

## Maidenhead Civic Society

### SPEAKER'S LUNCHEON, with Guest Speaker Mike Potter

**Wednesday 12th October 2016, at Fredrick's Hotel, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead**

Our Autumn Luncheon develops the Civic Voice theme of 'Localism for Real'. Community involvement at a neighbourhood level lies at the heart of recent planning reforms. For this to be effective Civic Voice promotes 'Participation not Consultation' – that is, *real* community participation – through early, inclusive collaborative methods. It was this objective in the 60's which led to the creation of Maidenhead Civic Society.



We are fortunate in having Mike Potter, Chair of the Pickering Civic Society, North Yorkshire, as our guest speaker. He worked as a Maritime Radio Officer prior to his retirement in 2011 when he stepped into the role of Chair of the Pickering and District Civic Society; he has also been a District Councillor since 2015. Mike spent 10 years of anonymity while battling for flood defences in Pickering and promoting Natural Flood Management as a viable

option nationally, and suddenly became notoriously in demand as the price of success.

In an engaging talk, Mike will show the extent of the learning curve they went through, the battle for flood defences in Pickering, how they convinced the authorities to 'reinvent the wheel' of flood alleviation and how the community can make things happen, even when the authorities didn't think of the idea first. The presentation will include visual material to illustrate the 'Slowing the Flow Project'

The lunch commences at 12.00 for 12.30 and will cost £30 per person, inclusive of a two-course meal and coffee. Please reserve your place **by Friday 16th September 2016** by sending your cheque for the appropriate amount made out to "Maidenhead Civic Society", together with your contact details (i.e. phone number and email address), to Tina Sell at 'Marlborough', River Road, Taplow, SL6 0BB and noting any special dietary requirements. If you have any queries please feel free to contact Tina on 01628 628675.