

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

May 2025



Maritime Museum

(Photographs are by John Scotney unless otherwise stated)

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Hull Civic Society Summer Programme 2025

Mon 9th June 7.00 p.m. Northern Films Ltd

8 Saltmarsh Court, Hull HU4 7DZ

Mon. 14th July 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. – Drypool & Witham Walk, led by Colin Cooper. Meet at Blaydes House, High St.

Winter Programme 2025-2026

Our first meeting of the Winter Programme will be on

Monday 13th October at 7.30 p.m. at our usual venue, the Holiday Inn Express, Ferensway, part of the St Stephen's complex. Subsequent meetings will be on 10th November, 8th December, 12th January, 9th February, 9th March and 13th April.

Full details of speakers and topics will appear in the September Newsletter, Update Bulletins and on the Hull Civic Society Website.

Additional event at Carnegie Heritage Centre,

Saturday 29th November 2025 10am to 4pm, Admission £3

Hull Civic Society & Minster Rail Campaign commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the closure of the Beverley-Market Weighton-York railway line in November 1965 and share proposals for its re-opening.

Displays will include the history of the line, pictures, films, model railways and stalls. Refreshments will be available. All Welcome!

Hull Civic Society's Stall will launch the new DVD. There will also be Hull & Barnsley Society and Minster Rail Campaign stalls.

Richard Clarke's Park Walks 2025

Throughout 2025, Richard Clarke, Landscape Historian and Civic Society member, will be running a series of monthly History and Tree Walks on Saturdays in each of Hull's parks and cemeteries. He is also running a separate series of monthly Guided Walks on Saturdays in Pearson Park on the themes of Trees, Houses and Birds. The full timetables are shown below in two posters.

No need
to book!

Guided History & Trees Walks

FREE!

All walks are on **Saturdays** and are led by Richard Clarke, landscape historian.

Date	Venue	Meeting Place
08.02.2025	West Park	Anlaby Road entrance
08.03.2025	Northern Cemetery	Old main entrance on Chanterlands Ave North
12.04.2025	East Park	Holderness Road main entrance
10.05.2025	Hedon Road Cemetery	Hedon Road main entrance
14.06.2025	Western Cemetery	Pedestrian entrance from Hull General Cemetery, just off Spring Bank West
12.07.2025	Pickering Park	Hessle High Road main entrance
09.08.2025	Costello Park	Pickering Road entrance
13.09.2025	Eastern Cemetery	Preston Road main entrance
11.10.2025	Oak Road Playing Fields	Eastern end of Beresford Avenue entrance

All walks start at 10am and last for 1 to 1½ hours. Meet 5 minutes before walk starts.

<https://richardclarkelandscapehistorian.co.uk>



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to book!

Pearson Park Guided Walks

FREE!

All walks are on **Saturdays** and are led by Richard Clarke, landscape historian.

<https://richardclarkelandscap historian.co.uk>

Date	Walk
01.02.2025	Tree Walk
01.03.2025	Houses Study
05.04.2025	Bird Walk - with Africa Gomez
03.05.2025	Tree Walk
07.06.2025	Houses Study
02.08.2025	Tree Walk
06.09.2025	Houses Study
04.10.2025	Bird Walk - with Africa Gomez
01.11.2025	Tree Walk
08.11.2025	History & Trees



All walks start at 10am and last for 1 hour.

Meet at the Pearson Park bandstand 5 minutes before walk starts.

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**Hull Civic Society Minutes of the 60th AGM
held 14th April 2025 at the Holiday Inn Express, Ferensway.**

The minutes of the 59th AGM, held on 8th April 2024, were read and passed with no matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

Last year was very good. A highlight was the 60th Anniversary get-together at The Charterhouse in Hull on 20th July.

The Master, Revd Gloria Naylor, hosted 3 tours and there was a reading, by Malcolm Sharman, of "To His



The Master's House, Charterhouse.

Coy Mistress" by Andrew Marvell whose father had been a Master of The Charterhouse. The Greatfield Community Choir entertained the members. The buffet was supplied by Denise's Pantry, Caroline Street.

In April, Ian Pearson led a walk around Victoria Dock Village in memory of Colin McNicol and in July, Colin Cooper led another walk, this time around Wincolmllee. There were also visits to the former Sculcoates Goods Depot, Hull University's Aura Innovation Centre at Humber Bridge Business Park and Hedon Museum.

A programme of monthly talks during cooler months at The Holiday Inn Express, followed.

For Summer 2025, plans include visits to the Maritime Museum and Northern Films. Additionally, there are plans for a social event at Holderness House and a walk around Drypool led by Colin Cooper.

The Committee

Thanks were expressed to Charles Trafford for his work as Press Officer. He has recently stepped down from the committee. Thanks were also given to all members of the committee, each of whom has contributed ideas and good advice: Isabelle Tracy has helped us to identify priorities; Simon Green has tended our website and represented us at YHACS. Ian Pearson, Membership Secretary and Treasurer keeps members well informed; Ian Wolstencroft is working on a second DVD; Malcolm Sharman has contributed long experience of the

Society's work. It was proposed that Cynthia Fowler should be honoured by being nominated to the vacant post of President. She has served for over forty years on the Committee in various roles. Proposed by Isabelle Tracy and seconded by Tom Irvine and Colin Cooper. Cynthia gave a speech of thanks and shared memories of the early days of the Civic Society, formed in 1964, when 121 members met at the Ferens Art Gallery. Cynthia brought an early photograph of members from the Hull Daily Mail.

Treasurer's Report

The Full Accounts are available and a resumé was circulated. Last year £1,000 less was spent than was received in income. This means that there is approximately £13,000 in the bank account, comprising £10,000 in the Deposit Account and £3,000 in our Current Account for settling bills etc.

There are about 240 members which includes 7 Corporate Members and these contribute £100 each. The 240 members also include 28 student members (free), 34 life members and 8 non-paying free members. (Life Membership is no longer available). Thus, there are approximately 170 members paying annually.

Election of Officers

Chairman: John Scotney proposed by Cynthia Fowler and seconded by Peter Lowden

Vice-Chairman: Malcolm Sharman proposed by Cynthia Fowler and seconded by Peter Lowden

Secretary: Vacancy

David Ostler: was voted in as a new Committee Member, proposed by Ian Pearson and seconded by Colin Cooper.

The remainder of the committee was voted in as a group to serve again, proposed by Dawn Bennett and seconded by Ray Gaston.

Auditors for the year 2025 ending 31st December 2025 Dutton Moore, proposed by John Scotney and seconded by Ian Pearson.

Many thanks to Mrs Susan Heritage for taking the AGM minutes

Hull Minster Medieval Festival Saturday 14th June, 10am to 6pm

Hull Minster are delighted to be hosting a Medieval Festival (free entry) as part of their **HT600** Project. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply looking for a day of entertainment for the family, there's something for you!



- Wander through **authentic period shelters** and encounter **immersive actors** who bring the past to life with engaging stories and demonstrations.
 - Marvel at the skill of **craftspeople, fletchers, and merchants** showcasing traditional trades and wares.
 - Be delighted by the antics of **jesters** and entertained by **live musicians** performing period tunes.
 - Enjoy **contemporary medieval games**, explore unique artisan stalls, and soak in the atmosphere of a bygone era
 - Take in brutal **combat displays**, live-action **shire courts**, and curious medieval **myth-busters**
- ... all in Hull's most historic setting.**

There will be plenty of food and drink, and guests of all ages are welcome for events both in Trinity Square and inside the Minster itself.

James Cameron (Heritage Project Manager) said

"The opportunity to host a Medieval Fair this year is something that really excites us. The Minster's history is Hull's history, so we are very keen to translate that in an engaging, family-friendly and immersive way this summertime. With it being our 600th anniversary this year, there is no better occasion to reflect on our past and to celebrate it. We hope people can take something away from it but, more than anything, enjoy themselves in a bit of historical escapism for a day."

We also invite visitors to tour the historic and striking **Trinity House** as part of the day: tours are free and can be booked online: For details and tickets visit the [TICKETSOURCE website](#) or Call THE TICKET BOOKING OFFICE on 0333 666 3366 (lines are open 09:00am to 7:30pm Mon to Fri & 9:00am to 5:00pm on Sat).

Come for the history. Stay for the Spectacle.

Other People's Events

Hull & District Heritage Open Days Fri 12th to Sunday 21st September

Visits, talks and other events in Hull and district are organised by John & Christine Netherwood independently of Hull Civic Society. For details of openings, walks and talks, please see the Heritage Open Days brochure or website: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>

Barton upon Humber Civic Society Meets at Joseph Wright Hall or Wilderspin School, Queen St, Barton, mainly on the 3rd Friday of the Month.

Sat 7 June Rex Russell Memorial Saturday School 10am – 3pm,

£12 Members /£20 non-members, Wilderspin School Museum

Fri 20 June, 7.30pm, Joseph Wright Hall *Discordant Noises – ‘riding the stang’ and ‘skimmington rides’* Dr. Andrew Walker,

Sun 13 July, 10.30am–3.30pm, FREE, *Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat*. at

Wilderspin School Museum and Holydyke air raid shelter The Civic Society joins others to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War

Fri 18 July, 8pm, Joseph Wright Hall (following the Society's AGM at 7.30pm)

A History of Hessle Cliff Dr. Alex Ombler

Wed 13 Aug - Visit to Helmsley

Barton Heritage Open Days, 12th -21st Sept 2025

Fri 17 Oct, 2pm*, Joseph Wright Hall *Turn and Face the Strange – a look at our changing flora and fauna* Dr. Jack Hatfield

Fri 21 Nov, 2pm*, Joseph Wright Hall *In Conversation – O H Boyd and the Royal Coaches* by O. H. Boyd

Beverley Civic Society Meets at St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm. 12 June

Beverley Archives Hannah Stamp (ERYC); Jul & Aug No Talk; 11 Sep *Neighbour against Neighbour, Beverley & the Wars of the Roses* Marcus Ramshaw; 9 Oct AGM; 13 Nov Margaret Powell Lecture *Larkin and Beverley* - Philip Pullen; 11 Dec *Archaeology finds in East Yorkshire* David Marchant (ERYC).

Cottingham Local History Society Meets at Cottingham Civic Hall on the 1st Wed of the month at 7.45 pm. Sept to April

Hedon & District Local History Society Meets 2nd Tues of the month Sept to May at 2 p.m. at Hedon Methodist Church, 5 Church Lane, Hedon HU12 8EL.

Hessle Local History Society Meets in Hessle Town Hall from March to November at 7.15 pm on the third Thursday of the month.

Hull Central Library Saturday Talks. 11.00-12.30 Meetings held in the James Reckitt room, 1st floor, Hull Central Library - charge of £3 incl. refreshments.

Hull & East Riding Historical Association Meets at the Nordic Centre (Danish Church), Osborne St, Hull HU1 2PN at 7.30 p.m. on the 3rd Thur of the month
More information can be found on www.herha.org.uk/events

Hull History Centre: Talks on the second Tuesday of every month, 12.30-1.30pm. Admission Free.

National Trust East Yorkshire Association Meets at Cottingham Civic Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month, September to April (except December).

Georgian Day at Beverley Guildhall Saturday 31st May 9.30 to 3.30

organised by

The Georgian Society for East Yorkshire

(Free – just drop in - Georgian fancy dress welcome!)

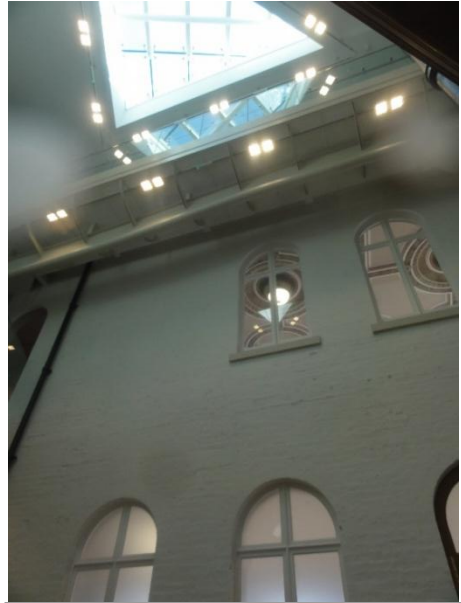
An exciting, family-friendly day of living history characters, performances, demonstrations, opportunities to have a go, children's craft and more....

Watch a Georgian surgeon in action and discover the painful truth about medical procedures of the time! A Georgian lady reveals her beauty hacks and tells of the dangers she faces in the pursuit of elegance. Get your face painted to look like a fashionable Georgian. Make and decorate your own wig-on-a-stick to complete your Georgian look.

Watch costumed Georgian embroidery expert, Alison Larkin, demonstrate intricately ornate stitching, and take a look at some of her work and the historic garments she has made. Georgian Society for East Yorkshire's Regency Dancers are performing and invite visitors to join in too! Lord and Lady Pompous will be visiting, with their entertaining chatter and costumed stilt-walking. Find out more about the Georgian Society for East Yorkshire. Become a member to enjoy more of the events and tours on offer. For more information visit gsey.org.uk/events/
Beverley Guildhall, Register Square, Beverley, HU17 9XX

Hull Maritime Museum Visit, 12th May 2025

On 12th May two groups from Hull Civic Society (10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.) were given an excellent guided tour of the Maritime Museum by Sion Atkinson, Hull City Council's Capital Development Manager (Major Projects, Culture and Place). The museum will not be fully open with exhibits for another year, so we were able to see clearly the structural changes, rooms and one cupola newly opened, unexpected new views and careful redecoration that brings out all the fine details in splendid rooms such as the Court Room.



Above: the new atrium, which increases the amount of natural light in the building.

Left: one of the newly re-purposed top-floor rooms, designed for visiting exhibitions, with shutters for climate control and security.



Right: a new view through one of the portholes.





Above: The Court Room. Below left: detail. Below right: new café space.



The Dock Offices, designed by Christopher G Wray, were built in 1871 for Hull Dock Company. The building became the Town Docks Museum in 1974 and was later renamed the Maritime Museum.

On behalf of Hull Civic Society and all who attended the visit, we congratulate Sion Atkinson and his team and contractors Simpsons of York, for imaginative and sensitive restoration of one of Hull's finest buildings. We are very grateful to Sion for his tour of this beautiful museum of which he is justly proud.

John Scotney

Report on YHACS meeting in Hull, April 2025

Hull Civic Society is a member of the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Civic Societies, one of the few regional groupings of civic societies. Every three months, YHACS (commonly pronounced as 'yaks'), holds an afternoon meeting in a different town within Yorkshire, to which most societies usually send a couple of delegates.

Some of the participants like to arrive on the day before, so an evening meal is usually organised for them. On the morning of the main meeting, a guided walk is usually organised, too. Last December, in the course of one of YHACS's online committee meetings, it was suggested that perhaps our society might like to host the Spring 2025

meeting. We agreed to do so, and the committee then spent the next few months making plans for the whole event. On the evening of Friday 25th April, we invited all those who had arrived during the day to an evening meal at the Minerva in Nelson Street. As well as being a welcoming pub, this is also a very attractive late Georgian building, so was clearly a most suitable choice of venue.

On the morning of Saturday 26th, we arranged a guided walk round the Old Town, led by Captain John Tindall, a Master Mariner and White Badge tour guide. On account of John's background, his walk had a maritime emphasis, as was appropriate for a part of the city with such strong nautical connections. We were most fortunate with the weather, and the walk was a great success.

For lunch, we organised a buffet at the Sailmakers Arms in High Street. Leftover sandwiches were taken to Wilberforce House and food uneaten after the meeting was taken to Emmaus Hull & East Riding, the Homeless Charity on Lockwood Street. Donations taken for the buffet were given to Hull Maritime Foundation, which Captain Tindall recommended, and was received with many thanks. I have attended several previous YHACS meetings, and it is usually



Above: Minerva Hotel, Nelson St
Below: Sailmaker's Arms



the case that delegates are left to their own devices at lunchtime on the Saturday. However, I felt that it would be nice if delegates could all socialise together at lunchtime, and Ian Pearson further suggested that we should provide the buffet without charge to the delegates, which our visitors clearly appreciated.

The Sailmakers Arms was a convenient choice from a geographical point of view, because it was the end point of the guided walk, and it was very close to Wilberforce House, the venue for the afternoon meeting.



Wilberforce House Learning Centre (the single storey building on the left)

The afternoon meeting is in part a business meeting, but there are usually one or two lectures as well. John Scotney, our own Chairman, gave a presentation on the buildings of Joseph Hirst. I must confess to not having known that much about this architect beforehand, but it turns out that, in his capacity as the City Architect from 1900 to 1926, he designed a very wide range of buildings. Here are some examples: the City Hall, the Carnegie Heritage Centre (originally a branch library), the East and West Park Lodges, Newland School for

Girls, and the Pickering Almshouses.

For our guest speaker, we were most fortunate to welcome Rob Hattersley, the Chief Executive Officer of Civic Voice, which is the national body representing the civic society movement. Rob had only been in this post for a couple of months, and moreover, he had come all the way from Dorchester in Dorset, where he lives, so we were very privileged that he should address us.

He began by mentioning that Civic Trust, the predecessor to Civic Voice, had as many as thirty staff at one time... whereas Civic Voice just has him! He is hoping that he will be able to recruit an assistant in the near future.

Until the last general election, there was an All-Party Parliamentary Group (commonly known as an APPG) for the civic society movement, but this has not met since the election, which is most disappointing.

Rob has set himself numerous objectives, some quite short-term, and some on a rather longer timescale. One of his top priorities is to update the membership database. He hopes to encourage more local societies to join, by

simplifying this process. There will be a new partnership with the NCVO, which is the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Although he had praise for YHACS as a regional grouping, he made the point that civic societies could form groupings in ways other than the purely geographical. For example, small societies might wish to form a sub-group of their own. There could be some form of accreditation, based on the member societies' achievements in their own right, rather than in improving the local townscape.

Rob acknowledged that the role of Chair was not an easy one, and he advocated the establishment of a Chairs' Support Network.

Within the 'business' part of the meeting, members of various societies made interesting contributions. In addition, Margaret Hicks-Clarke, who is the Chair of YHACS, gave us some information about the YHACS bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the sum of £170,000. This would be used, at least in part, to pay for the employment of a part-time project coordinator for two years.

When we started planning this event, we did not know how many visitors we would attract from all parts of Yorkshire. In the event, the numbers of attendees were surprisingly high—twenty for the meal at the Minerva, over thirty on the guided walk, and forty-five for the lunch at the Sailmakers and the afternoon meeting. I would like to express my thanks to Ian Pearson and John Scotney for their major contributions towards the organisation of the whole event.

Simon Green.

Thanks also to Simon for all his hard work organizing this event (Editor).

The Second Hull Civic Society DVD on Disk or Pen Drive

As a tribute to celebrate Hull Civic Society's 60th Anniversary in 2024, a new DVD was produced & launched in November. Since then, we have been creating a second one. We have joined forces with OCTOVISION, who produce many stunning films for the City Council and commercial companies. Octovision have agreed to do a very special Part 2, called "Hull Through the Seasons". Things on Part 1 which have changed, for example Events, are now in Part 2.

The DVD, **Part 1**, is called “Hull Through the Decades” (1964 to 2019).
1960s - rare archive film around the city centre with Hull trolleybuses and the Hull to Hornsea & Withernsea rail lines (both closed in October 1964), films of Hull’s fishing industry and trawlers at sea.
1970s – Decimalisation and what we had and owned in the 1970s, with many images from the 1960s & 1970s.
1980s - Humber Ferries and the Humber Bridge, pedestrianisation, new roads, Princes Quay shopping centre.
1990s – River Hull cruise, seeing all the bridges go up !!, Norland Ferry, Humber Dock, the Marina
After the Millenium - St Stephens shopping centre construction, last day of the old bus station, city of culture 2017.

Finally, before & after shots and stunning film from Octovision.

Part 2 – “Hull Through the Seasons” – spring, summer, autumn and winter, 2022 to 2025. Octovision starts this film off with views from the air and from ground level. It’s well worth the money just to see this! Then there are all the events through the seasons: East Coast Run, with 800 classic vehicles leaving East Park for Bridlington; Freedom Festival – all the action, music, carnivals, shows and entertainers; Hull Fair.

Anniversaries include: the Cod War 1975 and the end of the fishing industry; Hull Paragon Station 175th Anniversary. 1848 – 2023 with a brief history, steam to diesel and lines out of Hull to Leeds, South Cave, Hornsea, Bridlington; Hull City football club’s 120th Anniversary 1904–2024, and Rugby league – Hull FC – Boulevard to MKM Stadium and Hull KR – old Craven Park to new Sewell Group Craven Park. To conclude, there are more films showing Hull at its very best, with light shows, buildings, events, and general

Wrecking Ball, Whitefriargate



views. The film will bring back many memories and show Hull from different perspectives.

The price is £15, and the launch will be in September, at the Wrecking Ball, Whitefriargate, during Heritage Open Days and at Vue Cinema, Princes Quay in October (date to be confirmed) - Please see Hull Civic Society Website for details and to place your order.

FINALLY - An exhibition is being prepared to commemorate two anniversaries of past railway lines this year:

70th Anniversary of withdrawal of Hull & Barnsley Railway passenger trains to South Howden in 1955; the goods trains finished in 1964.

60th Anniversary of the Beverley–Market Weighton-York Railway, closed on 30th November 1965.

Stalls will include both the Market Weighton Line Group and H & B Railway Society with many pictures and displays on show. Other stalls will represent Hull Civic Society (selling the Hull DVDs) and the Fishing Heritage Centre, showing plans for St Andrews Dock. There will also be Model Railways operating. This Exhibition will be on Saturday 29th November 2025 at the Carnegie Heritage Centre on Anlaby Road next to the MKM Stadium, 10am to 4pm. Admission is £3 and we hope to see you all there!

Ian Wolstencroft

‘Building Connections’

Ben Pipkin, RIBA Yorkshire Council Chair

*“In eighteen hundred and forty three,
I broke my shovel across me knee;
I went to work for the company,
on the Leeds and Selby Railway.”*

Poor Paddy, The Pogues

As well as featuring in the Pogues’ 80s punk classic, The Leeds and Selby Railway was significant for Yorkshire, as the county’s first mainline railway line. It was completed in 1834, and in that same year

another line was conceived, with the formation of the Hull and Selby Railway Company. The Hull line would go on to connect the town to Yorkshire's rapidly expanding rail network, aiding the transition from water to rail transport across the country.

As it happens, 1834 was also an important year in the world of architecture, with the founding of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The RIBA was established by several prominent figures of the day, including Decimus Burton (architect of Hyde Park Corner in London but also Grimston Park near Tadcaster), Philip Hardwick, whose works included Liverpool's Albert Dock, and Thomas de Grey, also known as Lord Grantham of Newby Hall in Ripon, rumoured to be the inspiration for TV's "Downton Abbey". The institute's aim was 'the general advancement of Architecture, and for promoting and facilitating the acquirement of the knowledge of the various arts and sciences connected therewith'.

It's probably a co-incidence that the Hull and the RIBA have such a significant year in common, but it's quite an interesting one, and convenient for the purposes of this article. It offers an opportunity to reflect on some common themes – of changing times, and the importance of connectivity. As in the 19th century, when the advancement of the railways accelerated the pace of change of the Industrial Revolution, so we seem to find ourselves now in a similar period of opportunity and uncertainty, particularly when it comes to our built environment. A rapidly changing climate, a growing need for housing, and widespread building safety reforms all require those involved in shaping our towns and cities to work together to achieve carefully considered, sustainable outcomes.

Hull itself is on the cusp of a period of reinvention. At a recent conference, I had the pleasure of hearing representatives from Hull City Council outline their bold plans to 'rewrite Hull's next chapter', with a particular focus on culture and urban regeneration, and their mutual

benefits. The Hull City Centre Vision, the new Local Plan, and key developments such as Albion Square and East Bank Urban Village have the potential to reshape the city over the coming decades.

Britain's industries thrived on the improved connectivity offered by the railway network, the 'general advancement of Architecture' will rely on effective connections between its designers, builders and occupants, allowing all of us to share ideas and expertise – the 'knowledge of the various arts and sciences connected therewith'.

In Yorkshire, the RIBA's many local branches and Special Interest Groups are busy facilitating those connections, bringing together architects, students and the wider urban design community in a variety of creative ways. With lectures in Leeds, scavenger hunts in Sheffield and the discovery of healthier futures in Harrogate, alongside a vibrant calendar of meetings, socials, building visits and awards programmes, the RIBA has never been more active in the county.

Increasingly, technology is proving useful in allowing connections to be made more widely across the region. An example of this is Yorkshire's Small and Emerging Practice network, which meets regularly through a mix of online and in-person events, creating opportunities for like-minded architects from Beverley to Barnsley to share their experiences and insights with one another.

A message to architects and students across Hull and East Yorkshire – the RIBA would love to work with you to support your needs, promote the issues that matter to you, and help you build connections locally and across the region. Please get in touch to discuss how we can help!

For more information:

Visit <https://www.architecture.com/my-local-riba/riba-yorkshire>

Email RIBA.Yorkshire@RIBA.org

The Bridges of the Beverley & Barmston Drain – Part 2

Part 1 appeared in the September 2024 Newsletter (see website).

Introduction

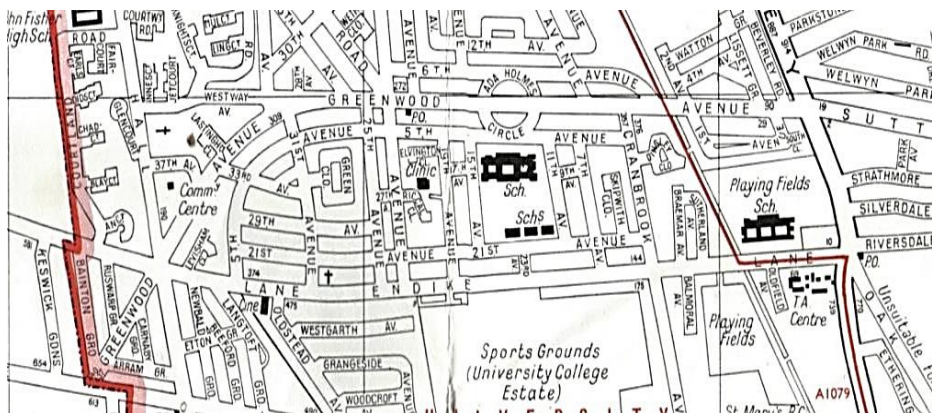
We were approached in early 2024 by Daniel Jagucki of the Yorkshire Water Authority for information about the districts served by the bridges across the Beverley and Barmston Drain in Hull, with the aim of creating information panels.

The Beverley and Barmston Drainage Act was passed in 1798 and the new drain cut during the next few years ("The Draining of the Hull Valley", June Sheppard - East Yorkshire Local History Society, 1958, reprinted 1976). This drain is usually referred to in Hull as the Barmston Drain. It enters the current Hull city boundary north of Hall Road and flows into the River Hull at High Flags, after passing under Wincolmlee.

Greenwood Avenue was laid out in 1930-31 as one of the main roads through North Hull Estate, one of three main housing estates for re-housing people whose homes were to be demolished in the city's slum clearance schemes. It was also intended from the beginning to be part of Hull's Ring Road. This is reflected in the wide verges, which allowed for future road widening. It is named after Arthur Greenwood, Minister of Health in Britain's second Labour Government (1929-1931).



Greenwood Avenue Bridge (c.1930). Note the space for future road widening.



Above: Part of Geographia plan (c.1970), showing Greenwood Avenue, North Hull Estate and Endike Lane. Below: Endike Lane and Inglemire Lane in 1824 (OS Reprint, David & Charles)



Endike Lane runs from New Village Road, Cottingham, to Beverley Road and crosses

Barmston Drain about 400 metres from Beverley Road. The bridge is similar in design to that on Greenwood Avenue, but narrower, and also dates from about 1930. Endike Lane is shown, running through open fields, on the first edition of the one-inch Ordnance Survey (sheet 23), published in 1824 and is probably a much older lane than that. It crossed Barmston Drain by what was almost certainly a narrow humped-back brick bridge similar to the surviving one on Stepney Lane. At the Cottingham end, the name is "Endyke Lane" and is derived from End Dyke (as opposed to Middle Dyke). In Hull and East Yorkshire, "Dike / Dyke" usually means an artificial water course, rather than a bank for flood defence. In the 1930s the central part of Endike Lane became one of the main streets of North Hull Estate, with council houses, shops, a cinema, a pub and a church. Houses on the section between Cranbrook Avenue

and Beverley Road were developed privately. The original Endike Primary school of 1932, just east of the bridge, was completely re-built as a new 3-storey school (planning approval January 2011).



Left: Endike Lane Bridge (built c. 1930).
Below left: Endike Primary School (built 1932), seen in April 2011;
Below right: Endike Primary School, seen in April 2013.



John Scotney
(to be continued)

Planning & Buildings

Old Town

The popular Humber Dock St promenade beside the Marina is out of action for re-paving for 39 weeks from to 1st November. Even if it was necessary (which many people doubt) the timing is unfortunate, depriving people of a pleasant summer destination.



Marina Promenade, Humber Dock St



A revised scheme for Pier Court (64 Queen Street) was submitted in w/c 14/4 for construction of a 2-storey rear extension to create 2 additional floors on the main building and for a 1-storey extension on the

Top: Marina Promenade works. Middle: Pier Court at corner of Queen St and Humber St. Below: Pier Court, proposed elevations to



outbuilding to create an additional floor. The interior would be remodelled to create a total of 39 flats (increase of 10 over existing) (ref. 25/00326/FULL). Both Hull Civic Society and the Georgian Society for East Yorkshire have objected to the proposals in their current form, as the Georgian proportions would be lost and the resulting structure would be out of scale with the rest of Humber St.

In w/c 24/2 there were applications (refs 25/00187/FULL and 25/00188/LBC) to carry out extensive internal and external work and measures to restore the lantern roof, which has been leaking at Maister



House, owned by the National Trust, and rented out to Eclectic Music. We hope the repairs will lead to re-opening of the staircase hall to visitors.

Above left: Maister House façade Right: the lantern above the staircase

In w/c 31/3, internal and roof works were proposed for Alfred Schofield House, Salthouse Lane (ref 25/00264/LBC).

The house was built about 1780 for the Wilson family, later became a branch of the Bank of England and more recently was a sailors' home. It was restored and converted into apartments in 1988.



Above: Alfred Schofield House
(Alfred Gelder St façade)

An amended version of the plan to extend the Hideout Hotel into the vacant Corn Exchange pub, 1-4 North Church Side, and build a rear extension was approved in w/c 28/4 (ref 24/00897/FULL). The façade to Market Place has been improved in this version by making a second gable end (one of our suggestions to the earlier version of the application).



Left: Corn Exchange pub with the adjacent Hideout Hotel
Right: proposed extension (from planning documents)

The former Royal Bank of Scotland premises at 10-11 Silver St are proposed for change of use of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd floors and roof top into apartments (3x two bed) and flexible use for the ground floor. (ref. 24/00926/FULL in w/c 17/3).



Former Royal Bank of Scotland, Silver St: existing and proposed facades.



Paragon Station original buildings – exterior view and example of interior decay (images from the planning application)



In w/c 24/2 Listed Building Consent was granted for much-needed restoration and repair work at Paragon Station (Grade 2* Listed) to the western part of the original 1848 block designed by G.T. Andrews. The work involves internal alterations comprising repair and/or replacement of internal partitions, repair/replacement of timber windows, removal and replacement of lime plaster, replacement of skylights and repair of a timber staircase, all of which had seen serious decay. (24/01067/LBC)



The structural changes and interior redecoration of the Maritime Museum are complete (observed 12/5).

The Staples stationery store at the southern end of Ferensway has stood empty for several years. W/c 14/4 saw prior approval for the method of demolition (ref 25/00235/PAAD), but in w/c 28/4 there was a second application by Hull City Council for temporary use of the building and car park to store highway materials (ref 25/00296/FULL)



Former Staples Store,
Ferensway

East

At Dock House, St Peter St, an application (ref. 25/00346/FULL) was submitted in w/c 28/4 to demolish all the modern extensions to Dock House, the former Homeless & Rootless Shelter. The original part of the building was the lock-keeper's cottage for Victoria Dock. There is a larger, purpose-built shelter on Great Union St.



Dock House and extensions



Maple Leaf Electric, Witham
(from Planning documents)

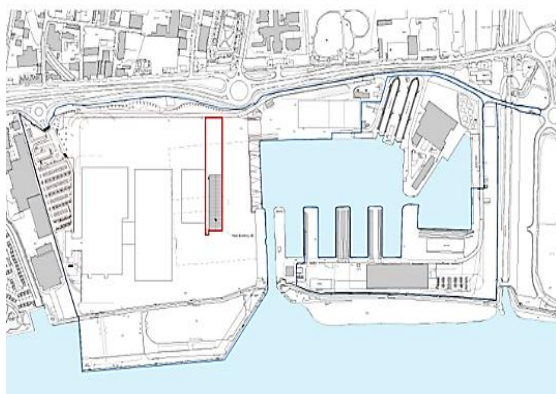
Maple Leaf Electric occupies an attractive building at 116-118 Witham, next to Annison's. Permission was granted in w/c 10/3 for 6 flats in the 1st and 2nd floors and a 1st floor rear extension. 3 more flats would be located in the existing 2-storey extension. The ground floor retail units would be retained, modified to create a door to the flats. (ref 24/00968/FULL)



In w/c 31/3, a scheme was approved to change the distinctive, but vacant New Cleveland Club in New Cleveland St into 10 supported-living units, with care staff on site 24/7. (ref 24/00937/FULL)

New Cleveland Club in 2012

At the Siemens-Gamesa site on



Alexandra Dock, permission was granted in w/c 10/3 for a large new multi-purpose manufacturing building (17.55m high x 144m long x 38.48m wide) and staff welfare building (3.2m high x 15m long x 7.2m wide) (ref 24/00679/FULL)

The listed Mill public house, 602 Holderness Rd, is notable as the birthplace of the famous miller, Joseph Rank, in 1854. An application (ref 24/01200/LBC) for internal refurbishment of the surviving part of the row of mill cottages where he was born was approved in w/c 28/4, though as a life-long teetotaller, Mr Rank would probably disapprove of his birthplace being a pub!



The closure of Hull's M&S store in Whitefriargate was disappointing for many customers, but two applications submitted in w/c 24/2 bring hope that an M&S with clothing will soon be available when Matalan store at Kingswood is subdivided to accommodate M&S (refs.25/00191/FULL and 25/00192/FULL). While this is not in the city centre, Kingswood has frequent bus services from various parts of the city and offers car parking outside the store.



Matalan at Kingswood (from planning documents).

West – no significant decisions or new applications, recently.

North

In w/c 7/4 permission was given to convert 40-42 Beverley Rd and 11A College St into a 32-bed hotel or guest house with a serviced apartment to the rear, with parking, cycle storage and refuse storage.

40-42 Beverley Rd



(Ref. 24/01037/FULL)

Few people would claim that Rosedowns' Grade 2 listed building facing onto Caroline St is beautiful, but it is believed to have been the first ferro-concrete building in Britain erected using the Belgian "Hennebique" method, so we were pleased to see approval in w/c 3/3 of two applications aimed at bringing this and adjacent vacant buildings back into use. (refs 24/00191/FULL, and 24/00192/LBC)



Simon Rosedown Hennebique ferro-concrete building

A new extension is being built at John Symons House, Park Row (off Park St). Permission was granted on 31/1 for change of use to guest house / hotel (use class C1) including erection of a two-storey side extension.



John Symons House, Park Row on 29.4.25

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It currently holds three services on Sundays and one on Wednesdays, so the application approved in w/c 28.4.25 (ref 25/00097/FULL) for change of use back to a pool and snooker hall suggested that the congregation would be leaving Alexandra Rd for larger premises. The answer came in w/c 12.5.25 when an application was submitted to convert the Piper Club on Newland Ave into a church.

The Piper club originated as the Monica Cinema, opened on 26th November 1914 and closed on 21st October 1961, according to Robert Curry's book, *Last Complete Performance* (1992). The building became the Piper Club in 1965.



The Piper Club: entrance from Newland Ave (2025) the courtyard (2009)
Below: location of the present church and the Piper Club.



Committee Changes

At the AGM, we were very pleased to welcome David Ostler onto the committee. We also filled two roles that had been vacant for some time: Malcolm Sharman became Vice Chairman and Cynthia Fowler became our President, to mark over 45 years' service on the committee.

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There is still a need for more members to join the committee. If you are interested, please speak to a committee member.

We are very grateful for the additional help given by Susan Heritage, who has kindly taken minutes of the AGM and of the May committee meeting.

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