

# HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER

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March 2026



### **Victoria Pier – please help to choose its future shape!**

(Photographs are by the Editor, John Scotney, unless otherwise stated)

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## Winter Programme 2025-2026

**Evening Meetings** (*Please see below for afternoon meetings*)

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

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

***Please come to the AGM if you possibly can, as our Constitution requires a minimum of 25 paid-up members to be present at the AGM.***

**Monday Afternoon Visits & Meetings at 2.00 pm**

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

**20<sup>th</sup> April – a talk about 50 Years of the Hull & East Riding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) by John Rushforth.**



New Clarence, Charles St

## **Summer Programme 2026**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – Visit to the Monocle, and Good Mark Presentation.**

*The Monocle is the headquarters of Allenby Commercial, at the corner of Ferensway and Anlaby Rd, a very short walk from Paragon Station. Meet by the front entrance.*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2pm – Walk: High St merchants’ houses.**

*led by John Scotney. Meet outside the Old Dock Office, High St.*

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Visit to Halifax**  
(full details to follow)



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 3.00 p.m. St James Church, Sutton on Hull**  
Re-dedication of the clock (restored with help from Hull Civic Society) with other proposed activities to be confirmed.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 p.m. – The Georgian New Town – walk led by Colin Cooper meet at Kingston Square**



Left: Kingston Square. Right: St James, Sutton

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Visit to Hull by Halifax Civic Society – an opportunity for our members to join our visitors for a tour of our city centre and Old Town.**

### **Winter Programme 2026-2027**

**Evening Meetings** *Evening Meetings are at the Holiday Inn Express on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. (except the AGM)*

The first Monday evening meeting will be on 12th October 7.30 pm –  
**The Avenues: a Pictorial History** *David Alexander Smith, Local Historian*

Other Monday evening meetings will be on 9th November and 14th December 2026, 11th January 2027, 8th February, 8th March and 12th April (AGM starting at 7.00 pm, followed by a talk by Rick Welton).

**Monday Afternoon Visits** are at 2.00 pm at a variety of venues.

Dates: 19th October, 16th November, 18th January 2027, 15th February, 15th March, 19th April.

**Wednesday 25th November** A get-together of Societies and Associations at the Guildhall is proposed for Wednesday 25th November 2026 from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon (to be confirmed).



**No need to book!**

# Pearson Park Guided Walks



**FREE!**

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

<https://richardclarkelandscapehistorian.co.uk>

Date	Walk
07.02.2026	Trees and Curiosities
07.03.2026	Houses and Curiosities
04.04.2026	Bird Walk - with Africa Gomez
02.05.2026	Foraging and Medicinal Plants - with Karen Wood
06.06.2026	Houses and Curiosities
04.07.2026	History of the Park
01.08.2026	Trees and Curiosities
05.09.2026	Foraging and Medicinal Plants - with Karen Wood
03.10.2026	Bird Walk - with Africa Gomez
07.11.2026	Trees and Curiosities



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

Meet at the Pearson Park bandstand 5 minutes before walk starts

With the support of Friends of Pearson Park



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
14.02.2026	<b>Castle Street Cemetery &amp; Albert Dock proposed park</b>	Greggs on Kingston Retail Park
14.03.2026	<b>East Park</b>	Main gates - Holderness Road
11.04.2026	<b>Pickering Park</b>	Main gates - Hessele High Road
09.05.2026	<b>Sculcoates Lane Cemetery</b>	Sculcoates Lane - 200 yards east of Barmston Drain bridge
13.06.2026	<b>Victoria Dock Village Park</b>	Premier shop - near to Three Crowns pub
04.07.2026	<b>Pearson Park</b>	Bandstand - inside the park
08.08.2026	<b>Alderman Kneeshaw Park</b>	Barham Road - outside the park
12.09.2026	<b>Spring Bank Parks &amp; Attractions</b>	Junction of Morpeth Street and Spring Bank
10.10.2026	<b>Orchard Park Reserve &amp; Shaw Park</b>	Junction of Dane Park Road & Orchard Park Road
14.11.2026	<b>Queens Gardens</b>	East end - opposite Hull College

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

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



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Promoting the future  
Protecting the past

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*When you tick the Gift Aid Declaration Form, it gives Hull Civic Society permission to claim Gift Aid from the Government adding significantly to our income. Last year the total of £1,488 in gift-aided subs and donations will give us an extra income of £372. If you are in a position to complete the gift aid declaration, please do so!*

## Hull Philharmonic Orchestra

### Concert at Hull City Hall

#### **Saturday 9th May 2026 19:30: Jewels of the East**

Feast upon the beauty of Russian classical music in this dazzling concert! The Hull Philharmonic will showcase Shostakovitch's celebratory 'Festive Overture' as well as the work of his favourite pupil, Ustvolskaya, in her evocative 'Symphonic Poem No. 1', the blooming musical panoramic of Glazunov's 'Summer' from The Seasons and Mussorgsky's iconic 'Pictures at an Exhibition'

*Please search under "Hull City Hall" for other orchestral concerts.*

#### **A [Small] Selection of Choral Music**

##### **Hull Choral Union**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00 pm *Farewell Concert - Baroque Classics*  
at Willerby Methodist Church, Carr Lane, Willerby  
*Sadly, Hull Choral Union is disbanding after this concert.*

##### **Hull Bach Choir**

Saturday 28 March, 7.30 pm J.S. Bach: *St John Passion* at Trinity Methodist Church, Newland Ave, Hull

##### **East Riding County Choir concerts**

Saturday 9 May, 7.30 Rossini: *Petite Messe Solonnelle* at Beverley Minster.

*If you enjoy singing or listening to choral music, this area is rich in choirs of all kinds and new singers can expect a warm welcome. Male voices are often in short supply in mixed choirs.*

**Good Mark - Wykeland's Renovation of Burton Buildings,  
34-35 Whitefriargate and 6-10 Alfred Gelder Street, Hull**



On 13<sup>th</sup> October, Jonathan Stubbs received a well-deserved Hull Civic Society Good Mark on behalf of the Wykeland Group, awarded for the complete renovation of the Burton Building, 34-35 Whitefriargate, Hull.

When it opened to the public on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1936, Montague Burton's men's outfitters shop in Hull was a very distinctive and handsome addition to the city's townscape, with its Art-Deco style curved façade, gold metalwork contrasting with black emerald-pearl granite panelling from Larvik in Norway. It was listed Grade II on 21<sup>st</sup> January 1994 as a fine example of a building by Burton's architect, Harry Wilson.

By the time the store closed in 2020 when the owners of Burton's, the Arcadia Group, went into administration, much of the structure was in poor condition, so there was great relief among local people when Wykeland undertook its restoration. After gutting the interior and replacing the damaged exterior panels with new panels from the same source as the originals, it has been returned by Wykeland's team to its original magnificence. The discreet name signs for Pizza Express, which opened in December 2025, have not detracted from the effect.

Hull Civic Society is delighted with the results, which reflect both Wykeland's sensitive and thorough approach to renovation work and the company's commitment to city centre rejuvenation.

John Scotney

## Good Mark – The Counting House, 13 Nelson Street



Above: Presentation to Peter Polumbo  
Above right: 13 Nelson St in June 2025.  
Below: 13 Nelson St in April 2021



Hull Civic Society has awarded a well-deserved Good Mark for the renovation of The Counting House, 13 Nelson

Street, by Chameleon Interiors for use by Focus Counselling, a leading provider of NHS talking therapies, employee assistance programmes and counselling courses across the Yorkshire & Humber region. Focus were previously located at 18 John St, Kingston Square, but to enable an expansion of their activities, acquired 13 Nelson St in 2022.

This two-storey building at the corner of Nelson St and Pier St, with its plain pediment, has been a noticeable feature of the waterfront opposite the pier for nearly two centuries and has had several uses, the most recent being as offices for a firm of accountants, hence the name “The Counting House”.

In the first designs for a second-floor extension the pediment would have been lost, but the present version, retaining the pediment, was approved on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. On the ground floor, near the welcoming reception desk, is a room designed for visual presentations. The staircase is notable for retention of the original newel posts and handrail

and the first floor has a mixture of side-rooms for counselling, communal rooms for relaxation and kitchen areas for refreshments. The new building work consists of staff facilities, an office for administrative work, a glass-screened board room and an open-air terrace behind the pediment, with views onto the Humber. This floor is designed so that a larger function-space can be created by folding back the glass screens.

From ground floor upwards, Chameleon have designed an interior that is attractive and very well suited to the work of Focus Counselling, who commissioned the project, while respecting and enhancing the character of this fine historic building.

John Scotney



Left: counselling rooms; Right: the board room and terrace.

### **Conservation Areas – Domestic Buildings**

*Some of Hull Civic Society's members live in Conservation Areas. The following information is based on a helpful Hull City Council leaflet, but many of the rules also apply to Conservation Areas in the East Riding and North Lincolnshire.*

Conservation Areas are locally designated heritage assets which define areas of special architectural and historic interest. Hull has 27 Conservation Areas which include the Old Town, housing suburbs, historic settlements and industrial areas.

The intention of a Conservation Area is not to stop development but to ensure that its character and appearance is preserved and enhanced. For this reason, 'permitted development' rights are removed for certain works of external alteration and extension, along with controls over demolition of buildings and felling and pruning trees. Additional specific planning controls are also withdrawn by Article 4 Directions.

### Hull's Conservation Areas

Anlaby Park, Avenues and Pearson Park, Beverley High Road, Beverley Road, Boulevard, Broadway, Charterhouse, Coltman Street, Cottingham Road, Ella Street, Garden Village, Georgian New Town, Hesse Road, Holderness Road East, Holderness Road West, Jameson Street, Marfleet Village, Newland, Newland Park, Old Town, Prince's Avenue, Sculcoates, Spring Bank, Spring Bank West, St. Andrew's Dock, Sutton Village, Wincolmlee.



Garden Village –  
Hull's first  
Conservation  
Area (1973)

Further information on each of the Council's Conservation Areas and Article 4 Directions can be found on Hull and other Councils' websites.

### **When is Planning Permission Required in a Conservation Area?**

Extension of a dwelling where the enlarged part of the dwelling would:

- Extend beyond a wall forming a side elevation of the original dwelling
- Have more than a single storey and extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse.

The installation, alteration or replacement of:

- A chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe – where installed on a wall or roof slope which fronts a highway or forms either the principal elevation or a side elevation of the dwelling.
- Microwave antenna – on a chimney, wall or roof slope which faces onto, and is visible from, a highway
- Biomass Heating or Heat or Power System Flue - where installed on a wall or roof slope which fronts a highway.
- Solar Equipment – where installed on a wall fronting a highway.
- Air Source Heat Pump and Wind Turbines – where installed on a wall or roof which fronts a highway or above ground level.

Demolition – For the substantial demolition of a building or structure exceeding 115 cubic metres.

Development of a building, container, enclosure or swimming pool – where located between the side elevation and boundary of a dwelling, or in front of the principal elevation.

Addition or Alteration of a Roof – The enlargement of a dwellinghouse consisting of an addition or alteration to its roof, including dormer windows and balconies or flues vent pipes. (Rooflights may be allowed unless there is an Article 4 Direction restricting them).

External alteration of a dwelling – For the cladding of any part of the exterior of the dwellinghouse with stone, artificial stone, pebble dash, render, timber or tiles.

Boundaries – Demolition of all or part of a wall, fence or gate if more than 1m. in height where abutting a highway or otherwise where more than 2m.

**Trees** Within a Conservation Area, trees are subject to additional controls. To cut down or prune any tree, a six-week notification must be given to the City Council.

Trees within a Conservation Area can also be subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Written consent is needed to cut down, top, lop or uproot a TPO tree. It is an offence to undertake works without Consent. A replacement must be provided for felled trees.

## **How do I find out about a Conservation Area?**

To find out more, get in touch with the Council's Planning Department:

E-mail – [dev.control@hull.gov.uk](mailto:dev.control@hull.gov.uk) Telephone – 01482 300300

Post – The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull, HU1 2AA

Website – <https://hull.gov.uk/building-standards-regulations/conservation-areas>

### **Victoria Pier replacement: Vote for your preferred option (Polls close at midnight on 23 April 2026).**

Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are invited to help shape the future of Hull's much-loved Victoria Pier.

As part of its ongoing infrastructure investment programme, Hull City Council is launching this public engagement poll to help narrow down the future design options for Victoria Pier.

Located on the North bank of the Humber Estuary, Victoria Pier is a historically significant public asset and one of Hull's most recognisable maritime landmarks.

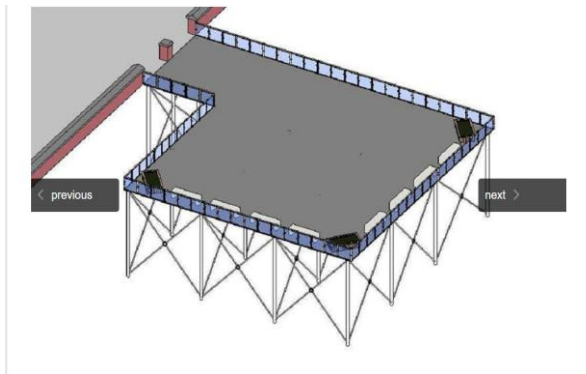
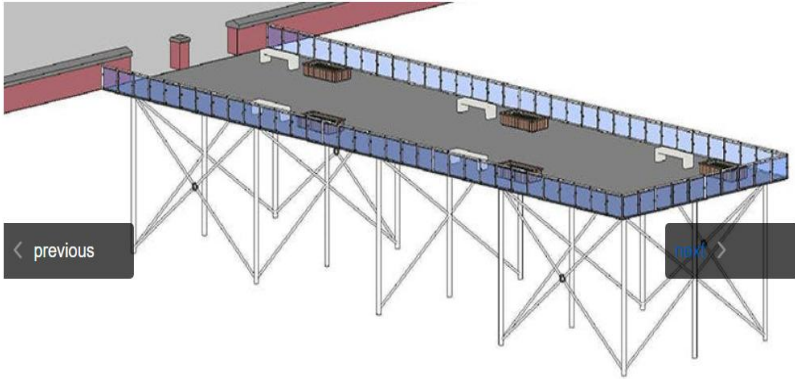
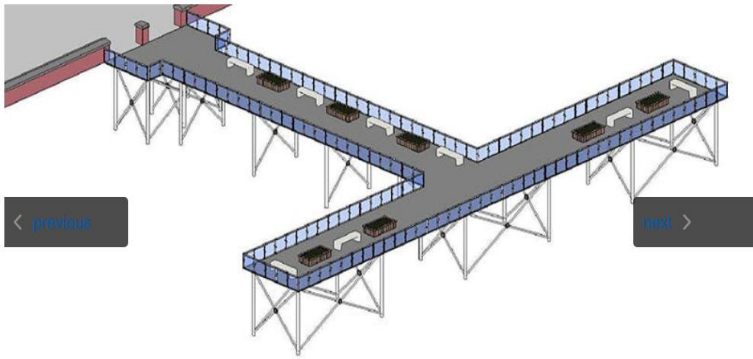
The pier has been closed to the public since June 2022, after structural monitoring and detailed inspections revealed it was in very poor condition. Several defects were identified, including localised rotting across most sections.

Due to this deterioration, the existing pier will be removed, at a point yet to be determined, to ensure public safety.

However, recognising the pier's historical importance, the council is committed to investing in a replacement.

To support this long-term investment, Mason Clark Associates has developed three potential outline design options for you to vote on. The chosen option will be developed further into a detailed design.

Search for “Victoria Pier design poll” on the Hull City Council website.  
*The poll will close at midnight on 23 April 2026.*



## Hull Civic Society 2025 Review

2025 has been a good year for Hull Civic Society and the following summary only scratches the surface of the talks and events that have taken place.

During the year, a decision was taken to hold our monthly Committee meetings at the Holiday Inn Express, generally on the first Tuesday of the month between 7 and 9pm; the minutes often being taken by Susan Heritage. We are grateful to Cynthia Fowler for hosting many committee meetings at her house. At our 2025 AGM, Cynthia Fowler was voted to be our President. Our committee has been strengthened this year by the arrival of David Ostler, however, Charles Trafford, our Press Officer, stepped down, but we are grateful for work while on the committee.

Our prestigious Good Marks were awarded to PBS Construction for restoration of Sculcoates Goods Depot, Gamebore for new cladding of their shot-tower, Giroscope for conversion of St Matthews church into a community centre and CR Reynolds for improvements to Middlesex Road.

In January, Michele Lewis gave us a talk about the “Pavement that walked; an archaeological mystery” featured in February’s Newsletter and summarised by Susan Heritage, who also takes our committee meeting minutes when possible. Please see <https://hullcivicsoc.info/newsletters/>. February’s talk was given by the Woodcarver to the Palace, O H (Howard) Boyd about John “Longitude” Harrison, which demonstrated how vital chronometers were to the safe navigation of ships. March saw Michelle and Alan Beadle visit us to give a very interesting talk entitled “Give us a ‘V’ (Hull Speedway).” Our final evening talk of the season, after the AGM in April, was given by our Chair, John Scotney, about Joseph Hirst, Hull’s first Architect, which was very interesting.

We were treated to an excellent visit to Holderness House in May, which included a tour and buffet!

Also in May, members and guests were privileged to have guided tours of the recently renovated Maritime Museum - before exhibits were on show. It looks amazing.

We hosted a Yorkshire and Humber Association of Civic Societies (YHACS) gathering when delegates were given a maritime tour of Hull by Captain John Tindall and a buffet at the Sailmakers Arms, before talks at Wilberforce House. We started a trend with free lunches, apparently, with Addingham Civic Society reciprocating in July, and York in November. Simon Green and Ian Pearson made the journey to Skipton in May for the Yorkshire Heritage Summit and manned a table letting passers-by know about our Civic Society.

A constructive meeting was had with representatives of Hornsea Civic Society, at the Floral Hall Cafe.

Three committee members received an invitation to visit Flexi Works - Broadway House where we saw a very good refurbishment of the property had taken place. Paul Schofield gave an enlightening talk to invited guests about Ferensway.

The East Yorkshire Local History Society Book Fair which took place in the Heritage Open Days Week gave us a chance to sell some donated books. It was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones many of which came along to our Guildhall Get Together in November.

Ian Wolstencroft produced the film Hull Through the Decades, available on DVD or USB for £15 on our website. It is a marvellous history of our great city from the 1960's to the present day.

A project was started, led by Simon Green, to photograph the Blue and Green and other colour plaques in the city, many of which do not feature on the Blue Plaque Trail, and these will be made into a leaflet available for distribution.

It was decided to award Hull Kingston Rovers a Blue Plaque for their remarkable achievement of winning all three competitions in 2025 - the "Treble."

In August, the St James Clock in Sutton on Hull, was started to be repaired by Terry Hill. We had donated £500 towards this project, and the repairs and refurbishment was well completed. What a difference it makes to the village!

For our talks and events for 2025/26, we decided to produce cards detailing the various activities, which included our new afternoon talks and events, held on the third Monday of the month at 2:00pm at various locations within the city. Briefly these talks and events included “My vision for Hull” by Councillor Mike Ross and “St Matthew’s and “West Park Palace Redevelopments” by Richard Motley, in October; the prequel film of “Renaissance - A Hull Kingston Rovers Story” by Paul Sewell and a visit to Sutton Masonic Hall and talk by Alan Hatfield in November; In December John Scotney rounded off the year with “Chapels, Charity and Choirs.”

During the year, Richard Clarke, gave walks and talks around our many parks in the city.

At the Monocle cafe - in a newly refurbished building on Ferensway, we met Sally Groome from Nation Radio Yorkshire who offered to display our upcoming talks and events on their website and this collaboration is continuing successfully.

We were asked by Hull Independent Merchant Navy Association if we could support their request to the City Council to have the Merchant Navy Memorial, behind the Maritime Building, transformed to look more like a ship’s bow moving through the water. This led to asking our members and guests to help by taking part in a petition which we had installed on our website by Trevor Ellis of Mariner Computer Services, to gauge their opinion. Meetings with council staff followed and quotes are being sought to have the work completed. We even submitted an entry for the YHACS Peter Spawforth Award based on this initiative.

We are very pleased that seven companies have remained as our Corporate Members this year, which we regard as a great honour.

We would like to place on record our grateful thanks to Joy, Sarah and Jim at Kall Kwik who produce our Newsletters and Programmes and many other documents in a most timely, professional fashion. Most of all, we would like to thank our valued members for their support throughout the year.

Ian Pearson and John Scotney.

### **Alan Canvess**

We were very sad to hear of the death of Alan Canvess on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025, after a long illness. He was very active, through CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), in defence of Hull's historic and traditional pubs. Our sympathy goes out to his friends and family.

### **The late Dr Ivan Hall, architectural historian**

Dr Ivan Hall was an erudite and passionate advocate for the conservation of Hull's built heritage. He was active at a time when the top echelons of the city council were stocked with the ignorant and philistine, seemingly hell-bent on destroying most of what Hitler's bombers had missed. His passing is a sad loss.

Post-war recovery in the city was blighted by the Abercrombie Plan. In the introduction, Councillor Leo Schultz looked forward to a brave new world in which the city would "rise like a phoenix from the ashes".' but the trouble was, that the ashes of wartime bombing were not enough; a clean slate had first to be created by sweeping away everything else that had survived, including the city hall, the dock office building, Paragon station and most of the shops.

All this was to be replaced by roads and "SLOAP" (space left over after planning). The illustration of the Old Town showed High Street turned into a major through route, and everything between Mytongate and the Humber gone. The only remaining historic buildings shown were Wilberforce House and Holy Trinity church.

There was clearly no room for the old in this bright new vision of the future. When we were fighting to save more of the Old Town in the 60s



The Abercrombie Plan for Hull city centre.

and 70s, Councillor Leo Schulz referred to us as “academic luddites”, fighting – in his mind – against “progress”.

Underlining this, there was another obstacle, which sounds rather ridiculous now. Prominent in making the case for restoration of war damaged buildings was Councillor Rupert Alec-Smith, the strength of whose arguments was fatally undermined by his position as Leader of the minority conservative opposition on the council. I kid you not that in those days, some people found it hard to distinguish between “conservative” and “conservation”.

In the brief interval of conservative majority on the city council between 1969 and 1971, Col. Alec-Smith ensured that a new chief planning officer, committed to conservation, was appointed, and the first conservation areas were established. Sadly, we lost that chief officer when Humberside County was created and, with appalling consequences, the city council’s Department of Industrial Development

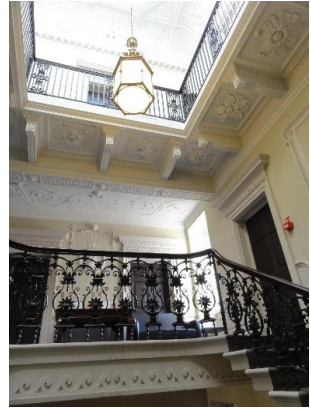
took over the responsibility for the conservation areas, thereby ensuring that demolition continued to be one of the city's principal industries.

Colonel Alec-Smith focused on the rescue of grander buildings, such as Maister House and Blaydes House and, although he wasn't a natural egalitarian, it is largely thanks to him that we can all enjoy the masterpieces which he made sure survived.

Ivan Hall was keenly aware that these jewels need appropriate settings to show them off to best advantage. He was a distinguished architectural historian equally concerned with the more modest houses which lined the streets of the old town, and the warehouses lining the River Hull, reflecting the development of the city over the decades and centuries. He looked beyond the brick facades to identify the skilled craftsmanship and the mediaeval timber-framed core of so many structures, though sadly they were mostly revealed during the destruction wrought by the wrecking ball and the vandalism of the city council.

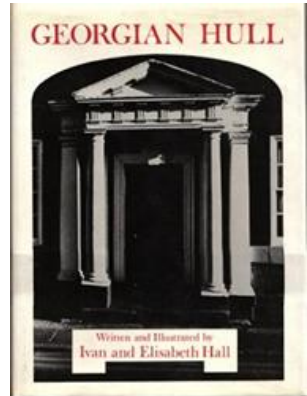
Of course, he was an academic. But he was also an activist. One winter, while (and because) we were trying to get The Leicester Hotel on Mytongate spot-listed by the Department of the Environment, the city council got wind of our efforts and sent demolition contractors out in a snowstorm on a Sunday morning to make sure it was destroyed before it could be saved. We managed to get the contractors to pause for a while, so that Ivan Hall and others could get into the building and rescue some Georgian fittings – as he had been doing for some time.

Eventually, rather late in the day, attitudes in the Guildhall slowly changed to the point where we find ourselves now.



Prince St – almost derelict in the 1970s

It's worth remembering, though, that anyone not around 50 years ago can look in Ivan and Elizabeth Hall's book "Georgian Hull" and see quite clearly that the photogenic Prince Street, which was once derelict, and which always features so prominently now in the city council's tourist promotions, was only one among many such in the Old Town. If only we could turn the clock back and put Ivan Hall in charge!



Geoffrey Botterill

*We are very grateful to Mr Botterill for giving permission to re-publish this article, which first appeared on the Hull Heritage Action Group Facebook page, in early March 2026.*

### **Planning and Buildings March 2026**

#### Old Town, City Centre, East, West

Work to allow the laying of insulated hot water flow & return pipes for Phase 1b of the Hull District Heat Network was approved for various streets in w/c 12/1. The ground-heat-source Energy Centre is under construction on George St, between Hull College Heating Skills Centre and Napoleons Casino and steelwork had reached full height by 31/1.

#### Old Town

A Change of Use from training to offices for the Old Dock Office on High St was permitted in w/c 9/2 (ref. 25/00407/FULL).



Above: Energy Centre Steelwork 31.1.26. Below: Old Dock Office



Renovation of Victoria and Albert Chambers in Posterngate (approved in September 25) had begun by 13/12. An application for Change of Use to apartments at Ocean Chambers, 54 Lowgate, most recently used by Burstalls Solicitors, was submitted in w/c 16/2.

Conversion of the former Royal Bank of Scotland, 9-11

Ocean Chambers 17.6.11

Silver St, into three serviced apartments on the upper floors and flexible use (shop, café or gym) on the ground floor was approved in w/c20/10 (ref. 24/1025/FULL). The ground floor of Burton House (the Burtons Building) opened as a Pizza Hut just before Christmas, bringing life to the western end of Whitefriargate again.



### City Centre

In w/c 3/11, a further revised design was submitted for 18 flats on the car park in Eggington St (ref.25/00443/FULL).

An application was submitted in w/c 2/2 to erect a steel support for the listed Three Ships Mural and demolish the rest of the former Co-op / BHS building (ref. 26/00065/FULL) to allow the Albion Square development to progress. 11-13 Baker St is the handsome block of houses at the corner of Percy St. Permission was granted in w/c 16/3 for conversion from offices and storage to 14 flats and creation of a rear courtyard (ref. 21/00622/COU).



Three Ships Mural

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25/00710/FULL). Across Brook St, Prior Approval was granted in the same week to convert the old Debenham's store into 175 one-bed and 3 two-bed apartments. Outline permission was requested in w/c 26/1 for mixed use development on the land at 31-53 Ferensway to the rear of City Point (previously called the Shirethorn Centre), after demolition of the old Circus-Circus pub (ref. 26/00047/OUT). The site has been vacant since the temporary shops were demolished. Re-cladding is in progress across the street at Kemley House (observed 14/3). As part of the plan to divide the ground floor of the Hammonds building into 4 individual units, there was an application in w/c 26/1 to insert additional double-door openings into the Jameson St and South St facades (ref. 25/01144/FULL) There has been a lot of controversy about plans to convert the derelict Portland Hotel (originally opened as the 5-star Centre Hotel in the early 1970s) into a 119-bed "Large House in Multiple Occupation" (ref. 25/00558/FULL). The revised scheme was finally approved in w/c 23/2. The description "Large HMO" was, according to the developer, the only description available for accommodation that is not self-contained flats, but has both catering and gym facilities aimed to attract single professionals and has a 24-hour reception desk for security. Completion of the scheme would remove a major blot on the city centre streetscape! Consent was approved in w/c 17/11 for 4 flats in Victoria House, Park St (ref.23/002882/LBC).



Portland Hotel,

### Marina

Approval was given in w/c 20/10 for extensive alterations, including a new entrance, to the Holiday Inn on Castle St, overlooking Railway Dock (ref 24/01025/FULL).

### East

Permission has been granted or applied for to demolish three separate buildings overlooking the east bank of the River Hull: in Tower St, John H Whitaker’s Yard compound (applied 9/2, ref. 26/0120/PAAD) and the modern extensions of Dock House will be removed (approved w/c 6/10, ref.25/00356/FULL).

These will clear the way for the East Bank Urban Village (see September 2025 Newsletter). The view north from North Bridge will be changed by demolition of the Allam Marine premises at 10-12 Lime St, approved in w/c 29/9 (ref. 25/00561/FULL). In w/c 5/1 permission was again refused for a 4-storey block of flats at 77-79 South Bridge Rd.

The former Fenner’s sports ground on the east side of Marfleet Ave, north of Ceylon St, is the proposed site for a hybrid planning application to build a food store, with a “drive-thru”, landscaping, EV charging and parking (ref. 26/00189/FULL, w/c9/3).

West

Prior approval for Change of Use from offices to flats at the Lord Line Building was granted in w/c 20/10 (ref. 23/02785/PCOU). After years of neglect, one can only speculate as to the applicant’s motivation.

At Hull Royal Infirmary, there was an application in w/c 6/10 to build a 4-storey



Above: Whitakers, Tower St  
Middle: Dock House extensions  
Bottom: Allam Marine



Lord Line Building in 2012

office and theatre recovery block. The refusal of permission to develop the car park at the west side of Rawling Way as land for self-storage containers in w/c 20/10 (ref. 25/00462/FULL), has been followed by an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. Prior Approval was given in w/c 10/11 for demolition of three high-rise tower-blocks on the Boothferry Estate (ref. 25/00920/PAAD). There were more than 80 letters from members of the public, most of them objections, to the outline application in w/f 13/10 to erect 63 houses on Smith & Nephew's former sports field north of Legarde Avenue (north side of Anlaby High Rd) (ref.25/00581/OUT)

### North

Hull & East Yorkshire Mind's application to erect a 2-storey admin building and 4 single-storey supported living apartments at 108 Beverley Rd was permitted in w/c 26/1 (ref. 25/00808/FULL). After refusal on 4/9 and an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in w/c 24/11, a 3-storey extension to 109-111 Beverley Rd was approved (ref.

24/01145/FULL). Work on the National Picture Theatre heritage site is complete, with new metal gates in place of the hoarding and the open space beyond now visible (observed 20.3.26). Having erected metal fencing and a canopy over the forecourt in front of 406-410 Beverley Rd, Mega Market submitted a retrospective planning application in w/c 12/1 (ref. 25/01099/FULL). Permission was refused in w/c 2/3. The rear extension to the Kurdish Community Centre & Mosque (Spring Bank / Park St) is receiving its brick skin over the insulation panels (observed 20/3). In w/c 16/3, a retrospective application was refused for unsympathetic alterations to 208-214 Spring Bank, which detract

from the appearance of the Conservation Area (ref. 25/00884/FULL). Demolition of Henson Villas, Pearson Park, was proposed in w, /c 20/10. These were built in the 1950s as homes for single women, on the site of two bombed large houses (ref. 25/00844/FULL).



Demolition of St Vincent's Social Club and the steward's house, 31-32 Queens Rd was the subject of an application in w/c 16/3 (ref. 26/00183/PAAD). At 63-67 Newland Ave, there was an application in w/c 2/2 to convert the disused Lloyds Bank into a restaurant (ref. 26/00032/FULL). A Banking Hub has been opened further north on Newland Ave. Work to convert the former Piper club in Newland Ave into larger premises for the Potter's House Church has been in progress since November, but the work appears to be nearing completion (observed 20.3.26). At the former Hull Grammar School site on Cottingham Rd, an application to extend surviving buildings to provide student accommodation (37 beds) was refused in w/c 2/3 (ref.24/01144/FULL



Potter's House Church,  
Newland Ave

Permission was granted in w/c 24/11 for single storey extensions and refurbishment of the original single-storey care home at 344 Chanterlands Ave (ref. 24/01199/FULL)

### A63 Castle St

The underpass opened during the weekend 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March and the slip roads at this junction with Ferensway and Commercial Rd are expected to open on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

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## Other People's Events

### North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group

**7.15 pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Hull – admission £3, ALL WELCOME!**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 – “An evening with John Hunt” on the Rail 200 Celebrations of 2025 and his life photographing railways. *John Hunt is a driver & fireman on steam trains, and a well-known railway photographer. For further details, please contact Ian Wolstencroft of Hull Civic Society.***

**Barton upon Humber Civic Society** [www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://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](mailto:an.robinson58@gmail.com) **tel:**01652 660380

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

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

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

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).

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.

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

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..

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](http://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.

9th April Caroline Hawley of Hawley Antiques

14th May Margaret Hicks Clarke-The Battle of Flamborough Head

11th June Stephen Hunt (EYRC) – Biennial Planning Update

10th September The Stamford Bridge Tapestry Project Team

15th October AGM- Please note the altered date and location of this event from that previously published

12th November The Margaret Powell Lecture - Hannah Willetts-The History of Beverley Art Gallery

10th December Colin Bradshaw- Did they really come to Beverley?

### **Carnegie Heritage Centre**

Talks: 10.30 on the last Wednesday of the month, apart from Aug. and Dec.

Admission £3.00, cash or card.

March 25<sup>th</sup> Hull's River Bridges *Given by Rich & Lou Duffy-Howard*

April 29<sup>th</sup> Around Hull by Tram 1875 -1945 *Presented by Malcolm Wells*

May 27<sup>th</sup> Hull Libraries *Presented by Paul Schofield*

June 24<sup>th</sup> Hold the Front Page *Presented by Angus Young*

July 29<sup>th</sup> *To be organised*

September 30<sup>th</sup> Old Kingstonians Association on Evacuees *Presented by Stephen Clark*

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> *To be organised*

November 25<sup>th</sup> The Final Days of Arthur Wilson of Tranby Croft *Presented by Dennis Chapman*

*There is no talk in December*

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

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

April 1<sup>st</sup>: AGM and social event for Society members

### **Georgian Society for East Yorkshire (GSEY)**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 3pm. Members £25, non-members £30.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: York visit** – 10.30am – meet outside York City Art Gallery ‘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) Website <https://gsey.org.uk>

### **East Yorkshire Family History Society**

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.

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

13<sup>th</sup> September – Pete Lowden – *The Cholera Epidemic of 1849*

6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](mailto:hedon.history@gmail.com)

**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](http://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.

Thursday 23rd April - Elizabeth 1. A Difficult Queen.

*Helen Good, LLB, Researcher Elizabethan Star Chamber Project*

Thursday 15th May - The Holderness Coast – the Land which Came and Went

*Richard Clarke, M.Phil, Landscape Historian*

**The AGM precedes the talk, which will start about 7.50**

**Hull History Centre**, Worship St, Hull HU2 8BG: Tel. 01482 317500,

[www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk](http://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)

**Lunchtime talks** 12.30-1.30pm

14 April 'Remembering Humberside' *Dr Emily Robinson*

12 May, "Hull and the General Strike - 100 Years Ago This Week"

*Professor Tony Collins*

**Special Event Saturday 4 April, 1-3pm**

“Sewa Singh Gola: The Lionhearted Sikh” Free, booking required

To mark Vaisakhi (the Sikh New Year), Hull History Centre welcomes

Guljar Singh Gola for a special event honouring the life of his late father,

Sewa Singh Gola (1938-2024). Guljar will reflect on his father’s journey

from pre-Partition India to Hull, where he became one of the co-founders

of the city’s first gurdwara. As one of the early Sikh pioneers in Hull, Sewa

Singh remained steadfast in his faith through hardship, dedicating his life

to seva (selfless service), community, and the preservation of Sikh

traditions for future generations. The event will include religious singing,

and langar (refreshments) will be served by the family.

All are warmly invited to attend and learn more about a life devoted to

faith, resilience and community.

*Tickets are free but must be booked in advance by*

*emailing [hullhistorycentre@hcandl.co.uk](mailto:hullhistorycentre@hcandl.co.uk) or calling 01482 317500 during*

*our opening times.*

**History Centre Behind the Scenes Tours: Free, booking required**

*4 April, 2 May, 16 May 11am-12pm*

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](#).

### **Family Lego Club**

4 April, 10am-12pm Free, all welcome. Children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

### **A Plaque at Craven Park**



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, a plaque presented by Hull Civic Society was unveiled in the presence of Paul Sewell and TV cameras at the Sewell Group Craven Park Stadium, to celebrate Hull Kingston Rovers' achievement during 2025, winning The Super League Grand Final, The Super League Leaders' Shield and The Rugby League Challenge Cup. After the unveiling, Hull Civic Society Members were treated to a very interesting tour of Craven Park Stadium.

The team's 2025 success was followed in February 2026 by beating the Rugby League World Champions, Brisbane Broncos at Hull's MKM Stadium.

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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 many committee meetings.

## 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 Hon Treasurer at 218 Saltshouse Road, Hull, HU8 9HH.

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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)**

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