

Update Bulletin 10th January 2026



Castle Street progress on 13th December 2025
All pictures are by John Scotney, unless otherwise indicated.

Best wishes for the New Year from Hull Civic Society to all our readers!

Winter Programme 2026

Evening Meetings (Please see below for Winter afternoon meetings)

Evening Meetings are at the Holiday Inn Express on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown)

12th January – “The Sam Allon photographic collection” *David Ostler* (N.B. copies of David’s new book on this topic will be on sale at the meeting)

9th February – “The History and Mystery of Spurn Head” *Godfrey Holmes-*

9th March – “The long history of Hull Male Voice Choir” *Alan Bagshawe, Bill Leigh and Greg Clarkson*

13th April – 7.00 pm - AGM followed by “Hurray for Hullywood” – *Paul Schofield*

Monday Afternoon Visits & Meetings at 2.00 pm

These will be held at a variety of venues outside the city centre.

Booking is not essential, but if you could tell us if you plan to attend, it would give us an idea of numbers.

19th January 2026: Sewell Group Craven Park complex, Preston Road - tour and talk by Liam Waslin. We may also see Hull Kingston Rovers’ 2025 Rugby League trophies! *Our visit will begin with the unveiling of a blue plaque from Hull Civic Society in recognition of Hull Kingston Rovers’ outstanding triple sporting achievement during 2025.*



16th February: Hull Minster - talk about the 600th Anniversary by James Cameron, at Hull Minster.

16th March Humber Field Archaeology, - talk by Peter Connolly about the **Seeds of Change Project** at the Old School, Northumberland Avenue, Hull HU2 0LN

Right: Craven Park, Preston Road.
Below: The Old School - Humber Field Archaeology building, at the corner of Fountain Rd and Northumberland Ave

20th April – a talk about **50 Years of the Hull & East Riding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)** by John Rushforth.
Venue: The New Clarence, Charles Street, Hull.



The New Clarence (Corner of Charles St and John St)

Other People's Events

Barton upon Humber Civic Society www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk

Meets at Joseph Wright Hall (JWH) or the Wilderspin School, Queen St (WS), Barton mainly on the 3rd Friday of the Month (unless otherwise stated). You can contact us: **By Post** c/o Wilderspin School Museum, Queen Street, Barton upon Humber North Lincolnshire DN18 5QP, **email:** Secretary Andrew Robinson an.robinson58@gmail.com
tel:01652 660380

20 February, 7.30pm. Internetty - A Barton Success Story

Join us at the start of our lectures when Internetty will discuss the importance of being a local company and how they have brought high speed connectivity to the local community.

20 March, 7.30pm. AVM Paul Robinson OBE FRAeS - Lancasters, Lincolnshire and the International Bomber Command

During his illustrated presentation, Paul will outline Bomber Command's history and focus on its impact during the Second World War, highlighting the skill, achievements and heroism of its air and ground crews. He will show how important it is for Lincolnshire to host a fitting memorial to commemorate their sacrifice, recognise the suffering experienced, and reconcile both sides of the conflict.

17 April, 7.30pm. Simon Tomson - Archaeological Aerial Photography in Northern Lincolnshire

Simon Tomson and Chris Belton are private fliers who fly in Lincolnshire recording archaeology from the air, looking for new sites as well as recording the known heritage.

16 May, 7.00pm. Liz Bennet - Tree Trail at Baysgarth Park

Join us at Baysgarth Park where Liz Bennet will provide a guided tour covering 300 years of Baysgarth Park through the most significant trees.

19 June, 7.30pm. Alex Ombler - Reuben Chappell (1870-1940)

This talk explores the life and art of the Goole born 'Pierhead Painter' Reuben Chappell (1870-1940). Painting portraits of ships for sailors arriving in the port of Goole, Chappell spent his days on the quaysides, gaining commissions and sketching ships, which he would paint in his home studio.

17 July, 7.30pm. Annual General Meeting and Baysgarth House Update

Following the AGM join Project Manager Liz Bennet for an insider's look at the transformation of one of Barton's most treasured landmarks. With Phase One of the ambitious three-stage renovation now complete, Liz shares the triumphs, surprises, and challenges uncovered along the way—from unexpected discoveries in the walls to the delicate dance of heritage and modernity.

18 September, 7.30pm. Dr Adam Parker - Toil & Trouble: Magic in Roman Britain

Dr Adam Parker (Yorkshire Museum / Open University, and Barton resident) will introduce the weird and wonderful world of magic in Roman Britain: Protective charms & amulets, arcane magical words, and powerful curses.

16 October, 2.00pm. Keith Miller - Revolution and Resilience in Lincolnshire: Rex Russell's life in teaching

Keith Miller, local historian and former regional English Heritage Inspector of Historic Buildings and Monuments, explores the Lincolnshire work of Rex Russell, Barton's most famous historian. The talk will survey Rex's great body of work, where he and his many local history groups explored how revolutionary changes in the economy and society of 18th and 19th century Lincolnshire affected people's lives, and how rural and urban communities worked to alleviate or resist these new economic and social pressures. Keith, a friend and former teaching colleague of Rex, looks at how Rex's values, ideals and artistic talents were reflected in his work.

20 November, 2.00pm Andrew Robinson - Life and Works of Rex Russell

In our final lecture of 2026, Andrew Robinson will discuss the life and works of Rex Russell where he will look at the research and writing of the Enclosure movement in Lincolnshire. Andrew will look at the effects of the Enclosure on the modern-day landscape.

Beverley Civic Society www.beverleycivicsociety.com

The leaflet with full details will be available at the February talk. Meets at St Mary's Church at 7.30 with the exception of the AGM in October which will take place in St Mary's Church Hall. Meeting Dates: 12th February, 12th March, 9th April, 14th May 11th June, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November (AGM) 10th December - Margaret Powell Memorial Lecture

Carnegie Heritage Centre

Talks: 10.30 on the last Wednesday of the month, apart from Aug. and Dec. Admission £3.00, cash or card.

Cottingham Local History Society <https://cottinghamyorkshirehistory.co.uk>

Meets at Cottingham Civic Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Admission fee £2 for members, £4 for visitors.

Feb 4th: *Michele Lewis*, The pavement that walked (and a few that didn't). The mystery behind the remains of a Roman villa in Brantingham;

March 4th: *Mike Rymer*, The Berry mug and the Hull whaling trade in the 18th century;

April 1st: AGM and social event for Society members

Georgian Society for East Yorkshire (GSEY)

Sat 21st Feb 1.30 pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Beverley: Review of the year's activities, AGM (2pm) and Margaret Dibb Lecture (2.30 pm): Francis Terry (architect) *Renaissance at Castle Howard: The Tapestry Room*, followed by refreshments. This event is FREE to members, £5 for non-members.

Friday 29th May: Wassand Hall (20 people max) 2pm– Guided tour of the Hall, followed by tea and cakes and free flow around walled garden and grounds. Members £20, non-members £25.

Sat 4th July: Barton on Humber Day Trip (20 people max) 10.30am: tour of Baysgarth Hall with tea/coffee and scones/cakes on arrival. Tour led by Liz Bennet, CEO, who is overseeing the restoration. 12.30 - Lunch – independent (café at the Ropewalk recommended) 2pm – Tour of Barton led by John French, MBE, President of Barton Civic Society. Meet at Wilderspin School car park, Queen Street, Barton. Tour ends with a visit to Wilderspin School Museum, Queen Street, Barton, around 3pm. Members £25, non-members £30.

Saturday 5th September: York visit – 10.30am – meet outside York City Art Gallery for a 'Minor pleasures of York revisited' – Tour by Edward Waterson, past chairman of GSEY (to finish by mid-day). £5 members, £10 non-members. (20 people max).

Saturday in early October Music/Social event (date and venue to be confirmed)

East Yorkshire Family History Society

All talks are held at the Carnegie Heritage Centre on Sunday afternoons. Doors open 1.30 for 2 pm start. All welcome FREE, but a small donation would be appreciated. Refreshments available and EYFHS publications on sale.

8th March – Paul Schofield – *Hull's Myths, Legends, Stories and Witches*.

14th June – Mike Rymer – *The Harry Lazarus Hotel & Georgian Houses, Posterngate, Hull 1850-1900*.

13th September – Pete Lowden – *The Cholera Epidemic of 1849*

6th December – Hannah Stamp – *The Work of the East Riding Archives – Sources for Family History*.

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

PROGRAMME 2026:

13 January: Steve Clark, 1939: A Hull School Evacuates to Scarborough

10 February: Mike Rymer: Georgian Townhouses & Their Occupants, 1850-1900

10 March: Tony Porter, The Ups and Downs of Horse Racing in and around Hedon

14 April: Alan Beadle, Give Us a 'V': Hull Vikings Speedway Memories

12 May: Peter Connelly, The 'Seeds of Change Project': Celebrating the History of Oil Seed Crushing in Hull

More info: 01482 899180 (Brenda Goldspink) | email: hedon.history@gmail.com

Hessle Local History Society <https://www.facebook.com/people/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 are held every third Saturday of the month in the James Reckitt Reading Room, 1st floor, Hull Central Library and there is a charge of £3 including refreshments.

Hull & East Riding Historical Association www.herha.org.uk

7.30 p.m. at the Nordic Centre (Danish Church), Osborne St, Hull HU1 2PN on the 3rd Thursday of the month September to May. We ask £3 towards costs from visitors; no charge for students. Visitors coming for the talk should register to be exempt from the parking charge.

26th February, 7.30 Professor Simon Hall, Leeds University: *Fidel Castro – Beatnik Revolutionary*

19th March, 7.30 Dr. Marianne Gilchrist, Hull University: *Robespierre's Nose, The Physionotrace & Revolutionary Portraiture*

Hull History Centre: Tel. 01482 317500, www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk, The History Centre is open to the public Tuesday-Thursday, 9.30-4.30. We are open on the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9.30-12.30. (open at 10am on the third Tuesday and third Thursday of every month)

History Centre Behind the Scenes Free Tours: 11am-12pm Free, booking required. The tour will take 1 hour. Places are limited, so please book in advance. To book your place you can email us, call us on 01482 317500, or speak to a member of staff at the enquiry desk during our opening hours.

Lunchtime talks at 12.30 pm: free, all welcome.

Planning Report 5.1.26

Appeal Decision w/c 5.1.26

NORTH - 24/01145/FULL 109 – 111 Beverley Road
Erection of three storey extension to rear, external alterations, and change of use from offices / retail to HMO (house in multiple occupation) (total of 24 bedrooms), 1 self contained flat and offices. (Amended plans received). Refusal Approval Refusal

The application was refused on 4/9/25. This appeal was lodged in w/c 24/11 and approved by the Planning Inspectorate in w/c 5.1.26 (reported in Hull Live on 9.1.26)

Right: 109-111 Beverley Rd. (painted grey).



Decisions w/c 5.1.26

Change of use of former public house to office and café at ground floor and self contained flat at 1st floor
NORTH - New Cumberland Club 36 Cumberland Street
HU2 0QB Ref. No: 25/00562/COU | Status: Application Permitted

Right: New Cumberland Club (20.6.24) at the corner of Swann St and Cumberland St



1. Erection of a 4 storey building for residential use (23 units, 20 x 1 bed units and 3 x 2bed units). 2. Works to existing car parking areas including provision of 62 parking spaces to serve the existing retail units and proposed apartments. 3. Other ancillary works including landscaping. (Revised Proposal)

EAST - 77-79 South Bridge Road HU9 1TL Ref. No: 25/00334/FULL Status: Application Refused has been REFUSED for the following reasons:

1. Erection of a 4 storey building for residential use (23 units, 20 x 1 bed units and 3 x 2bed units).
2. Works to existing car parking areas including provision of 62 parking spaces to serve the existing retail units and proposed apartments.
3. Other ancillary works including landscaping. (Revised Proposal) The proposed development would because of its solely residential use, scale, location, and car parking arrangements lead to an unacceptable impact on the Neighbourhood Centre through the loss of potential retail, community and commercial expansion opportunities and also through the loss of easily accessible dedicated parking serving the existing shops, this would be contrary to Local Plan Policy 12



The refused scheme:
 Left: proposed elevation to South Bridge Rd.
 Right: Plan of proposed building
 (Both images from Planning documents)

Erection of a drive-thru restaurant (Use Class E/Sui Generis) (McDonalds) with associated access, servicing, car parking, landscaping and other associated works

EAST - Land Formerly Vehicle Repair Workshop Hedon Road (Opposite Marfleet roundabout) Ref. No: 24/00763/FULL | Status: Application REFUSED for the following reasons:

01) The proposed drive-thru restaurant would be located within an area where there is evidence that such uses are having an adverse impact on local health and the proposal would be likely to lead to a worsening of this adverse impact. The site is also within 365m of Marfleet Primary School, 850m of St Richards R C Primary School, and 890m of Woodland Primary School. Additionally, the proposal does not take into account or support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community, as identified within the Hull Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and 2024/25 Local National Childhood Measurement. On this basis the proposal is considered to be contrary to the advice within the National Planning Policy Framework, paragraphs 97 and 98 and the accompanying National Planning Practice Guidance (Healthy and Safe Communities) at paragraph 004 by providing a highly accessible and visible large hot-food takeaway with restaurant accessible to school children. The Scheme is also found to be contrary to the Written Ministerial Statement of 30.07.2024 which states planning needs to promote healthy communities and help tackle the scourge of childhood obesity. The public benefits are not considered to outweigh this harm and planning permission is refused



Site of refused development – from Planning documents

New Applications w/c 5.1.26

CITY CENTRE - 25/00493/FULL Q18 James Matchett 612309 Queens Court 50 Dock Street HU1 3DL

External works to building involving 1. Removal and replacement of existing brickwork (with bricks similar to existing). 2. Removal and replacement of existing metal cladding panels and balcony fascias (with cladding panels and fascias to match existing). St Andrews And Dockland



Above: Queens Court Below: City Treasury

OLD TOWN - 25/00572/FULL Q18 James Matchett
612309 Hull City Council City Treasury Guildhall Road
HU1 2AB

External alterations to building involving:- 1. Installation of windows, doors curtain walling, and louvers to replace existing windows, doors curtain walling and louves. 2. Installation of photovoltaic solar panels to south-facing roof slope. 3. Erection of substation to eastern end of building. 4. Formation of ramp area to south elevation, and other minor works. (Revised description)



Work Observed

No new work observed since December

Have you observed any new building, demolition or other work not mentioned here? Please email chair@hullcivicsoc.info and I will include your observation in the next Update Bulletin.