

# HULL CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**83-85 George Street, the former YPI building.**

(Photo: JD Scotney)

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**£1.50 where sold**

## Winter Programme 2009-2010

*All meetings are on Mondays at 7.30 pm (except 15<sup>th</sup> April) at the Quality Hotel Royal, Ferensway.* Non-members are welcome to join us for all our meetings.

**12<sup>th</sup> October – Hull Forward** - John Holmes

**9<sup>th</sup> November – Joint meeting with the Chartered Institute of Building**

**7<sup>th</sup> December – Hull's Decorative Arts, Craftsmen and Furniture** – Robin Diaper

**11<sup>th</sup> January – Arctic Corsair and Stand** – Adam Fowler

**8<sup>th</sup> February – The Jacobs Family of Hull** – Norman Staveley

**8<sup>th</sup> Yorkshire Film Archives** – Graham Relton

**15<sup>th</sup> April – 7 pm AGM**, followed at **7.30** by **The History of Hull's Parks and Gardens** – Paul Schofield.

### Spring and Summer Events

Each year, we also have a programme of spring and summer visits, walks and other events, publicised in the January and May Newsletters and at meetings. Members who have access to the internet can receive earlier notice of planned events by sending their email address to the editor at [john.scotney@talk21.com](mailto:john.scotney@talk21.com).

Your email address will not be passed on to any other organisation, nor used for any purpose other than Hull Civic Society communications.

#### January Newsletter

Many thanks to all our contributors. Please submit all items for the January Newsletter by 30<sup>th</sup> November. All contributions which reflect the aims of the society are welcome, though it may be necessary to edit them or hold them over to later issues for reasons of space. Items may be sent to the Editor, John Scotney at: 126 Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RZ or (preferably) e-mailed to [john.scotney@talk21.com](mailto:john.scotney@talk21.com).

### Heritage Open Days 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September

Congratulations to Phil Haskins for organising and publicising this year's Heritage Open Days with the associated talks, walks and musical events, which brought Hull's historic heritage to the notice of visitors and local people in a fresh and interesting way at a time when the nation's eyes were focussed on Hull for the start of the Round the World Clipper Race. Well done, Phil!

### Gift Aid

The Inland Revenue Gift Aid scheme enables us to claim £2.80 on a £10 subscription or donation if the member has completed a Gift Aid Declaration form. If you pay income tax and wish to participate in the Government's Gift Aid scheme, please ask me to send you a Gift Aid Declaration form.

Walter Houlton, Treasurer.  
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## **Hull City Council & Hull Civic Society – Liaison Meeting Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, three members of the committee, John Netherwood (Chairman), Ken Baker (Honorary Secretary) and John Scotney (Vice Chairman), met Mark Jones (Head of Economic Development & Regeneration), Kevin Priestley (City Centre Planning Manager), Dave Harris (Planning Officer), Tim Wigglesworth (Hull Forward) and Andy Yates (Visit Hull & East Yorkshire), at our second Liaison Meeting this year to discuss shared matters of concern. Subjects discussed included:

- Painting of railway bridges,
- Signage at the ferry exit point and proposed visual improvements to the A63, including the vacant land adjacent to the Littlefair Road roundabout,
- Parking in the Old Town and around Hull College,
- Provision for future pedestrian crossing of Castle St during major waterfront events,
- Strategic Development Areas,
- Ferensway central reservation,
- Bus stops and traffic flows opposite Hull Royal Infirmary.

Many thanks to the various participants for making time to attend this useful discussion. We look forward to the next Liaison Meeting.

Editor

### **Gateway Frontage Improvement Scheme**

An £18.5 million scheme to restore some of the original Victorian character and splendour of historic Newington & St. Andrew's is making a major impact on the area.

The exciting programme of frontage improvements for 2,900 homes and 88 streets is a crucial part of Gateway's ambitious £400 million plan to transform the area over the next 10-15 years.

The scheme acknowledges the importance of the area's century old heritage in building a new and sustainable future for a community renowned for its distinctive character and culture - and will ensure that the best of the area's heritage is maintained as 2,000 new and contemporary 'eco' homes are built alongside revitalised parks and shopping areas.

The aim is to create one of the most desirable residential locations in the city and to make Newington & St. Andrew's thrive once again.

Improvements to 900 homes on Plane Street, St George's Road, Sandringham Street, Melrose Street, Glencoe Street, Alliance Avenue, Carew Street and part of De La Pole Avenue are already completed or on site. Work to over 2,000 more homes will be completed over the next five years, with next phase of work to include homes in Somerset Street, Glasgow Street, Anlaby Road and the remainder of De la Pole Avenue.

The level and type of work carried out to each property is dependent on the property type and neighbourhood environment, but can include new fascia boards, gutters, down pipes, boundary wall, gate and railings, repairs to timber front doors and windows and general external redecoration.

In addition to the improvements to homes, some streets will benefit from new pavements, street lighting and tree planting. This street scene work is already complete on Glencoe Street, Melrose Street and Sandringham Street and is nearing completion on Plane Street. Works will start on St. George's Road later this year.

The frontage improvement scheme is generating a new sense of pride and community spirit in the area. Feedback from local residents highlights that they are now beginning to carry out further improvements, both internally and externally.

John Netherwood

## Hull Screen Official Re-opening

Hull's arts cinema, formerly known as Hull Screen and located originally at the Central Library, later at the University of Lincoln in George Street, has moved to the Reel Cinema complex in St. Stephen's.

This is an ideal venue, near to bus and train transport and with ample free parking available. Moreover, Reel Hull Screen - as it is now called - has a dedicated screen for most of its programmes, Screen 2, an intimate auditorium with comfortable seating and a quiet atmosphere.

Mr. K.C. Suri, owner of Reel Cinemas nationwide, put on a grand opening evening on Thursday 3rd September, attended by the Lord

Mayor, Cllr Karen Woods, city councillors and council officials including Cllr Rick Welton (Lib Dem), Peter Appleton, Head of Culture and Leisure, Mike Lister, Manager of Hull New Theatre and others. Some of Mr. Suri's business associates were also good enough to travel to Hull to celebrate this momentous occasion in the city's cinema history, and Friends of Hull Screen were well represented, including members of the University academic staff.

There was an excellent spread of food, and we toasted the future success of the Screen in champagne! This was followed by a showing of Spanish director Pedro Almodovar's new film, "Broken Embraces", starring Penelope Cruz and other notable Spanish actors. This was the start of what we hope will be many seasons of excellent arts and world cinema programmes, and there will be special members' only nights on the first Thursday of each calendar month, excluding January and August.

Friends of Hull Screen send out a regular monthly newsletter, with screening times and titles, and the annual membership of just £5 for those waged and £2.50 for those unwaged represents excellent value for money. Members will also be entitled to the concessionary admission price of £3.50 for a Hull Screen film throughout the week, and there is a prize draw for two free tickets each month. Friends will have some input into what films are included in the programmes.

We are delighted to be involved in this exciting new venture, and if you would like to join Friends of Hull Screen, please contact one of the following members of the Committee:

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Hull has a vibrant tradition in the world of film, with well known stars and cinema chains, such as Arthur J. Rank, originating in Hull; here's to keeping that flag flying with the new Reel Hull Screen!

Susan Harr/  
Steering Group/Friends of Hull Screen.



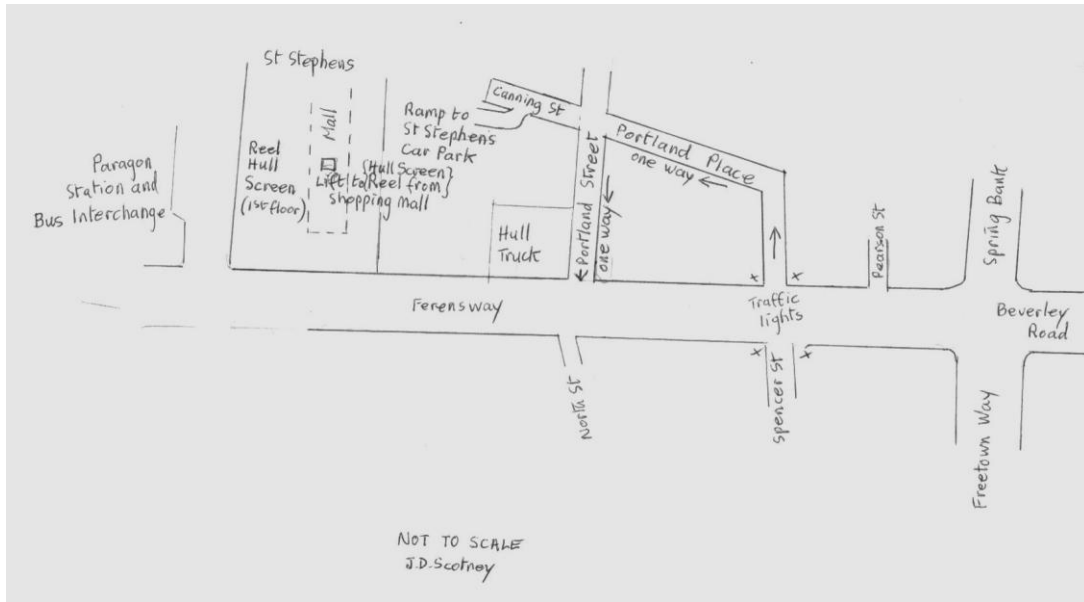
Hull Screen's new home at Reel Cinema, St Stephen's.  
(Photo: JD Scotney)



## Access to Hull Screen

Reel Cinema is easily accessible by train or bus and, after 6 pm, parking is free in the St Stephen's multi-storey car park for Hull Screen, Reel and Hull Truck Theatre customers by presenting a car park ticket stamped at Reel or a theatre ticket at the kiosk next to the exit. The car park is reached by a ramp at the end of Canning Street (please see diagram).

Editor



## Marshall's Cars – an appreciation



Illustration from Marshall's Humber Cars Museum website, [www.humbercarmuseum.co.uk](http://www.humbercarmuseum.co.uk)

The Society's evening meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009 took the form of a visit to Marshall's Cars at Dalton Street, Hull. For the past three years, we have visited local museums in the Hull area which our members may not normally be able to visit and this gem of a museum is one of them. Mr Alan Marshall, the museum's founder, described the work of Thomas Humber, a man who, although named after the Humber, had only tenuous links with the area. He was educated at

Salthouse Lane School and took an apprenticeship with William Champion, a local blacksmith, who worked on bicycles. He was,

however, destined for greatness, as he went on to produce the first "safety" bicycle ever built and moved to Nottingham to set up a factory there in 1868.

Following the success of this business, in 1895 he opened a factory in Coventry to produce cars, forming the Humber Car Company, which was eventually to become part of the Rootes Group of companies in 1934. Mr Humber died in 1910.

This company also produced Hillman cars, Commer and Karrier trucks, fire engines and dustcarts and had a further subsidiary, Sunbeam, famous for sports cars and trolleybuses (if anyone can remember those wonderful vehicles).

As a child, I was aware of Humber cars, large prestigious vehicles, usually used for weddings and royalty, but I was not aware that the company provided cars or limousines for the rich and famous both at home and abroad in the 1930s and 1940s, when the marquee almost rivalled that of Rolls Royce, Bentley and Daimler.

Early examples in the collection were shown to members by Mr Marshall, including vehicles used by King Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson, Field Marshal Montgomery, King George VI and even actor Burt Reynolds in the film "The Big Sleep".

Mr Marshall went on to describe how Humber produced thousands of military vehicles for use at home and abroad which greatly assisted the army in the dark days of World War Two. One of the projects of the company at this time was to develop the army's first 4-wheel drive utility vehicle, using technology which later gave birth to the Land Rover, but production was never fully developed and the technology passed to another famous British manufacturer, Rover Cars Ltd.

Other 'firsts' by the Humber company as described by Mr Marshall, was the streamlining of car bonnets with headlamps set in the front wing in the 1950s (older members may recall that before this all cars looked little different from the pioneering Model T Ford) also concealed and locking fuel caps.

Mr Marshall went on to describe how the museum began with his father, Reg Marshall, having been an army driver with experience of driving Humbers, including staff cars, and purchase his first Humber, a Pullman Limousine, famously owned by Baron Rothschild in 1960.

He also related, sadly, how the company became unable to survive a 'mass produced world' as a quality car maker, lacking the resources of the multinational builders, such as BMW and Audi. By the 1960s, the company, together with the rest of the Rootes Group, was sold to the American Chrysler Corporation and, although in 1967 it was still the UK's second largest motor manufacturer, within a few years, the proud names of Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam, Commer and Karrier, were consigned to the motoring history books, as was the entire UK operation, still based in the Midlands and Scotland. And this, of course would have been the end; all would have been forgotten – over a hundred years of history – if it had not been for Mr Marshall.

Behind the industrial façade of a potato warehouse in Dalton Street, he has assembled a truly remarkable collection of vehicles here in the city – a real 'hidden gem' of a museum.

However, the collection does not only live in the museum. On any weekend, they can be seen providing magnificent wedding cars, and surely a talking point for the guests at any wedding – and all of this stems from one family's attachment to the Humber marquee!

For this alone, the Society has no hesitation in giving the Good Mark Award to Mr Alan Marshall and his collection. If anyone did not get to the museum, it is possible for private visits to be arranged – or why not use the service if you are planning a wedding or special event?

You will be assured of both a quality personal service and a unique journey into motoring history.

Colin Cooper.

### **Beverley Road Walk, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 (Part 1)**

Throughout the day, the showery weather threatened the possibility that I would be walking alone! By 7 pm, however, it was dry and about 15 people assembled at Beverley Road Baths (1905, by Joseph Hirst, City Architect) for the Society's second Beverley Road walk, continuing northwards along Beverley Road from the baths, where we turned back last year. After a brief visit to the foyer to see the fine Art Nouveau tiling and woodwork, we crossed to the other side of the road for a better view of some of the surrounding buildings. Please see the report of our first Beverley Road walk in the September 2008 Newsletter for a description of Stepney Primary School (1886), the Bull (1903-4), the Hong Lok community centre, the Rose (1900) and other buildings in the hamlet of Stepney, which is easily identified by the narrowing of the main road. Smithy's Quality

Takeaway is probably the oldest survival from when Stepney really was a rural hamlet, being a late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century domestic building with a hipped pantiled roof, probably the surviving half of a pair of houses.

We didn't go down, but noted Stepney Lane, an intriguing old thoroughfare, built up with houses only on its northern side. The southern side was the site of industrial premises, council depots, and, now, the playing fields for Endeavour High School. It ends at a builder's yard, after crossing the Beverley & Barmston Drain by an arched brick bridge, similar in style to those on the drain's rural course outside the city. It must have provided access to fields, but the Stepney Lane may also have continued to the River Hull bank.

Moving northwards, Grove Street, on the western side of Beverley Road, was laid out about 1876. Although it is apparently a cul-de-sac, there is actually a "snicket" through to Pearson's Park. It also has the very small Grove Street Garage in what may originally have been a coach house.

On Beverley Road, north of the Tesco Express, 263-269 is a row of four detached villas built in grey brick with hipped roofs, dating from the early 1870s. The fourth villa is now linked to Claremont House, a grander house in similar style, but with shaped gables and a corner turret, to form Rose Villa nursing home. The late 19<sup>th</sup> century terraced houses on the other side of Beverley Road have decorative barge boards to their gables, a style repeated in houses further north.

Pearson Avenue leads into Pearson Park (or Pearson's Park as it has often been known) through a cast iron gateway of 1863 by Young & Pool. Zachariah Pearson, Mayor, gave 27 acres in 1860 for a park, which was designed by James Niven, curator of the Botanic Gardens (now Hymers College grounds), and opened in 1862.

The Dorchester Hotel was originally a group of three houses, built in 1861-62, to the design of the Lincoln firm of Bellamy & Hardy. It is a splendid example of fanciful Victorian design, with shaped gables, turrets, steeples and decorative brickwork. The largest of the three, Dorchester House, was the residence of John Bryson, who also commissioned the villas on the northern side of Pearson Avenue, Dorchester Terrace (1865), designed by William Kerby. The slope of the



Dorchester Hotel in 2007 (Photo: JD Scotney)

hipped roof and a vertical line in the brickwork show the northern end of Dorchester house. The porch of the second house is now indicated by the sign "Function Suite" and the entrance to the third house is surmounted by a turret and spire and the sign "Expressions". One of these houses (possibly the middle one) was called Tamworth Lodge. Stanley House, mentioned in an 1876 directory may be the third house. John Bryson, born in 1824, was a partner in the firm of Bryson & Jameson, ship owners and timber merchants of Queen's Dock, North Side. He was shown living at Dorchester House in 1867, but its occupant in 1876 was Henry Croft. Bryson does not appear in the 1881 census at all and may have died by then. His partner, Robert Jameson, was living at East Ella (corner of Anlaby High Road and Calvert Lane) in 1892. Further research into John Bryson, his house and his company must wait until all the Hull directories and other documents become accessible again with the opening of the new History Centre. Sadly, the Dorchester Hotel closed last year and is now for sale. Whether it re-opens as a hotel or is converted back to residential use, it is important that a new use be found for one of Beverley Road Conservation Area's most interesting buildings.

The Aroma Chinese restaurant, next door, was built as Orwell House, another large residence in what was once an elegant and prosperous part of Hull. The ground floor was altered rather unsympathetically in the 1960s when it became Jackson's social club, but the original 19<sup>th</sup> century



style is evident in the first floor windows. Similarities in detailing suggest that it, too, may have been designed Bellamy & Hardy,

Nearly opposite, on the eastern side of Beverley Road, the terrace of houses numbered 186-196, stretching northwards from Adderbury Grove, were rescued from dereliction against all the odds. The southern end gable had collapsed and an application had been granted to build a block of flats on the site. In March 1996, Hull Civic Society awarded a Good Mark to David Grasby and Jason Jones of Stonepost Ltd for rebuilding the gable and restoring the houses in a sympathetic manner. This is a good example of what can be done to rejuvenate Victorian houses, rather than leaving them to decay or replacing them with inferior modern flats. It is a pity that other property owners in this Conservation Area have not taken such good care of the fine Victorian houses. Even the renovated ones often have inappropriate window frames and doors.

From the end of Eldon Grove, we looked at its mixture of grand 1860s detached houses on the southern side and terraced houses on the northern side.

The large houses between Eldon Grove and Queens Road in the terrace called "The Elms" (289-293 Beverley Rd) have tall steps up to the front doors. The best impression of their original appearance can be gained by looking at no. 291, with unaltered door and windows.

Queens Road was the borough boundary in 1876, with land to the north lying in the parish of Cottingham. We noted the wide grass strip on the southern side, which until the late 1960s was Skidby Drain. The flats on the northern corner of Queen's Road are on the site of Queen's Rd Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, 1878, which seated 1,200. It was a very fashionable place of worship and its trustees included Joseph Rank, William Botterill, architect and William Cussons, owner of a large chain of grocer's shops. After it was bombed during World War Two, the main chapel became a warehouse, but services continued until 1967 in the Sunday School rooms at the rear.

We paused to look across to Sculcoates Lane and its junction with St Leonard's Road, which originally swung round to run northwards to Clough Road, but was severed by construction of the Hull & Barnsley Railway (H & B) in 1885. The northern part of St Leonard's Road, at the other side of the line, was renamed Worthing Street.

Just before the railway bridge, which carries freight trains to the docks, is Fitzroy Street. Torrington House, on the corner, looks like one impressive house (less impressive in its current battered state), but was clearly built as two, with one entrance facing Beverley Road and the other on Fitzroy Street. The modern wall visible at the end of the street marks the limit of the station forecourt of the H& B's Beverley Road Station, often called Fitzroy Street. It was opened with the line in 1885 and handled more passengers than their Cannon Street Station, being better located for onward travel into town by tram and serving a more prosperous area. It closed in 1924 when H&B trains were diverted from Cannon Street to Paragon Station and survived until it was demolished in 1985 to make way for new flats.

One of the more unusual pubs in Hull, Cannon Junction, is located in two old railway carriages next to the railway bridge on the eastern side of the road.

The former Mayfair cinema (now the Old Picture House pub) typifies the new cinemas of the late 1920s and 1930s, named after a fashionable district of London and built in the Art Deco style. It was designed by H.F. Wharf of Freeman Sons & Gaskell and opened on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1929). The cinema closed on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1964 to re-open as Mecca Bingo. When the bingo moved to Clough Road, it was



The Old Picture House pub, formerly the Mayfair Cinema.  
(Photo: JD Scotney)



reduced in length and converted into the Hogshead pub, since re-named The Old Picture House. It seems rather perverse to have ignored the original name, Mayfair, which can still be seen at the top of the building!

Opposite, nos. 329-341 form a particularly fine 3 storey terrace, dating from the early 1870s. All of the ground floor has been altered, but one surviving porch and the upper floors have good classical detail.

The Zachariah Pearson pub, next to the Old Picture House, was formerly Newland Garage car showrooms. We noted a curious feature of four of the streets on the eastern side of Beverley Road. May, Suffolk, Vermont and Brooklyn Streets all end in a footpath linking them with Worthing Street, which runs parallel to Beverley Road. A glance down all of these streets shows that the junction with the footpath is often slightly skewed. This could be because the footpaths and the houses along them originated as side “terraces” of “court housing” off Worthing Street, which was built before 1885, and the streets from Beverley Road were built later to join up with the “terraces”. Again, verification must await the opening of the History Centre!

The Vineyard Church, on the western side of Beverley Road was built in 1908-09 as the Christian Science Church. The front porch, added in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, is reasonably sympathetic, but lacks the Roman-style decorative touches of the large round-headed window above.

On the eastern side of Beverley Road, Rockcliffe House (1864) is a residential home for blind people, run by the Hull & East Riding Institute for the Blind. It was built as the residence of Dr



Rockcliffe House, (Blind Institute), Beverley Rd.  
(Photo: JD Scotney)

William Craven Rockcliffe, MA, MD, Ophthalmic Surgeon, whose practice was at 9 Charlotte Street. An 1892 directory shows the Blind Institute in Kingston Square, but it moved when Dr Rockcliffe bequeathed his house to the Institute. The adjacent Beech Holme Court (1986) provides flats for visually impaired people and won a Civic Society Good Mark in January 1987 for its high standard of internal and external design.

The vacant site on the corner of Vermont Street was the site of Newland Congregational Church built 1904-6 with a 120ft tower and spire. It was demolished in 1969

except for a small section of the east end, used for worship. The church hall, later adapted for services and weekday activities was familiar to many people as the venue for Blood Donor Sessions, before the congregation joined with St Ninian’s United Reformed Church on Chanterlands Avenue.

Newland House, at the corner of Beech Grove, is an example of a well-meaning, but visually unsatisfactory restoration of a fine 1880s Victorian house. After several years’ dereliction, rescue came in the form of a scheme to convert the house into flats and build three retail units. One, Domino’s Pizza, has been trading for several years, but the other two are still vacant. In the process, the proportions of the house were spoilt when the two bay windows were lowered, leaving a large blank above the windows and door.

Three of the corner buildings at the “Haworth Corner” crossroads make a positive contribution to the urban scene. Grove House, at the south-eastern corner of Clough Rd and Beverley Rd is a recent sheltered housing development by the Anchor Trust. The attractive three-storey building, surrounded by grass and trees is on the site of the City Council’s 1950s Grove House Old People’s Home. Before that, there was a fire station, itself on the site of Newland Grove, the residence of Mr

Avison Terry, who was instrumental in getting the nearby St John's Church (by William Hutchinson) built in 1833 as a chapel of ease for this end of Cottingham parish. It became Newland parish church in 1862. At the north eastern corner of the junction, Sainsbury's Local (formerly Jackson's) shop (1926) is attractive in a restrained way and its three storeys provide the right urban scale. The Haworth Arms (1925, by Llewlyn Kitchen) is a visually interesting "mock Tudor" pub. We looked at the mounting-block milepost incorporated into the Beverley road façade. The only disappointment at this junction is Lidl, built to the company's standard single storey design, in light coloured, rather than the local red brick and totally ignoring the fact that it is on a visually important corner site. The Society objected strongly both to the original proposal, which was even worse, and to



Grove House, Anchor Trust' sheltered housing scheme, Beverley Road. (Photo: JD Scotney)

the present "improved" design. The retention of the advertisement hoardings in front of the Cottingham Road façade simply adds insult to injury! The previous occupant of the site was the equally disappointing Turnpike pub, its name recalling the fact that this was the site of Newland toll bar on the Hull Beverley Turnpike (1744).

*Research for this article has been greatly assisted by information found in Nikolaus Pevsner & David Neave's "Buildings of England – Yorkshire: York & the East Riding", John Markham's "Streets of Hull", Alan Wilkinson's "From Corner shop to corner shop in three generations: a history of William Jackson & Son plc" and numerous directories, booklets and other sources.*

John Scotney.

## Planning & Buildings

### Old Town

Work has started on the new footbridge from Scale Lane Staith across the River Hull to the new Premier Inn hotel. By mid-September, wire barriers had been erected around the Scale Lane Staith car park in preparation for building the approach slope with its hard landscaping, seats, lights and public art approved in July. Piles linked by girders had also appeared in the river on the western bank and more piling is in progress, using a pile driver suspended from a floating crane.

The revised version of the Trinity Quays development at 62-71 High St, with 178 apartments and a 141-bed hotel overlooking Myton Bridge was approved in September.

In Market Place, the listed 1902 toilets, guarded by King Billy, now have the additional protection of an elegant Art Nouveau style iron fence and gate. The design was approved in July by the Secretary of State himself!

The Minerva pub, built about 1830, re-opened on 4<sup>th</sup> September, just in time for two festival weekends and a concert in Queen's Gardens, on the following weekend. The pub has been re-opened by Phil Daly, from the Corn Exchange, Market Place. Customers can once again enjoy views of the River Humber from one of Hull's best-located traditional pubs.

Tropical Knights (2-3 Humber Dock St), built in the 1980s as a bar and night club, has found a new, more sober use as a training centre to give young people sailing skills and the experience of

teamwork on clippers similar to those used in the Clipper Race. Permission for change of use was granted in June.

An application for internal alterations to the listed “new” White Hart pub in Alfred Gelder St has been withdrawn.

### City Centre

The History Centre, opposite the Central Fire Station, is predicted to open in January for the Local Studies Library collection and about two months later for archives.

In June, permission was granted for Kwik Save supermarket at the corner of Wright St and Prospect St, to be converted into a city council customer service centre with support offices. The public car park above remains open.

Manor Developments Co-op Ltd was granted permission in July to turn the old Co-op department store (32-38 Jameson St, next to BHS) into a customer service centre. I’m not sure whether this is to add to the potential uses of the property (a call centre has already been approved) or is an actual new use.

The planning committee refused the city council’s scheme for a grand stepped new western entrance to Queen’s Gardens in June. It was felt that too many trees would be lost and that a more comprehensive scheme for the whole gardens was needed.

August saw an application to create offices in Unit 5a at The Maltings, (the listed but disused part at right angles to Unit 3a, for which we gave the Steve Shearsmith Award). I think this may represent the last part of the brewery buildings to be converted.

Office-building seems to be in fashion again. The Circus-Circus pub, built in the 1950s as the Spencer’s Arms on Spencer St (between Prospect St and Ferensway) will be demolished to make way for a 7 storey block of offices with 12 parking spaces on the ground floor, if an application submitted in mid August is approved. It doesn’t seem long since Kemley House, the office block on the other side of Spencer St was converted into flats.

Another new application for offices, a 4 storey block, has been submitted for 20-24 Baker St (north side), the site for which Marblechip received permission last November to build a 4-storey block of 62 flats. This site is next to the Westbridge Homes flats completed in 2006, and currently occupied by a former chapel of rest, a house and Baker Street Garage.

### Ferensway / St Stephens

An application was submitted in mid-September to turn the large Unit 1 at St Stephens (between the Ferensway entrance and the Albemarle Music Centre) into a health centre.

### West

In early August a revised application was submitted for the old Carlton Bingo hall on Anlaby Rd. The 6-storey block of 43 flats will still incorporate the Art-Deco front, but this time it includes parking spaces for almost all the flats.

An outline application for 452 dwellings (mainly houses) on the site of Amy Johnson High School and a full application for 148 dwellings were submitted at the end of August.

Reading between the lines, the hotel plans approved in September 2008 for the New York Hotel and Netto site on Anlaby Rd, opposite Paragon Station, have gone to sleep again, as the Goodwin Development Trust lodged an application in mid-September to turn the Netto building into a “learning resource centre”. This scheme is welcome, but we also need a short-term use for the decaying New York Hotel, simply because it is seen by so many visitors leaving the station car park. It is pleasing, however, to see that the Tower night club has re-opened.

It is expected that new warehouses on Priory Park will be ready for the remaining fruit traders to move out of the Humber Street area by late November.

A decision on the application to build the new Sirius Academy and Ganton School on the site of the present Pickering High School was deferred from September to the October meeting. The design is an unusual, but attractive oval shape.

## East

A new 46-bed hostel for the homeless, incorporating healthcare & training facilities, gardens and a public café was approved in September for 55 Great Union St, a site overlooking the east bank of the River Hull just to the north of the disused Union Dry Dock. This will replace Dock House, St Peter's St, which would have been displaced by the abandoned Boom development on the eastern bank of the river south of Drypool Bridge.

Hull College received listed building consent in June for internal and external alterations to convert the Malton St School building (off Witham) from a construction depot into a pub, until recently used as part. Nothing has actually happened at the site yet.

A 2-storey extension to Preston Road Village Centre, alterations to the Freedom Centre a walled garden and extension to the car park were approved in the early summer. In September, conversion of the Expressive Arts Centre at 89 Preston Rd for use for preventive medicine and health services was also approved.

The outline application for residential development of the former Princess Royal Hospital site was recommended for approval in June, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State.

## North

Listed building consent was given in September for internal and external alterations to bring the two-storey part of Hull College's Charterhouse School premises on Wincolmlee up to modern standards for resumption of classes there. The consent included a new fence between it and the single storey part, formerly used as a nursery, that faces onto Charterhouse Lane.

SCOPE, the charity for people with cerebral palsy, has received listed building consent in August to convert Trafalgar St Church into a restaurant & theatre, with ancillary bar.

Approval has now been granted for Mr Raj Kanadia's application, submitted in September 2008 and scheduled to be considered in June 2009, to build four new blocks, totalling 56 flats, and convert the listed former School of Architecture, Strand Close, into a further 19. I am not sure why approval has taken so long, but I hope it will be followed at last by work on this long-neglected listed building.

A decision on Reid Park Properties' scheme to build flats and a restaurant at the National Picture Theatre (listed) & Swan Inn site was expected in September, but has been deferred for a site visit. Objections to the proposals, which would destroy an official archaeological site and significant parts of the listed remains, were lodged by Hull Civic Society, CAMRA, the National Civilian WW2 Memorial Trust (led by one of our members, Tom Robinson) and others and it has been recommended by planning officers for refusal.

A Conservation Area Consent application to build a 3-storey block of 18 flats, after demolishing the Newland United Reformed Church premises between Vermont St and Brooklyn St (480-498 Beverley Rd), was refused in September. As the premises have little architectural merit, the refusal must have been to do with the design of the new scheme.

At Newland House (439 Beverley Rd, the Victorian house next to Domino's Pizza), permission was granted for creation of a double front door and shop fronts for the two unused single-storey retail units on the northern side. Work had started by late September.

A decision on the plans for a new secondary school on Princess Elizabeth playing fields, Hall Road, was postponed for a site visit.

September saw permission granted for the new Clough Rd police station (custody suite & divisional HQ) on part of the gas works site, made necessary by the lack of space in the Queen's Gardens HQ to bring the facilities of the custody suite cells up to modern standards.

The Community Church now has its additional floor on the part facing Newland Avenue.

At Newland Homes, on the opposite side of Cottingham Rd, Listed Building Consent was granted in August and September for demolition of the swimming pool, internal alterations to the orphanage houses to convert them into 120-bed student accommodation, erection of a building containing 9 flats and a management office, plus 38 houses on the western side of the site. Further along Cottingham Rd, at the former Hull Grammar School site, three more 4 or 5 bedroomed houses



are being built to join the first four on the newly-named Scholars' Drive. Seven up, thirty eight to go! Last year, a scheme to build 10 houses on the car park of the YPI Sports Ground, Chanterlands Ave was refused. There was considerable local opposition to a revised scheme for 8 houses on the same site, mainly on the grounds that even the car park was scheduled as urban greenspace. A decision was deferred in September for a site visit.

*I am indebted to staff of the Planning Department and to Walter Houlton and Colin Cooper for information that has helped me to write this summary of planning developments.*

John Scotney

### Historic Cottingham Visit, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009



St Mary's Church, Cottingham.  
(Photo: JD Scotney)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June saw the Hull Civic Society visit Cottingham. The meeting took the form of a walk led by Mrs Pat Elliot of Cottingham Local History Society, to follow the excellent Town Trail produced 18 months ago by that society.

The visit commenced at Market Green, where the Duke of Cumberland (17<sup>th</sup> century), the two restored 18<sup>th</sup> century cottages and the adjoining Cottingham Urban District Council Offices were shown. A detour from the market area then led us to St Mary the Virgin church, which dates from the 1300s, and its adjacent Church House (1729), formerly the Cottingham Workhouse. The evolution of this fine parish church over the centuries was described to us by the inimitable Mr Geoff Bell, who needs no introduction to many members. He also described the many local links, such as memorials to the Wilson family (perhaps Hull's most famous shipowners), several of whom lived in Cottingham.

The church's memorials read like a roll call of Hull's Victorian merchant community, reflecting the many businessmen, such as the Thompsons, Gees, Ringroses and Wilsons who chose to move from the congested Old Town to rural Cottingham between 1750

and 1850. Even the church organ was built by Forster & Andrews of Charlotte Street, Hull, one of the country's leading organ makers at the time.

We were then shown the impressive Hallgate Junior School, of 1892-93, built by Cottingham School Board, but now, sadly, transferred to a private educational organisation, then along Hallgate with its interesting array of Victorian and early 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings, now largely used as shops, cafés and pubs. On house was Philip Larkin's home in the 1950s. It was pleasing to see that despite changes in retail patterns and the "pull" exerted by both Kingswood Park and Willerby Retail Park, the centre seemed lively and vibrant with many recent shop conversions etc. in keeping with the area's character.

It was also pleasing to see new housing in the village's centre, such as Cotta Court, replacing unused small shops. The visit lasted for two hours and ended at West Green, part of the village's western boundary, where the impressive Westfield House of 1770 (for many years a country club) was seen. It was subject to major restoration a few years ago (which almost saw its total collapse!) when being converted into its present rôle as the "Fair Maid" public house.

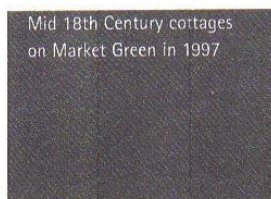
Opposite this, the Cottingham Castle site was visited. Unfortunately, only an earth mound with a 17<sup>th</sup> century house of that name still survive, but without public access, and the only visible reminder is the remains of a moat, still traceable in a few gardens in West End Road.

Sadly, just like any thriving area, the village faces problems. Pressure by developers to build on garden plots and greenspace means that several Victorian houses in Thwaite Street and Hull road are at risk or have been lost.

One major concern is the future of the Cleminson Hall site, for many years a Hall of Residence of Hull University. The site has been abandoned, newer buildings bulldozed and today, the only building standing is the magnificent original house, formerly known as “The Bungalow” when built in 1897 for Charles Henry Wilson (Lord Nunburnholme) as his town residence. (The daily commute from Warter Priory must have been too arduous!). Such a superb Victorian building should have its future secured and not be left to slowly decay in the midst of a building site. However, we must not digress too far. It was very pleasing to see such a high quality trail produced by a relatively small local society and it was also pleasing to see that Cottingham is alive and well and coping both economically and visually with its growing population of students, commuters etc.

Anybody who did not make the visit can obtain a copy of the Historic Cottingham Trail at the Tourist Information Office or from the Secretary, Mr P McClure, telephone 01482 848011.

Colin Cooper.



### Market, Church and Castle

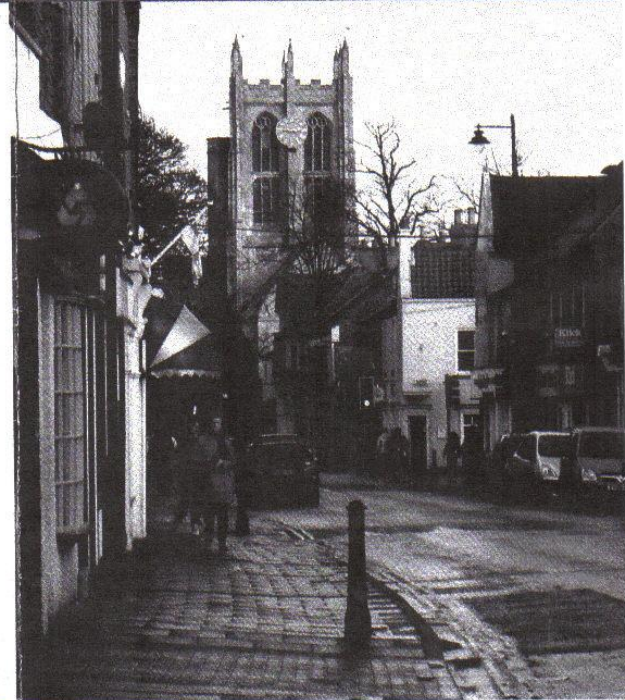
This short circular trail takes you round the old centre of Cottingham, from Market Green to the parish Church, along Hallgate to the outskirts of the old hall or castle at West Green, and back to Market Green via Finkle Street.

### Cottingham Local History Society

The Society was founded in 1952, and offers to its members a **Journal** and a programme of evening talks about local history on the first Wednesday of the month from October to April.

Publications by the Society include an illustrated history, **Cottingham in the 20th Century**, and various booklets and postcards. The Society is compiling photographic and oral archives as part of its Historic Cottingham Project, and welcomes new material and volunteer researchers.

For membership details and information about other Society activities contact Peter McClure, Chairman, 47 West End Road, Cottingham, HU16 5PW, telephone 01482-848014, or look out for our meeting advertisements in Cottingham Library and local shops.



Blue Bell Inn, West Green

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A page from the Cottingham Local History Society's excellent Historic Cottingham Trail



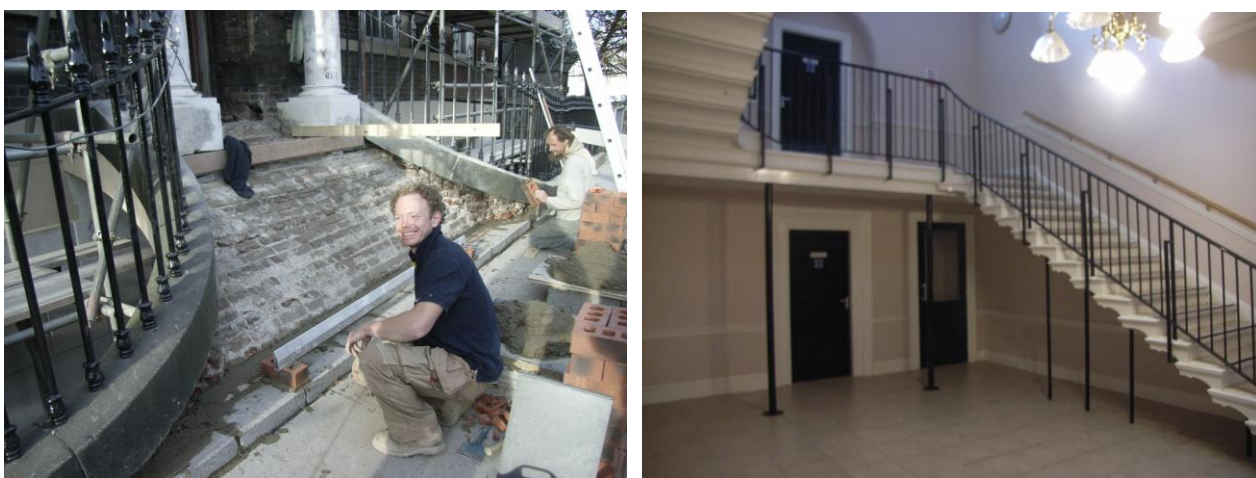
## Good Mark – Restoration of the YPI Building, George Street

Hull Civic Society's Good Mark goes to Benjamin Hooson, his son Darren and his family for the restoration of the YPI building in George Street (formerly Charlotte Street).

Quite often, when a building of this period (1783) has been turned into flats, original layouts are challenged, resulting in awkward- shaped rooms; however, in this case as far as possible, the integrity of the building has been preserved. Original room sizes have been retained with the minimum amendment taking place. This is reflected in the wide staircase hall, which sets off the whole development.

The Hooson family have taken great care to make sure interior features left in the building have been retained; cornices have been repaired and in some cases re-cast to match the originals. Simple decoration throughout lays bare the fine Georgian building.

Cynthia Fowler.



83-85 George St restoration. Above, left: Steps being rebuilt at no. 85; above, right: the staircase hall at no. 85. Below: the finished exterior. (Photos: JD Scotney)

## Heritage Open Days, Freedom Festival and the Clipper Race, 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September

A colleague summed up many people's feelings about this weekend: "It felt good to live in Hull!" Congratulations to Hull City Council, Arc, Phil Haskins and the many other people involved in making that weekend such a success.



1. New on the Heritage Open Days list: The Pacific Exchange, High St (now HQ of Humberside Police Authority).  
2. Visitors viewing the clipper race from the Marina Promenade, Humber Dock Side.  
3. The start of the Round the World Clipper Race.  
(Photos: JD Scotney)

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