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PREPARING FOR CIVIC SOCIETIES WEEK 2010

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter dedicated to keeping you informed about Civic Societies Week 2010. Plans for the week are now well advanced with a number of civic societies having notified us of their proposed activities and details for the launch event to be held at the Royal Hotel in Scarborough on Tuesday 25th May have been circulated.

We now need to finalise the arrangements and need some information from you about what your society will be doing.

Tell us about your Civic Societies Week project

We will be circulating details of the projects and activities being put on by societies during Civic Societies Week. These details will be given to local and regional newspapers although we would also urge you to make contact with your local media to make sure they are aware of your own society's activities.

Would you please complete the attached form and return it to Kevin Trickett, ideally by email, to arrive before 19th May. Kevin's contact details can be found on the reverse of this bulletin.

Remember that, this year, the timing of Civic Societies Week is for you to decide. All we ask is that you choose a week between 29th May and 4th July. Exceptionally, we will consider projects and activities that run outside this period but the idea is really to be able to claim that all societies are working on something to celebrate Civic Societies Week and press activity will focus on this period.

Civic Societies Week is about promoting the work of civic societies to a wider audience. Feedback from societies that have taken part in the past shows the activities that they have put on have not only raised their profile but have also helped to attract new members, and even pull in a bit of extra cash. If you have any questions, please contact either Peter Cooper or Kevin Trickett.

Civic Societies Week Launch Event, Tuesday, 25th May 2010, Royal Hotel Scarborough



John Grundy

We are delighted that John Grundy, a respected writer, broadcaster and architectural historian has agreed to be our guest speaker at this year's launch event. John helped us launch our very first Civic Societies Week at Barnsley in 2008 and his talk was much enjoyed by the assembled audience. This year's launch is being co-hosted by YHACS and Scarborough & District Civic Society.

Invitations to the launch event have already been issued – if you have not received one, please contact Peter Cooper or Kevin Trickett for full details. Places are still available for this lunchtime event which also includes an opportunity to view the Mayor's Parlour at the nearby Scarborough Town Hall. Please note that it is important to book places for the launch as we are providing refreshments and need to cater accordingly.

We are looking forward to a very enjoyable occasion – why not join us?

The Peter Spawforth Award and Cash Prize

Don't forget, there is the chance of a £250 cash prize for the Society with the best project! To be considered for the prize, you will need to participate in Civic Societies Week 2010 and deliver a project, event or activity that, in the opinion of the judging panel, scores highly against a range of criteria that will include innovation and impact. To encourage societies to be forward looking, we intend in 2010 to give more weight in the marking process to projects that look to the future – either in terms of modern architecture, design or planning (or possibly restoration and bringing back into use of a derelict building), or doing something that will strengthen the future of the civic society and even the wider movement. This is a wide remit – you are free to interpret it as you see fit.

To be assessed for the prize, we need you to send us evidence of your activity. This can include photos and examples of press coverage you have generated, and so on. A separate form is provided for you to submit your evidence. Please send this to Kevin Trickett by the end of July.

As ever, the YHACS Committee would welcome volunteers from the wider movement who wish to assist us with the judging process.

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