**The Yorkshire Philosophical Society**

**Annual Dinner 2019**

*It is our great pleasure to invite you to our Annual Dinner*

*on Wednesday 20 November 2019*

*at Hilton York, 1 Tower Street, York*

The YPS Annual Dinner is an opportunity to enjoy each other’s company in a welcoming environment with good food and conversation. The meal will be followed by a short Chair’s reflection on our activities and an inspiring address from our guest speaker, Dr David Fraser, FSA, introduced by our President, Sir John Holman, who will join us with Lady Wendy Holman.

Dr David Fraser retired in June 2019 as CEO of York Civic Trust; a post he has held with great distinction since 2015. A geographer and archaeologist by training, David worked for English Heritage, as Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Conservation Team Leader, and latterly Regional Director for Yorkshire and the Humber from 1996 to 2005.  His later career took him to the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber as Director of Environment and to the Landmark Trust as Head of the Historic Estate.

David describes York as a city with 200,000 gardeners: all the small day-to-day actions of the people who live here help to make York the special place it is.

We are honoured that David and his wife have accepted our invitation to be with us for this annual celebration and do hope you can join us in November.

Kind regards,

Catherine Brophy (Chair)

RSVP by 1st November 2019

The format of the evening is overleaf.

**Format of the Evening**

***Dress code***

Dinner jackets or lounge suits for gentlemen, evening dress/trousers or cocktail dress for ladies.

***Programme***

Members are welcomed from 6.00pm. The conservatory bar is available for purchasing drinks with the opportunity to mix and mingle before being called to table at 7.10pm.

Dinner will be served in the Micklegate & Bootham Room at 7.30pm.  A seating plan will be placed near the entrance of the restaurant. All drinks may be purchased at the bar or at your table. Water will be on the table.

To give members more opportunity to speak to other members, a pre-arranged couple of people from each table will move to other tables before dessert. This will be announced on the evening.

Coffee and tea will be served at the end of the meal.

The Chair will then give a brief address and the President will introduce our guest speaker.

Proceedings will end at approximately 10.30pm but you are warmly invited to stay for more coffee and drinks at the bar.

Hilton York can provide rooms for guests wishing to stay overnight. Please contact them directly on 01904 464715.

***Getting there and access***

Hilton York, 1 Tower Street, York, YO1 9WD (opposite Clifford’s Tower)

The hotel is located across the road from Clifford’s Tower, by the car park entrance of the Coppergate Centre. The hotel will arrange for taxis on request. There is parking (including disabled spaces) in the public Pay & Display Castle and St George’s Field Car Parks and parking costs £2. Access is good for wheelchair users.

***About Hilton York***

Hilton York offers a comfortable, spacious and relaxed atmosphere. The restaurant, bar and toilet facilities are on the ground floor. There is level walking from the car park and easy access for wheelchair users.

Come and enjoy!  Please telephone or email me for further information or particular requirements.

Sharon Lusty (Organiser)

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**Menu**

 ***Starters***

S1. Crisp Parma Ham, Balsamic Glazed Beets, Goat’s Cheese and Multi-Seed Salad

S2. Watermelon and Minted Melon with Maple Vinaigrette and Apple Sorbet *(V, DF)*

S3. Vichyssoise Soup, Toasted Pumpkin Seeds and Aged Parmesan Oil *(V, GF)*

***Main Course***

M1. Apple Cider Braised Pork Loin, Savoy Cabbage with Smoked Bacon, Sage and Crackling Mash with Juniper Berry Jus *(GF)*

M2. Ginger and Kafir Lime Poached Cod, Spring Onion Crushed New Potatoes, Leek and Lemongrass Coconut Cream *(GF)*

M3. Caramelised Red Onion and Goat’s Cheese Tart, Cherry Tomato and Garlic Cream Cheese *(V)*

A selection of seasonable vegetables is available on each table

***Dessert***

D1.  Apple and Rhubarb Crumble with Warm Vanilla Crème Anglaise *(T)*

D2.  Fresh Fruit Salad *(V, GF, DF)*

D3.  Vanilla Bean Cheesecake, Caramel, Honey Granola Crunch *(T)*

 Tea, Coffee and Mints to follow

*V = vegetarian GF = gluten free DF = dairy free T = traces of nuts*

**Booking Form**

**The YPS Annual Dinner**

**Wednesday 20 November 2019**

Please complete and return to:

Mrs Sharon Lusty, 66 Shipton Road, York YO30 5RQ

I/We would like to attend the Annual Dinner and my/our menu choices are:

Name Starter / Main / Dessert

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Special dietary needs ……………………………………………………

(If necessary, we will remind you of your choice on the night.)

I/We enclose a cheque for £37.50 per person made payable to Yorkshire Philosophical Society and a self addressed envelope.

RSVP by Friday 1st November.

We hope to accommodate all who wish to come and recommend you book early to secure a place. Cheques will be returned to members who need to cancel before 1st November. Unfortunately we are unable to give refunds after this date.

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