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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



South Shields Town Hall (Municipal Buildings)



The Word, South Shields - image © Hufton Crow

To be held on **SATURDAY 26th May 2018** at

The Catherine Cookson Room, The Word, 45 Market Place, South Shields NE33 1JF

Attendance at the AGM is free of charge. Tickets for the optional refreshments and tours £15.00.

PROGRAMME:

11.30 a.m. Foregather at South Shields Town Hall for a tour of the building starting at 11.45 prompt.

13.00 light buffet and refreshments at The Word; **14.00** AGM business;

14.30 Tour of The Word building, ending 15.30 at the latest.

The Town Hall (also known as the Municipal Buildings to distinguish it from the Old Town Hall in the Market Place) was built in 1905-10 to a design by E.E. Fetch of London and is described in the Durham volume of 'Pevnsner' as '*the most convincing expression in the County of Edwardian prosperity*'. Widely regarded as the best bit of Edwardian Baroquery in the North-east. Our tour will include the surviving (and recently restored) original interiors as well as the exterior, led by a guide from the Mayor of South Tyneside Council's staff.

We will also be able to enjoy the classical exterior of the Old Town Hall (1768, probably designed by the Newcastle-based surveyor and engineer John Wooler, who prepared plans for the Market Place for landowners the Dean & Chapter of Durham in that year) as we pass through the Market Place on our way to The Word.

The National Centre for the Written Word opened in 2016. Its building is a strikingly modern design by Killingworth-based architects FaulknerBrowns. Circular in shape, its external fins evoke the fanned-out pages of a book. Our tour will be led by a member of the Librarian's staff.

Please return the booking form to: Chris Downs, 8 Holmside Place, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5AJ Tel: (0191) 2760060

By Saturday 19th May at the latest

NAHS AGM Saturday 26th May 2018 – Booking Form

Name/s.....

Number of free 'AGM only' tickets..... Number of 'Tour and Buffet' tickets (@ £15 each).....

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and my cheque (payable to NAHS) for £..... () tick or cross

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