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Enclosed with this *Newsletter* are booking forms for Walks Group Social Evening, first 2018 Day Trip, and AGM lunch (3 pages)

*Please contact the Newsletter editor if any of these are missing.*

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Chairman's Letter

Another year has flown by in which, I hope, many of you were able to participate in the range of activities and events offered by the Association.

The day trips and the one-off events were generally well supported but, as I commented 12 months ago, the attendances at the talks have again been disappointing. Having heard them both I can thoroughly recommend our speakers in January and February, both of who provide fascinating and highly entertaining insights to their respective topics. Are the poor attendances attributable to the charge of £4 we make? There has been some comment on this but, obviously, we have to cover the cost of the room hire and we do make a very modest donation to the speaker's chosen charity (i.e. not a speaker's fee). At each talk we need an attendance of about 35, (just over 5% of the membership), which we rarely achieve.

On the subject of charges there has also been mutterings about the higher cost of our day trips compared with those organised by other local like-minded organisations. We have compared their charges, and those of neighbouring associations, and usually any significantly lower cost is because welcome refreshments and lunch are not offered as an inclusive part of the trip. We have always included these on our trips, as members appreciated them. That said the Programme Committee is looking at organising one or two trips next year where lunch will not be included, leaving members to purchase their own or, perhaps as an alternative, take a picnic.

Our three sub-committees are busy planning their programmes for next year and I hope you will support their offerings as much as possible. With the significant reduction in membership we experienced this year a new recruitment leaflet will be ready in the New Year. If you can help with its distribution through local outlets or organisations and by recruiting family, friends and neighbours please let me know.

I wish you all a happy and joyful Christmas and in 2018, a year which brings all you would wish for yourselves and your loved ones.

Roger King
Book the Date: Saturday 24\textsuperscript{th} March 2018
47\textsuperscript{th} AGM and Lunch at the Hilton Hotel, Tower Street, York

We are delighted to have a distinguished guest as our speaker before lunch: Dr Peter Addyman, the Founding Director of The York Archaeological Trust, who recently edited the comprehensive “York” edition of “The Historic Towns Atlas.”

Do join us for the short formal AGM at 11am, followed by our March talk and lunch for which a menu and booking form is enclosed. Tea and coffee are available for everyone from 10.30am and at 12.45pm the Conservatory Bar will open, and remain available throughout lunch. Lunch is served at 1.30pm and the event concludes at 3.30pm.

New faces welcome, particularly for an excellent talk and to meet fellow members over a very good Lunch

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association at present is 635. We have welcomed the following new members in recent months, and look forward to meeting you all at some of our future events.

Lynda Timms          Jennifer Dixon
Leon & Angela De Muynck    Michael & Monica Long
Robert & Rosemary Anderton  Magnus Brass
Michael & Lesley Blackman     Clive & Mary Green
David & Maria Kraithman     Dorothy Murfin
Barbara Lealan                      Sheena Walkley
Sheena Harper

As this is the last Newsletter in 2017, I would like to remind those members who still pay by cheque that subscriptions for next year are due on 4th January 2018. Unless this is paid by the end of February 2018 your name/s will be deleted from the membership list.

Thank you.  \textit{Elinor Bailey, Membership Secretary}
Talks

Talks are held at Friends Meeting House in Friargate, and last for about 45 minutes, with time for questions afterwards. A charge of £4 is made at the door. Members and friends are very welcome. Tea and Coffee is available to buy in the foyer.

Saturday 20th January at 2.30pm

Bob Mansfield, “The hidden and secret places of Beningbrough Hall, Gallery and Gardens your chance to see what most visitors miss.”

This talk takes the audience to hidden, and not so hidden parts of the 6-acre garden where there are remarkable trees, rare plants and some unusual features and remains. In the Hall we also see a unique historical artefact, which has only recently been put on display.

Bob Mansfield, volunteer gardener at Beningbrough, will share some of his secret knowledge with us.

Saturday 17th February at 2.30pm

Alan Lavender, MBE, “Chef to Four Prime Ministers”

Prime Ministers come and go but the chef remains the same! Alan was Head Chef at Chequers, the Prime Minister's country residence, from 1986 to 2010, and has worked for 4 Prime Ministers and has cooked for virtually every Head of State and Royalty. Since retiring from Chequers, Alan has become involved with East Riding Council, teaching 'healthy ambitions', which promotes healthy eating and lifestyle.

More information and reviews (Talks archive) on the website at www.yant.org.uk
Social and Fundraising Events

Over 50 YANT members came to see and hear the excellent, witty and informative presentation given by Lucy Addington and Meridith Towne of the History Wardrobe.  http://www.historywardrobe.com

To quote the History Wardrobe “Seductive, sensational and chic, this stunning presentation celebrates the life and times of the Queen of Crime, with the added twist of a mystery to solve”.  Characters from Christie’s era were brought to life through dramatic readings and dazzling Art Deco fashions from the 20s & 30s – dainty day dresses, beaded “flapper” frocks and sweeping evening gowns.

Agatha Christie was born into a world of Edwardian elegance but after her experiences of service during World war One she embraced the streamlined modernity of life, finding fame as a prolific writer and creator of two enduringly popular sleuths, Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple.

In this entertaining presentation we discovered just why Mrs Christie’s life was as interesting as any novel, from her work in the world of archaeology to the drama of her eleven-day disappearance. We also discovered how to spot the murder – keep an eye on the shoes.

History Wardrobe October 2017
Afterwards, members were able to talk to Lucy and Meridith and examine the dresses and accessories used during the talk.

On November 30th we welcome The Shepherd Concert Band to St Andrew’s Church, Bishopthorpe for the Winter Concert, our final fundraising event of 2017.

Our first fundraising event in 2018 is on Thursday April 26th and will be another “Afternoon Tea with music and a little dancing”, more details and a booking form in the March newsletter.

We are also planning to hold a Summer Fair at St Crux in June and a Summer Garden Party at one of the local NT houses.

**We do hope to see many of you at future events.**

*Christine Truman, Chairman Projects Group*

The new membership leaflet will be available shortly but do note it is no longer necessary to be a member of the main National Trust to become a member of YANT, although we hope many people will support the NT by joining both.

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**Drop-in Lunches**

Drop-in lunches for members will continue on the last Wednesday of the month at the Walmgate Ale House & Bistro. The price remains at £7.50 for one course and £10.50 for two; both options include tea or coffee.

Dates are on the back cover of the *Newsletter*.

The Tours Advisory Group Meeting meets at 10am on 28th March 2018.

Do come and join the friendly YANT group here.

*Roger King, Chairman*
Changes to YANT Website

During the weekend of 20/21 January, the Members' area of the YANT website (accessed via yant.org.uk) will be changing. You will no longer be asked for a password on first entry to the site. You will now only need to provide a Username and Password when you access Booking Forms, Newsletters or personally identifiable information such as photographs and reviews - the rest of the site will be open to all visitors.

You will also see that Newsletter/Docs and Contacts do not initially appear on the Menu Bar. These have been replaced by a MemberLogin entry. Once you login, Newsletter/Docs and Contacts will appear. Should you decide not to login at this stage, you will be prompted to do so as soon as you try to access any protected data. The Username for the site is, as before, member and the password will now be yantmember (the system requires a password of at least 8 characters). Once you have logged in to the site you will remain logged in for any future visits - unless you accidentally wipe your system or do not accept cookies. You can, of course, log out at any time should you wish to do so.

Because of the change, all existing Bookmarks will need to be updated to the new site. Once the change has taken place, please login at least once to ensure you can access Newsletters and Booking Forms ready for the March Newsletter.

If you would like to see the site before it goes live, you can access it using the address yantmember.org.uk

YANT is also now on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/yorkNT/

Mike Morrow
Day Trips

Friday 23rd February 2018: Visit to The Wakefield Rhubarb Festival

On our first outing in 2018 we will discover the amazing world of the Yorkshire Rhubarb Triangle via a visit to the celebrated Wakefield Rhubarb Festival. In the morning we will experience Oldroyds, a leading Yorkshire producer of forced rhubarb. After light refreshments, Janet Oldroyd Hulme, known as “The High Priestess of Rhubarb”, will give an introductory talk on the fascinating history of rhubarb from its origins in 2700BC to modern times. This will be followed by a tour of the rhubarb sheds where the plant grows in total darkness. If you listen quietly you might even hear it growing!

At the end of the morning’s activities, we will make the short journey into the centre of Wakefield where there will be free time for lunch and an opportunity to explore the various Rhubarb Festival stalls or possibly watch one of the cookery demonstrations. The stalls and demonstration tent are all clustered around the cathedral area where there are plenty of places to find refreshment.

The afternoon will conclude with a guided tour of Wakefield Cathedral. Formerly the parish church, the cathedral is built on the site of a Saxon church. The original Norman church has been reconstructed, altered and enlarged over the centuries. Its current medieval appearance owes much to Victorian restoration by Sir George Gilbert Scott. In 2012 a £6.5 million project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, spearheaded the complete refurbishment and overhaul of the Nave followed by a major restoration of the East End.

Please note that there will be some walking and standing around on the tour of Oldroyds and it can be a little claustrophobic in the forcing sheds. There will be a short distance to walk to the coach pick-up and drop off point in Wakefield. The area around the Rhubarb Festival is on the flat. The tour of Wakefield Cathedral will last around one hour but there are plenty of seats in the church.
Ingleby’s coach will pick up at Memorial Gardens, Leeman road, York, at 9.30am and Middlethorpe Drive, Dringhouses, York, at 9.45am. The journey time to Oldroyds is around 45-50 minutes. The coach will depart Oldroyds at 1.00pm for the 30-minute drive into Wakefield, where the cathedral tour will begin at 3.00pm. Re-joining the coach at 4.30pm for the journey back to York arriving at approximately 5.30pm. The cost of the trip is £25, which includes coach hire, morning refreshments, introductory talk and tour of Oldroyds, guided tour of Wakefield Cathedral and coach driver’s gratuity.

The day trip leader will carry mobile phone no. 07960 710975. Please call this number on the day if you are delayed or cannot attend. We have tight schedules and we try not to delay our departures.

Country Walks

Social evening and quiz, Friday, 16 March 2018

Our annual social evening will be held at the New Earswick and District Bowls Club, Huntington Road, York, starting at 7 30pm. A cash bar will open at 7pm.

There will be the usual quiz, with Roger King and Alison Rutter asking the questions. Participants will be placed in teams of four. Those booking together will be placed in the same team; otherwise please enter your preferences on the booking form and we shall do our best to accommodate them.

The Bowls Club will again provide a buffet supper with a variety of savoury items plus scones with jam and cream, cake and tea and coffee. There will also be an optional raffle. The evening usually ends around or before 10pm.

Tickets cost £12.50, to include supper. To reserve a place/places please complete the enclosed booking form and return it by 9 March. If you wish your application to be acknowledged by email there is no need to enclose an SAE, but please enter your email details on the form.

All are welcome – walkers, non-walkers and friends – and we look forward to seeing you there.
Thursday, 28 December: ‘A stroll around the University’
Approximately 4 miles, join us on our last walk of the year!
An easy walk with no stiles or hills, which will give us a chance to enjoy some fresh air and exercise amid the Christmas/New Year festivities. Meet at the gates of Heslington Hall for a **10am start.** NB. Parking there is not easy but the no. 66 bus (frequent service) stops opposite the Hall. Leader: Joyce Costello (01904 629312).

**Circular half day walks using own transport.**

**Tuesday, 16 January, Knavesmire Woods area, 4 ½ miles.**
A walk through Knavesmire Woods, Rowntree Park and the racecourse, easy terrain but it may be muddy and some chilly, brisk air over the racecourse. There will be a comfort break at Rowntree Park. Meet at the car park beside the racecourse at the end of Cherry Lane, off Tadcaster Road for a **10am start.** Some parking is available on the road at Cherry Lane. Frequent bus service from town. Refreshments are available afterwards at the Fox and Roman, Tadcaster Road. The Holiday Inn is also open to non-residents. Leader: Jenny Nicholson.

**Wednesday, 7 February, Dunnington area, 5 miles**
The walk starts at the Cross Keys pub in Dunnington and follows Eastfield Lane to Holtby. From there we take the path round to Mount Pleasant farm and down Rudcarr Lane. The track then goes across fields almost to Murton before returning to Dunnington. There are stiles, some uneven, muddy ground and some road walking. Lunch available afterwards at the Cross Keys where we meet for a **10 am start.** Leader: Irene Watson (01904 489466).

**Tuesday, 13 March, Fairburn Ings area. Leaders: Alison and Nigel Rutter.**

**Thursday, 12 April, Malton area. Leader: Joyce Costello.**

Details of these future walks will be in the March Newsletter.

Please park with consideration where roadside/village parking is involved.
As from 1 January 2018 an administration charge of £1 will be collected on each half-day walk.

**NB.** Walkers participate at their own risk and must be capable of completing the distance over uneven ground with some hill ascents in a variety of weather conditions. Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn and light refreshments carried.

**Full day walks with coach transport and afternoon tea dates to note:**

- **Saturday, 7 April, Farndale.** Leader: Tony Brook.
- **May, date tbc, Settle area.** Leaders: Steve and Anne Walsh.
- **Saturday, 16 June, South Cave area.** Leader: Dorothy Pope.

Details of these will be shown in future Newsletters and on the YANT website.

Suggestions for walks and offers to lead are always welcome. If you can help, please contact Alison Rutter on 01904 703430 or walks@yant.org.uk or me on 01904 633705 or eileen.wishart@btinternet.com

_Eileen Wishart (Secretary)_

**Holidays**

Our 2018 holidays are filling up nicely following the October meeting. If you did not attend the meeting and would like more information about the holidays you can view the full itineraries with photographs and prices in the holidays section of the YANT website. If you do not have access to the website, please contact me on 01904 702285 or Brightwater holidays on 01334 657155.

_Peter Drew_  
_YANT Tours Organiser_
Holiday Reviews

Editor’s note: All reviews are available online in full, however because of space limitations they may be edited for inclusion in the printed newsletter. There are also many photographs of holidays and day trips on the website at www.yant.org.uk

Review: Dumfries and Galloway, August 2017

Our five-day trip to Dumfries and Galloway began at Dumfries House (nowhere near Dumfries), a lovely house rescued by Prince Charles from being sold and its contents scattered. He pulled in a group of rich patrons and benefactors to save it. No expense was spared in the restoration of the house and grounds, much of the work being undertaken by local people so helping to generate work in a very depressed area, and still going on. The house contains priceless pieces of furniture by Chippendale and Scottish furniture makers. We had an excellent guide, and delicious shortbread.

We moved on to our hotel in Dumfries for two nights from where we visited Sweetheart Abbey, a beautiful ruin with a long history in the delightful village of New Abbey. At the other end of the village we had a guided tour of the working water mill. The wonderful smells of the grain and creaks and groans of the machinery made for atmosphere. Then on to Rammerscale House, here the kilt-wearing Laird met us. He showed us around the house and told us its history. It was a fascinating house— a real contrast to Dumfries house as it was quite shabby with rotting curtains and ‘lived in’ rooms! We paid our respects to Robert Burns at his white mausoleum in the churchyard in Dumfries. It is rather out of place in a graveyard full of wonderful old red sandstone headstones.

The next day we visited the Threave Estate belonging to the National Trust for Scotland. The house was unspectacular but horticultural students look after the superb grounds. Then on to C18th Broughton House in Kirkcudbright, home until 1933 to one of the group of artists known as the Glasgow Boys, E. A. Hornel. This was a delightful house full of his paintings and with a wonderful garden going down to the Dee estuary. We moved on to our second hotel in Stranraer—a family run hotel full of character and with very good food!
We visited Logan Botanical Gardens, which were a revelation as they were tropical gardens able to survive in this part of Scotland because of the Gulf Stream. Castle Kennedy estate was next, a colourful walled garden with a romantic ruin set in the landscape between two lochs. Then we had a quick taste of the sea at Port Patrick before returning to the hotel for dinner and a quiz.

On our last day we visited Caerlaverock Castle, a great mediaeval fortress in a lovely setting. Before setting off back to York we visited the nearby wildlife centre. There was not much to see at this time of the year in this tranquil place but there was a camera trained on an osprey nest, which it was exciting to see.

This was a very busy and varied few days, made very pleasurable by our Scottish guide Alistair who was very knowledgeable, friendly, professional and efficient. A great trip!

Gill Jones

Review: Cardiff and South Wales

Our trip to Wales began with a stop at “Coughton Court” (pronounced Coat on) in Warwickshire. A historic house lived in by the same Catholic family for 600 years, members of which were involved in the Gunpowder plot. The house was built around a courtyard with an imposing gatehouse, the roof of which gives great views of the surrounding area. A large walled garden is stuffed with plants and outside it there is a lake and a bog garden. An unusual feature is its two churches, one Catholic and one Protestant. Then a long, but interesting journey, through the lovely countryside of the Wye and Usk valleys on the road over the head of the valleys, passing Welsh towns now much changed with the demise of the mining industry.

On Saturday we embarked on a bus tour of the centre of Cardiff with a local guide. We walked around Cardiff Bay and saw the Assembly building and the Millennium Arts Centre. The change from the derelict docks to the present
layout was staggering. We spent time in the National Museum containing amongst many exhibits a priceless collection of art and sculpture, much of which was left to the museum by two sisters who made money from coal and spent it well. The ground floor was full of laughter and chat with lots of children enjoying hands on experiences of aspects of science and natural history. Our visit to Cardiff Castle was a revelation as we toured amazing rooms heavily decorated by William Burgess for the Marquis of Bute in the C19th. Our last visit was to Llandaff Cathedral on the outskirts of the city, which was damaged by a bomb in the war. George Pace, the York architect, was tasked with some of the restoration work. The building is dominated by the towering statue of Christ in Majesty by Jacob Epstein, not liked by everyone.

On Sunday our first stop was Tredegar House near Newport, via a brief stop at Caerphilly Castle. This is a rare house built in the reign of Charles II and recently acquired by the National Trust. It is entirely wrapped in plastic at present for massive restoration work. The volunteers here were especially friendly and chatty. Then we went on to St Fagans Castle, the National Museum of Wales. On this large site are over 50 buildings rescued from demolition or ruin from all over Wales. We were able to watch a blacksmith and a thatcher at work and visit a church, shops, fairground, cottages and farmhouses. Our last stop of the day was Dyffryn gardens set around an imposing Edwardian house. Some of the vast gardens were laid out in rooms with some autumn colour to enjoy.

On our way home we stopped at “Hidcote” one of the most important gardens to see in Britain. Although not at its best in October, at least it was not crowded as it always is in Spring and Summer. This was a varied and interesting trip especially for me as I was born in Cardiff and was amazed at the changes since I was last there. Michel Gill was an excellent and informative guide. He was very knowledgeable about the area, as he has lived there in the past.

Gill Jones
Day Trip Reviews

Review: Visit to The Mouseman Centre and Ampleforth College

A full coach left York at 9.00am for our visit to the Mouseman Centre and Ampleforth College. On arrival at Kilburn we were split into two groups to visit the museum and the showroom in turn. We were introduced to the Mouseman story by a video presentation given by Ian Thompson Cartwright, the great grandson of the founder Robert Thompson. He told us that the business, founded in 1919, was still in the same family. The furniture made of English oak was still produced by the same methods and embellished by the trademark mouse.

The resident guide Chris led our group around the museum stopping in the main hall, which displayed the various tools of the trade. He gave a detailed description of how the furniture was made with particular emphasis on the adze, which created the rippled effect on the tabletops. A visit to the furniture showroom was a must. The beautiful furniture on display had price tickets making it the stuff of dreams or perhaps a winning lottery ticket! But, well worth a visit and we were then at liberty to enjoy the gardens surrounding the museum from which there was a good view of the famous White Horse, visible on the hillside over-looking the village.

Ampleforth College Apple Orchard guided tour
After a very enjoyable visit to the Mouseman Centre we re-joined the coach and made our way to Ampleforth College where we enjoyed lunch followed by a tour of the Cider Mill. Our guide informed us that there were at least 60 varieties of apples grown in their orchard many of which went into the making of the cider.

On arrival at the Abbey we made our way around the extensive and beautiful grounds to the Abbey Church. Choir practice was taking place so it was not possible to enjoy the interior of the church. This was perhaps compensated for by the acoustics, which helped create a very impressive sound from the choir. The main hall of the Abbey was available to visitors, which displayed many photographs of previous students and teachers. There was also a gift shop and restaurant.

Janet Harper

Review: Visit to St Patrick’s Church, Patrington, and Holmpton Bunker, Tuesday 20th September 2017

A group of just thirty-three left York for the wilds of East Yorkshire, the other side of Hull. For once, the exit from York was quick and on time despite the York College on Tadcaster Road being open. Our journey continued to be uneventful until we reached the outskirts of Hull. Here there was more traffic but we went straight through. Brief glimpses were seen of the waterside developments in the “City of Culture”, mainly new retail and residential buildings. Once past the Ferry Terminals, we headed for our first visit, passing several small villages on the way.

On arrival at Patrington, we were met by our guide outside the church and ushered inside. We were welcomed by a nice cup of tea or coffee served by some ladies from the village. This was accompanied by a selection of excellent homemade cakes. After refreshments, we took a seat in the church and our guide gave a very good explanation of the history of the building. Construction of the present church started in 1310AD and was completed in 1410AD. We were then free to explore the interior after which
we were taken into the grounds for further explanations of the exterior of the building and the graveyard.

Having said our farewells, we re-joined our coach for a short journey to the Dunedin Country House on the edge of the village where we were served an excellent buffet lunch with tea or coffee.

Our second visit entailed driving further east towards Withernsea on the coast and then heading south towards what appeared at first to be a brick building, a wooden hut and a grass mound. It was hard to imagine that this site was at the forefront of our Early Warning System.

We were welcomed by our guides to the former RAF Holmpton, which is now privately owned, and opened to the public by volunteers. After a brief introduction, we were taken downstairs and into the centre of operations. We were shown an introductory film showing operations, which happened on the site. We were then free to explore the rest of the underground installations, kitchens, operations rooms and, most importantly, the bar. A number of video screens showed various scenarios including a simulated exercise in a local council authority area after the dropping of The Bomb. We gradually drifted upstairs where a welcome cup of tea was available and said our goodbyes to the guides.

Our journey home was as smooth as the outward one and the weather for the day was fine. Our defence system is still at Staxton Wold on the Bridlington Road.

Brian and Marilyn Purkiss

A GRAND DAY OUT (apologies to Wallace and Gromit)

On a clear, sunny October day, what could be better than a mystery coach trip organised for the York Association of the National Trust by Kath Carr and Elizabeth Hjort.

We set off for Leeds – no, for Scarborough – only to find ourselves heading for Stamford Bridge after passing the Food and Environment Research
Agency at Sand Hutton. With a briefing on the battle of Stamford Bridge and information about two prisons nearby to keep us alert, we continued, not to Bridlington, but through Pocklington, the wool town where William Wilberforce the Abolitionist went to school, and towards Market Weighton, once Britain’s largest sheep market and the birthplace of Britain’s tallest man.

We were not going to Beverley. Drewton’s Farm Shop at South Cave proved to be our first destination, where we enjoyed beverages and a browse among the mouth-watering foodstuffs in the delicatessen, hoping the while to see one of the red kites that have been successfully reintroduced in the area. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, Drewton became a partly deserted medieval village, in spite of its position on a Roman road leading to a Humber crossing.

Would we go on to Hull, the 2017 City of Culture? No, today was not for a heady input of culture – we went on across the Humber suspension bridge, admiring the sandbanks at low tide as we did so, before meandering through several Lincolnshire villages. A bridge was first proposed for the area in 1872, but it would take until 1981 before there was one, and it was no mean achievement, in view of the shifting bed of the estuary which made a long central span essential.

Perhaps Scunthorpe really would prove to be our destination, as so often promised down the 10 years of this annual excursion. No, that was not to be. Instead, a carvery lunch at the half-timbered Red Lion coaching inn at Redbourne was the treat that awaited us, and it gave us a chance to chat with others of our fellow travellers, as we tucked into a roast meal followed by crumble or cheesecake.

And the homeward route, by main roads and motorways, did allow us a brief glimpse of Scunthorpe in the distance.

(By a guest member of the National Trust for Scotland.)
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER
5-7 Holiday: Glasgow Christmas Special
6 Christmas Lunch at York College at 12 noon
13 Christmas Lunch at Tennants
28 Short Walk: Around the University

JANUARY
16 Short Walk: Knavesmire Woods
20 Talk: Bob Mansfield, “Hidden Beningbrough” at Friends’ Meeting House, Friargate, 2.30pm
24 Drop-in lunch, Walmgate Ale House & Bistro from 12 noon

FEBRUARY
7 Short Walk: Dunnington
17 Talk: “Chef to Four Prime Ministers” by Alan Lavender at Friends’ Meeting House, Friargate, 2.30pm
23 Visit: Wakefield Rhubarb Festival
28 Drop-in lunch, Walmgate Ale House & Bistro from 12 noon

MARCH
12-17 Holiday: Mallorca
13 Short Walk: Fairburn Ings area
16 Social Evening and Quiz, New Earswick Bowls Club, 7.30pm
24 Annual General Meeting, talk and lunch, Hilton Hotel, 10.30 am
28 Tours Advisory Group meeting, Walmgate Ale House, 10 am
28 Drop-in lunch, Walmgate Ale House & Bistro from 12 noon

APRIL
7 Full-day walk: Farndale
10-14 Holiday: Archaeologist’s View of Wessex
12 Short Walk: Malton area
25 Drop-in lunch, Walmgate Ale House & Bistro from 12 noon
26 Afternoon Tea Dance, St Andrew’s Church Hall, Bishopthorpe, 2.30pm

Please send contributions and photographs for the March Newsletter to Catherine Brophy newsletter@yant.org.uk by Wednesday 7th February.