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CIVIC SOCIETY AGM REVIEWS 2021 AND LOOKS FORWARD TO AN EXCITING 2022

Pontefract Civic Society hosted their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th February in the Nelson Room at Pontefract Town Hall, where the chairman, Paul Cartwright, gave a presentation on the 2021 Annual Report, which was contributed to by all board trustees.

Civic Society Chair, Paul Cartwright, said *"Whilst we have had to continue with a mix of online and live events and activities, we have adapted well to the changing environment, and we've been as busy as ever through our volunteering to make Pontefract a better place. Our meetings with Wakefield Council have gone on undiminished, our appetite to find new solutions to the issues presented in the town remains unabated, and the town centre business occupancy remains buoyant at 92%, which is 6 points ahead of the national average, and the latter is going to get worse. In short, businesses are investing in Pontefract."*

The meeting heard reviews of each of the civic society's working groups from citizenship and heritage to planning, rail and highways, together with the annual accounts. Vice Chair, Phil Cook, conducted the voting for two constitutional changes and the election of board members, where two new members joined the board, Khalid Rasool and Peter Ferrari. The civic society's plans for 2022 were announced in the annual report, which included hosting events such as the Community Showcase in April, and a full programme of events in conjunction with other partners for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

Paul went on to say, *"We're pleased to be staging face to face events, getting back to the new normal, and we will continue to work for the town, its residents, and our businesses. We're also looking forward to the positive highways changes to transform Horsefair and Ropergate, making it easier to walk around, supporting rich heritage and growing hospitality sector, though grave concerns are emerging from other business sectors, and some elements of the public."* [see Chair's Report].

Cllr Darren Byford, Regeneration portfolio holder, Wakefield Council, praised the work of the civic society, and said that he wanted 2022 to be the year of positive change for Pontefract.

Civic society membership has continued to increase year on year, and individuals, families, community groups and businesses can join via the website at www.pontefractcivicsociety.org.uk; fees for 2022 remain unchanged.

Photographs courtesy of Medlock Photography.

Introducing...

Peter Ferrari

After 40 years with NatWest Bank/ RBS, I retired at the end of 2015.

For most of my career I focused on managing client relationships, and I believe that many of the skills acquired over this period are of value to Pontefract Civic Society. I was born in London and moved to Yorkshire in 2002. I have lived in Pontefract since 2017 and joined the Society shortly afterwards.



I am currently a Trustee of a Support Group which is there for families impacted by a genetic muscle wasting condition called Myotonic Dystrophy. In the past I have held other voluntary roles; I was a Director of Counsel and Care for the Elderly for 10 years and held the post of Honorary Auditor for a financial industry discussion forum for over 12 years.

I believe that my background as an 'old fashioned bank manager' offers a different perspective, and allows me to contribute to key areas such as:

- **Raising awareness of the Pontefract Civic Society**
- **Bringing my experiences of helping clients generally for the benefit of the Executive and our members**
- **Supporting the wide-ranging programme of events and activities coordinated by the Society across the year**
- **Bringing commercial/business skills, and experience, to assist with the day to day running of the Society.**

Khalid Rasool

I joined the Civic Society after a chance encounter with Paul Cartwright. Originally born and raised in Kinross a small town in South Africa but now find myself living in Pontefract for the last 3 years.



From a volunteering perspective, I was the chairperson of The Love is Here Foundation a charity we set up in Cape Town to assist underprivileged children in partnership with a major wholesaler and USAid.

I hope to contribute to the Civic Society by:

- **Modernising the way the PCS operates through technology and strategy**
- **Assisting in growing membership for the Civic Society**
- **Using my skills to assist the Civic Society where I can.**

CHAIR'S REPORT

It's been an interesting start to 2022, with significant events with businesses at our 2021 Design Awards, then into our Annual General Meeting in February, numerous meetings with partners for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, numerous meetings with Council officers and elected members, Armed Forces Steering Group, YHACS AGM and an Executive Committee meeting, Railfuture Y&H meeting, VIP pre-launch sampling at Tony's @Cromwell's, Horsefair 'Streets for People' site meeting, Rotary Club of Pontefract meeting, watching rugby at Pontefract RUFC courtesy of Phil Atkinson, the Prince of Wales Hospice Club 5, some preparation for hosting both The Yorkshire Day Heritage Summit, and the West Yorkshire Lieutenancy office, added to that, we've had a couple of productive group meetings with new members supported by myself, vice chair Phil Cook, and new board member, Peter Ferrari.



Having got to March, we've now certainly been challenged by the council's implementation of the Ropergate trial project, which has been received with mixed feelings from businesses, customers, and service uses of the street since some rather attractive planters have been installed, almost end to end, and the contentious issue of parking being removed.

The trial has impacted on a variety of users each with different needs; has Wakefield Council underestimated the backlash?



What started out as a laudable project aligning climate change, a healthier lifestyle, and rebuilding the growing hospitality sector has backfired into a battle royale, though some of the issues could have been tackled differently. Whilst supporting the trail, we did warn the council that the project could be implemented in a different way using the available space differently on both sides of the street relevant to businesses along its length. There also appears to be differences of opinion on the level of consultation with businesses. Whilst off street

parking is close by, there's concern that those who used to park on Ropergate for one purpose, would also spend in a shop or two, and that behaviour has disappeared putting some businesses at risk. It's early days, but will those customers return? We also sought an increase in blue badge parking across the town, outside of the remit of this trial, including Valley Road which could be equally controversial if standard bays are removed, and some parking bays aren't reintroduced to Ropergate.

We'll therefore be seeking an earlier review that the six-month intervals, and some compromises in the hope of benefiting more people who wish to use Ropergate for business and social needs.

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DESIGN AWARDS 2021 ENHANCING PONTEFRACT

On Weds 26 Jan, after a two-year break, Pontefract Civic Society hosted its Design Awards for 2021, in the splendour of the Nelson Room of Pontefract Town Hall in front of an impressive gathering of business and property owners, trades people, representatives from Wakefield Council, and civic society members.

Civic Society Chair, Paul Cartwright, said "This is an evening of celebration following two years of hard graft which enhances the historic streetscape of Pontefract as a place for investors and visitors, against the background of a sustained 92% business occupancy, and the clear shift from retail to hospitality and activity-based experiences."

The civic society has presented a Façade of the Year award in the name of its first president, Lady Rosse from Womersley Hall, and the worthy winner for 2021 was The Printer's Draft based on the façade's bold and distinctive colour scheme, graphics, signage, and lighting which pays homage to the Holmes dynasty of printers and historians.

Gavin Richards, director, said, "Everyone involved with The Printer's Draft are absolutely delighted to have been awarded The Facade of the Year award for 2021 by Pontefract Civic Society; a special thanks to our designer Niki Richards".

Gavin went on to say, "To be recognised by the civic society, who always have Pontefract's heritage at the heart of what it does, is an achievement we are very proud of. They work tirelessly to safeguard

Pontefract's interests so to be awarded this is very special for us. We are so proud to be a part of Pontefract's community, we have seen massive changes in the past months for Pontefract with help from the Civic Society. We're looking forward to being a part of Pontefract's growth and we can't wait to welcome more Pomfretians through our award-winning doors".

Other awards presented on the night were for improvements in shop fronts, architecture & design, place-making, and the fantastic Aspire leisure hub:

- **Countess of Rosse Facade of the Year** (shop front)
- **Civic/Commercial** (a new or extended significant building)
- **Special Commendations** (complete ground floor refit)
- **Regeneration Award** (catalyst for retail expansion & footfall)
- **Residential Award** (creating attractive, distinctive, quality dwellings)
- **Heritage Award** (respecting a heritage building from the ground to rooftop)
- **Improvement Award** (attractiveness or character of the property)

Paul Cartwright, civic society chair, said "All the award winners were very appreciative of our recognition in making Pontefract a better place for everyone, and our search for 2022 is already underway". changes such as these that have resulted from our influence with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, which now has an elected Mayor.



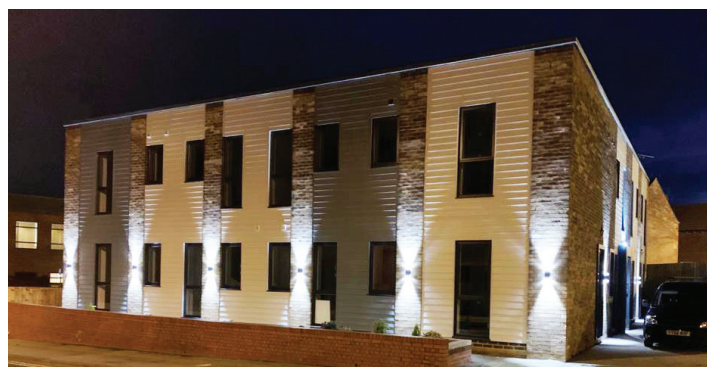
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2021 AWARD WINNERS

Façade of the Year 2021 - The Printer's Draft



Regeneration Award - The Cube



Special Commendation - Iron Dram



Special Commendation - Cartners No 5



2021 AWARD WINNERS

Improvement Award - La Rokka Mediterranean Kitchen



Heritage Award - No 1 Letting



Commercial/Civic Award - Aspire @ The Park



Residential Award - 36, 38, 40 Mayor's Walk & Bridge House



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

- Sheila Abdy
- Bernie & Andy Weston
- Margaret Garforth
- Dr Veronica & Martin Pearson
- Pontefract Rotary Club – *Community group member*
- Cheryl Holmes
- Pontefract Choral Society – *Community group member*
- Michelle's Flowers – *Gold business member*
- The Prince of Wales Hospice – *Gold business member*
- Carleton Running Club – *Community group member*

Fees held for another year!

Individual Member: £15

Family Members (same address): £20

Community Group Member: £20

Honorary Member: No fee

Junior Civic Society Member: No fee

For more information on becoming a member, please visit

[http://www.pontefractcivicsociety.org.uk/
product-category/membership/](http://www.pontefractcivicsociety.org.uk/product-category/membership/)

Business Members

Whether considering renewing or you're a potential brand new member, come and talk to us about our business member rates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rail Group

The Plight of Pontefract Baghill Station

I feel I must start this article by talking about the service. The line runs from York to Sheffield and goes through 3 different authorities, which is of great detriment when it comes to things like planning and subsidies.

The service was gradually run down in the 80's and 90's, culminating in a 2 trains a day timetable. After many years of hard campaigning by us, a midday train has been reinstated, making the line viable for leisure travel. However, the Sunday 'Service' has the first train departing in the early evening, with another one around 90 minutes later. This is clearly totally unacceptable.

It is also worth mentioning that Baghill is one of the few stations in the whole of the UK without an undercover waiting area.

The former station building is now owned by the Arch Holdings Company, and half of the building is rented out to the DVSA for use as a driving test centre. However, the building has suffered from vandalism and other safety related issues. The tenant has recently moved out and is currently operating from a local motel. The other half of the building is in a derelict condition, with a stone bay window being held up with Acro props. Our greatest fear is that someone breaks in and sets the place on fire. We are desperately keen for Arch Holdings to repair and make fit the partially occupied building, and to also repair and develop the rest of the building so it can be tenanted earning income for Arch, and hopefully secure the building's long-term future. It is very important that any work carried out is done sympathetically, as it is a great example of Victorian mock gothic architecture.

We have arranged a meeting with representatives from Arch, ourselves and local Councillors to try and devise a plan to revive this once great building and make it sustainable for use in the 21st Century. It is possible we may be able to access funding from the Railway Heritage Trust to help do this.

It has recently been brought to our attention that there has been a gradual theft of stone from a wall outside the station. The local Police and Councillors are dealing with this sad development.

Pontefract Civic Society's Rail Group will do all it can to ensure that this treasured building receives some love and attention as its future is in the balance. We cannot let this building die.

Dave Hogg - Rail Group Administrator

CITIZENSHIP GROUP

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE 'LIVE AT THE LIBRARY'



It was 2019 when Pontefract Civic Society hosted their very first Community Showcase in the town hall. The past years have seen the event move online, but for 2022 the Community Showcase is back and it's live at the library!

Civic Society Chair, Paul Cartwright, said "After two years of slideshows and videos, it's great that we can stage this live event with the support of the library staff, and we're looking forward to hosting a significant number of local community groups, on a first come first served basis."

The event is scheduled for Saturday 9th April from 9:30am to 4pm, using various rooms and spaces in the Shoemarket building for community groups to show what they do, what services they offer, and how members of the community can get involved.

Civic Society Vice Chair and showcase organiser, Phil Cook said, "We're pleased to be staging our first significant community event in 2022, as we all safely move out of the pandemic. We've had good interest already, and I can't wait to get the show on the road, then we can welcome a few dozen community groups promoting what they do which will show the very best of Pontefract's community spirit."

ROYALIST PONTEFRACT BRINGS THE JUBILEE TO TOWN

Pontefract Civic Society hosted a public meeting last Oct, and those who volunteered to take an active part were called back to Pontefract Town Hall in February, to update each other on the great strides that have already been made.

Civic Society Vice Chair, Phil Cook said, "We had ideas that this would take off, and it's been great to see the offers and suggestions coming from across the community, from businesses, individuals, community groups and schools, all of whom want to get on board with this very special event."

Whilst the finer details of each activity are being worked on by project leaders and event organisers for the period of late May to early June, Pontefract residents and visitors will have some great experiences from concerts, picnics, tea parties, shop decorations, and a special market, to community art workshops and installations.

Michelle's Flowers owner, Michelle Grainger, said, "Excitement is building for the Queen's Jubilee, the community spirit feels revived, everyone is pulling together, the general feeling from the public is positivity. Everyone's looking forward to celebrating together as a town."

PONTEFRACT CELEBRATES The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Planning has already started to mark this once in a life time occasion in June.

A taster of events that we hope to include Concerts, Galas, Cinema, Decorations, Craft fairs, Picnics, Children activities, Competitions, Afternoon Teas, Quizzes, Vintage Vehicles, Art, and many more.

Many of our Towns Organisation's, Businesses and Charities are working with Pontefract Civic Society and W.M.D.C. to create a program of events over this period.

Updates will be on Pontefract Civic Society & Pontefract Community Page plus others



VOLUNTEER APPEAL JUBILEE STEWARDS

Administrators or Secretaries

Each of our working groups is a team that needs admin support for a few hours per month or week, depending on the group.

Trustees & Coordinators

If anyone fancies giving this a go, let Paul know.

Specific project areas

Fundraising, research, linking our work to schools, and helping on our PR stall, serving refreshments are all beneficial opportunities for the right people.



DECORATION SQUAD APPEAL

**After asking for bottle bottoms, the Decoration Squad is becoming bolder;
is this a result of winning an award?**

They are now asking for your plastic tubs (not tins) from Celebrations, Heroes, Quality Streets or similar chocolates. If you have any, please drop them into Michelle's Flowers, The Old Grocers, or the library; they don't mind if they're not empty. These tubs will be used for a number of different decorations across 2022.

Thank you

Phil Cook - Citizenship Group Coordinator

HERITAGE GROUP

We co-hosted The Yorkshire Society's first Heritage Summit, with 50 organisation representatives from across the three risings of Yorkshire, and across a broad range of heritage, each defining what 'heritage' means to them.

Keynote speakers – author Colin Speakman, PLACE Yorkshire, tour guide Tim Barber, and Rachael Bice, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust all gave great insights into the their worlds to make the audience think about what their organisations could do individually, and collectively.



Tim Barber, Real Yorkshire Tours, said, "I just wanted to say that I thought the Summit went really well and that the attendance was better than we hoped. But I also wanted to say a special thanks to you and your team for sorting out the logistics for the day for what was a very professionally and smoothly run event. Please pass on my thanks and that of The Yorkshire Society to the team of dedicated volunteers that you had pulled together".

EVENTS CALENDAR

2022 EVENTS

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of possible restrictions, it has been difficult to provide a full and accurate calendar of public events.

Our own programme of talks has been prepared on the basis of live events at the town hall, though should guidance change, then we will need to revert to online talks, and the order of these events may be subject to change. Additionally for 2022, online bookings will incur an administration fee.



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Events 2022



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| Jan 17 | "If Ponte Fract buildings could talk" <i>by Dave Cook</i> | Jul 3 | Armed Forces Day <i>Ponte Fract Park</i> |
| Jan 26 | Design Awards | Jul 9-10 | Liquorice Festival |
| Feb 16 | Civic Society AGM | Jul 9 | Proms at the Castle <i>Ponte Fract Castle</i> |
| Feb 21 | "Tales from Northgate Lodge" <i>by Tom Dixon</i> | Jul 18 | "Mortal Remains" <i>by Eric Houlder</i> |
| Mar 21 | "What really happened at Sutton Hoo" <i>by Eric Houlder</i> | Aug 1 | Yorkshire Day |
| Apr 9 | Community Showcase <i>Ponte Fract Library</i> | Aug 13 | Friarwood Festival <i>Friarwood Valley Gardens</i> |
| Apr 25 | "The Wonkey Donkey Sanctuary" <i>by Jenny Howarth</i> | Sept 9-18 | Heritage Open Days <i>Various locations</i> |
| May 4 | "Mrs Fawcett's Handbag" <i>performance by Sharron Garner</i> | Sept 19 | "The Railway King" <i>by Chris Cade</i> |
| May 16 | Yorkshire Air Ambulance | Oct 17 | "Ponte Fract Castle, the First Siege" <i>by Dave Cooke</i> |
| May 29 | Ponte Fract Collieries Community Fun Day <i>Ponte Fract Collieries</i> | Oct 22 | Lions Lantern Festival |
| Jun 2-5 | Queen's Platinum Jubilee <i>Various locations</i> | Nov 13 | Remembrance Sunday |
| Jun 20 | "Behind the Gates" <i>by Veronica Bird</i> | Nov 21 | "Fletcher Rhodes Collaboration" <i>by Roger Ellis</i> |
| Jun 26 | The Prince of Wales Hospice Summer Fair | Dec 6 | Double Bill: "A Christmas Carol" <i>by Chris Cade, and "Festive Underdrive Johnny"</i> |

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COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS



Why play rugby?

Both codes of rugby are fast, competitive, close-contact team sports.

Which code is for you? The principal difference is the breakdown: in rugby league, after a tackle, the game pauses temporarily to enable the carrier to play the ball; in union the game continues as other players (except the tackler and tackled) compete for possession.

Pontefract Rugby Union Club is littered with dual-code players. Our player/coach, Craig Fawcett, is a former professional rugby league player with Featherstone Rovers. Craig explains: 'In union there's a specialist position for each body-type.'

Pontefract's junior set-up, from Under 7's to 17's, develops the whole child. 'Junior rugby is played primarily for fun', explains Craig, 'but, we also instil higher values such as confidence, respect and character, so players cooperate and work as a team'.

Pontefract 15 old Crossleyans 15

Jonathan Hill reported "On Saturday 12th March, Pontefract's hopes of winning the league took a hammer blow as a mixture of poor finishing and ill-discipline contributed to a draw in a game that should really have been wrapped up at half time. In front of the biggest crowd of the season at Moor Lane it was the visitors who applied the early pressure and in turn converted a penalty to take an early lead. Playing some great rugby against the best defence in the league, only the numerous penalties relieved the pressure on the visitor's line".

For information on adult, junior and girls' rugby union in Pontefract, consult our website:

www.pontefractrufc.com

Mike Parkinson - Director of Rugby

PONTEFRACT *Pontefract In Bloom*

Pontefract in Bloom 2022 is launched this month with an invitation for sponsorship – there are 16 spectacular tiered planters needing sponsors.

Sponsorship prices available by emailing pontefractinbloom@gmail.com. Two Platinum Jubilee planters will be installed by Pontefract Museum. There will be a call for volunteers to help with flower bed planting in Pontefract Park and the Valley Gardens in late spring. We have entered Yorkshire in Bloom this year and are planning for a judging visit in July.

FRIENDS OF FRIARWOOD VALLEY GARDENS



We're looking forward to a summer of events in the Valley Gardens: Jubilee Picnic Sunday 5th June, Liquorice Day Sunday 10th July, Yorkshire Day Monday 1st August and Friarwood Festival Saturday 13th August.

A commemorative Platinum Jubilee bench has been ordered. Several tree sculptures will be completed in the next few weeks and dedication donations are invited. Renovation of the Southgate walls and railings are scheduled to take place this year, along with the installation of a decorative arch over the main Southgate entrance.

FRIENDS OF PONTEFRACT PARK



Friends of Pontefract Park

Friends of Pontefract Park is a revitalised group post-pandemic and is looking forward to a successful 2022.

Planting of the flower beds and lakeside boats will be taking place in late spring, and we will be calling for volunteers to help. We are planning to install more park benches and outdoor gym equipment. Planning has begun for Jubilee Picnic in the Park on Wednesday 17th August. We are now meeting in Aspire, second Thursday each month at 10am, all welcome.

Dr Colin White

Liquorice Singers

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Liquorice Singers

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(Sorry, we currently have no spaces for sopranos at present)

We sing varied music around the local community and we have high standards without taking ourselves too seriously!
We aren't bossy or cliquy because we are self run where everyone has a voice.

We are mixed voices, mixed ages and mixed abilities, so you don't have to have experience or be able to read music, and there are no auditions either!


We meet in Pontefract on Wednesdays, 3.15 - 5.15pm

Our fees are low and paid weekly with no minimum sign up period, and your first week is free.

Everyone is welcome so we will try to accommodate your other commitments, and we are a genuinely friendly bunch.

Our rehearsals and performances are all risk assessed, and our MD carries a first aid certificate and enhanced DBS.
We have public liability insurance in place.

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 **The Benefice of Pontefract**
Parish of St Giles with St Mary's

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2022
(all at St Giles unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)
10.15am Parish Eucharist (includes reading of the Passion Story)
4.00pm Evensong
4.00pm All Age Palm Sunday service (St Mary's)

Monday in Holy Week
8.45am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Compline and short address (St Mary's)

Tuesday in Holy Week
8.45am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Compline and short address (All Saints)

Wednesday in Holy Week
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass and short address
7.00pm Compline and short address

Maundy Thursday
8.45am Morning Prayer
(11.00am Chrism Mass at Ripon Cathedral)
7.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet, stripping of the altar and keeping watch with our Lord at Gethsemane. Vigil until 9.00pm

Good Friday
8.45am Morning Prayer
10.00 - 11.00am Children's Stations of the Cross inc refreshments
12.15pm (time tbc) Ecumenical Service around the Buttercross
2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Day 17th April
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am Said Eucharist - (St Mary's)
10.15am Sung Parish Eucharist

Sunday after Easter (24th April)
9.00am Morning Worship (St Mary's)
10.15am Parish Eucharist



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For more information about charges and availability contact
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Friends of Friarwood Valley Gardens

Easter Egg Hunt


For pre-school children

Free event. Join us for fun in the park!

Pontefract Valley Gardens

Wednesday 6th April 1 - 3 pm

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult





CARLETON RUNNING CLUB

Carleton Running Community are a local running group, affiliated to England Athletics, with a special focus on social running, togetherness, and enjoying running as a group.

Their sole purpose is to make social running as part of a group more accessible for as many people as possible, and to help improve runners at the level that they wish to develop and prosper.

The club went live at the start of March and have had a great response from runners and returning runners who want to be part of their community. After a number of weeks of facilitating sessions, a true community spirit and unity has been developed, with many runners returning to be part of this group.

Club Secretary Rich Lord says "If a runner is competitive and wants to push for personal bests, good times at races, new distances, or to improve their speeds or technique then we can help them. Part of our ethos is that we want to be more than a running club, we want to be a fun club too. By ensuring that social activities are part of our schedule, and that as many of us as possible have a refreshing drink and/or food after our runs, we are quickly building an environment where new friendships are formed, connections being made, and continue to enjoy supporting our partner The Carleton pub, where we run from."

Carleton Running Community currently is delivering running sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.50pm at The Carleton pub on Hardwick Road, Pontefract WF8 3PQ. However, as we grow our offering will expand to include couch to 5K (C25K) for new runners, lunch time Friday runs for those who struggle to attend evening sessions and monthly weekend sessions 'on tour' to introduce runners to the many trails and canal paths that our local area has to offer.

For further information about Carleton Running Community, you can visit www.carletonrunning.co.uk

Richard Lord

ROTARY CLUB OF PONTEFRACT

Rotary began life in Chicago, USA, in 1905 when a small group of businessmen decided to form a club to further their business and social interests whilst helping their community.

By 1911 this imaginative concept had reached Ireland and a year later it came to England. Today it is a truly international service organisation with a global network of 46,000 Clubs and 1.4 million members in over 200 countries. It still aims to bring together business, professional and community leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds to provide service to others both at local, district, country and international levels. It also promotes integrity at all levels of society and advances goodwill, peace and understanding throughout our world. It is a non-political and non-religious organisation and membership is open to all by invitation.



Our Pontefract Club was chartered in 1926 and over the decades its members have made many significant contributions to the life and development of our town and the surrounding area as well as supporting international efforts such as the eradication of Polio worldwide and the provision of practical assistance and financial aid to the poorer nations. We currently have 21 active members and would welcome more like-minded people to join us. We meet every Tuesday evening, usually at 7pm, either face to face or via zoom, but whenever there is a fifth Tuesday in the month, we have a lunchtime meeting often at the Kings Croft Hotel.

If you would like to learn more about what we do, please email either philipgordon60@gmail.com or stuart@stuartwroe.plus.com.

BOOKSHELF



We also have a stock of quality branded pens for just £1.00, and lapel badges at £3.00. Please show your support for Pontefract Civic Society; let's get noticed!

Our local heritage publications are available for sale online, via email and phone.

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DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

Have you thought of making a donation to Pontefract Civic Society during your lifetime, or leaving us some money in your will?

Pontefract Voice and our Annual Reports show the tremendous work the society and our members are doing to make Pontefract a better place. To continue our important work, then additional active members are always beneficial.

The civic society is both independent and non-political. As the town's 'watchdog' for the built environment, highways, rail, planning, architecture, heritage, events, business, and public amenities, we can speak on behalf of those who live, work, are educated here, or visit Pontefract, without fear or favour.

We would be absolutely delighted if you would make a donation or a bequest. Both the Chair and Vice Chair are available if you wish to discuss this in more detail.

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