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YHACS Autumn Meeting

Wakefield, Saturday, 6th October 2018

Theatre Royal Centre for Creativity



Our Autumn meeting will be at the new Centre for Creativity at Theatre Royal Wakefield on Saturday afternoon, 6th October, from 1 to 4pm. Full details and papers will follow nearer the time but we would also like to invite you to join members of Wakefield Civic Society for a Cocktail Master Class and three-course dinner on Friday evening, 5th October, at Create Café, Wakefield One, for just £25 per person. The Cocktail evening will be great fun and even educational!

Friday Evening, 5th October: Cocktail Master Class and three-course dinner

For anyone who is able to come to Wakefield on Friday, 5th October, we have re-arranged Wakefield Civic Society's Dining Club night from its usual first Thursday date to the Friday evening so as to be able to welcome YHACS guests to one of the Society's ever popular 'Cocktail Master Classes' at Create Café in Wakefield's new Civic Building, Wakefield One, Burton Street, which is close to Westgate Railway Station.

The cost is £25 per person, payable on the night, and this includes a chance to sample a selection of cocktails as they are demonstrated by café manager and mixologist Shaun Mounsey followed by a three-course dinner. (Any additional drinks, including tea/coffee after the meal, will be charged extra.)

Doors will open from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The evening will finish at around 10.30pm.

If you would like to attend the Cocktail Master Class, we will need you to book in advance and to pre-order your food. A menu is attached. Do let us know if you have any special dietary requirements so that we can take these up with the Café on your behalf. You do not need to pay now – you pay the Café directly on the evening – but if you book and find you cannot come before the day, please let us know as soon as possible. If you book and just don't turn up on the evening, we may need to charge you as YHACS will underwrite the cost to the Café of YHACS bookings. There are hotels in Wakefield city centre within easy walking distance – you might like to consider the Holiday Inn Express – or further out, such as Cedar Court Hotel adjacent to junction 39 of the M1.

Whenever Wakefield Civic Society runs these Cocktail Master Class events, they prove to be very popular – so book early to guarantee your place! We have exclusive use of the venue, but places are limited.

Saturday morning, 6th October: Guided Walk around Wakefield's Civic Quarter

Meeting at Wakefield Civic Society's office in the Town Hall on Wood Street from 10.15am for a 10.30 am start, the walk will explore the history and architecture of Wakefield's Civic Quarter – from Wood Street down to Westgate. The walk will end at around 11.45 allowing time for people to have lunch at one of the local cafés. Please book your places in advance.

Saturday afternoon, 6th October: YHACS Autumn Meeting

Our Autumn meeting on 6th October will feature speakers from the Yorkshire Society, Dream Time Creative and Beam along with all the latest news from YHACS, Civic Voice and other societies across the region. Starting at 1.00pm, the meeting will be held in the new Centre for Creativity at the Theatre Royal Wakefield. This space, which includes a café, box office and the Walker Studio, was officially opened to the public in July this year so we are among the first outside events to be held at this venue.

The space is on the ground floor and is fully accessible. Entry is via the new entrance on Westgate. There will be the usual break for tea/coffee and the meeting will finish promptly at 4pm. The Theatre is close to Westgate Railway Station and there are plenty of car parks nearby, including the multi-storey car park at the Station (for which the charge is 60p per hour for up to 5 hours, or £5 for the day on Saturdays).

Have you registered your interest for the YHACS Design Workshop?

As advertised in our April Bulletin, YHACS is organising our first ‘Design Workshop’

The workshop will be facilitated for us by Elizabeth and Richard Motley of [IntegreatPlus](#), a not-for-profit social enterprise consultancy based in Sheffield. IntegreatPlus offer architectural, planning and economic development support to communities, local authorities and built environment professionals to help deliver their “place-based ambitions”.

Dates and Location

The YHACS workshop will run over two days in the autumn – Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November 2018 at a location to be confirmed in Wakefield. The workshop will start at 10.00 am and end no later than 4 pm each day. We encourage anyone attending to come to both days. We appreciate that some people may wish to stay overnight and we will provide details of hotels that you might wish to consider once we have a better idea of numbers.

Programme: The *provisional* programme (subject to change) is as follows:

Day one:	Morning	Building based design principles
	Afternoon	Built for Life – place based principles
Day two	Morning	Housing design and innovation
	Afternoon	Personalised housing choices

Refreshments, including a light lunch, will be provided on both days.

Cost: We will need to make a charge to attend the workshop, towards the cost of facilitator fees, room hire and refreshments. It is envisaged that this will be in the region of £20 per day for YHACS members (£40 for the full workshop) but we will confirm this once we have more information on numbers and the venue we intend to use. Non-YHACS members will also be welcome but the cost is likely to be around £30 per day (£60 for the full workshop).

IMPORTANT! What to do now – Expressions of Interest Invited by 21st September

To make this workshop a success, we need to get an idea of how many people are likely to attend. At this point, therefore, we are inviting expressions of interest in attending. Once we know how many people are likely to attend, we will advise you of the actual cost and venue and also invite bookings.

If you or any of your colleagues would be interested in attending and have not yet registered your interest, please do so now by emailing kevintrickett@msn.com to reserve your place(s) but do not send any payment at this stage. It would be helpful if you could do this by 21st September. Once we have final details, we will ask you to confirm your booking.

Civic Voice Annual Conference 2018

Have you booked your places yet for this year's Civic Voice Conference? This year, after the astonishingly successful event held last year in Wakefield, the Conference moves to Birmingham and will take place over two days, 19th & 20th October.

You can find out more about the Conference here: <https://www.civicvoiceconference.com/>

The cost is £60 per person for members of Civic Voice (or YHACS Societies also registered with Civic Voice), otherwise £100. And don't forget to book your places for the dinner on Friday evening at £20.

YHACS/Peter Spawforth Prize

Once again, YHACS will be offering prizes in our annual Award contest. 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 organisation to show the judges (the YHACS Committee) that it has made real progress during the year from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018 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 enter but, as usual, we are asking you for evidence of what it is you have achieved. An entry form is attached and we ask that you return it to us by 4th November.

Judging will then take place later in the year with the results being announced at our AGM in on Saturday, 26th January 2018.

Kevin Trickett MBE
YHACS Chair



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Wakefield Civic Society & YHACS Evening Meal

Friday, 5th October 2018

£25 per head for all three-course and cocktail master class

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Please order one dish per person from each of the three courses below

To Start

Seasonal Soup with Fresh Bread

Confit Duck Leg Terrine, Plum Compote

Roast Beetroot and Apple Salad, Toasted Walnuts, Golden Beetroot Dressing

For Main

(All served with seasonal vegetables)

Braised Beef Rilette, Dauphinoise Potato, Red Wine Jus

Sea Bream, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Lemon Beurre Blanc

Vegetarian Moussaka

To Finish

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Toffee Sauce

Winter Berry Eton Mess, Winter Berry Compote

Apple and Cinnamon Crumble, Crème Anglaise

Additional drinks, including teas and coffees will be charged extra

Please let the organiser know when booking if you have any special dietary requirements