

RICHMOND AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

The objects of the Society are as follows:

- High standards of architecture and town planning in Richmond and District,
- The preservation, development and improvement of features of general amenity and historic interest in the town and surrounds,
- To stimulate public interest in the care of the beauty, history and character of the town of Richmond and the district around it,
- To pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, other forms of instruction and publicity.

Membership is open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society and, subject to any changes agreed at the Annual Meeting.

The subscriptions are as follows:

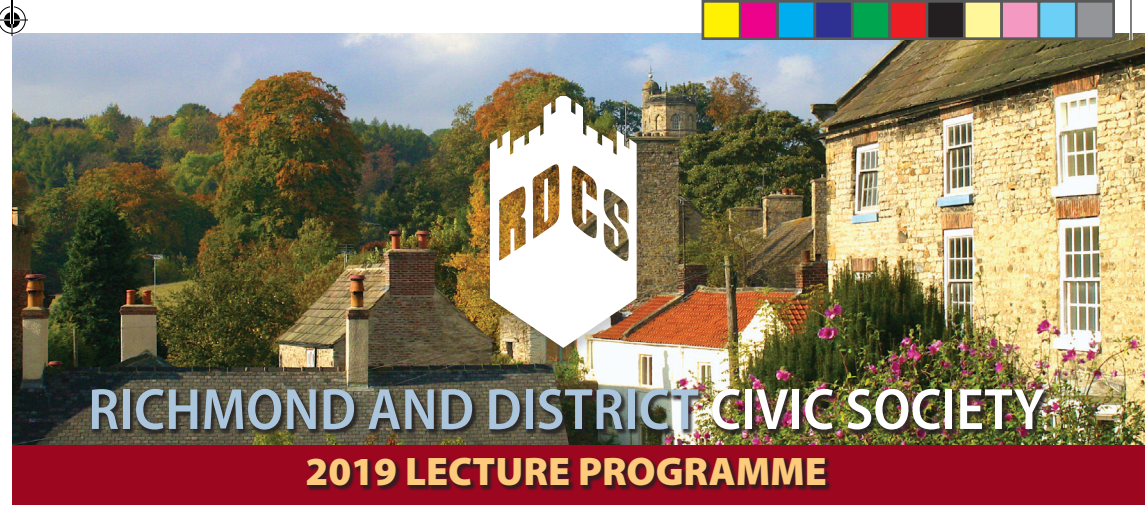
Family membership	£27.00
Single members	£18.00
Patrons	£35.00 (minimum)

Cheques should be made payable to Richmond and District Civic Society and Subscriptions may be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer

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*All members receive a copy of the Annual Review
and are admitted free to Lectures.*

Visitors are welcome at £5.00.



All the lectures described in this programme will be held on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Influence Church Community Centre in Victoria Road, Richmond. The AGM will be held in the Town Hall on Friday 13th December at 7.30 pm 2019. Visitors are welcome to our lectures but anyone interested in the work of the Society is encouraged to become a member. Information is given on the back page of this pamphlet.

Thursday 10th January

Being Lord Lieutenant and some Richmond memories

Lord James Crathorne

James Dugdale inherited the title Lord Crathorne from his father in 1977. He was Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire for 15 and a half years. During that time, he organised one Royal visit to the county every month, including a number to Richmond. His father as Sir Thomas Dugdale was the MP for the Richmondshire Division for 30 years. Thomas's wife Nancy set up a Trust to restore the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond in the early 60s. This work was carried on by Sylvia Crathorne, James' late wife. James has been involved with the Theatre for several decades. His daughter Katharine is also a Trustee.

Thursday 14th February

The Auckland Project – Auckland Castle

Jane Ruffer

Jane Ruffer is chair of the Leadership team of the Auckland Project, which is seeking to transform Auckland Castle into a world class heritage destination as a catalyst for regeneration in the area. She has a particular passion for the restoration of the gardens. The Civic Society had a spell-binding talk on the Zurbaran paintings in 2015 and visited Auckland Castle. Jane Ruffer will give a welcome update as to progress with this exciting project.

Thursday 14th March

Sister Dora

Suzanne Stirke.

Suzanne Stirke has delved into the life of Dorothy Pattison. Born in 1832 at Hauxwell Rectory, one of twelve children, she formed a relationship with James Tate 2nd Master of Richmond School, in her twenties, as well as continuing another relationship with a local farmer, Purchas Stirke. In 1864 she joined a religious community near Redcar, then to Walsall, where she worked amongst the miners and steel workers as a nurse. Sister Dora was one of the first people to understand the need for cleanliness and hygiene.

Thursday 11th April

Georgians and the Pursuit of Pleasure

Hannah Phillip

Hannah Phillip, Director of York's Fairfax House, delves into the array of decadent activities and pleasurable pursuits of Georgian Society. Catering for all open minded tastes and predilections, Hannah will challenge the notions of what polite society encompassed in the eighteenth century. As well as exploring York's lively winter season of assemblies and parties, the talk will reveal its debauched diversions, exuberant and often murky past.

Thursday 9th May

Town Hall at 8.00 pm with doors open at 7.30 pm

Lewis Carroll – the Croft Connection

Chris Lloyd

Well known Darlington and Stockton Times reporter and writer Chris Lloyd makes a welcome return to investigate how some of our local ludicrous stories that Lewis Carroll learned in his childhood at Croft-on-Tees and Richmond School that may have inspired Alice in Wonderland. From the rabbit down the hole, to shape-shifting waters, to quarrelling landowners, to the tyranny of railway time, to fire-breathing dragons.

Thursday 13th June.

Aftermath – the aftermath of WW1 1918 - 24.

Graham Berry.

The aftermath of WW1 was a time of unprecedented political, social and economic upheaval. Graham Berry, a local historian, will explore aspects of the war's impact on Britain, including the collapse of the Liberals, the Irish struggle for Independence and the far-reaching social changes and tensions of the period, which included votes for women.

Thursday 2nd May

Visit to Royal Navy Museum and Trincomalee in Hartlepool

Thursday 11th July

Visit to Fairfax House in York

Thursday 12th Sept

"For Whom the Bells Toll"

The Bells of St Mary's, Richmond: a social history 1650 - 1914.

Dr Graham Rodgers.

We are all familiar with the sound of Richmond's bells. They have been an unmistakable part of the town's soundscape over many centuries. They are a constant but not in any historical sense. Why bells were rung, how they were rung and by whom have changed over time and as a response to shifts in the religious, political and social culture of the town. In short, bell ringing traditions provide a fascinating window into aspects of Richmond's own rich social history. Dr Graham Rogers is a retired university lecturer in history and is a member of St Mary's bell ringing team.

Thursday 10th October

Yorkshire – A lyrical history of England?

Professor Richard Morris

Yorkshire, it has been said, is 'a Continent unto itself', a region where mountain, plain, coast, down, wolds and heath lie close. By weaving history, family stories travelogue and ecology, Richard Morris reveals how Yorkshire took shape as a landscape and in literature, legend and popular regard. In a wide ranging and lyrical talk, Richard Morris will find that for as far back as we can look, Yorkshire has been a region of unique presence with links around the world.

Thursday 14th November

The year 1071 Resistance and Revenge - Harrying of the North

Rod Flint

Local historical fiction author, Rod Flint, returns to the theme of The Harrying of the North, with particular emphasis on Richmondshire. What was 'The North', why did it rise in rebellion against the Normans after 1070, and was the rebellion as brutally suppressed as some historians claim it was? Rod explores the historical facts behind his "Harrying of the North" series.