



# **YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Autumn Newsletter 2022**

**Dear Member,**

**Hoping you are all well and rested after a fine summer.**

**Here at York Medical Society, we have had a great start to the year's Programme, with the Oration and Annual Dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Martin Marshall RCGP Chair gave a clear and powerful speech in which he identified problems and then solutions for General Practice. He identified unacceptable workload pressure on GPs now as a major cause for concern such that a 3 day a week 'part time GP' routinely works well over 40 hours a week. Perhaps more controversially he forecast that General Practice will be run by much larger organisations with full IT, finance and HR backup etc but will need to focus on maintaining the elusive but vital need for continuity. Something that has been missing from NHS policy for many years, despite clear evidence that it leads to much better health outcomes and happier patients and GPs. Questions afterwards were robust but fair with experienced GPs, academics and junior Docs all contributing.**

**Last weekend Richard Wragg gave us a fascinating talk on the Barbers and Surgeons of York, and we had an illuminating Hidden Histories guided walk on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> followed by afternoon tea at the Rooms and Evensong at the Minster.**

**We are now looking forward to a full and interesting programme...**

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> November my brother, Stephan Roman, will talk about Anglo Russian affairs through a historical prism along with some empathy for the people of the Ukraine. The society will be making a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.**

**Stuart Calder will be hosting his ever popular Christmas Wine Tasting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Peter Campbell is 'Swapping Scalpels for Sails' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**On the 9<sup>th</sup> December Paul Blenkiron returns with his fabulous choir 'The Celebration Singers' for one of our charity fundraising evenings. Please do support this event as proceeds will go to the local York Foodbank.**

**We also have more social events planned, including a trip to the Thackray Museum on 15<sup>th</sup> November followed by lunch in Leeds and Greg Richardson will be leading us on a country walk from Sheriff Hutton on the 20<sup>th</sup> November with Sunday lunch at The Highwayman.**

**This leads me to mention that we do welcome and encourage new members to York Medical Society. To help encourage this, the Society will pay for the first supper for any prospective new members attending a Friday night meeting.**

**So please take advantage of this special offer! Please invite your medical friends and colleagues along to any of our events including our social events.**

**Looking forward to meeting some of you as the year progresses**

**With best wishes**

**Mark**

**Dr Mark Roman FRCGP  
President  
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