park & Ride, I now realise he was far-sighted, not only in the design of public transport.

Yours sincerely, Betty Mackereth

Dear Editor,

In the Hull Civic Society Newsletter (Feb 2013) under ‘Planning & Buildings - Old Town’, it was stated that you thought that the ‘smoke house’ in Wellington Street may really have been for fruit ripening. I felt that I had to reply and correct this misnomer. The original plans for this distinctive building type are held by the Hull History Centre. The plans are clearly labelled ‘Proposed Bacon Smoke House for Messrs C & J Horowitz & Co, Hull & Humber Bacon Smoking



Company, Wellington Street, Hull’ The date stamp on the plans is 1931. Goad’s Insurance Plan of 1943 also clearly marks the building as ‘Smoke Houses’. Inside the building itself, all the walls are soot blackened. The original roof timbers were soot blackened too. Inside two of the three smoking chambers, the original firebrick floors survive, and in all three the hanging rails for bacon are still extant. By the time this response is published, the distinctive cowls (for venting the smoke) on top of the building should have been reinstated. The smoke house in Wellington Street is a distinctive, and now rare, Hull building type; one of only nine surviving examples and the only example in the Old Town.

kindest regards, Philip Hampel
Principal Conservation Officer Hull City Council

What’s Happening in Hull Exhibition

In the February Newsletter, we published a table of locations and dates for this travelling exhibition. Since then, new venues have been negotiated, with changes to exhibition dates. At present the exhibition is in the Western Branch Library, Boulevard. It is likely to move later this month to Sirius Academy, Pickering Road (also not on the original list, but adjacent to the West Hull Primary Learning Village, which was), and we hope to locate it in one of the Business Week venues during Business Week (from 3rd to 7th June).

Future venues may include the University of Hull, Ferens Art Gallery, Longhill Health Centre, Kingswood Academy, Pride of Hull / Ferry Terminal, Kelvin Hall School, Hull College and Princes Quay Shopping Centre. Dates will be announced in the media in due course.

Treasurer

Following the sad loss of Walter Houlton, the Civic Society is in urgent need of a new Treasurer. If you feel you could help, whether in sole charge or working with someone else, we would be very pleased to hear from you. As mentioned in our tribute to Walter, he has kept meticulous accounts and they are fully up to date.

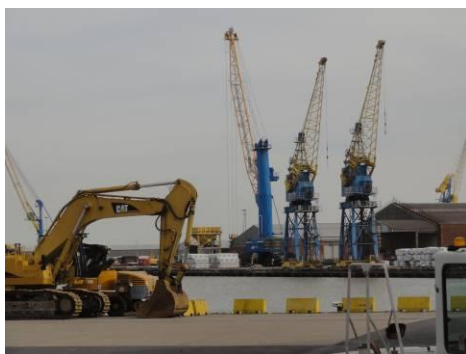
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Explore Hull during Heritage Open Days! Thursday 11th to Sunday 15th September 2013

With an official launch on Wednesday 10th September, this year's Heritage Open Days weekend promises to be every bit as successful as that in 2012, thanks to Phil Haskins' planning and negotiations with a wide variety of owners of interesting buildings, plus walks and talks.



A selection of the HODs 2012 venues and activities – Hymers College, Arco National distribution Centre, “Fun Day” in Trinity Square, Choirs in Holy Trinity Church and a tour of Hull Docks.
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