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Friends of York Walls Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Events and Open Days:

Sat 15 Sept: Heritage Open Day

Sat 29 Sept: Sat 13 Oct; Sat 27 Oct

Committee: Tues 2 Oct; Tues 6 Nov

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FoYW - September 2018

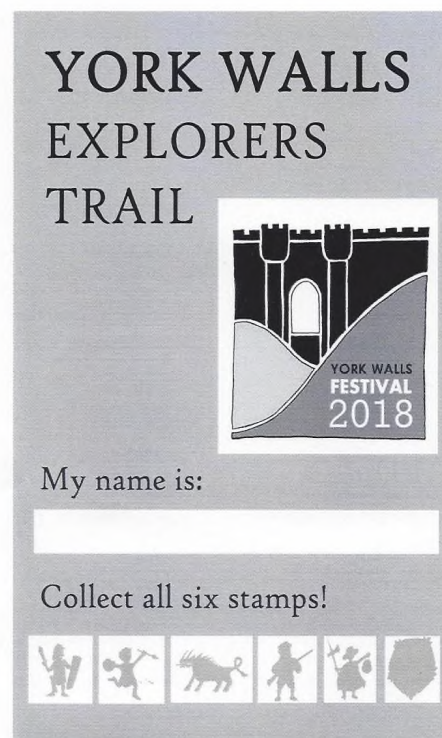
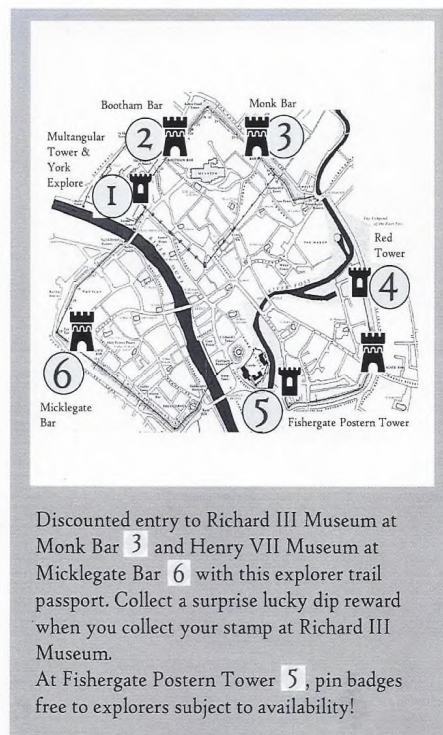
This is a brief e-News for September. In a week or so we will be publishing a special issue focusing on the very successful 'York Walls Festival'.

Summary of York Walls Festival (Martin Hetherington)

To get a festival up and running in under 2 months, and to see 1,200 people attend events (not counting the Bootham Bar footfall) was amazing. Attendance was excellent:

- Double the usual visitors at a summer Fishergate Postern opening. 508 was the third busiest day ever.
- Red Tower estimated 300 visitors. I think that most ate cake in the garden!
- Monk Bar & Micklegate Bar had one of their busiest days of the year.
- York Explore staff had 50+ attendees.
- The launch event had 42 attendees including the Lord Mayor and his Civic Party.
- A further 57 came on walks by Simon Mattam, Chris Rainger & Martin Hetherington.

More details in the 'special issue' of eNews, coming out shortly.



The 'York Walls Passport'

From the Committee Room (Richard Hanage)

- **York Festival:** The committee were very happy with the York Walls Festival. There will be a special issue of e-News with reports from each event. The trail/passport was particularly successful and the photo display will remain at FPT until the last open day (Oct 27th)
A review meeting with all participating organisations will take place later in the month, to start planning for 2019 and looking for ways to make the festival even better.
- **FPT Displays:** We are meeting heritage consultants in September to select one to help us to re-design the permanent displays in the Tower.
- **FPT Electricity Supply:** Still no news on when this will be installed, but it is expected in the autumn.

Castle Museum Site (Richard Hanage)

The York Museums Trust have an open consultation every weekday in September in St Mary's Church (Coppergate) about possible development of the Castle Museum site, including the Castle Walls. They would welcome input from FOYW members and friends.

Fishergate School (Richard Hanage)

'The rapid completion of works at Tower 39 meant that the wonderful pictures by children of Fishergate Primary School were only on display there for a short time. However, we are delighted to report that Simon arranged for most of them to be moved to a smaller but also prominent board near 'New Tower' (near Layerthorpe Bridge), where extensive repairs are taking place.'



Pictures by Fishergate Primary School Near New Tower - Photo: Richard Hanage

Free Mutual Training Walls Walk (Simon Mattam)

Simon Mattam and Graham Smith plan to be walking the City Walls Trail on Saturday 22nd Sept. Any other guide - or anyone thinking of offering themselves as a FoYW guide - is welcome to join in. They'll start at 10.30am on the first floor of Bootham Bar and go clockwise. They aim to get round the full circuit but if they haven't finished by 1.00pm then participants will decide if they want a second walk.

You can just turn up, but do email Simon if you know in advance that you are coming or you'd like more information or have FIT [funny,interesting,true] ideas for them to use ps.mattam@outlook.com

The plan is to use the FoYW guide book as a base - but there's no need to bring one [or to accept its choices! - voicing any doubts about its 'facts' might be useful]. They aim to produce from the walk a list of places to pause with bullet points for a 2-minute talk at each place.

Visitor Numbers (Martin Hetherington)

Aug 11th (Festival): 508. Our third busiest day ever. During the day the Tower was often full.

Aug 26th (Bank Holiday): 205. Low due to poor weather.

Sept 8th: (Heritage Open Day). 135. A very low figure, again due to very poor weather.

Litter-pickers (Granville Heptonstall)

Richard and Granville joined a litter-pick in York by staff of 'Anywhere Works', an international software design group who enable and facilitate interchange between 9,000 companies. <https://anywhereworks.com/product>.



Granville Litter-picking - Photo: Richard Hanage

This was part of their environmental engagement and social responsibility programme. The coordinator was Ms Leigh Smith from Edinburgh and the group consisted of people from Scotland, York, the USA and India. Lunch was at the Rattle Owl on Micklegate. <https://www.rattleowl.co.uk/>



Litter-picker Lunch at the Rattle Owl - Photo: Granville Heptonstall

A Walls Job? (Cllr Keith Myers)

There is a great opportunity for someone to be '**Bar Walls Manager**' - a temporary post but a unique job. I don't believe we have ever had one before. The Council are committed to maintaining our heritage.

This is an operational and maintenance role which then frees John Oxley up for more strategic work,

<http://www.workwithyork.co.uk/jobs/bar-walls-manager/>

Bar Walls Manager

Location: York **Type of Work:** Temporary **Hours:** Full Time **Salary:** £17 - £20 per hour
Start date: Immediate

Are you interested in the management and conservation of the Historic York Bar Walls?

Can you manage, review and develop the maintenance strategy and policy to a high quality?

Are you experienced in commissioning, designs and developing innovative solutions for structures and conservation works?

This is a major role which requires an experienced candidate with a good understanding of conservation techniques to retain the significant historic fabric of The Bar Walls. A temporary assignment for 6 months plus paid at between £17 - 20 per hour.

New Signage for York (Martin Hetherington)

New way-finding signage is being trialled in a joint project between CYC and York Civic Trust. It is now installed in St Helen's Square. They are asking for feedback – please take the survey on their [website](#).

Tower 39 Repairs Completed (Richard Hanage)

The repairs to Tower 39, just near the Fishergate Postern Tower, are complete. They have done a very good job with the re-instated paving.



The Repaired Tower 39 Roof - Photo: Richard Hanage

Views from the Walls (Richard Hanage)

One of the great things about walking the walls is the things you can see from this vantage point.

While litter-picking (see above) we saw the beautiful roof-garden belonging to the new house near Monk Bar, and also the final stages of the demolition of ugly 1960's Hudson House. I welcome the former, and do not mourn the passing of the latter, which will be replaced by flats and modern offices.



Roof Garden near Monk Bar - Photo: Richard Hanage



Hudson House is Almost Gone - Photo: Richard Hanage

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If you would like to attend a committee meeting, please contact Sam McDermott friendsofyorkwalls@gmail.com. They are normally on the first Tuesday of the month.

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