

Doncaster Civic Trust Bulletin

July 2025

Midsummer already!!!

July Civic Trust Events

We have the following committee meeting this month:-

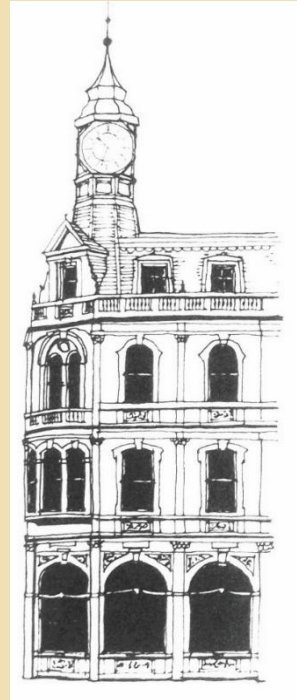
Monday 7th July– Planning Committee Meeting.

Thursday 17th July – Executive Meeting

Saturday 26th July – YHACS Summer Meeting Addingham Memorial Hall

Unveiling of Sir Nigel Gresley Information Board

The long awaited un-veiling ceremony of the plaque and information board about Sir Nigel Gresley took place on Thursday 19th June 2025 outside the main entrance to Doncaster Railway Station.



The project which was originally suggested by the Doncaster and District Family History Society involved Doncaster City Council, The Gresley Trust and LNER as well as the Doncaster Civic Trust. It has taken 10 months of planning, meetings and discussions about everything from the colour of the boards to the exact wording. Steve Kimber has been our representative at these meetings and has done a great job in helping to steer the project towards its successful culmination.



The unveiling ceremony was attended by approximately 60 people from the various heritage societies and included the Mayor, Ros Jones. Guests arrived from around

I am with the ceremony taking place from 11.30am. There was a good audience of general public and well wishers to watch the ceremony.



A great day for Doncaster to celebrate a man whose genius contributed greatly to putting Doncaster literally on the map and a great day for Doncaster Civic Trust to become involved in a major heritage event.

The Doncaster Civic Trust was represented by Steve Kimber, Tony Wrigglesworth (our Acting Chairman) and Archie Sinclair. We funded the circular plaque seen above the main information board.

Following speeches, Ros Jones, assisted by Matthew Delaney, the great grandson of Mallard driver Joe Duddington, unveiled the plaque and information board to a round of applause with the event breaking up around 11.45.



Why not take a special trip to the railway station and look at the magnificent display for yourself.



Doncaster Local History Society Fair Saturday 16th August

Coming up in August we have a heritage fair organised by the Doncaster and District Local History Society. Excitingly this year it will be held in the newly refurbished Corn Exchange and will take place on Saturday 16th August.

This is an excellent way to publicise the Civic Trust and all the work we do and we plan to have display boards showing our projects and achievements.

We do need volunteers to man the stall during the day for a 1 or 2 hour period. This can be a pleasurable activity as I'm sure those of you who have volunteered in the past will confirm. It's a chance to chat to members of the public and be proud of our Trust. You do not need any specific knowledge about architecture just enthusiasm for Doncaster Heritage.

Please let me know if you'd like to be involved.

Doncaster Festival of Making

Talking about the Doncaster Corn Exchange brings me to the the splendid construction that was created in front of the Corn Exchange in May.

"Right Up Our Streets" brought Olivier Grossetête's Monumental Constructions to Doncaster Market Square as part of Doncaster's Remake Learning Festival.

Olivier is inspired by local architecture and bringing communities together by making something beautiful out of just cardboard and tape.

During the week commencing Monday 26th May they hosted free workshops to construct a life size model of the Corn Exchange Façade out of cardboard and tape. During the Bank Holiday weekend this was then erected in front of the Corn Exchange.



It mirrored the splendid architecture of the Corn Exchange so well! A great project and shame it was all demolished on Bank Holiday Monday!

Heritage Open Days 12th – 21st September

An update from our continuing project to put Doncaster on the map with a excellent choice of events for Heritage Open Days in September this year – the booklet with over 50 events is now in the process of being designed into a colourful brochure and this will be off to the printers in the next few weeks.

Launch day of the leaflet will be on
Yorkshire Day 1st August.



Look out for these signs to show you
where events are taking place.

This year's theme is "Architecture" and
Heritage buildings which will be open to
the public in the City Centre include:-

The Mansion House

Doncaster Masonic Hall

Doncaster Minster (with tower tours)

The Point

Doncaster Unitarian and Free Church

Plus an exciting tour around Hyde Park
Cemetery hearing about the people who
built Doncaster.

Plus many more!!!

Coming UP

Yorkshire Day – 1st August An
important day to celebrate all things
Yorkshire but also the launch of this
year's City of Doncaster Heritage Open
Day Brochure

Winter Talks Programme – we are in
the process of putting together an
interesting and varied programme of talks
for members starting in September. We
are planning to make the 1st meeting on
18th September an "Open Meeting" as part
of Heritage Open Days and hope to
welcome many non-members to join us.

**2026 – Doncaster Civic Trust 80th
Anniversary.** Any ideas how to
celebrate this landmark birthday? We are
open to any ideas.

Do you have any news about any aspect
of Heritage that you would like to share
with other members please let me know
and I'll see if I can include it in a future
bulletin

Feedback

If you have any feedback to anything you
see in the Bulletin, please get in touch
with me as I'd love to know how this is
being received by our members.

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