



New Year - New Events

We know that many of our members look forward to the events we stage and support. This year, we have two sets for your diary:

- **A full calendar of Civic Society events** (see pages 14 to 16). All, except Swinton Castle, will be free to members. However, we shall be introducing a new and simplified booking system. **We shall let you know when booking opens for each event.** Please then use the system to confirm your booking. Some events (not just the external visits) will be limited in numbers.
- We are also supporting a major new exhibition at the West Park Centre – **Health in Harrogate 200**. This has its own programme of exciting events and booking is already open (see pages 6 and 7).

We hope you enjoy the year ahead!

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A robin enjoys the view along the footpath on the western edge of the Rotary Wood, in January 2026. Expansion proposals by Harrogate Spring Water include off-site mitigation woodland planting in the field shown here. The Civic Society had earlier commented that a compensatory area of new land for woodland planting must be established outside of the current site on this western edge.

Photo: J Poulton

2025 Christmas Social

Angela Fahy writes:

Our December social gathering was yet again a great success. Assisted by wine, soft drinks mince pies and pastries, members mingled, chatted and were locked in fierce competition in our quiz, specially devised by member Dr Paul Jennings. A large prize of gold coins was awarded (see below). If you missed this highlight of our year, try some of the questions now (answers at the foot of the page). Many thanks to all who helped with the preparations, food and serving drinks.



Three of the quiz questions (all on a Christmas theme)

1. Which celebrated Hollywood actor was born on Christmas Day 1899?
2. Which far-eastern British colony fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day 1941?
3. The Christmas number one in 1965 was a double A-sided single. What were the two songs?

... and the golden prize!



Annual General Meeting

The 2026 AGM will take place on Tuesday 12 May to be followed by the talk 'Flying from the Stray' (see page 14).

Further details will be issued later, but meanwhile we invite all members to please consider coming forward to join the committee to help guide and shape the Society as we go forward.

Membership

We are very pleased to report that 32 new members joined the Society in 2025, and we ended the year with a total membership of over 320.

Answers to Christmas Quiz

1. Humphrey Bogart
2. Hong Kong
3. Day Tripper / We can work it out

Coffee mornings

Our popular informal coffee mornings have taken a break over the winter months, but we intend to resume them, starting in the spring.

Now that we have established the West Park Centre as our 'home', we will be starting to use this as our new venue for coffee mornings.



Caring for the River Nidd - What is it Worth?

Civic Society member, **David Clayden**, who has a degree in fisheries science, in retirement tried to fish for trout, but was appalled by the state of our rivers and now chairs the Nidd Action Group.

Here he summarises the issues raised in his talk given to the Society on 11 February. A full report and update will be featured in our next Newsletter.



While the complex issues of today's crazy world constantly assail us, there is also a continual and increasing 'niche' concern about the health of our rivers. What is going on with the provision of clean water and the disposal of waste water from our communities? How healthy are our rivers and what can we do about it?

Some would say that our river Nidd hardly seems to be like a post-industrial disaster zone, and anyway Harrogate isn't really on the river is it? (We have three rivers in or near Harrogate, including the Nidd.)

Should we spend any of our limited personal time and attention on what might seem to be an idealistic, even romantic concern to 'return to nature'? Is it more 'tree-hugging' and 'newt-loving' fuss that holds our country back from economic growth and prosperity?

This talk tries to put in context the major changes over the years in pollution and how we produce and respond to it. Our knowledge and attitudes have changed about the importance of the river environment for our physical and mental health, as well as for the provision of services related to water use. We are impatient for an effective response by organizations charged with the responsibilities to maintain and improve the health of our lovely Nidd.

Since privatization from 1989 it seems that regulation of water companies' actions isn't working. An Independent Commission, ordered by the UK Government has made

88 recommendations, some of which are expected to be incorporated in the Water Reform White paper being published **in the next week or two**.

The Government's response seems to be focused on regulating water companies' performance, rather than a holistic approach, so is unlikely to meet the evidenced concerns of the Sewage Campaign Network (Nidd Action Group is a member) – but we will soon see!



Whatever changes are agreed, they won't provide instant improvement for the Nidd, so how can we help

- our 'wild swimmers' in their newly designated (but not yet improved) bathing water at Knaresborough's Lido?
- our residents and tourists who want to continue to enjoy the riverside habitats and the wildlife in North Yorkshire?

Who is doing what about the present unsatisfactory situation, and is it working? What practical actions can we take? What are the responsibilities of farmers, businesses, local authorities, Yorkshire Water, the Government and, of course, ourselves?

Above: Darley Sewage Treatment Works, showing the stormwater overflow and treated sewage outfall into a tributary of the River Nidd

Left: Enjoying leisure time upstream of The Lido near Knaresborough's Conyngnam Hall



The Town Council - How is it going?

Our first event of 2026 was an opportunity to hear first hand from those involved how the new Harrogate Town Council has established itself in the first eight months of its existence and where it sees itself going in the future.

Nigel McClea reports on the event.



Cllr Chris Aldred

At our meeting on 13 January, we were delighted to welcome Harrogate Town Council in the form of Councillor Chris Aldred (the current Mayor) and Councillor Mark Warr. Both talked engagingly about the opportunities and challenges facing the town's newest authority.



Cllr Mark Warr

The Mayor began by reminding us of the long and complex history of local government; how Harrogate Corporation was formed in 1884 only to be replaced in 1974 by Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council. In 2023 both these authorities were scrapped in favour of a new North Yorkshire Council - and all of this without any direct reference to the electorate.

Although the advantages (mostly financial) of a single unitary authority were much paraded, local government became more, not less, complex. First there came an elected Mayor for York and North Yorkshire, then the realisation that Harrogate and Scarborough were the only two areas of the county not to have their own parish or town council.

To address this anomaly Harrogate Town Council was brought into being last April with Chris Aldred becoming our first Mayor. He described the inaugural year as a period of assessment, of consultation with key stakeholders (including our Society), and of setting priorities. It was therefore very pleasing to hear that, among the Council's priorities, three are also key objectives for our Society:

- information boards at strategic locations in the town
- the Neighbourhood Plan (see page 10)

- an on-line events calendar open to all

To assist with this, Chris announced the Council's intention to appoint a dedicated Events Officer later in the year.

In response to questions, both speakers were at pains to point out that

all councillors are unpaid volunteers and that almost all local services will continue to be delivered by North Yorkshire Council unless and until it can be agreed that the Town Council should take them over. Clearly there will need to be the finance available to do so.

Augmentation of services will not be a speedy

process. Full details of the Council's activities, budget for next year and aspirations can be seen by visiting the website:

www.harrogatetowncouncil.gov.uk:



The Council's newly published statement, available on their website

The talk was received with great interest, as was the opportunity to admire the mayoral chain at close quarters!



Working with the Town Council

*Following January's presentation by the Mayor on what Harrogate Town Council is doing (see page 4), **Mike Newby** gives an update on ways in which the Civic Society is supporting and working with the Council.*

Firstly, thanks are due to Henry Pankhurst and his planning team who continue to provide our informed views on **planning applications** to the Council (see more on page 12) and to Nick Brennan who has been co-opted on to the Council's **Neighbourhood Plan** subcommittee (more on Page 10).

There is also movement on the question of signage, both on the outskirts of the town and within the town centre.

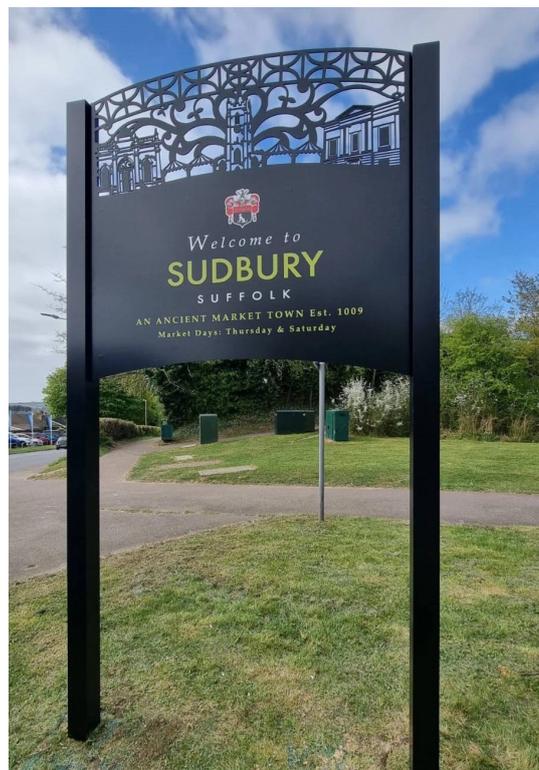
The Town Council now has a formal **signs working group** - it needs to be formal in order to make recommendations to the full Council. I am a member of this group with my Civic Society hat on but also with an interest in Harrogate International Partnerships who have been endeavouring to get new *Welcome to Harrogate* signs erected for some time.

There has been a general consensus that the poor condition of some signs (or total lack of signage) does not reflect well on Harrogate's image. The group has now identified eight main road entry points to the town where new *Welcome to Harrogate* signs could be erected and not impinge on road safety. The group has begun to look at designs which will have to be in compliance with highway regulations, but has not yet come to a conclusion.

Members of the Civic Society have also been concerned at the **information signage** within the town centre. Overall the current signs provide a poor and incoherent image of the town with out-of-date content, old fashioned design, redundant borough council branding and in many cases are in poor condition.

Members of the Civic Society's History Group have already conducted an audit of the current signage and

come up with proposals for new signage. Not only has this now been picked up by the Town Council but North Yorkshire Council is looking to make a bid for funding for a project it is calling **Harrogate H₂O**, including new themed directional and heritage signage. I have provided the work that the Society has done to date and as a member of the signs working group will be able to have input as this project develops. I hope to have more information by the next newsletter but will give progress reports at future meetings.

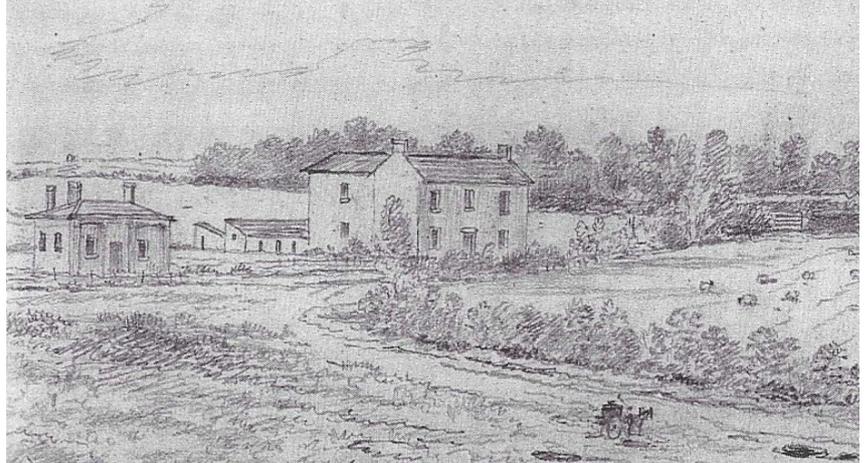


An example of a modern town entry sign. A decision is awaited on the design for a Harrogate Town sign, but it is likely that it will refer to our four international twin towns.

Health in Harrogate 200

Exhibition and Events Celebrating the 200-year Anniversary of the Royal Bath Hospital

We are delighted to announce that Harrogate Medical Society and Harrogate Hospital, supported by the Civic Society, will be mounting a **major exhibition** later this year to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of the Royal Bath Hospital, the first hospital in Harrogate.



Right: The Bath Hospital drawn by John Field in 1830. Source: Malcolm Neesam, Harrogate Great Chronicle, 2005

The exhibition

The exhibition will showcase the fascinating story of health and wellbeing in Harrogate from the opening of the hospital, through Victorian and Edwardian medicine, to modern healthcare and future perspectives.

- ◆ **Where:** West Park Centre, Harrogate, HG1 1EQ
- ◆ **When:** Monday 6 April 2026 until Saturday 16 May 2026
- ◆ **Opening times:** Every **Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10.30am – 3.00pm**
- ◆ **Free** no need to book.
- ◆ **Café open daily** – tea, coffee, scones and cakes available

The events

There will be a **special programme of talks, walks, exhibitions and activities** celebrating Harrogate's unique medical, spa and social history, and the people who shaped it.

A summary of the programme is given on the next page. **Full details and links to the booking page can be seen on the Civic Society website www.harrogatecivicsociety.org or click [here](#)**

The events will all take place at the West Park Centre and cost £10 per head unless otherwise specified. **Any profits from this project will be donated to St Michael's Hospice.**

Please note that the event on **15 April** (talk by Peter Holmes and Fiona Everard) is part of the Civic Society calendar of events and will accordingly be **free to Harrogate Civic Society members**. A discount code allowing free booking for members will be issued in due course.

<p>Wednesday 8 April 7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Dr Paul Jennings Harrogate Civic Society</p>	<p>Children's sickness and health: the experience of late Victorian and Edwardian Harrogate</p> <p>The talk will examine the range of sickness to which children succumbed, the reasons for it and efforts to improve the situation.</p>
<p>Friday 10 April 10.30am - 3pm</p>	<p>Emily Holmes Curator, Mercer Art Gallery</p>	<p>Object 'Show & Tell' with Harrogate Museums</p> <p>Join us to get up close and personal with objects held in North Yorkshire Council's Harrogate Museum Collection relating to the history of Harrogate as a Spa town.</p> <p>This is a free drop-in event.</p>
<p>Saturdays 11, 18 and 25 April 3.30pm - 5pm</p>	<p>Harry Satloka Harrogate Walking Tours</p>	<p>Guided Walk</p> <p>Celebrating 200 years of Harrogate as a spa town.</p> <p>The walk will start at the War Memorial and finish at West Park Centre with tea and cake to follow.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 April 7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Peter Holmes Fiona Everard Retired Royal Bath Hospital staff</p>	<p>200-year anniversary of the first hospital in Harrogate</p> <p>A presentation with former staff of the Royal Bath Hospital bringing the hospital's history to life.</p> <p>With contributions from Dr Mike Martin, Carmel Duff and other staff</p>
<p>Friday 17 April 7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Harrogate Dramatic Society</p>	<p>An evening of readings from plays, poems and other writings on the general theme of wellbeing in Harrogate and beyond</p>
<p>Saturday 18 April 3pm - 5pm</p>	<p>Dr Jed Atkinson Education Officer at the Royal Pump Room Museum</p>	<p>Something in the Water</p> <p>In this talk, we explore what is really in Harrogate Spa waters, why Harrogate has 88 different springs, and what lies beneath the town.</p>
<p>Wednesday 22 April 7pm - 8.30 pm</p>	<p>Dr Peter Hammond Consultant endocrinologist</p>	<p>1922 and all that: from insulin intrigue to the artificial pancreas - searching for a cure for type 1 diabetes</p> <p>A talk about the history of treatment for type 1 diabetes from ketotic diets to stem cell transplantation</p>
<p>Wednesday 29 April 7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Harry Satloka Harrogate Walking Tours</p>	<p>Harrogate's Spa Heritage</p> <p>Celebrating 200 years of the first hospital in Harrogate and the millions who have sought out 'the cure' in our beautiful spa town over that time - and some who wish they hadn't !</p>
<p>Saturday 2 May 7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Sarah Devonald (BBC Radio 3), Andrew Hitchen (concerts director) and Dr Paul Jennings (social historian)</p>	<p>Sound Health - the music of Harrogate's Spa, Stray and Streets</p> <p>Musical highlights of Harrogate's heyday as a spa town, illustrated with plenty of music, stories and images of times gone by.</p> <p>Cost: £15 a head</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 May 7pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>Dr Mike Green Rheumatologist</p>	<p>Rheumatology advances through the ages</p> <p>Dr Green will share the developments in rheumatology over the last 200 years - how twentieth-century breakthroughs brought anti-inflammatories, steroids, methotrexate, and earlier diagnosis.</p>

The Harrogate Neighbourhood Plan

In previous newsletters we have described the work which has been undertaken by Harrogate Civic Society and others (the 'Forum') in assembling the evidence which will inform the Neighbourhood planning process.

Now the Town Council have assumed responsibility for its progress.

Nick Brennan brings us up to date.

A new Harrogate Town Council Plan subcommittee has begun to develop the work previously undertaken by the Harrogate Town Plan Forum.

I along with several Civic Society members attended the ceremonial 'baton hand-over' from the Forum to the Town Council on 8 December at West Park United Reform Church. It was agreed that a newly constituted Forum with its cumulative knowledge, would continue to support the work of the Town Council.

David Goode from Knaresborough Town Council described the process of developing and adopting a Neighbourhood Plan for Knaresborough with all its intrinsic struggles, including a pandemic!

While the Neighbourhood Plan's initial focus confines itself to the area within the Harrogate Town boundary, it was agreed that surrounding parishes should be taken into account, to cover any current or potential impacts on the Harrogate Town Plan area.

This is now being undertaken by consultant planning specialist Kathryn Jukes. The resultant recommendation



to the subcommittee at its meeting of 17 December was to establish a working relationship with neighbouring parishes so as to derive a more inclusive Harrogate Town Plan. This may or may not necessitate a redrawing of the Town Plan designated area, depending upon the nature of the working relationship.

The preliminary timetable for stages 1 to 9 of the Neighbourhood Plan envisages the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan by 2031. However, both local and national elections in that period could have an impact upon the timetable.

Once the Town Council's work programme on the town plan is properly underway, it will become clearer how the Forum can help further.



Cllr Viv Poskitt will chair the Council's Town Plan subcommittee.

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. When adopted, a neighbourhood plan attains the same legal status as a local plan.

Source: www.gov.uk

Ernest Farrar - Harrogate's Forgotten Composer

Nigel McClea reports on the talk given to Society members on 19 November by Andrew Hitchen.

Andrew was the founder and, until recently, the principal organiser of the Wesley Concerts in Harrogate.



*Ernest Bristow Farrar
(7 July 1885 – 18 Sept 1918)*

A large and rapt audience of members and guests attended our November meeting to be treated to music enthusiast and Society member Andrew Hitchen relating the tragic story of composer Ernest Farrar, killed on the Western Front in the last months of the First World War. The meeting was held in the West Park Centre (rapidly becoming our Society's home) and Andrew's talk was interspersed with recorded performances of some of Farrar's finest orchestral works, utilising the West Park Centre's new sound system.

I think Farrar ranks among the greats of early 20th century British music. He was a pupil of Charles Villiers Stanford and a teacher of Gerald Finzi and the quality of his music came as a revelation to many of us.



*C V Stanford
(left) and
Gerald Finzi
(right)*



We, at the Society, are determined that Farrar (who spent the last years of his short life living and composing in Harrogate) should not again sink into obscurity. We shall be working for a brown plaque at Farrar's Harrogate home and are hoping this might even be timed to coincide with the publication of the first biography of Farrar by organ scholar, composer and author Malcolm Riley either later this year or early next. Meanwhile, if you would like to contribute towards the cost of the brown plaque, please get in contact.

Both we and Wesley Concerts Harrogate are hoping to promote further performances of Farrar's music both

locally and further afield, not least the last work he conducted in the Royal Hall just two brief months before his death – the breathtakingly haunting *Heroic Elegy* - a work that deserves to be heard at every year's remembrance events.

I am delighted we have been able to forge such close links with Andrew and his colleague Sarah Devonald (his successor as principal organiser of Wesley Concerts Harrogate) and I would urge everyone who has yet to experience the exceptional music Andrew and Sarah are bringing to the town to give the concert series your serious attention - <https://wesleyconcerts.org>.

Meanwhile, Andrew and Sarah (along with Paul Jennings) are booked to return to the West Park Centre on 2 May, this time to talk on *The Music of Harrogate's Spa, Stray and Streets*. This is part of the Health in Harrogate celebration - full details can be found on pages 6 and 7.



Farrar's grave lies just outside the churchyard wall in Ronssoy Communal Cemetery in northern France.

Planning Matters - Some Welcome News



In this issue, Henry Pankhurst looks at some recent planning applications concerning flats above business premises in the town centre.

In our Newsletter a year ago, you would see detail of a planning application for **27 West Park**, the former home of the Stray Ferret. The premises had opened, without planning consent, as a Dog Care Facility, claiming the business was a community use but with clients from far off places! This application was withdrawn. A new application was submitted. The only significant difference was that the dog exercise run and fencing were removed from the application. During the passage of the application, overnight operation was deleted plus promises as to how the business would be run. This did not persuade the planners, it was refused.



Now the better news. We saw an application to convert the first and second floors, each to a 3-bedroom flat, the ground floor remaining in retail use. The Civic Society has long been keen to see unused or underused upper floors, in the town centre, brought into beneficial use, especially residential use. One thing puzzled us: the external area still seemed to have 43 car parking spaces – for two flats?! The application was approved. No change to the site plan, so this area will therefore be classed as residential use.

We see how banks are closing premises almost everywhere. So far, we are doing well in Harrogate.

Hopefully, my next two cases are not precursors to closure. At **24 Oxford Street - the Halifax Bank**, we see a proposal to convert the first floor to two 2-bed flats and two 1-bed flats and the second floor to three 1-bed flats, a total of seven flats. The ground floor and basement remain in commercial use. This has been approved.

Similarly, **Barclays Bank at 25 James Street** would see conversion of the first floor to four 1-bed flats and the second floor to



three 1-bed flats and one 2-bed flat, 8 flats in all. The ground floor and basement would remain in commercial use. This has been approved.



The shop at **18 Cheltenham Parade** was until recently the Music House. We saw an application to convert the first and second floors to a maisonette but retain the ground floor and basement for retail use - so far so good. Latterly the application was reduced to the addition of a rear

external staircase to access the upper floors. The application form said two parking spaces would be provided in the rear yard but I couldn't foresee this being practical with the staircase. They were not shown on the proposed plans, only on the 'as existing' drawing. But North Yorkshire Highways say the parking spaces should be retained. Hopefully confusions will be sorted out and the maisonette conversion will happen.

Heritage Open Days - An Appeal

*Our Chair, **Mike Newby**, has issued the following appeal to our members to help with an important event in the Civic Society's calendar.*

Heritage Open Days (HODs) is England's largest festival of history and culture. Running for 10 days every September, it offers free access to heritage events and activities across England. It is an opportunity to see behind the scenes of, and learn more about, our local heritage buildings. The programme typically includes open days, talks and walks and has proved to be very popular. I know that many of our members have enjoyed what HODs has to offer.

In recent years HODs in Harrogate has been co-ordinated by members of the Harrogate Civic Society led by Geoff and Stella Brown. We are now looking for new members to join the team and ensure that Harrogate continues to play a significant role.

Could you join the team and help co-ordinate and liaise with the various venues that take part in our local HODs?

This year it will take place between 11 and 20 September.

You can see the range of 2025 events here: <https://www.harrogatecivicsociety.org/heritage-open-days-hods>.



If you would like to help or to find out more, please get in touch via email to hods@harrogatecivicsociety.org

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Members may be relieved, or possibly disappointed, to know that none of this newsletter has been produced using AI.

On Saturday 31 January, committee members Nick Brennan and David Siddans attended a presentation given at the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Civic Societies (YHACS) and heard how some other societies are exploring ways of using AI in the work they do.

From producing minutes of meetings to consultation

responses, heritage leaflets to (yes) newsletters, speakers spoke of their experience of using AI, the procedures and some of the risks involved.

Quite probably, there will come a time when AI begins to be a tool which Harrogate Civic Society chooses to use in the work we do. We will not, however, publish AI-generated content without letting you know.



Programme of Events: March to June 2026

Unless otherwise stated, all talks commence at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 7.00 pm with teas and coffee available.

Tues 10 March



Safeguarding Knaresborough's Heritage one exhibition at a time

Speaker: Kathy Allday; A journey of discovery about Knaresborough's amazing heritage – and the challenges facing it. Kathy is Chair of, and a prime mover in, the Knaresborough Museum Association.

Weds 15 April



The Royal Bath Hospital - 168 years of history and treatment.

Speaker: Peter Holmes; This talk is a central part of *Health in Harrogate 200*, celebrating the bicentenary of Harrogate's first and fascinating public hospital. Peter is a retired civil servant, passionate local historian and Secretary of the Friends of the Valley Gardens.

Thurs 7 May 12 - 3pm



Visit to Swinton Castle

This beautiful house near Masham in Wensleydale also has a Harrogate connection as Harrogate College (later the Ladies' College) spent the years 1939 to 1946 there when the school was requisitioned by the Air Ministry. We will have a guided tour of the house, now a country hotel, by the present owner, Mark Cunliffe-Lister, and look at an exhibition of photographs of the girls' time there. Numbers are limited and booking details will be announced shortly. There will be a small charge for afternoon tea.

Tues 12 May



Flying from the Stray

Speaker: Peter Rix; This is fascinating story of the long forgotten and controversial use of the Stray as an airfield. Peter, the first chair of Pannal Village Society, has a long interest in aviation and local history, and has brought his two passions together in this talk.

The AGM will precede this talk.

Sat 6 June 2 - 3.30pm



Tour of All Saints Cemetery, Harlow Hill

Guided tour by Paul Jennings; The resting place of some of Harrogate's most famous including actor Michael Rennie and painter Bernard Evans (Members will be advised when booking opens)

How to Book

We are using a new booking system run by trybooking.com.

Look out for the emails which will be issued ahead of each event. These will contain a simple button which will lead you straight to the booking page for the event.

There will be no charge for the events, except for the Swinton Castle visit.

Programme of Events: June to December 2026

Weds 10 June



The challenges of the Stray Ferret - in a fake news world.

Speaker Tamsin O'Brien, formerly head of BBC Yorkshire and BBC North West and the founder and owner of the Stray Ferret which started publication in 2020.

Tues 14 July



George Hudson

Speaker Robert Beaumont; George Hudson can be credited with the title of 'The man who brought the railway to Harrogate'. Robert is a Yorkshire journalist, historian and author whose biography of Hudson has been called 'a passionate work of genuine scholarship'.

Weds 16 Sept



Harrogate Rocks

Speaker Derek Shelmerdine; Popular music in Harrogate since the war - the people, the music and the clubs. Derek, currently the host of two radio shows, is the famous author of 'Rock 'n Roll Unravalled'.

Tues 13 Oct



Harrogate in World War 2

Speaker Guy Wilson; The impact the war had on Harrogate and the impact Harrogate had on the war. Guy, who during his many years as Master of the Royal Armouries was responsible for the creation of the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, is currently Chair of the Ripon Military Heritage Trust.

Tues 10 Nov



The Bilton Grange Estate - a largely forgotten name

Speaker Alan Gould; A history of this often overlooked part of Harrogate that, in many ways, formed and fuelled the town. Alan is the Secretary of the Bilton Historical Society.

December (date tbc)



Harrogate Civic Society Christmas Social

The return of our very popular Christmas get-together. Details later

Summary of Forthcoming Events

Talks are held at West Park Centre, Victoria Avenue commencing at 7.30 pm.
Tea and coffees from 7.00 pm

Tues 10 March	Safeguarding Knaresborough's Heritage - one exhibition at a time
Wed 15 April	The Royal Bath Hospital: 168 years of history and treatments
Thurs 7 May 12 noon to 3pm	Tour of Swinton Castle
Tues 12 May	AGM followed by talk: Flying from the Stray
Sat 6 June 2.00pm	Tour of All Saints Cemetery, Harlow Hill
Wed 10 June	The Challenges of the Stray Ferret - in a fake news world
Tues 14 July	George Hudson: The man who brought the railways to Harrogate
Weds 16 Sept	Harrogate Rocks: Popular Music in Harrogate
Tues 13 October	Harrogate in World War 2
Tues 10 Nov	The Bilton Grange Estate
December	Christmas Social Date, time and venue to be announced later

Paying for

events - (Where applicable)

By bank transfer: Name: Harrogate Civic Society. Sort Code: 05-04-54. Account: 167 465 95

Reference: please use your name, followed by the date DDMM (day/month) of the event.

By cheque: post to Mr P Fennimore, HCS Treasurer, 9 Merryfield, Harrogate, HG2 9DH (include event)

All details are on our website and are continuously updated. Full information and reminders will be issued via the newsletter, by email, Instagram and Facebook.

Occasionally, talks will be advertised to our link groups and the general public. **Events are free for members** unless otherwise stated. Early booking is recommended.

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