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Newsletter of the East Yorkshire Local History Society



Front cover: Amy Johnson in London, 1931, after being presented with an MG saloon with a car mascot in the form of Jason.

Contributions

Based in Hull it is not always easy to keep track of events in other parts of the Riding; news that members could contribute on their town or village should be sent to the editor.

Short articles, illustrated or unillustrated, news on libraries, archives, museums, societies or education, queries other people may be able to answer, etc. for inclusion in future newsletters should also be sent to the editor.

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News from the Society

Programme

As usual, the Society has arranged a full programme of lectures and excursions. Please support the events and bring along your friends. Please do not hesitate to ask for lifts; you will be expected to contribute to petrol.

PLEASE NOTE: Please make all cheques payable to the East Yorkshire Local History Society. All cheques and booking slips should be sent to the Programme Co-ordinator - Pamela J Martin (Tel no 01482 442221; e-mail pjmartin@pjmartin.karoo.co.uk)

Saturday 25th February 2017

Education Room, Treasure House, Beverley

2.00pm

'Netherhall (formerly Sutton Hall) - A history of the house and its owners 1800 - 2005'

Speaker: Mike Rymer

Cost: £2 per person

Max. No. 40 people

**Own Transport

Friday 10th March 2017

Visit to St Charles, Borromeo R C Church, Hull

Guide: Mr Patrick Doyle

2.00pm for 2.15pm

Meet outside the main entrance in Jarrett Street at 2.00pm ready for a 2.15pm guided tour of the church and crypt.

Please note: - the steps down to the crypt are steep.

There will be an opportunity to wander around the church after the initial talk.

Cost: £3 per person

Max. No. 30 people

**Own Transport

Saturday 25th March 2017

The Lairgate Hotel, Lairgate, Beverley

2.00pm

AGM

Approx. 3.15pm

Speaker: - Susan C. Reeves

'William Kent Designs Prince Frederick's Barge 1732'

**Own transport

There is limited parking behind the hotel, accessed via Grayburn Lane off Lairgate

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Visit to WW2 Anti-Aircraft Defence Site

Butt Farm, Beverley

11.00am or 1.00pm (Two separate groups)

This is one of the best World War 2 Anti-Aircraft Defence sites in the country. It comprises 6 gun-sites, command posts and specialist aircraft ranging equipment. It had nearly 300 staff and was in an operational state until the 1950s.

This unique site was lost for decades as nature covered it over with dense vegetation. In 2014 the new tenants of the farm, the White family, re-discovered it and decided on a restoration programme with the aid of Historic England. The guided tour is by Historian Dennis Chapman, who will explain with photographs and drawings the nature of the complex and how operations worked.

Meet at the Farm

Cost: £5 per person (including tea and biscuits)

Please note the terrain is uneven.
Max. No. 15 people in each party
The address is: Butt Farm Caravan Site,
Victoria Road, Beverley HU17 8PJ
Directions: Travelling north on the A63,
turn left before Morrisons Roundabout,
Beverley. Look for sign which directs you
to Butt Farm Caravan site. The site can be
Googled.

**Own Transport

Friday 19th May 2017

Guided Tour of Leven

Guide: - Mary Carrick

10.30 am meet at New Inn in Leven for a
brief talk about the building and its
history with chance to look round site.

10.20 am walk towards path down to
canal looking at buildings en route.
Possibility of seeing inside old canal-side
warehouse - now a private dwelling and
look around old canal head with
information given on different buildings
and their use including old brewery.

11.15 am Continue walking down canal -
chance for those interested to see wild
flowers - and across bridge over Barff
drain - old Cistercian canal. Back into Old
Leven by roads and then walking back
down Westgate looking at old farm
buildings, houses and industrial sites
including site ropewalk. Continue South
down main road past church to New Inn,
looking at buildings en route.

Timetable may change depending on
weather and possibility of looking inside
buildings. Strong shoes advisable.

Cost: - £3.00 per person

Max No. 20 people

**Own Transport

June

Guided Tour of Malton

Further details to follow. Please complete
the Booking slip in order to show
expression of interest

**Own Transport

July

Visit to Boynton Hall

Boynton Hall, a grade I listed building is
the home of Mr & Mrs Marriott, who will
be our hosts. Originally the manor was
owned by the Boynton family; it then
passed through the hands of the
Newport family and in 1549 Willam
Strickland acquired the estate, which
remained in the Strickland family until
1951. Between 1951 and 1981 the Hall
passed between three owners before
being sold to Mr Richard Marriott
(nephew of the last Strickland to own the
Hall) and his wife Sally.

11.00am

Meet at the Hall

**Own Transport

Final details to follow. Please complete
the Booking slip in order to show
expression of interest

Saturday 12th August 2017

Full Day visit to Snainton/Foulbridge
Knights Templar site and Guided Tour of
Appleton-le-Moor

Knights Templar Hall – Foulbridge

11.00am

This unique Hall, (Grade I listed) built
around 1290, is incorporated in the
building of Foulbridge Farm, south of
Snainton, North Yorkshire. Over the years,
the hall almost disappeared after being
divided up into 2 stone cottages. In 1984,
the new owners, the Nutt family, decided
to restore the hall to its former glory,
exposing the amazing framework,

galleries and other parts. The later Tudor fireplace was reinstated.

Meet at the farm

Directions:-

Snainton village on the A170. Turn into Station Road on the south side of the village. It is sign-posted to the riding centre on the main road. Turn right at Foulbridge Lane and carry on southward to the farm. Postcode YO13 9AZ

Google: Foulbridge Farm

1.00pm – 2.30pm

Buffet Lunch at the Moors Inn, inclusive in price

2.30pm

Appleton-le-Moor Guided Tour

Guide: Jim Hall (Assistant Ranger, resident of Appleton and co-founder of Appleton History Group)

A 15minute power point presentation will be followed by a tour of less than a mile, lasting approx. one hour 15 minutes and taking in the Church, Chapel, Reading Room and old School.

Meet at the Village Hall

Appleton le Moor is located on the A170 west of Pickering

Cost: £14 per person (including buffet lunch)

Max. No. 25 people for both events

**Own Transport

Tuesday 29th August 2017

Visit to Gilling Castle

Guide: The Father Prior of Ampleforth Abbey

Max. No. 40 people

**Own Transport

Further details to follow. Please complete the Booking slip in order to show expression of interest.

Saturday 21st October 2017

11.00am – 12.30pm

Guided Walk of Reformation Hull

Guide: Helen Good

October marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the reformation in Germany. The reformation was very significant in the history of Hull.

Meet at South Porch of Holy Trinity Church (where walk will also finish)

Cost: £5 per person

Max. No. 15 people

Recommend appropriate footwear

Car parking is available in King William House opposite the East end of the church.

**Own Transport

Saturday 29th October 2017

Local History Book Fair

Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Church, 10 King St, Hull, HU1 2JJ

10.00am – 03.30pm

Free Entry

**Own Transport

Saturday 4th November

Education Room, Treasure House, Beverley

2.00pm – 3.30pm

'Fun, Fact and Fantasy'

Talk/presentation by T H Trezise

An audi-visual presentation consisting of several sets of photographs complete with suitable background music and commentary. Includes historic content of places visited.

Cost: £2 per person

Max No. 40 people

**Own Transport

Please note

There is usually a waiting list for most of the Society's events. If you book an event and then find you cannot attend, please inform the Programme Co-ordinator. Please do not transfer your booking to a relative or friend without first consulting the Programme Co-ordinator, whose telephone number can be found at the beginning of this section. Thank you.

Review of EYLHS Events

'Finds beneath your feet'

21 October 2016

The Society's final event of 2016, held on 21 October at the Treasure House in Beverley, was a very enjoyable and informative talk by Rebecca Griffiths, Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS).

Rebecca began with an explanation of her role. Thousands of objects are found every year and, in the past, most of them went undetected. Managed by the British Museum on behalf of the Department of Culture Media and Sport, the aim of the scheme is to promote public interest which in turn will encourage finders to report objects. It also promotes partnerships between museums, archaeologists and finders as well as encouraging best practice- i.e. no cleaning of objects with harsh substances. The scheme also supports the Treasure Act 1996.

The Scheme maintains a digital archive; all finds are recorded and returned to the owner. Part of Rebecca's job is to organise outreach events and to attend metal

detection clubs, encouraging the members to report finds, by explaining why it is so important. Rebecca covers the North and East Ridings and liaises with the Hull and East Yorkshire Museum amongst others. An average of 2,500 finds are reported to the Yorkshire Office each year. Anyone finding items which come under the Treasure Act 1996 has a legal obligation to report it to a coroner. They can use PAS as an intermediary and numbers doing so are increasing every year. As few as two gold or silver coins constitutes a hoard and is classed as treasure.

Rebecca then guided us through the types of finds she deals with and illustrated her talk with some examples, which she presented chronologically, beginning with the Prehistoric period.

Finds from this period include the earliest stone tools ranging from examples of knapped flint through to stone axes. Bronze Age finds include a hoard of 23 axe heads and other items found in Cherry Burton, which was declared to be treasure and is now in the British Museum, as well as a damaged pennanular ring composed of gold, silver and other metals found in Willerby which was not classed as treasure. Iron Age finds are very often made of a copper alloy and most are harness related. However a ring head pin which was found in Spofforth, North Yorks is listed as being of national importance as it is the only one ever to be recorded in mainland Britain. All other examples have been in Ireland.

The Roman Period yields the most finds; bracelets are very common. More unusual finds include a military diploma found in Brompton which gives details of the person's citizenship and legal marriage dated 12 July 118 AD. Unfortunately we do not have the person's name on the diploma, but only a handful have ever been found in Great Britain. We also heard about a copper alloy vessel found in Eastrington, with elaborate decoration in red, blue and green enamel, the inscription on the handle bears the legend 'use in happiness'. More hoards of Roman coins are found in Britain than anywhere else. Early medieval items include the well-known Bedale Hoard found in 2012 which includes a sword and 29 silver ingots. However many medieval items found often have religious significance, such as pilgrim badges. Post medieval items date from 1500 to 1900. Many of these are tokens used in shops, an example being a token found in Snape for the shop of John Hornby, grocer, which is dated 1659.

1900 is the cut-off date for the scheme as post-1900 finds are very common. Rebecca emphasised throughout her talk how important the finds are. They fill out the history of our ancestors' lives, giving us the opportunity to see items they used, how they used them and what was important to them. She ended by encouraging us all to look on the PAS website at the vast array of objects there. You can access the website at: www.finds.org.uk/database.

Elaine Moll

Book Reviews

Alan Marshall and Gill Roberts *The Barnby & Rust story - watchmakers, jewellers & silversmiths in Hull for over 200 years* The Torch Publishing 2016. £12.99, plus £2 p&p. ISBN 978-1-910789-12-4. Over 80 illustrations, some in colour. To order a copy: gillphilroberts@btopenworld.com or tel.07970 184214

Studies of shops and their proprietors are sadly few so it is an especial pleasure to have this account of one of Hull's best known retailers of clocks, watches and jewellery. It originates in the eighteenth century with William Rust, when craftsmen, were still making the items sold in their shops. He learned his trade in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, before moving to Lincolnshire where he married. He then settled in the thriving port town of Hull c.1784, and the earliest known watch by him is hallmarked for 1785 and numbered 194. This has survived being cooked inside a safe when the Market Place premises were destroyed by bombing in 1941 and has been given to Hull Museums. His life is documented better than one might have expected because of his close involvement with the Fish Street chapel, of which he became a Deacon and then a Trustee. Rust also invested in the whaling trade by buying shares in a number of local vessels.

John Sutton Shipham, of Lincolnshire, became a partner but in 1842 left to join with his family in the brass founding company, which survives to this day,

though not actually casting the brass components themselves any more.

Bishop Barnby, born in Hull, had like Shipham been apprenticed to Rust and like his master was a staunch member of the Fish street chapel, where his wife taught in the Sunday school. Barnby was a member of the Board of Guardians for the Hull Workhouse as well as a founder member of the Hull Mechanics Institute of which he was elected secretary.

Another Rust, Henry of Bishop Stortford, Essex, joined Bishop Barnby in 1856, but there was apparently no family connection whatever with William, and having the same name is entirely coincidental! Barnby died in 1864 and Rust carried on the business in the name of Barnby and Rust. The sudden death of Henry led to his widow making Robert Stevenson, a shop assistant, a junior partner but further tragedy followed when the shop at 15 Market Place ,with the living quarters above, were destroyed by fire. While this was rebuilt they occupied 29 Market Place.

Henry Rust Jnr. had died unmarried and his brother Benjamin took over in 1907 though he was a reluctant shopkeeper preferring to be in the workshop. He was succeeded in 1937 by Richard Stark Cochrane who had originally been taken on as a junior assistant by Henry Rust. Born in Glasgow the son of a grocer the family came to Hull because his aunt was married to an engineer in Hull's Wilson Line.

Sadly the old established Market Place premises were destroyed by bombing in

1941 but just a month later they were re-established at 27 Silver street ,the home of Barnby and Rust till eventual closure.

Alan Marshall, an accountant, married Richard Cochrane's daughter Sybil, became company secretary in 1949 and subsequently a director. After the 1970s small businesses increasingly felt the burden of PAYE, VAT and National Insurance as well as the competition of the large retail chains. Security and the cost of insurance only added to costs and between 1973-1984 there were four thefts, one smash and grab, a burglary, and on one occasion the staff were threatened by a man wielding a knife. Finally in 1994 the decision to wind up was taken and after a clearance sale the shop closed its doors for the last time 18 March 1995, ending over 200 years of business.

The book provides an insight into the changing Hull scene, the effects of war and economic ups and downs, and the changing tastes of customers, all of which recommends it to a wide audience. The first half was substantially completed by Alan Marshall before his death and the remainder assembled by his daughter Gill Roberts from his notes, and by reference to the stock books, publicity material, letters and minutes which are all now deposited in the Hull History Centre.

Arthur G Credland

Rick Welton *Amy Johnson, a life in pictures* Paul Gibson and the Amy Johnson Festival Ltd, 2016; 134 pp, £18; ISBN 978-09568385-8-2.

This is a handsomely produced volume produced as a lasting record of the Amy

Johnson Festival which featured a variety of events and displays, mostly centred on Zebedee's Yard, at the Hull Trinity House. Spread across the city, with outliers elsewhere in East Yorkshire, were a series of fibre glass moths, each individually coloured and decorated, which could be followed by a trail signposted in a booklet. The moth is a reference to the Gypsy Moth biplane in which Amy Johnson (1903-41) made her solo flight to Australia in 1930.



Amy with Jason at Hedon Arodrome

Included in the 'museum tent' was a screen with continuous showing of a TV documentary, tracing Amy's life from childhood (in still photographs), and throughout her career. From the time of her flight to the outbreak of the 1939-45 war there is a wealth of original film which fed the popular newsreels which were such a part of early cinema-going. This record in moving pictures and the contents of the book demonstrate that the present era has nothing to learn about celebrity mania and the ever prying camera lens.

The introduction includes photographs from Paul Gibson's collection, of images

of St Georges road, where she grew up and of her father's business premises Andrew Johnson, Knudzon Ltd on Hull's St Andrews dock. The company supplied wet fish, seafood, kippers and Norwegian herrings under the brand name 'Jason'. This was the name chosen for the Gypsy Moth in which she flew to Australia, the aircraft painted in the silver and green livery used on the fish packaging. As well as the extensive pictorial record we have of Amy, 'Jason' still survives displayed in the Science Museum, London.

Her story is then told in pictures, and brief but informative captions, starting in childhood, through school, Sheffield University, and life with her family. Then follows her involvement with aviation which began in earnest at the London Aeroplane Club, Stag Lane, Edgware, home of the De Havilland Aircraft Company.

Her amazing solo flight is tracked through Aleppo, Rangoon, Surabaya, and her landing at Darwin 24 May 1930. Her reception was ecstatic, as it was on her return to London, and her life was completely taken over by a whirl of banquets, receptions and public appearances. Back in the air a solo flight to Tokyo failed, and in 1932 she was convalescing in Durban recovering from an operation and complete exhaustion. Here she met Jim Mollison quickly followed by engagement and a wedding in London. The photographs soon after show a weary and distressed Amy caught up in a troubled marriage. Despite their personal problems a successful transatlantic flight resulted in a ticker-tape parade in New York for Amy and Jim.

Further solo record-breaking flights kept her in the news and in 1936 she accepted an invitation to open Sewerby Hall as a public attraction. After her death her collection of mementoes, trophies and memorabilia was given to the Bridlington Council for display here.

Skiing in Switzerland, gliding at Sutton Bank, and indulging in all kinds of sports filled the rest of her time and in 1938 she filed for divorce. In the same year she and her co-driver were sixth in the Womens International Paris to Saint Raphael car rally.

In 1940 Amy joined the Air Transport Auxiliary ferrying planes from the factories where they were made to the airfields where they were needed for active service. On 5 January in heavy weather she came down in the Thames and was killed, at the tragically early age of 38.

While at Kingston High School (successor to the Boulevard High School which she attended) I had a daily reminder of Amy Johnson at the entrance to the assembly hall, in the form of her bronze bust, and also a silver cup among the school trophies. The latter, inscribed 'For Grit', was presented to an individual who had overcome especial difficulties in the school year. One of my school projects was making a model of 'Jason', and every time I used the school library I would dip into her collection of books, dominated by tales of adventure and derring-do.

This is an outstanding publication and is a must for anyone interested in one of

Hull's most famous women, and an inspirational promoter of aviation.
Arthur G. Credland

Paul Chrystal *Changing Scarborough Fonthill*, 2014, 96pp. £14.99. ISBN 978-1-78155-2544-4.

This is a picture book with informative, extended captions, done in a series of thematic chapters, with some illustrations showing aspects of Scarborough 'then and now'. Such volumes are often scoffed at, but when well done they provide a delightfully accessible overview of the evolution of a town, with original photographs which are often appearing in print for the first time. The present author even manages to sketch in the story of this famous seaside resort from prehistory through the middle ages and Civil War, before entering the modern era. The development of the 'Spaw', taking the waters, sea bathing and the resort since Victorian times are all covered.

After the building of the Grand Hotel it became a destination of the international set on a par with the south of France, Paris, Rome and Florence. Originally a fishertown it was briefly, in the decade before the 1939-45 war, a magnet for big game fishermen, mainly wealthy gentlemen and film stars, seeking to pit their strength against the tunny fish which could weigh in at over 600lb.

In the Great War the town suffered many casualties in the bombardment of the east coast by elements of the German fleet in 1914, and 'Remember Scarborough' became a rallying cry in the nation's recruiting campaigns. Scars

made by shrapnel can still be seen on the stone facings of the buildings in the Crescent.

The only omission apparent to the present writer was any mention of the Scarborough Sailing Club and Scarborough Yacht Club, and the associated fraternity of artists, such as Frank Mason, and Albert Strange, principal of the local school of art.

Arthur G. Credland

Paul Gibson *Hull-Then and Now 5 Paul Gibson*, 2015, 174 pp, £18. ISBN 978-0-9568385-6-8.

This is a belated notice of the fifth volume in Paul Gibsons Then and Now series. Divided into three sections, Shopping, Motor Transport and Pubs, it maintains the high standards of its predecessors. The presentation and reproduction is of the highest quality and the author continues to find new and fascinating images, which are juxtaposed with photographs of present day Hull, and appropriate trade cards and advertisements,

To be recommended to anyone interested in Hull, its history and the built environment.

Arthur G.Credland

Nicholas Redman *Whales' Bones of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands* 135 pages; price £10, overseas orders extra; contact nick.redman@hotmail.com.

Published by the author 2016, ISBN 978-83-65295-27-9.

This is the sixth volume (not including a supplementary volume and a

monograph on the Ostend whale) towards fulfilling the author's aim to catalogue cetacean remains around the globe. There are two more volumes in preparation, for the Americas, and Africa and Asia, which will complete the series. Many of the bones set up as arches, or property fences, or scattered willy nilly, and which once formed familiar landmarks have been lost through time and the ravages of heat and storm. There are early photographs of some of these and especially of the complete whale skeletons of which an impressive number are preserved in Australasia's museums, mostly from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of these were from harpooned whales and others from carcasses washed onto the shore. Many bones have been retrieved from abandoned whaling stations along the shore and some of these old sites have been turned into visitor attractions, such as Whale World, Albany, W. Australia. At the nearby Cheynes Beach, excavations have revealed old floorings made from sections of vertebrae laid out like tiles. A path of similar construction, recorded from the Snug Bay (Eden) site, led from the beach to the station buildings.

A feature of the Eden (New South Wales) museum is the skeleton of 'Old Tom' the leader of a pack of killer whales that once herded baleen whales into Twofold Bay for the whalers to kill, a remarkable example of cooperation between humans and cetaceans

A skeleton of a blue whale, 86 feet long, first erected under a shed at the Perth Museum in 1899, was in 1971 installed in a new building after thorough steam

cleaning, but is currently in store awaiting further redevelopment of the museum. Museum curator's seem to have vied with another to acquire the biggest of the species, but Christchurch, New Zealand take the prize for the largest Blue Whale, a skeleton of a 99ft specimen, the largest ever verified.

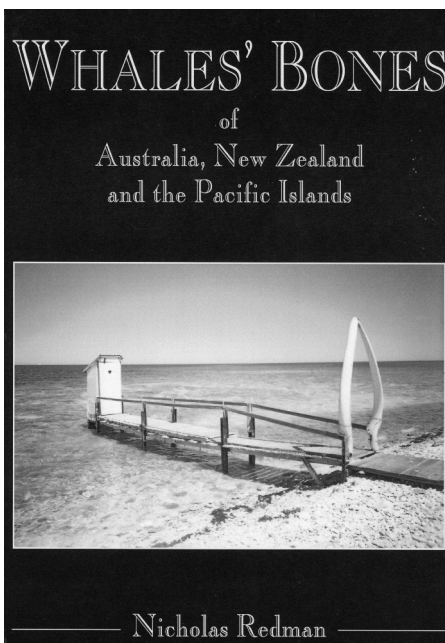
The Australian Museum, Sydney, has an important collection including a sperm whale which was towed into Sydney harbour in 1849. Another skeleton, of a rare Rudolphi's whale, was brought from Essex, England, in 1884.

Remains on a smaller, more domestic scale, are whale vertebrae once used as milking stools, and a variety of chairs, including the vertebrae chair now belonging to the National Trust, Perth, and another example in Sydney. There is also a whale bone table, made from a shoulder blade on top of a column of three vertebrae. The oddest item of furniture is at Aramoana (South Island, N.Z.), a bedside stand made up of a vertebra and two detached epiphyses creating three shelves. A set of whale bone furniture from Tonga was offered for sale on eBay, consisting of two seats, one single, and one a triple, the backs elaborately carved, but their current whereabouts are unknown.

Aboriginal huts made from whale ribs were seen at Encounter Bay in 1849 and a reconstruction is in the South Australia Whale Centre, where the table can also be seen. One of the most elaborate structures of which we have knowledge was a garden pavilion in the grounds of a large house, Adare (S. Australia) made

of four pairs of jaw bones, and ribs criss-crossed between them, but only photographs survive of this.

Perhaps the most romantic lavatory ever constructed is to be found on Post Office Island, off Western Australia. Here a jawbone arch forms the entrance to a wooden walkway over the sea, which terminates in the closet hut, all in a setting of sun, blue skies and silver sand. This seems quintessentially Australian and this idyllic 'dunny' appropriately illustrates the front cover of the book.



For that very Australian sport of surfing there are two trophies given at the prestigious competitions held at Cottesloe, W. Australia. Each is a section of surf board mounted with a piece of whale rib, the 'Old Mal Whale Bone

Classic' and the 'Junior Old Mal Whale Bone'.

This volume is recommended to zoologists, folklorists, historians and all those who are fascinated by the cetacean tribe. It is clear from this and all the preceding volumes that there is an especially strong human response to the large whales which engenders a determination to try and preserve their remains, usually demanding great physical effort and often significant amounts of money. There are location maps, indexes of people and places, a bibliography, and illustrations on every page.

Arthur G.Credland

Marian Shaw Zachariah Pearson: *Man of Hull, a tale of philanthropy, boom and bust* Grimsay Press, 292 pp. Monochrome illustrations throughout. ISBN 978-1-84530-156-9 Paperback £15.95; 978-1-84530-161-3 Hardback £35.

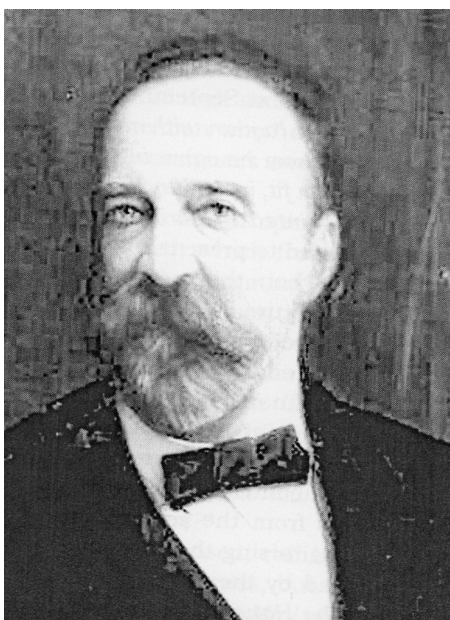
Pearson Park is familiar to Hull residents, and anyone who has taken an interest in Philip Larkin and his poetry will know that for many years he occupied a flat overlooking its trees and lawns. Few however will know much if anything about Zachariah Pearson, whose benefaction it was to the people of Hull. The son, born 1821, of a small-time Hull merchant he made a meteoric rise from obscurity to public figure and philanthropist, followed by a sensational bankruptcy.

For the first time we have a reliable picture of his life, though his early years remain hazy. After his mother died in

childbirth he was sent with three sisters to live with his uncle, but the identity of the latter is as yet unknown. The only snippet we have from his youth is that at the age of about nine he attempted to stow away on a vessel leaving Hull, but we do not know whether this was an indication of unhappiness in his foster home or simply of a yearning for adventure. After a sound education at the Hull Grammar School he was apprenticed to a merchant ship and by the age of 25 was in command of a Baltic trader. In 1845 Pearson was married to Mary Ann Coleman whose brother James, in 1854, became his partner in Pearson, Coleman & Co, shipowners and merchants. Expansion of his trade contacts led to the establishment of a London office, and in 1858 moving from sail to steam, they signed a contract to carry mail to Sydney, Australia, and along the coast of New Zealand.

By now a younger brother of the Hull Trinity House, in 1856 he was elected to the Hull Corporation and made Sheriff in 1858, two years later he was the Hull Mayor, and a major in the Hull Volunteer Artillery. The need to give citizens a pleasant place to walk and play as a relief from long working days and breathing polluted air caused him to give to the city 37 acres of land as a public park. Its development was to be financed by the sale of the handsome villas to be built around the margins. Sadly, at the peak of his success, he was persuaded by the London bankers Overend & Gurney to take into his hands eight vessels mortgaged to them by the Greek shipowner Stefanos Xenos. At the time there was no work for them but the acute

unemployment in the Hull cotton mills as a result of the shortage of raw material offered an opportunity to do good business, and help his fellow citizens. The American Civil War resulted in a blockade of the southern states and there were great profits to be made by evading the Federal navy. Sadly his vessels were sunk or captured and having also borrowed money for their cargoes of contraband he suddenly found himself hugely in debt. It took some two years to assess the extent of Pearson's losses when a final, figure, an astronomical £645,450 was reached. The pronouncements of the bankruptcy commissioner were remarkably sympathetic and he was granted a discharge after a period of six months. The machinations of the once reliable banking firm with its Quaker foundation was regarded as being at the heart of his troubles.



All his assets were sold to pay off the debts and then he made a slow return to respectability, though his business activity never approached the scale of his early career. He became a shipping agent and shipbroker, was an elder brother of the Hull Trinity House, and member of the Local Marine Board, indicating that his experience and expertise were still highly regarded. He died 29 October 1891 aged 70, while residing at Elm Villas, overlooking Pearson Park.

This book takes us into the world of the Onedin Line when so much business was settled on the shake of a hand, and huge enterprises built on trust rather than corporate bureaucracies. The author, Marian Shaw, is Zachariah's great, great granddaughter whose interest in her ancestor was sparked by seeing a small statuette of him in his mayoral robes on her grandparents mantelpiece. Sadly now lost this was probably a maquette for a projected statue by W.D. Keyworth, but never executed.

Arthur G.Credland

Nick Coupland *Hullfront: An illustrated look at the architecture of Hull*, £16.95

An excellent collection of 25 pen drawings by a local illustrator. Most of the drawing are of buildings in the city centre with the full page drawing on one page and descriptive caption on facing page. A number of corner buildings have, very effectively, been pulled out into a flat facade to emphasise their grandeur.

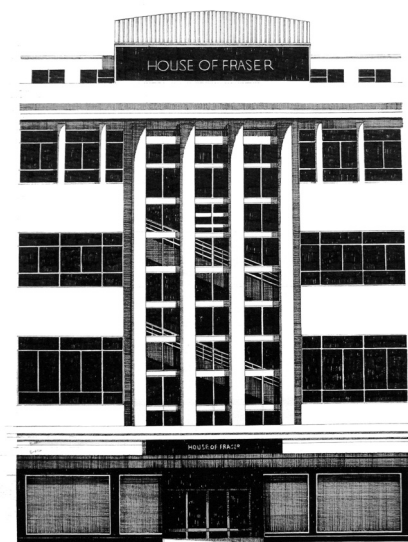
All of Hull's architectural styles are represented from Edwardian to modern. The drawings can bring a reappraisal of

familiar buildings, even Kingston House looks well designed!

Available from

<http://nickcouplandillustration.bigcartel.com/product/hull-front-by-nick-coupland>

Robert Barnard



David Jessop *Firefighting in Hull: An Illustrated History* Paul Gibson, £8.50

A very well researched and illustrated book that traces organised firefighting from the mid-1830s to the creation of Humberside County Council in 1974.

The first Chief Constable of Hull, Alexander McManus, introduced hand drawn fire carts to be used by untrained police constables based in police stations. In 1846 The Dock Company erected a fire station near St John's Church / Waterhouse Lane and by the early 1880 they had a steam fire engine and were the most professional force in

the city. The police eventually formed a dedicated fire service in 1887 based in Worship Street (Sculcotes Hall). Subsequently, around 1915, it was realised that more specialised firemen were needed and recruits came from outside the police force.

By late 1941 the city brigade was combined with the newly formed National Fire Service but post-war responsibility for fire cover passed to local authorities. In 1948 the City and County of Kingston upon Hull Fire Brigade was formed, which was in existence until 1974 when responsibility passed to Humberside.

Robert Barnard

Local History Meetings & Events

18 January 2017 *East Riding Archaeological Society*, Paul Ware, 'Recent Discoveries: Iron Age Cemetery at Pocklington', room LT1, first floor, Wilberforce Building, Hull University, Cottingham Road, 7:30pm

18 January *Hornsea Civic Society*, Samuel Bardsley, 'Hornsea Quakers', Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm

19 January 2017, *Hull Geological Society*, Ian Heppenstall, 'Geology of Grassington', Department of Department of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences, Cohen Building, University of Hull, 7:30pm

19 January 2017, *National Trust, East Yorkshire*, Gerardine Mulcahy-Parker, 'The History of Beverley Art Gallery and its Collections', Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, 7:30pm, members £2.50, non-members £3

24 January 2017 *Carnegie Heritage Centre*, Colin McNicol, 'The Development of Victoria Dock', 10:00am-12:00, £2.50 plus donation for refreshments

(?) February 2017, *Hull Geological Society*, Dr Mike Widowson of Hull University, Department of Department of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences, Cohen Building, University of Hull, 7:30pm

1 February 2017 *Cottingham Local History Society*, Alec Gill, 'Amy Johnson, Hessle Road Tomboy', red hall, Hallgate Primary School, 7:30pm

8 February 2017 *Carnegie Heritage Centre*, John Scotney, 'Bygone Hull', 10:00am-12:00, £2.50 plus donation for refreshments

9 February 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, Andy Karavics, 'Sledmere Gardens', 7:30pm, contact beverleycivicsociety.co.uk/contact

14 February *Hull History Centre*, David Neave, 'The Makers of the Edwardian City - Sir Alfred Gelder and Joseph Hirst', 12:30-1:30pm

15 February 2017 *East Riding Archaeological Society*, Ron Murphy, 'James Brindley; the first canal engineer',

room LT1, first floor, Wilberforce Building, Hull University, Cottingham Road, 7:30pm

15 February *Hornsea Civic Society*, Mike Elliot, 'Costal Erosion', Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm

16 February 2017 *Pocklington History Group*, Paula Ware, 'Burnby Lane Archeological Dig', Pocklington Arts Centre, 7:30pm, £2

16 February 2017, *National Trust, East Yorkshire*, Charles Trafford and Mike Wasling, 'Coast to Coast Walk', Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, 7:30pm, members £2.50, non-members £3

1 March 2017 *Cottingham Local History Society*, David Neave, 'East Riding Farmhouses and Cottages', red hall, Hallgate Primary School, 7:30pm

5 March 2017 *Carnegie Heritage Centre*, Judy Bangs, 'Symbolism in Gravestone Art', 7:30pm, £2.50 plus donation for refreshments

8 March 2017 *Carnegie Heritage Centre*, Andy and Liz 'Old Photos and Film of Hull', 10:00am-12:00, £2.50 plus donation for refreshments

14 March *Hull History Centre*, Will May, 'Stevie Smith: Hull's forgotten poet?', 12:30-1:30pm

15 March 2017 *East Riding Archaeological Society*, Kate Giles, 'Victorian Restoration of Pickering's Medieval Wall Paintings', room LT1, first floor, Wilberforce Building,

Hull University, Cottingham Road,
7:30pm

details will be published at
yvbsg.org.uk/events

15 March *Hornsea Civic Society*, Tony Dickenson, 'CSI (Crime Scene Investigation)'; Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm

28 March 2017 *Carnegie Heritage Centre*, David Neave, Hull Architects and their buildings', 7:30pm, £2.50 plus donation for refreshments

16 March 2017, *National Trust, East Yorkshire*, Wendy Maslin, 'The Buzz about Bees', Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, 7:30pm, members £2.50, non-members £3

11 April *Scarborough Civic Society*, Andrew Clay, 'Edwardian Sculpture', Library, Vernon Road, 2:30pm, £2

16 March 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, Arthur Credland, 'Marine painting', 7:30pm, contact beverleycivicsociety.co.uk/contact

12 April 2017 *Carnegie Heritage Centre*, John Lawson, 'Charity Hall - Workhouse', 10:00am-12:00, £2.50 plus donation for refreshments

16 March 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Mike Wood, 'The East Riding Town Crier', Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

13 April 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, Alan Menzies - open forum discussion about the development of south side of Beverley, 7:30pm, contact beverleycivicsociety.co.uk/contact

23 March 2017 *Pocklington History Group*, Sheila Dixon, 'The Titanic and its local connections', The Old Court House, George Street, 7:30pm, £2

18 April 2017 *Holy Trinity, Hull* Local History talk series, 12:00-1:00pm, third Tuesday in the month April to November(?)

23 March 2017, *Hull Geological Society*, Prof Patrick Boylan, 'The World Heritage Convention and the protection of earth science areas and sites of "outstanding universal value' Department of Department of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences, Cohen Building, University of Hull, 7:30pm

19 April 2017 *East Riding Archaeological Society*, Megan Clement; 'The CITiZAN project', room LT1, first floor, Wilberforce Building, Hull University, Cottingham Road, 7:30pm

25 March *Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group*, 'House and Home', annual day school, Headingley Campus, Leeds Beckett University, 10:00-16:30, full

19 April *Hornsea Civic Society*, Carol and Friends, 'Canine Partners', Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm

20 April 2017, *National Trust, East Yorkshire*, Alec Gill, 'Amy Johnson: Hessle Road Tomboy', Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, 7:30pm, members £2.50, non-members £3

20 April 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Philip Rodmell, 'Hairdressing in Hessle', Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

9 May *Scarborough Civic Society*, Sheila McGeowan, 'The History of Seamer, Part II' Library, Vernon Road, 2:30pm, £2

11 May 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, John Oldfield, 'Modern Slavery', 7:30pm, contact
beverleycivicsociety.co.uk/contact

12-14 May *Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group*, 'Barnsley's Best Buildings', annual recording weekend, full details will be published at yvbsg.org.uk/events

17 May *Hornsea Civic Society*, David Dunning, 'Hornsea, A Reluctant Resort', Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm

18 May 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Robert McMillan, 'Old photos and Facebook', Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

13 June *Scarborough Civic Society*, 'A Walk in the Morning', meet at Esplanade Hotel corner, 10:30am, £2

15 June 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Paul Schofield, 'City centre tour', Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

21 June *Hornsea Civic Society*, Ian Cuffy, 'Headscarf Pride' 18 January *Hornsea Civic Society*, Samuel Bardsley, 'Hornsea Quakers', Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm', Parish Hall, Newbigin, 7:30pm

20 July 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Jill Crowther, 'The settlement at the end of the world', Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

17 August 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Keith Hare, 'Members' choice of council minutes, Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

14 September 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, Richard Porter 'St Mary's, Beverley - the glory of Medieval architecture', 7:30pm, contact
beverleycivicsociety.co.uk/contact

21 September 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Michael Free, Hessle A to Z, Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

19 October 2017 *Hessle Local History Society*, Eve Johansson, 'More rich pickings from the church archives', Town Hall, South Street, 7:30pm, £1 for members, £2 guests.

9 November 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, Claire Cross, Dominican Friars and the Pilgrimage of Grace', 7:30pm, contact
beverleycivicsociety.co.uk/contact

14 December 2017 *Beverley Civic Society*, Neil King and Richard Avery, 'The history of theatre in Beverley', 7:30pm, contact
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EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Notice of the 66th AGM

25th March 2017 at 2.00pm

Lairgate Hotel, 30-34 Lairgate, BEVERLEY. HU17 8EP

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

2 Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting

3 Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2016
(herewith enclosed)

4 Presentation of the Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016
(herewith enclosed)

5 Election of Officers

(a) President

(b) Executive Committee

6 Members Forum and any other business.

EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 2nd April 2016
at Toll Gavel United Church
Beverley
HU17 9AA

Present: Thirteen members of the Executive Committee and 39 other members and friends.

Apologies: Sir Ian MacDonald of Sleat, Mary Carrick, Lorna Haysom, Simon Wilson, Carol Tanner, Jean Fenwick, Pam & Richard Walgate, Jane Petrusiak, Lizzy Baker, Jean Thornton, Sonia Christiansen, Sylvia Gallagher.

Pat Aldabella (membership secretary) read the list of members who have died since the last AGM. Eileen Jones, Alf Hawksley, Donald Simpson, Geoff Bell (vice president of the Society), Vanna Homan and Margaret Bickford. She also mentioned that a plaque has been placed on Skidby Mill to Roy Gregory a previous member of the society. This is in appreciation of the work he undertook in restoring the mill after it was purchased by the local authority.
One minute silence was held in their memory.

Chair: Arthur Credland took the chair.

Minutes: The minutes of the 64rd Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 21st March 2015, having been previously distributed to the members, were received and signed as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by: Helen Good, seconded by: Chris Mead.

Annual Report: The Chairman's annual report had been previously distributed to members. This was accepted with no questions and was approved. Proposed by: Keith Wade, seconded by: Chris Mead.

Financial Accounts: The Financial accounts had been previously distributed to members. The Treasurer noted that Gift Aid had not yet been processed, so next year there would be two re-imburements. The £250 described as computer equipment was for the newly designed website. Proposed: Chris Mead, seconded by: Helen Good.

Election of Officers: There being no other nominations from the Meeting, the President and Vice Presidents were unanimously re-elected. There being no other nominations from the members present, the remainder of Officers were unanimously re-elected. Proposed by: David Neave, seconded by: Tom Bangs.

Election of the Executive Committee: There being no other nominations from the members present, the previous members were re-elected unanimously. Proposed by: David Neave, seconded by: Tom Bangs.

Members Forum and Any Other Business:

Pam Martin (Programme Secretary) thanked the members for supporting the events in the past year. She then reported on the take up of this year's events so far, a number of which already have waiting lists.

Pat Aldabella, (Membership Secretary), reported on membership for 2015. There had been 8 new members and 4 had cancelled their standing orders. There were 28 members who still had not paid. Also Pat announced that, after many years, she wished to resign as membership secretary, and asked if anyone present would be prepared to take over. She offered to assist the new membership secretary in the take over. There was no offer at this stage.

Helen Good reported on the 2015 Local History Book Fair, which she had masterminded on behalf of this Society as the local authority no longer felt able to run this annual event. It had been a success, breaking even as far as costs went and was much appreciated by those who attended. She had already booked this year's Book Fair for Saturday 29th October at the Memorial Hall Beverley. Pam Martin would act as Hall Manager that day. This would be a big undertaking and it was hoped that as many members as possible would offer their assistance on the day.

Jenny Stanley (Secretary) reported that The Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) was holding three open days in the Autumn and had offered a free stand to the Society at each event. Again it was hoped that some members would volunteer their services for those dates.

She also read an email asking for assistance with research on Thomas Percy of Gunpowder Plot fame. Two members volunteered to send material to the enquirer. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

After refreshments the members were given an interesting talk by Dr David Neave entitled "Francis Johnson, Architect – His Life and Work"

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another well attended programme of events with excellent reports from our members. The walkabout at Brompton was enjoyed in brilliant sunshine on one of the hottest days of the year and we enjoyed an outstanding lunch prepared by the local ladies in the village hall. Nearby Ebberston Hall was a particular delight, with a warm welcome from Mrs de Wend Fenton, at this bijou house built in 1718 to the design of Colen Campbell.

After its revival last year there was another successful Book Fair thanks to the efforts of Helen Good and members of the committee who also manned our stalls at the Mormon family history days at various venues in the city.

The journal included tributes to John Markham, and Geoff Bell, who made such a massive contribution to local history in Hull and East Yorkshire, and whose loss is keenly felt.

Arthur G. Credland MBE, FSA

THE EAST YORKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
INCOME		
Members' Subscriptions	4,002.00	3,983.00
Bank Interest	62.86	63.79
Summer Events	2,186.00	3,606.00
Book Sales	345.50	429.75
Book Fair	490.00	440.00
Donations	24.00	16.00
Gift Aid	1,117.16	0.00
	8,227.52	8,538.54
EXPENDITURE		
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00
Summer Events	2,130.62	3,343.35
Postage/Stationery	922.15	1,027.30
Committee Members Expenses	186.93	90.36
MacMahon Fund	0.00	0.00
Victoria County History	100.00	100.00
Printing Costs	2,509.62	2,937.66
Insurance/Subscription to BALH	65.00	130.00
Subscription Refunds	0.00	15.00
Computer equipment	0.00	268.80
Book sale charges (eBay)	69.91	94.06
Book Fair	458.85	442.50
	6,443.08	8,449.03
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,784.44	89.51

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2016

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	3,482.78	1,761.20
Building Society Deposit	12,634.65	12,571.79
	16,117.43	14,332.99

OFFICERS FOR 2016

President: Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, Bart., FRICS, MRSH

Vice-Presidents:

Dr J Markham
Dr D J R Neave

Chairman:	Mr A Credland
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs J Stanley
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr R Barnard
Hon. Journal Editors:	Mr A Credland Mr R Barnard
Hon. Newsletter Editor:	Mr R Barnard
Hon. Membership Secretary:	Miss P Aldabella
Hon. Publication Officer:	Mr G Percival
Hon. Programme Secretary:	Miss P Martin

Honorary Life Member Mr I Wright

Executive Committee Members for 2016

+ Member willing to be re-elected

- + Miss P Aldabella
- + Lizzy Baker
- + Mr R Barnard
- + Mrs Carole Boddington
- + Miss M Carrick
- + Mr A Credland
- + Dr J Kemp
- + Miss P Martin
- + Mr C Mead
- + Mr G Percival
- + Mrs S Scotney
- + Mrs J Stanley
- Mrs C Tanner
- + Mrs S Wade
- + Mr K Wade