



The Yorkshire Philosophical Society Annual Dinner 2026

*It is our great pleasure to invite you to our Annual Dinner
on Wednesday 2nd December 2026
at The Novotel York Centre, Fishergate, York YO10 4FD*

The YPS Annual Dinner is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and meet members of YPS Council in a relaxed and welcoming environment with good food and conversation.

We are delighted to announce that our guest of honour will be Professor Karen Bryan OBE, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of York St John. Karen joined York St John in April 2020 (just in time for the pandemic!). She originally qualified as a speech and language therapist at the University of Newcastle and her research interests are in communication difficulties in young offenders and forensic populations. The evening will also include a short Chair's reflection on our activities and achievements over the past year.

We do hope you can join us in December.

Kind regards,
David Harbourne (Chair)

RSVP by Friday 30th October

We are grateful to Crombie Wilkinson for kindly sponsoring this event for a second year.

Format of the Evening

Dress code

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

Programme

Members are welcomed from 6.30pm. Drinks will be available for purchase from the lobby bar.

Dinner will be served at 7.00pm. A seating plan will be placed near the entrance to the room. Further drinks may be purchased and water will be on each 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 give a brief address and will introduce our guest speaker.

Proceedings will end at approximately 10.30pm.

About The Novotel York Centre

The Novotel York Centre, Fishergate, York YO10 4FD 01904 611660

The hotel has its own car park which we can use without charge. (Please ask at the reception desk for a code to operate the barrier.) Disabled access is good, with automatic doors and everything on a level. Disabled parking is directly outside.

Especially for those with an interest in engineering, the Foss barrier is visible from the hotel.

Please telephone 01904 656713 or email info@ypsyork.org for further information or particular requirements.

Dorothy Nott (Organizer)

Menu

Starters

- S1. Trio of Seafood Platter: smoked salmon & dill crostini, garlic shrimp crostini with avocado, prawn cocktail baby gem cups
- S2. Roasted Butternut Squash & Chestnut Soup served with sage oil, toasted pumpkin seeds & warm sourdough bread slice (V / GF)
- S3. Duck Liver Parfait served with spiced cranberry chutney, brioche toast & winter leaves (GF)

Main Course

- M1. Roast Turkey Ballotine stuffed with sage & onion, served with all the trimmings
- M2. Baked Lemon Garlic Butter Salmon served with roasted asparagus, tender stem broccoli & Hasselback potatoes with lemon garlic butter (GF)
- M3. Ricotta & Spinach Ravioli with roasted veggie sauce, finished with Parmesan cheese & roasted walnuts (V)

Desserts

- D1. Novotel Trio: a helping of red velvet cake and a caramel chocolate mousse served with Lotus Biscoff, alongside a shot of Tia Maria Liqueur (V)
 - D2. Yorkshire Artisan Cheese Selection served with chutney, crackers, celery and grapes (V / GF)
 - D3. Traditional Christmas Pudding, crème anglaise and rum soaked cherries (V)
 - D4. Vegan Banoffee Cheesecake, served with rich caramel sauce (V)
- Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies to follow

V – Vegetarian

GF - this dish can be adjusted to suit a gluten free diet but please advise your event planner when booking.

How to book

The cost per person is £38 (not including drinks).

Please help us by booking via our new Membermojo system at <https://membermojo.co.uk/ypsyork/store> You will be asked to enter your email address and will then be sent a link to log into our Membermojo store page where you can make payment using a card. You will be sent instructions on how to send us your menu choices.

Alternatively, you are welcome to book using the form below and send your payment by cheque (payable to Yorkshire Philosophical Society), or pay in person at the Lodge in cash or by card, or by using the Payments link on our website homepage (www.ypsyork.org).



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Please complete and return to: The Clerk, Yorkshire Philosophical Society, The Lodge, Museum Gardens, York, YO1 7DR / info@ypsyork.org

Name _____ Starter / Main / Dessert

1) S / M / D

2) S / M / D

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

Special dietary needs

Tel Email

Acknowledgement will be by email. If a postal acknowledgement is needed, please provide a stamped addressed envelope.

Please book by Friday 30th October

As the hotel requires payment in advance, we regret that refunds for cancellations after the booking deadline cannot be guaranteed.