

Friends of Bolton Priory

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Jubilee Tree Planting to Honour Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II



On a blustery morning in June, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, on behalf of the Bolton Priory community, embedded a sapling amongst the priory ruins, for the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' Initiative.

We are pleased to report that, having been nursed through the exceptionally dry Summer by the Rector's watering can skills, the Trembling Aspen is thriving!

Having marked Her Majesty's incredible 70 years on the throne, as we now mourn her loss, and reflect on and give thanks for her remarkable life of service, it is lovely that some small part of her legacy is taking root in the grounds of the Priory.

A Visit to The National Memorial Arboretum



Our first Friends outing for nearly two years took place on 15th June 2022. I was slightly apprehensive about it as I had arranged a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. It was to be a good 3-hour coach journey and I am fully aware that we have quite a few who 'don't like long coach journeys' amongst our Friends. However, everyone who came would not have missed it for the world.

After a lovely lunch in a private dining room, we walked to the South Atlantic Memorial where Nicholas, our Rector, lead us in a short, beautiful and moving service in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War. Nicholas had gone to so much trouble to put this service together and provide orders of service for us all. We said prayers, listened to readings and sang hymns. Several members of the public stopped and joined us. It was a truly special and memorable part of our visit.

Following the service, we boarded a train which took us, at a regal pace, around the whole site and the numerous memorials honouring the memory of the thousands of men, women, dogs and horses who have given their lives in service to our country over many years. An excellent recorded commentary accompanied our journey. Our final destination was the hugely impressive structure, commemorating all those who have fallen since the end of World War II.

It was very humbling and inspirational place. I think a visit by every school in the kingdom should be compulsory! Huge thanks to all who came on the trip - we had such fun and learned so much, which is what our Friends of Bolton Priory trips are all about.

Jill Riley, Chairman Friends of Bolton Priory



Upcoming Events

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

Advent Sunday Supper: 27th November

**in the Boyle Room, immediately following
the 4.30pm carol service
at the Priory Church**

£8 per head

Please book using the booking form enclosed (SAE no longer required)

GOING TICKETLESS!

We are no longer issuing tickets for Friends events.
You will no longer need to include a stamped addressed envelope.

Members interested in attending events are encouraged to use the booking form enclosed
but bookings can also be made:

by email (office@boltonpriory.org.uk) /by phone (01756 710238)
or in person/by post: The Parish Office, Bolton Abbey, Bolton Abbey, Skipton BD23 6AL

Save the Date!

The Spring Lecture - Friday 10th March 2023

Renowned author, journalist, screenwriter and broadcaster,

Marcel Theroux

will be giving our 2023 Spring Lecture.

Put the date firmly in your diary and look out for further details
in the next issue!

