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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2013

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2013 and a particular welcome to the 20 members who have already joined us since January 1st. For the last few years our numbers have increased slowly but steadily which we hope is a sign that our lectures and other activities are meeting your expectations. You will find with this newsletter information about the visits and excursions planned for the next few months. All of these are organised by volunteers, so please do give them your support, and if you have any ideas for future events or would like to help organise one, please come and have a chat to us before or after a lecture or call into the Lodge.

You should find details of the following with your Newsletter. If anything is missing, please contact Frances at The Lodge.

- Visit to Yorkshire Museum Biology Store
- "Luddites & Literature" tour
- "Historical Halifax" tour
- Visit to Spalding Flower Festival
- Visit to the York Plasma Institute
- Visit to the Castle Museum
- Visit to Goddards
- Radical Statistics annual conference
- Membership card (or subscription reminder if you have not yet paid)

Subscription Renewals

We would like to thank all those of you who have renewed your subscriptions promptly. If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, you should find your membership card(s) in the envelope. If it is missing, please get in touch with Frances at the Lodge.

If you have opted to receive newsletters by email, in the interests of saving postage we would be grateful if you could collect your membership card either at a lecture or from the Lodge (opening hours below). We appreciate that not everyone will be able to do this, so any cards which have not been collected at the end of February will be sent out by post. If you would like to receive yours sooner, please just let Frances know.

Those of you who have not yet renewed will find a reminder in your envelope or will receive one shortly by separate email.

And don't forget - this year for the first time you can pay your subscription via our website using Paypal. You don't need a Paypal account - just a credit or debit card. Simply go to the "Donate to YPS" page (click on the "Donate" link at top right of the Homepage) or the "Make a Payment" page and follow the instructions. Please state "Subscription" and your membership category in the "Purpose" box.

Please don't hesitate to contact Frances if you have any questions about your membership or subscription payments. Telephone number and email address are at the top of the page, and the office is open:

Monday & Wednesday - 10 am to 4 pm (closed for lunch 1-2 pm)
Friday - 10 am to 12 noon

Lecture news

Family lecture

Please note: In a change to our published programme, our Family Lecture, originally planned for the afternoon of Sunday 10th March, will not now take place. Instead, the lecture on electricity, *Volts, Amps and Ohms: Current affairs in revolutionary Europe*, on Tuesday evening, March 19th, will be advertised as our Family Lecture. This is entirely suitable for young people of 14+ and falls within National Science & Engineering Week, the theme of which this year is "Invention and Discovery".

Our speaker, Patrick Mason, says: "The story of Volts, Amps and Ohms is not just about the units we use to measure electricity; it is also the story of an Italian, a Frenchman and a German who managed to make scientific breakthroughs in an era of war and revolution. This will be a lecture with a mixture of science, history and biography as well as frogs' legs, Napoleon, execution by guillotine ... not to mention dancing, billiards and ice-skating".

So come along and bring your teenagers!

Outreach to Easingwold

What do Optical Illusions tell us about us?

by Dr Peter Thompson, Psychology Department, University of York

At the Galtres Centre, Market Place, Easingwold

Tuesday 26 March 2013 at 7.30pm

In recent years the Yorkshire Philosophical Society has presented a few lectures away from York and this event is a follow up to a very successful talk on meteorology in 2012. This year we are privileged to welcome Peter Thompson fresh from winning the British Psychological Society's Award for Excellence in Psychology Education. His talk is spiced with wonderful demonstrations and insights into how our brains analyse optical information.

Don't miss it. There is free entry: if you enjoy yourself we would appreciate a modest voluntary donation from non YPS members.

The Global Health Histories

A word about this YPS lecture series which has been our mini-series this year. This has been a

series of three lectures which have been organized by Professor Bhattacharya's Global Health Studies Department at the University of York. It has been sponsored by the Wellcome Trust and also supported by the York Medical Society. The first two lectures have dealt with the medical and social effects of syphilis and of plague on societies.

The third lecture promises to be a fascinating and controversial one. Entitled *Is there a Human Right to Health?* it is being given here by Professor Jonathan Wolff, of University College, London in the Tempest Anderson Hall on Tuesday 19th February at the usual time of 7.30pm.

Conference on 'Inequality, Statistics and York': February 23rd at Priory Street Centre

Please see the enclosed information about this day-conference, which is organised by John Bibby, one of our members. The keynote address by Jonathan Bradshaw at 9.30 a.m. will discuss the seminal work of the Rowntrees and others in developing social research methods relating to poverty and inequality. Hugh Bayley MP is the main discussant. There are also talks about John Snow, Thomas Laycock, and other York researchers. Professor Bradshaw's address is sponsored by the YPS and is part of our annual programme. YPS members are entitled to attend this lecture free of charge; a special concessionary price of £30 (including lunch) is also available for YPS members attending the entire day-conference. To obtain this price please book in advance at any YPS meeting, or contact John Bibby on 01904-330334 or (preferably) via jb43@york.ac.uk.

Café Scientifique

As a matter of interest to YPS members, our sister society, Café Scientifique, held an event earlier this year entitled: "Design and Innovation in Cycling" – a journey through cycling history given by Jim McGurn, CEO, Get Cycling, and ending with a very lively discussion on a variety of controversial topics including the state of cycling and cycle ways in York, the effects of our Olympic successes and of the forthcoming Tour de France on the sport, and the latest in technological development in materials and in safety in the bike world.

Yorkshire Scientists and Innovators

Last year we invited YPS members to contribute short articles for our website, on Yorkshire scientists and innovators. We received around 20 contributions, the subjects including **Tempest Anderson, Sir George Cayley, Sir John Cockcroft, Sir Fred Hoyle, Sir Hans Krebs, Henry Hunnings, Sir Jonathan Hutchinson, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Laycock, Martin Lister, John Phillips, Joseph Priestley, Nevil Shute, William Smith, John Snow, Richard Spruce, Smithson Tennant and Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson.**

The original intention was to link these to the Grand Tour last summer: there were regrettable delays, and in the end this didn't work out. But we have overcome our problems, and almost all of these articles are now up on the website, with the remainder to follow shortly. If you haven't already looked at them please do so!

I know that several members submitted articles which have not appeared on the website: these were not passed on to me when I became responsible for the project. I am trying to track them down. If you submitted an article and have not heard anything from me, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can rapidly remedy the situation!

We'd like more articles, so if you feel you might like to contribute to this exciting project, please let me know, either by email or perhaps at a Tuesday evening lecture. The articles already on the website give a good idea of what we are looking for. The list of Yorkshire scientists and innovators is endless, but subjects we would like to have articles on include: Sir Edward Appleton, Donald Bailey, Henry Baines, George Birkbeck, Joseph Bramah, Henry Briggs, Walter Collinge, James Cook, John Goodricke, John Harrison, Hughlings Jackson, Augustus Pitt Rivers, Adam Sedgwick, John Smeaton, Silvanus Thompson, Charles Wellbeloved ... I am sure you could suggest some others – please do!

We are also hoping to publish a selection of Yorkshire Scientists and Innovators articles in book form. If you would be interested in joining the small group of members who are developing this project, please let me know. No particular knowledge or expertise is required, although experience of writing, editing, science, innovation, or indeed Yorkshire might come in handy...

So whether you are interested in contributing an article, or helping the Yorkshire Scientists and Innovators project in any other way, please get in touch!

Peter Hogarth (peter.hogarth@york.ac.uk)

National Science & Engineering Week

National Science & Engineering Week is a UK-wide celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths, that has been running for almost 10 years. With a programme of around 4500 events in 2012, we reached over 2 million people. Be a part of it in 2013 by attending local events or even running your own.

This year NSEW takes place from 15th – 24th March and is themed Invention and Discovery. Visit our website (<http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/national-science-engineering-week>) to find out more and see what's happening during the Week. Event listings are being added to the database every day so keep checking back to see what is happening in your area.

See a gap in your area? How about filling it yourself? Anyone can organise a NSEW event and it can be any format or topic that you are interested in. See our website for case studies, resources to help you plan your event, and our online events database. Register on the website to receive the NSEW e-newsletter and marketing materials for your event.

If you have any questions that you can't find answers to, please contact nsew@britishscienceassociation.org or pam.buchan@britishscienceassociation.org.

Pam Buchan, BSA Liaison Officer for the YPS

2013 Social Programme

You will have received a number of flyers with the newsletter, but of course we are working on many more interesting activities for the remainder of this year. The table below includes some which are still in the planning stage. Keep visiting the 'What's On' section of our website www.ypsyork.org for updates.

Date	Trip	Organiser
6 March	*Behind the scenes at the YM Biology Stores	Graham Williamson
11 April	*Luddites & Literature	Alan Owen
19 April	*Halifax	John Bibby
4 May	*Spalding Flower Festival	Alan Owen
14 May	*York Plasma Institute, University of York	Jim Matthew
16 May	*New Developments at the Castle Museum	Graham Williamson
5-9 June	*Orkney – Neolithic monuments, etc.	Alan Owen
12 June	*Goddards	Alan Owen
29 June	*Two Cousins and a Piano - Dear Mr. Dickens	Stephen Lusty
September	York Cemetery	M Leonard/P Hogarth
September	Ireland, or Galloway, or Wales <i>Watch this space!</i>	Alan Owen
October	Ampleforth	Christine Biglin
21-28 October	*Tempest Anderson Memorial Tour to the Bay of Naples. Now fully booked	Jim Spriggs and Bone Jones
October?	President's Evening	Kate Cartwright
December	Christmas Social	

* Further details, and in some cases booking forms, are available on the website

Further Suggestions under consideration

Leeds: Abbey House Museum, Kirkstall Abbey and Thwaite Mills
Bradford: Faith Trail
Sewage works

We would be glad to hear from any member who would like to organise, or help to organise any of these events, or indeed any other event which they think would be of interest to members. Please email MLeonardYork@gmail.com, or phone or text 07986886814.

Proposed Orkney visit

A YPS visit to Orkney is being arranged starting Wednesday 5 June to see the amazing Neolithic remains there. Visits will be made to many sites including the World Heritage Sites of Skarra Brae village, and Maes Howe chambered mound. Visits to the various sites and the finds discovered therein will show the extent of the civilisation that existed many years before Stonehenge was built, and the communications links which these peoples had with places far away.

The tour will be based at the Kirkwall hotel for 3 nights (4 days) with the option of staying overnight in Edinburgh on the return (making it a 5 days 4 nights tour) to see some of the many attractions there. Travel will be by train to Edinburgh and plane from there to Kirkwall. Movement on Orkney will be by coach. Final details are almost, but not quite complete yet, but if you would like to be notified of the detailed arrangements as soon as they are available please send an email with your email address, or a letter with S.A.E. to Alan Owen, (alowen2000@yahoo.co.uk), at the Lodge, requesting Orkney details. Receiving the details will not commit you to anything but will indicate the level of interest in the tour.

Two Cousins and a Piano

Dear Mr Dickens by Catherine Flye, Music Director/pianist – Ian Clarke
The Tempest Anderson Hall. Saturday June 29th at 7.30 p.m.

Those who remember our entertaining evening in the company of "Joyce Grenfell" two years ago will be delighted to hear that Two Cousins and a Piano will be returning this summer with a light-hearted appreciation of the life of Charles Dickens, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the author's birth, through music and the spoken word – including letters and personal recollections of the author, vignettes, parlour songs favoured by him and inspired by his characters.

Tour to Turkey

The proposed grand tour of Turkey in May 2013 has been cancelled as there were only 6 other people expressing an interest in the trip proposed by Dennis and Margaret Martin. If people would be interested in the same trip at some time around May or September time in 2014 please email suggesting dates to dennismartin@btinternet.com.

Website News

Have you tried clicking on the "News" tab on our website? This take you to the page where members can find further information about many of the Society's activities and areas of interest, as well as copies of past newsletters. The following two items have recently been added. Just log in as a member and click "News" or go to www.ypsYork.org/news-from-yps to find out more!

The YPS voice in two York-based conservation groups

The YPS has a voice on two important conservation bodies in York - City of York Council Conservation Area Advisory Panel and the York Archaeological Trust General Advisory Council. It is through our representation on panels like these that the YPS fulfils its remit towards the realisation and protection of York's heritage, above and below ground. Reports from these panels for the year 2011-2012, provided by our current representative, Jim Spriggs, may be viewed on the News page of our website.

Garden Notes

Alison Pringle, York Museum Trust's new head gardener, has kindly offered to keep us up-to-date with what is happening in the Museum Gardens via our website. Please see the News page for her first report.

Wine at The Lodge

After lectures, members and guests are most welcome to enjoy a glass of good wine or fruit juice at The Lodge. It is a good opportunity to meet fellow members and the evening's speaker.

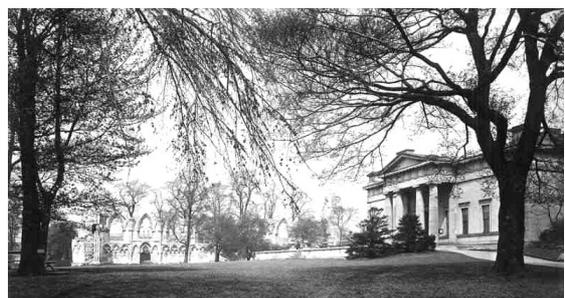
And Glasses for Sale!

Only during February, we are selling off a good variety of wine and sherry glasses which are surplus to requirement (3 for £1 or less!) Please come to the above mentioned drinks gatherings, or ring Kate on 01904 421744. "First come, first served"

Clerk's holidays

The Lodge will be closed for Frances' holidays on:

- 11th to 15th March
- 27th May to 3rd June



The Lodge Library

Arranging and cataloguing of the Lodge Library is now complete, thanks largely to the efforts of Alan and Celia Cochrane. The particular strengths of the Library are in the history of York and the surrounding area, and in natural history; but books range from the Babylonian Talmud to marine engineering.

The printed catalogue, in both author and subject order, is available in the Library, and in electronic form. Members are encouraged to use the Library during normal Lodge opening hours, and books may also be borrowed.

Peter Hogarth
Hon. Lodge Librarian
peter.hogarth@york.ac.uk

Recent donations:

Lily Rowe

Many members of YPS know David Rowe, and will remember Lily Rowe who, sadly, died in May 2012. Lily – a longstanding member of YPS – was also a member of The Society of Biology (formerly The Institute of Biology). The principal publication of this professional society is *The Biologist*, a journal produced 4 (sometimes 5 or 6) times a year, containing articles on various aspects of biology, many of which will be of interest to members of the YPS.

As a memorial to Lily, David has donated to YPS a complete run of *The Biologist*, from volume 2 (1954) to volume 59 (2012), together with a classified index of articles of particular interest. This is now available in the Lodge Library.

We are most grateful for this generous donation.

George Hepworth

We were sorry to learn of the death of George Hepworth on 2nd December 2012 at the age of 95. Formerly York's Deputy Town Clerk and City Solicitor, Mr Hepworth was a member of the YPS for many years. The Society was represented at his funeral by Mrs Barbara Weatherley.

Dr Lesley Boatwright MBE (Mrs M L Wynne-Davies)

Dr Boatwright died in Woolwich, aged 80, in October 2012. She was a classical scholar and medieval historian, educated at King's College London, where she obtained a First Class Honours degree in Classics in 1957. After her first degree, she studied Palaeography. For many years she was Senior Classics Mistress at Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Girls' Grammar School (now College) in New Cross. On retirement, she studied for a PhD in Mediaeval History which she was awarded in 1995.

A number of Dr Boatwright's books, mainly on York and its history, have generously been donated to YPS, and are now in the Lodge Library, where they enhance our existing collection in this area.

A new book:

Romanesque Yorkshire

by Rita Wood (YPS member)

with introduction and gazetteer,
260pp, 500 illustrations, 300 sites to visit,
and introductory material to set the scene

Yorkshire Archaeological Society,
Occasional Paper no. 9. (published with a
grant from the Henry Moore Foundation)

See www.yas.org.uk for how to purchase;
only £17.50+pp.

Members may recall that two articles by Rita on similar subjects have appeared in the YPS Annual Report (for the years 1996 and 2005).

Yorkshire Philosophical Society
Behind the Scenes at the Yorkshire Museum
Visit to the Biology Stores, Birch Park
Wednesday, 6th March 2013, 10.00 - 11.30 am & 2.00 - 3.30 pm

Isla Gladstone, Curator of Natural Sciences, has kindly offered to give members a guided tour and introduction to the Biology collections. There is a massive reserve of fascinating material in the stores at Birch Park, including reference collections of insects, plants, shells and spirit preserved material, alongside cased taxidermy dioramas and osteology. We will be given the opportunity to look at and handle materials and specimens rarely seen by the public.

Numbers will be limited to 10 per visit. If sufficient members apply, it may be possible to offer an additional visit.

The YMT stores are off Huntington Road, about a mile from the City Centre. Fuller details will be sent on confirmation of your place on the visit.

Early application is advised - and in any case by February 18th.

The cost is £5.00 per person to cover administrative expenses, and a small donation to the York Museums Trust.

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury suffered while taking part in one of its-visits. Participants are recommended to take out appropriate insurance cover.

Please return with your fee and a stamped addressed envelope to:
Graham Williamson, YPS, The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York, YO1 7DR

Visit to the Yorkshire Museum Stores, Birch Park, 6th March 2013

I/We would like..... place(s) at £5.00 each, and enclose a cheque for £.....
(payable to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society).

I/We would like to join the visit at: 10 am 2 pm (*please tick*)

Name(s).....

Address.....

Tel email

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Luddites and Literature Tour

Thursday 11 April 2013 £38

In 1811, workers in textile factories in Nottingham who were upset by wage reductions and the employment of unapprenticed workmen began to break into factories at night and smash recently introduced machinery. The dissidents were called Luddites after their leader Ned Ludd. The unrest gradually spread to Yorkshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. In Yorkshire in early 1812, groups of highly skilled cloth finishers called croppers attacked new shearing frames which they saw as threats to their jobs in Huddersfield, Halifax, Wakefield, and Leeds.

At midnight on 11 April 1812, about 100 croppers assembled at a monument called the Dumb Steeple near Brighouse in West Yorkshire before marching 2 miles over fields to attack Rawfolds Mill where new shearing frames had been installed. They failed to get entry into the mill, being repulsed by the armed mill owner and some guarding soldiers. Shots were fired and the Luddites withdrew taking two of their fatally wounded members with them.

The incumbent of St Peter's church at Hartshead, about a mile from the mill, was the Rev. Patrick Bronte who later related the incident to his children. One of these children, Charlotte, wove the account into a successful novel called "Shirley". Charlotte, writing under the pen name Currer Bell, used real places and people that she knew in the area about Rawfolds mill, but gave them different names in the story.

This outing will visit some of the places associated with Charlotte Bronte and her friends and the Luddite uprising. There will be stops at Dewsbury Minster, Oakwell Hall and the Red House Museum in Gomersal, and the Ravensknowle museum at Huddersfield, and some other relevant landmarks will be pointed out as we drive past.

Dewsbury Minster was where the Rev. Patrick Bronte began his curacy before moving to Hartshead. The Minster is an unusual and interesting place in its own right, having been founded by Paulinus in 627. Elizabethan Oakwell Hall (1583), presently set out as it would have been in the 1690s, was visited by Charlotte as a governess and restyled as "Fieldhead", the home of the heroine in "Shirley". Red House (1660) was home to Charlotte's lifelong friend, Mary Taylor – an exceptional woman. It features in "Shirley" as "Briarmains", the home of a character called Rose Yorke. Ravensknowle museum has an interesting collection of exhibits including some associated with Luddites. It may also be possible visit the interesting church of St Peter, Birstall, where Charlotte and her friends worshipped.

Transport, admission charges, gratuities, and a simple 2 course pub lunch are included in the cost. Menu choices from which to select a meal will be sent to those attending. If you wish to join this visit, please complete and return the form overleaf and enclose a cheque and S.A.E. or email address for reply. Cheques payable to YPS please.

Departure will be 8.30 a.m. from Memorial Gardens, Leeman Road, York. Return to York around 6.45 p.m.

Alan Owen
Group Tours Organiser

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Please turn over

Luddites and Literature Tour

To :-
Alan Owen, Yorkshire Philosophical Society, The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York Y01 7DR

Please reserve Places for me / us on this tour

I enclose a cheque (made out to Yorkshire Philosophical Society) for (£38 / person)

Name(s)

Address

Postcode

Tel. No.

Email

Please enclose a S.A.E. or email address for reply

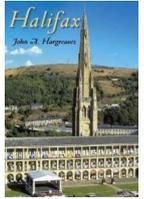
Note
As you will lose some or all of the information overleaf by returning this form, the information overleaf will be resent to you with your confirmation of booking

STOP PRESS!

Improved quotations received since preparing this prospectus mean that mid-morning refreshments are now included in the tour price.



“Historical Halifax” - an architectural walking tour



led by John Hargreaves, author of the standard guide to Halifax
Friday 19 April 2013 - coach leaves York at 8.15 am prompt

You are invited to join us on a day-trip to Halifax guided by John Hargreaves, renowned author and researcher on Methodism, Luddism, Halifax and many other subjects. We shall leave York (Leeman Road) at 8.15 prompt, picking up also at the Megabus stop at Askham Bar (near Tesco) at 8.30. We hope to provide interesting reading-matter on the coach to inform you about places to be visited. Those who joined us in Hull last year may understand why Elland is *en route* to Halifax.



On arriving, we shall first see the railway station (1844) and ‘Eureka’, the Square Chapel, Halifax Minster and Piece Hall, though not necessarily in that order. There should be time here for coffee/tea/snacks etc., depending on how long our journey has taken (est. 60-90 minutes).



Then follows a walk through the Victorian town, via Borough Market and past some fine banks as well as the original and new Halifax Building Society buildings. Before lunch we shall visit the newly restored Somerset House in its Georgian splendour. Lunch will then be *ad lib*, and afterwards we shall visit the magnificent Victorian Town Hall (1863, Charles & Edward Barry). Finally we shall coach *via* Dean Clough Mills (Crossley, 1802) and possibly Bankfield Museum to Shibden Hall (1420), famous for its connections with Ann Lister. After tea at Shibden Hall we plan to coach back to York, arriving after 6pm.



Your fee includes coach travel, expert guide, and all entry fees, but no snacks or drinks – unless turnout exceeds our expectation, in which case some bonus sustenance will be provided. We shall indicate good places to eat, as well as fine locations to enjoy your sandwiches if you prefer to provide for yourselves.

With the exception of ‘Eureka’, the railway station, bank buildings and Dean Clough Mills, we hope to visit all the named buildings internally.

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury suffered while taking part in its activities. There will be approximately 1 mile of walking in total, including some cobbles, steps and gentle slopes. Please dress appropriately and advise us in advance if you may require assistance, which we shall do our best to provide. Participants are advised to consider appropriate insurance cover.

Please return with your cheque to: John Bibby (YPS), The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York, YO1 7DR

Historic Halifax - 19 April 2013

I/We would like _____ member place(s) at £19 each (for members of YPS)

and _____ non-member places at £22, and enclose cheque for £ _____ (payable to YPS)

I/We will join the coach at Leeman Road at 8.15 prompt Askham Bar (Megabus stop) at 8.30

Name(s) and address

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Tel.: Email (caps. please):

.... Mobile phone (for contact on the day):

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NB: Confirmations will be sent by email. Please enclose s.a.e. if you prefer to be contacted by post.

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Visit to Spalding Flower Festival

Saturday 4 May 2013 £28

If you missed the YPS visit to Keukenhof in Holland last year, why not come and see what Spalding has to offer! The Spalding area, called South Holland, was settled many years ago by people from the Low Countries who have done what they know about best and developed a major bulb growing area here.

We shall travel by coach to the Springfield Centre a few miles outside Spalding. The Springfield Centre is a complex containing the Festival Gardens, Garden Centre, a 55 store shopping centre, and an Events Centre and Arena. There are several catering facilities on site. If the weather is fine you could consider taking a picnic to eat in the gardens as the cafés could be quite busy, though there does not appear to be a designated picnic site.

A Parade of flower decorated floats will assemble for viewing in the Arena during the morning before setting off at 2.00 p.m. to tour Spalding town centre. Entry to the Arena area and the spectacular Festival Gardens will be by ticket only this Saturday. Tickets will be provided as part of this tour cost.

Spalding town itself will be virtually inaccessible to coaches on this Saturday because of the parade, and Ayscough Hall, which we had originally hoped to visit by coach will itself be at the centre of closed roads and no waiting areas as the parade passes right round it. Attempts to reach it in the YPS coach have therefore been abandoned. For those individuals who wish to visit Ayscough Hall and gardens themselves (craft fair that Saturday), there will be an official shuttle bus running a 15 minute service (approx) between the Springfield Centre and the town bus station (£1/adult/journey, or conc. bus passes accepted). Users should note that getting to the Hall from the bus station will involve a walk from one side of the town to the other. It is too far to walk directly from Springfield to Ayscough Hall. Viewing the decorated floats, having lunch, and viewing the gardens is not expected to leave much time spare for visiting attractions outside Springfield and if Spalding town attractions are pursued, ample time should be allowed for the return from the town to Springfield to be certain of catching the coach back.

It is interesting to note that Spalding town centre is also home to Spalding Gentlemen's Society – a body akin to the YPS but predating it (1710), and still having their own library and Museum housing what they call "a varied and intriguing collection". Usually only open to visiting groups by arrangement, but might be open specially during the Festival.

The Springfields Festival Gardens, which were first opened in 1966 as the shop window for the flower bulb industry and to offer a wide range of horticultural experiences to the general public, are a beautifully landscaped area, featuring Chelsea-style celebrity showcase gardens, including designs by Charlie Dimmock, Chris Beardshaw, Kim Wilde and Steven Woodhams, and a spectacular Japanese Garden by Sansui Design. Areas of interest include woodlands walks bursting with thousands of seasonal bulbs, wetlands, a Dutch garden, pools and fountains, and an arboretum and pinetum.

The Gardens were completely redeveloped in 2004, in conjunction with Springfields Horticultural Society, a charity dedicated to the improvement and growth of horticulture and floral design in the Spalding region. They have welcomed some new additions, as innovative designer Stephen Newby unveiled a collection of his spectacular stainless steel sculptures throughout the landscaped gardens. The 'blown' steel sculptures are largely based around a water theme, featuring a water pyramid fountain, pillow planters and a specially commissioned 15 foot 'Kaleidoscope Wheel', situated in the canal.

The tour cost of £28 / person covers cost of coach transport from York to and from the Springfield Centre and includes an entry ticket to the Arena and Festival Gardens. No guides or meals have been included so people can see what they want to see at their own pace. If anyone is hoping to make the journey by shuttle bus to/from the town centre they need to plan carefully for this as the shuttle bus service will be suspended (perhaps for an hour or more) at certain times to allow the parade to pass. A half-hourly water taxi service operates along the river Welland from Springfields to a central location not far from Ayscough Hall between 10a.m. and 5p.m. Journeys take about 30 minutes and cost £6 return, £3 single.

If you would like to join this tour, please complete and return the slip below before the end of February. A replacement prospectus sheet will be issued by way of confirmation of booking on receipt of your application. A stamped, addressed envelope would be appreciated for a reply.

Alan Owen
Group Tour Organiser

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To:- Mr. A. Owen, YPS, The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York YO1 7DR

Please reserveplace(s) for me on this tour

A cheque for £..... is enclosed (please make out to Yorkshire Philosophical Society)

Name

Tel. No.....

Address

Email

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Postcode

I am interested in visiting Spalding town centre ...YES NO {please circle appropriately}

I enclose S.A.E.

Or

Please confirm by email



**Behind the Scenes at the Castle Museum
Latest developments and future plans**

Wednesday, 16th May 2013, 10.00 - 11.30 am

Andrew Morrison, Principal Curator at the York Museums Trust, has kindly offered to introduce YPS members to the latest developments and future plans for the Castle Museum. Part talk and part tour, we will have the opportunity to visit some of the most recent areas of development and hear of the York Museums Trust's new plans.

Numbers will be limited to 25. If sufficient members apply, it may be possible to offer an additional visit.

Early application is advised - and in any case by May 6th.

The cost is £5.00 per person to cover administrative expenses, and a small donation to the York Museums Trust.

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Please return with your fee and a stamped addressed envelope to:
Graham Williamson, YPS, The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York, YO1 7DR

Visit to the Castle Museum, Wednesday 16th May 2013

I/We would like..... place(s) at £5.00 each, and enclose a cheque for £.....
(payable to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society).

Name(s).....

Address.....

Tel. email

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Yorkshire Philosophical Society

Visit to Goddards (York) 12 June 2013

£8 National Trust members. Others £13

On the **afternoon of Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 2.00 p.m.** there will be a YPS visit to the former home of Noel Goddard Terry, of the famous York chocolate-making firm, Terry's of York. The visit will end with a simple cream tea. The house was designed by York architect Walter Brierley in the Arts and Crafts style and is complemented by four acres of gardens, designed by George Dillistone.

The house has seven selected rooms displayed to give glimpses into the family home and working chocolate factory. The house is also used as regional offices for the National Trust. Relax in the luxury of the drawing room, leaf through photo albums in the Bower and marvel at the intricacy of the incredible scale model upstairs of the Terry's factory, lovingly crafted by factory workers in the 1960s. See how many tiny factory workers and other characters you can spot.

The garden includes yew-hedged garden rooms, bowling green, wilderness garden and plants for every season; it is also an oasis for wildlife. Full of hidden nooks and crannies, the garden hides secrets waiting to be discovered. Explore the Arts and Crafts garden, still presented largely as designed, and follow the pathways that lead all the way down to the edge of York racecourse; tread in the footsteps of the Terrys who first enjoyed this garden. Find the Japanese isu tree, a rarity in the north of the UK.

There is no parking permitted at the house other than a very limited space for disabled guests, and no YPS transport is being provided, so it is recommended that visitors either make use of the regular bus services which pass the entrance (e.g. No's 3,4,12,13,21,37,40 and Coastliner services), or travel on foot. The entrance is situated at No. 27 Tadcaster Road just beyond the Marriott (Chase) Hotel and immediately before the traffic lights by the Cross Keys pub. Bus stops are situated just beyond the Marriott hotel.

Some of the rooms are small, including the tearoom, and early booking is recommended as numbers on this tour will be limited. Non-members of the YPS will only be accepted if there are spare places over and above YPS member applicants. Applications will be accepted on the basis of the date they are received at the Lodge. Visits to the house, gardens and tearoom will probably be phased to give everyone the best experience. The visit will be self-guided throughout. The cost (including tea) is £8 for National Trust members, £13 for people who do not hold National Trust membership.

If you would like to join this visit please complete and return the form below before the end of February.

Alan Owen
Tour Organiser

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To:- Mr. A. Owen, YPS, The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York YO1 7DR

Please reserveplace(s) for me on this visit to Goddards on 12 June

A cheque for £..... is enclosed (please make out to Yorkshire Philosophical Society)

Name

Tel. No.....

Address

Email

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Postcode

I enclose S.A.E.

I / We are members of National Trust or equivalent (please tick as appropriate)

Or to receive confirmation by email, please tick here (.....)

RADICAL STATISTICS

2013 Annual Conference & AGM

Inequality, Statistics, and York

Saturday, 23 February, 2013

Priory Street Centre, 15 Priory Street YO1 6ET
(5 minutes from York rail station)

8:30 am Registration opens, coffee available

Session 1 **Inequalities – gathering the evidence**

9:30 (prompt) **Jonathan Bradshaw:** *‘The legacy of Rowntree’*
Hugh Bayley, MP: Response

Session 2 **Beyond 2021: New censuses, new geographies**

Danny Dorling: *‘The 2011 Census: What surprises are emerging and how they show that cancellation is stupid’*

Catered lunch (included in registration)

Session 3 **Beyond ‘The Spirit Level’**

Ben Baumberg & Robert de Vries: *‘Statistical catfights & The Spirit Level’*

Tarani Chandola: *Title TBC*

Richard Wilkinson: Response

Session 4 **Futures for the new generation (and the next riots)**

Stewart Lansley: *‘Inequality: Its role in the crash and the crisis’*

all details subject to confirmation and change

AGM, social events and guided walk

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 22-24 February
at the Priory Street Centre

Sunday, 24th - ALL WELCOME

10:30 am Annual General Meeting

Radstats puts on more than just a conference & AGM. Join us for:

Friday night social gathering (from 7:00 pm) Food, drinks & socialising

Saturday evening event (8-11:00 pm) The 1st York Radical Cabaret

Sunday afternoon guided walk (12:00 pm start)

Full Conference (including lunch) is £40 for members, or £50 including a one-year introductory membership. Please deduct £10 from any for student or low income (*self defined*); ask if further assistance is needed. The first session is free to YPS members; to attend the full conference there is a special YPS rate of £30 (incl. lunch). The Saturday evening cabaret is £5, *if pre-booked*. Food for both evenings will be arranged separately.

Register at: www.radstats.org.uk/conf2013/2013Booking.doc

Full programme at: www.radstats.org.uk/conference/york2013

Radical Statistics

“Inequality, Statistics and York” – YPS Booking Form

Saturday, 23rd February, 2013

Priory Street Centre, 15 Priory Street, York YO1 6ET

Registration 8:30 am

Conference 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Name:

I am / am not a current member of RadStats (please delete as appropriate)

Address: *(please fill in these details only if not a member)*

Telephone:

Email:

£50 Conference registration (non-member)

* includes an introductory membership and subscription to 2013 Radical Statistics Journals – £25 ordinarily *

£40 (Radical Statistics member) **£30 (YPS member for full day-conference - 1st session is free)**

Radical Cabaret – Saturday evening: £5 if booked in advance

Deduct from each £10 for student/unwaged (self defined). Let us know if further assistance is needed.

I enclose a cheque for _____ made payable to **Radical Statistics**.

Lunch is included in registration. Please state if you have any dietary considerations.

Additional events:

If you can, please say if you intend to:

- _____ join the **Friday social gathering** (from 7.00 pm) at Priory Street Centre, for food & drinks.
- _____ join the **Saturday evening 1st York Radical Cabaret** (8-11:00 pm) at Priory Street Centre.
- _____ attend the **Sunday morning AGM** (10:30 am) at Priory Street Centre.
- _____ join the **Sunday historic walk of York** (12:00 pm)

Accommodation (See list at www.radstats.org.uk/conf2013)

- _____ I can offer accommodation to _____ person(s) attending conference.
- _____ I would like to be accommodated.

Please return completed form to YPS with cash or cheque (payable to Radical Statistics). Further information at www.radstats.org.uk/conf2013.

Contacts: admin@radstats.org.uk or John Bibby on 01904-330334 or (preferably) at jb43@york.ac.uk