

WHITBY
CIVIC
SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

2020

A new year lies ahead, and brings both opportunities and challenges. As the voice of those who care about Whitby's wonderful heritage and distinctive identity, we can expect 2020 to bring many new proposed developments that have implications for the town's character and appearance. Whether large or small, we will as ever do our best to ensure that they contribute to making Whitby more attractive, distinctive and enjoyable. And we have our own programme of work to help keep Whitby special.

Thinking back on 2019, we've plenty to be proud of. Just to pick a handful of examples, we have promoted civic pride through our regular series of lectures, our organisation of events like Heritage Open Days, our programme of renewing blue plaques, and our publications. Our Conservation Area booklet has attracted considerable attention from decision-makers as well as the wider community. We have lobbied on a number of fronts, from the planned renaming of the Golden Lion to our current application to re-open the historic Dog Lane as a footpath. We can also reflect with satisfaction on the replacement glass sign above the entrance to Foresters' Court.

The fact that our membership level stands at an all-time high suggests that you think we are broadly on the right track. Of course, all of this requires work to keep the Society moving forward. We've been fortunate in recruiting Carolyn Curr as our acting secretary, but we can only achieve our aims by involving people in activities at all levels. If you would like to become more involved in 2020, please let us know: we can always use your skills.

So with your support, we are looking forward to another lively and productive year ahead. Season's greetings and very best wishes for 2020!

JOHN FIELD
CHAIRMAN

INTRODUCING OUR NEW HONORARY SECRETARY

Hello all,

I'm Carolyn and delighted to be the newly appointed, acting secretary for Whitby Civic Society. I have lived in Whitby for nearly 3 years and must say I've never lived anywhere like it, in a good way of course! I worked in local government for many years, on the Wirral, in Carlisle and in West Cumbria. More recently I've been running a small holiday business in France. I joined the Conservation Group earlier this year, and have very much enjoyed working with other members and learning about the work of the Civic Society and all it does to protect and enhance the heritage of the town. I hope to meet as many of you as possible over the next few weeks and months at the monthly lectures, the Christmas dinner and the AGM in February. My contact details are now on the website if anyone would like to get in touch.

Looking forward to my new role, with best wishes,

Carolyn Curr



CAROLYN CURR

ROLE OF TREASURER

The Society is looking to appoint a new Treasurer at our Annual General Meeting in February. After a long period of service, Libby Thompson has decided to stand down at the end of the current calendar year, and it is testimony to her sound management that the Society has consistently found itself in a healthy financial position.

Libby describes the role as not consuming a large amount of time, provided one keeps on top of it. While the details are open to discussion with candidates, we envisage that the new Treasurer will help us by:

- _Keeping accurate and up-to-date financial records
- _Reporting to the Executive on a monthly basis on income, expenditure and reserves
- _Reporting to the Membership on an annual basis on income, expenditure and reserves
- _Monitoring and managing the Society's bank account
- _Depositing cash and cheque income on the Society's behalf
- _Liaising with the auditor
- _Submitting annual accounts and reports to the Charities Commission
- _Advising the Secretary and Chair of any urgent or unusual financial matters
- _Communicating by email
- _Communicating with the Society's insurers

We will be inviting nominations in January, to be put to the AGM. Meanwhile, if you would like to discuss the post please contact our chair by email (john243field@btinternet.com) or phone (0772 573 9475).

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019



Another successful Christmas meal enjoyed by Whitby Civic Society members at the White Horse and Griffin

WINTERFEST 2019



Left to right, WCS members, George Chris and Nick manning the stall.



Information Board



Lucky winners in our bottle raffle

We had another successful week-end at Winterfest 2019, met members of the public, recruited 9 new members and made a contribution to the Society fund from our bottle raffle.

LECTURE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019



Our October Lecture was given by Adele Davies, entitled '30 Years as a Police Officer'. Adele gave us a personal account of her career in the West Midlands Police force. It came across extremely clearly as to how committed & dedicated she was to her roles and how the career helped her overcome her early shyness and gain in confidence.

Her grandfather was a policeman, consequently, it was a career that she was very keen to follow from a young age and despite a few early setbacks in getting started on this career she finally made it onto the selection course after reaching the age of 19 yrs, and 12 months later, after passing the initial exams (degrees were irrelevant), succeeding with the family interviews & home visits from inspectors, surviving the medical (she just made the height restriction of 5' 6"), and then passing the final interview session in front of 3 senior police officers, she eventually started her career.

She started her training at the Tally Ho centre in Birmingham. She had to read out loud the Attestation/Oath which was contained in the Police Act 1964 in the presence of a Chief Constable and consequently, immediately, became a Servant of the Crown.

She displayed a photo of herself when dressed in her 1st uniform (including a soft hat, skirt & handbag) and she started life living in police quarters. Her 1st day on duty was literally a baptism of fire; it was the start of the Handsworth Riots of September 1985. Fortunately, Adele did not have to deal with these riots, her Police training instructors did this.

Adele spent her 30 years in the West Midlands despite being informed in the early days that the normal time spent by police women in the force was less than 5 years. Police women, in the main, found it difficult to cope with the challenging work plus dealing with family commitments and the complicated shift pattern that they needed to follow.

Adele related some of the more memorable events in her career : her 1st arrest, 1st attendance in court, 1st injury, 1st time she witnessed a murderer face-to-face, and her 1st house fire.

She related how any traumas experienced during a shift would be sorted by using the 'buddy' system of chatting it over with other police mates over a pint – there were no counselling sessions available at that time.

After 5yrs in the role Adele wanted to expand and started to apply for different roles within policing, including joining the CID, then investigating the more seedier aspects of life, and targeted gaining promotion. She became acting Sergeant in the Aston area before gaining Sergeant status.

Latterly Adele was a Police Federation Representative, looking after the welfare of Police Officers in her area. She then progressed to become the 1st female officer to be the Federation Rep for her region and then progressed even further to become the 1st female National Federation rep for England & Wales since 1919. Adele also held the post of National Sergeants General Secretary.

Adele retired in September 2015. Adele is a great advert for the Police Force and grabbed the attention of the whole audience with her personal story.

WHITBY CIVIC SOCIETY HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2019

25TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1991 the Council of Europe and the European Commission set up [European Heritage Days](#) to raise appreciation for Europe's rich and diverse cultural assets and their need for care and protection. The central principle was as simple as it was compelling: to throw open the doors to historic monuments and buildings, in particular those normally closed to the public. Today, they are held annually in September in 50 signatory states to the European Cultural Convention. Each country running it in their own way, the festival not only highlights the dazzling diversity of Europe's heritage, but also its intercultural links.

Established in 1994, Heritage Open Days (HOD's) is England's contribution to the European Heritage Days and has since grown into the country's largest heritage festival. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. This is a chance for people to see hidden places and try out new experiences and it's all free.

It's a once-a-year opportunity to discover fantastic architecture and enjoy a range of tours, events and activities that bring local history and culture to life.

This year the national theme was "People Power" – the ability of communities, groups and individuals to evoke change. Whitby Civic Society highlighted this with the following events:



A talk at the Unitarian Chapel and audio tour exploring the actions of Francis Haydn Williams a Victorian social justice activist in Whitby who fought the enclosure of land and an exhibition on Whitby's Conservation Area which was held in Hetty & Betty's café ballroom, with volunteers highlighting the

importance of conservation areas and publicising our new booklet on the same subject.

We are trying to ensure all people living, working or visiting the Conservation area are aware of the importance to the Town, to try to ensure all new developments and property refurbishments "preserve or enhance" the Conservation area of Whitby.

We were supported by

our MP Robert
Goodwill and SBC
Councillor Mike
Stonehouse
(Streonshalh Ward),



here with WCS volunteer Joyce Stangoe promoting our latest booklet "Whitby's Conservation Area"

St Mary's Church also hosted our War Memorial exhibition which highlighted the power of local people, even in the most difficult of times particularly after World War 1, when the people of Whitby & District got together to buy land, build and furnish the Whitby Cottage War Memorial hospital – a living and working war memorial - the site where today's hospital services are sadly in decline.



WCS are in contact with our MP asking for his support in trying to get the funding released from NHS England to progress the refurbishment of the hospital.

JOYCE STANGOE

EXPERIENCING HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN GERMANY

This year, as well as taking part in our local Heritage Open Days, I was fortunate enough the previous Sunday to take part in the German equivalent. I and my other half Julie were both in northern Germany for work, so we decided to spend the weekend in Lübeck. We hadn't planned it this way, but our visit coincided with the Tag des offenen Denkmals – which translates as Heritage Open Day.

It was an ideal opportunity for two Whitby Civic Society members to see how they do these things in another country, and to have a good day of nosing around some of the forty or so open properties. Long known as the "Queen of the [Hanseatic League](#)", and more recently famed cross Germany as the home of high quality marzipan, Lübeck was badly bombed in WW2 but has maintained many of its historic buildings. Among other places we visited were a youth centre housed in an old stable in the city walls, several timber-framed merchants' houses, and an impressive medieval hospital complex.

We were warmly welcomed everywhere, and the local volunteers were obviously proud of their city and its heritage. In some sites the volunteers had prepared coffee and cakes, both of which we enjoyed. There was a particular emphasis this year on early twentieth-century architecture, reflecting a national commemoration of the Bauhaus movement, with an evening lecture on modernist building styles in the old town hall.

Neither of us had known that Heritage Open Days took place elsewhere in Europe (apparently they were launched in 1985 in France), and we were grateful for the opportunity of visiting another city in this way.



Welcome sign



Hospital of the Holy Spirit, one of the oldest hospitals in Europe

JOHN FIELD

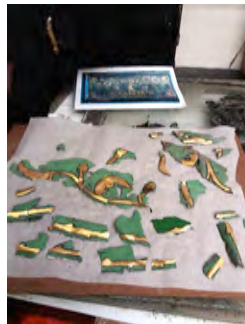
FORESTERS' COURT NEW SIGN

sitting proudly at the entrance to the yard

'THE JOURNEY'

In the May newsletter I told you about the Foresters' Court glass sign and how it had to be removed from its location at the entrance to the 'yard' between 85 and 86 Church Street. It had deteriorated so much that it could not be repaired or restored. The sign was removed on 19th December 2018. It is the only glass sign in Whitby at the entrance to a yard.

Because of the support and financial commitment from Whitby Civic Society, as well as funds raised, Pete Witney was asked to make a new sign that would look exactly like the original. The sign was taken to his workshop in The Paddock and dismantled. The paint literally fell to pieces and looked like a jigsaw puzzle. Jo Witney washed some of the pieces hoping to find out the colour of the original paints; it was amazing to see dull pieces suddenly transformed. She ironed the old bits of paint and stuck them to the glass and was then able to partially recreate the picture. She spent two days preparing the drawing and because of this attention to detail she could then transfer the accurate drawing onto a new piece of glass.



Jenny Burns and I regularly visited the Workshop to see the progress and to talk to Pete about any queries he had. It took 2 visits and several mixes of green paint for us all to decide what the colour would be. Pete was determined that it had to be right, because once it went on the glass there was no going back. It was an exciting moment for us when we saw the first brush strokes of the green paint applied to the glass.

When Pete started to apply the coloured paint on the shields we were there to see it happen. Applying the gold leaf added the magical touch. Although the frame had to be replaced, Pete managed to retain the original good quality brackets and transferred them to the new frame.

Most of you will only have seen the 'before' and 'after' sign, but Jenny and I were fortunate to have followed 'the journey' to bring the sign back to life. We were thrilled when it was approaching the final stages and we could see it was going to look just as it would have done so long ago.

We took photos to record the whole process. They show the day the sign was removed through to the day when the new sign was unveiled on the 7th November 2019. At the official 'cutting of the ribbon' by myself and Jenny, John Field, Whitby Civic Society Chairman, spoke about the project and thanked all those who had been involved and who had contributed financially. He pointed out the excellent and skilled work carried out by Pete and Jo Witney of Pete Witney Signs who have created a superb sign that looks exactly like the original would have looked 100 years ago.



BEFORE RESORATION



JENNY BURNS & VAL APPLETON CUTTING
THE RIBBON, 7th NOVEMBER

Although the original frame was in poor condition Pete managed to retain pieces of it and make a small frame that contains information on the story of the replacement. Pieces of the original paint have also been put inside the frame. The information board is being placed inside the yard.

Whitby Civic Society would like to thank the following financial contributors : *Foresters Friendly Society, Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB Foresters' Court), John Freeman Studio, Arnie Dixon, Chris Sellors (W Hamond), Michael W Kilpatrick, Jenny Burns, Val Appleton, Helen Watkins (Foresters' Court), Pete and Jo Witney (Pete Witney Signs)*

If you haven't seen the sign yet, go and take a look, it is beautiful.

LIFE IN WHITBY YARDS - THE GOOD OLD DAYS ?

Most of the properties in Whitby's yards were lived in by families who rented them from Landlords. Today they are mostly holiday cottages or second homes. The residents from the past would not recognise their homes now with their bathrooms, inside toilets and central heating! Although the properties have been modernised, many of the yards are not looked after as they used to be. In Baxtergate and Flowergate many yards are easily accessible, but in Church Street it can involve a steep climb up numerous steps. You need to be fit to live at the top of one of those yards!

There was a strong community with families in the yards; they knew and cared about their neighbours, often helping each

other out, even though they had very little. They shared happy times and troubles. A widowed man might find his washing quietly done for him or baking would be left on his doorstep. During a confinement or if a parent was ill the children would be looked after with no fuss, it just happened; it was part of everyday life. Many people lived in the same house for the whole of their lives. In the 1950's when most of the Cragg was demolished, families had been re-housed into council houses throughout the town. Many people struggled with the loss of their community, even though they now had houses with their own toilet and bathroom, it must have been luxury.

Argument's Yard, Church Street. In 1909 the Ministry of Health stated 'In Argument's Yard there is now only one house that is inhabited, the rest of the property being left to its fate; but the owner has taken the precaution, which I wish others would follow, of nailing boards over the door and windows that can be reached, so that no one can get in'.

Barry's Square, The Cragg. In 1909 the MOH noted 'A well built block of buildings that are always kept clean and tidy. the house that was condemned at the top of the square is unoccupied, but there is only 1 privy to five houses and the WC accommodation is being substituted'. This yard was demolished in 1956.

Bensons's Yard, Church Street. In 1909 the MOH noted 'Satisfactory in every way, as far as I can see'.

Borough Place, Church Street. In 1909 the MOH reported 'there is little to find fault with, except the cobble stones used as paving at the bottom of the yard'.

Cockpit Yard, Tin Ghaut, Church Street. In 1909 the MOH reported 'Cockpit Yard is always an unsatisfactory place. It is paved with cobble stones that as a rule want repairing and the houses are poor and only just fit for human habitation. I have condemned three of these, one of which has been put into repair and occupied, but the standard of sanitation is very low in the yard and I expect that before long I shall again have to interfere'. The yard was demolished in 1955.

Peck's Yard, Cliff Street. MOH wrote 'At the end of the year, seventeen people were found to be using one privy'.

Sanitation and water supplies probably caused many difficulties, especially ill health. The conversion to water-borne sanitation started in the nineteen twenties, but it was a very long time until all the yards had water closets, even then they were situated outside the properties, not a good experience in very cold and wet weather, especially if there was a queue!!

In the old days there was a pump in or near a yard, running water in a home would have been a luxury school.

Much later, water was led to a communal tap in each yard where housewives would go to fill the daily bucket. It was often the children's job to get the water in before they went to school.

The drinking water stood in a spotlessly clean white enamel bucket and the water for domestic use was kept in a zinc bucket. On one side of the kitchen range there was a boiler which also had to be filled. This came into its own on bath night, usually a Sunday, when the mother would scoop the hot water out with a huge enamel jug and pour it into the two-handled zinc tub in front of the fire. In went the children, usually the youngest first; if it was a big family the water was not clean when the last one went in! The mother probably had a bar of carbolic soap ready to give the children their weekly scrub.

The earth closet was the accepted form of lavatory before and during the 1920's. The little 'houses' were called pettys or privys. Further up the coast they were called nettys. Earth or sand was kept in them and a bit shovelled in from time to time. They were regularly emptied into carts which in their turn were emptied into the sea or river. Houses in yards which overhung the edge of the harbour conveniently had their pettys situated directly over the water or mud, depending on the tide. There are many photos of Grape Lane and Tin Ghaut that show these pettys. Outside privys still exist but are mostly used for storage. However, I know of an outside toilet in a Flowergate yard which is still in use by the staff of a shop that has no inside toilet.

Yard houses were reasonably warm because they were fairly sheltered from the biting north east winds. Because they were huddled together they did not have much heat loss.

Those that were divided into tenements were warmer because more people occupied each dwelling and there were more fires within a building. The main fuel was coal which was a fairly cheap form of heating, however it was dirty. Having the chimney swept was a major event, because the room had to be cleared as much as possible and everything covered with dustsheets. After the sweep had cleaned the chimney the soot had to be removed by the housewife from every nook and cranny; carpets were beaten outside, floors had to be washed and curtains had to be washed and the walls swept. This all had to be done early morning because the fire was often the only source of heat for cooking. Flat irons had to be heated on the fire, toast was made on the fire; fires were not just there for heating.

Oil lamps were used as a source of lighting but also created a warm glow in a room. Candles had to be used as the only source of light at bedtime. Even when gas lighting eventually came it was usually only installed in one main room. Lighting the gas mantles was tricky, the mantles were extremely brittle and could be broken very easily by the touch of a match.

Electricity was a much later blessing. Can you imagine life without electricity?

How did they do their washing? Water had to be got from a pump, or from a tap if they were lucky. There was no electricity, but they sometimes had gas. It was an early start on washdays. First the copper had to be filled with water then a fire lit beneath it. There was a poss tub and posser, a washboard, soap and steam. It all took place in the wash house of the yard, each housewife having her allotted time. Clothes were much dirtier then because of the grime from the coal and the soot-laden atmosphere. On fine days washing could be hung outside; bedding was often laid out on the sands. On rainy days washing was dried in the house, it must have been a very damp, unhealthy atmosphere.

Despite extreme poverty in parts of Whitby, people were good at making the best of things. Respectability was important and most people had 'Sunday Best' clothes. They would be worn to go to church and to take a walk 'down the pier', very few people worked on Sundays, it was a day of rest. Many houses were in poor condition, but they were rented from Landlords whose responsibility it was to maintain them. Roofs often leaked, floors rotted, plaster fell off; residents would joke about how well ventilated their houses were. Houses were often infested with cockroaches, mice and rats, which bred diseases. Every summer the Isolation Hospital was filled with children suffering from diphtheria, scarlet fever and other diseases. The residents did their best to keep their homes clean and tidy. Clip mats would be shaken outside and floors scrubbed with carbolic soap. The outside would be swept and scrubbed and the entrance steps to the house would be donkey-stoned. People were poor but proud.

The coalition government of the early thirties, and the Minister of Health, instituted slum clearance throughout the country. In Whitby, the work of re-housing and demolition of sub-standard property was resumed in the fifties. It may be that by demolishing properties en masse that houses were sacrificed which should have been saved. Much of the Cragg was demolished, and huge areas of Church Street disappeared. This is well documented in Albert T Pile's book 'Buildings of Old Whitby'. His sketches are displayed at the Museum, they are all dated and timed; and are definitely worth a look.

From the 1800's onwards, members of my family grew up in the yards on Church Street and the Cragg, many have now gone, but you can often see telltale signs of where things used to be.

Have a wander, take a look.

So were they 'the good old days'?

DOG LANE – SPITAL BRIDGE

Some of you may have memories of the Whitehall Shipyard in days gone by, and many more will have memories of The Shipyard Club. Who can remember making their way home from the Club via the old steep path running from the bottom of Whitehall to the top near to Spital Bridge – the lane known as Dog Lane.

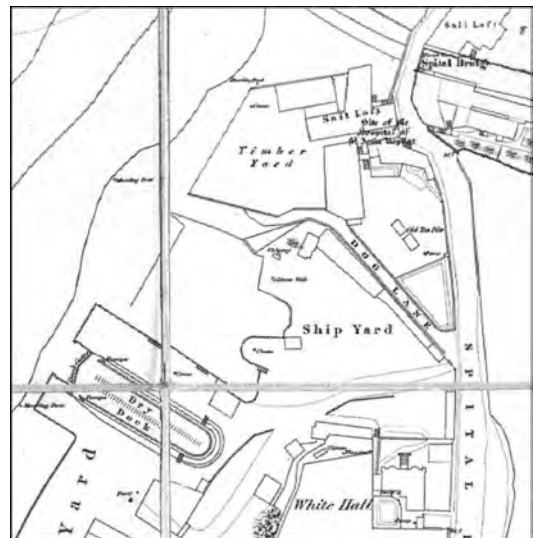
This lane is well documented on maps back in time, and local legend has many a tale to tell. Perhaps members can add their own stories – we would be very interested – via our Facebook or Twitter pages.

The Society has asked that Dog Lane be re-opened as a recognised footpath. Several of our members have approached us over the state of the Lane, an old highway which is now disused and badly overgrown, but could once again provide a link from Spital Bridge down to Whitehall Landing. Its origins are uncertain, but the Lane was certainly used in the early nineteenth century by workers and carts to get to and from the quays and shipyards.

The local highways authorities – including the Improvement Commissioners and the Local Board in 1843 and the Local Board in 1873 - recognised it as a highway and took action to maintain it. So the Lane is a small but important part of the town's industrial history. We can't find any claim to ownership of the land, and the Land Registry reported 'no registrations found' for the Lane.

We have therefore applied to North Yorkshire County Council, as today's highways authority, to get the Lane added to the Definitive Map and to add the Lane to their official map of recognised footpaths. If restored and turned into a footpath, Dog Lane will link the Calla Beck path to Whitehall Woods. We think local people will happily volunteer to maintain the footpath, and we would like to see storyboards at each end, telling the story of the shipyards and their workers.

An unloved patch of land will no longer be used for fly-tipping, but will become a leisure facility for locals and visitors alike. Your memories of Dog Lane would be a welcome addition to its story.



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JANET KUKK & JOHN FIELD

WHITBY'S HIDDEN CHAPEL RESTORATION AND HERITAGE PROJECT

How many people know what's behind the green door at the bottom of Flowergate? You will be surprised, fewer people than you would think!

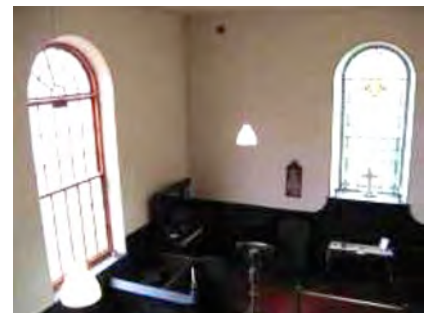
In fact you will find Flowergate Unitarian Chapel, a hidden gem. The chapel has been there for more than 200 years to serve the dissenting worshippers of Whitby.

In 1888 Rev Francis Haydn Williams (FHW) and his family arrived in Whitby to take up his ministry in the Chapel. Powerful folk in Whitby would be surprised at how FHW took up the causes of the poorer people in the old town of Whitby.

FHW was particularly interested in public rights of way, he had worked for the Ordnance Survey Department in Southampton. FHW maintained that Sir Charles Strickland had enclosed more than 1,000sq yds of common land on the Abbey Plain. This dispute went on for many years and FHW ended up in jail for contempt of court more than once. He also opened up the footpath to Malyan Spout, after the local landowner had closed it, by opening several blocked stiles barring the way. His most notorious action to return a public right of way to Whitby in 1894 was to pull down railings on the North Promenade, which had been erected by Sir George Elliot when he built the Spa Pavilion. The railings were never reinstated.

There was another difficult issue with rates. Eastsiders paid double the amount paid by Westcliff residents in Ruswarp parish who sent their children to Whitby parish schools. Of course, FHW considered this very unfair. There were many other issues FHW took up including the administration of the 1861 Lifeboat disaster fund.

FHW was a local hero and one of the leading social activists of the late Victorian period. The Friends of Flowergate Chapel want to celebrate this by creating a community and education centre at the Chapel. To find out more about our hero visit: www.flowergatehaydnwilliamscentre.org.uk and do download the audio tour <http://ludicrouspilgrim.co.uk/the-moral-activist/> created by Robbie Wilson which brings alive the social issues that FHW crusaded about. For more information, please contact Sandra Smith (sandrafrsmith44@gmail.com).



SANDRA SMITH
CHAIR, FRIENDS OF
FLOWERGATE CHAPEL

*Our lecture on June 15th 2020
by Kate and Paddy Simons is
on the subject of Francis Haydn
Williams.*



LECTURE PROGRAMME 2020

Date	Time	Speaker	Topic
20 th January	2pm	George Layfield	Balancing conservation with modern life: The Little Yellow Cottage
17 th February	2pm	Annual General Meeting – members only Followed by Peter Craggs speaking on his list of Whitby Treasures	
16 th March	2pm	Dr Alastair Laurence	The History of a Family Business: Broadwood & Sons Ltd. Pianofortes
20 th April	7.15pm	Chris Twigg	Jet Mining Industry In Cleveland & North Yorkshire
18 th May	7.15pm	Mike Shaw	Streets of Whitby by Frank Meadow Sutcliffe
15 th June	7.15pm	Kate & Paddy Simons	Francis Haydn Williams 19 th Century clergyman and social campaigner
20 th July	7.15pm	Neil Williamson	Whitby to Scarborough Railway 1885 - 1965
<i>There will be no lecture during August</i>			
21 st September	7.15pm	Tom Mutton	Uncovering the Industrial Archaeology of the Esk Valley
19 th October	2pm	Emma Stothard	Willow & Wire Sculpture Weaving
16 th November	2pm	Dave Bradley	Education in Whitby - Past & Present
December		Member's Christmas Meal	TBA

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MEMBERSHIP

2019 has followed the trend of previous years being another record year for membership numbers. A huge thank you to regular and new members for your support of our Society, it is much appreciated.

JANUARY is the month that our membership subscriptions are due for renewal. It would be much appreciated if members could post their **£10 cheques** to me or pay at our Lecture on 20th January, cheques made payable to WHITBY CIVIC SOCIETY please.

Due to the higher membership numbers I am reintroducing membership cards for 2020, which will be issued when subscriptions are paid. Showing the card to the door staff on arrival to a lecture will alleviate any confusion as to whether the person is a paid up member of the Society or not and the appropriate entrance fee can then be charged.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Executive Committee for their help in assisting me in recruiting 35 new members during 2019. Well done!

CHRIS WHITLAM
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



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..... cjwatchg16@gmail.com

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

I would like to join **Whitby Civic Society**, Registered Charity No.1055396
Membership cost is **£10** per calendar year.

Full name

Address

..... Post Code

Telephone E-mail

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.