

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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The Old Dock Office, High Street

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

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Winter Programme 2026-2027

Monday Evening Meetings at the Holiday Inn Express at 7.30 p.m.
(except the AGM) (Please see below for afternoon meetings)

12th Oct – “The Avenues Illustrated” *David Alexander Smith*

9th Nov – “Hull Philharmonic Orchestra and 40 Years as Conductor”
Andrew Penny MBE

14th Dec – “Augmented Reality & Creative Marketing” – *Helen Gill*

11th Jan 2027 – “Star of Bethlehem” – *Dr. Brad K. Gibson*

8th Feb – “The Cod Wars and Hull Fishing Industry” – *Jerry Thompson*

8th Mar – “Drypool & Marfleet. Hull’s Two Forgotten Villages Within the City” – *Colin Cooper*

12th April – 7.00 pm – AGM, followed by “Toads, Moths, Rats and Puffins” – *Rick Welton*

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

Wed 21st Oct at Hull Seafarers’ Centre (Stella Maris), United House, West King George Dock, Hull HU9 5PR. A tour and talk of the Centre (and Docks hopefully) by *Revd Tim Linkens, Chaplain to the Humber Ports*. **Advance booking is essential!**

Mon 16th Nov at Lodge of St Andrew No. 4683, Hull Masonic Hall, 69 Beverley Road, Hull, HU3 1XL. A talk and tour by *Russ Garbut*.

Mon 18th Jan 2027 Meeting at Carmelite House, Posterngate, Hull, HU1 2JT, *Mike Rymer will give a tour and talk about Georgian Town Houses in Posterngate.*

Mon 15th Feb at The New Clarence, 77-79 Charles Street, Hull, HU2 8DE,

An Introduction to Woodcarving by O H Boyd, Woodcarver to the Palace and a display & explanation of Woodcarvings by Ian Pearson.

Mon 15th Mar at Carnegie Heritage Centre, 342 Anlaby Road, Hull HU3 6JA. *Liz Shepherd will introduce the tour. Steve Ingram will talk about Book Bindery, & Judy Bangs about the E.Y. Family History Soc.*

Mon 19th April at Hull Minster, South Church Side, Hull, HU1 1RR, a tour of the Hull Minster Tower by *Jon Major*.

Booking is essential for this tour with many steps to climb!

Wednesday 25th November 10:00am to 12:00 noon

at The Guildhall Alfred Gelder Street, Hull,

- an Open Invitation for members, guests and representatives of other organisations to showcase a summary of their year's activities on screen. Complimentary tea / coffee.

Please note: Other People's Events will be shown in the next Update Bulletin

Please Gift Aid Subscriptions and Donations!

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. If you are in a position to complete the gift aid declaration, please do so!

Congratulations to the Tigers!

Hull City's promotion to the Premier League was a morale-boost to the whole city, as well as to the club fans. Well done, Tigers!

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

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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

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Kingston upon Hull, a Green City.

In late October last year, my attention was caught by a BBC digital news item focussing on Hull and entitled 'Trail forms part of a Plan to connect City's Nature', although not well worded it demanded attention. Apparently the first section of the 'Trail' has been completed, and the ultimate intention is for it to 'link parks and paths throughout the city', a citywide nature trail using established paths; the aim being to 'encourage people to explore the City's green corridors and natural spaces'. In a surprisingly factual statement, the council cabinet portfolio holder for the environment stated that 'as well as supporting wildlife, we've added new seating and created pathways ... creating a safe, welcoming route for walking, cycling and learning about the local environment' (surprising, because mostly modern local and national politicians speak of projects in the manner of a 1960s second-hand car dealer).

This first section runs alongside Holderness Drain in the Exeter Grove area of East Hull, and a picture showed the loose-surface pathway had been created, seating (an oblong concrete block!) and 'shark's teeth' embedded along the roadside to keep cars off the grassy bank. The fact that Holderness Drain is now getting such attention is a welcome follow-up to improvements made along Barmston Drain in the last few years including colourful information boards sited at the bridges over the Drain and designed to encourage children to learn about local wildlife and adults to learn about local history.

Hull, I recently discovered, is, according to government statistics, in the country's top ten of green cities (possibly, the top five). This, perhaps, not surprising when the concrete jungle centres of more financially and economically successful cities such as Leeds, Birmingham and Manchester are considered.

However, 'green' implies more than just a neatly cut front lawn. It is about a decent density of trees, deciduous and coniferous, native and non-native species, about shrubberies and not so much 'islands' of

greenery as 'corridors' along which small mammals and birds can travel and inter-breed with other colonies. Yes, it is about gardens and allotments, about growing vegetables, fruit and flowers, especially those with open flowering heads that attract bees and other pollinating insects. It is about municipal parks and cemeteries, pocket parks, parklets, community gardens and about local people adopting a local green patch on which they cultivate



plants with the encouragement of the local authority and about well stocked and well-maintained planters as normal streetside furniture. In all these respects Hull does well, and we should be grateful and supportive. Poor ongoing maintenance seems to be the main problem seems to be the main problem.

I hope this will be the first of several articles for Hull Civic Society on this general theme. I am grateful to John Scotney for advertising my guided walks in Hull's Parks and Cemeteries and in Pearson Park in 2025.

The photo above shows a section of Holderness Drain looking north from the Hedon Road bridge over the Drain, in the distance the bridge

that carried the Withernsea rail line over the Drain. The disused Withernsea rail line is now a public right of way and a modest green corridor as are the Holderness Drain banks as seen above. On the left of the picture, but out of sight, is a public right of way sandwiched between the trees and shrubs of the Drain bank on one side and the site of the demolished Maternity Hospital (originally for infectious diseases) on the other; here Nature has reclaimed the site – doing its bit for the Green City.

Richard Clarke

Good Mark – The Monocle, Ferensway, Hull

The Hull-based family firm Allenby Commercial has received a well-deserved Hull Civic Society Good Mark for the complete refurbishment of The Monocle, formerly Europa House, at the corner of Ferensway and Anlaby Road, as new-style offices.



Left: Europa House in 2014. Right: the Monocle in 2026.

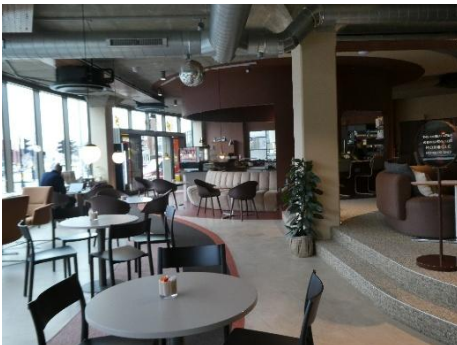
A distinctive feature of Europa House (1974-75, by John Brunton & Partners, of Bradford), was the reflective glazing which allowed people inside to look out, but prevented anyone from seeing in. The result was a “dead” corner. The Monocle, by contrast, has been re-glazed so

that passers-by can see the lights and some of the activity within, and the name “Monocle” – a device to be looked through – reflects that reality. The entrance has also been moved to the centre of the corner to emphasise its openness to all, if only to use the coffee shop.

Our guides, Andrew Allenby and son, Charlie, explained that to compete in the market for offices, a key feature is “hotelisation of the office”: additional features to maximise appeal to tenants include a coffee shop, a gym, a variety of office-sizes and individual work-pods, areas for drink & snack preparation or simple relaxation on each floor, a semi-open “smoking room” and even a room equipped for preparing a podcast, all under one roof.

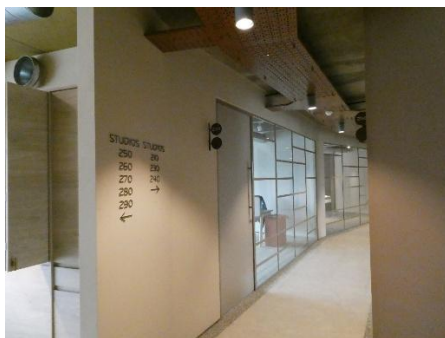
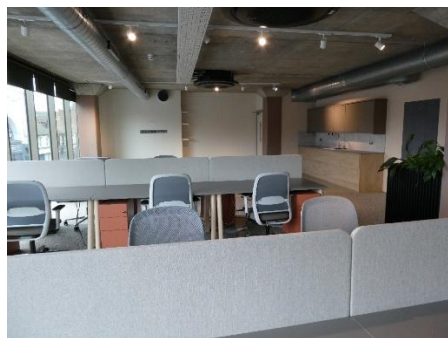
One large office unit, at present un-let, has been made available to Hull College art school for display of student works and this typifies the way Allenby Commercial’s conversion work has sought from the start to re-integrate this previously inward-focussed office with the wider community of the city.

John Scotney.



Above left: the coffee shop; above right: the gym

Below left: larger office unit; below right: studio office units



Good Mark – The Old Dock Office, High Street

Hull Civic Society has awarded a Good Mark for the thorough and sensitive restoration of the Old Dock Office, High Street, as the new head office for John H Whitaker (Tankers) Ltd.

Faced with a Compulsory Purchase Order on Whitaker's previous base in Tower Street, where the site is required for the East Bank Urban Village development, a move was urgently needed by the deadline of 31st March 2026. As the Old Dock Office and adjacent land was already owned by the company, it was decided to refurbish the building, recently vacated by RDS Training



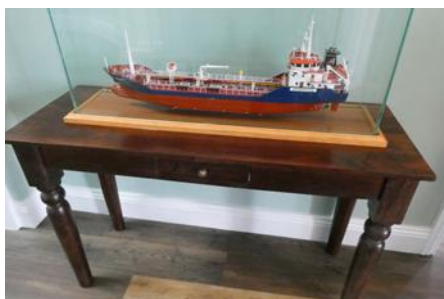
This elegant Georgian building dates from 1820, extended southwards in 1840, erected as a replacement for the much smaller 1778 Dock Office that stood on the north side of the entrance to The Dock (later Queen's Dock). After the opening in 1871 of Hull's third Dock Office (now the Maritime Museum), the Old Dock Office became a

general commercial office, called Oriental Chambers. In 1982 it became the Washington D C night club (which closed the same year) and then The Mutiny on the Bounty pub, also short-lived. After a period as Hull College Student Union, it passed to RDS Training, who specialise in training security officers.

Mark Whitaker (5th generation CEO) and his wife, Sarah, have created an efficient, modern working office environment within a beautifully restored Georgian building. Their attention to detail has meant that cornices and other decorative details have been restored, the front door replaced with a new one of the correct style, colour schemes have been chosen carefully and an additional rear window is a well-proportioned match to the originals. It was clear, during our visit, that staff members we encountered were equally enthusiastic about the restoration.



Above and below: a modern office in a beautifully-restored Georgian building



John H Whitaker (Tankers) was founded in 1880 and has had several offices: 17 High Street, Manor Street, and, remarkably, this building from 1910 until the move to Tower Street.

The present CEO, Mark Whitaker, is the 5th generation to steer this family-run business, which currently owns 10 sea-going oil tanker ships. Changes in transport economics have meant that the once-familiar 40 red tanker barges, often seen on the Humber, the River Hull and inland waterways such as the Aire and Calder Navigation, have been replaced by road tanker lorries.



John H Whitaker's tankers, past and present

The company's name has been held in such high regard, that when Lindsay Blee Ltd of Henley bought John H Whitaker's in 2024, the name was retained and the company continues to function as a distinct entity within the larger company, with its Head Office at the Old Dock Office in Hull and branch offices in Southampton and Plymouth.

Hull Civic Society is very pleased to award this very well-deserved Good Mark to John H Whitaker (Tankers) Ltd for the loving and sensitive care with which the Old Dock Office has been restored and given a new use for a business that is at the heart of the city's continuing maritime industry.

John Scotney.

A splendid day out in Halifax on 17th June

Nine intrepid Civic Society travellers boarded the 09.14 direct Hull to Halifax train and were met on arrival at Halifax station by six members of Halifax Civic Trust and two more Hull Civic Society members who had travelled there by camper van.



The original Halifax station building (left) and the Eureka Children's Museum

Even before we left the station forecourt there were interesting buildings in view. Below the approach bridge, stands the original station building, dating from 1855, designed by Thomas Butterworth, for joint use by the Lancashire & Yorkshire and the Leeds, Bradford & Halifax railway companies. At the other side of the former railway land is the Eureka! National Children's Museum, opened in 1994, the first museum in Britain specifically designed for children.

As we moved into the town, we walked past India Buildings (1861) on the corner of Church St and Horton St, a listed 4-storey former warehouse and factory building, which is being refurbished by O & C Management Services (OC) for new retail and office use.



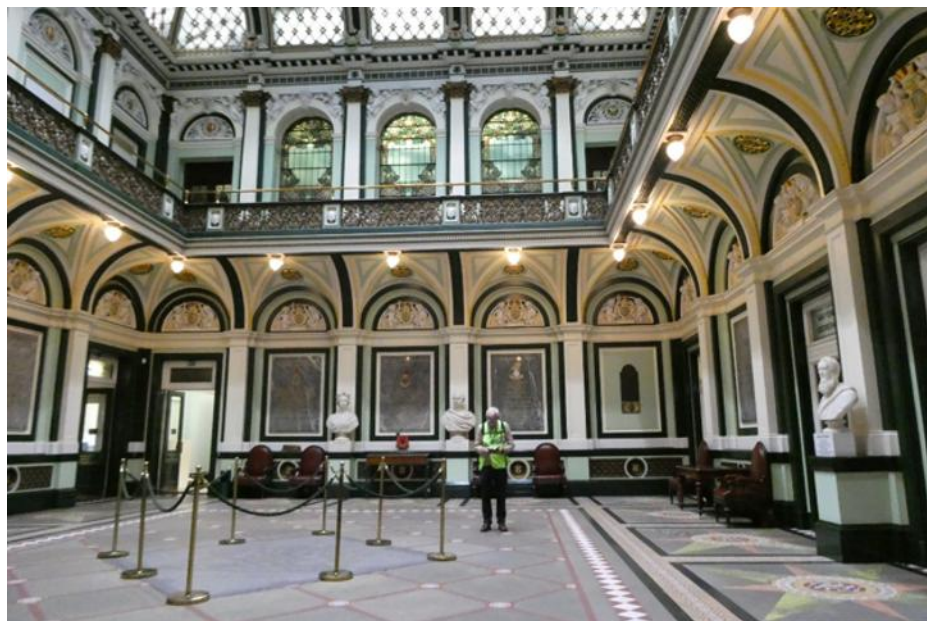
Above: India Buildings.
Below: The Borough Market

Union St led us to Westgate Arcade, created by building a glass & steel cover between the shops on Westgate. Our next stop was the Borough Market (1891-



96), listed Grade II* and one of the finest indoor markets in the north of England. It was refurbished in 2025-26, for which Halifax Civic Trust has awarded one of its green plaques.

From there, it was not far to the Town Hall (1863), designed by Sir Charles Barry and Edward Middleton Barry, better known as architects of the Houses of Parliament. The interior was full of Victorian decoration executed to the highest standards of craftsmanship. The main staircase (and for some, the antique lift with its scissor-gates) took us up to a magnificent galleried main hall, the Mayor's Parlour and the Council



Chamber, designed for Halifax Borough Council, but now the seat of Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council.

Above: Halifax Town Hall main hall.
Below: No.1 Woolshops

We paused next to No 1, Woolshops, a Grade II* half-timbered building, to look at the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Memorial, installed in 2019, then continued to the Grade I-Listed Piece Hall (1779). This



was originally the cloth hall where weavers could sell 30-yard "pieces" of cloth in the courtyard, renting individual store rooms round the perimeter. After the woollen cloth trade changed with the development of the factory system, it became a wholesale market for fruit and vegetables from 1868 to 1971. The Piece Hall was restored by 1976 as an

open space surrounded by shops and cafés. Between 2014 and 2017, the Piece Hall underwent further transformation to fit it for events. Here we had time for a lunch break.

The centre of Halifax is quite compact and in addition to the main sights, our guides pointed out many interesting things, too numerous for this short report.



The afternoon began with a short call at the new library (2017), which adjoins the Piece Hall to see how the spire and rose-window of the former Presbyterian Church had been incorporated into the library building, then we walked to Halifax Minster. Before going in, we were shown the site of the medieval Moot Hall. Despite its historical importance as the Manor Court of the town, it was demolished in 1957, but Halifax Civic Trust has planted a garden on the site and added information panels.

The Piece Hall in 2022



Halifax Parish Church dates from between 1438 and 1535 and replaced the 12th century church of a monastery of the Cluniac Order. In recognition of its role in the borough's civic life, it was granted Minster status by the Bishop of Wakefield in 2009. We were fortunate to be guided round by the Vicar, the Revd Canon Hilary Barber, who pointed out many interesting features. It was a lovely end to our visit and we were fortified with tea and biscuits before returning to the station for the 16.16 train back to Hull.

Two of our members stayed overnight to explore further, and I think everyone would recommend those who have never been there to visit Halifax, which is easily reached by direct train from Hull and Brough, stands in a lovely Pennine setting and is both lively and full of history.

We are very grateful for the well-planned and informative tour of the centre of Halifax, as well as for the warm welcome we received both from Alan Goodrum and his team of guides from Halifax Civic Trust and from the Vicar and his team of volunteers at the Minster. Thank you also to Simon Green and Ian Pearson for making the arrangements.

John Scotney.



Hull Philharmonic Orchestra Concerts at Hull City Hall

Come and listen to Hull's own excellent symphony orchestra!

Saturday 28th November 7.30 pm "Compass Points"

(Pieces by Mathias, Sibelius, Respighi and Shostakovich)

Saturday 27th February 7.30 pm "Symphonic Celebrations"

(Pieces by Britten, Joubert and Tchaikovsky)

Saturday 15th May 7.30 pm Mahler, Symphony No.2

Hull City Hall has a full programme of orchestral concerts by a variety of orchestras in 2026-27:

Sunday 20th September 7.30 "Last Night of the Proms" *Royal Phil*

Thursday 22nd October 7.30 Elgar: Cello Concerto *Royal Phil*

Saturday 20th March 3.00 pm Stravinski: The Firebird *Royal Phil*

Thursday 6th May 7.30 "High Tide in Hull" *BBC Concert Orchestra*

Thursday 20th May 7.30 Dvorak's 9th Symphony *Czech National Symphony Orchestra*.

Saturday 5th June 7.30 "Symphonic Tango" *Royal Philharmonic*

Hessle Sinfonia also plays orchestral concerts in **Cottingham Civic Hall**.

Choral Music in Hull and the East Riding

Hull Choral Union held its last concert on 9th May, but this area still has a rich variety of very good choirs, including East Riding County Choir, Hull Bach Choir, Hull Male Voice Choir, Hull Ladies' Choir, the Arterian Singers, Beverley Community Choir, Beverley Chamber Choir, Priory Park Singers, Weighton Waytes and many others. Many of these choirs have a website.

Planning and Buildings June 2025

Old Town

Pier Court, Queen St, currently owned by Wykeland is securely boarded up. By late May, it was “Under Offer”. In October 2024, Hull Civic Society objected to its proposed demolition, as these buildings comprise Victoria Rooms on the corner of Humber St, built as assembly rooms (1837) and, on Queen St, the last surviving domestic buildings of the new development on land reclaimed from the Humber using spoil from Humber Dock (opened 1809).

The National Trust is restoring the lantern roof of Maister House, High St. Listed building approval 25/00188/LBC was given in August 2025. This is a major piece of work on the most important feature of Maister House and represents serious investment in its long-term future. The work will deal with the persistent problem of rainwater leaks into the magnificent staircase hall. The house was built in 1744 for Henry Maister, one of Hull’s leading merchants, importing mainly iron, but also tar and wood, from Scandinavia and exporting leather and bricks to Scandinavia, lead to France and corn to Spain (Gordon Jackson: *Hull in the 18th Century*).



Above: Pier Court, Queen St.
Below: Maister House lantern



Permission (26/00134/LBC) was given in w/c 20/4 for a new front door and the addition of a flagpole to the façade of the Old Dock Office at the northern end of “Little” High St, completing the thorough restoration of the building (1820, extended 1840) for use as the new Head Office of John H Whitaker (Tankers) Ltd.



Old Dock Office, High St

Next door, the dry dock which will be the new home for the Arctic Corsair is to be made accessible from the River Hull by dredging the river. The silt will be stored temporarily in the dry dock. (approved w/c 23/3, ref 25/00778/FULL). The dredging has not started yet.



Bob Carver's in 2012

In Trinity House Lane there was a new application (26/00418/LBC) in w/c 27/4 for the disused Bob Carver's fish & chip shop next to the entrance to Trinity Market to become an extension of the adjacent Crown and Cushion public house. Older members may remember Bob Carver's moving to the shop unit from its canvas tents in the market. Nearby, approval was given in w/c 18/5 to put a blue plaque next to the King St entrance to Prince St, in honour of William Thomas Dibb, industrialist and charity benefactor, who lived at 10 Prince St.



Conservancy Buildings (from planning documents)

Conservancy Buildings, Hull's first post office, are disused and can only be glimpsed through the gated archway next to 9 Whitefriargate. Over the years, a defective roof has caused serious damage to the fine interior. Urgent work is needed to make it watertight, and remove decayed later extensions, so Trinity House applied for consent in w/c 18/5 (ref 26/00478/LBC). A few yards to the west, steel reinforcement has been installed to stabilise number 21 Whitefriargate, another Trinity House property (observed 20/5).

After a long period when it resembled a World War 1 battle-field (a missed film-making opportunity?), Queen's Gardens re-opened fully on 29th May. A particularly attractive new feature is the line of flowerbeds next to the Guildhall Road promenade.



Queen's Gardens
18.5.26

Drypool Bridge is closed until late July for repairs, with most eastbound buses diverted via Myton Bridge and westbound buses via North Bridge. At the same time the east end of Alfred Gelder St is closed by road works.

City Centre

Just beyond the Waterhouse Lane entrance to Princes Quay multi-storey car park is the site proposed for a 7-storey hotel (ref: 26/00384/S73 submitted in w/c 20/4). Immediately to the south are the relocated Earl de Grey and the refurbished Castle Buildings, all owned by Wykeland.



The vacant site at the corner of Anne St and Osborne St has been chosen for use as a charging point for electric vehicles (planning ref. 26/00522/FULL). The last buildings on the site were the Heaven & Hell Club, (previously Studio Circus), located in the former Central Synagogue, all demolished in 2021.



Former Central Synagogue buildings in use as Heaven & Hell Club in 2011

At Paragon Station, work is still in progress to refurbish part of the southern range of buildings, which date from 1848 (observed 26/5), with several portacabins and fences occupying all of the 20-minute parking spaces.

The Prospect Centre has gained a well-stocked Boyes store in place of the much-missed Wilko, but sadly T G Jones (selling the range of stationery, magazines and books previously sold by W H Smith) is to close – together with the Post Office – on 9th August.



Above: Debenham's Ferensway section in 2010. Below Brook St / Prospect St façade in 2019



Conversion of Debenham's building into 178 flats by the DBG Group, is now clearly underway, starting on the façade facing Ferensway (observed 19/6). This department store was originally Thornton Varley's. The part of the building facing Prospect St, survived the Blitz and still exists behind the 1950s façade. The first phase of the new building at the corner of Prospect St and Brook St was begun in 1953 and opened on 11th November 1955, replacing the temporary section of the shop on Brook St. John E Smith's *Hull in the 1950s* names the architect as J W Beaumont of Manchester. The 1955 section of the block facing onto Ferensway is in the Neo-

Georgian style that was adopted as the standard for Ferensway. In the 1960s it was extended in the same style up to the corner of North St.

The new stonework of the King Edward St façade of the Jubilee Church is largely finished, giving an entrance also to the Living Room café, which opened on 24th March.



Above: Jubilee Church.
Below: Three Ships Mural and handkerchief dome

Erection of steelwork to support the Grade II-Listed Three Ships Mural at the junction of Jameson St and King Edward St was approved in w/c 20/4 (ref 26/00066/LBC), to allow the rest of the BHS / Co-operative store to be demolished (approved w/c 27/4 – ref. 26/00065/FULL)



A new mixed-use structure will be built on the site as part of the Albion Square development. The mosaic mural was created by Alan Boyson (1930-2018), a renowned artist in ceramic and mosaic designs, commissioned by the Hull & East Riding Co-operative Society as part of their new city centre store, which opened in 1963. It replaced the temporary store that had been erected on the site after the air-raids of May 1941 destroyed the Co-op's main 1908 store, including its final extension of

1935. In 1970, the western third of the store became BHS, leaving the eastern part as the Co-op. The Co-op section of the building closed in 1982, but BHS survived until 2016. Two ceramic panels by Boyson have been rescued



Above: Co-operative store in 2016, eastern end.

Below: A closer view of the handkerchief dome (3.7.26).

from the building, but, sadly, Hull will lose the unique ‘handkerchief’ concrete dome roof which has no supporting pillars. The dome covered the Skyline Ballroom, later Romeo & Juliet’s Night Club, and was one of only two in the world, the other having been built for the Kremlin. ([Hull Co-op and BHS Nightclubs – SHIPS in the SKY](#) 26/6/26).



Demolition seems to many of us a long-drawn-out process, reminding me of King Charles II’s reported last words:

You must pardon me, gentlemen, for being a most unconscionable time a-dying”.



Conversion of the 4th floor offices of Norwich House (corner of Savile St and Dock St) into 8 apartments (Ref: 26/00396/PCOU) was approved in w/c 8/6.

The scheme to build a block of flats on Egginton St (between Kingston Square and Freetown Way) was refused in w/c 30/3 for the third time (Ref. 25/00443/FULL).

Progress on the conversion of 1 Jarratt St / 12 Grimston St into 6 apartments has been delayed by concerns about the proposed type and application of render, which would obscure historic architectural detail. (ref 25/01092/S73 and 25/01082/S19, both refused in w/c 27/4)



1 Jarratt St (left corner) and 7 Jarratt St (right with square bay-window)

Conversion of 7 Jarratt St back into a single house was the welcome subject of “full” and “listed building” applications in w/c 25/5 (refs. 26/00509/FULL and 26/00510/LBC).

The listed former White House Hotel, Jameson St (1909 by Gelder & Kitchen) was divided in 1994 into an NHS Dentist’s (at 71-73) and a shop. There was an application in w/c 18/5 (ref. 26/00493/LBC) to turn the shop at 75 into a soup kitchen. The introduction to the design & access statement says:

NHS Property Services Ltd have partnered with the All for One Charity to provide a much-needed soup kitchen at 75 Jameson Street, which would support individuals experiencing homelessness, rough sleeping, and financial hardship in Kingston upon Hull. The project aims to provide a structured, indoor environment where vulnerable individuals can access food, basic facilities, and support services in a safe and dignified setting. to serve the rough-sleepers.



75 Jameson St

East

At the listed former Trinity House Buoy Shed (1901) on Tower St, an application for structural repair and stabilisation of the riverside site will conserve it for a new role as part of the planned East Bank Urban Village (ref. 26.00306/LBC, w/c 4/5). John H Whitaker's Crown Dry Dock premises will, however, be demolished (ref. 26/00120/PAAD). The company's head office has moved to the Old Dock Office, High St (see Good Mark).



One of the distinctive buildings of Victoria Dock Village is the former office of McAusland Turner. (80 South Bridge Rd). An application in w/c 20/4 was to convert it into 6 flats (ref. 26/00393/PCOU).

East Hull Fire Station (locally-listed) dates from 1932 and makes a positive contribution to the streetscape of Southcoates Lane. It has been disused since 2020-21, when it was used as a Covid Vaccination centre. Now,



apart from a 1980s workshop at the rear, which is to be demolished, the main fire station building is being considered for conversion to residences. Fire Station Houses, the horseshoe-shaped street of houses behind, was originally built to house Fire Brigade staff.

Erection of 119 houses to the south of Preston Rd, near Marfleet Drain. Was permitted in w/c 1/6 (ref.26/00529/FULL).

Further along Preston Rd, a new temporary South Stand was approved in w/c 8/6 at the Sewell Group Craven Park Stadium (ref. 26/00377/FULL)

In w/c 23/3, 161 new houses were proposed for a site east of Middlesex Close which runs southwards from Saltshouse Lane (ref. 25/00310/RES).

West

Anchor House on Anlaby Rd was originally built as a seamen's hostel, became a residential care home from 1986 to October 2015, when it became a hostel (or Large House in Multiple Occupation) again. In w/c 25/5 there was an application to turn it into 25 flats (ref. 26/00422/FULL). The scheme involves building some extra rooms at first floor level facing onto Anlaby Rd.



Existing Front Elevation Facing North



Proposed Front Elevation Facing North

Anchor House, Anlaby Rd façade (from planning documents).

North

Demolition of the disused St Vincent's Social Club, 31-32 Queens Rd, (approved in w/c 13/4). is no great loss architecturally, but many passers-by will miss the entertaining "Mister Men" mural facing the car park.





At Zodiak, 359-359a Beverley Rd an awning has extended the sales floor space into the forecourt. A retrospective application (ref. 25/00947/FULL) was refused in w/c 18/5, on the grounds of cluttering the street scene in a Conservation Area.



Henson Villas in Pearson Park were built in the early 1950s to house single women coming to work in Hull. Now empty, permission to demolish them was given in w/c 1/6 (ref. 25/00844/FULL).

Fast Forward Vocational Training Ltd applied in w/c 1/6 to convert premises at the corner of Wincolmlee and Scott St into an independent specialist school (ref.



25/00663/FULL). The website says: *Fast Forward Vocational training is an alternative training provision. We work with a range of schools and pupil referral units in order to deliver vocational training within engineering and mechanics along with Functional Skills Maths and English in partnership with TeamSport Indoor*

Karting across the UK. Emerging from a concept with Humberside Police to work with young people in Hull, Fast Forward quickly grew with local schools and PRU's seeking support to meet the needs of their students. Fast forward's mission has always been to provide disaffected, disadvantaged and disengaged young people an opportunity to achieve, bridging the gap for the hard-to-reach young people and their peers.

Editor.

Committee Changes

At the AGM on 13th April, Ian Pearson stepped down as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. His work as Treasurer began in 2021, initially working with Cynthia Fowler, and he was elected Treasurer at the AGM in November 2022. These facts do not begin to reflect the tremendous amount of work Ian has done since he joined the committee in summer 2021, including new thinking and ideas, such as the Monday afternoon visits, his tireless work as Treasurer / Membership Secretary since April 2023, his outreach to other societies and to potential new members. We owe him a heartfelt “thank you” for all that he has contributed to the Society’s work. Fortunately, Ian is still an active member of the Society.

We are very grateful to Simon Green, who took on the role of Treasurer & Membership Secretary at the 2026 AGM, and to all our hard-working committee members. We also appreciate the help given by Susan Heritage, who takes minutes of the AGM and most committee meetings. ***However, the lack of a Secretary adds to the committee’s workload, so any additional help would be much appreciated.***

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