

# Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies

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*Voice of the Civic Society Movement in the Region*

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### **Our Next Meeting – Goole**

Just a reminder that our next meeting will be at the Lowther Hotel, Goole on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Details have now been emailed to members and others on our mailing list. I hope that you will be able to join us. If you can't come yourself, why not invite members from your Society's general membership to attend rather than seeing your Society unrepresented? We are always keen to see more people in the audience and taking part!

The theme for the meeting will be 'Civic Pride'.

### **YHACS Newsletter**

Civic Pride will also be the focus of our next newsletter. If you have any interesting articles on Civic Pride that you can email over to David Moss, our newsletter editor, please send them to him before 25<sup>th</sup> September ([damos43@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:damos43@yahoo.co.uk)). The newsletter is due to be sent out just before the Goole meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October and, as ever, it works best and provides the most interesting read when it's made up of articles submitted by civic societies from across the region rather than just the YHACS committee.

### **Civic Voice AGM and Convention**

Civic Voice will be holding its annual event in Chester this year over two days, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Some members of the YHACS committee will be attending and we'll give feedback at the YHACS meeting in Goole but it would be nice to see others attending from across our region.

You can book places via the [Civic Voice website](#). As usual, there are a number of speakers booked including a certain YHACS chair.....

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# The Peter Spawforth/YHACS Award

Once again, we are offering our member societies the chance to compete for one of our YHACS prizes and the honour of being presented with the Peter Spawforth Award.

The prizes are the same as in recent years – the overall winner gets to hold the prestigious trophy for a year and receives a cheque for £200. The runner-up receives £100 and the third prize is of £50.

The essence of the competition is for your Society to show the judges (the YHACS Committee) that it has done something truly commendable during the year from 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016 to entitle it to be called “Regional Civic Society of the Year”. Examples of this are:

- Running a successful campaign or carrying out a specific project
- Getting to grips with technology by having an up to date website or using Twitter, Facebook or other social media to publicise your activities
- Maximising your publicity with a successful Newsletter or getting special coverage in the local Press about your concerns or campaigns
- Keeping your members and others informed of your activities
- Arranging social activities such as on-message talks and outings
- Increasing and satisfied membership
- Having good and productive relationships with other bodies, including your local council
- Managing your funds properly, including having adequate subscription levels
- Having good management by delegation and sharing of jobs – and an up to date Constitution

You get to decide on what you wish to hang your hat but, as usual, we are asking you for evidence of what it is you have achieved. A new-style entry form is attached and we ask that you return it to us by 30<sup>th</sup> October. Judging will then take place in November with the results being announced at our AGM in Harrogate at the end of January.

Sadly, the number of entries in recent years has been on the low side, even though we have modified the terms of entry to take account of members’ views and to make it easier to enter. We hope to see more societies taking part this year!

**Kevin Trickett,  
YHACS Chair**

