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NEWSLETTER

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From the Chair

Dear Members,

Every single year, many thousands of people take on voluntary roles in Yorkshire charities and community groups simply because they believe in a good cause. I've been fortunate to see this at first hand as a trustee of York Centre for Voluntary Service and more recently as chair of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

I thought about this afresh when, at the very end of 2024, we received a kind bequest from the estate of the late Darrell Buttery MBE DL, who died in 2022.

Darrell taught English Literature at Nunthorpe Grammar School, Queen Mary's School (Baldersby) and Pocklington School, among others. In addition, he



Darrell Buttery 1941-2022
Photo: thanks to David Harrison

With this Newsletter

- ◆ Programme for Spring 2025
- ◆ Membership Card or Subscription Reminder for 2025
- ◆ Historic Holgate and Ancient Acomb Walk, 28 March 2025
- ◆ Garden Party, 20 June 2025
- ◆ Visit to Quarry Bank Mill, 4 September 2025

If anything is missing, contact Frances Chambers as below.

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Opinions expressed in the articles that follow are those of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the YPS.

published several books including 'The Vanished Buildings of York' (1984), 'Pictures of York Minster from the 17th Century to the Present' (2007) and, with Sir Ron Cooke, Stephen Lewis and Chris Shepherd, 'The Streets of York: Four Centuries of Change' (2018).

Darrell held many positions associated with the city's history and heritage. At various times he was Chair and President of the York Civic Trust, Chair of York Georgian Society and Governor of the Merchant Adventurers' Company. He was awarded the MBE for services to heritage in York.

York Museums Trust News

Yorkshire's Jurassic World Exhibition

has undergone some exciting upgrades to its Augmented and Virtual Reality experiences and reopened on 15 February.

Star Carr: Life after the ice Lecture Series

The next in the series of free lectures supporting the *Star Carr: Life after the ice* exhibition is coming up on Wednesday 5th March, when Dr Andy Needham of York University's Department of Archaeology will talk about "Mesolithic Art and Personal Ornamentation: insights from Star Carr and beyond". The talk will explore a collection of beads and pendants discovered at the Early Mesolithic site of Star Carr, including perforated animal teeth; drilled pieces of amber; shale beads and a unique engraved shale pendant (below), which constitutes the earliest Mesolithic engraving in Britain.

Venue: Tempest Anderson Hall, Yorkshire Museum

Times: 6-7pm

Admission: Free

Find out more at

<https://www.yorkmuseumtrust.org.uk/whats-on/events/mesolithic-art-and-personal-ornamentation-insights-from-star-carr-and-beyond/>



Supporting YMT

York Museums Trust, including the Yorkshire Museum, still relies on donations and if you would like to lend your support, this is the link:

<https://www.yorkmuseumtrust.org.uk/support-the-trust/donations/>

Darrell was an active member of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society for many years. He was the principal guest and speaker at the Society's annual dinner in 2012.

These few words can hardly do justice to someone who gave so much to the city and people of York. Darrell felt passionately about York's heritage. He opposed plans which he believed would diminish the city and supported those which would enhance it.

It was typical of Darrell's generosity that he included YPS in his will. We're very grateful to him and his family and our lecture on 11th March at 2.30pm, *The Railway Station: Two Centuries of Transformation*, by Bill Fawcett, who knew Darrell for many years and served with him on York City Council's Conservation Areas Advisory Panel, will be dedicated to the memory of Darrell Buttery.

YPS has benefited from gifts and bequests from the very earliest years to the present day. Some were given for specific purposes such as prizes: examples include the Malden Owen Engineering and Physics Awards and the Herman Ramm Memorial Award. Others had broader application, such as the Tempest Anderson bequest. Sometimes our donors have given the Council discretion to decide how their gifts and bequests should be used: recent examples include legacies from David Rowe and the one from Darrell Buttery.

YPS is very fortunate – very fortunate indeed.

David Harbourne

Sad News

We were very sorry to receive news of the death last November of Rita Wood, a long-standing member of the Society. Rita and her husband joined the YPS in 1995 and after Reverend Wood's death two years later she continued to be an enthusiastic supporter of our lectures and outings, which she sometimes combined with visits to Yorkshire churches she wanted to explore. She contributed several articles for our Annual Report and Newsletter, and when we sent out a call for extra items for our Covid lockdown newsletters, Rita responded with a full and fascinating study of George Fowler Jones, the architect of The Lodge, available on our website:

<https://www.ypsyork.org/resources/articles/the-architect-of-the-ymps-lodge/>

Six days before her death Rita was still emailing encouragement: "The latest lectures sound ever so specialised and must draw in a wide audience - so valuable for them". She will be missed.

News from the Activities Group

It has felt like a long winter and although at the time of writing it is still cold, at least the days are noticeably longer and the snowdrops and daffodils are visible above the ground. I am starting to look forward to Spring and getting out and about a bit more. During the Winter (with the exception of December when we were ousted by the pantomime audiences) we have continued our second Tuesday of the month lunchtime get togethers in the upstairs café area of the Theatre Royal.

On 5th December last year we held our annual dinner at the Novotel in York which is a venue convenient for most with ample parking. The food was delicious and the service good. We were treated to a fascinating talk from our guest speaker, Professor Sarah Brown who is director of York Glaziers' Trust.

In January we visited Locomotion at Shildon, a branch of the National Railway Museum, appropriately using train travel. We had a guided tour of the new purpose-built building housing 47 railway vehicles, making it the largest undercover collection in Europe. It is a museum much more geared towards adult visitors than our Railway Museum here in York.

On February 14th, 15 of us travelled, again mostly by train, to Knaresborough where James McKay, a local resident and geologist led a geology themed walk to see the interesting aspects of the area. After viewing the exterior of the castle we headed down to the riverside, walked along the gorge and saw the Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag. After lunch we visited the Courthouse Museum and Heritage Centre with its exhibition about Knaresborough's linen industry.

Future events planned:

We are looking forward to our first visit of the year using coach travel, to Saltaire, the Victorian Model village and World Heritage Site which now houses the Peace Museum. This will be on Thursday 13th March 2025 and details were included in the last newsletter. The event is fully booked and shows that although travel by coach is a lot more expensive than it once was, there is still an appetite for day trips out by coach.

Later on in March, on Friday 28th, we have a walk focusing on local history and geology. Led by Dr Liam Herringshaw from York's Hidden History, the walk is entitled "Historic Holgate and Ancient Acomb". We will meet outside the Fox pub in Holgate ready to set off at 1.45pm. The number 1, 1A, 5 and 5A buses from the city centre stop opposite the pub.

It will finish at the Acomb Explore library before 3.45pm so that we can purchase a rejuvenating tea or coffee at the library café. Buses back into town leave from the library (number 1) or nearby in Acomb (number 5). Booking details are included with this newsletter.

There are still some spaces available on the study tour of Hampshire on 15th to 18th May. It does sound as if it will be a most interesting trip. We will be based in a hotel in Winchester which has leisure facilities and a spa, and will see Chawton House, where Jane Austen was a frequent visitor, and Gilbert White's house and gardens. We will have free time to explore Winchester and will visit Kedleston Hall on the journey there and the National Memorial Arboretum on the way back to York. Details of this 4 day tour and how to book were included in the last newsletter and are available on the website.

In June, hopefully the weather will be sunny and warm for our afternoon tea and garden party. This will be held at the Medical Rooms on Friday 20th. Many of you will be familiar with this lovely building tucked away off Stonegate. There will be a short presentation, then we can sit outside to enjoy our sandwiches, cakes and drinks in the secluded garden if the weather is good. If not, there is plenty of space inside.

On September 4th, we will have another day trip out by coach to Quarry Bank Mill in Wilmslow, Cheshire. This is a National Trust property and is a huge cotton mill with some machinery still working. There are displays showing how different life was for the mill-owning Greg family and the local people they employed. The Greg family home and extensive gardens are also available to explore. You will find booking details with this newsletter.

I do hope to see you at one or more of these events. If you have any suggestions for places that you think our members would like to visit, do get in touch.

Rosemary Anderton

Important Notice—Insurance

The YPS accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury suffered while taking part in one of its trips or events. Participants are advised to take out appropriate travel insurance, which should include cancellation and accident cover. For full details please see <https://www.ypsyork.org/groups/social-group/yps-activities-booking-terms-conditions-2/> NB our insurers are no longer able to provide any cover for participants in our activities who are aged over 80.

Tour to Hampshire 15th to 18th May 2025

We are delighted to confirm that we now have enough participants for our tour to Hampshire to go ahead, but there are still places available. If you are interested in what promises to be a fascinating trip, please do let us know as soon as possible. The itinerary is as follows:

Day 1: York to Winchester

Journey south to our hotel in Scotney, Winchester, stopping to visit Kedleston Hall, designed by Robert Adam with opulent interiors for lavish entertaining.

Day 2: Jane Austen's Chawton/Curtis Museum

Travel to Alton for a visit to Chawton House followed by lunch. This house belonged to Jane Austen's brother, Edward, and she spent much time there while living in the bailiff's cottage nearby.

In the afternoon we visit the Curtis Museum, boasting one of the finest local history collections in Hampshire, including a rare enamel Roman Cup and an impressive, ornate Anglo-Saxon buckle.

Day 3: Gilbert White's House & Gardens/Winchester

Travel to Selborne for a visit to Gilbert White's House & Gardens, the former home of Gilbert White and later Robert Washington Oates, a book collector and fan of natural history. The museum commemorates both Gilbert White and the Oates family, including Lawrence 'Titus' Oates, a decorated soldier and member of Captain Scott's Antarctica Expedition. There will also be time to explore the lovely gardens before departing for nearby Winchester, where you can visit the ancient Cathedral, or the National Trust's centrally located Winchester City Mill.

Day 4: Winchester to York

Return to York via the National Memorial Arboretum, where we have an introductory tour.

Full details and booking forms are available at the Lodge or lecture reception table, or on the YPS website:

<https://www.ypsyork.org/events/yys-tour-to-hampshire/>



Chawton House

Visit to East Riddlesden Hall and the Brontë Parsonage

Members of YANT (York Association of the National Trust) have planned this visit by coach on Wednesday 21st May and are pleased to invite YPS members to join them. Booking form from the Lodge or chair@yant.org.uk or Catherine Brophy on York 499179.

East Riddlesden Hall (below) is a mid-17th century manor house with decorative details revealing its owners' support of the Royalist cause in the Civil War and with a surprising link to Gilbert and Sullivan. The Brontë Parsonage probably needs no introduction.



Trailblazers Project Local History Group

On 23rd January 1932 the *Daily Herald* carried a short report with the headline *PARENTS' JUNGLE BAN DEFIED: CROWD WATCHES GIRL LEAVE HOME*. With neighbours and reporters from national newspapers looking on, Miss Laura Beecroft had set off from her home in Riddlesden to fulfil her ambition of becoming a missionary. But what happened next? This is one of the questions being explored by our newly formed Local History Group.

Ahead of the Yorkshire Museum's bicentenary we hope to research aspects of Museum Gardens, St Mary's Abbey and the Museum itself, and look at some of the events and activities held there including Mystery Plays and the 1971 York 1900 Pageant. We would also like to record memories of these as an Oral History project. However, research topics are not limited to the Museum, York or even Yorkshire. Our aim is to develop our research skills and knowledge in a friendly and encouraging environment, assisted by plenty of tea and cake. Anyone who is interested in local history is welcome to join us and suggest their own research topics.

By the time this newsletter goes out we will have held our fourth meeting on 25th February. The next will be on 25th March at 2.15pm in York Explore, so if you would like to come along, please email cafesci@ypsyork.org or phone me on York 499179 to reserve your place and so we have enough tea and cake. And if you know what happened to Miss Beecroft, do get in touch!

Catherine Brophy, Project Lead

YPS Members' monthly lunch

Do join us throughout the year for our drop-in monthly lunches upstairs in the Circle Bar at the Theatre Royal from 12.00pm onwards (order your food and drink in the downstairs café). Come along on any of the dates below; no need to book. New members are particularly welcome.

- ◆ Tuesday 11th March
- ◆ Tuesday 8th April
- ◆ Tuesday 13th May
- ◆ Tuesday 10th June

and every second Tuesday in the month until December when we have to make way for pantomime season at the Theatre.

Railway 200

This is a programme celebrating the birth of the modern railway 200 years ago with the Stockton and Darlington, and looking at the past, present and future of rail. We are supporting this project with some linked events in the Lecture/Café Scientifique programme throughout the year.

Members may also like to vote for their favourite railway artwork. The result of the ballot will be announced on June 9th, George Stephenson's birthday.

<https://artuk.org/discover/stories/vote-for-your-favourite-uk-railway-artwork-to-celebrate-200-years-of-the-modern-railway>



Lecture Programme follow up

Professor Pietro Valdastri mentioned a good summary of recent medical robotic research and it can be read here:

<https://www.science.org/doi/full/10.1126/scirobotics.abi8017>

Further to Adam Parker's lecture on *Displaying the Mesolithic – 'Star Carr: Life after the ice' at the Yorkshire Museum* there is a website including a *FutureLearn* course on Star Carr here:

<http://www.starcarr.com/index.html>

Notes from the Geology Group

1 Online material for self-guided trips. Sheriff Hutton

There is a lot to see at Sheriff Hutton: a range of local Jurassic building stones at the Church and the Castle. Quarries at Mowthorpe. Landscape of The Glebe by the Church. View of the site of an ancient lake from the East end of the churchyard towards Mowthorpe Dale. Walk from Sheriff Hutton to High Stittenham and on to Mowthorpe Hill.

<https://drive.google.com/filed/10wwGkZhlPFaqTjg3bMrxJPaLX9HpPG0P/view>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11GHgyDK-BDF09i9A5in6XyETmAMWqZrA/view>

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1149591?section=official-list-entry>

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1019593?section=official-list-entry>

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1017484?section=official-list-entry>

<https://www.sheriffhutton.co.uk/the-glebe>

2 Women and Men in Geology: Edward Drinker Cope and Othniel Charles Marsh

The two men were at the heart of the gilded age of fossil collecting in America in the second half of the 19th Century. Cooperation turned to competition, but the finds changed the world.

<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Geoscientist/Archive/April-2020/Feature-2>

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230119-the-dinosaur-feud-at-the-heart-of-palaeontology>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bone_Wars

3 Study and Resources:

The "greenest" hydrogen is White Hydrogen! This is already being produced by natural geochemical processes. This involves the weathering of basic igneous rocks.

<https://earthlogs.org/2024/12/19/global-natural-hydrogen-resources-a-co2-free-future/>

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained/hydrogen-colour-spectrum>

The article that led to inclusion of Cope and Marsh in #2. Economist article on The Triassic. You can register with The Economist for free to obtain this and selected published articles.

<https://www.economist.com/christmas-specials/2024/12/19/of-all-the-geological-periods-the-triassic-was-the-most-fabulous>

And a talk from Mike Benton: **Extinctions: How Life Survives, Adapts and Evolves**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BURBvtF3ohg&ab_channel=TeacherInstituteforEvolutionaryScience

4 Real Trips & Events outside:

YPS has several events in the pipeline with dates to be confirmed. Look out for further details of:

- A trip to Forge Valley & Wykeham in late September
- A joint YPS/YGS trip to Thornton Abbey and the Gatehouse

We do have dates for:

Historic Holgate and Ancient Acomb Walk on Friday 28th March *See flyer enclosed*

John & Anne Phillips Lecture on Tuesday 22nd July *Details to follow*

Women in Geology—A joint YPS & YGS Symposium in the Tempest Anderson Hall, Yorkshire Museum, on Saturday 15th November *Details in a future newsletter*

Liam Herringshaw is offering a **Family Fossil Hunt at Cayton Bay**. Sunday 30th March.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom/yorkshire-fossils/?page=1&hash=3a5ec668839f0ed849f0919429de142f>

5 Our UK Geopark of the Month: North West Highlands.

Maybe not the best time of year to enjoy the mountains and beaches of the area but...

The Moine Thrust at Knockan Crag and Arnaboll, igneous rocks, marble and Ice Age nunataks:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prt-tU-AzCo&ab_channel=LauraHamlet

<https://nwhgeopark.com/>

<https://nwhgeopark.com/exploring/local-guides/>
<https://www.bgs.ac.uk/discovering-geology/maps-and-resources/office-geology/the-north-west-highlands/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTKLVGDOnow&t=4s&ab_channel=RobButler

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6 Books and Mags:

Down to Earth Extra for February 2025. Click on 'Download' if necessary. https://mcusercontent.com/5e1ddb80db2745d7dda6fef1b/files/4a84d48d-7631-8b89-3482-41eafc259ee6/DtoE_extra_February_2025.pdf

Rocks at the Edge of Empire. Ian Jackson. The book is an introduction to the way geology influenced the Roman occupation of the most northerly part of Hadrian's domain in 50 places.

<https://www.northern-heritage.co.uk/product/rocks-at-the-edge-of-empire>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wNFwOrdgZg&ab_channel=IanJackson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wNFwOrdgZg&ab_channel=IanJackson

Yorkshire's Amazing Dinosaur Coast. Roger Osbourne. New publication, illustrated James McKay

<https://hightidepublishing.co.uk/product/yorkshires-amazing-dinosaur-coast/>

Remember that previous monthly notes since August 2020 are available on the YPS Website, under Groups, Geology Group.

<https://www.ypsyork.org/groups/geology-group/>

Paul Thornley

Congratulations

to Cody Brown, winner of our Charles Wellbeloved Award for 2024 for his dissertation *Beneath the Surface: An Analysis of Geophysical Methodologies in North Yorkshire*. We weren't able to make our usual presentation last November, but did catch up with Cody at our lecture on 28th January when our speaker Adam Parker kindly presented the certificate (below). Unfortunately our Herman Ramm Award winner, Jacob Lyons, wasn't able to be with us. An abstract of his dissertation entitled *Teaching at the Trowel's Edge: Public outreach and engagement in archaeological field schools* can be found on our website: <https://www.ypsyork.org/about-yps/awards-and-grants/herman-ramm-memorial-award/>



The Museum of The Horse



The first regular Stage Coach from London to York in 1706 claimed it could do the journey in 5 to 6 days, God willing. In fact, it took up to 12 days in bad weather! It travelled along the Old Great North Road and stopped at Tuxford. Today, the Georgian coaching inn and posting house in Tuxford houses an original mail coach, and the Museum of the Horse. The car park is huge because it was necessary to have room for at least 100 horses which were needed to keep the coaches and travellers going.

Opened in 2014, the Museum of the Horse represents the history of us all. The splendid collection reflects this. The horse powered the world in industry, agriculture, war and transport up until the end of WWI. It is only in the last hundred years that the horse has been left behind. This growing assortment assembled by Sally Mitchell, an art historian with a keen interest in anything equine, conserves the many utilitarian artifacts from these now forgotten days.



18th century Horn Lanterns

There are nine rooms with a huge variety of objects. The museum will interest anyone, whether they are horsey or not. Historians will find artefacts dating from 600 BC to the current day, including a Roman horseshoe. Some of the early veterinary tools on show are quite alarming, as are the WWI horse gas masks. The military room has, among other things, a fully dressed WWI war horse.

Anyone interested in costume is in for a treat, as there are exhibits from all over the world. There is a

section with early side saddle habits, and another with Cowboy garb. The colourful silks worn by racing jockeys are also on display. The bright scarlet, mail coach guard's coat is spectacular – in spite of the missing buttons! The beautiful Hussar's boots that influenced the dress of the Regency Dandy are also displayed.

The harness spans the years and the type of work a horse can do. There are many different saddles, including side-saddles, and a huge range of bits. The harness for pit-ponies is very different from that used by heavy horses in the farmers' fields. A true piece of social history.

The story behind these things makes them much more interesting. There is a King's Premium plate which was first established after the Boer War to encourage people to breed horses because of the great shortage after the war. This evolved into the Hunter's Improvement Society, again because of the shortage after WW1, and with the changing times has finally become the Sport Horse Breeding Society now to encourage international trade in competition horses.



King's Premium Stallion Plate

The pièce de resistance of the museum is perhaps the original mail coach. It is extraordinary to learn how many of our English phrases originated from the coaching days!

The museum is just a minute away from the A1 and very easy to find. It is open Monday - Friday 9.30am – 4.00pm, Saturday 9.30am – 1.30pm. But do phone before travelling a long way just to check, 01777 838234 or email curator@museumofthehorse.co.uk. Entry is free but donations are welcome and help to run the museum.

There is a good café in the museum courtyard and one of the oldest Saxon churches in England is just two miles away.

Sally Osgerby

The Yorkshire Gardens Trust

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society and the Yorkshire Gardens Trust have been institutional members of each other's groups for many years and have held several joint lectures and book launches together. Part of a national network of gardens trusts, the YGT exists to preserve and conserve Yorkshire's historic gardens and designed landscapes and its activities include research, advice, support for students and grants for gardens, as well as a programme of events for its members.

Lynn Watkinson of the Yorkshire Gardens Trust updates us on current activities:

By the time you receive this the Yorkshire Gardens Trust events will be underway with a Snowdrop visit to Tudor Croft in Guisborough. This year sees a range of visits, to both rural and urban gardens, across all parts of the county from Scarborough to Sheffield to Skipton. There are two summer social events with this year's Mid-summer Picnic in June at Skipwith Hall and the Summer Evening Party in July at the Helmsley Walled Garden. The programme ends in September with a trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

Most events are open to non-members so if you would enjoy an informative day in a Yorkshire garden, head over to the Yorkshire Gardens Trust website <https://www.yorkshiregardenstrust.org.uk/events> to see the programme and reports on previous visits. All events are on sale through Eventbrite and you would be most welcome.



The Research and Recording group have also been busy with three newly completed site reports uploaded to the website on the designed landscapes of Kippax Park, Clifton Castle and Kirby Hall, Little Ouseburn. Many more are in the pipeline and they are always a very interesting read.

The Schools' group is always very active and now has 111 primary schools signed up so if you know of a school in your area of Yorkshire that may be interested, please point them in the direction of the YGT website to see what gifts and offers they could benefit from by joining up. Membership is free and designed to help primary schools in their garden-based activities and encourage the next generation of gardeners and landscape designers.

Don't forget to take a stroll around the Museum Gardens where signs of spring are abundant. Snowdrops have already been out for some time and, from the number of shoots emerging in beds and borders, a magnificent display of spring bulbs is promised.



News from Bedern Hall

Winter/Spring opening

February opening

In previous years, Bedern Hall, the little medieval building tucked behind Goodramgate, has been closed to the public between Christmas and the start of Spring. This year, by popular demand, the Cafe and Hall is open every Thursday and Friday in February from 11am to 3.30pm.

March opening

From March the Cafe and Hall will resume the regular Wednesday, Thursday and Friday opening pattern.

A Slice of History

Bedern will also be offering a number of afternoon heritage talks:

Friday 28th March at 2pm.

Discover York's Transformations: The City Enhancement Fund in Action with Nick Bielby

Tickets are £8 to include coffee/tea and a slice of cake

Future date for talk:

25th April at 2pm

<https://www.bedernhall.co.uk/>

... and from The Rowntree Society

who are delighted to announce that their **Joseph Rowntree Centenary** website is now live. 2025 marks 100 years since the passing of Joseph Rowntree, the visionary York businessman and social reformer. While best known for the Rowntree confectionery company, his legacy also lies in his pioneering work in workers' welfare, ethical business practices, and social change. To find out more about him and centenary events visit:

<https://www.rowntreesociety.org.uk/joseph-rowntree-centenary/>

Help still needed ...

We are still in need of volunteers to help at our **lecture reception desk**, particularly when there are membership cards etc to give out. Please help us to reduce the queue!

And we are still searching for an **Honorary Secretary**. Are you well organised and computer literate? Do you enjoy being part of a "team"? Would you like to "do your bit" for the Society? Please contact Frances at the Lodge to find out what's involved.

STOP PRESS

Café Scientifique

From March to June we will have four sessions at four different venues and we will be canvassing views as to the best venue to book for the autumn sessions. Details are in the programme but just to let you know that we are testing out again The Basement at City Screen for our May 7th presentation by archaeologist (and past winner of both our Charles Wellbeloved and Herman Ramm Awards) Yannick Signer.

The March 19th Café Scientifique will be at Micklegate Social as before. On June 10th we have a Café in "The Auditorium" at Bootham School as part of York Festival of Ideas, and then on June 16th we are hosting a roadshow and debate on "Electronic Propulsion" at York St John with research students from the University of Newcastle. We are grateful to Bootham School and York St John for support for these two last two events.

Subscriptions

Thank you to all members who have renewed subscriptions promptly. Your memberships cards are enclosed with this newsletter. If you're receiving this by email, your cards are available for collection from the Lodge or at a lecture, or can be posted to you if necessary.

If you have not yet got around to renewing, a reminder with form is enclosed or attached.

And if your subscription is paid by Standing Order but you haven't changed it to our new rate, you'll find a form with this to make the change for next year. (Please remember that, unlike Direct Debits, Standing Order amounts can only be changed by the account holder and not by the YPS.) We would be most grateful if you could also top up this year's shortfall.

Please contact Frances at the Lodge (01904 656713 or info@ypsyyork.org) with any questions.

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@ypsyyork.org) to whom all safeguarding concerns should be addressed.

PRIVACY

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society (YPS) holds members' names and addresses and, where supplied, telephone numbers and email addresses. This personal information is used for sending out details of our activities. The information remains confidential and is retained within the Society. Members may have access to their personal information on request by contacting the Clerk at info@ypsyyork.org

Diary

Important Note: Please check the following times, dates and venues carefully, in particular our lectures in the Tempest Anderson Hall and our Café Scientifique talks, 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

Unless otherwise stated, the venue for YPS lectures is the Tempest Anderson Hall, Yorkshire Museum.

**Tue 11 Mar, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members' Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal**

**Tue 11 Mar, 2.30pm - YPS Lecture
The Railway Station: Two Centuries of Transformation**
Dr Bill Fawcett, author

**Thur 13 Mar — YPS Visit
Saltaire Village & Salt's Mill**
Now fully booked

Wed 19 Mar, 7.30pm – Café Sci
Venue: The Den at Micklegate Social, 148-150 Micklegate, York
Fifty Years Behind the Scenes: Digitising the Archives of York Archaeology
Ellie Drew, York Archaeology Collections and Archives Officer

**Tue 25 Mar, 2.30pm – YPS Event
History, Tea & Cake** *See page 4*

**Tue 25 Mar, 7.00pm - YPS Lecture
Is Healthcare AI Safe?**
Dr Mark Nicholson, University of York

Wed 26 Mar, 7.30pm - YPS Lecture
This lecture is on Zoom. Invitations will be sent to our emailing list two days beforehand.
Ethelburga: the life and after-life of a Princess of Kent and Queen of Northumbria in a newly Christian Age
Rob Baldwin

**Fri 28 Mar – YPS Visit
Historic Holgate and Ancient Acomb Walk**
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**Tue 8 Apr, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members' Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal**

Lodge Opening Times

Tuesday & Thursday, 11.00am to 4.00pm

NB Please do telephone first to make sure Frances is there before making a special journey.

The Lodge will be closed during week beginning 17th March for Frances' holiday. Reopens on Tuesday 25th March.



**Tue 8 Apr, 2.30pm - YPS Lecture
A 'Druid's Temple' between Ingleborough and Ribbleshead: the Sleights Pasture prehistoric monument complex**
Yvonne Luke, Ingleborough Archaeology Group

**Tue 6 May, 7.00pm - YPS Lecture
What are Sustainable Drainage Solutions (SuDS) and their environmental benefits for cities like York?**
Kevin Smalley BSc (Hons) MIET & Joe Hodgkinson, Galliford Try

Wed 7 May, 7.30pm – Café Sci
Venue: The Basement at City Screen, Coney St, York
Potting Landscapes: pottery production in 11th-13th century Yorkshire
Yannick Signer, University of York

**Tue 13 May, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members' Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal**

**15th to 18th May – YPS Study Tour
Visit to Hampshire**
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**Tue 20 May, 7.00pm - YPS Lecture
Antimicrobial Research – title to be confirmed**
Professor Jessica Blair, University of Birmingham

**Wed 21 May – YANT Visit
East Riddlesden Hall & the Brontë Parsonage**
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**Tue 3 Jun, 7.00pm - YPS Lecture
Bacteriophages; the good viruses**
Professor Martha Clokie, University of Leicester
A York Festival of Ideas event

**Tue 10 Jun, 12 noon - YPS Social Event
Members' Monthly Lunch at York Theatre Royal**

Tue 10 Jun, 7.00pm - Café Sci
Venue: The Auditorium, Bootham School
So bracing: a potted history of the railway poster
Roger Backhouse
A York Festival of Ideas and Railway 200 event

Wed 11 Jun
A joint lecture with Friends of York Archaeology for their 50th anniversary *Details to follow*

**Fri 20 Jun, 2.30pm – YPS Social Event
Garden Party at York Medical Rooms**
See flyer enclosed

**Tue 24 Jun, 6.30pm AGM followed by 7.00pm - YPS Lecture
Crawling to an understanding of early events in Parkinson's**
Professor Sean Sweeney, University of York

**Mon 11 Aug – YPS Visit
Tour of York Minster Precinct**
Details in the next newsletter

**Thur 4 Sept – YPS Visit
Quarry Bank Mill**
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