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# KIRKGATE COLLAPSE

## HERITAGE AT RISK TOP 10

Following our last feature in the July edition of Outlook, our Heritage Watch Group have been discussing nominations for our Heritage at Risk Top 10 for 2024/25. With many worthy entries on our Heritage at Risk List this has proven to be quite a challenging task for the group, but after much deliberation we have reached a shortlist. Our first article focuses on the events that unfolded on, what is considered to be, the oldest street in Leeds earlier this year.

## 83-89 & 91 KIRKGATE

With its early medieval origins, Kirkgate is considered to be one of Leeds' first streets. Its name is literal, meaning 'the road (gate) to the church (kirk)', and true to its name it still paves the way to Leeds Minster.

As the city grew, so did Kirkgate. It was once home to many dwellings and thriving businesses but like much of the city centre, it was affected by depopulation and deindustrialisation following World War II.

For many years Kirkgate has been in a gradual state of decline, with many of the historic buildings lining the road in varying states of disrepair. The properties currently seen on the south side of Kirkgate remain on their original building line and date from the latter part of the 18th century.

Given its historic significance, the area has been a longstanding priority for the local authority and its regeneration began in earnest in 2013, following a successful bid by Leeds City Council to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a Townscape Heritage Initiative scheme.

Since 2013, five shop fronts have been successfully restored to a high quality conservation standard, along with the restoration of the Grade II\* listed First White Cloth Hall further up the road. Following this initial

restoration, Kirkgate has enjoyed a renaissance of sorts and is currently home to a number of independent local businesses. It's through these restored buildings that it's possible to catch a glimpse of what Kirkgate could be if the remaining buildings on the street are reinstated to the same high standard as those begun over a decade ago.

The partial collapse of number 85 earlier this year threatens to jeopardise both the previous growth seen in the area and the regeneration of the remaining buildings on Lower Kirkgate. Since the incident on 12th April, a road closure has remained in place together with a vast wall of hording which secures the site and seeks to protect the general public. Currently Kirkgate looks and feels unwelcoming, and many local businesses are counting the cost as a result.

Despite a request from Leeds City Council to the building's owner to carry out emergency works, number 85 remains in a perilous condition, and to make matters worse it threatens the stability of the adjoining structure at number 84. Adding further to this already bleak picture, there are concerns for 86/87 Kirkgate which is also in a fragile state owing to damage caused by a fire back in 2023.

Since the collapse, there has been a growing call to action from voices across our city to secure the future of one of Leeds' most historic streets. The condition of the vacant properties on Kirkgate has long been a source of discontent, but recent events have highlighted the serious implications for public safety posed by these buildings, as well as the wider impact on the regeneration of the area.



COLLAPSED KIRKGATE BUILDINGS



A report to the Chief Planning Officer in July confirmed the local authority's intention to serve an Urgent Works Notice on the building's owner, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. This would allow the council to undertake specified emergency works should the property owner fail to carry out the work themselves. A subsequent report to the Director of City Development shows that potential options are being considered by the local authority to find a solution for the problems facing Lower Kirkgate and secure its future, including the council acquiring the properties

and facilitating delivery of a regeneration scheme themselves. The situation facing Kirkgate has intensified over a long period of time, and there are undoubtedly multiple parties that must accept responsibility for the events that have unfolded. Nevertheless we must remain optimistic that Leeds City Council's continued discussions with the property owner will yield positive results in the pursuit for a long-term solution.

We recognise that time is of the essence if the historic buildings of Lower Kirkgate are to be saved and further loss prevented. Here at Leeds Civic Trust, we acknowledge

that there is much work to be done and there will be an appropriate time to sit down with friends and partners from across the city to consider the events of the past. There are lessons that must be learnt if we are to prevent such a situation taking place elsewhere in the future, and we will be ready to contribute to those conversations constructively when the time comes.

**CLARE CHAPMAN**

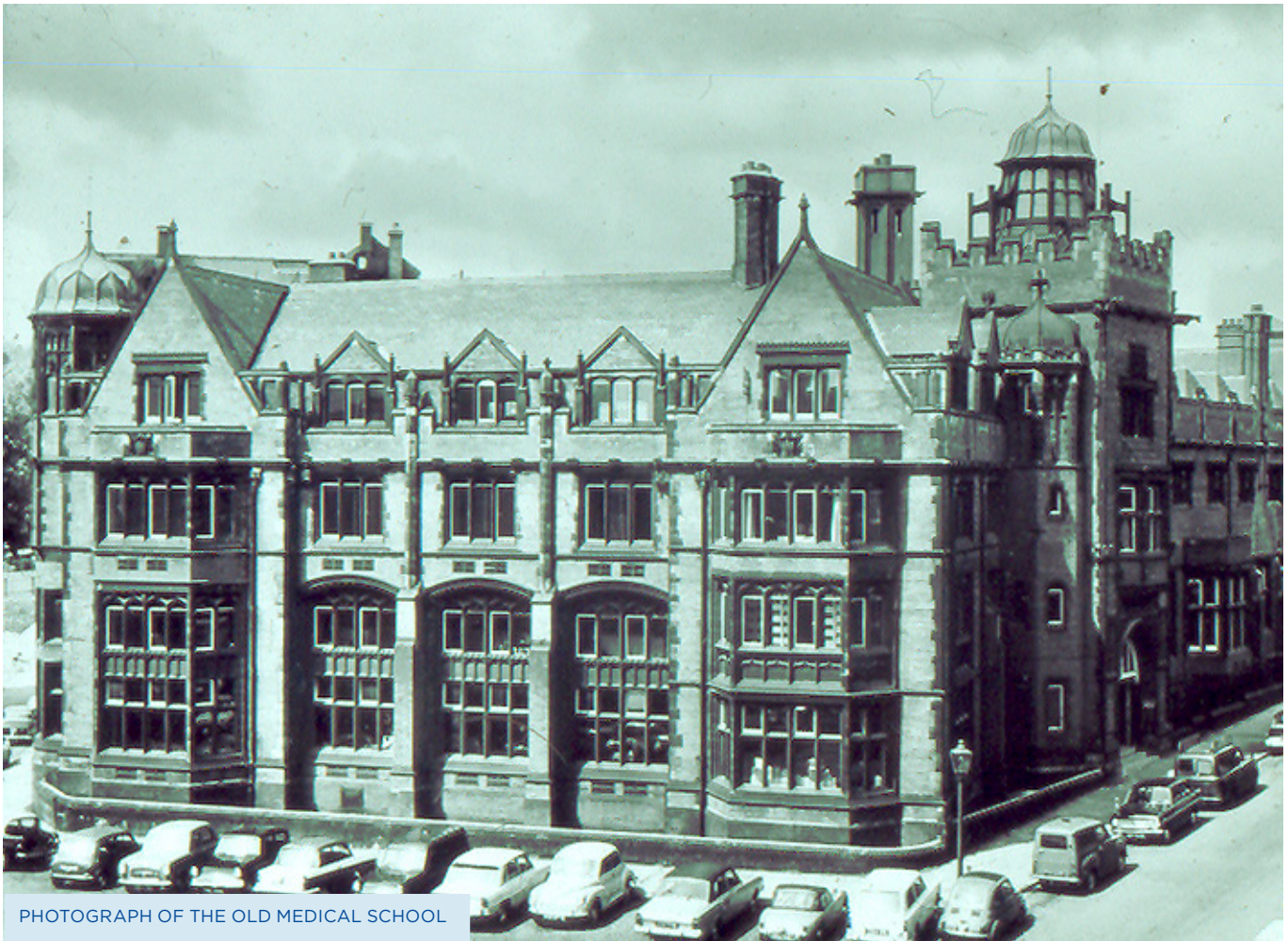
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COLLAPSED KIRKGATE BUILDINGS VIEWED FROM THE FRONT



# THE OLD MEDICAL SCHOOL



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OLD MEDICAL SCHOOL

In the June edition of Outlook attention was drawn to the plans for the future of the Old Medical School as part of a larger development plan on the Infirmary site. In view of the Grade 2\* listed status of the building, members will no doubt be pleased that both the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and the developers, Scarborough Group International, have declared that the development will preserve the historic features of the Old Medical School which The Health Estate Journal describes as of the 'historic Tudor Gothic Style'. The building was open to the public

for Heritage Open Days in 2002 and a short guide was prepared for visitors, the principal source being the history of the School published in 1982. First, a little background. In 1884 the Medical School, which had been founded in 1831, became incorporated in the Yorkshire College and by 1888 there was a need for increased accommodation to replace the school buildings in Park Street, opened in 1865. This building, later occupied by Thackrays, was demolished to make way for the Magistrates' Court in the 1980s.

The new site between St George's Church and the Infirmary was purchased and the architect Mr WH Thorpe, who had designed the Leeds City Art Gallery was appointed. Originally intended to accommodate 100 students, the plans were modified for an intake of 80 and it opened in 1894.

The main entrance into the building leads through an outer porch into the Hexagon Hall. This is most unusual with its six arcaded sides being faced with green-glazed decorative Burmantofts tiling. This tiling is used throughout the

building. Above the tiling the walls are faced in sandstone with clerestory windows. Vaulting shafts of faience in the angles support the ribs of a handsome oak roof.

Above five of the arches are panels bearing the arms of the institutions associated with the School; The Victoria University, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, The Yorkshire College, the Royal College of Physicians of England and the City of Leeds. Above the central archway is the Latin inscription chosen by the then Dean, Dr Thomas Scattergood, from Matthew 10:8; translated as 'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers; freely you have received, freely give.'

When the University of Leeds received its charter in 1904, and thus able to award degrees, the arms of the Yorkshire College, were adopted by the Medical School as its own. The motto of the Yorkshire College 'Et Augibatur Scientia' which means 'And knowledge shall increase', was adopted by the University and remains in use.

The former library occupies the whole of the south front of the building and commands a splendid view down Park Street. The room is 18 feet high and has a gallery running round it at a height of 10 feet with an ornamental iron balustrade. The plaster-work ceiling is divided into panels by oak cased girders which support the floor above. The original bookcases remain around the room.

Two sets of stairs lead from the Entrance Hall. Opposite the entrance porch is the main staircase leading to the first floor. To the right, a second shorter staircase and corridor led to the Dean's offices and beyond that is a second smaller hexagon-shaped hall with elegant central column.

Stairs from this hall lead to the former Anatomy department. The Anatomy lecture theatre is remarkable for its steep rake and excellent acoustics. Natural light came through the central lantern and high windows. The former Anatomy dissecting room is distinguished by its use of

the weaving-shed style of roof, admitting north lighting which provided a relatively consistent level of lighting for the anatomy students. This room once extended along the whole of the east side of the building but is now sub-divided into two laboratories.

Walking around the building one can observe the elegance of the windows and entrances of the building, a red brick and sandstone structure decorated with stone carvings of animal heads, gargoyles, shield and floral designs. The fourth side of the site remained unfilled until 1933 when an extension in a rather austere architectural style was built to accommodate the expanding needs of the School. Here there is a feature worthy of mention. High above a small door in the south-west corner of the building is a representation of a Greek Sphinx. This mythological beast appears on the arms of the Yorkshire College.

The architectural and historical importance of the building was recognised with the award in 1990 of a Civic Trust Blue Plaque and in 1993 of Grade2\* listed building status.

Drawing attention to the development plans in the June Outlook prompted a request to visit the building. This took place on 4 July, attended by Anna Shindler from the Civic Trust, Victoria Critchley, Development Director for the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and a colleague, Dan Auld, in addition to myself and Emeritus Professor Peter Howdle, an alumnus of the School. We were very pleased to see and hear how well the building is respected and its heritage regarded. The building is still in use by Pathology Services of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and will be vacated, we were told, at the end of this year.

**BILL MATHIE**

**SECRETARY TO THE  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,  
1981 - 2007**





# PLANNING ISSUES

**A bumper article in this edition as we are covering two months of meetings. Moreover there is a bonus with two correspondents - Anna has written up the last session as I'll be away on holiday. A pity but I'll be missing the 400th meeting since I took up the role of Chair!**

Only one presentation this month and this related to an application to construct classrooms and support facilities for Leeds City College students studying Animal Care & Land Management (now based in the Home Farm at Temple Newsam). Tucked in behind the historic Walled Garden and its 'heated wall' elsewhere on the estate, the long, thin building will hardly be seen by the general public but will tidy up what is at present semi-derelict land. We welcomed the design proposed but felt that the repair of the wall (owned by Leeds Council) should be an integral part of the overall scheme. We also discussed other Leeds City College projects such as the Mabgate Campus (now under construction) and proposed extensions at Park Lane & Quarry Hill. Unfortunately, the last two months have seen a return to the situation where we found it necessary to

object to far more schemes than we could support. Following appropriate review and discussion at our meetings, we felt the following applications merited a formal objection:

- Aire Place Mills, Kirkstall Road: although many of the former occupiers have already moved out, we felt demolition of existing buildings should not go ahead without an indication of what might be constructed on the site – there are some interesting historic buildings which could be the focus of a sensitive residential scheme
- 63-67 Otley Road (corner of North Lane): we were concerned that this application for conversion to apartments and shop was submitted after work started, with the roof of the former bank already removed
- Saville Works, Holbeck: a Non-Designated Heritage Asset in the

Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan, this scheme for 7 apartments in a former factory is very poorly designed, with undersized units and limited information on matters such as access, cycle/bin stores, etc

- 4 Canal Wharf, Holbeck (Zurich House): the applicant presented the scheme to us some months ago but did not make any changes to address our comments on massing, choice of materials and prominence of entrances
- Aire Park Phase 2 (SE of Crown Point Road): while welcoming the park and the overall masterplan, we felt that residential block R5 (alongside Hunslet Road) was too tall, dominating & shading the park and being prominent in a number of key views
- Digital Advert Panel on Clay Pit Lane: this application to relocate an existing panel outside the Arena would impede access past the adjoining site hoardings and make it more difficult for pedestrians and cyclists
- Sunfield Surgery, Stanningley: while supporting the conversion to residential use, we felt the visual impact of large dormers would be detrimental to this historic house – also, construction of a large new dwelling in the former rear garden would be overdevelopment of a constricted site dominated by tarmac parking areas
- 43-47 Vicar Lane, Leeds: we decided to back up the Conservation Team in objecting to this conversion and change of use on top floors for 14 flats, particularly due to the impact of the extension on the conservation area it resides.



AIRE PARK OVERVIEW - BLOCK R5 IS BOTTOM LEFT, ADJOINING HUNSLET ROAD

We made comments on two additional schemes. At 16-22 Burley Street we had previously objected to a scheme that was subsequently approved – we felt new variations to the plans did not improve this development of student accommodation. At Oxford Chambers (opposite the Town Hall), we supported the principle of conversion to student accommodation but criticised the lack of communal amenity space and missing details of the extent to which existing heritage interiors will be retained.

As to supporting applications, we felt this was merited by the following schemes:

- Corn Exchange: installation of security shutters to the basement units would provide security for potential tenants and enhance letability
- 71-73 Mabgate: although a reserved matters application, we restated our view that the complex of new apartments was too tall and would overshadow historic buildings alongside, though supported other aspects of the scheme
- City Varieties: a new better insulated roof and minor structural repairs will help ensure survival of the venue
- Rose Lodge, Temple Newsam: support for the College classroom scheme discussed in the presentation section above
- Herd Farm, Harrogate Road: we felt the removal of the silo benefits the listed building's setting and the new heating system is positive for sustainability.
- Mount St Mary's Catholic High School, Richmond Hill: supported the principle of making improvements to a school building and the creation of a more cohesive and safer site for students.

There were a large number of 'no comments' in these months, including ramped access at Leeds Cathedral, extensions at Hope House in Mabgate, apartments at the corner of Wellington Road & Armley Road (already has permission but the revised proposals are an improvement), 62 Town Street in

Horsforth (scheme revised following rejection of previous application on appeal), 50-51 Briggate (linking two shops into one), 37 Great George Street (for aparthotel), minor internal alterations to Music Room A15 in the Light, and the installation of floodlights for tennis courts at Cockburn School in Beeston.

In our committee meetings, and in other sessions around the city, we discussed the following planning and heritage matters:

- we worked up a strategy for the future redevelopment of the Burton/Arcadia site in Harehills which could deliver a whole new residential neighbourhood
- as LCT comments on planning applications are no longer displayed on the Council's Planning Access website, we will send them direct to applicants and potentially interested parties such as local amenity societies – if you would like to see copies of specific comment letters, please contact the Trust office
- we were heartened by concept plans for the sensitive re-use of the Old Medical School off Great George Street for activities linked to the LGI and the Innovation Arc
- members of the committee are researching the subject of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation – is there too much or too little in the city?
- An exhibition showcasing 5 years of work by LCT and friends to re-imagine Leeds Eastside is open to the public weekdays 9-5pm from 2-12 September, no booking required, just turn up!
- a new major data centre is to be constructed by Microsoft in the Aire Valley and we hope this will be able to feed its excess heat into the Leeds Pipes system
- The Council have published two reports on the future of buildings on Lower Kirkgate, including the issuing of an Urgent Works Notice for the collapsed building and a report recommending ideas for future regeneration on the street

On the transport side we have also been busy:

- the Transport & Liveable Leeds Group has prepared a comprehensive response to consultation documents issued by WYCA which set out route options for any future Mass Rapid Transit (tram) system – routes run from Leeds City Station to St James's Hospital, the White Rose Centre and Bradford and more details on the proposals can be found at Mass Transit West Yorkshire
- at the same time, there is consultation on the WYCA Local Transport which needs updating to take account of changes to investment strategies – see Local Transport Plan
- a new Vision 2030 has been published by Leeds Bradford Airport which would see provision of additional aircraft stands and enhanced terminal buildings – see LBA Vision 2030
- the Beryl Bike hire scheme around the city has attracted 17,000 users, but significant problems with vandalism have reduced the number of cycles available – however, the roll-out to other parts of the city is to continue in due course.

This article might be a bit longer than usual but it shows that there is a lot going on in Leeds, even in the summer holiday season. Next month already has a number of presentations lined up and no doubt there will be a plethora of new planning applications to review.

**MIKE PIET**

**CHAIR OF LCT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**ANNA SHINDLER**

**LCT PLANNING & TRANSPORT OFFICER**



# KIRKSTALL VALLEY FARM

Garance Rawinsky reports back on a recent Trust event visiting this urban community farm...



KIRKSTALL VALLEY FARM

The organisation that keeps on giving. Not just made in Leeds, but also grown in Leeds at Kirkstall Valley Farm.

On a pleasant July afternoon, we gathered down on the farm to learn about the work of those who give so much time to the land and the locals. Adele Rae, CEO of Kirkstall Valley Development Trust and her right-hand man 'tractor' Keith showed us around their very large 'patch' – approximately 16 Acres. It was a leisurely visit for Civic Trust members but the work didn't stop for the growers Rhian and Ben who were busy planting hundreds of swedes. We could see the fruits of their labours as we walked across the site. Poly tunnels with tomatoes and other salad vegetables, rows and rows of potatoes coming into flower in the meticulously ploughed earth alongside leeks, courgettes, onions.... KVDF is part of the Community Supported Agriculture network,

supplying a hundred fresh veg boxes weekly to local members as well as an exciting outdoor venue for numerous community events and activities throughout the year. I think it would be appropriate to add them to a list of city amenities considering all the amazing projects they are involved in.

Few people are aware of this green lung with abundant flora and fauna nestling behind the busy Kirkstall Road (A65) let alone the work that goes on there. The site is pretty much an island between the River Aire, the man-made goit and a flood plain, which brings its own challenges.

There are eleven paid staff plus seasonal workers and about 150 volunteers, some working on the farm others facilitating social, craft and educational events. Kirsty, an ex-Head Teacher, instigates many of these groups. As we could see on the day, the children who attend the

Healthy Holidays Play Scheme love it so much they just like to hang-out and of course the parents are so happy they can play around in the fresh air, learn how things grow and get away from their screens for a few hours.



A LEISURELY STROLL ON THE FARM





ADELE RAE WELCOMES OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS WITH A SHORT HISTORY OF KIRKSTALL VALLEY FARM

A couple of shelters at the end of the farm near the goat provide learning areas and weather cover, with the promise of help to add a roof to another construction which will increase capacity. Adele negotiated the WOW Barn that had been built by a group of 300 women in 24 hours on Woodhouse Moor for Leeds2023, but as yet they've had no offers from such a team to erect it at KVF.

There is no electricity on most of the site so batteries are used for fixing, cooking and lighting. However, the basic facilities do not deter the spirit; they've even had a wedding there, though levels of organisation without power or plumbing must have been more than a challenge and no doubt a somewhat rustic and earthy affair.

There are plans in the future for a forest school, a sculpture trail and other wellbeing support groups. On our visit we could see that the energy from Adele, Keith and the team will allow the organisation to grow as wholesomely as the fruit and vegetables, but only if the fundraising comes their way.

## **GARANCE RAWINSKY**

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBER**



FED AND WATERED, OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS RELAX ON THE SUNNY FARM



# A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR NEVILLE

**Members will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Professor Neville Rowell, aged 97.**



NEVILLE ROWELL IN 1988 AT THE UNVEILING OF THE TRUST'S THIRD PLAQUE, FOR LOUIS LE PRINCE. LEFT TO RIGHT: TONY MOYES, DOREEN MOYES, SIR RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH, KEVIN GRADY, NEVILLE ROWELL.

During his professional career he was a consultant dermatologist at Leeds General Infirmary and St James's University Hospital, and Professor of Dermatology at the University of Leeds. Most notably from Leeds Civic Trust's perspective, he was the last surviving member of the Executive Committee set up when the Trust was founded in October 1965. In 1968 he became the Trust's first Vice Chairman giving support to John Hepper, our founding Chairman, and his successor Olav Arnold. He was Vice Chairman for the next 24 years. In 1992, when Robert Collins became Trust Chairman and Lind Biran Vice Chair, he was made a Trust Vice President and served in that role for another 24 years.

Neville's two great Trust enthusiasms were the public realm and blue plaques. The Trust established five subcommittees at its outset – he was made chairman of the Parks, Landscape & Open Spaces Committee, working closely with Dr Tony Moyes as its secretary and Mrs Genista Dawson. Its remit

was to promote the beauty and improvement of public spaces and to encourage the enhancement of the setting of public buildings. A number of campaigns and favoured topics soon emerged. These included: the long-running 'Trees for Leeds' project; campaigns to reduce litter (Neville's particular *bête noire*); and proposals to enhance parks including the concept of making the Leeds and Liverpool Canal a linear park. There was a partnership with the Ramblers Association in which the Trust funded the provision of signposts on public footpaths and published the Association's Leeds Footpath Guide. A major initiative was encouraging the conversion of waste and derelict land into public recreation spaces; most notably the Trust was closely involved in the creation of the Seacroft Adventure Playground begun in 1968. The most high-profile project was the Trust's partnership with Leeds City Council in the creation of the Bond Street, Commercial Street and Lands Lane Pedestrian Precinct. As well as being responsible for tree planting in the precinct, in 1971 the Trust's Pedestrian Precinct Committee – an offshoot of Neville's Committee – delivered the Lands Lane Fountain. When the Open Spaces Committee was subsumed within the Trust's Planning Committee in 1992, Neville turned his enthusiasm to blue plaques. He and Tony Moyes initiated the Trust's Historic Plaques Scheme in 1986, and with my arrival as Director of the Trust in 1987 the scheme came to fruition with the unveiling of the Burley Bar Stone

plaque. Although Neville was not an active participant in the work of the Plaques Group, he was an absolutely steadfast supporter of the scheme, always ready to generously step in when it was proving particularly difficult to obtain funding for a plaque. In all he was the sole sponsor of nine plaques: Leeds Charity School (1989), John Harrison (1991), The East Bar (1995), Golden Acre Park (1998), Leeds Town Hall (2000), Richard Oastler (2005), Adelaide Neilson (2008), The South Bar (2015) and The North Bar (2017).



NEVILLE ROWELL IN 2015 AT THE UNVEILING OF PLAQUE NO. 154 -- THE SOUTH BAR -- WITH LYNDA KITCHING AND JONATHAN MORGAN.

Neville was a very pleasant, generous and interesting man. He had an excellent sense of humour and gave me much encouragement as Director of the Trust. He will be remembered for his great contribution to the work of the Trust and his important contribution to the world of medicine.

**DR KEVIN GRADY**

**TRUST DIRECTOR**

**1987 – 2016**



# DUTCH INSPIRATION!

My family spent two weeks in the Netherlands this summer (a week in a Chalet near Gouda and five nights camping on the coast). It was a wonderful experience - so good in fact that I feel duty bound to share a couple of observations with you!

First of all, for the most part, the Netherlands seems to crack the "freedom to go" mantra in our transport strategy whilst ensuring that pedestrians and cyclists are front and centre and not an afterthought. The roads in the Netherlands are of excellent quality - better than ours, but so too are pedestrian and cycle routes. Where these uses are considered holistically, the placemaking is fantastic.

The street scene image below is a great example of this. In between two green buffers there is a pedestrian path. There is then the highway - either side of which are non-segregated cycle paths. The road space (in buff coloured

paving) is too narrow for two-way traffic. Motor traffic can drive on the cycle paths but must give way when cyclists are present or to on-coming traffic. In this example, on-street car parking is inset (using concrete with grass growing through it) so that parked cars do not get in the way of the traffic flow and finally a further footpath and green buffer. The overall effect is that the motorist has to think as they drive along. This slows the traffic down and makes it a lot safer for everyone. In this arrangement the pedestrian is king with the cyclist following closely behind - but everyone is catered for and can travel in safety in a very pleasant environment. The image is of a suburb of Gouda and most of the developments are new. Just out of shot is a very pleasant shopping centre. Think about how this compares with our new build estates!



DUTCH ROAD LAYOUT



PLAYGROUND BESIDE HOUSES - NO CARS IN SIGHT

Of course, cycling is ubiquitous in the Netherlands and part of this is explained by the sheer volume of dedicated (and yes segregated) cycle lanes, often of generous width. Unlike in the UK where they are inevitable tacked-onto the existing road network, the national cycle network has been designed to be safe and convenient to cyclists - and takes advantage of the fact that cyclists do not necessarily need to follow the same route as trunk roads for example.

And finally, look at the picture of the playground in the middle of these houses. Where are the cars you ask? They are out of shot in a dedicated car park. This arrangement is civilised, safe and surely a better use of the land?

Now for our Planning Committee and Transport and Liveable Leeds Group to propose similar in Leeds!

**MARTIN HAMILTON**

**DIRECTOR, LEEDS CIVIC TRUST**

# WHAT'S ON?

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## RIBBONS PANEL DISCUSSION

**17 OCT £6/£8**

The 'Ribbons' sculpture, selected for the Feminist Public Sculpture project, will be installed in October. We're hosting a panel discussion with the artist Pippa Hale, Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime, Alison Lowe, and Principal Keeper at Leeds Art Gallery Janey Bhoyroo, Chaired by Professor Griselda Pollock, discussing the sculpture and public art in Leeds.

**City Room, Leeds Playhouse, 6.30pm. Register on our website.**

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2024

**06-15 SEPT FREE**

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations. Every year in September it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE. **Read all about it on our website.**

## BLUE PLAQUE UNVEILINGS:

- Norman Victor Watson (Waddingtons): 07 Sept, 13:00, Layton Grange, LS18 5EU
- The Duchess: 14 Sept, 11:00, 71 Vicar Lane, LS1 6QA
- The Battle of Holbeck Moore: 29 Sept, 14:00, Holbeck Moor, LS11 9QL

**See more information and register on our website.**

## YHACS 25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH!

**19 OCT £42.50**

We're hosting the YHACS 25th anniversary lunch. The main speaker will be Abigail Scott Paul, Global Head of the Humanise Campaign, an initiative to produce better designed and more human building spearheaded by Thomas Heatherwick, the renowned designer. Tickets include a three course lunch, welcome drinks, wine, tea and coffee. We're offering two walks beforehand starting at 10am. Held at the Met Hotel, Leeds.

**Return the booking form to [info@yhacs.org.uk](mailto:info@yhacs.org.uk)**

## OTHER INFO

### CELEBRATING SMEATON AT WHITKIRK 2024 - ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, SELBY ROAD, LS15 0AA

The annual Whitkirk Lecture continues the year of 'Celebrating Smeaton' following their events in May and June.

Friday 20 September 19:30

From 18:30 - Smeaton Cinema screening short videos on Smeaton's life and works

Free admission, donations welcome

### DESIGNATING INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE SITES FOR HISTORIC ENGLAND LISTING WITH ERIC BRANSE-INSTONE, HISTORIC ENGLAND LISTING ADVISOR FOR THE NORTH EAST & YORKSHIRE

This talk, gives insight into assessing industrial sites for statutory protection: how we decide what is of national importance/special interest, what sorts of things we look for and how we make our recommendations to government. He will also highlight the problems of older designations and explain how interested members of the public can help add to our collective knowledge of listed and scheduled sites, helping to protect them for future generations.

Swarthmore Education Centre

30 November 2024 @ 11:00 - 12:00

<https://industrial-archaeology.org/>

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