



# York Civic Trust Events

*Promoting Heritage—Shaping Tomorrow*

*March — August 2019*

*Welcome to the first part of the programme for 2019. We hope you continue to enjoy the events while learning about the city. Members have the option to book online via our website, by phone or by post.*

**Saturday 23 March**  
**10am - 12.30pm**  
**Members' Coffee Morning Social**



Our traditional start-of-the-season coffee morning will be held as usual at Knavesmire Lodge, home to past YCT President, Darrell Buttery. It is always a good opportunity to meet fellow members over refreshments.

A variety of antique items and furniture will be on sale in aid of the restoration of St. Lawrence's Church, York.

*Meet at Knavesmire Lodge, 304 Tadcaster Road, York YO24 1HE. The house is well served by local buses. Numbers 4,12,13,13A and 843 from town stop at Chalfonts, nearly opposite. Parking for the house is recommended down Nelson's Lane.*

**Cost: £5** **60 tickets**

**Tuesday 26 March**  
**10am - 12.30pm**  
**Nestle Facility Visit**



Nestle is York's largest private employer with more than 2000 employees. At a time when multinationals are so much under the microscope we are pleased that Nestle (once Rowntree Mackintosh) have agreed for us to visit their facility.

Today their Haxby Road site is home to Nestlé's UK confectionery business, a number of head office functions and to Nestlé's global Product Technology Centre for Confectionery.

Join us for presentations on the site history, the Research and Development Centre, as well as a mezzanine tour of KitKat in working production.

*Meet at Nestle York Reception, Haxby Road, YO30 6HQ. Car parking available.*

**Cost: £12** **28 tickets**

**Monday 1 April**  
**6pm - 8pm**  
**Magistrates' Court Tour**



Visit and tour York's striking Magistrates' Court, purpose-built and opened on Clifford Street to great acclaim in 1892. Led by magistrate and Trust volunteer Margaret Scott, admire the grand court rooms and inspect the less grand "retiring rooms" and behind-the-scenes spaces. Hear something of how the courts have worked in the past and how they have adapted to the twenty first century.

Note: there are steps and no lifts, and there may be some security measures. Court staff will open the front doors at 6pm, so please be prompt.

*Meet outside the main entrance, Clifford Street, YO1 9RE*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Tuesday 2 April, 2pm - 4pm, St Denys Church Tour**



The church of St. Denys, Walmgate, is first recorded in about 1160 but is built on the foundations of two earlier structures, an Anglo-Saxon church and a Roman building. Under the patronage of the Percy family, Earls of Northumberland, the church reached its peak of size and splendour in the late mediaeval period. Much of its famous collection of stained glass dates from that time. Later it suffered troubles and calamities, was reduced in size, and substantially remodelled in 1846-7. The endangered north aisle was restored in 2017-18, financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund and other generous donors. We will be guided around the church by the church warden, Dr Charles Kightly.

*Meet at the church entrance, YO1 9QD.*

**Cost: £10** **22 tickets**

**Thursday 4 April  
10am - 11.15am  
York Castle Gateway  
Walking Tour**



The area around the former York Castle is the most prominent public space in England's second city, and has been badly used and under-developed for three generations since the Victorian prison and castle walls were demolished.

The City of York Council is trying to remedy this by consulting all interested parties, and commissioning a Master Plan for the area. Early actions are already under way, such as the displacement of the Clifford's Tower car park to a new location in St George's Fields.

We will hear from Andy Kerr, Project Manager, on the challenges facing the Master Plan and its implementation, and will then visit places of current interest in the area.

*Meet at Friends' Meeting House, Lower Friargate, York YO1 9RL at 10am, and be prepared for a walking tour lasting about an hour.*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Thursday 18 April  
9.15am - 10.45am  
Allerton Waste Recovery Centre  
*Come and see what happens to your  
black bin bags!***



Allerton Waste Recovery Park, operated by Amey, has been open since March 2018 and processes up to 320,000 tonnes of waste per year from York and North Yorkshire households. It turns our waste into resources by using state-of-the-art technologies: a mechanical treatment plant for separating out material for recycling; an anaerobic digestion plant producing a biogas which generates electricity; and an energy-from-waste plant burning the remaining waste and producing more electricity.

This is a working site visit: please wear sensible clothing with stout footwear and no exposed arms or legs. The tour is about 1 km long and involves 30 metal steps.

*Meet in the car park at Allerton Waste Recovery Park, off the A168 between junctions 47 and 48 of the A1(M), Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 0SD. If you need transport, please contact the Civic Trust office.*

**Cost: £10** **15 tickets**

**Monday 29 April  
6.15pm - 7.45pm  
'In Sickness And In Health'  
The story of medical care in York**



Now retired from medicine, Dr. Neil Moran is a Voluntary Guide for the city and leads courses on the history of York.

This is an illustrated talk about the history of medical care in York from the Romans to the present day.

The lecture will describe people, places and systems that have provided health care in our city through the centuries.

At the end of the talk there will be an opportunity to view the Medical Society Rooms, which were the home of Dr. Tempest Anderson.

*Lecture venue: York Medical Society, Stonegate, YO1 8AW*

**Cost: £10** **60 tickets**

**Thursday 9 May, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Tangerine Confectionery Factory**



The former Craven's confectionery site on Low Poppleton Lane has been producing sweets since 1966 including toffee, fudge and chocolate treats as well as a range of traditional boiled sweets such as the classic, striped mint humbug.

The Craven family, and particularly the formidable Mary Ann Craven, ran their factory in Coppergate (above the Jorvik exhibition) from the 1850s before moving to Low Poppleton Lane in 1966. Tangerine Confectionery is the successor of Cravens and a visit to the factory will give us an insight into a fascinating and important part of the current economic life of York.

*Meet in the Tangerine car park inside the factory gates at Low Poppleton Lane, York, YO26 2JS (if coming by car approach by Millfield Lane, from the A1297 bypass next to the Honda garage). The number 10 bus (every 30 minutes from Piccadilly) passes very close to the factory on Low Poppleton Lane.*

**Cost: £10** **15 tickets**

**Tuesday 9 April, 6.15pm - 7.45pm  
Famous people of North Street and  
Skeldergate**

This year Darrell Buttery concentrates on North Street and Skeldergate in his 'famous people' walking tours. Whilst backwaters now and little visited, this has not always been the case. With access to the river both streets saw much activity in earlier centuries and some grand houses were built, including John Carr's own.

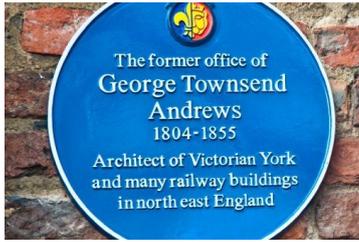


Some good buildings still survive but much was demolished after the war. However, not surprisingly some famous names are associated with this area and the church of All Saints, North Street, is one of the finest in the city.

*Meet in All Saints Church, North Street, YO1 6JD*

**Cost: £10** **30 tickets**

**Wednesday 15 May**  
**6.30pm - 8pm**  
**The stories behind**  
**York's Blue Plaques**



York Civic Trust is responsible for the selection, approval and manufacture of blue plaques which are awarded to noteworthy individuals and institutions who have made major contributions to the City's life and reputation. Buff Reid leads a walk around some of those in the central area of York, explaining the significance and most surprising stories behind some of the houses and shop fronts.

*Meet at: Fairfax House front entrance, YO1 9RN. The walk will end at Exhibition Square.*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Tuesday 21 May at 2pm**  
**Wednesday 22 May at 5pm**  
**Herbert House**



This fine medieval house was the first restoration of a building at risk, by JB and Cuthbert Morrell in 1946.

Today, the York Conservation Trust, founded by the brothers, is carrying out a major refurbishment of the building and members of the Civic Trust have privileged access to see the whole of the building before the work commences. The 1 hour hard hat tours are led by Guy Bower, the Conservation architect in charge of the project. The building has an illustrious history, Sir Thomas Herbert was born there in 1606, but in 1639, the then occupant, Roger Jaques, entertained Charles I when in York.

*Assemble by Lady Peckitt's Yard, Pavement, YO1 9UP*

**Cost: £10** **20 tickets per event**

**Friday 7 June**  
**6.15pm - 7.45pm**  
**Askham Bog Walking Tour**



Askham Bog, one of the most important nature reserves in northern England, is administered by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. The Trust was established to take ownership of the site in 1946 as a gift from Sir Francis Terry and Arnold Rowntree, and the staff and pupils of Bootham School played a significant part in development. We will look at the history of the bog since the last ice-age, and at the birds and plants that live there now. The visit will be led by Sir John Lawton, Vice President of the RSPB and President of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

*Askham Bog lies just over two miles SW of the Minster, well within the city boundary, just to the north of the A64. YO23 3QX.*

**Cost: £12** **18 tickets**  
 (includes a donation to the Wildlife Trust)

**Thursday 13 June**  
**7.30pm - 9.15pm**  
**Bomb Happy D-Day 75**  
**Special YCT Exclusive Performance**



*Bomb Happy* is a play which evocatively brings to life the verbatim memories of the last five York Normandy Veterans who, as young lads from York, Leeds, Sheffield and London, find themselves part of one of the most important military operations in World War Two.

Told in their own words, *Bomb Happy* follows each Veteran's unique journey from D-Day to VE Day highlighting the lifelong impact of post traumatic stress disorder. **Meet the Veterans** - a unique opportunity to meet York's remaining D-Day Veterans, including one or two of the real men behind the stories!

*Venue: York Army Museum, Tower Street, YO1 9SB*

**Cost: £13** **50 tickets**

**Wednesday 19 June 2019**  
**6.15pm - 8.15pm**  
**Primary Schools' Public Speaking**  
**Competition**



One of the ways we encourage our young people to take an interest in the heritage of York is to organise a public speaking competition. We anticipate that around 10 schools will wish to compete. We do hope members will join us to support the schools and their teams of speakers for what is always a surprising and enjoyable evening.

*Meet at the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, Fossgate, YO1 9XD*

**Cost: FREE** **50 tickets**

**Saturday 22 June 2019**  
**10am - 12 noon**  
**Best of York Design Awards**  
**Walking Tour**



It is 12 years since Janet Hopton, the then Lord Mayor and Civic Trust Board member, launched the York Design Awards, a scheme designed to encourage excellence in architectural design and conservation, in and around the City of York.

Peter Brown, former Civic Trust Director, has selected a range of winners, including some hidden gems, for us to visit on this walking tour around the city centre.

Participants must be able to walk and stand comfortably for up to two hours.

*We start at Peasholme Green, outside the HISCOX building, YO1 7PR*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Tuesday 25 June**  
**6.30pm - 8.00pm**  
**YCCC**  
**AGM & Lecture**

Lecture details to be confirmed via email or on our website

**Monday 1 July 2019**  
**6.30pm - 8.30pm**  
**City Enhancement Projects**  
**Rigg Monument & Lawrence St.**



Nick Beilby, YCT Volunteer Project Manager, gives an enthusiastic and fascinating insight into some of the restoration projects he has worked on during the last 3 years.

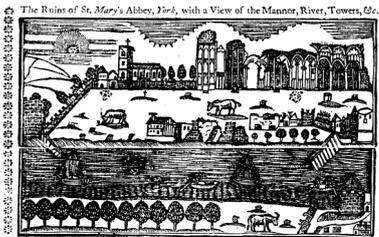
The Rigg Monument - a look behind the scenes at the restoration and conservation of one of the City's best kept secrets, plus other projects in the area including the tower and churchyard restoration.

A tour of St Lawrence Church is included, followed by refreshments and cakes.

*Meet at St Lawrence Churchyard, Lawrence Street, YO10 3BW*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Wednesday 10 July**  
**2.15pm - 3.45pm**  
**'The most fortunate situation'**  
**History of Museum Gardens**



The area we now know as the Museum Gardens has been occupied by the Roman army, the Northumbrian Earls, the Normans, Benedictine monks, Henry VIII, (the real) Lord Grantham, the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, and CYC – among others.

On this walk we will also hear stories about the Garden's creators, the effects of wars, pistol shootings, riots, adulterous happenings and dangerous animals. Walk leader, Dr. Peter Hogarth is a co-author of the new history of Museum Gardens "The most fortunate situation" published by the Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

*Meet Lendal entrance to Museum Gardens, YO1 7FR*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Monday 15 July**  
**6.30pm - 8.30pm**  
**A Magical Mystery Tour**  
**Of City Enhancement Projects**



Nick Beilby, will lead a walking tour focusing on some of the 150+ conservation and restoration projects he has delivered during the last 3 years.

Learn about the history, heritage, planning and preparation involved in the projects. We will visit statues, fountains and buildings that form a significant part of the Trust's City Enhancement Projects.

*Meet under the gateway to the Memorial Gardens, Leeman Road, YO1 6FZ*

**Cost: £10** **25 tickets**

**Wednesday 17 July**  
**9.45am - 1pm**  
**York Archaeological Trust**  
**Resource Centre Visit**



York Archaeological Trust opens the doors to its facility on Huntington Road to showcase its collection of finds from over 2,000 years of the City's history. From roof tiles to Viking combs and Victorian dolls, there are many stories that these objects can tell us about the people in York over the centuries.

Visitors will be taken on a "Behind the Scenes" guided tour of the building by members of the curatorial and archive teams, giving attendees a rare and detailed look into the processes of archaeological conservation and the stories the artefacts can tell us.

*Meet at 421 Huntington Road, York, YO31 9HT. Use 5, 5A or 13 bus or (limited) off-site parking*

**Cost: £12** **30 tickets**

**Saturday 3 August**  
**at 12 noon**  
**Members' Summer Lunch**



This is one of the highlights of the year. Members meet to have a delicious lunch in a charming nineteenth century setting, the home of our Past President Darrell Buttery. They also hear about the Trust's current plans and work and have a chance to express their own views. The meeting comes first, after which drinks are served at 12.50pm and lunch served at about 1.15pm.

*Meet at Knavesmire Lodge, 304 Tadcaster Road, YO24 1HE*

**Cost: £20** **45 tickets**

**Wednesday 14 August**  
**12.30pm - 6.30pm**  
**Wentworth Woodhouse**  
**Private tour by coach**



Following Peter Brown's fascinating lecture on Wentworth Woodhouse and its eighteenth-century contents, we are taking the bold step of leaving York and arranging a private visit to the house. Peter has kindly agreed to accompany the group so we shall have the benefit of his knowledge and recent research findings to enlighten us. We shall travel by coach in a group of up to 40 for an early afternoon tour of the splendid state rooms. There is also a possibility of viewing some of the work in progress on the major restoration which is currently underway. There will then be a full afternoon tea provided in the newly refurbished tearoom. We also hope to have access to the magnificent Rockingham Monument by John Carr in the grounds. Return to York will be in the early evening. Please wear stout footwear suitable for outdoor walking. **Early booking recommended for this very special event.**

*Coach departs from Memorial Gardens, Leeman Road, YO1 6FZ at 12.30pm prompt.*

**Cost: £56 includes coach travel, entrance charges and afternoon tea.** **40 tickets**