



YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY

Friday 23rd October 2020

1. The President welcomed members to the new session of meetings with an explanation of the way that the meetings will run during the Covid pandemic. The Society Rooms have been set up to be Covid Secure, and thanks were given to Jane and the team for their work during this difficult time. He reminded members that subscriptions are due.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th March and Report of the Oration held on Saturday 10th October. The meeting was held following Social Distancing rules with a maximum of 15 members present in the Rooms. This years' Orator was Dame Clare Gerada whose honour had only been officially announced on the day of the oration. This was the first meeting of the Society held under Social Distancing rules and held jointly in person and via Zoom. Dame Clare gave a very upbeat presentation without the use of Powerpoint. Her enthusiasm for general practice continues despite many years as a GP in Inner City London. She described some of the changes to practice which had happened almost overnight because of Covid, seeing general practice continue to provide a service despite the difficulties of face to face contact. She also looked to the future and the need for health care professionals to consider their own health within their working practices hence her involvement with the Charity Doctors in Distress. Questions were posed both in person and on Zoom .Thanks were given to Sarah Anderson for work with our IT, which although limited by poor broad band coverage in York City Centre has been upgraded in order to run the meetings successfully.
3. Apologies: Jan Ward
4. New members: Mary Page, Kirsty Devine, Richard Orr, Julian Camilleri-Brennan
5. Resignations: Andrew Thompson
6. Guest speaker: – Dr Richard Thompson, Buildings Archaeology of 23 Stonegate

Dr Thompson graduated from Nottingham University in 1989 and has been a GP Partner with Priory Medical Group in York for 22 years. He has completed an MA in Buildings Archaeology with a Module on the Buildings of York Medical Society. He is now working on the update of Pevsner's Guide to the Buildings of the North of England with Jane Grenville.

The presentation began with an explanation of the subject as archaeology looking at the past through material remains and using analysis of buildings fabric, form and function. The Society sits on Stonegate, a Roman street, and is made up of several Medieval burgage plots. We were given a virtual tour of the building from the passage way looking at signs of the Medieval and Elizabethan buildings and the 19th Century entertainment building constructed by Tempest Anderson with floors for dining, dancing and guests. We were recommended to study bricks and windows to help date buildings and spot old timbers of Tudor buildings beneath brick and plaster. High points of the building include a 1750 staircase in the east side of the building and the juxtaposition of the new medical staircase within Elizabethan beams. The panelled room was Tempest Andersons' kitchen and the panelling moved from upstairs rooms in more recent renovations.

Questions were initiated by the President who asked about the vernacular threshold which appeared to be phased from churches and royal palaces and now more people would have a house from an architectural plan.

Sue Reaney via Zoom asked about the influence of Tempest Anderson who was most influential in developing the site and Bob Adams also via Zoom asked about the mix of brick and stone supporting structures.

7. **Vote of Thanks:** Was given on behalf of the Society by Kathryn Griffith who hoped that Richard may be persuaded to give an in person tour demonstrating some of these fascinating aspects of the building.
8. Meeting attended by Jonathan Evans, Judith Boffa, Sarah Anderson, Sarah Watson, Kate Kingston and Kathryn Griffith and via zoom by 33 others.
9. Any other business: Please note that of the 3 Meetings cancelled from Professor Drife's Programme 2 are rescheduled into the 2020-2021 programme. Dr Fiona Godlee Editing the BMJ, and James Drife's Valedictory Address. The Founders Prize is planned, but there will be no awards for Student Electives this season.
10. Date of Next Meetings: to be held with a combination of in person and via Zoom.
Friday 6th November - Demob Happy- The Reality for the Returning Soldier
Professor Edgar Jones
Friday 20th November - Christmas Wine Tasting - Dr Stuart Calder

Minutes taken by Kathryn Griffith