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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter and the first to be produced on our new computer at The Lodge. It may also be the last Newsletter you take out of an envelope. Now that we're up-to-date with 21st century technology and enjoying the benefits of Broadband, we're able to offer future Newsletters in an electronic format for members who prefer to receive them that way. Please see the letter enclosed.

Our technological advance does not (yet) extend to virtual lectures, so we shall soon be gathering together to listen to our first lecture of the season, just as members have done since the Society's early days. This year's programme is enclosed and we hope the variety of offerings will have something to interest everyone.

In addition to the Programme Card your envelope should contain the following inserts. Please contact Frances at The Lodge if any are missing.

- ü Visit to York Theatre Royal, 16 October 2009
- ü Visits to York Glaziers Trust, 22 October & 12 November 2009
- ü Visit to the York Museum Trust's "Modern History" store, 18 November 2009
- ü Winter Social, 8 December 2009
- ü Information about Amazon and Everyclick
- ü Letter about electronic mailings
- ü A useful bookmark

Lectures in the Hospitium – A Reminder

As announced in our April Newsletter, the Yorkshire Museum will be closing for refurbishment in early November and the Tempest Anderson Hall will be unavailable to us. Our first four lectures (5th, 19th and 26th October and 2nd November) will be in the Tempest Anderson Hall but after that we shall be meeting in the Hospitium.

For anyone new to York, this is the Mediaeval half-timbered building at the lowest part of the Museum Gardens near the river. The lecture room is upstairs but there is a lift, which will accommodate a wheelchair, and full toilet facilities (including for the disabled) are available.

There is no parking next to the building but for anyone needing to be dropped off at the entrance there will be vehicle access through the "Gardeners' Gate" at the bottom of Marygate. If you have any questions about accessibility, staff at the Yorkshire Museum will be happy to advise and can be contacted on 01904 687671.

... and another Reminder – they are on Mondays!

The other important thing to remember for the 2009-10 season is that **all** the lectures, whether in the Tempest Anderson Hall or the Hospitium, are on Monday evenings instead of Tuesdays (and the Christmas Family Lecture is on a Sunday afternoon rather than Saturday).

We intend to return to Tuesday evenings for the 2010-11 season, but do please let us know in the course of the year which evening suits you best. If there is a substantial preference for Mondays, we will take it into consideration.

Lectures outside York

On the subject of lectures, please take a look at the back of your Programme Card where you will see details of two talks to be held outside York. Following the enthusiastic reception for our first lecture at the Pocklington Arts Centre in March we are not only making this an annual event but also expanding our outreach programme to the Key Centre in Middleham. We could not achieve this without a financial contribution from the British Science Association, and we hope that all BSA and YPS members within reach of these venues will go along to support them. And remember to tell your friends!

Events Update

Unfortunately we had to cancel our proposed visit to London on September 14th to 18th, as we did not reach the number of participants needed to make it viable. We were very sorry to disappoint those who booked and also to see Alan Owen's hard work in arranging it come to nothing.

A group of members had a very enjoyable excursion to Lichfield and the National Memorial Arboretum in July. Alan's excellent planning even extended to the weather which changed from dull and wet to glorious sunshine just as we disembarked from the coach at our destination.

At the time of writing there are still a small number of places left for Alan's visit to

two Lakeland houses (Holker Hall and Blackwell) on 21st October, announced in the last Newsletter. If you would like another copy of the booking sheet, please contact Frances at The Lodge.



Sculpture at the National Memorial
Photo: thanks to Tony Stanfield

Clerk's Holiday

The Lodge will be closed from Wednesday 9th September for the Clerk's autumn break, re-opening on Monday 14th September.

YPS Tour of South Wales

Members who enjoyed our tour to South Wales in May might be interested to know that Ted Keen has once again produced a DVD showing highlights of the week. It is proposed to play the DVD and show some still photographs on screen in The Lodge on Wednesday 23rd September from 10.30 am until noon. If you would like to come along and be reminded of your holiday, as we settle into autumn, please give Frances a ring first so that The Lodge isn't overwhelmed. If demand is too high, another date can be arranged. Tea and coffee will be available - bring your own (Welsh?) biscuits.

After 23rd September the DVD will be available to borrow.

Internet News

We know that many of you have already accessed our new website. For those who have not yet found time, do log on to www.yorksphilsoc.org.uk and take a look. New features are being added all the time.

We are also happy to announce the end of the email problems which plagued us in the first half of the year. Messages can now reliably be sent to info@yorksphilsoc.org.uk. We apologize to anybody who has had difficulty getting through and, if you've been puzzled by a lack of response from us, please try again now.

Raising money for the YPS

Two years ago we joined the Everyclick scheme whereby every time members use the Everyclick search engine a small donation is made to the YPS. Although individually insignificant, these amounts now total over £70 – enough to pay a speaker's fee and expenses for one lecture.

We are delighted to announce that we are now participating in a similar scheme with Amazon. By simply accessing the online store via the link on our new website you can ensure that a donation is made to the Society without any cost to yourself every time you make a purchase. Amazon now sells a whole range of products as well as books.

Full instructions for both schemes are given on the enclosed sheet. Please keep it by your computer, enjoy shopping and searching, and let's see how quickly we can raise enough to pay for another lecture.

And on the subject of raising money

Our collection for the Yorkshire Museum refurbishment appeal has already raised over £1600 and with Gift Aid this comes to almost £2000. York Museums Trust is very grateful for our efforts but more is always welcome. If you have not yet donated, it is not too late. Forms are available from Frances at The Lodge.

Our members have talent!

Congratulations to John and Ann Harper on being joint winners of the new City of York Council Allotment Award for the east area.

Corporate and Family Membership

A small number of Council members have been looking at ways of attracting Corporate Members into YPS. We will be pursuing the idea of sponsorship of lectures by local firms or organisations.

Another line that we would like to pursue around our Children's Lectures is of encouraging more schools and particularly more parents to attend.

Anyone who feels that they might have a useful input into either of these projects, or who would like to be involved in contacting schools through science departments or science clubs, please contact Stephen Lusty or Rod Leonard after the holidays.

York Archaeological Trust Bookfair

We will once again have a stand at the annual YAT Bookfair which this year is on Saturday 10th October at The Guildhall. If you are in town, please do call in to say "Hello" and see what is on offer on all the stalls. Interesting books on history and archaeology are always to be found ... and if you have a couple of hours to spare to help man the YPS stand, please contact Frances at The Lodge.

News from other Societies

The King's Manor Senior Common Room has arranged at Organ Recital at St Olave's Church in aid of Relateen.

David Pipe - Organ recital at St Olave's Church, Marygate, York
7-30pm on Thursday 10th September, 2009

Programme

Toccata & Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

V in D major, op. 65, no. 5

Andante; Andante con moto; Allegro maestoso

Scherzetto and Berceuse from "24 *pièces en style libre*"

Mozart Changes

J. S. Bach Sonata

Felix

Mendelssohn

Louis Vierne

Zsolt Gárdonyi

David Pipe is Assistant to the Director of Music at York Minster. He studied at Downing College, Cambridge and the Royal Academy of Music, and his organ teachers have included David Titterington, Susan Landale and Lionel Rogg. Prior to joining the staff at York, he worked as Organ Scholar and Director of the Merbecke Choir at Southwark Cathedral, and then temporary Assistant Organist at Guildford Cathedral. David performs frequently as both organist and conductor; recently he worked as guest conductor for York Musical Society's performance of Handel's *Samson* in York Minster. As well as his work in the Minster, David teaches piano and organ at St Peter's School, and performs regularly as an organist with local groups.

Tickets: £3 at the door or £7-50 for Recital and Wine and Cheese afterwards at the King's Manor Senior Common Room. Cheques should be made out to King's Manor SCR and sent to Richard Goodacre, c/o King's Manor, University of York, Exhibition Square, York, YO1 7EP All profits to RELATEEN, the teenage arm of RELATE