



# **YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**New Year Newsletter 2023**

**Happy New Year from York Medical Society**

**Dear All,**

**Many thanks to everyone for coming to the lectures and your support in the last few months. The attendance has been good which is really encouraging. We do hope you are enjoying this year's programme.**

**We have had some wonderful talks starting with the Oratory from Professor Martin Marshall Chair of the RCGP outlining his vision for the future of General Practice. Then we had a fascinating talk on the Barber Surgeons of York by Richard Wragg, working from original source material. It seems Barber Surgeons were able to have a go at most medical and surgical challenges, often guided by astrological signs. This was followed by a talk by my brother Stephan Roman on Anglo Russian Relations leading right up to the Bolshevik revolution in 1918 with some important insights into the current crisis that we are in and a stirring talk from Peter Campbell on the Clipper Challenge Race across the Atlantic talk. This talk was not for the faint hearted. Aside from our main lectures the social activities have been excellent as well with a Hidden Histories personal tour of York for YMS entitled Earth and Fire rounded off by tea at the Medical Society and then a really well attended Evensong for Luke's Day at the Minster. Greg Richardson has maintained his excellent leadership skills with another fine walk up by Sheriff Hutton. The Thackray Museum guided talk and visit in Leeds was another great occasion and very well attended.**

**Finally, we had a successful wreath making workshop held at Medical Society.**

**Can I make a special thanks to the Social Committee led by Sarah Watson for organising all these events. It really makes our Society such a wonderful place to meet and learn.**

**The autumn wine tasting event hosted by Stuart Calder was very popular with members and guests. Note to self-make sure that a place is booked for this year's wine events as they get full and are a great way to reconnect with colleagues old and new. Thank you so much to Stuart and his new refreshed team for putting on such a good event.**

**Just a mention for our Charities this year. We donated £2500 to York Food Bank - so important at this time of year- following a Charity Choral Evening on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Special thanks to Paul Blenkiron and his choir for making what turned out to be a very memorable evening.**

**We are also supporting the Ukrainian DEC appeal and St John's Ambulance.**

**Moving onto 2023.**

**On 13<sup>th</sup> January we had the Annual HYMS event for Elective Presentations. It proved to be a very informative and entertaining evening and not constrained by Covid as the talks covered Uganda, The Philippines, Pakistan, Tanzania and South Africa.**

**Our Burns Supper Event is on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. Gus McLaren is addressing the Haggis and Jo Lowther is offering the toast to the Immortal Memory. That alone is worth the entry ticket without mentioning the Pipe Music and Dancing. Still time to book!**

**On a more serious note, Professor Kate Bushby is doing a talk on Glioblastoma: Understanding and Hope on the 10<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Then a vital lecture for those of us who are prone to excessive exercise on the 24<sup>th</sup> February. Dr Jeremy Windsor is doing a talk entitled “Triathletes and Tachycardias. Surviving an out of hospital Cardiac Arrest” This talk is in aid of St Johns Ambulance**

**Dr Stephen Wright is presenting a “Diary of a pre-war and wartime GP” on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an insight into a turbulent and lost past from the amazing resource of Dr Tom Kirk’s Diary’s**

**We have our annual Foundation Yorkshire Research Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Last year this was a very interesting evening and is sure to be the same again this year.**

**And then on the 21<sup>st</sup> April Dr Ed Lightfoot is telling us about his medical experiences in the Gambia.**

**Really looking forward to meeting you all again soon. Do book in for the after talk meal. This is proving hugely successful and very convivial indeed.**

**Thanks to our wonderful Management Team, led by Jane with Angie in support as well as Tony for keeping us all tidy and shipshape.**

**With best wishes for 2023  
Dr Mark Roman**

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