

Pontefract *Voice*



Nominations celebrated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service



In 2023, we were pleased to be nominated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service with the help of Dwain Longley, a process which is locally managed by the West Yorkshire Lieutenant's office.

Following an extensive assessment and interview process, the third-party nomination was approved. Those submissions then go to a panel of national assessors who recommend a shortlist for Royal approval. Award winners are then announced on 14 Nov, 2024.

All the West Yorkshire organisations proposed by the Lord-Lieutenant, Ed Anderson, and his team, were invited to Bowcliffe Hall on 29 April for a celebratory event, at which our chair, Paul Cartwright and John Turner had the pleasure of attending, where they heard some great stories from other volunteers of all ages. We were the only civic society to be represented, so we were both humbled and proud in getting this far for Pontefract.

Trophies for schools

Pontefract Civic Society hosted a short presentation for budding artists that had taken part from St Giles Academy, The King's School, Halfpenny Lane and Orchard Head, and one winner from each school was presented with a trophy.

Civic Society Chair, Paul Cartwright, said; *"this activity was open to all Pontefract schools in our membership and it allowed students to get their message across in a colourful way including their own slogan. This engenders civic pride to make Pontefract a better place whilst encouraging people to recycle and care for the planet."*



St Giles Academy participants

Once the posters are removed from the library display, some will move to the Civic Society notice board in the bus station. It is hoped that some will be used afterwards in other locations, to keep the issue of litter front and centre in order to change the behaviour of residents of all ages.

Richard Grace, St Giles C of E Academy said, *"We've had a lovely morning at Pontefract library taking part in the prize giving for the Keep Britain Tidy poster competition. Our pupils represented the school superbly and well done to Darcey for her winning entry. Thank you for arranging this."*

Ian Shuttleworth, Halfpenny Lane School said, *"On behalf of all the children and staff at Halfpenny Lane J, I and N School who took part in the 'Keep Britain Tidy' competition, may I offer our sincere thanks to the Civic Society for organising this event and for all they do to support the Pontefract community. We look forward to engaging in as many future events as possible."*

Nichola Treble, The King's School said, *"Students at The King's School thoroughly enjoy participating in the Keep Britain Tidy competition to design a poster. It allowed them to express their artistic talents while promoting awareness about the importance of keeping our surroundings clean and tidy. Thank you to Pontefract Civic Society for providing our students with opportunities to be creative outside of the classroom"*.



King's High School participants



Orchard Head Junior, Infant & Nursery School participants



Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant & Nursery School participants

Schools' public art exhibition – a first

You are invited to view this wonderful exhibition of paintings produced by students from 10 local schools, which are on display in Pontefract Library until Friday 14th June 2024.

This Art Exhibition has been supported by a Culture Grant from Wakefield Council as part of Our Year 2024 across the Wakefield District. Rhona Crichton, Civic Society member who coordinated the exhibition said;

"the students have worked on the theme FRIENDSHIP producing many ideas which they have translated into these wonderful paintings".

The participating schools are St Giles C of E Academy, The King's School, Carleton High, Orchard Head, Halfpenny Lane, Carleton Park J&I School, Larks Hill, De Lacy Primary, The Rookeries, and Purston Infant School.

Paul Cartwright, Civic Society chair said, *"the quality and vibrant colours are stunning, and the exhibition is well worth visiting".*



Chair's Report

Let me start this report by saying I continue to be frustrated by Wakefield Council's lack of action in safely managing Pontefract precinct.

This is an unusual step that I am taking in publicly saying, that the council should not take our relationship for granted; as the council leader says, we are "your critical friend".

We have raised this worsening situation for years since the failure of the bollards system – not just in Pontefract, but across the district. It worries me that replacement costs will be high for the various towns and the city, and will Pontefract be prioritised as was promised two years ago by Cllr Morley?

We have seen a continual increase of blatant abuse of traffic regulations, which we are told lies with the council to enforce, but no enforcement has been evident?

What have we done?

- On the advice of the police, we've asked for a change in signage, which has been rejected.
- We've asked for temporary barriers to be added to deter abuse, which has in the main been ignored.
- We've asked for council departments and the police to work together on this issue, which hasn't happened.
- We've routinely submitted photographs of offending vehicles to Wakefield Council, to no effect.

The thing is, the problem remains, and we are not going away. We will continue to apply pressure to council officers, and we expect elected members to support us in this campaign against breaches of highways regulations in the interests of public safety.

Diary of a Chair

On top of our own internal meetings and monthly talks programme, I've met with a number of colleagues and stakeholders in a wide range of scheduled meetings, activities and events:

- Julian Appleyard, PAT CEO; catch up (20 Mar)
- Monkhill footbridge/lifts online consultation (20 Mar)
- David Buck Methodist engagement (25 Mar)
- Individually met three new business members, Craig Willoughby (Twisted Design), Mark Cawthorn (accountancy), and Adam Fletcher (Ridley & Hall)
- Civic Voice/YHACS Convention at CAPA College,

Wakefield. I was a guest speaker and John Turner attended as a PCS delegate (13 Apr)

- Met Conrad Aldridge (Quaker meeting house) to explore options for inward investment and social enterprise in Pontefract and the Five Towns area (16 Apr)
- Council Armed Forces Day Steering Group, Wakefield One (18 Apr)
- Wakefield Civic Society AGM & Design Awards at Wakefield Town Hall (18 Apr)
- YHACS branding sub-committee Teams meeting (1 May)
- Pontefract South PACT (1 May)
- KLH/St Giles WheelFest craft fair meeting which I supported with solutions to ease the move of the fair, on this occasion, from the town hall (4 May)
- Two planning meetings with The Yorkshire Society for the Heritage Summit
- A live BBC Radio Humberside interview to promote the Heritage Summit (10 May)
- Heritage Summit at Hull Minster which I project managed, and my wife Christine managed our own Civic Society stall (11-12 May)
- Council Delivery Group (15 May)
- Council Liquorice Shoots/Festival meeting (30 May)
- Heritage Network Trust conference in Wakefield at which I was invited to speak on 'Animating town centres' (5 Jun)
- D Day80 at St Giles CofE Academy and the war memorial (6 Jun)





Even with a very full diary, we were advised at short notice of the cancellation of a quarterly regeneration meeting with Wakefield Council officers and elected members. This we found very disappointing, which has now left a gap in monitoring actions and raising new issues for Pontefract from the previous meeting in February through to the next meeting in July.

Paul Cartwright and John Turner represented Pontefract Civic Society and both felt the event was an inspiring & enjoyable convention, hosted by YHACS and Wakefield Civic Society at CAPA College.

We had a great line up of speakers, including Paul who closed the morning session on 'activating Pontefract town centre'. All speakers talked about heritage & culture in regeneration, high streets, the public realm, green spaces, and fun events – all supported by the civic movement, partnerships, funders, stakeholders and artists.

The afternoon got off to a bang with CAPA College students performing from musicals, all of whom were great; the first young man was phenomenal.

This was a successful and worthwhile day.

The Yorkshire Society



Heritage Summit 2024

I've spent many hours working with The Yorkshire Society colleagues and partners for some considerable time, and the weekend of Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th May 2024 at Hull Minster (and beyond for the Sunday) was a tremendous success.

Paul Cartwright - Chair

Membership

Welcome our new members:

- Colin Martin
- Ridley & Hall – Silver business member
- Helen Goodlad
- Northfield School, South Kirkby (Pontefract Academies Trust) – Junior Civic Society

It couldn't be simpler to renew online:

<http://www.pontefractcivicsociety.org.uk/product-category/membership/>

Potential Business Members

Our member offer is on the website, though if you wish to talk to us first, do please get in touch.

Business Networks

Phil Cook and Paul Cartwright continue to network with the business community, where practical, having attended two meetings in Castleford with The Prince of Wales Hospice Club 5 in March and May, and the Friday Revival in April based at the Robin Hood in Pontefract coordinated by Adam Fletcher in support of the hospice.

These networking events are useful to us in spreading the word on the work of the civic society, whilst looking for useful contacts, sponsors, and potential business members.

Welcoming Businesses to Pontefract

The following are non-members are welcomed into Pontefract:

- The Ponty Shop
- Kensushi & Asian Foods becomes Little Chopsticks

News just in...

- Kayla's Kandy is moving from the Indoor Market to Gillygate
- Bus Station café set to reopen

Working Group Reports

Community Connectors Group

WheelFest24 rolls into Pontefract

On Saturday 8 Jun, Pontefract Civic Society will take over the town centre, including road closures on Cornmarket and Ropergate for our biggest event to date!

Paul Cartwright said *"WheelFest24 is a free event with over 80 vehicles plus other exhibits to commemorate the D Day 80 anniversary, plus two entertainment stages, a buskers area, kids rides, refreshments, and KLH Craft Fair will be in St Giles Church".*

This is the second WheelFest event, following a smaller trial in 2022, and is a community event to bring to town centre to life. It will be officially opened at 10am by Cllr Darren Byford, Wakefield Council Mayor, at the main stage hosted by Rhubarb Radio. At lunchtime, there will also be the parade of costumed characters and mascots around the precinct.



PONTEFRACT WHEEL 2024

A CAR MEETING
WITH A DIFFERENCE
SATURDAY
08.06.2024





PONTEFRACT
CIVIC SOCIETY



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WheelFest24 Schedule...

ENTERTAINMENT

Buttercross

Hosted By Rhubarb Radio
10:00 Mayor opens
10:15 Northern Music Academy
10:30 Recycled Model Car
Competition entries opens
11:00 Liquorice Singers *
12:00 Parade leaves from here
12:15 Brad Jack * #
13:00 Interviews
13:15 Blue Velvet * #
14:00 Recycled Model Car
& Best Dressed Bike winner
announced
14:15 Acoustic Humans * #
15:00 Vehicle trophies awarded **
15:15 Russ Ess * #
16:00 Close



Cornmarket

10:00 Bike Doctor & Best
Dressed Bike entry opens
Street food available
Children's rides
10:00 Andrew Lubelski *
busks throughout the day
10:00 until 15:00 Children's
free crafting sessions
16:00 Close
Roaming and surprise
entertainment will happen
throughout the event
in various areas
*Live music
** Cas Tigers Players and
Trophy Sponsors

We are grateful to
Little Bellows # and The Old
Post Office ## for providing
most of the acts and support

1940's Ropergate

Hosted by Clare Brooke
as seen on Channel 4 TV
11:00 George Formby
Society Castleford *
12:00 Jessica Poole * ##
12:50 National Cry for D Day 80
13:00 Jessica Poole * ##
14:00 Altofts Brass Band*
14:30 Jess Cruise *
15:00 Joseph O'Brien*
16:00 Close
Jive dance displays through
the day from
Want to Jive
Library
Lego cars and crafting
10:00 -15:00

St Giles Church
KLH Craft Fair 10:00 -15:00
PONTFRAC CIVIC SOCIETY

EVENT MAP



Display locations & sponsor

Cornmarket
HGV & Clubs
Displays/activities/Rides

HANNAH
DAVIES
PERSONAL
ESTATE AGENT

Shoemarket
Vintage and Classics

COFFEE
NIBS

Salter Row
Bikes and Trikes etc with
some classics

TRACKED
COURT REPORTING

Beastfair
Film American
Performance Custom

STANLEY'S
PROPERTY LIMITED

Market Place
Emergency and Military

JS
HARDWARE

Ropergate
1940s day

JS
HARDWARE

Buttercross
Stage sponsor

Craft Fair and
stalls

Liquorice Shoots

After this weekend, Pontefract Civic Society will go onto host Liquorice Shoots on Saturday 13th July, as a smaller community warm up day before the Liquorice Festival, and the civic society will include entertainment and an outdoor artisan craft fair courtesy of KLH Events.

PONTFRAC CIVIC SOCIETY

JOIN US FOR
Liquorice Shoots
SATURDAY 13TH JULY
10AM TO 4 PM

STAGE SPONSOR
FARMER
COPELAYS
Your local farmer

The warm up day
for Pontefract's
famous annual
Liquorice Festival

Join us for lots of fun
including:
• outdoor artisan craft market
• dog show • children's rides
• scavenger hunt
• face painting
• stage entertainment
• workshops • food stalls
• character costume parade
and much much more!

PONTFRAC TOWN CENTRE
FOR INFORMATION CHECK LOCAL SOCIAL MEDIA PONTFRAC CIVIC SOCIETY PAGE
AND PONTFRAC COMMUNITY PAGE

Phil Cook, vice chair said, *"this is our most ambitious event, in increasing the number of exhibits from last year, and adding a 1940s zone on Ropergate, which has grabbed the attention of the business community. The whole event ties in to Wakefield Council's 'Our Year 2024', and is being supported by various council departments, and last but not least, by six local business sponsors, one for each zone which we have*

Phil Cook – Community Connectors Group Coordinator

Saturday 13th July
10am–4pm
Pontefract Town
Centre

Junior Civic Society

De Lacy Primary School is 'Outstanding'

De Lacy Primary School, part of Pontefract Academies Trust, has been praised by Ofsted as an 'Outstanding' school in all five inspected categories – the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management and early years provision.

The whole school community is celebrating after inspectors, who visited on 12 and 13 March 2024, praised De Lacy Primary as an 'exceptional school with happy pupils.' Inspectors went on to commend the school's extremely 'ambitious curriculum that carefully identifies what pupils should learn over time', coupled with 'leaders who cleverly weave knowledge and skills throughout different subjects'. During their visit, Ofsted's inspection team praised the school which 'places as much importance on character



development as it does on achievement' and in turn gives pupils 'access to an impressive range of high-calibre opportunities and activities.'

Commending pupils' behaviour and attitudes, inspectors acknowledged pupils' 'high levels of independence' and noted that 'they are polite and respectful towards each other and adults' and 'they are role models for each other.'

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Inspectors concluded that 'Leaders at all levels, including trust leaders, have a clear, shared vision for the school. They realise this vision through taking considered actions that support staff and enable constant improvement.'

James Parkinson, Headteacher at De Lacy Primary School, said; *"I take immense pride in the results of our inspection. It is an honour to say that our pupils benefit from an 'outstanding' education, laying a strong foundation for their transition to secondary education. The commitment of our staff and the broader trust community empowers pupils to widen their horizons and be well-prepared for the next chapter in their lives."*

CEO of Pontefract Academies Trust, Julian Appleyard OBE, commented; *"We are immensely proud of the De Lacy Ofsted report. The journey to shift the school forward started a few years back and to have achieved the highest accolade from the inspection team is down to the dedication and hard work of our entire school community. It is great that the local community of Chequerfield has a school that they can be proud of."*

Northfield School, South Kirkby joins Pontefract Academies Trust

At the request of Julian Appleyard, we arranged to visit Northfield School, South Kirkby, on 30 April, where we met the head and one other teacher, both of whom have now left (not our doing!).



The school was taken under the wing of Pontefract Academies Trust in December, 2023, and this meeting gave them a brief understanding of our activities involving Junior Civic Society members in schools. For more local knowledge, we invited Adam Fletcher (Ridley & Hall) to join us which was a real bonus in explaining the local business, community and political landscape. Adam is also active in another academic trust, hence he fully understood the challenging environment in which schools operate. We can't thank Adam enough.

Heritage Group



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**LEVELLING
UP**



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West Yorkshire

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We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded £5,000 from WYMCA's allocation of Levelling Up money in the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The project will start with public engagement towards research into Pomfretians, especially women, worthy of having a blue plaque erected in Pontefract. If you've got a story of someone notable in your family, who has made a difference in the town, then get in touch with Paul.

We have also just launched an A5 flyer aimed at group organisers who wish to have a **Guided Heritage Walk** in Pontefract. This was launched at The Yorkshire Society's Heritage Summit at Hull Minster in May, with the aspiration of providing group tours of various lengths from an hour to half a day or longer, which we can manage by working with other partner organisations and key sites, such as St Giles Church, Pontefract Museum and Pontefract Castle.

On Friday 17 May, our heritage group members attended Wakefield Council's **Heritage Showcase** at Pontefract Library, which was the last in a districtwide series of



similar events to promote local heritage groups. This forms part of the council's National Lottery Heritage funded two year project, which sees the council employ a Heritage Development Manager, where Paul Cartwright and representatives from four other community groups participated with candidates for a panel discussion during the interview process.

The following week, on Friday 24 May, Paul Cartwright, Phil Cook and John Turner went to Wakefield Town Hall along with a number of heritage groups for the launch of the **Heritage Framework**, which we had contributed to in a workshop with Heritage Lincolnshire last year.

Paul was invited to deliver a presentation on our work in the heritage field, and what we do for citizens, businesses, schools and visitors in Pontefract – though a rich variety of techniques and events which are deployed to bring heritage to life.

Paul Cartwright – Interim Heritage Group Coordinator

Heritage Open Days

We can announce that the 2024 theme is 'Routes – Networks – Connections' and we're already recruiting new partners to deliver new events, as we will do ourselves, too.



Planning Group

We are pleased to announce that on Sat 15 Jun, Civic Day, we will be launching an informative fold out leaflet for people and businesses trading and living in a conservation area.

This provides good and bad examples of what happens when buildings are maintained, or not, as well as signposting to relevant agencies. In proofreading this document, we were pleased to receive the support of Emma Sharpe, Wakefield Council's Senior Conservation & Design Officer. These leaflets will be delivered to relevant locations from June onwards.

We were represented in a joint meeting with representatives from Wakefield Civic Society and Horbury Civic Society, where we meet with four officers from Wakefield Council's planning, highways and conservations teams led by Joe Jenkinson, Head of Planning. We saw this meeting as the start of a process, where initially our agenda included:

1. The consultee status of civic societies
2. Supplementary Planning Documents (or whatever might replace them)
3. Design Codes – making them locality specific
4. Local Lists
5. Strategic policies for developer contributions
6. Conservation Areas

On 14 May, our planning group members walked the Market Place conservation area and the upper part of Friarwood Valley Gardens with Emma Sharpe, conservation officer in order to start building positive relationships with the council team, whilst improving our understanding of current planning policy.

Planning & licensing applications

April Meeting

- The Galway Girl, Ropergate – supported both applications.

May Meeting

- Society Late Bar, Cornmarket – Concerns have been expressed which have been further developed into an objection for both the planning application and license.

Phil Henfrey – Deputy Planning Group Coordinator

Society Socials

Peter and Pauline Ferrari organised our second Society Socials lunch which took place at Farmer Copley's Moo Café on Tues 9 April attended by 14 members.

Everyone enjoyed their chosen meals and the good conversations which flowed. The next lunch is being planned and will shortly be announced.



Featherstone Male Voice Choir



Special Guest Compère:
Duncan Wood

Sing for Rob Burrow!
Grand Concert

In aid of
mnda
motor neurone disease
association



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Joint concert with our friends from South Wales

The Risca Male Choir



Friday 12th July 2024 at 7.00pm
St Giles' Church, Pontefract

Tickets £15 An event not to be missed!

Tickets available from: St. Giles' Church, Pontefract and Dransfields Newsagent (Station Lane, Featherstone)

For Tickets contact: 07825 676174 07809 648549





PCS TALK & EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS

JANUARY

- 17** **THE HISTORY OF CARLETON ROSSE OBSERVATORY**
Rosse Observatory, Carleton
by Paul Dobson
- 30** **2023 DESIGN AWARDS**
Town Hall

- 14-20** **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS PANTOMIME**
Town Hall

FEBRUARY

- 21** **MY MAYORAL YEAR**
by David Jones
- 27** **CIVIC SOCIETY AGM**
Town Hall

MARCH

- 1** **WE ARE WAKEFIELD BUSINESS NETWORK**
Town Hall
- 2** **COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**
Town Hall
- 20** **DANGEROUS WOMEN**
by Steve Ward

- 20** **EASTER EGG HUNT**
Friarwood Valley Gardens
- 23** **PONTEFRACHT CHORAL SOCIETY 150TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**
St Giles Church

APRIL

- 17** **PONTEFRACHT STATUTES FAIR 1945 TO 1980**
by Steve Smith

- 3** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 13** **KLH CRAFT FAIR**
- 22** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**

MAY

- 15** **THE HISTORY OF RAIL POSTERS**
by Jane Ellis

- 10-11** **SCOOTER CLUB RALLY**
Pontefract Collieries
- 19** **THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE 10K** Pontefract Park
- 24** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 26** **THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE SPRING FAIR**
Hospice Gardens

JUNE

- 8** **WHEELFEST**
Town Centre
- 17** **CIVIC DAY**
- 19** **THE BATTLE OF FLAMBOROUGH HEAD**
by Dave Cooke

- 7** **THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE GOLF DAY**
Pontefract & District Golf Day
- 8** **KLH CRAFT FAIR**
- 8** **PONTEFRACHT CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT**
St Giles Church
- 10** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 22** **PONTE ROCKS**
Farmer Copleys
- 23** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 29** **ARMED FORCES DAY**
- 29** **PROMS AT THE CASTLE**
- 30** **MUSICALS AT THE CASTLE**

PCS TALK & EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS

JULY

- 13** **LIQUORICE SHOOTS**
Town Centre
- 17** **KING GEORGE V'S VISIT TO THE WEST RIDING**
by Christine Leveridge

- 1** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 9** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 13-14** **KLH CRAFT FAIR**
- 14** **LIQUORICE FESTIVAL**
Town centre, castle & Friarwood Valley Gardens
- 19** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 20** **HOSPICE CYCLOTHON**
Pontefract RUFC
- 28** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**

AUGUST

- 1** **YORKSHIRE DAY**
Friarwood Valley Gardens
- 7** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 10** **FRIARWOOD FESTIVAL**
Friarwood Valley Gardens
- 18** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**

SEPTEMBER

- 6-15** **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**
Various Location
- 18** **YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR CO-OP NUMBER**
by Stephen Counce

- 19** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 26** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**

OCTOBER

- 16** **A LITTLE MORE MAGIC**
by Ray Roberts

- 19** **LIONS LANTERN PARADE**
Castle & Friarwood Valley Gardens
- 21** **PONTEFRACHT RACES**
- 21** **TRAFALGAR DAY**

NOVEMBER

- 20** **PERFORMANCE OF ARTHUR WALKER'S GREAT WAR**
by Chris Cade

- 10** **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
- 11** **ARMISTICE DAY**

DECEMBER

- 5** **CHRISTMAS WITH THE LIQUORICE SINGERS**
King's Craft

- 7** **KLH CRAFT FAIR**

Community Group News

Pontefract Calligraphers

Pontefract Calligraphers have been successful in gaining funding through Wakefield Council's Our Year Culture Grants scheme.

This funding will be used to run a series of calligraphy events during this year. The events started with a workshop looking at the Gothic Cursive script run by Calligrapher, Janice McClelland.

Further workshops are planned this summer so please look out for these on their Facebook page @PonteCalligraphers.

We will be hosting an exhibition Pontefract library from 24 August – check out the notice board in the entrance, which will lead into members of the calligraphy group delivering a demonstration on Saturday 7 September, 10am–2pm, aligned with Heritage Open Days, and the public are invited to pop in and have a go.

A Beginners Taster Evening will be held at East Hardwick Village Hall on 17 September, 7pm–9pm. The session will be £12 + £2.50 for a pen. Places must be booked either via email: pcalligraphers@gmail.com or via Eventbrite.

New members are welcome to join the group from September where they will be guided by group members to create wonderful lettering and associated skills.

Joanne Browning – Secretary

St Giles Church



*Pontefract
Choral Society*

Summer Concert
with
YEP Brass



Saturday 8th June 2024
St. Giles' Church, Pontefract
7.30pm

Includes music by:
Award-winning Composer John Williams,
John Rutter, Sally Albrecht and Anna Tabbush
Choral highlights from Grease and a
choral version of Oklahoma!
Something for all tastes!

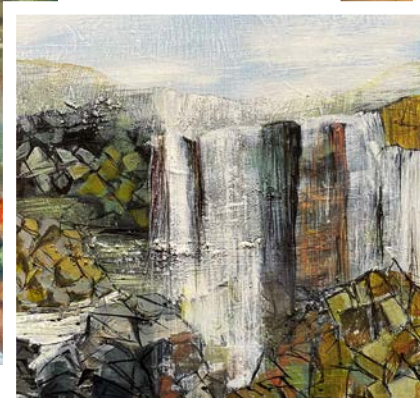
Tickets £12
(from choir members)
or Pay on the door
Accompanied
under 16s FREE

Community Group News

Pontefract Art Club

Pontefract Art Club is delighted to announce that three members were shortlisted in the 2024 Society of Amateur Artists annual competition.

The three are Karen, Stacey and Rhona; lots of artistic talent in Pontefract. Well done!



Pontefract Art Club had a day at the seaside! The purpose was to sketch and paint local seascapes in preparation of our annual exhibition, called WATER. The weather was miserable, cold and damp but that didn't stop us from enjoying the scenery and the fish and chips!



Rhona Crichton – Secretary/Treasurer



**Father's
Day Gifts**

Bookshelf



The J.S. Fletcher G.P. Rhodes Collaboration
by Roger Ellis

Pontefract's Chequered History
by Roger Ellis

Pontefract - Celebrating the Past; Looking to the Future
by Martin Lodge

The Railways of Pontefract in Days of Steam
by Peter Cookson

Ancient Routes through Pontefract (2nd edition)
by Eric Houlder

The Prince of Wales Colliery
by Sir Bill O'Brien

Pontefract Castle; Through the Eyes of a Child

Pontefract: Its Name, its Lord and its Castle

Memorials of a Yorkshire Parish Darrington



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.

🌐 www.pontefractcivicsociety.org.uk/shop
alternatively phone: ☎ 01977 708658 or
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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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