

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 2026



The Maritime Museum

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

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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 Meet at Hull Seafarer Centre (Stella Maris), United House, West King George Dock, Hull HU9 5PR.

A tour of King George and Queen Elizabeth Docks by coach at 2 pm will be followed by a visit to the Seafarers’ Centre led by Revd Tim Linkens, Chaplain to the Humber Ports. **Advance booking is essential, as we have a strict limit of 30, and we will need a full list of names.**

We can park at the Seafarer Centre (Stella Maris), but as it is inside the Dock Estate, please bring photo ID such as a driving licence, in case it is required for inspection at the Dock Security Gate and tell the security guard that you are visiting the Seafarer Centre. If there are any problems on the day, you can call Tim Linkens on 07387 022375. The coach will pick us up at the Seafarer Centre at 2 p.m. for the guided tour of the docks.

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.

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We are very grateful for the support we receive from our corporate members, and also for their contribution to the prosperity of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

John Scotney, Chairman.

Good Mark for the Old Dock Office - postscript



Old Dock Office – a 21st-century office inside a building of 1820.

Our article in the June 2026 Newsletter, which celebrated the refurbishment of the Old Dock Office by John H Whitaker (Tankers) Ltd., omitted to mention the important role of Matthew Oaks. As the company's technical director, he worked with Mark and Sarah Whitaker to turn this 206-year-old Georgian dock office into modern working office, while retaining and restoring its elegant decorative features. Once again, congratulations! The Good Mark certificate will be presented at the Old Dock Office, High Street on Monday, 5th October at 2.30 p.m. Members welcome!

John Scotney

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

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Guided History & Trees Walks

FREE!

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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 - Hessle 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.

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North Hull's 'Green' credentials.

Following my article in the June 2026 Newsletter I thought to start with north Hull.

My Explorer series O.S. map 293, Kingston upon Hull and Beverley, was printed in 2000 when the roundabout on the road from Bransholme (north end of North Bransholme) to Wawne (East Riding of Yorkshire) marked the county/unitary authority boundary. To the east the boundary cuts across the top of North Bransholme and on to a section of Holderness Drain, then south along the drain east of Bransholme. To the west the boundary zigzags to the River Hull, and south along the river to the road bridge leading to the Kingswood estate.

My first-hand experience of Kingswood is very little, but I do know that part of Ings Plantation, an oblong field-headland wood shown on my 2000 map when the building of Kingswood was just starting, has been retained as an area of quite dense mature woodland.

Kingswood, and to a lesser extent parts of Bransholme, are a classic example of floodplain development into the 21st century. The massive residential development at Kingswood has happened across farmland named on my 2000 map as The Ings and South Field (Wawne village's pre-enclosure south open field). Today residential development continues and is certainly up to the county

boundary south of Wawne village. When last I went to Wawne, development seemed to be crossing the county boundary so, maybe, some agreement has been made with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Bransholme was developed in the 1960s and '70s as a post-war satellite town and as such was required to include schools (primary and secondary), retail services (North Point retail park), medical facilities and places of worship. Travelling through Bransholme from Leads Road, Hull, to Wawne there are wide expanses of grass, shrubberies and some trees (especially so since the demolition of some barrack-like flats in the late 20th century), these giving a very 'green' identity to this part of the satellite town.

Just beyond the north-east corner of the Bransholme estate is Bransholme Nature Reserve; this purpose-built asset is well worth exploring with a network of footpaths through the vegetated 'hills' (man-made) and a large fishing and wildlife lake. I believe the nature reserve still has a full-time warden. Clearly the hills of the reserve were developed around the pre-existing lake, this, and its island, shown on my 2000 map.

Other pocket parks on Bransholme are mostly recreation fields with some sports facilities and children's playgrounds.

Across the meandering River Hull from west Bransholme stand the housing estates of North Hull Estate, a nationally famous example of post-Great War housing with a layout plan and house styles influenced by the Garden Village Movement, and Orchard Park estate, 1960s and influenced somewhat by a design plan that sought to re-create the 1880s terraces that were demolished in the Hessle Road area (but without proximity to a place of work). The northern edge of Orchard Park forms the county boundary.

Between Beverley High Road and the River Hull stand streets of mostly inter-war speculative-built housing north and south of Sutton Road. North of these is a series of late-20th century housing estates, including the infamous 'ghost estate'. Like Kingswood, these housing areas are all on the flood plain of the River Hull. Two green corridors cross this area north to south, the River Hull and Barmston Drain. One small park survives in the form of Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields, as does a large open green area immediately west of Orchard Park, some of which is permissive, and technically in the East Riding.

North of Clough Road bridge both banks of the River Hull are public rights of way giving views of the land around and the tidal waters, reedbeds and waterfowl of the river. Most of both banks of Barmston Drain are walkable, especially so for the east bank, between Hall Road and Greenwood Avenue where, at one point next to Queen Elizabeth playing fields, the linear drain was diverted by a meander to increase local biodiversity.

The open area west of Orchard Park is mostly carr land vegetation giving an open aspect but with few trees. This area extends in (seemingly) a semi-official way north to the Beverley by-pass.

Given the volume of residential housing in north Hull, it might be concluded that 20th century history has not been generous in providing park-like facilities.

This article needs to be extended south to Cottingham Road in a future Newsletter.

Richard Clarke



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 2027, 7.30 pm "Symphonic Celebrations"

(Pieces by Britten, Joubert and Tchaikovsky)

Saturday 15th May 2027, 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:

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, Priors Park Singers, Weighton Waytes and many others. Many of these choirs have a website.

Beyond Hull Maritime (part1): the 18th century merchants' houses

It has taken a while, but the completion of Hull City Council's *Yorkshire's Maritime City* project is in sight. It has already given the city some outstanding places to show off to visitors. The re-paving and landscaping of the Marina Promenade in Humber Dock Street makes it a pleasant place to stroll or sit.

The Spurn Lightship, which re-opened in its purpose-built mooring on 7th March 2026, gives an insight into the provision of navigation lights on the Humber Estuary.

A major advance of the project came on 8th August 2026, when the



magnificent Maritime Museum re-opened to visitors after being closed to visitors for renovation since 2020. It is housed in Hull Dock Company's third dock office, which opened in 1871. It was converted into the Town Docks Museum in 1975, later renamed the Maritime Museum. The



new and existing displays, artefacts, newly-opened rooms and viewpoints give a very informative interpretation of Hull's maritime history. Its popularity is reflected by the reported 50,000 visits in its first month after re-opening. If you have not been since 2020, I can thoroughly recommend a visit!

Queen's Gardens, which retains the shape of Queen's Dock from Queen's Dock Avenue as far as Wilberforce Drive, re-opened fully to visitors in summer 2026, after a major scheme to replant with a greater variety of semi-mature trees and to restore subsiding side walls and damaged seating. New



features include some very attractive flower beds and shrub planting. Anyone walking along Guildhall Road can also enjoy views from a new promenade.

North End Shipyard is a completely new attraction. Originally constructed as the basin through which ships entered and left “The Dock” (Queen’s Dock) from 1778 until closure in 1930, it was converted into a dry dock by the addition of lock gates at the river end. Its last use was by Drypool Engineering & Dry Dock Company. It has been chosen as a permanent berth for the Arctic Corsair, Hull’s last working side-winder trawler



which was towed into position on 14th July 2026. Preparations for re-opening to the public are expected to be finished by the end of 2026 or early 2027. A purpose-built Visitor Centre is complete and will also be opened at the same time as the Arctic Corsair. This will complete an impressive collection of maritime visitor attractions.

However, there are more aspects of Maritime Hull to show our visitors.

Every port, large or small, needs access to the sea or a navigable river and a safe mooring. From the late 12th century, when the port was developed by the Cistercian Abbey of



Meaux for export of wool and import of wine, the Humber Estuary and the River Hull have provided this essential combination.

When the North End Shipyard is open to the public, our visitors will have a view of the River Hull. The best view of Hull's first port, the Old Harbour, is from the south footway on Drypool Bridge.

Next to North End Shipyard stands the Old Dock Office, which replaced the original, much smaller dock office in 1820, but had to be extended in 1840. Today it is the headquarters of John H Whitaker (Tankers) Ltd, who moved here in March 2026. It is a working office controlling a fleet of ships which re-fuel other companies' ships, so we can't go in, but the interior has been beautifully restored to its Georgian elegance.

"The High Street" is often used as shorthand for a main shopping street in a town centre, but the name originally meant the street inhabited by "the high people of the town" – leading merchants and other influential people.

This was certainly so in Hull, as proved by the number of grand merchants' houses and the absence of shops. Without merchants,



Above: Old Harbour – view from Drypool Bridge. Below: the Old Dock Office and interior.



no ship would leave port. The merchant used his contacts in Hull and its hinterland to arrange shipping of their products coastwise or for export to foreign ports. He also had contacts overseas – often one of his sons – whose role was to find buyers for the cargoes and to source raw materials or manufactured products for consumption in England. The earliest exports through Hull were wool and, later, woollen cloth from the West Riding and lead mainly from Derbyshire. Imports included wine from Gascony and the Rhineland and timber, iron, flax, pitch and tar from Scandinavia and the Baltic. A detailed account of Hull's 18th century merchants is written in *Hull in the Eighteenth Century*, by Gordon Jackson (Oxford University Press for the University of Hull, 1972), but their surviving houses and warehouses also convey a glimpse of their world.

There are several merchants' houses to be seen in High Street: No.1 belonged to Sir Samuel Standidge (1725-1803), one of the founders of the Hull whaling industry which lasted from 1754 to 1869. Almost opposite, at 202-203 (house numbers in High Street are consecutive) is the house built 1756- 57 for the Haworth family (oil -and paint merchants).



Above: No.1 High St
Below: 202-203 High St



Benjamin Blaydes, ship-owner and ship-builder lived at No.6 (Blaydes House), which was built about 1750. Its fine interior (by Joseph Page) reflects the importance, in a house that was both office and family dwelling, of fashionable decoration to reassure customers that

the owner ran a prosperous business.



Above: Blaydes House.
Below: 50 Salthouse Lane

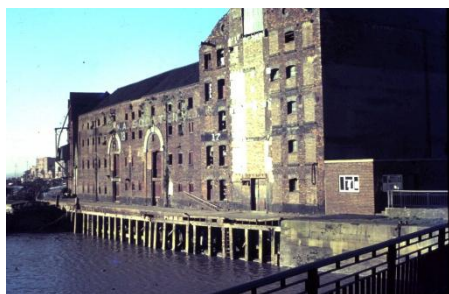
The whole house became offices in the Victorian period, but thanks to the Georgian Society for East Yorkshire, it was restored to its Georgian appearance in 1976. Like many merchants' houses on the east side of High Street there was a warehouse behind, opening onto a private staith on the River Hull. The one at Blaydes House was demolished in 1972.

If you turn right just before Alfred Gelder Street, you can see the original street façade of No.50 Salthouse Lane, built in 1780 for the Wilson family of timber merchants (not to be confused with the much later shipping firm).

Beyond Alfred Gelder Street is the site of a lost house belonging to Joseph Pease. His father, Robert, had moved for religious freedom to Amsterdam in 1663. Joseph was sent to Hull in 1708 to represent his father's business and, beginning with commission on the business he transacted, became one of Hull's leading merchants, engaged in trade, shipowning, underwriting, whaling. The industries in which he was involved included oil-seed crushing, white lead, whiting, soap and paint-making and, cotton-spinning. Joseph also set up Hull's first bank.



The house, damaged during the 2nd World War, was demolished in 1947, but the warehouse survives. It was built in 1745 and extended in 1760. It was rescued from dereliction and turned into apartments by a far-sighted local builder, Ben Hooson, in 1981.



Above left: restored Pease Warehouse from High St. Above right: restored Pease Warehouse from river.
Left: before the 1981 restoration.

Several other war-damaged houses in this part of High St were demolished in 1947, but one pair of fine houses at Nos.23-24, built in 1756-7 for James Hamilton, tar merchant and another of the founders of Hull's whaling industry, survived. In the 1950s the pair was renovated as the "Georgian Houses Museum", linked internally with Wilberforce House.

Wilberforce House was built by a local builder, William Catlyn, in 1660 in a distinctly Dutch style called "Artisan Mannerism" for the merchant, Hugh Lister. The house and business eventually passed to

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William Wilberforce, grandfather of the famous MP and campaigner against the slave trade. It was extended at the rear in 1760.

As you move southward along High Street, the houses on the east side belonging to merchants who had moved to the fashionable Northern Suburb beyond The Dock were demolished in the early 19th century to build offices or larger warehouses (some dating from 1819). However, a vestige of another merchant's house built by William Catlyn for George and Eleanor Crowle in 1664 survives down a narrow passage at No.41.



Above: Wilberforce House
Below left: Crowle House
Below right: offices and warehouses replaced some of the merchants' houses in the 19th century
Danish Buildings 1858 is nearest to the camera.



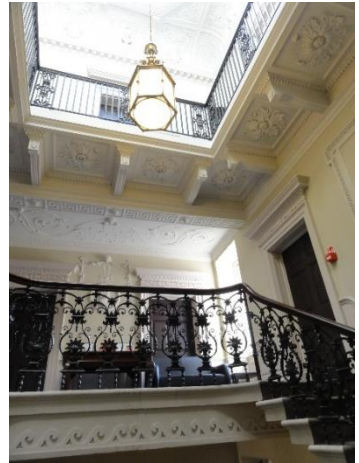
Maister House, at No.160, on the west side of High Street is one of the finest merchant's houses in Hull. It was built in 1744 for Henry Maister,



whose previous house burnt down in 1743, with the loss of his wife, infant son and two housemaids. The new house was built by Joseph Page in the most fashionable style of the mid-18th century, with advice from Lord Burlington. It was designed to minimise fire hazards by maximum use of non-flammable materials and a lantern roof above the staircase hall to minimise use of candles or oil lamps.



Maister House: fire-resistant exterior and fashionable decoration and lantern roof



The Maister family had their trading links with Sweden for import of iron, pitch and tar and with St Petersburg and the eastern Baltic mainly for timber. Now owned by the National Trust, and tenanted by a company called Eclectic Music, it will re-open to the public again when work on the lantern roof is finished.

Danish Buildings (1858), at the corner of High Street and Scale Lane Staith, hides Bayles House (about 1750). The whole complex, including the warehouse, was converted in 2022 by Allenby Commercial to provide spaces for a variety of small businesses.



Beyond the car park of Oriel House (1960s offices) No.52 High Street shows clearly a warehouse (17th or 18th century), a workshop and, on the street, an office where there would once have been a house.

The private wharves behind the warehouses of merchants fortunate enough to own a property on the east side of High St gave them a great advantage, but what of other merchants?

Public access to the riverside was by the staiths (meaning “landing places”) leading from High St to the River Hull. Blaides Staith, Chapel Lane Staith, Bishop Lane Staith and Scale Lane Staith are still to be seen on a walk down High St, but Church Lane Staith and Rotenhering Staith have disappeared within the last couple of decades under new development and a car park.

Conversion of merchants’ houses into offices and erection of new offices and larger warehouses, after the families moved out of the Old Town in the late 18th century and early 19th century, marks a change from the era of the merchant families to partnerships and companies.

John Scotney (*To be continued*).

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Above: Office, workshop and warehouse at 52 High St
Below: Scale Lane Staith



Good Mark – Wilmington Café

Wilmington Café received a well-deserved Good Mark on Monday 21st September in recognition of the efforts that successive owners have made to retain the features of this former Wilmington station ticket office. The railway station, which was served by North Eastern Railway trains between Hull Paragon Station and Hornsea and Withernsea, was in use from 9.6.1912 (when it replaced the 1864 station on the Hornsea branch). Passenger train services were withdrawn on 19.10.1964. The ticket office was at street level on Foster Street and the wooden island platform and waiting room (demolished) on the embankment was reached by a subway and stairs. The white-tiled entrance to the subway has been retained behind a pair of locked gates. 55 years ago, the disused ticket office was converted into a café. Carl Pinkney, the 4th proprietor, runs a welcoming and friendly café, providing a range of tasty hot and cold food and hot drinks for employees of the surrounding businesses, both to take away or to eat in the cafe.



Top: Wilmington Café exterior.
Middle: Wilmington station platform & waiting room (from a picture at the café)
Bottom: Wilmington Café interior.

John Scotney

Electric Buses

East Yorkshire Buses and Stagecoach have taken delivery of 82 battery-powered electric buses this year, with help from Hull City Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Running is quiet, acceleration from stops is rapid but smooth and it's a big step towards cutting pollution. Congratulations!

East Yorkshire's single- and double-decker electric buses are in a new green livery and appear mainly on the Park & Ride (service 20) and on routes to Longhill, Hessle, Hull Royal Infirmary and Castle Hill Hospital.



East Yorkshire's electric buses on 18.5.26 at Hull Paragon Interchange



Stagecoach East
Midland's electric buses
are in the same liveries as
their diesel buses and run
mainly on services to
Orchard Park, to
Kingswood and to Bilton
Grange and Greatfield
estates.

Editor

Planning and Buildings September 2026

Old Town

Correction: In the June 2026 Newsletter, the Planning & Buildings article stated, incorrectly, that Pier Court belongs to Wykeland. I am assured by Wykeland that it is not one of their properties.

Queen Street

Above right: Pier Court

Below right: Oberon Chambers,

- In w/c 20/7 there was an application (26/00712/FULL) to convert the ground floor of Oberon Chambers on Queen St into a restaurant and bar. This used to be the Oberon pub.

- A new application (ref. 26/00143/COU) was submitted in w/c 29/6 to convert the striking Edwardian-style Ocean Chambers, 54 Lowgate, into 17 apartments.

Ocean Chambers, Lowgate





Above: 32-34 Posterngate
Below, right: Bob Carver's

- a new application (ref. 26/00718/LBC) was submitted in w/c 20/7 for complete refurbishment of the listed 32-34 Posterngate. This part of Trinity House was built in 1764 and was used as the Harry Lazarus Hotel, which catered for transmigrants from Europe to North America in the 1870s and 1880s.

- In w/c 17/8, approval was given to a plan to extend the Crown & Cushion pub into the disused Bob Carver's fish & chip shop on the ground floor of Corporation Chambers (ref. 26/00417/FULL and 26/00418/LBC).

- At Conservancy Buildings, to the rear of 9 Whitefriargate, permission was given in w/c 24/8 for urgent refurbishment of the water-damaged roof and gutters of Hull's first post office, dating from 1843 and demolition of "non-original single-storey elements" (ref. 26/00478/LBC).



Conservancy Buildings (from planning documents)

At the listed 21, 22, 23 Whitefriargate, approval was granted in w/c 3/8 for insertion of structural support and new shop fronts (ref. 26/00265/FULL & 26/00266/LBC)

Right: 21,22,23 Whitefriargate
Below right: Arctic Corsair



- On 12th August, the Arctic Corsair was moved into the dry dock of North End Shipyard, High St, ready for re-opening to the public, together with its new visitor centre.



City Centre

- The prospect of one proposed new use for the ground floor of Hammonds building receded in w/c 6/7 when the application to create a mixed-use bowling facility was “disposed of”.

- At 16-20 George St (western end of the late 18th century, 3-storey block that used to house Brown’s Bookshop), there was an application to alter the ground floor shop frontage in connection with conversion into 2 flats on the ground floor and 2 4-bedroomed HMOs on the upper floors (ref. 26/00576/FULL & 26/00577/LBC).



16-20 George St in 2016



Above: Derek Crothall Building
in 2013 (when it was part of
Trinity House School)
Below right: Brewery House,
The Maltings

- Also on George St, work has been in progress on the Derek Crothall Building for new use by Hull Training and Adult Education. The building originated as the Nautical College in 1972, later becoming part of Lincoln University (and its predecessors), then Trinity House School (from 2013) (observed 4/8).



- In w/c 14/9, Ron Dearing UTC applied to open 6th form study spaces in Brewery House at The Maltings (ref. 26/00739/FULL, bringing a vacant part of this property back into good use.
- Listed building consent was granted in w/c 21/9 for internal alterations to the living quarters to create a parish & community meeting room at St Charles Borromeo Church on Jarratt St.
(ref: 26/00518/LBC)



Above: St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt St
Below: 80 South Bridge Rd

East

- On Victoria Dock Village, Prior Approval was granted in w/c 6/7 to turn the old McAusland Turner offices at 80 South Bridge Rd into 6 flats (ref 26/00393/PCOU).



- At 45 Great Union St
(in Drypool village)

Permission was granted in w/c
27/7 for change of use of the
former works

Right: 45 Great Union St



of Cavendish Print Ltd to “a community-based day opportunities service” (ref: 26/00524/COU). It was built in 1828 as the Drypool National School, established by the Revd Henry Venn, Rector of St Peter’s, Drypool. His son, John Venn, is noted for invention of the Venn Diagram when he was a lecturer at Cambridge University.

- Conversion of the disused East Hull Baths, Holderness Rd, into 24 flats, plus a gym and a sauna, was approved in w/c 29/6 (ref. 23/00178/FULL). The tiling in the entrance to this listed building is exceptional.



Above right: East Hull Baths
Right: tiling in the entrance hall.



- A scheme to build a food store on the old Fenner’s sports ground on Marfleet Ave was withdrawn in w/c 20/7.

West - There was an application in w/c 6/7 (ref. 26/00583/S73) to remodel the 16-bed Albert Hotel, 394 Anlaby Rd (opposite St George’s Rd), into a 29-bed serviced accommodation.



394 Anlaby Rd

North

- On George St, panelling is complete on the Energy Centre which will house the heat pumps that will supply the Hull Heating Network (observed 8/9).



The Energy Centre, George St

Michael Wood – Town Crier

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Michael Wood in July. His distinctive and genial presence, as Town Crier for the East Riding of Yorkshire since 1997, graced a whole range of events, including Graduation Ceremonies for University of Hull students, celebration of Yorkshire Day, Beverley Christmas Festival and numerous civic occasions. He will be greatly missed and we would like to offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

Editor

Rob Bell

On behalf of Hull Civic Society, we would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Rob Bell, who died on 12th June. He was best known to people in Hull and the East Riding as a talented speaker on a range of topics, especially relating to the historical heritage of Hull and the East Riding, but his outlook was global and humanitarian, especially in connection with his work in logistics. He inspired many people and will be missed very much.

Editor

Other People's Events 2026-2027

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).

email: Sec. Andrew Robinson an.robinson58@gmail.com **tel:** 01652 660380

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

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

Beverley Civic Society www.beverleycivicsociety.com

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.

15th Oct AGM- Please note the altered date and location

12th Nov Hannah Willetts-The History of Beverley Art Gallery

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

Carnegie Heritage Centre email info@carnegiehull.co.uk

Carnegie Heritage Centre Ltd, 342 Anlaby Road, Hull HU3

6JA Telephone: 01482 561216

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

Admission £3.00, cash or card.

Oct 28th The Day the Queen came to town *Peter Walker*

Nov 25th The Final Days of Arthur Wilson of Tranby Croft *Dennis Chapman*

There is no talk in December

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

Meets at Cottingham Civic Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. *Please note revised start time*). Admission: members £2 visitors £4.

7th Oct Hull, Yorkshire's Maritime City: The Inland Waterways Dimension - *Robb Robinson*

4th Nov A History of Thwaite Gardens - *John Killingbeck*

2nd Dec Petuaria Revisited: Investigating Roman Brough - *Peter Halkon*

6th Jan Holderness, the Land that Came, Went and Came Again - *Richard Clarke*

3rd Feb Hessle Cliff and the Back Mill at Hessle – *Alex Ombler*

3rd Mar Highlights of 59 years of Researching the History and Buildings of East Yorkshire – *David Neave*

7th April Annual General Meeting – Social Event for Members

Georgian Society for East Yorkshire (GSEY) Website <https://gsey.org.uk>

Sat 24th Oct, 2.pm: Visit to Harpham Church and its Georgian stained glass.

East Yorkshire Family History Society

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

6th Dec – Hannah Stamp –*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. 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 Hessle Town Hall, South Lane from March to November at 7.15 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Oct 15 Highwaymen, *Alan Beadle*

Nov 19 – AGM, then *Paul Schofield: A Journey Down Beverley Rd, Hull*

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.

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 Sep to May. Visitors; £3. no charge for students. Visitors should register to be exempt from the parking charge.

15 Oct Samuel Wilderspin. A Schoolmaster Abroad in a Foreign Land

Ian Wolesley, Education Lead, Wilderspin School Museum

19 Nov Hull in the 1926 General Strike *Emeritus Professor Tony Collins, De Montfort University*

18 Feb ‘Conversion or Coercion’? King Edwin’s Baptism and Christianisation
Dr. Louise Hampson, Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture, York University

18 Mar The Purge. How Spain expelled its Muslims 1609-14 *Matthew Carr*
Author and Journalist

15 April Homosexuality, Persecution & Reform before 1967 *Dr, Chiarro*
Beccalossi, Lincoln University

20 May AGM followed at about 7.50 by Hull's 'Old Town' Revealed *Paul*
Schofield, Accredited Guide

Hull History Centre, Worship St, Hull HU2 8BG: Tel. 01482 317500,
www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk, The History Centre is open to the public
Tuesday-Thursday, 9.30-4.30. and first and third Saturdays of the month, 9.30-
12.30. (open at 10am on the third Tuesday and third Thursday of every month)

Tuesday Lunchtime talks 12.30pm-1.30pm (Free, all welcome)

13 Oct, "Words of Wisdom - Proverbs, Sayings and Commonplaces, from
Shakespeare to the Present" Mel Evans and Richard Meek

10 Nov "Straight on with the Humber Bridge': The Rise and Fall of the 1931
Humber Bridge Bill" Tom White

8 Dec "Hull's Victoria Pier: some aspects of its social history" Mark Richmond

Exhibition, 2 June-21 Nov, during History Centre opening hours

"Industrial River": The photographs of William Jackson (1893-1966), a
talented amateur photographer,

History Makers Saturdays 10am-12pm free, self-guided drop-in Lego and
craft sessions. All ages welcome, under-16s must be accompanied by a
responsible adult. 3rd October "Hull Fair", 7th November "Paper Fireworks";
7th December, "Christmas".

History Centre Behind the Scenes Tour: Saturdays 3rd October, 7th & 21st
November, 19th December. 1 hour. 11am, Places are limited so please book in
advance. To book your place you can [email us](mailto:info@hullhistorycentre.org.uk), call us on 01482 317500, or
speak to a member of staff at the enquiry desk during our opening hours.

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The Civic Society committee meets at the Holiday Inn Express, usually on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. If you feel you could join us to discuss and share your ideas about current issues in Hull and district and about the Civic Society's activities you would be most welcome. Try one of our committee meetings, with no obligation. The meetings are informal and friendly, and we also enjoy free tea, coffee or hot chocolate!

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Annual Membership: £15.00 (£2,4.00 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 **new Hon Treasurer, Simon Green, 16 Sycamore Court, Hull, HU5 2UL.**

Title_____First Name _____

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