



The Lodge



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## NEWSLETTER

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*Welcome to our slightly belated New Year Newsletter, and thank you to all of you who have paid your subscription promptly. Your membership card(s) should be enclosed with this Newsletter. If it is missing, please contact Frances at The Lodge. To those who have not yet renewed, a gentle reminder is enclosed and we hope to hear from you soon.*

As events up to April were publicised in the last Newsletter, we only have one booking form to enclose this time, for our joint excursion with YAYAS to Hartlepool. Please note that bookings for this should be sent to Alison Sinclair, YAYAS Excursions Secretary, and not to The Lodge.

We do have plenty of other interesting events being planned for later in the summer - so read on!

### EVENTS

#### Post AGM Reception

We will celebrate the end of this year's successful lecture programme with a reception in the entrance hall of the Yorkshire Museum after the AGM on May 26th. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be available at the Lodge and after the lectures in April and May and will cost £4.

#### Future Events

We intend to organise a variety of events for the rest of the year, including:

- ☺ A revisit to the archaeological excavations at Hungate (see below)
- ☺ An exploration of Victorian Beverley, proposed for August
- ☺ A coastal Geology walk, probably also in August
- ☺ Behind the scenes at the Theatre Royal
- ☺ A short holiday in London
- ☺ A visit to the Minster stained glass workshops
- ☺ A winter Social on 1st December
- ☺ And probably other delights,-- organisers and time permitting

*Kate Cartwright , Social Secretary*



Albert Einstein was a genius by any measure of that term but that doesn't mean he was a perfect scientist or a perfect human being. After a momentous career between 1905 and the 1920s he became the best known scientist in the World but this coincided with him being out of fashion with the mainstream of research in physics. In addition his political intrusions into the League of Nations and Zionist promotion of a state of Israel were not always consistent and helpful. Jim Matthew will paint a sympathetic but realistic picture of an extraordinary man and pose the question "Will there ever be another scientist like Einstein?"

Please do bring this lecture to the attention of friends in the Pocklington area and encourage them to go along. The level of interest shown will determine whether we are able to repeat the event in future years and extend to other venues in Yorkshire.

## **REMINDER**

The new history of the YPS, *The Nature of the World*, by David Rubinstein is now in stock at The Lodge at the special members' price of £12.95. If you've ever wondered how we came to be who we are and do what we do, this book is an invaluable guide to our history and traditions, revealing how a group founded towards the beginning of the 19th century is still thriving at the beginning of the 21st.

## **HELP WANTED**

### **YPS Archives**

Can anyone please help us to complete a run of YPS lecture programme cards for the Society's archives? These are the cards that are mailed each year to members. We are lacking cards for years prior to 1972/73; and for the following years: 1973/74, 1974/75, 1975/76, 1987/88, 1999/2000, and 2000/01. If you still have yours for any of these years and are willing to donate them, please send them to Bob Hale, Hon Archivist, at The Lodge.

### **Travelling to Lectures**

We often find potential new members - and existing members - expressing concern about travelling to lectures on dark winter evenings and of course getting home again afterwards. The prospect can be especially daunting for those of us who come along on our own.

It is proposed to try via the Newsletter to put people in touch with other members in their area who might be able to offer a lift, take the same bus or walk in on the same route. If you would find it helpful to travel with someone else, please speak to Bill Smith at a lecture or contact Frances at The Lodge and we will include the request in a future Newsletter.

### **Volunteering with York Museums Trust**

If the prospect of warmer weather makes you want to try something new, there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved with activities at the Yorkshire and Castle Museums. A leaflet is enclosed.

## **CLERK'S HOLIDAYS**

The Lodge will be closed for Frances to take a holiday from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th March and again from Friday 22nd to Friday 29th May inclusive.