



As summer draws to a close, this is perhaps a good time to reflect on the impact of tourism on our town. Much larger places than Whitby are struggling with growing tourist numbers, and we certainly aren't immune to the competing pressures of increased visitor numbers and the needs of local residents. The issue is being debated in the letters column of the *Gazette*, and it is one that has ramifications for the way that the town develops in the future. Is it time for radical solutions, and if so who will take them forward? Or should we let market forces take their course, and hope for the best? Either way, the Civic Society's role as a forum for promoting our heritage and raising awareness of the issues shaping the town is a vital one as the town continues to change.

Meanwhile, we have experienced two important changes of our own. First, we are looking for a new secretary. After eight years in the role, David James has decided to pass the baton on to a new pair of hands. He has been a fantastic servant to the Society who has helped lead us through a period of growth in membership, activity, and visibility, and we owe him a huge debt. If any member would like to discuss the role, or indeed is interested in joining the Executive in any other capacity, please let me know (john2543field@btinternet.com).

We have also launched an important new publication on Whitby's conservation area. A survey last year found that a surprising number of people who live in a conservation area are not aware of the fact. Yet conservation area status has a number of implications for residents, businesses and developers, and places a special responsibility on local authorities – in our case Scarborough – to preserve and enhance the appearance and character of the area. Our hard-working conservation sub-committee produced an outstanding booklet about the town's conservation area, and held a well-publicised launch on Pannett Day. We have offered copies to all members of the Town Council as well as the Whitby member of the Borough Council and our local MP; it is also on sale at our events. It has been extremely well-received, and I have real hope that it will affect development positively in the future.

JOHN FIELD
CHAIRMAN



Every year, England celebrates Heritage Open Days by opening the doors of many hidden treasures. With the help of 1,500 organisations and 40,000 volunteers, over 3 million visitors have the opportunity to look inside distinctive places, some of which are not usually open to the public.

WCS invites you to enjoy these FREE events in Whitby



13th -14th
SEPTEMBER
2019





The Whitby Jet Heritage Centre

123b Church Street, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 4DE

Unique to Whitby Jet Heritage. An original 19th century jet workshop, discovered sealed in the attic of a derelict building in Burns Yard. Reconstructed on present site with the addition of other exhibits.

Saturday and Sunday: 11.00-16.00

Whitby Pavilion Theatre (Spa)

Panoramic Café Open all weather

YHA Whitby Abbey House & Gardens

A magnificent Grade 1 listed mansion set in a spectacular location on the headland. Restored and converted into a modern Youth Hostel in a £3.5 million project, Abbey House retains many historical features from the 12th to 19th centuries which are preserved and displayed. Guided tours and various activities

Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

Saturday tours 11am and 3pm. Gardens open. Tea rooms open 10.30 – 16.00

Accommodation for families and individuals. whitby@yha.org.uk tel; 01947 602878

Whitby Georgian Guided Walk.

After a brief introduction to the panorama of Whitby from this point, the groups will walk through several of the Georgian streets on the west side of the town, including Cliff Street, Flowergate, St. Hilda's Terrace, Bagdale and Baxtergate. The walk of about 1 mile, is mainly downhill or level, and will take about 1½ hours.

(Guided walk) Sunday: 10.45 – 12.30 Meeting point. Captain Cook Monument. West Cliff

The Victoria Spa Well House

Broomfield Terrace, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21

Unique. Local Gem. Part of bequest- along with Pannett Park – from Whitby's Alderman Pannett for 'the folk of Whitby' Chalybeate Spa Well House. Cylindrical brick structure built in mid-19th century as a rebuild of an earlier building. Extensive stencilled interior decoration. Unlike Harrogate Spa, waters have become tainted. Grade II listed building.

Saturday and Sunday: 10.00-14.00

Two Whitby Yards as featured on BBC's Secret Britain:

Clark's Yard

Clark's Yard, Church Street, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 4BL

Whitby 'yards' are rows of 17th/18th century cottages, tucked behind main streets. Visit two yards close together (Clark's Yard, Borough Place).

Residents will be in the yards and happy to talk to visitors and show them their homes.

Saturday : 1100-1600

Linskill Square

Baxtergate, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22/YO21

Rows of 17th and 18th century cottages, refurbished during Georgian and Victorian periods with gardens or cobbled yard. Residents will be in the yards and happy to talk to visitors and show them their homes.

Saturday and Sunday: 1400-1700

St Hilda's Parish Church

West Cliff

Built 1884, designed by R J Johnson of Newcastle. Fabric, furnishings and stained glass of interest.

Sunday 14.30 – 16.30

Unitarian Chapel

Flowergate (Lower end)

Presbyterian, later Unitarian chapel, on site from mid 18thC. Present brick building dated from 1812. Box pews, covered lectern, gallery and other features.

Saturday: 11.00 – 16.00

14.30 The Moral Activist Wandercast – Francis Haydn Williams in Whitby. An audiotour exploring the actions of this Victorian social justice activist in the locations where they took place. Begin at the bottom of Flowergate (YO21 3BB) **Ages 10+.**

Download your tour to your mobile device

ludicuospilgrim.co.uk/the-moral-activist, Or search *ludicrous pilgrim* on iTunes.

Sunday: 10.30 – 13.30 Service at 2pm – All welcome

St Hilda's RC Church

Brunswick Street, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1QT

Roman Catholic Chapels and Missions in Whitby from late 18th century. Present building 1867, in 13th century Gothic style, architect M. Hadfield of Sheffield. Later renewals and improvements. Neglect of WWII damage required rebuilding of tower, fitting of fibreglass spire and reroofing (Welsh slate) in 1990s. Notable interior features include: reredos of High Altar, with statues of St. Hilda and associates; stained glass windows above also devoted to her. Stations of the Cross erected 1892.

Saturday and Sunday: 13.00 -16.00

Whitby Abbey Lands

Whitby Abbey, Whitby, YO22 4JT

A circular guided walk on the Abbey Lands lasting approximately two hours. An archaeologist and historian will identify historical features and local lore en-route. **Sturdy footwear is strongly recommended.**

Saturday: 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start at the YMCA Tea Room

St Ninian's Catholic Church

Baxtergate, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1BL

Vernacular building of 1778. Brick-built on stone foundation. Original gallery with box pews; lower level refurbished in Catholic style.

Saturday: 11.00-15.00 Sunday: 11.30-15.00

Church of St John the Evangelist

Brunswick Street, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1BL

Built in 1848-50 as chapel-of-ease for St Mary's, later a district church within the parish of Whitby.

In Early English style; interior renovated 1904-13. Notable features: reredos, cross on altar, east window.

Saturday: 10.00-16.00 Sunday: 12.30-15.30

A Georgian House

44 Baxtergate, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1BL

Built in 1747 as one and subsequently divided into two houses. Refurbished during Georgian and Victorian periods. Original panelling with built in cupboards, two Georgian surrounds and two Victorian fireplaces. Original roof beams and many other interesting features. Resident happy to talk to visitors. No booking required.

Saturday: 14.00-17.00

Hetty and Betty Café

7 Baxtergate, YO21 1BW

Grade 11 listed building. A beautiful period first floor ballroom with a Whitby Conservation Area exhibition where you can tell us your views. Please note ; No disabled access.

Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 16.00

St. Mary's Church

Church Lane/ Abbey lane

An historic Grade 1 Anglican parish church founded around 1110.

Whitby Civic Society War Memorial exhibition

Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 15.00

Armed Forces Day - 29th June



Prize winners at the bottle raffle

On Armed Forces Day, four old age pensioners struggled in extremely hot conditions to run a bottle raffle on Dock End. Between 9:30 and 3:15, 31 bottles were raffled off, with five unclaimed to remain as raffle prizes for the lectures. The odd 1 bottle was kindly donated by a local guest house.

After the deduction of expenses and a donation to WTC's chosen charity we were left with almost £250.00 to contribute to our WCS funds.

Many thanks are due to George Dawson, David James, Chris Whitlam and Mike Dawson, the usual kind people who always support the fund-raising.

Next year, Armed Forces Day is on Saturday June 27th, so please arrange your diaries so that there is more support to provide some respite for the rafflers.



Pannett Day 24th July 2019



On a lovely sunny day in temperatures approaching 30 degrees, Whitby Civic Society was represented at Pannett Day, the venue being Pannett Park, by a stall ably run by our Conservation Group.

The main theme of the occasion was to launch our latest publication **WHITBY'S CONSERVATION AREA**, a booklet which has received many accolades and is probably one of the best productions by the Society. A grand total of 76 copies were sold at the event. On the back of this many of our other publications sold well, making the day a huge success.

It was a very enjoyable day for everyone involved. All the hard work on the day and all the preparation beforehand was well worth it. There were lots of good comments about the Conservation Book and plenty of conversations with locals and visitors. Another big plus was the recruitment of 19 new members to WCS.

All members present worked extremely hard but special thanks must go to Janet Kukk for all the preparation and organisation of producing posters, bunting, labels, leaflets etc. resulting in a stall looking professional and customer friendly. Children loved the gifts and the bubble machine, operated by Carolyn Curr. Janet and Martyn's gazebo was also a very welcome large sun shelter - it was very hot!



Historic Shipbuilders in Whitby

JARVIS COATES SHIPBUILDER

The recorded history of shipbuilding begins, for all practical purposes, with the arrival of Jarvis Coates in around 1697. A change of scale and importance probably co-incided with improvements to the harbour about this time.

It is not easy to pick out for certain the ships that were built by the earliest Whitby shipbuilders since in general the early registers do not record builders, but it is known that in 1717 Jarvis Coates built William and Jane of 237 tons.

He was succeeded by his sons Jarvis Coates Junior and Benjamin. Benjamin followed his father in the yard at a place called the Walker Sands, near Bagdale Beck. This area of land is so totally changed that it hardly makes sense to use modern names. The site is now all dry land near the railway station. Jarvis Jnr. opened a new yard further upriver, near Boghall but quite soon became bankrupt.

Benjamin built the vessel Benjamin's Conclusion, owned by him in 1756-57. His will shows him to have been an extremely wealthy man.

The elegant Georgian building at 23 Baxtergate was built by Benjamin Coates.



THOMAS FISHBURN

Probably the best known of Whitby's Shipbuilders was Thomas Fishburn who built The Earl of Pembroke (368 tons) in 1764, the Marquis of Granby (462 tons) in 1769 and the Marquis of Rockingham (336 tons) in 1770. These are better known as The Endeavour, The Resolution and the Adventure, which were renamed when they were acquired by the Admiralty and used by Captain Cook on his voyages of discovery. The aptly named Discovery, the fourth of the ships was built as the Diligence (295 tons) by George and Nathaniel Langborne in 1774. The Endeavour was bought by the French after Cook's voyage but ended up a wreck at Newport, Rhode Island.

Whitby colliers were a common sight on the Thames at the end of their run down to London from the North Sea.

From the mid 1850's Fishburn Park, initially known as Meadowfield Park, was developed. The land for Esk Terrace and Cleveland Terrace was sold by Thomas Fishburn to Edward Turner, James Peirson and William Dotchon in 1855.

From 1748 Thomas Fishburn had a yard at Boghall, with a quay and dry dock. He acquired Jarvis Coates II's yard in 1760. Fishburn's firm was continued by his son, also Thomas until about 1823. Fishburn's became famous for the construction of three of Cook's exploration ships, mentioned above. In 1784 they built a rope walk below the present Esk Terrace. From 1793 Fishburn was in partnership with Thomas Broderick. Together they built 88 ships, totalling 23,535 tons. The yard closed in 1830 and in 1833 was bought as the first phase of the railway development by the Whitby and Pickering Railway Company.

VALERIE APPLETON

The History of the Turnbells

The Turnbull dynasty was founded by Thomas Turnbull, the first of four successive generations. He was born at Darlington in 1749, came to Whitby in early life and married Margaret Webster, daughter of the noted Whitby clockmaker, Robert Webster, Their eldest child, Thomas Turnbull the second, (1793-1867) with his brother William, had a business in Bridge Street as a clockmaker and silversmith. Thomas also had a block and mast-making business, he took an interest in the jet trade, and in 1817 was a part owner of The Yarm, the first record of the Turnbull's as shipowners. He was one of the founders of the Whitby Literary and Philosophical Society in 1823.

Mr Turnbull's son, Thomas the third (1819-92) was apprenticed to Henry Barrick, one of Whitby's shipbuilders and Thomas became a capable draughtsman. With his father as partner he took over at the age of 21 a small shipyard in Larpool Wood. this had been in existence since 1800 and had had two previous owners but was derelict when the Turnbells took it over. In this yard from 1840-44, six small wooden vessels were built; the first record a brig of 262 tons, named Alpha. Two small schooners followed and another two brigs. The vessel launched in 1844 was the last to be constructed in the Larpool yard. After 1844 the Turnbells leased Boghall dockyard from Thomas Fishburn, which was on the opposite side of the river from Larpool.

A little further down the river, and just above Spital Bridge, was a larger shipyard established by William Coulson of Scarborough. Through successive owners, by 1842 it was owned by Messrs J and W Campion, who in that year went bankrupt. In 1850 this yard was bought by Messrs T Turnbull & Son in anticipation of a revival in the depressed ship-building industry.

From 1852 to 1868 with the exception of 1866, each year a wooden vessel was launched from what became known as the Whitehall Shipyard. In 1854 three vessels were launched. They ranged in size from a schooner of 60 tons to a barque of 445 tons, most of them built for sale to merchants in other ports, both British and foreign.

By the late 1860's vessels began to be constructed of iron, engined for screw propellers as sailing ships were becoming a thing of the past. In 1870, the 25th vessel to be built at the Whitehall Shipyard was a composite vessel name King Arthur; it had iron beams and wood planking. A year later the last sea-going sailing ship to be built at Whitby was launched from 'Smales' Shipyard - a barque named Monkshaven.

Thomas Turnbull the second died in 1867 and three years later Thomas Turnbull the third took his eldest son into partnership, Thomas Turnbull the fourth (1845-1924). He had been studying for four years at the Royal School of Naval Architecture and in HM Dockyard at Chatham. He had the distinction of being the first student not in the Royal Navy to be admitted to these institutions. As a partnership it was under these two that the Whitehall Shipyard moved from building wooden vessels to the construction of iron built screw steamers.

In January 1871 work was begun on Whitby's first screw steamer, the lines of which had been draughted by Thomas Turnbull the third. The vessel was built under inspection of a Lloyd's surveyor for their 90A class. It was named the SS Whitehall. With their first screw steamer successfully launched, Messrs Turnbull began work on a second larger vessel of 1,200 tons and this was launched in December of the same year. At the same time new shipping businesses were established - Turnbull, Scott & Co in London and Turnbull Brothers in Cardiff.

From 1851 until 1902 when the Whitehall Shipyard closed, Turnbells built 145 vessels, 19 sailing ships, 114 steamers, three sailing barges, two screw barges and one hopper, in addition to the six small vessels previously built at Larpool. The Whitehall Shipyard contributed greatly to the economy of the town. At the height of its prosperity it employed between 700-800 men and had a weekly payroll approaching £1,000. In addition to the large distribution of weekly wages, other trades such as boat building, sail making, plumbing and boat painting all benefitted. There was the manning of the steamers using Whitby men. With few exceptions, all the Turnbull vessels were held on a sixty-fourth share basis and locally, much money was made from buying and selling shares.

It had been the custom for Whitby shipbuilders to live near their shipyards. Thomas Fishburn had built Esk House and Jarvis Coates had built the large house, 23 Baxtergate which later became and still is a solicitors.

Thomas Turnbull the second had first lived at Bates House in Church Street but moved to the 18th century property Whitehall from which the Whitehall Shipyard took its name. When Thomas Turnbull the third married in 1844 his first home was the house in Larpool Wood now divided up and known as Larpool Cottages. From there he moved to The Mount at the end of Larpool Lane, which was demolished in the 1960's. He lived there until his death in 1892. (By 1911 it had become Mrs Priestley's girls boarding school. By 1933 it was a boy's school run by Mrs Mabel Bradley.) Thomas Turnbull the fourth followed his Grandfather to Whitehall but in 1890 moved to Airy Hill Manor. Golden Grove and Fairmead became the homes of John Turnbull JP and Wilfrid O Turnbull JP., two of the six sons of Thomas Turnbull the third. Thomas the third was Vice President of the Whitby Lit and Phil Society from 1878-86 and then became President. He was very involved in Whitby life.

VALERIE APPLETON



ANOTHER REMINDER

We are already through 2/3rds of 2019



Subscriptions are now well overdue and sadly 33% of our members have not yet paid their subs. for this year

Members who have not already paid their subscriptions and new members, please complete the membership application form (page 9) and post it to Chris or return it to a committee member at the next meeting.

We need the subscriptions to help pay for the hire of the venue and the speakers. Membership is still at only a very reasonable £10 per annum. Membership entitles you to concessionary entry fee to our lectures for only £1. Non-members are charged £3 per lecture.

If you are uncertain that you have paid this year, please check with Chris or the membership secretary representative at any meeting. **Thank you**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Should you wish to join Whitby Civic Society please complete this Application Form and send it with a cheque made payable to Whitby Civic Society to: Mr. Chris Whitlam, 16 Carr Hall Gardens, The Carrs, Ruswarp, YO21 1RW. e-mail..... cjwatchg@tiscali.co.uk

Alternatively, bring this completed form along to one of the Society's monthly meetings.

If you are a taxpayer the Society will be able to claim back the tax that you have paid on your subscription at no cost to yourself. To allow us to do this, please sign the declaration below. Thank you. Membership cost is **£10** per calendar year.

I would like to join **Whitby Civic Society**, Registered Charity No.1055396

Full name

Address

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I enclose £10 being this year's subscription.

I enclose £ an optional donation towards the work of the Society. Total

Signature Date

I am a UK tax payer Please tick box if appropriate

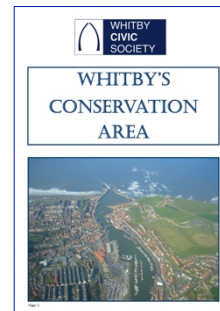
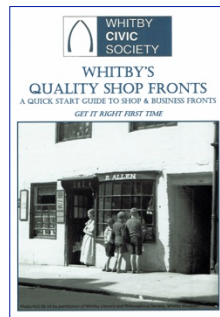
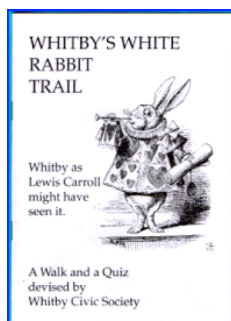
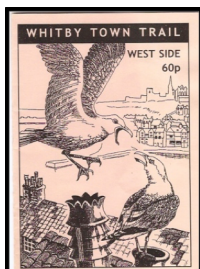
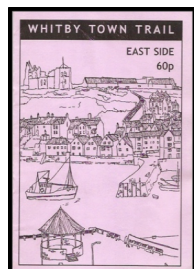
I would like Whitby Civic Society to claim back tax on my subscription and donation from the Inland Revenue from the date on this form until further notice. I understand that I must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax the charity reclaims on my donations in the tax year.

Lecture Programme 2019

The lectures are on the third Monday of the month 7.15pm at the Coliseum and at **2pm from October to March**

- January 21st The Death Railway by Paul Wilson
- February 18th AGM followed by a talk on the history of the White Horse and Griffin by Ed Henebery
- March 18th The History of St.Hilda's Roman Catholic Church by Mark Edwards
- April 15th The History of Bothams by Jo Botham
- May 20th The Sirius Mine Project by Matt Parsons
- June 17th An illustrated talk by Neil Williamson
- July 15th The History of Whitby Jet by Rebecca Tucker
- August 19th Daytime events will be arranged
- September 16th A talk by Clair Stones, Education Officer for the Captain Cook Museum**
- October 21st 30 Years in the Police Force by Adele Davies**
- November 18th Forensic Archaeology 'Death and Discovery' by David Dance**
- December 6th Christmas Meal**

Whitby Civic Society has produced several publications for your interest and information. The following booklets will be on sale at our monthly lecture meetings and exhibition stands.



Price List

Blue plaque Trail	small	£2
Blue plaque Trail	large	£3
White Rabbit Trail		£2
West Side Walk		£0.60
East Side Walk		£0.60
(East and West together)		£1
Victoria Spa Well		£0.50
War Memorials Trail		£0.50
Quality Shop Fronts		£0.50
War Memorials Trail		£0.50

