

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

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Victoria Avenue Fountain

(Photographs are by John Scotney unless otherwise stated)

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Eva La Pensee

We were very sad to hear of the death of Eva La Pensee on 10th June 2023. Eva was born in Dresden on 21st September 1943 and as an active member of the Beverley-Lemgo Twinning Association, she helped to build contacts and international friendship between people of East Yorkshire and of Germany. She was a member of Hull Civic Society and one of the founder members of Friends of Hull General Cemetery and its secretary in earlier days. She was also a committee member of Beverley Civic Society. She will be much missed by many people. Our sympathy goes to her husband, Clive, and their family and friends.

Margaret Nicholson

We were very sorry to hear of the death, on 21st June, of Margaret Nicholson, who was an active member of the Society for many years attending most of our events. She will also be greatly missed at Hull Minster, where she was a regular volunteer. We would like to offer our condolences to Margaret's family and friends.

Summer Visits 2023

Advance booking essential – please email johnscotney126@gmail.com or telephone 01482 492822 (answerphone available).

Fri 7th July 10.00 a.m. - Sutton & Wawne Museum – a visit to a very interesting community-run museum, located in the former school on Church St, Sutton. (*Meet at the Museum*)

Mon 17th July 7.00 p.m. – Drypool Walk – led by Colin Cooper (*Meet outside Blaydes House, High Street*).

Sun 6th Aug 12.00 noon. West Park Miniature Railway – visit led by Ian Wolstencroft (*Meet at the main Anlaby Rd entrance next to the Carnegie*)

Other People's Events

Victoria Avenue Fountain – switch-on 2 p.m. on Saturday 8th July

Music by the Dagger Lane Singers, reading of Philip Larkin's poem "Water", MP Dame Diana Johnson will announce the switch-on of the water.

Heritage Open Days 8 - 17 Sep 2023: - This event is organised by John & Christine Netherwood, independently of Hull Civic Society. Visits and walks are all free, but some have to be booked ahead.

Cottingham Local History Society

- Meets 1st Wed. of the month 7.45 pm at Cottingham Civic Hall, Oct to April.

Barton upon Humber Civic Society

- Meets 3rd Friday of the Month at 7.30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown) at Joseph Wright Hall or the adjacent Wilderspin School, Queen St, Barton.

Fri 21 July, 7.30 AGM / 8.15 "Humber Bank Industry" Andrew Robinson; Wed 16 Aug Visit to Beverley. Full details available later; Friday 8 – Sunday 17 September Barton Heritage Open Days; Fri 8 Sept. "Made in Barton" Liz Bennet & Nigel Land John Pullen. All Barton Civic Society Walks are free and last about 1½ hours, but booking is required): email bookings4wilderspin@gmail.com.tel. (01652) 635172 Sat 16 Sep, 10am Heritage Tour, meet Wilderspin School)

Good Mark: Hull Fishing Heritage Centre

On 12th June, Hull Civic Society awarded a well-deserved Good Mark to the Hull Fishing Heritage Centre for its work in documenting the story of Hull’s fishing community and presenting it to the public through photographs, paintings, ship models, objects such as ships’ bells and other equipment and sharing personal memories with people of all ages, whether from Hull or coming as visitors to the city. Since Gerry Thompson and Ray Colles first talked in 2013 about the need to keep Hull’s fishing history alive, they have created an amazing archive of the names of 912 ships, 6,000 trawlermen, 160,000 photographs and many newspaper cuttings, which is a tremendous asset for historical and family history research. Thanks to Ian Wolstencroft for making the presentation.



The Hull Fishing Heritage Centre is a wonderful asset to Hull, and a wonderful achievement by Jerry, Ray and their team of volunteers.

John Scotney

Good Mark: Hull Minster Trinity Room

A modern extension to the south side of the Minster to provide for refreshments, relaxation for visitors and worshippers alike.

This is a truly amazing space which exceeds all expectations and is profoundly in sympathy with the proportions of Gothic character of the South Nave, both inside and out.

The roof of this structure is glazed to reveal views of the south side of the Nave allowing the vast glass windows with their delicate moulding to be visible from within the café. The rhythms of the spaces between the exterior buttresses are punctuated by allowing large areas of glass on all external sides of the construction. The large window at the West End is floor to ceiling with four bays of glass allowing views out on to Trinity

Square. There are automatic opening doors allowing access from the Square. The south side of the building is nearly all glass, again floor to ceiling, with large doors which can be unlocked. Above these are smaller clerestory panels. A subtle but effective form of decoration is the second skin on both the South and West elevations with four tall lancet windows to each panel. These reach from ground level to the eaves and have been carefully crafted in metal to create the illusion of diamond shaped glass stretching floor to ceiling. Strategically 34 vertical metal grills with delicacy. The chosen modern version of a Gothic motif reduces the visual contrast of materials most effectively.



Top, middle and bottom: Trinity Room at Hull Minster



Stylish service at Trinity Room

The interior is most welcoming and has a variety of sizes of tables and chairs in different configurations and a compact and stylish servery provides refreshments which fully meet the requirements of visitors. The staff of the Minster kitchen are friendly and helpful and already take great pride in their service and quality of facilities.

The toilet amenities which are outside the café are annexed happily in a number of cells positioned to serve both customers and congregation. Finally, the overall improvement to the Minster has been achieved by the design of this truly amazing extension profoundly in sympathy with both the mission and the proportions of the Gothic Minster.

pointed arches gradually decrease in size as they ascend into intricate This oasis of visual quality was designed by Bauman Lyons, Architects of Leeds.

Malcolm Sharman

Chairman’s Report 17.4.23

The 57th AGM was only 6 months ago, but we have reverted to the usual pattern of holding the AGM at the end of the Winter Programme.

Programme

This season’s speakers included Michele Beadle (Hull New Theatre), Colin Cooper (shipping), Mick Nicholson (Hull’s railways), Angus Young of the Hull Daily Mail (his life as a journalist), Martin Newman (the work of

Giroscope housing charity), and Peter Connally, who will be talking to us today about the archaeological dig at the South Blockhouse.

We saw extracts from the Hull DVD “60 Years of Change in Hull” after the October AGM and it was launched at the Hull History Centre on Thursday 24th November. The DVD was Ian Wolstencroft’s idea and he is to be congratulated for all the work he has put into creating a historic collection of film footage covering many different aspects of life in the city. The sales of this DVD have raised money for both Hull Civic Society and Dove House Hospice. Copies are still available.

This year we have a full programme of Summer Visits. Thank you to all who have booked and we look forward to more bookings.

The Programme Planning Committee has already met and agreed the 2023-24 Winter Programme of talks. Your ideas as to how best to celebrate our 60th Anniversary next year would be most welcome.

Equipment

Some of our speakers have their own equipment, but others need to use our laptop and projector. A fault on our projector turned out to be irreversible, so the committee decided to invest in a new Benq projector, purchased from Nuway Audio Visual on Stoneferry Road and a new laptop, purchased from Curry’s, Clough Rd, together with the necessary software. This is capital expenditure which will not, we hope, need to be repeated for some time, though we do need to think about a better sound system for speakers before the next winter programme.

Website

In 2017, Graham Latter, of Swanland, who was recommended by the late Paul Priestley, set up our website. Graham and the website served us well, but as technology of computers, mobile phones and tablets leapt forward, the committee decided that a new website designed for use on a wider range of devices should be investigated. With Graham Latter’s full co-operation, our new website has been designed by Joseph and Trevor Ellis of Mariner Computer Services. Joseph has given training to keep the

website updated ourselves. Apart from the annual fee to keep the website domain, most of the expenditure for the new website is a one-off amount.

Financial Transactions

An increased trend against accepting cheque payments (especially for meeting room hire at this hotel) has meant that dual-authorized bank transfers and payments by a Civic Society credit card have become essential. Dealing with the Business Banking department of Barclays, first to add our Treasurer and Vice Chairman as signatories to the Society's account and then to complete the process of applying for the credit card, tested our patience last year with months of emails from different Barclays officials requiring additional information before they could approve our requests. I would like to thank our Treasurer, Ian Pearson, Secretary Cynthia Fowler and Vice-Chairman Richard Clarke for persisting until we convinced the bank that we were not a money-laundering gang and we got the necessary approval. It was worth it, as the new system for payments to suppliers works very smoothly. We still make some payments by dual-signed cheques, but far fewer than in the past.

Income

A worrying problem is the Society's reduced income, which comes almost completely from members' subscriptions. Firstly, a big thankyou if you have paid your subs for 2023 or are about to pay. One problem has been that during the Pandemic we were unable to hold meetings and visits and some members forgot to pay their subs, while some paid by standing order, but at the old rate. Standing orders are great, but out of sight, they are sometimes out of mind and not updated! This year we have had a lot of necessary capital expenses, but there have also been increases in regular expenditure on room hire, postage and printing. Fortunately, insurance and accountancy costs are lower than they were a couple of years ago, but still have to be paid for! We do receive a small amount of income from Gift Aid on subscriptions, and I would like to thank Hilary Blackstock for her work on claiming this income from HMRC.

Planning

We have commented upon numerous planning applications, some in the Old Town and City Centre through CAAC (Conservation Area Advisory Committee) on which Cynthia Fowler, John Netherwood and I are the Civic Society's representatives, and direct comments on other applications around the city, which we monitor each week.

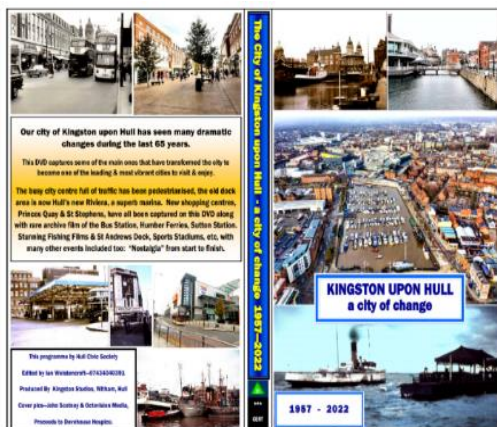
Committee

Finally, I would like to thank our committee, who have brought new ideas and initiatives to the Society and have worked hard to implement them, while still dealing with the basic routine matters. All the committee's work is voluntary and unpaid. I would also like to thank the management and staff of the Holiday Inn Express for making us welcome, Kall-Kwik for their wonderfully efficient printing services and our accountants, Dutton Moore, for their friendly help. Most of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, for your comments (in some cases drawing attention to things we have got wrong), but mainly for your continued interest and support. Thank you.

John Scotney

The Hull DVD - Price £10.00

Available at: - Civic Society meetings; - Dove House Hospice, Chamberlain Road, Hull; - Hull Fishing Heritage Centre (corner of Hessle Road and Boulevard); - Sutton & Wawne Museum, Church Street, Sutton on Hull (Friday mornings from 10 a.m. only); Orders can also be placed with Ian Wolstencroft tel. 01482 504381



Email: wolstencroft@iwolstencroft.karoo.co.uk

Lowgate, Part 4

In Part 3 of this article, we looked at the west side of Lowgate from Silver St to Alfred Gelder St.



Going back briefly to the previous article in the March Newsletter, I mentioned Ocean Chambers 1900-01 (currently Burstall's Solicitors but now for sale). According to the 1893 Kelly's Directory¹ this site was occupied by an ironmonger at 54. At 54½ was Alfred Tesseyman, printer, (probably related to the leather firm in Manor St) and at 55 a firm of bootmakers. Next came

Eaton St, reached through a covered entry. The site of the former General Post Office (now Three John Scotts pub, City Exchange apartments and Wed2B bridal gowns) was occupied in 1893 by five old premises. 56 housed an accountant and a printer. 57 was shared by a printer, an auctioneer, The Hull Economic Building Society and an assessor of taxes. 58 housed a confectioner and 59 a fent dealer. Fents are odds and ends of cloth. 59½ was a butcher's shop at the corner of Manor Alley. As the name suggests, Manor Alley ran along the north side of the De La Pole manor house (later, the King's Manor) and there was a gate house into the manor property which survived into the 18th century. North of Manor Alley, 60 Lowgate was the Guildhall Vaults pub called, 61 was a chemist's, 62 housed Charles Andrews' dining rooms, 63 was a beer retailer, 64 was the premises of Walter Pulford, provisions deliverer. Was he related to the well-known Cottingham butchers? 65 was a baker, and at 66 Fountain & Co., fish curers. Next came Leadenhall Square, which had

the Corporation Cleansing Dept and the Three Tuns pub on the south side and the Town Hall on the north side.

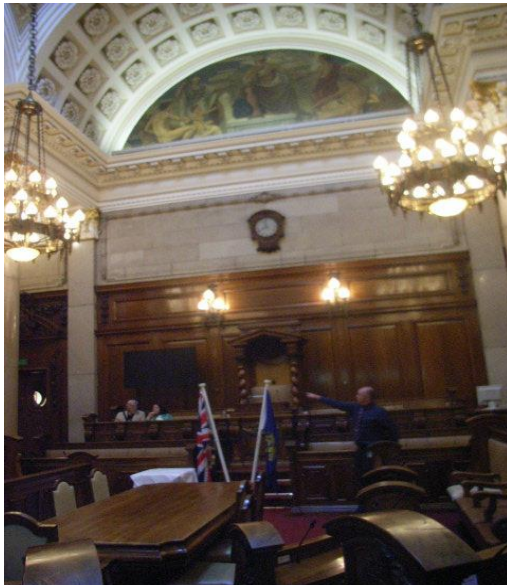
Manor Alley and Leadenhall Square were swept away about 1900 to build Alfred Gelder St, part of Wm Alfred Gelder's scheme to build King Edward St and Queen Victoria Square, creating a new city centre worthy of Hull's new status from 1897, to ease traffic flow and to lay electric tramways through and into the Old Town.

The old Town Hall was designed by Cuthbert Brodrick, a talented Hull-born architect best known for the magnificent Leeds Town Hall. It opened in 1866, but by the beginning of the 20th century an extension was needed to enlarge the Law Courts and offices for council departments and the Council Chamber. It was built on the site of the Kingston Gas Works (which stood to the west of the Town Hall, on Broadley St - another lost street).



The old Town Hall and newly-built Alfred Gelder St, constructed about 1901-02. (postcard owned by the Editor)

An architectural competition was held in 1903 and the design chosen was by Edwin Cooper of Russell, Cooper, Davis & Mallows. The new Guildhall was constructed in three stages. Initially, it was intended to retain the old Town Hall. Work began in 1905 and the Law Courts were completed in 1908.



Above left: Court No. 1, on 19.5.10
Above right: the Council Chamber
Left: Lord Mayor's Parlour

When the second phase - offices and Council Chamber - was nearing completion in 1911, Edwin Cooper persuaded the city's Corporation (council) to build a new Town Hall to replace the old one, which they had originally intended to retain. Work started in 1913 and was finished in 1916. The only surviving



parts of the old Town Hall are the top of the tower, now in Pearson Park, and some of the marble columns which form part of Brantingham War Memorial.

Above: Guildhall on 17.6.2011
 Below left: Cupola of the old Town Hall, in Pearson Park; below left: Brantingham war memorial

Hanover Square, originally a residential street,



runs along the north side of the Guildhall. It is now closed off by gates.

North of Hanover Square, five Georgian properties, numbered

74-78 were converted into larger units and occupied by a variety of companies, including an employment agency, but are currently vacant. In

1905, there was a diversity of occupants. 74 was occupied by Hotham & Whiting, warehousemen, 75 by Henry Pooley's Scale-repairing branch, 76 housed the Keel & Lighter Owners' Mutual Insurance & Protection Society, Gelder & Kitchen, architects, and B. B. Mason, wine & spirit



74-79 Lowgate

merchants. 77 was occupied by John Goy, draper, Jones & Co., printer, and three architects, listed individually (F. Stead Brodrick - York Diocesan Surveyor and nephew of Cuthbert Brodrick – Arthur R. Lowther and William S Walker) and as a partnership: Brodrick, Lowther & Walker.

No.78, of different build from nos. 74-77, was one of the Hull People's Public Houses, which served cocoa and other non-alcoholic drinks.



Above: 79 Lowgate on 17.6.11

Number 79, the distinctive building at the corner of Lowgate and Guildhall Rd, housed the City Archives until they were moved to the Hull History Centre in 2010. The building is often described as having been built for B.B. Mason, wine merchants, but the original planning application (no. 6134)

dated Feb. 28th 1881, is described as "Proposed offices for Messrs. White, Son & Stratten on Queen's Dock

Side, Hull, on the property of Joseph Walker Pease Esquire.” Pease’s address is shown as Trinity House Lane.

In the 1885 Kelly’s Directory, these offices and warehouse were occupied by White, Son & Stratten Ltd, fruit and colonial brokers. The original 4-storey building was extended in 1908 by addition of a 5th floor and a circular lantern tower, surmounted by a conical roof. The first mention of B.B. Mason at this address is in the 1910 Kelly’s Directory.

A 3rd floor roundel at the corner has the monogram “T.C.M. 1881” surmounted by a crest. This is something of a mystery. It appears in F.S.

Smith’s drawing of 1884, so predates any connection with B.B. Mason’s. The initials T.C.M. do not match any company mentioned in the planning application of 1881 nor any of the occupants.



Above: 79 Lowgate in 1884 drawn by F.S. Smith
Below: the roundel, showing TCM monogram



After the premises ceased to be used by the City Archives, it lay empty for several years, but in 2021-22 was refurbished by Hobson & Porter Ltd for use as council offices, with a new entrance on Guildhall Rd and new build linking it with the adjacent structure.



79 Lowgate in 2022 after extension and refurbishment.

Planning and Buildings

Old Town

The final phase of the “@the Dock” development in Humber St is structurally complete, but was still swathed in scaffolding and blue protective netting in early June.

In w/c 1/5, a 5-floor extension to Burnett House, Castle St was approved for the corner of Market Place. It would provide car parking, gym, and cinema at ground floor and 30 on- & 2-bed flats on floors 1-6, and a roof terrace.



Castle St / Market Place extension to Burnett House (the white building to the left) (artist's impression from the application documents)

At 61 Market Place, Listed Building Consent was granted in w/c 13/3 for change of use from vacant offices on the upper floors to studio apartments. This building incorporates the eastern entrance to Hepworth's Arcade. In w/c 19/6 an application was submitted to vary the internal layout.



Above: 61 Market Place
Left: Guildhall time ball
Below: North End Shipyard scheme.
(artist's impression from planning application documents)

With the removal of scaffolding, the golden beauty of the Guildhall Time Ball can now be appreciated. It has been restored by Hobson & Porter Ltd and its first public timekeeping duty was at 1 p.m. on Thursday 29th June 2023, after being out of use since 1922.

An important feature of the city's Maritime Trail will be the arctic Corsair trawler berthed in the North End Shipyard (originally the entrance from the River Hull to Queen's Dock). Work is progressing on the visitor centre and permission was granted in 5/6 to berth the ship with its bow facing the river instead of facing Dock Office Row.



In w/c 19/6, there was an application for 2 Parliament St (Brewer Wallace offices) to be converted into 4 self-contained flats.

At the listed 3 Parliament St, permission was granted in w/c 1/5 for internal and external alterations to the upper floors in connection with change of use from offices to dwellings or short term holiday accommodation.



Left: 1-3 Whitefriargate. Right: Burton's Building, 34 Whitefriargate

Work on 1-3 Whitefriargate (corner of Trinity House Lane) to create a café-bar is well advanced. At the opposite end, Wykeland are restoring the Burton's building at no. 34 to its 1936 appearance. The hoardings themselves, which carry interesting photographs and information panels are well worth seeing.

Sterling Meat Co. applied in w/c 12/6 to install a replacement shop front and reconfigure the ground floor of its listed premises at 39 Whitefriargate.

City Centre

The major refurbishment of Queen's Gardens began on 5th June.

In w/c 19/6, approval was granted for 78-80 George St to be converted from dental laboratory and barber's to a 3-bed dwelling.

At 1-7 George St (former Lloyds Bank, originally Hull Savings Bank), permission was granted in w/c 6/3 to increase the roof and parapet by 600 millimetres (2 feet) and convert the ground floor banking hall into 14 flats. By late May, work was in progress.

A revised application to build a 2-storey block of 18 flats in Egginton St (between John St / Kingston Square and Freetown Way) was refused in w/c

5/6. Although the revised design was reduced from 3½ to 2 storeys, the proposed design is still not in keeping with the surroundings.

An application was submitted in w/c 12/6 to convert the New Clarence pub at 77-79 Charles St (corner of John St) into a 32-bed HMO. This was originally 3 houses, was converted into a meeting hall and in the 1980s became the New Clarence pub, its licence transferred from the Clarence, which stood opposite and was demolished for new housing.



Permission was granted in w/c 13/3 for a café and vacant office at 22 & 23

The New Clarence pub, Charles St, 27.6.23.

Story St to be converted into two dwelling houses. Some of the Georgian features survive.

An application was submitted in w/c 10/4 for the Jubilee Central Church in King Edward St / Waltham St for a new ground floor façade onto King Edward St (returning to the original central entrance), to widen the use category from F1 (place of worship) to mixed use including community



Existing and proposed elevations (from planning application documents)

facilities, café meeting rooms and teaching rooms and for various internal alterations.

An application to erect a free-standing electronic display screen in front of the Maritime Museum in Queen Victoria Square for a temporary period brought disquieting memories of the over-large permanent screen that once stood in King Edward St.

However the word “temporary” brought some reassurance.

Hammonds Of Hull food hall is closed and boarded up, but the two upper floors are still in commercial use.

Paragon Station’s automatic ticket barriers came into use in mid-May.

Victoria House, on Park St was the Victoria Children’s Hospital until 1967 and has since been used as NHS offices.

A scheme to re-use the offices as flats linked to new-build flats to the west has, sadly, run out of time and the application was “disposed of” in w/c 27/3.

East

The former Waterloo Tavern is a familiar sight to anyone approaching Drypool Bridge from Clarence St. It



Above: Jubilee Central Church, 62-64 King Edward St



Above: Victoria House, Park St. Below: Waterloo Tavern



stands at the corner of Great Union St. and is currently an antiques and architectural rescue centre. In w/c 8/5, an application was submitted to

convert it into a hotel.



A scheme was submitted in w/c 20/3 for 24 apartments, a gym and a sauna at the disused East Hull Pools, which were opened in 1898 and closed in April 2018. The building was designed by the City Architect, Joseph Hirst and its entrance has splendid ceramic tiled panels, which will be kept as a feature. A rare feature was a Jewish ritual immersion pool, which the Jewish community and Hull Civic

Above: East Hull Pools, Holderness Rd
Below: Darley's Arms, Porter St

Society are campaigning to conserve in the final scheme, as part of Hull's heritage.

The former East Hull United Reform Church at the corner of James Reckitt Ave and Clifford Ave was demolished earlier this year and by 10/6 construction of the 5 detached houses (approved 8/11/22) and a detached bungalow (approved 17/5/23) was advanced as far as the roof trusses.

West



The Darley's Arms, at the corner of William St, is Porter St's only surviving pub, but an application in w/c to erect a 4-storey block of 14 one- and 2-bed flats would mean demolition of the pub.

City Temple (1880) on Hessle Rd, disused but listed, was damaged by fire on 24/4. The blaze seems to

have broken out in the Sunday School block at the rear and it appears that the Fire Brigade managed to prevent the fire from spreading to the main church building. Any building left disused is at risk and it is a pity that the approved plans for conversion into flats have not been carried out.



Above: City Temple,
Below: Venn Boulevard Centre

The Hull Fishing Heritage Centre, opened in its new premises on 9/6 in the former Barclays Bank at 155 Hessle Rd, at the south-west corner of Hessle Rd and Boulevard (see Good Mark article).



In w/c 19/6 there was an application to build a single storey cafeteria extension to the Venn Boulevard Centre. It was built in 1914 as the School for Fishermen (later the Nautical College), and is now “an alternative provision for children in Years 6 – 11”.

Freightliner Rd is named after Hull’s British Rail Freightliner depot where containers were transferred to from train to lorry and vice-versa. It opened in the late 1960s and closed in 1987. In w/c 3/4 an application was submitted to install 2 rail sidings and a warehouse. The function will be for distribution of pre-assembled railway track layouts (junctions, sidings etc.) for the Austrian



Above: British Rail Freightliner Depot closed in 1987.



company “Voerst-turnout” who will be bringing the components from their assembly site at Harworth to send to railway sites across the whole of the UK, thereby minimising road haulage movements. This is, I think, a development which will benefit Hull, the national road system and the environment.

W/c 24/4 brought permission for an 18-bedroom extension to Alderson House apartments on Linnaeus St, opposite Hull Royal Infirmary.

Left: Site of proposed rail-connected terminal. Below middle: Premiere Bar. Bottom: 40-42 Beverley Rd

The Premiere Bar (former West Park Picture Palace 1914-1959), 419-421 Anlaby Rd, opposite West Park caught fire at about 2 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday 8th June. This is disappointing news as it had been purchased by the housing charity, Giroscope, to turn into a multipurpose entertainment centre for the local community. The building is on the Local Heritage List.



North

Permission was granted in w/c 6/3 to convert 40-42 Beverley Rd from offices to a 28-bed house in multiple occupation. This is the north end of the handsome block which also houses the Hull & Humberside Chamber of Commerce.



At Brunswick Arcade, the reconstruction of 52a-54 is still in progress. This part of the block had to be demolished for safety reasons.

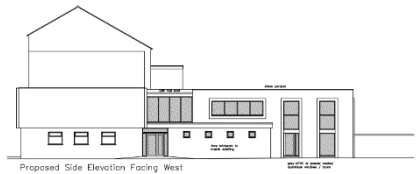
By June, the construction of the single storey extension at Endeavour High School for use as a dining hall was well advanced. It was approved on 28/7/22 and is part of preparation for the transfer of Trinity House School to this site.

At 48 Spring Bank, currently a grill-café, conversion to 5 self-contained flats was approved in w/c 27/3. This group of early-Victorian houses, on the north-east side of Spring Bank, was initially called Brunswick Terrace. Spring Bank is one of Hull’s Conservation Areas.

83-85 Spring Bank was constructed in the 1960s as a 2-storey flat-roofed Nat-West Bank with a single-storey rear extension. No effort was made by Nat-West to harmonise in scale or design with neighbouring buildings and it would not win a prize as Hull’s most beautiful building, but we are pleased to see it back in use! In w/c 12/6 permission was approved to demolish the rear extension and erect a new 2-storey extension. The building was disused for many years, but has been used for several months as the Hull Kurdish Community Centre and Mosque.



Left: 83-85 Spring Bank
Below: proposed extension



John Symons House on Park Row (off Park St) is an attractive Victorian detached villa used as NHS offices. In w/c 19/6 an application was submitted for change of use and extension to form a 32-bed HMO.

John Symons House



A revised application to build a house next to 62 Pearson Park was submitted in w/c 12/6. Although the design is slightly modified, it would be in exactly the same location, intruding onto the green space of the former Cottingham Drain along Queen's Rd. For this reason, the original application was refused by the Planning Committee on 29/4/22 and the applicant's appeal was dismissed on the same grounds by the Planning Inspector on 12/12/22. Hull Civic Society has objected strongly to the revised application.

In w/c 19/6 an application was submitted to build a Battery Storage System on the Clough Rd site that was formerly occupied by Northern Gas Networks.

At Hull University, demolition was approved in w/c 19/6 for the Loten Building, a 1960s residential block near the Students' Union.

At 344 Chanterlands Ave, construction of the new 86-bed St Mary's residential care home for the elderly is well advanced. This 1-3 storey building stands to the south of St Mary's Nursing Home and was approved in April 2022 (observed 23.6.23).



St Mary's Residential Care Home under construction 23/6/23

- The Victoria Avenue Fountain is now in position at the junction with Salisbury St and is due to be switched on at 2 p.m. on Saturday 8th July (see front cover).



Find out more about Spring Bank Conservation Area Regeneration

Project

Residents and business and property owners are invited to find out more about Spring Bank Conservation Area Regeneration Project.

Spring Bank Conservation Area is characterised by an eclectic mix of residential, retail, hospitality, office and community spaces, as well as its Victorian architecture.

It has been identified as being a vulnerable conservation area due to negative trends affecting its heritage significance, including it being an area of high deprivation.

This project, covering the entirety of Spring Bank from Freetown Way to Spring Bank West, is aimed at business and property owners in the conservation area, as well as those who live in and frequent it. Hull City Council received a grant from Historic England to undertake Spring Bank Conservation Area Regeneration Project.

Alongside appointed consultant Seven Architecture, the council is conducting public engagement to gain opinions on the area.

A small number of drop-ins have already taken place, with the next series of free workshops being held over the coming months at Spring Bank Community Centre on West Parade, starting on Friday 30th June. Documents will be available to view explaining how the character and appearance of the area can be improved and how the heritage asset should be managed.



Above: Former pub at the corner of West Parade and Spring Bank Below: Community Centre, West Parade



Cllr Paul Drake-Davis, Hull City Council's portfolio holder for regeneration, said: "Spring Bank is filled with rich history and a vibrant community. It is a key economic area within the city and it's great that the council wishes to share its plans for the area with residents and business owners. The council has developed similar plans for other areas in Hull and we aim to make Spring Bank Conservation Area a more attractive place to live, work and visit."

Craig Broadwith, Historic Places Advisor at Historic England, added: "We hope that this regeneration plan will be the first step in breathing new life into Spring Bank."

The drop-in session on 30 June will take place from 12-3pm, with other events also being held in the community centre on 28 July, 8 September and 29 September during the same time period. A later session from 4-7pm will take place on Thursday 31 August.

Officers will be on hand to answer questions and visitors are welcome to come and go as they please.

Project members will be visiting shops and businesses along Spring Bank from 10am and 3pm on Monday 14 August and leaflets will also be distributed to properties.

Lisa McFarlane, director at Seven Architecture, said: "Seven is excited to play such an important role in this process which we hope will lead to future investment in the area and help to celebrate the history of Spring Bank."

You can join a free walking tour to understand the history and architecture of Spring Bank Conservation Area on Friday 7 July between 12:30-3pm.

Numbers are limited to 25 and can be booked using this link:

[Find out more about Spring Bank Conservation Area Regeneration Project - Hull CC News](#)

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Spring Bank Picture Gallery



A walk along Spring Bank is like a stroll through the development of architecture from the early 19th century to the late 20th century, with examples from every decade. Here are a few. Can you identify these buildings?



The Evolution of the new Hull Civic Society Website

You can login to our website by “Googling” hullcivicsoc.info which will bring you our Home screen. It will look a bit like this:



[Home](#) [About V](#) [News & Events V](#) [Store](#) [Contact V](#) [SEARCH HERE](#)

The **Home** page has a bit about the Society and its mottos and Charity Number.

The **About** section has a drop down box with 5 topics which are all quite self-explanatory.

About Hull - tells interested people a bit about Hull

About Hull Civic Society - tells you about the Society. The birth of the Society, its Aims & Constitution

Gallery - various photographs of Hull

Past Events - photographs of past events that have taken place

Links - If you want to know about another organisation that has a website, this is a good place to look

Good Marks - find details of who we have awarded Good Marks to in the past and where to find them in our Newsletters

News and Events has another drop down box with

News - is a section about news stories that members may be interested in

Newsletters - All the Societies Newsletters are available here going back to 2004. Just click to view them

Events - These are predominantly Civic Society Events that have been arranged for Members.

Store is where you can join the Society, renew your membership, or make a donation to the Society.

Contact has a small drop down menu

Contact Us - where you can send a message to the Webmaster

Find Us - where we hold our meetings at Holiday Inn Express Hull City Centre, 80 Ferensway, Hull HU2 8LN

Search Here - try it out and it'll give you information from our website, for example "Wilberforce"

The website is being continually improved and upgraded by members of the committee under the guidance of Joseph Ellis and his father of Maritime Computer Services.

If you would like any information, please do not hesitate to get in touch, preferably by using the Contact us button to webmaster@hullcivicsoc.info

Thank you and enjoy!

Ian Pearson.

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Committee Changes

At the AGM we welcomed Isobelle Tracy as a full member of the committee. She has already made a good contribution as a co-opted member for several months and continues to do so.

Gift Aid

Dear Member,

Gift Aid is a way of making members' subscriptions go further. As long as a member is a taxpayer, Hull Civic Society, as a registered charity, can claim back 25% of your subscription or donation.

This means the Society receives £3.75 from the Government on top of every £15 single subscription and £6 for every £24 dual subscription.

To ensure that we can claim Gift Aid on as many members' subscriptions as possible, we are asking all members who are taxpayers to complete the enclosed membership form and return it as soon as possible to our Treasurer. If you have already paid your 2023 subscription, all we need is the form itself.

You can send the completed form **by post** to:

Ian Pearson, Treasurer, Hull Civic Society, 218 Saltshouse Road, Hull, HU8 9HH :

Or (if you can) scan your completed form and send it as an email attachment to treasurer@hullcivicsoc.info

Many thanks in advance for helping the Civic Society in this way.

John Scotney, Chairman

Application for membership of HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

Annual Membership: £15.00 (£24.00 for two people living at the same address). Please pay by bank transfer or Standing Order to Hull Civic Society, Sort Code 20-43-47, Account No. 50568724, or send a cheque to our Treasurer, Ian Pearson, 218 Saltshouse Road, Hull, HU8 9HH.

Title _____ First Name _____

Surname _____

Full Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel. _____ Email _____

The details on this form will be held securely by Hull Civic Society and not shared with any third party. **I consent to Hull Civic Society holding the details on this form (please tick)**

Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your subscription or donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. To Gift Aid your subs /donation please tick this box

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Hull Civic Society (Charity No 236485). Date:/...../.....

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Please notify the Treasurer if you: • want to cancel this declaration •change your name or home address •no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. **Note:** If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.
