

HARROGATE CIVIC SOCIETY

February 2011

Vice Chairman's Report

The Council's Conservation Area Character Appraisal for Harrogate is now in its final form. Many of our suggestions and small corrections have been adopted. A Council is obliged to have such appraisals of all conservation areas and they must be taken account of in any planning decisions that affect conservation areas. I believe that our town's appraisal was the last of over 50 for our District to be completed. It is a large and varied conservation area and was a daunting task.

You will see in the newsletter that we have reproduced an article from the Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies' newsletter 'Society Insight', regarding the Department for Communities and Local Government ideas for planning reforms. Planning in terms of forward planning and even in some cases planning approval would be more under the influence of people in their locality than from District Councils and the now abolished Regional Planning Authorities. These planning ideas would form a major part of the 'Big Society' that we are promised. Volunteering for the benefit of the community is not unknown to us - our very own Civic Society has been doing it for many years! Forty years this year, I believe, except that for the first twenty years we were known as simply 'The Harrogate Society'. You will see in the article that the Director of 'Civic Voice', the successor to the Civic Trust has given his opinion on these possible planning reforms. Do you have any opinions on what we know about it so far? It would be good for our society if you let us know your thoughts, possibly for publication in the next newsletter.

On November 17th last year, we had a meeting with Tim Richards, the Council's Head of Planning Services. I asked the



Knaresborough and Ripon Civic Societies if they would like to send a representative. Althea Farmer was there from Knaresborough, and David Winpenny from Ripon, and from Harrogate, myself and Peter Hacker. We supply an agenda well before the meeting so that Tim can arrange for other officers to attend that have a specialism in the topics under discussion. It is not a frequent event - the previous such meeting was about a year earlier. Our discussions ranged over matters such as new types of planning applications, listed buildings in need of repair, affordable housing on the Yorkshire Water sites at Harlow Moor Road, the future of the existing North Park Road Police Station building and trees on Victoria Avenue, etc..

I was very sorry that so few members attended Malcolm Neesam's talk on Harrogate in the time of Jane Austen at the White Hart Hotel. He obviously puts a huge amount of time, knowledge and effort into all his work and is willing to give our society the advantage for no fee. Membership subscriptions do not stretch very far, so we are enormously grateful to him, and indeed all our speakers deserve our support. You will see, elsewhere in this newsletter, information about future events that your hard working programme sub-committee have arranged.

And finally.

In the November newsletter we included an article about the Friends of Valley Gardens project to refurbish the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room.



Jane Blayney, who is project manager for this venture, was away for several weeks, but is at home now.

I am repeating my request to any of you who may have knowledge of previous use, post-cards etc., of this building to get in touch with Jane.

Her contact details are: 01423 505231 or mobile 07794 583888 or e-mail jane.blayne23@gmail.com. She would be pleased to hear from you.



**Henry Pankhurst
Vice Chairman**



An Invitation to Dinner on Tuesday evening, 12th April, 2011
Followed by an interesting and entertaining talk

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The story of Betty's started in 1919, as told by Victor Wild who was brought from Switzerland when only 13 years old and took the helm of the business in 1952 after the sudden death of the founder, his uncle Fritz Btzer.

Please turn to the Programme of Events for full booking details

Admission will be by ticket only. Numbers are limited

Planning Matters!

We have looked at 46 applications since the last newsletter and I am reporting largely on 16 which have resulted in representations to the Council. There is also of course some up-dating of old ones.

SIGNS, SHOPFRONTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Last time I reported that modified plans had been submitted for advertisements at the 'Rajput' restaurant on Cheltenham Parade. We were pleased with the revisions, but when I was passing, I saw that fascia boards had been put on all three facets of the bay windows - as shown in the original plans. I phoned the case officer to note our displeasure that they had not confined their advertisements to the front faces of the bays only.

The signs and floodlights for the *Little Wonder Pub* have been approved, but were in fact in place before permission was given. This impatience to put up advertisements before the application has been determined often happens, I fear, and a reluctance to remove or modify them frequently follows!

The advertisement application for the restaurant that was *Pinocchios* (now to be Cardamon Black Restaurant and Bar) has been withdrawn. I hope this is because the planning officers also thought there were far too many signs and that possibly some were too large.

The Debenhams application for lettering set vertically on the corner of the store has, as expected, been refused.

We saw an application for banner signs for the *Victoria Shopping Centre*—two applications actually.

One was for two replacement vertical banners at the Market Street entrance and the other was for four banners at the Cambridge Street entrance. This latter is the portico entrance to W.H. Smiths. We particularly disliked this latter proposal as two of the advertisements would have masked the curved window heads on the front, but both the applications have been withdrawn.

As many of you will know, we often look at advertisement applications by petrol stations and car showrooms because of the excesses that they usually indulge in. *Victoria BMW on Princess Royal Way (Leeds Road)* applied for several signs including four flagpole signs. It was these that we thought were excessive and that they could cause a nuisance for neighbours. Flags and flagpoles can be noisy and there are several dwellings to the rear of the premises (where the Spacey Houses Pub used to be). This application was approved with a condition that three existing poles should be removed prior to erection of the new ones.



My next entry here is the petrol station on Ripon Road, known as *Oakdale Service Station*. This is to become 'Texaco' with a small Co-op store on site. We found the large double free-standing sign for the frontage very ugly. The two signs were not 'back to back' but one each side of the pole, making it a very wide obtrusive sign. Additionally, the Texaco and the Co-op colours clashed with each other dreadfully. There were two other signs that seemed a total (no pun intended!) waste of space - I think their only purpose was to say something inane like 'thank you for choosing Texaco'. There has been a split decision on this proposal and I am pleased to say that the large free-standing sign and four others have been refused, thus reducing the intrusive visual clutter of advertisements.

Not quite a car showroom but also out on Leeds Road is *Associated Tyres*. They have applied for some changes to their signage. The main change is to have an internally illuminated totem sign and an internally illuminated fascia sign, instead of them being externally illuminated. As the site is in a Special Landscape Area and in an Area of Special Control of Advertisements (ASCA) we have asked that, if approval is given, a condition should be applied so that the signs may only be lit during opening hours.

LARGER HOUSING SITES

The two-site application for *Cornwall Road and Harlow Moor Road*, known as the Keyland Development, is still ongoing, but may have gone to the Council Planning Committee before you read this newsletter.

An application that could be entered under several headings is *90-96 Station Parade*. This terrace was Carringtons Night Club, which recently became The Blue Monkey, but is now closed. Part of the new application is to convert some of the building to 13 flats. This would benefit local residents greatly, as the night club use is not neighbour friendly. You may remember me noting (on several occasions) applications to stay open until 6.00am at the weekend! This was never given permission. There are four existing flats in the premises that will undergo some changes and refurbishment. Therefore there will be a total of 17 flats when completed. Although current Council planning policy requires affordable housing to be included in developments of 15 or more dwellings, none are to be provided in this application because it is only the 13 new flats by conversion that are counted for this purpose. So the threshold is not reached. There is one aspect of the conversion proposal that particularly concerns us though. A private terrace at the rear has been included for one of the first floor flats. This gives a grandstand view over the gardens of the Rogers Square almshouses and an oblique view at fairly close quarters of the two bungalows at the rear of Rogers Square.

Have you seen these delightful almshouses which are approached from Belford Road (off Victoria Avenue)? An unwelcome degree of overlooking would arise from the terrace.

SMALLER HOUSING SITES

The proposal to construct an infill house at *117 Pannal Ash Road* that was refused permission because it was too bulky and the design of dormers and rooflights was considered inappropriate has been taken to appeal. The appeal is to be decided by an exchange of written statements. Another infill house at *3 Park Parade* was given planning permission in March 2009, to which we had objected. An application was lodged for amendments so we took the opportunity to write again. There is a proposal to convert *10 Leeds Road* into four flats, the principle of which did not give us cause for concern. However, car parking arrangements were proposed that seem unworkable and visually damaging to the conservation area. There is a narrow drive down the right hand side of the property where it is proposed to have a line of three parking spaces end to end. With different tenants of the flats, how do they propose to manage the two inward ones, that could be blocked by the outermost one? These spaces are tight up against a wall so only the doors on one side of the cars could be used anyway. The footpath between the cars and the house would be very narrow and it is likely that they would encroach upon it. Also the whole of the front garden is proposed to be paved for the benefit of three more cars, which is not proper treatment of the conservation area. Where planning policy and regulations allow, the Council have refused this type of development. I do not believe that users of the side spaces or the front garden spaces would be able to enter and leave the site in forward gear. The Highway Authority is unlikely to look favourably on this aspect as the road concerned is a primary road - the A61.

PROPOSALS AFFECTING CHURCHES

I have brought this heading back, as the following remarks seem to make it worthwhile.

The long running struggle, largely by local residents, to persuade CE Electric to find a site for a new primary substation other than behind *St. Wilfrid's Church* made very encouraging headway. We are hopeful that success is in sight. An alternative location that we feel is suitable—especially when considered against damage to the setting of *St. Wilfrid's* - is being investigated. Unfortunately certain snags have arisen and it would probably be best if I leave it at that for now.

We looked at an application for *St. Andrew's Church in Starbeck*. It was to provide improved community facilities, partly by internal re-organisation and partly by utilising a narrow strip of land on the south side between the church and the adjacent shop. This land is of little use and can be a place where undesirable activities occur! We are very happy that improved facilities are provided and advantage is taken of the strip of land for useful purposes. The interior was to undergo some alterations including re-building and increasing the size of the narthex at the west end. We had no objection to this or to lowering some window openings on the south side to form doorways. We were unhappy though about alterations to the west end, which faces onto Starbeck High Street. An extensive area of the west wall under the main west window would have been taken out to form a very large new window - the width of the existing window. The porch on the south west corner was to be largely demolished and the door replaced with structural glazing. The application has been withdrawn.



My third case under the churches heading is *St. Peter's in the centre of Harrogate*. This is not a current or recent application, but there have been letters in the Harrogate Advertiser regarding the electricity substation attached to the Primark store on Cambridge Street. I am repeating here most of the text of my letter to the newspaper to put you in the picture, as it is evident that many people did not understand the circumstances.



The substation had to be moved from the rear of the church to facilitate access around the east end, in order to reach the new community facilities. The substation will be partly masked (but not satisfactorily) by the proposed foyer which will provide an entrance without having to go through the church. The passage is very narrow between the church and the Primark store.

24 hour access is required for a substation, hence its position at the edge of the site, up to the footway. There are doors into the substation that will be within the new foyer, double timber doors on the outside western facade, and the whole width of the curved southern facade is in fact a door. These doors are necessary so that almost all round access is available as and when required.

We have several regrets about the situation but were and are very supportive overall of the scheme for new facilities.

We regret, but have to acknowledge, that there is no other position on the site for the substation which serves and is vital for the town centre. We regret the unsympathetic treatment of the facades of the substation. We regret that, although we had some reservations about the design of the new foyer and commented to the Council, we did not appreciate the full visual impact of the substation part of this work.

Because of the arrangement of doors as outlined above, practical design solutions to visually improve the substation in order to reflect the quality and character of our conservation area are rather limited. I believe that some landscaping is planned, but have to say that, due to the small space available and that doors to the proposed foyer and substation obviously have to remain functional, this cannot be a complete solution.'

OTHER APPLICATIONS

A new application for car parking at *28 Victoria Avenue* has come in, but at the time of writing we have not examined it. The application for new window frames for a flat at *Church Square Mansions* that we were concerned about has had permission from the Council, but a sample of the frames is required before work begins. In the November newsletter I wrote about ugly fences springing up, often contrary to planning regulations. The one I mentioned at *19 Florence Road* that was refused was taken to appeal and has been allowed by the planning inspector.

We now have plans approved for a Skate/BMX park in the Valley Gardens.

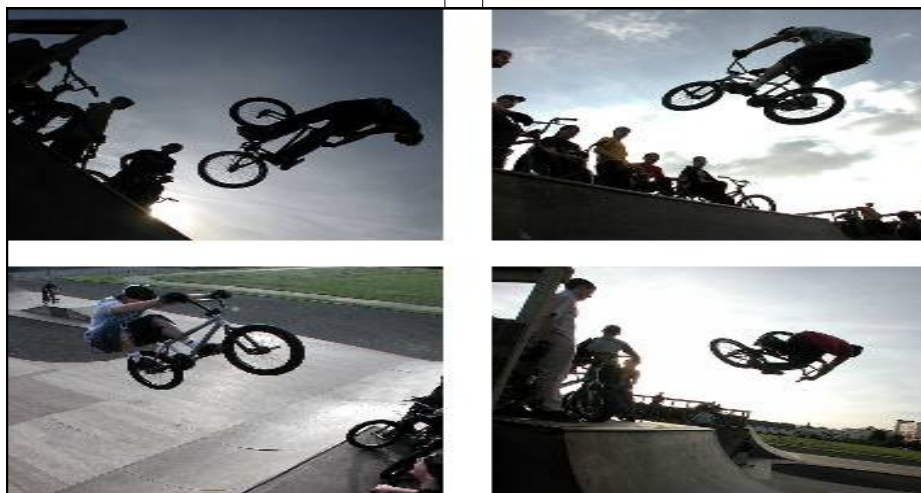
It has generally received a great deal of support from the public and from the Councillors, despite some possibly contentious aspects. We supported the proposal but said that security fencing would be inappropriate as it would spoil views within the Valley Gardens.

The skate park will be at a low level, being partly dug in behind the tennis courts and play area. There will also be a landscaping plan including trees and shrubs, so we do not believe that it will be visually obtrusive.

The facilities will not be formed of steel sheeting like some skate parks and the temporary one in Valley Gardens, which can be very noisy. They will be on concrete sunk into the ground and so should not provide scope for noisy vibration and clanking.

We do have fears for pedestrians regarding the use of paths leading to the skate/BMX park. I believe notices will indicate the preferred (shortest) access points for users and liaison with users will take place. There will also be surveillance from 'live' closed circuit TV cameras, so any problems will be seen as they happen. Do these measures give you confidence in the construction, appearance and operation of the skate park?

I do hope that everyone who uses it, or lives close by, or is a spectator to the activities, can enjoy it.



Alterations and additions are proposed to *Bilton House on Park Parade*, which is the Registry Office. The proposals are by North Yorkshire County Council and largely concern disability access arrangements. There are many elements to the original plans which are physically and visually damaging to this listed building. We wrote to Harrogate Council (who are consultees for many County applications) and to the County Council. We noted quite a list of items that could be achieved in a better way or perhaps deleted. A detailed reply came from the County Council which was very encouraging and it seems that almost all the amendments we wanted to see will be implemented.

We do not often study plans for small domestic extensions, but were glad to have examined one such for *5 Chelmsford Road*. The application was to convert the roof to additional living accommodation, which involved new dormer windows. The dormer to the rear was modest and reasonably placed, but a side dormer was proposed that was very large and extended from the eaves to the ridge of the roof. The application was refused because of size and appearance and that it would unbalance the dwelling. Also the close proximity to the neighbours would have a significant detrimental impact on their living conditions, due to overlooking, overshadowing and overbearing. Our views and the planning officers views coincided and the application was refused.

Trees are so important to our conservation area and indeed anywhere, so we were alarmed and disappointed when we saw that the *Harrogate Racquets Club on Firs Road* proposed to butcher a whole line of trees. The trees are subject to a TPO and the intention was to reduce 15 trees of varying heights and species - the tallest being about 20m high, all to a height of 8m and to reduce laterally by 1m. Permission was not forthcoming because of the high amenity value of the trees and the likelihood of vulnerability to disease and premature death, which would be caused by this treatment.

We were content to see a small application for our *Royal Hall*. You may recall that in order to walk along the ambulatory on each side of the auditorium there are very wide steps to go down. These steps have no handrails and permission has been given for a single handrail in the centre of both flights of steps. We have suggested to HIC that a slight modification to this handrail would make it even more helpful. A single rail does not account very well for some people wishing to go up the steps and others wishing to come down at the same time. A double handrail fixed to a single line of supports would not cause any additional drilling of the marble steps and we hope that our suggestion will be taken seriously, especially as the conservation officers have already accepted the principle of the central handrail.

Finally, and briefly, back to *90-96 Station Parade*. Apart from the additional apartments that are proposed, the very successful *Chez la Vie* restaurant would be extended into the lower ground floor to provide a function suite and utilise the toilets already existing from the nightclub occupation. New office space will also be included on the lower ground floor along with four apartments. On the ground floor, office space is provided, plus two apartments. All of the first and second floors are devoted to apartments.

**Henry Pankhurst
February, 2011**



Harrogate in the Time of Jane Austen

The December 2010 lecture given by
Malcolm Neesam

Last year's visit to our town by the Jane Austen Society produced from Civic Society member Malcolm Neesam a lecture on the subject of Jane Austen and Harrogate, which was repeated to Civic Society members at the White Hart Hotel on the evening of Tuesday 14th December. The talk was centred on those aspects of life in Harrogate between 1775 and 1817 that would have interested Jane Austen, had she ever stayed here. The talk opened with a little known poem written by Jane Austen for her friend Martha Lloyd, whose other friend, Mr. Best, had promised to take her to Harrogate during the fashionable season.

"Oh ! Mr. Best, you're very bad,
And all the World shall know it;
Your base behaviour shall be sung,
By me, a tuneful poet.

You used to go to Harrowgate
Each summer as it came,
And why, I pray, should you refuse
To go this year the same?

The way's as plain, the road's as
smooth,
The Posting not increased,
You're scarcely stouter than you were,
Not younger, Sir, at least."

The things that would have interested Jane Austen in Harrogate were the antics of fashionable society at the great hotels and inns, and the way that guests were chosen to become "Masters of Ceremony".



Unlike Bath or other leading centres of fashion who had professional "Masters of Ceremonies"(such as Beau Nash in Bath or Beau Brummel in London) Harrogate filled its post from those guests who stayed the longest, and were suitable for the role. Thus, a butcher could have precedence over a duke, a state of affairs that visitors such as Lord Byron's mother-in-law found offensive ("....here, a countess may find herself in a coach sitting next to a milliner, a form of levelling not be found elsewhere..."). This unique kind of social elevation was of course the doing of the canny Yorkshire landlords, who encouraged wealthy visitors to stay in town for as long as possible, in order to increase their bills! Today, when the majority of Harrogate people in thinking about their past, look back to Victorian and Edwardian periods, it is probably only a few who have any idea of how fashionable the place was during the Napoleonic Wars.

The lecture gave several examples of reviews of High Life at Harrogate, as reported by journals such as the Leeds Mercury or York Courant, all of which may be read in the "R", or newspaper class of the "Harrogate Great Chronicle".

The other particularly interesting item covered by the lecture was the way that life at Harrogate often reflected incidents in Jane Austen's novels.



When journalist Henry Curling described the Dragon Hotel as usually having in residence

“.. . . some prima donna who led the *ton*, some queen bee of the hive, who ruled the roast, a sort of lady patroness of high rank, to offend whom would be to subject oneself to be cashiered by the gay assemblage. Her glance of approval or rejection would, indeed, be certain either to sanction the introduction of a new comer into the *crème de la crème* of the circle, or to keep them so uncomfortable a distance that they would be frozen into the necessity of seeking the warmer climes of the other hotels on the neighbouring common”

This could be a description of Lady Dalrymple in the Spaces in "Persuasion."

Malcolm's lecture was applauded by a small but appreciative audience.

Design Award Plaques

As we plan for the next Design Award competition, it seems appropriate to look back on where winners of the last Competition have displayed their plaques.

Civic Society member David Kelly, one of the four judges of the last competition, has been out and about to see where the plaques have been placed.

This month we look at the Royal Baths where The Chinese Restaurant won the conservation award for their amazing restoration work. Their plaque can be seen to the right of the entrance.



The brown plaque reads as follows:

The Royal baths were built from 1894-7 by London Architects Baggalley and Bristowe, winners of the Harrogate Corporation competition, and opened by HRH The Duke of Cambridge on 23rd July 1897

The sulphur and Kissingen springs beneath the building are among the finest in England.

The major extension of 1936-9 designed by Leonard Clarke, replaced the Winter Gardens with the Lounge Hall and Fountain Court. The development of the Royal Baths occurred a few years before the building of the Royal Hall and Roundhill reservoir which together must represent an almost unparalleled example of municipal enterprise.

Be a Planner For a Day

The Planning Policy Team at Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) put out an invitation to the general public to 'Be A Planner for a Day'. I signed up and on 11 November at 8.30 am I showed up at the Royal Hall with a couple of friends.

We had no idea who else would be there, apart from the planners, but it turned out we were among more than a hundred kindred spirits, all people involved or interested in one aspect of planning or another. There were representatives from residents associations, planning consultants, estate agents, a handful of councillors, and naturally, Henry Pankhurst was there for the Civic Society.

We were welcomed with coffee in the North Ambulatory and before I got as far as the floor of the hall I had already chatted with a committee member of Starbeck Residents Association, to a very senior NYCC official who'd had a lot to do with the refurbishment of the Harrogate Library, and a man who is a retired chief engineer of HBC with some good stories to tell – you'd never guess how far heating has to travel to warm bums on seats at the Royal Hall!

Initially we sat, café-style, at tables for six introducing ourselves to total strangers, explaining our reasons for showing up, what was important to each of us, and what we hoped to gain from the day.

One person then remained at each table while the others moved on to allow the sharing of collected ideas while inviting a new group to express new ideas. As the day progressed, with charts and voting and questions and answers, we met and talked to more and more people and I certainly began to get some idea of the diversity of aims and ambitions the planners contend with on a daily basis. You can Google *Harrogate Borough Council Be A Planner for a Day* and read an excellent detailed report of all that was packed into the day.

We did have coffee breaks, and we did observe the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day ... which turned into five minutes to be on the safe side as no one had a stop watch. But then, after a breather for a sandwich lunch, they really put us to work.

It was time for the practical application of the theory we had learned in the form of deciding where to locate 2,300 new homes in Harrogate and 700 new homes in Knaresborough!

Each table had a huge detailed plan of the Harrogate & Knaresborough area. We were also provided with a list of 'givens', that is elements that planners cannot change and have to work within, such as not developing within the Green Belt. And we were given pieces of squared paper in different colours representing different housing densities, and scissors and glue! Wow! It could go to your head, that sort of power!

But it just isn't as easy as you might think. The constraints were very frustrating. The afternoon was fast disappearing and we still had to find building space for an awful lot of those little coloured squares. In the end in desperation our table turned a bit rebellious. For example, we plonked a brand new secondary school on the Skipton Road side of town so we could build more houses there without increasing the cross-town traffic. Naughty, but rather neat, we thought.

It was a good, enjoyable day and we learned a lot. The council often say they want to consult the public and that day, they did.

Jacky Little
HCS Member



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Radical new planning reforms were announced on 6th December by the Department of Communities and Local Government. The article below is from their website: www.communities.gov.uk

"Communities Secretary Eric Pickles and Planning Minister Greg Clark today outlined proposals to decentralise and streamline the planning system, ahead of the publication of the Localism Bill.

Neighbourhood groups to shape where they live: Communities will be able to come together to decide what their area should look like, where new shops, offices or homes should go and what green spaces should be protected. Parish councils and new neighbourhood forums of local people—rather than town hall officials—will lead the way in shaping their community. If local people then vote in favour of new "Neighbourhood Plans" in local referendums, councils will have to adopt them.

Direct Democracy: This new stimulus will be one of the greatest incentives to get people and communities to come together to take control of planning. The new powers will also allow communities to give planning approval to chosen sites on local land. This will mean that urgent development can go ahead quickly once the plan is adopted, short-circuiting lengthy planning applications and making the system more democratic and efficient.

Local Benefits from Local Development: At the heart of the new approach will be a package of powerful incentives such as the New Homes Bonus, that will encourage the right kind of local development and financially reward those councils and communities that deliver new homes and businesses to their area.

Reforms to the Community Infrastructure Levy will also see a meaningful proportion of the levy handed over to the local neighbourhoods where the development takes place.

Vanguards to lead the way: Ministers are calling on communities to get involved now. The Government would like to see about a dozen local areas come forward to act as vanguards that will trial Neighbourhood Plans in their area. This step will help ensure the experiences of these "Neighbourhood Vanguards" is taken into account before the legislation comes into force."

Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, said:

"For far too long local people have had too little say over a planning system that has imposed bureaucratic decisions by distant officials in Whitehall and the town hall. We need to change things so there is more people-planning and less politician-planning, so there is more direct democracy and less bureaucracy in the system. These reforms will become the building blocks of the Big Society."

Greg Clark, Minister for Planning and Decentralisation, added:

"Most people love where they live, yet the planning system has given them almost no say on how their neighbourhood develops. The Coalition Government will revolutionise the planning process by taking power away from officials and putting it into the hands of those who know most about their neighbourhood—local people themselves. This will be a huge opportunity for communities to exercise genuine influence over what their home town should look like in the future. It will create the freedom and the incentives for those places that want to grow, to do so, and to reap the benefits. It's a reason to say yes."

Tony Burton, Director of Civic Voice said:

"Local communities care deeply about where they live and know it better than anyone. Neighbourhood plans will allow civic societies and other community groups to take the lead in setting out what people value, what development is needed and what can change for the better in their area. With the right support, and safeguards to ensure the community voice cannot be ignored, a new era of neighbourhood plans spreading rapidly across the country could transform the ability of people to shape their local area."

**David Moss, "Society Insight"
Executive Committee Member**

**Harrogate Civic Society
Programme of Events
2011**

Civic Architecture and Civic Design: Tradition and Evolution across five Decades
A Talk by Leeds City Architect, John Thorpe

Tuesday, 8th March, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Grant's Hotel

Cost: Free of Charge

Dinner in the Imperial Suite
Followed by an Interesting and Entertaining Talk by Victor Wild
The Story of Bettys

Tuesday, 12th April, 2011—precise time to be confirmed

We are grateful to Bettys and Victor Wild for agreeing to host this special event.
Admission will be by ticket only. Numbers are limited and advance booking is essential.
Please send your request and cheque, payable to Harrogate Civic Society, to
Stuart Holland, 103 Walton Park, Pannal, HG3 1RJ

Venue: The Imperial Suite, Bettys,
1 Parliament Street, Harrogate

Cost: £20.00 per person
to include dinner and wine

A Guided Tour of Ripon Cathedral

Monday, 9th May, 2011 at 10.15 a.m.

Please telephone Susan Amaku on 01423 819553 to reserve a place
Or email: civicsociety.info@btinternet.com
(also, please advise if you require assistance with transport)

Venue: Ripon Cathedral

Cost: Free of Charge

Annual General Meeting with Guest Speaker
Jean McQuarrie, Editor of The Advertiser

Monday, 23rd May, 2011, at 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Grant's Hotel

Cost: Free of Charge

Civic Society Day

Saturday, 11th June, 2011

Special Event to be arranged! Details to follow in the next Newsletter

Heritage Open Days

Thursday, 8th to Sunday, 11th September, 2011

Details to be Announced