

# Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies



**YHACS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch**  
**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**  
**Principal Hotel, York**



York Civic Trust

17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Colleague,

It all seems such a long time ago but, back in November 1999, a new organisation was created to act as a focal point for civic societies across the region. YHASA, as we were then known, was established to support the civic movement across Yorkshire and the Humber and to act as a bridge between the regional and national movement under the auspices of The Civic Trust. Our first chair was Dr Kevin Grady who in turn was succeeded by Peter Cooper who held the position until I took over in January 2011.

We've come a long way in the last 20 years: re-branding as YHACS in 2003; converting to charitable status in 2005; responding to a change in our funding arrangements when, with the closure of The Civic Trust and the loss of our annual subvention, YHACS had to become self-funding; moving from print to online; and now making use of social media. But the greatest of all these achievements is that, 20 years on, we are still here and stronger than ever: we think that's something worth celebrating!

With this in mind, we've organised a special celebratory 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch to be held at the elegant and fully restored Principal Hotel in York on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November and we do hope that you will be able to join us. Full details and a booking form are attached. Among our guest speakers will be Sarah McLeod, CEO of Wentworth Woodhouse, who will be talking about the project to restore the property.

We are delighted to acknowledge the funding support being provided by York Civic Trust in helping to ensure the success of our event.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you in York on 23<sup>rd</sup> November!

**Kevin Trickett MBE, Chair, YHACS**

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**Timings:**

Our lunch will begin with a drinks reception, courtesy of York Civic Trust. This will begin at 11.45am and guests are invited to join us from 11.30am onwards.

Lunch will be served after some remarks of welcome at approximately 12.15pm. It is expected that the event will end no later than 3pm, although anyone wishing to stay on after that time will, of course be able to adjourn to the hotel bar and lounge areas.

**Menu and Payment:**

A menu and booking form are attached. You may use the booking form and send it to us with your cheque (made payable to YHACS), or email Peter Cooper ( [cooperpeter@pobroadband.co.uk](mailto:cooperpeter@pobroadband.co.uk) ) with details of your menu choices for each of your guests (please provide names and titles for each guest) and then follow this up with a bank transfer to cover the cost of your tickets as set out on the booking form. The cost is £37.50 per person to include the meal, drink on arrival and wine with the meal.

**It would help us enormously if all bookings could be received no later than 31st October. Bookings after that time may, of course, still be possible, subject to availability.**

All bookings will be acknowledged – if you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact Kevin Trickett to enquire.

**Special diets:** if you have dietary requirements that are not met by the menu choices provided, or have any questions, please contact us and we will then liaise with the hotel on your behalf.

**Parking:**

There is a car park at the hotel but please note that you must pay to use the car park - £15 at the time of writing. You may prefer to park elsewhere or use one of the York Park & Ride facilities – the hotel is adjacent to York Railway Station. Alternatively, why not travel by train? The station has its own entrance directly off the main platform concourse at York Station!

**Overnight accommodation:**

If you're looking to stay overnight at the hotel on the Friday night and possibly Saturday night as well (single night stays on Saturday nights are not possible), please contact Helen Covey, Conference, Events & Groups Coordinator at the hotel on 01904 688620 to discuss. There are at present no special offers for overnight accommodation, but Helen may be able to offer special terms. You can also email Helen on at [Helen.Covey@ihg.com](mailto:Helen.Covey@ihg.com).

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**Menu**

**£37.50 per person**

**Welcome Drink – a glass of Wine or Fruit Juice**

**(Wine will also be served with the meal)**

**Starter**

Vegetable Soup (v)

Chicken and ham terrine, piccalilli puree, toasted onion bread

**Main Course**

Strudel of Portobello Mushroom, butter beans, baby vegetables, spice tomato sauce (v)

Rolled beef blade, dauphinoise potato, stem broccoli, Ale carrots, mini Yorkshire pudding

**Dessert**

Chocolate and orange tart, mini buttermilk pudding, candied zest

**Followed by:**

Tea, Coffee & Petit Fours

(v) = Vegetarian. Please contact Peter Cooper ([cooperpeter@pobroadband.co.uk](mailto:cooperpeter@pobroadband.co.uk)) to discuss vegan or other dietary requirements.



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