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From the Chair

I was honoured to be elected chair of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society at the end of our Council meeting on 9 November.

Catherine Brophy served as chair for eight years, steering us through the turbulent times of the pandemic and leading the celebration of our bicentenary. Previous chairs have chosen to step down from the Council when their term as chair ends, and it is customary to offer them a position as Honorary Vice President. According to our laws, honorary VPs cannot act as trustees.

I took this up with Catherine. Fortunately for all of us (especially me!), she has opted to stay on as a

With this Newsletter

- Programme for Spring 2024
- Membership Card or Subscription Reminder (if appropriate)
- Visit to RHS Bridgewater, 15 May 2024
- Visit to Southwell, 13 June 2024

If anything is missing, contact Frances Chambers as below.

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Max Rowe with his wife Rosalind on the bench unveiled on 21 November 2023 in memory of his father David. The bench is positioned next to the "Newton" apple tree planted in memory of Professor Jim Matthew.

Photo: David Harbourne

trustee and Council member for the foreseeable future and will continue to co-ordinate our lecture programme, including Café Scientifique. This is very good news for the Society: with a lot of help, advice and ideas from other members, Catherine has always made sure we have a varied and fascinating programme to look forward to.

The closing months of the year proved that very point. On 14 November, we held a joint event with the Institute of Physics, when Dr Hannah Middleton described the beginnings of a new form of astronomy. In 1974, scientists found evidence of gravitational waves from two neutron stars orbiting each other. More recently, gravitational waves were detected from the collision and merger of two black holes a billion light years away, confirming a theory first formulated by – who else? – Albert Einstein.

A week later, we hosted a lecture in honour of David Rowe, whose son Max spoke about his late father's support for the YPS, his wide range of interests, and in particular his fascination with Iceland. Dr Rebecca Williams then gave an illustrated lecture on the ways in which volcanic systems have shaped Iceland and its surrounding waters, sometimes with devastating effects on people living across the whole continent of Europe. Her talk couldn't have been more timely, given the volcanic activity taking place under the Reykjanes Peninsula in recent weeks.

Next, we were at York University in December for an illustrated lecture on colourful chemistry – sparks, flashes, chain reactions, the lot – by Dr Annie Hodgson. We closed the 2023 lecture series with a symposium on Sir George Cayley, marking (near enough) his 250th birthday. Cayley was an early member of the YPS, serving as a vice president from 1824 to 1826. I'd like to thank Professor Andy Marvin for organising the event, with support from the Institute of Physics. There were three speakers: Cayley's biographer, Dr Mary Jones; Stephen Blee, who spoke about Cayley's achievements as an aeronautical engineer; and Dr Kathryn Rix, who told us about his public life, including his time as a member of Parliament. The librarian of the Royal Aeronautical Society kindly displayed a number of Cayley's artefacts and drawings, too.

There will of course be coverage of all 2023 lectures in our forthcoming annual report, drawing on reports already posted on each event's web page. I very much appreciate the efforts of our volunteer report writers – and indeed, everything our volunteers have done throughout the year. Thank you!

Finally, a note about another volunteer. Our new President, Professor Deborah Smith, was guest of honour at our annual dinner. She is the first woman president in our history. Debbie is an outstanding scientist and campaigner, and is very keen to support us in the years ahead. We are fortunate to have someone of her calibre as President.

Best wishes for 2024. See you soon!

David Harbourne

News from the Activities Group

The weather currently is extremely cold but I'm sure you, like me, are enjoying the more extended periods of daylight which make the days seem longer. I hope this will inspire you to join us on some of the activities we have planned.

Since the last newsletter, we have continued our second Tuesday of the month lunchtime get-togethers at the Theatre Royal. This provides an informal meeting place for a chat and to meet other YPS members. You can purchase just a coffee/drink and cake or more substantial lunch from the downstairs café. We meet in the first floor foyer from 12 noon. A lift is available for use.

On 5th December we held an event to mark the 250th anniversary of George Cayley, the English engineer, inventor and aviator. It was a fascinating evening of various talks about different aspects of Cayley's life and work. We also had a small exhibition of artefacts relating to Cayley's designs. We were pleased that members of George Cayley's family were able to attend.

The annual dinner on the following evening, 6th December, was held at the Novotel in the city centre. This proved to be a good venue with ample parking. The food and service were both good. After dinner David Harbourne, the new YPS chair, introduced our new President, Professor Deborah Smith of the University of York, who gave us an inspiring talk about her career as a female scientist. Thanks to Sharon Lusty for organising the dinner.

On 2nd November we had a return visit to the Minster Precinct. Alex McCallion, Director of Works and Precinct told us about the 15 year plan for the Minster, including the new civic space, Queen Elizabeth Square. We heard about all the measures in place to promote sustainability, such as solar tiles, and we also saw the progress of building work on the Centre of Excellence which will house six apprentice masons. Alex has agreed to host another visit on October 23rd 2024, so if you missed this one, or wish to return to look round the Centre of Excellence that should be complete by then, look out for details of this visit in the next newsletter.

Future events planned:

We will continue to hold our second Tuesday of the month get-togethers. The next scheduled will be on 13th February, 12th March, and 9th April.

On 28th February there will be a day trip focusing on geology, using private cars. The visit to The Land of Iron Museum, Skinningrove village and Hummersea beach will be led by Paul Thornley and Liam Herringshaw. At time of writing this event is fully booked.

On 15th May we will join with members of YANT for a visit to the RHS garden at Bridgewater and then on 13th June we will have a full day trip by coach to see the magnificent Southwell Minster and Workhouse museum. Details of these visits are included in this newsletter.

I do hope to see you at one of these forthcoming events.

Rosemary Anderton

STOP PRESS!

Following two popular and successful visits to the city in the past and the showing of a film about its architectural history at a Café Scientifique session last year, a return Study Tour to Glasgow, including the Burrell Collection, is being planned for October.

Details will follow in a future Newsletter.

Notes from the Geology Group

1. a) **Online material for self-guided trips. Westminster Abbey and Cathedral**

If in London, there is much to see in the Abbey, obviously.

There are building stones trails in the area and Dean's Yard. If you are willing to spend £26 or more, you may go inside and wander round the Nave, Royal Tombs and Chapels. (If you pay online, you may find you can use it more than once, contrary to the advice on the website). Ruth Siddall, who spoke to the YPS last year, including her conservation of the Cosmati Pavement, has much you can download to inform your visit. Stones in Westminster Cathedral make a fascinating contrast.

<https://ougs.org/london/event-reports/619/field-trip-the-marbles-of-westminster-abbey-and-westminster-cathedral/>

<https://ougs.org/london/event-reports/435/field-trip-building-stones-of-westminster-abbey/>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/~ucfbrxs/Homepage/walks/LOUGS-Westminster.pdf>

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/history/explore-our-history/cosmati-pavement>

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/learning/virtual-tours/building-westminster-abbey>

b) **Events and Talks: Online and in person: YPS**

Tuesday 5th March 7pm. Yorkshire Museum. **The Lillies of the Sea: Martin Lister (1639-1712). Crinoid Fossils and Chemical Theories of Fossilisation.**

<https://www.ypsYork.org/events/lilies-of-the-sea-martin-lister-1639-1712-crinoid-fossils-and-chemical-theories-of-fossilisation/>

2. **Women and Men in Geology:**

Dame Maria Gordon (née Ogilvie) 1864 – 1939. 'Probably the most productive woman field geologist of any country in the late 19th and early 0th centuries'.

Born in Aberdeenshire, studied at University College London and Munich. She produced a major study of the Dolomites and its thrust planes.

<https://www.scottishgeologytrust.org/geology/scotland-geology/famous-scottish-geologists/maria-ogilvie-gordon/>

<https://blog.geolsoc.org.uk/2019/07/16/100-years-of-female-fellows-maria-matilda-gordon/>

3. **Study and Resources:**

Recent dating of Precambrian organisms in South West Wales

<https://theconversation.com/565-million-years-old-some-of-the-oldest-uk-fossils-are-eerily-similar-to-famous-australian-ones-218128>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-68005838>

4. **Real Trips outside:**

Liam Herringshaw and Hidden Horizons are offering **York Air, Fire, Earth, Water and Guided Walks.**

Also, a special Ice Walk 10am Sunday 4th February.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/york-ice-walk-tickets-792173721927?aff=erelpanelorg>

Other walks on 16th and 18th February.

Please note that the YPS Skinningrove trip is fully booked.

5. Our Museums of the Month:

Having recommended the Tolson Museum in Huddersfield, I then received a reply from the Museum saying that Kirklees has a significant geology collection, but that there has been no substantial geology on display for some time and very little now. They do not have a natural historian on the staff. Shame.

Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF

The Museum has 'one of the world's finest collections of Jurassic marine reptiles' on display. Another gallery has a display of Ice Age material. <https://peterboroughmuseum.org.uk/our-galleries>



Peterborough Museum

6. Books and Mags: A companion to 'The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs'

Steve Brusatte (Edinburgh), The Rise and Reign of the Mammals.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-rise-and-reign-of-the-mammals/steve-brusatte/9781529034233>

<https://inquisitivebiologist.com/2022/06/24/book-review-the-rise-and-reign-of-the-mammals-a-new-history-from-the-shadow-of-the-dinosaurs-to-us/>

I've already recommended another work in the same field: **Elsa Panciroli, Beasts Before Us**

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/beasts-before-us/elsa-panciroli/9781472983985>

7. Extra:

A YGS webinar by **Steve Brusatte on The Rise and Reign of the Mammals** from last November is still available on the YGS YouTube site

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17ZZIHkg4Sc&ab_channel=YorkshireGeologicalSociety

Paul Thornley

Two hundred years ago

The first annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society was held on 13 January 1824. The guest speaker was Mr W Salmond, whose subject was the geology of Holderness.

One of the more eye-catching announcements at the AGM was the appointment of Sir Humphrey Davy as an honorary member, while the Archbishop of York, Earl of Carlisle, Viscount Milton and Lord Stourton were named as patrons.

The YPS was proud to report that "In little more than a twelve-month, there have been placed on the books of the society, the names of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY subscribers." In addition, "Upwards of TWO THOUSAND specimens of minerals and fossils ... have been entered on the society's catalogue by gratuitous donations, exclusive of the two hundred and forty-five specimens from the cave of Kirkdale, which formed the commencement of this part of the Museum. It will also be seen, that in the various branches of Zoology, and in the antiquarian department, valuable contributions have been furnished, and the foundation of future collections laid."

The meeting heard that a course of lectures on geology would soon be delivered by Mr William Smith, "a name well-known to the society as that of a man to whom the science of geology is highly indebted, both for establishing some of the general principles on which it is studied, and for ascertaining so much of its detail; and who after a practical acquaintance of more than twenty years with the strata of Yorkshire, is at present employed in preparing a corrected edition of his Geological Map of the County." A subscription to the full course of eight lectures cost one guinea.

According to the Yorkshire Gazette (20 March 1824), Smith's lectures were a great success and "afford great hopes that so useful and interesting an addition to the intellectual and rational amusement of our city will be a permanent one." Their only concern was that the society's temporary lecture theatre was too small for comfort. "We trust that York may ere long be provided with a permanent edifice of suitable dimensions."

David Harbourne

The anniversary of William Smith's lectures to the Society will be commemorated in a future newsletter.

Gardens News

We entered the New Year having experienced high winds and flooding in the Garden through the tail-end of December. The new planting along the Riverside walk was submerged for about a week but I don't expect it will have had a significant impact as the majority of plants will have been in the ground long enough to develop root systems strong enough to survive. The plants were selected to tolerate occasional flooding in any case.

This is always a good time of year to move on some structural projects and some of you may have noticed the new bin screen installed to the side of the YPS Lodge. I've wanted to smarten up the entrance for a while and there will be a further small addition so that all of the wheelie bins will be housed away from the front of the Lodge. We will also be tidying up the area on the opposite side of the path in front of the Ciao structure to improve the aesthetic and extend the hard standing for their customers.



New bin screen next to YPS Lodge
Photo: Steve Williams

The team has been busy creating a permanent bird feeding station in the area behind the Rock Garden close to St Mary's Lodge. We have constructed a dry hedge (read 5 star bug hotel), behind which visitors will be able to view the birds. I wanted the bird feeding area to have a natural woodland feel and we are enhancing the area with some planting, wood piles and a hügelkultur mound (literally a mound bed or mound culture, is a horticultural technique where a

mound is constructed from decaying wood debris and other compostable biomass plant materials). It will break down over time and help enrich the soil – another way to recycle garden waste material, but because of the open structure within, it is a great habitat for insects and small mammals. It plays into my belief that we need to create habitat for invertebrates to support other wildlife / the food chain in general.



Dry hedge / 5 star Bug Hotel
Photo: Steve Williams

The bird feeding station is coming together nicely and I aim to have it open to the public for March. I will be liaising with Charlotte Ward internally so that we are set up to receive donations towards bird seed and such like. I think it will be a nice addition to the Garden and provide year-round interest for visitors. I also think observing birds is something that can contribute to people's wellbeing – taking time out to connect with nature in a slightly different way and demonstrate how people can encourage birds into their own gardens.

I am hopeful that the wildflower meadow sown for Monet has come through the recent frosts. The seeds germinated successfully due to the (relative) warmth in the soil remaining into November. I can see some areas where the seed is light and it looks a bit patchy, but we will sow more seed in February to close the gaps. I'm excited to see this project come to fruition and I am keeping my fingers crossed. I am also working closely with the Art Gallery to create a visitor trail by locating a number of empty picture frames in the Garden in positions that capture a view that perhaps would have inspired Monet (e.g. a view of the tops of trees, or settings similar to ones he painted during his life – Monet painted numerous gardens and was a keen gardener himself, employing 7 or 8 gardeners at his home in Giverny where he painted his series of water lily paintings).

2024 is already off to a good start.

Steve Williams
York Museums Trust

***Café Scientifique* – a brief history**

York's *Café Scientifique* must be coming up to its 25th anniversary, for it started around the millennium. This is a brief history, and if it resembles Spike Milligan's *How I Won the War*, that's because it is based upon fickle personal reminiscences rather than profound research. It was triggered by a recent chance meeting at the Tom Paine birthday lunch in Leeds, where Alisdair Beal recalled our paths crossing some decades ago at the *First International Conference of Cafés Scientifiques*. This was organised in Leeds by the wonderful Duncan Dallas (1940-2014), his wife Liz Brice *alias* Clare Hodges (1957-2011), well-known as an MS-survivor and campaigner for the medical use of cannabis, and the equally wonderful Tom Shakespeare whom some readers may know. Duncan had already established the Leeds *CafSci* (which still exists, along with a *Café Philosophique*), and he also pioneered today's wonderful worldwide *CafSci* network.

A blue plaque is to be put up soon near where Liz and Duncan lived, and a campaign has been mounted to fund this. Details are given below: I hope that YPS can lend some support (and thereby get publicity and members from the West Riding).

I felt exceptionally honoured to be invited to present a short paper at Duncan's conference: I waved the FunMaths Calendars which I used to produce via QED Books and spoke on the Maths FunFairs which ran in York from about 1995 to 2002 and proved the model for Maths Year 2000. About that time Lewis Pike and I were establishing *MatheMagic*, a community organisation taking maths and computing to places which other organisations could not reach; at the 'posh' end of our activities, Lewis took on the task of organising the first few years of York's *CafSci* which met in the basement of City Screen on the first Wednesday of each month. Other key people were Dave Taylor of City Screen and Anna Rooke of Science City York, which gave the project a veneer of respectability. *MathsYear2000* also provided useful funding in 2000 and 2001. Soon after that, *MatheMagic* merged with Community Regeneration York (CRY), which unfortunately closed around 2004, taking *MatheMagic* with it. But somehow *CafSci* survived, and it now flourishes under the warm wing of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society. This may be regarded as coming full circle because Duncan's model for *CafSci* was based upon the Parisian idea of *Café Philosophique* which Marc Sautet started in 1992.

Details of blue plaque to commemorate Liz Brice and Duncan Dallas

A Blue Plaque is to be placed on Regent Street, Chapel Allerton, where the UK's first *CafSci* meetings took

place in 1998. This requires some funds - about £1500. Alasdair Beal has set up a webpage for donations. Details are at:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alasdair-beal-cafe-s
alias
tinyurl.com/DDCafSci

Thank you very much in advance for any donations you are able to make.

John Bibby

Archaeology Awards

We were delighted to announce the winners of our 2023 archaeology awards on January 30th before our lecture by Dr Steve Ashby of York University.

Winner of the Herman Ramm Award for the best post-graduate dissertation was Marcie Weeks, whose subject was 'Respect your elders: Formulating a new funerary archaeological approach to identifying the elderly and assessing attitudes towards the aged in Anglo Saxon England'.

The Charles Wellbeloved Award for the best undergraduate dissertation had two recipients with equal marks: Andrew Hill for "Landscape Dominance in Archaeology and the Historic Environment" and Jacob Laughton for "Ships of the Desert. Reconstructing Camel Husbandry Regimes in Southwest Asia Using Carbon and Nitrogen Stable Isotope Analysis".

Only one of the three students was able to be with us on the evening, but the audience was treated to a most interesting explanation of the importance of camels from Jacob Laughton (below).



Photo: David Harbourne

Trailblazers Project 2024

From May to September 2024 Make it York/York Civic Trust will be producing a Tansy Beetle sculpture trail around York with each beetle representing itself and a lesser-known person or group who have contributed to the culture and heritage of York. The Tansy Beetle is almost unique to York and is found on Tansy plants near the river Ouse.

YPS has successfully nominated archaeologist Mary Kitson Clark, who in 1941 was the first woman elected to the YPS Council and also, as an experienced archaeologist, created as “Curator of Roman Archaeology”. Although she had applied for the paid role of “Keeper of the Yorkshire Museum” the other Trustees realised her value as a volunteer and quickly commissioned her to write a report on the Museum’s Roman Collection which led to her recruiting a team of women such as Elizabeth Brunskill, later a YPS Trustee and Archivist of York Minster Library, to catalogue and sort out the collection and arrange for some items to be stored in the Lake District away from potential bombing in York.

York Museums Trust has agreed to host the Mary Kitson Clark sculpture in Museum Gardens, and historian Sarah Sheils, with project lead Catherine Brophy, are discovering more about her life and career and will be giving a Café Scientifique talk at Bootham School for the York Festival of Ideas on Wednesday June 5th at 7pm.

We were also one of 12 groups who successfully bid for a grant for a community project along these lines:

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society – a series of creative activities for school and community groups, including drawing, drama, video, scrapbooking, research, and storytelling, to encourage involvement in archaeology and celebrate the heritage of the Yorkshire Museum and Gardens, unearthing hidden stories of local people.

Any YPS members interested in further research into both local and YPS history are invited to join the history group that we are planning to set up, meeting in the Lodge.

If you would like to be involved, please let Catherine Brophy know on cafesci@ypsYork.org

YPS Members’ monthly lunch

Join us for our drop-in monthly lunch thanks to staff of the Theatre Royal Café who have agreed to host YPS, provided we purchase lunch or light refreshments. Meeting from 12pm onwards, order your food and drink at the Café and then join us upstairs in the Upper Foyer, reserved for our sole use. We will be delighted to enjoy lunch with friends new and longstanding. Come along on any of the dates below; no need to book.

- Tuesday 12 March
- Tuesday 9 April
- Tuesday 7 May
- Tuesday 11 June

On 9th April why not come along to the drop-in lunch, then use your membership card in the Yorkshire Museum to visit the new Star Carr Exhibition, which opens just before Easter, before taking your seats in the Tempest Anderson Hall for our talk on “Managing the Thornborough Henges” by Keith Emerick? You may also be interested to know that later in the summer the Activities Group is planning a visit to include the Thornborough Henges.

Exploration from your armchair

The Royal Aeronautical Society website has a podcast of a lecture on Sir George Cayley given in 1973 by Charles Harvard Gibbs-Smith:

<https://www.aerosociety.com/news/podcast-sir-george-cayley/>

as well as interesting extracts from Cayley’s notebooks and even one of his school books on its Heritage website:

<https://aerosocietyheritage.com/biographies/george-cayley>

The Society of Antiquaries of London features a talk about Boynton Hall on its YouTube channel. Given in York last November, this looks at the changes made to the Hall by succeeding generations of the Strickland family, who owned it for 400 years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z1DDyCL7cg>

News from **York Museums Trust** of two important exhibitions: *Star Carr: Life after the ice* opens in the Yorkshire Museum on Friday 22nd March, while from May the Art Gallery will have on display *The Water-Lily Pond* by Claude Monet, on loan from the National Gallery. If you would like to support the Trust’s work, donations are welcomed: <https://www.yorkmuseumstrust.org.uk/support-the-trust/donations/>

Diary

Important Note: Please check the following times, dates and venues carefully, in particular our lectures in the Tempest Anderson Hall, as times and days of the week do vary. For the most up-to-date information, please keep an eye on our website: www.ypsyork.org

Tue 20 Feb, 2.30pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
Archbishop Vernon-Harcourt, Archbishop of York 1807-1847

Tony Vernon, Lord Vernon

Wed 28 Feb – YPS Visit
Skinningrove and “Land of Iron”
NB Fully booked

Tue 5 Mar, 7pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
Lilies of the Sea: Martin Lister (1639-1712), crinoid fossils and chemical theories of fossilisation
 Dr Anna-Marie Roos, FLS FSA, University of Lincoln
A Martin Lister Anniversary Lecture

Tue 12 Mar, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members’ Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal

Tue 19 Mar, 7pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
 To to be confirmed
 Professor Clive Roberts, University of Durham

Wed 20 Mar, 7 for 7.30pm – Café Sci
Venue: The Den, Micklegate Social
Sustainable Farming (title to be confirmed)
 Biorenewables Development Centre

Tue 9 Apr, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members’ Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal

Tue 9 Apr, 2.30pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
Managing the Thornborough Henges
 Keith Emerick, Historic England

Lodge Opening Times

While Frances continues her convalescence after knee surgery, the office will be open on **Thursday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00**, but please do telephone first before making a special journey.

Our thanks to Catherine Brophy for “filling in” during Frances’ absence and of course best wishes to Frances for a smooth recovery.



Tue 23 Apr, 7pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
John Phillips and the Cambrian Explosion
 Professor Rachel Wood, University of Edinburgh
A John Phillips 150th Anniversary Lecture

Tue 7 May, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members’ Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal

Tue 7 May, 7pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
The Science of the Singing Voice
 Professor Helena Daffern, University of York

Wed 15 May – YPS Visit
RHS Bridgewater *See flyer enclosed*

Tue 21 May, 7pm – YPS Lecture
Identifying and Protecting Historic Parks and Gardens Dr Victoria Thomson
Joint lecture with The Yorkshire Gardens Trust

Wed 5 Jun, 7 for 7.30pm – Café Sci
Venue: Bootham School
Mary Kitson Clark (title to be confirmed)
 Sarah Sheils & Catherine Brophy

Tue 11 Jun, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members’ Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal

Tue 11 June, 7pm – YPS Lecture
Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall
What’s that smell? Science behind human body odour Professor Gavin Thomas and Team

Thur 13 June – YPS Visit
Southwell Minster and Workhouse
See flyer enclosed

Dates for your Diary
 Sat 21 & Sun 22 September
William Smith 200th Anniversary Study Day & Field Visit with the Yorkshire Geological Society

SAFEGUARDING

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society (YPS) takes seriously its obligations and responsibilities to protect and safeguard the welfare of any child, young person or vulnerable adult who attends our events. Unless otherwise stated, all our events are open to members and non-members. We welcome children provided that they are accompanied by a responsible adult. The Safeguarding Policy is displayed at the Lodge. The Safeguarding Officer is Ms Catherine Brophy, Trustee, (cafesci@ypsyork.org) to whom all safeguarding concerns should be addressed.

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