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YHACS Summer Meeting 25th July 2020 – Addingham

Life continues but not quite as we know it.....

Having had to cancel the Spring Members' Meeting because of lockdown, the YHACS committee has decided that the Summer meeting will go ahead, if not exactly as planned. Instead of us all going to Addingham for our summer get together, Addingham – and YHACS – will come to you courtesy of an on-line event and we are currently working with Addingham Civic Society to put together a series of informative presentations and updates for your enjoyment, interest and even edification.....

The meeting on 25th July will be in two parts:

Firstly, there will be a number of short video presentations uploaded to a new Vimeo account that we have created. You will be able to watch these at any time in the run up to the actual YHACS meeting on 25th July. Details of how to access the videos will be sent out nearer the time.

The second part will be a live Zoom video conference. This will start at 2.30 on the Saturday afternoon and end at around 4pm. We will record the meeting and, if we consider the resulting video to be suitably professional (and assuming that the technology works!), we will upload it to Vimeo later for people to watch should they wish to do so. However, we cannot at this stage guarantee the recording will be uploaded so we recommend you sign up for the live Zoom event, just in case!

We know that there is some interest from our members in participating in a Zoom event – we asked you to let us know if you would be willing to do this a few weeks back and quite a few

people replied to say that they would be happy to do so. Since then, reports received suggest that more and more civic societies have started using Zoom so we think we should have enough interest to make the live event worthwhile but we have no way of knowing at this stage how many people will want to take part. (We have capacity for up to 100 people.) To help us manage, please email Kevin Trickett (kevintrickett@msn.com) as soon as possible if you plan to 'attend' the meeting so that we can issue you with a Zoom link nearer the time.

It's going to be more important than ever for people to book in advance if they wish to speak at the meeting. Depending on how much you have to say and how you wish to present your talk, we may ask you to make a film in advance to be uploaded to the Vimeo page.

Again, please contact Kevin Trickett to book a slot on the agenda and to discuss how your presentation will work.

More information will be issued shortly.

Summer Newsletter

David Moss is working on the next edition of *Society Insight*, our quarterly newsletter. If you haven't submitted that article yet, please get in touch with him now!

We're particularly looking for articles on environmental issues with an emphasis on the changes the COVID19 pandemic has caused in your area – street closures, better air quality, impact on nature - and which of these you might want to see being made permanent in the future.

Also, what has your society been doing differently during lockdown? Will these changes continue in the future? Is your 'Covid response' actually a new way of working that could become permanent? We've seen some interesting examples of how civic societies have kept in touch with their members over the last few months and how they have managed to keep the wheels turning. Why not tell us what you have been up to? We'd also like to know what plans you have, if any, to resume 'normal service' as restrictions on movement are eased.

Please email your articles to David on damoss43@yahoo.co.uk. We originally set a deadline of 5th July – if you can't meet that, ask David for an extension! We can probably give you a further 48 hours if we know you're working on something.

Civic Voice – ‘In Conversation with’ interviews

The ‘In Conversation with’ Zoom interviews conducted by Kevin Trickett for Civic Voice have proved enlightening and popular. With 13 interviews now completed, there are just three more left in the current series.

On Wednesday, 8th July, Kevin will be interviewing Sarah Richards, CEO of the Planning Inspectorate. The day after, the guest will be Duncan Wilson, CEO of Historic England and the final interview (at least for now) will be on 16th July when Kevin will speak to Ros Kerslake, CEO of the Heritage Lottery Fund.

You can find out more and book places for these and other events on the Civic Voice website [here](#).

For those of you who weren't able to register for the live events and wonder what you've been missing, you can see recordings of the interviews on [Vimeo here](#).

Heritage Action Zones & High Street Task Forces

Is your society engaged in any sort of project in support of a Heritage Action Zone? How about your local High Street Task Force (or similar, such as a Town Deal Board)?

We'd like to compile a list of which societies are doing what and perhaps share some of the work they are doing, or planning to do, with others.

Please email Kevin Trickett (kevintrickett@msn.com) with any information.

