



HARROGATE
Civic Society

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!



Ashville College on 9 January 2021. It was the first school to be set up by the United Methodist Free Church and was opened with 30 pupils and two masters on 17 July 1877. School fees were £25 per annum. (from www.ashville.co.uk)

New Year - New Look!

We start 2021 with a new logo for the Society, which you can see above. Throughout the past year, despite all the coronavirus restrictions which have curtailed many of our normal activities, we have been working on how best to promote the role and image of the Society. The logo is but one small change and more will follow with the launch of a brand new website.

We are a member of ...



The next plaque to be unveiled, celebrating Dr Kathleen Rutherford, will be on 8 March, International Women's Day.

More in the February newsletter

Our next (virtual) event

We will be holding our ZOOM AGM on 23 February and this will be preceded by a talk:

A walk round Fountains Abbey

An illustrated tour of this world-famous abbey, a description of its foundation and life there and how it was closed down.

The speaker will be Mike Bevington who was a National Trust tour guide at the abbey for 10 years.

See page 2 for more details.



Celebrate our past - **Enhance** our present - **Shape** our future

Our Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 23rd
February 2021
at 7.00 pm

We would normally have held our AGM in June but postponed it because of Covid restrictions. Many organisations like ours decided to have a Zoom based AGM instead, especially in view of continued restrictions. So, we propose to hold our AGM on Tuesday 23rd February and to combine it with a talk that will commence at 7.00 pm.

Please email events@harrogatecivicsociety.org if you would like to attend and the Zoom invitation will be emailed to you. For those who have not used Zoom before this is a simple link in an email, click on the link and you will be taken into the meeting. If you don't have the Zoom software installed on your laptop or mobile phone it will ask you to do that, but again that is an easy matter of clicking when prompted. The link will give access to both the talk and the AGM.

Documents relating to the AGM will be circulated to members separately.



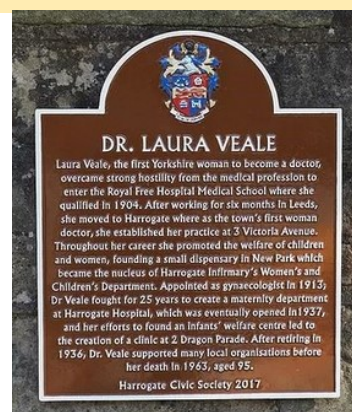
*From British Medical
Journal: Aug 24 1963*

Dr Laura Sobey Veale

We were delighted to be consulted by the North Yorkshire County Record Office who are promoting a series of campaigns entitled 'Made in North Yorkshire'. One of the subjects is Dr Laura Veale, born in Hampsthwaite and the first Yorkshire woman to qualify as a doctor.

Our History group provided much information and the help of Dr Paul Jennings and other members of the Civic Society has been gratefully acknowledged by the County Council.

Full details can be found on: www.northyorks.gov.uk/made-in-north-yorkshire



*The Plaque at the site of her
surgery at 3 Victoria Avenue.*

..and planning carries on

Notwithstanding social distancing, lockdowns and Christmas, the planning process continues. Some of the applications that the Civic Society has responded to this last month include the **former Police Training Centre site on Yew Tree Lane** where Homes England have applied for an increase of 23% in the number of dwellings which the Local Plan allows for. We support the conversion of **the former Post Office at Cambridge Crescent** for residential and retail use, but have objected to the overdevelopment proposals which in our view would be damaging to the conservation area and local residential amenity.

Similarly the issue of overdevelopment is a serious problem with the redevelopment of the

Tate House Care Home on Wetherby Road, although the principle of demolition and rebuilding is acceptable.

We continue to make representations on the proposals to expand the **Harrogate Spa Water premises on Harlow Moor Road** (pictured below).

We are particularly concerned that the proposals to compensate for the loss of community woodland are far from adequate, particularly if there is no public access. Our objection to the latest proposed increase in size of the building remains.



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