



## HARROGATE CIVIC SOCIETY

# November 2010

## Vice Chairman's Report

Despite the depleted state of your committee, we are trying to keep our work and activities going.

**I was privileged to be invited** on 26<sup>th</sup> August to the dedication of a bench in memory of Lilian Mina, our late Chairman. The bench is just to the right, inside the main entrance to Valley Gardens. There were many invited guests including the Mayor and Dame Fanny Waterman. After the ceremony in Valley Gardens, we went to the Royal Hall where Lilian's daughter, Mitzi, and son, Joe, placed Lilian's ashes high up where they cannot generally be seen - what a wonderful and fitting position. Scaffolding had been specially erected. The event ended with coffee and biscuits that were to be taken in the Mayor's parlour, but in fact the Council Chamber was used because we could not all be accommodated in the intended venue.

**Heritage open days always seem popular.** I only went to two this year. One was our Harrogate Theatre who were participating for the first time in HODs - encouraged by Peter Hacker who also made sure that local churches were on board. I spent a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon at Hackfall, which is at Grewelthorpe. Hackfall is one of just two Grade 1 Parks & Gardens of Special Historic Interest in the Harrogate District, the other being Studley Royal. A guide from the Woodland Trust gave us a tour of the many beautiful viewpoints, and we were treated to a most entertaining performance by traditional Mummers. They gave a lengthy performance by the fountain pond in perfect sunny weather.

**You will see an article** by Jane Blayney in this newsletter regarding the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room. Jane is the project leader for a scheme by Friends of Valley Gardens to restore and open this building to the public. I expect that many of you will recall the pump room even though it is somewhat hidden by trees and undergrowth. Old pictures show it standing alone and unhidden and hopefully one day it will show off its delightful architecture once more. I have been to a meeting of the 'Friends' last month and also went with them to examine the inside of the building. I hope that you will be able to help Jane with information.

**I am looking forward** to the society arranging a tour of Ripon Cathedral next year, conducted by Toria Forsyth-Moser and hope that it will be well supported by yourselves. Many of you will remember her recent talk on gargoyles and grotesques etc of Ripon Cathedral. The proposed tour of the cathedral will not be restricted to these items!



**In conjunction with Malcolm Neesam,** we are urging the Council to replace lost trees on Victoria Avenue. Trees are so important to our conservation area and Victoria Avenue is a prime example of where trees should be replaced as a matter of urgency.

**Our Council has a duty** to maintain and enhance the conservation area, but we foresee a problem regarding highway trees. Since April this year, Harrogate Council has lost its Highway Agency and all highways matters are now dealt with by North Yorkshire County Council. They, of course, are not responsible for our conservation area, so we foresee possible difficulties with items like trees, lighting columns, seats and paving when the County Council do not feel inclined to spend a little more on such things to give us replacements of the proper style and quality. I have been in contact with Don Mackenzie who, at the time, was the Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport. He was very sympathetic, but you may have seen that, to our consternation, he was sacked from that post by Mike Gardner, the Council Leader. Don was also our 'Heritage Champion'. I have now had some good news from him that, if funds can be found to replace trees in the vicinity of Victoria Avenue, NYCC are willing to take on the maintenance of them. We will be speaking to our Council officers regarding specific sites for trees and the funding of them. We received a substantial sum in respect of donations in memory of Ian Brown and we intend using this money to provide some of the replacement trees for Victoria Avenue. We trust Ian would approve. I have spoken to his wife Elizabeth who is in full agreement with our intentions.

**You will see an article from Jacky Little** regarding the new Police Station. What of the existing one, I hear you ask? I have been in touch with the Council Conservation Officers who are currently finalising the Harrogate Conservation Area Character Appraisal. Included in this document are of course lists of Statutorily Listed Buildings for each of nine character areas. It is such a large conservation area that some division is necessary. It is very welcome that in each of these sub-areas a note is made of buildings, which although not 'Listed', are 'Buildings of Local Interest and Merit'. We have asked that the Police Station on North Park Road is included under this heading, which we hope will ensure that it is given special consideration in any re-development scheme.

**Between the last newsletter** and this one, two talks for members will have been heard at Grants Hotel. On 21<sup>st</sup> October we enjoyed Michael Bevington's lecture 'Mediaeval Life in Fountains Abbey'. Which he preceded with a short history of the National Trust. He gave us a generously long and very well illustrated 'power point' presentation. Fountains Abbey is a fascinating topic which the many guides will tend to treat in their own way according to their particular interests. These may include history of the development of the monasteries, layout and use of the buildings and the site, the monastic routine and discipline, the architects and masons, the role of the lay brothers, history since the dissolution, current events etc. etc.. Michael gave us a most interesting overview of all these facets, of which I would have hoped more of our members would have taken advantage.

**We were privileged to have Wallace Sampson**, the Council's Chief Executive, coming to Grant's on 10<sup>th</sup> November to talk to us about how he sees the future of Harrogate. There was a good turnout but for those not present, a report is included in this publication.

**Henry Pankhurst  
Vice Chairman**

### **A taste of things to come**

**Civic Society Day** will be held on Saturday, 11th June, 2011.

**Civic Society Week** will also be in June although the precise date has yet to be finalised.

The **2011 Heritage Open Days** will be held during one week in September. The success of these events depends upon enthusiastic volunteers at the various venues. When the week has been pinpointed, we will be appealing for assistance!



**The premises that were 'Boots'** on Cambridge Street is to become three shops - Topman, Topshop and Miss Selfridge, with a common central entrance. Two applications came in, one for the shop signs and one for the shopfront. The fascia signs were probably reasonable, but the drawings were not totally clear. Two internally illuminated projecting signs looked visually heavy. This application has been passed, but the projecting signs reduced to one without illumination and the illumination of 'Miss Selfridge' clarified.

**The central open shopfront** included a very wide roller shutter, which we considered poor treatment of the conservation area and may possibly result in an environmentally unacceptable waste of energy, which the Council were looking into.

**New signs and floodlights** were erected at the *Little Wonder Public House* although the application had not been determined. We were content with the signs but thought the eleven floodlights excessive. The area is well lit and light will also spill from inside the building. We suggested that the floodlights should be reduced or omitted or, if allowed, a condition should be placed that they are only used during opening hours. We are keen that light pollution and waste of energy is reduced to a minimum.

**You may have seen that** the restaurant that was Pinocchio's is boarded up. It is to become the Cardamon Black Restaurant and Bar. Permission has already been given for shopfront alterations but the signage application is now in. There is an overkill of signs. We object to a large vertical banner on the Cheltenham Parade facade and to an excessive number of fascia signs. We felt that a large sign over the obvious double doors saying 'entrance' was superfluous! Other signs at high level on this building, which used to be the Empire Theatre, are included in the application.

**Debenhams want** to put the name of the store vertically high on the Parliament Street/Oxford Street corner. I cannot see the point - there are fascia signs and hanging signs on both these facades. I doubt if visitors can miss the store!

#### LARGER HOUSING SITES

**There is soon likely to be** a third try at an application for the Yorkshire Water sites at *Harlow Moor Road and Cornwall Road*. The principle of providing the 50% affordable housing for the combined sites just on the Harlow Moor Road site seems still on the cards. We agree that to provide a true Duchy Estate style development which needs a larger size of property and spaciousness, would preclude affordable housing in design terms. The problem is that the Harlow Moor Road part of the development would end up with 84% affordable housing, 43 units out of 51, which the Harlow Moor Drive Association do not wish to see, especially as there is a considerable concentration of affordables in the vicinity. Perhaps a solution would be for the Council to allow some of the affordable housing off site, or by a commuted sum. I do not believe that the planning officers are very keen on such a proposition. They have favoured putting some affordables on the Cornwall Road site. Another objection that the Harlow Moor Residents have is that no garages are provided. When the new application comes in we will look carefully at it again.



## SMALLER HOUSING SITES

**The proposal to convert** the stables/coach house behind *Cambridge Terrace* which was a re-presentation of a 2003 application was approved. We supported the application. I noted some of the planning history in the August newsletter.

**We looked at** a proposal to build an infill house at *117 Pannal Ash Road* and considered that it would be a mistake to infill with a dwelling that was too bulky for the plot. It had accommodation on three floors and was very close to the existing No.117. The top floor was in the roof with large roof lights pushed up to the ridge. We were surprised that officer recommendation was for approval, but we are pleased to report that the Planning Committee did not agree and refused the application for the reasons that we had hoped.

## OTHER APPLICATIONS

**Applications for service stations** and car showrooms often appear in the advertisement section, but one in the August newsletter was for the total re-building of the *Q8 Service Station on Leeds Road*. This has now been passed.

**There seem** to be very positive moves regarding the proposed Primary Electricity Substation at *St Wilfrid's Church*. I do not want to tempt fate by saying too much, but an alternative, preferable site looks almost certain. Let us hope that the Council go with it!

**Another attempt** was made to provide direct access via an external stairway to the garden from the first floor flat at *9 Alderson Road*. We did not comment on this application as it was an improvement on the full width balcony previously proposed, but the Council has refused permission.

**The New Police Station at Beckwith Head Road** has been approved despite objections regarding location, loss of trees and traffic problems. I am leaving it to Jacky Little to recount her impressions of the Council Planning meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September, when the decision was taken.

**We saw** an application for parking on the front garden of *28 Victoria Avenue* and were very unhappy about it. No.28 is close to the roundabout with South Park Road and would have involved making a new access across the grass verge and through the front boundary. A large area of front garden would have been paved over. This treatment of such an important part of the conservation area is unacceptable. The applicant argued that they could not provide parking for their offices at the rear, unlike other premises on the row. The application was withdrawn.

**Window frames** can be a contentious issue in the conservation area. Flats at *14 Strawberry Dale Avenue* and *48-50 Kings Road* were refused permission to change window frames from the traditional timber sash types to hinged ones. The Council said that the replacement UPVC windows were bulky and of poor design and that the detailing submitted was insufficient to ensure the windows' appearance as the existing traditional sash windows. We wholeheartedly agree.

**Another application within** the conservation area to change window frames is for a flat at *Church Square Mansions*. The proposed UPVC frames would not match others on the building. Double glazing in slim timber frames exists already and we do not agree with the thick plastic replacements. A mismatch on this building in the conservation area is inappropriate.

**Many high, ugly, obtrusive** boundary fences on residential properties are springing up around the town. We appreciate a desire to increase security and privacy, but stark close boarded fences do nothing for the appearance of the street scene. One may conclude that they are even more damaging visually when in a conservation area.

**An example** of this type of boundary treatment is proposed at *19 Florence Road*. We have responded to the application and hope that the applicant can come forward with a better alternative. Such applications do get refused. Boundary fences and walls facing a highway are supposed to be no more than 1m high, except with special permission, whereas hedging can be allowed to grow higher. I suspect that there are quite a few examples of unauthorised high fences around, and enforcement action is not unknown!



**I have not included** many agricultural dwellings in the newsletter lately. This is largely due to a lack of applications to delete agricultural occupancy conditions. For several years there seemed to be a regular stream of them. You may remember me referring to them by their colloquial name 'ag.tags'. We looked at an application at a timber yard *Cote Hill, Galphay* for a new forestry worker's dwelling to which we did not object but were concerned about the drawings which showed a 'Phase 1' and a 'Phase 2' element to the proposal. It was not entirely clear if permission was being asked for both phases at once. If Phase 2, which included a large extension to the modest house, a double garage and an office, was given permission, it could end up a rather grand forestry worker's dwelling.

We asked the planners (if consent is given) to be sure that enlargements beyond the basic house were commensurate with the business being conducted, and to note that a further application would be required

**There have been three** applications for *Town Centre House* recently. This is the building that lies at the fork between Cheltenham Parade and Cheltenham Crescent. It is a restaurant. The applications were for a new entrance porch, signs, etc, and consent to operate a 'takeaway'. We sent comments and objections on the detail of some of the alterations. There was to be a large projecting light box type of sign, which we found unacceptable, and too much illumination on other signs. 'Timber effect cladding' and black film on the windows did not sound very tasteful. Some amendments were made before the porch etc. and advertisement application was passed, but the takeaway (to which we did not object) is still under consideration.

**Henry Pankhurst  
November 2010**



**Coming soon!** Full details to follow in the Spring Newsletter

A talk by Jane Sellars, Curator of the Mercer Gallery to be held at the newly refurbished gallery. A fantastic evening at Betty's Imperial Suite. Enjoy refreshments while listening to a talk on the history of the family firm



**The Friends of Valley Gardens are raising funds to restore the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room to its former glory and install an education/information centre within, depicting the history of the Valley Gardens.**

The Old Magnesia Well Pump Room was built in 1858. Previously it housed the Harrogate Museum. It is situated in the proximity of the two replica well heads recently erected by the Civic Society. Presently, the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room is surrounded by dense vegetation. We believe there are at least 3 well heads in this vicinity. Our plans include clearing and replanting the surrounding area.

Outwardly the stone structure and slate roof of the building appear in sound condition. However, the barge boards and timber guttering are in a poor condition and need full restoration. On the southern side of the building there is a side door, which was added at a later date. To remove the door and rebuild the void left would be very expensive. There is also a debate concerning fixing security shutters to the outside of the windows. Planning permission will be needed for this.

On the western wall (the back wall) there are two large electric supply boxes which we all wish to see removed. The length of the electric boxes' sojourn in this situation is uncertain, but they are in use.

The inside of the building is lined with pine panelling. The pine panelling that remains appears original and largely in good condition, but some needs replacing. The two fuse boxes within have an untidy selection of wires connected to them, but are both functional. The glass in the windows is thick and clear, painted over in a light green colour. Again, much of this needs replacing and similarly the metal framing needs repairing.

On the western wall is an old pot sink. The waters were thought to have been dispensed through the window above the sink or from an outside tap.

Friends Of Valley Gardens intend to raise funds for the running costs of the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room by giving tours outlining the history of the gardens, for which there will be a charge.

**To make a success of this project we would be grateful for any memorabilia, old postcards or information on the history of the Valley Gardens and The Old Magnesia Well.**

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Editor's Note: Please respond to Jane's plea for help with the history and use of this delightful building.

There must be some of our members who have family knowledge - any detail however small could be vital to the project - do not assume that it will be known already! Jane may be away just now, so if you receive no response do keep trying.



## Comment

### New Police Station

Answers to the questionnaire the committee sent us all last year revealed that the Civic Society thing most members are most interested in is *planning!* I guess there are a lot of people who'd put planning high on their list of the most boring subjects on earth, and it did make me wonder why I – for one – find the Civic Society and planning so interesting. And I thought, well ... I love Harrogate ... membership of the Civic Society is a (small) way to help look after the town ... and I'm nosy by nature.

This last is probably what accounted for the fact that, on a wet Tuesday afternoon, when even the dog didn't fancy a walk after the supermarket shopping, I called in at the last planning committee meeting in September. It was the day they debated the new police station for Harrogate. I knew almost nothing about it – except that, at the Civic Society's AGM in June, the members present recorded a unanimous vote. We did not want an out-of-town police station.

That Tuesday they were applying to build this new police station beyond the top of Harlow Hill, on the left hand corner that's bang opposite where you turn right into Crag Lane for RHS Harlow Carr and Betty's.

A senior planning officer opened the proceedings. The planning application itself had been submitted by North Yorkshire County Council Police who were forcefully (ho! ho!) represented in the council chamber that afternoon by three serried ranks of big guns ... architects, planning advisers, VIP 'uniforms', and the NYCC Police Authority Chairman.

The case for the objectors was presented by two hard-working local representatives : one is the chairman of Harlow & Pannal Ash Residents Association, the other a ward councillor.

When we came to the debate stage, committee members were queuing up with questions, most of them directed at the police benches and a long row of planning officers.

They wanted to know how many trees would be felled? What about flooding in an area that floods already? What about entrances and exits and car parking? Couldn't they have come up with a more accessible, less congested location? What about the sites at Hornbeam Park or Dunlopillow, Pannal? Could the police guarantee there would be an in-town cop shop as well as this new facility? What would be the fate of the present 1930s police station?

**Most crimes are committed in town?**  
Yes.

**So what would be the response time when a patrol car had to make it's way to town down Otley Road at a peak traffic time?** *Patrol cars are out patrolling, not sitting at HQ waiting for calls.*

**What about large numbers of office staff and uniforms travelling to work up Otley Road, contributing to existing traffic problems?** *Most of them cycle to work. Isn't Otley Road too narrow for a cycling lane? Yes. And on a hill, as in 'Harlow Hill'? A slight incline, yes.*

It soon became clear the committee were in favour of the police being provided with the improved facilities they need to do their work efficiently. It also seemed to me that most of them were objecting strongly to the chosen location on account of the inevitable increase to traffic congestion in an area that's already seriously congested. *Around 3.30 on school days, the area is like a bus depot*, someone said.

At this point I could see the committee were very keen to understand the matter of this congestion.

**Were there any plans for a roundabout at the Otley Road junction with Harlow Carr?** *No.*

**Was there any money available for road improvements?** *No.*

**Had there been any recent traffic studies?** *It seemed not.*

**So could the council Highways Officer please throw some light on what looked like being unprecedented traffic problems for this area?** *No.*

To their considerable consternation, the committee were informed that the Highways Officer was not present at the meeting. They were told he'd had something else in his diary.

Now, the next bit wasn't easy to follow in planning speak but I think I got it right. You see, the site of the proposed new police station was granted a planning permission for massive office blocks some ten years ago ... though no building has taken place. The police argued at the meeting that their new facility would generate far fewer traffic movements than the office blocks for which there is existing planning consent.

But that planning consent of seven years ago obviously did not take into account the tenfold increase in traffic that has been generated by developments at RHS Harlow Carr and Betty's in recent times – because these elements did not exist at the time the consent was given. (Are you with me so far?)

Naturally, the committee considered the predicted state of traffic congestion to be supremely important and relevant. Despite that, the council's legal officer had to tell them that, on account of that earlier planning consent (and a later one which muddied the waters no end for me but wasn't really relevant), the increased congestion they envisaged now could not be applied as a reason for refusing the application in front of them! So .....

- ◆ Previous planning permission had been granted when congestion was not a problem.
- ◆ Congestion has since then become a very serious problem and was the present planning committee's most compelling reason for refusing the police application.
- ◆ Congestion in this case, however severe, had no validity in law and could not be used as a reason for refusal.

And if you'd like a twist in the tale, here it comes. Henry Pankhurst, who was also at the meeting on 28th September, told me afterwards that earlier planning consents were granted in outline. 'Outline' means that a further more detailed application has to be made and approved or an application will lapse by a certain date. And the date in question this time? That would be 4th November, 2010. But it didn't happen because .....

..... despite the concern of the planning committee members about traffic congestion, at the end of a two-hour session on 28 September 2010, ten planning committee members voted to approve the police planning application, four voted against it, and one abstained.

And it if you have followed all that without the benefit of the master class I had from Henry Pankhurst .....

Well done!

**Jacky Little**  
**Member HCS**

**November Forum**

**The Future of Harrogate -  
The Council's Viewpoint**

**Guest Speaker**

**Wallace Sampson**

The Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council, Wallace Sampson, offered members of Harrogate Civic Society a **view into the near future for the town : 'Harrogate – Building On Our Strengths'**.

In the current state of the national economy, and with a predicted £6bn this year in public sector savings, Mr Sampson's tone of tempered optimism at the outset was not what members might have been expecting. But Mr Sampson has behind him a strong career in local government in the North of England, he has been in post here for two years now, and he has hopes that the uncommon diversity of Harrogate's economic base will help the district to withstand the worst effects of hard times.

How exactly would that work? Well, 76% of our economy is made up of distribution, hotels and restaurants (30%), public administration and health (24%), banking, finance and insurance (10%), and manufacturing (12%). Only 0.5% of businesses in the district employ more than 250 people. Diversity like this spreads the risk.

Again, unlike many other places, the Harrogate district has a quality of environment that makes it a desirable place to live or to work, to run a business or to visit. There is a positive perception of the district as a destination. Who hasn't heard of Fountains Abbey, Theakstons, The Stray, Harrogate's floral reputation, The Royal Hall, and Betty's, especially Betty's.

10,000 people a day travel from Harrogate to Leeds to work, and one can reasonably assume they spend in Harrogate much of what they earn in Leeds. So we are not only a desirable destination, we are nicely placed geographically to benefit from proximity to Leeds, and York as well.

Listening in the warmth and comfort of Grants Hotel, Civic Society to a lot of very agreeable statistics, it would have been easy to feel complacent – but there was the downside as well. Mr Sampson reminded us of weaknesses in the district's economy such as transport and congestion, housing affordability, and our market town economy.

But there is a local strategy for economic development. One aim of it is to preserve and promote our heritage and environment – and it looks as if we are on track with that one. RHS Harlow Carr used to have 50,000 visitors a year – last year numbers were 270,000 and increasing!

The government is replacing Regional Development Agencies with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). It is hoped these will bring public and private sectors together in focusing on economic growth – in our case the development of partnerships with the Leeds City Region, and North Yorkshire and York in particular.

Mr Sampson did not claim to know what is coming. We are in an unprecedented state of recession, he said, and government intentions have not yet been fully revealed. It is his view, however, that economic recovery is only a matter of time, and that the Harrogate District is better placed than most to build on its strengths and opportunities.

**Jacky Little  
Member HCS**

**From**  
**The Membership Secretary**

We think our newsletter should be more of a two way communication document and would very much like to hear from you.

Comments on any subject would be welcome but we would be particularly interested to have your views on the newsletter itself. Is the length about right, are there other things you would like to see included? Is there anything you especially enjoy, or do not like about it?

We are currently finalising the 2011 programme and would like to hear your views on the best times to have our events – weekdays or weekends, daytime or evening, seasonal or year-round – or a mixture of all these alternatives? Also, are there any subjects you feel would be of special interest to members we should be considering?

Finally, of course, are there any matters relating to the heritage and character of Harrogate that you believe need to be aired more widely?

Please send your thoughts and comments to me. Peter Brown at 38a Duchy Road, Harrogate, HG1 2ER, or email them to [p.brown0@talk21.com](mailto:p.brown0@talk21.com), and we will do your best to include them in one of our newsletters. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Special Offer!**  
**Free NT Entry**



For one year only our membership of Civic Voice entitles each member of the **Harrogate Civic Society** to a free National Trust Day Pass.

The pass provides free access for one day to any National Trust property during normal opening hours, subject to a small number of restrictions.

The free pass is available to download at this link:

[www.civicvoice.org.uk/nationaltrustcivicvoiceoffer](http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/nationaltrustcivicvoiceoffer)

The pass is transferable and can be given to friends or family if you are already a member of the National Trust.

Details of all National Trust properties open to the public can be found at:

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

We are lucky to have Fountains Abbey so close to us with as well as Brimham Rocks and Beningbrough Hall and gardens

If you don't have internet, you can write to Civic Voice, asking for a free day pass, at Unit 101, 82 Wood Street, The Tea Factory, Liverpool, L1 4DQ. Please say that you are a member of **Harrogate Civic Society**, and enclose your contact details and a stamped, addressed envelope.

**Forthcoming Events**

**Tuesday, 14th December, 2010.** 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Venue: The White Hart Hotel.

Jane Austen a talk by Malcolm Neesam

**Saturday, 29th January, 2011.** 1.00 p.m. Venue: The White Hart Hotel

Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies' AGM. 2.00 p.m. Guest Speaker Paula Ridley, Chairman of Civic Voice

**Monday, 9th May, 2011.** 10.15 a.m. Venue: Ripon Cathedral

"Who do you think they were? Some interesting people and their memorials in Ripon Cathedral

A talk by Toria Forsyth-Moser

**Monday, 23rd May, 2011.** 7.30 p.m. Venue: Grant's Hotel

AGM . Guest Speaker Jean MacQuarrie, Editor of The Advertiser

# **“Winter Warmers at The Club”**

36 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate

## **Malcolm Neesam’s 2011 Local History Lectures**

Your committee recommends members and their guests to support “The Harrogate Club” at 36 Victoria Avenue, in its plan to refurbish part of the historic 1886 building as follows:-

Next winter, Civic Society member Malcolm Neesam is giving a series of six illustrated lectures on Harrogate themes, from Sunday, 9th January onwards. Each lecture will be given on alternate Sunday afternoons, in the comfortable Victorian surroundings of “The Club” at 3.00 p.m. with afternoon tea provided. Only sixty seats are available. Admittance is open to members of “The Club” and Harrogate Civic Society and their guests, so early application is recommended.

Admission costs £25 per person for the complete series of six lectures with cash or cheques payable in advance to “The Harrogate Club” Purchasers may decide how many lectures they wish to attend but no refunds are possible.

Application may be made to management of The Club, 36 Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5PR, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. (or 2.00 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3.00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays) or by post, enclosing a self-addressed envelope and the applicant’s name, address and telephone number, and requesting a receipt

**Sunday, 9th January, 2011, 3.00 p.m., The Club**

“Twentieth Century Harrogate from 1919 to the Millennium”

**Sunday, 23rd January, 2011, 3.00 p.m., The Club**

“Sacred and Secular: the story of Harrogate’s Churches and Markets”

**Sunday, 6th February, 2011 3.00 p.m., The Club**

“At Bar and Board: the story of Harrogate’s Hotels”

**Sunday, 20th February, 2011, 3.00 p.m., The Club**

“Stage and Screen: the story of Entertainments in Harrogate”

**Sunday, 6th March, 2011, 3.00 p.m., The Club**

“Health and Healing: Harrogate’s Medical History”

**Sunday, 20th March, 2011, 3.00 p.m., The Club**

“The Parks and Gardens of Harrogate”



Any questions regarding this notice, please contact Peter Hacker, telephone 567968