

Friends of Bolton Priory

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The Lighting and Visitor

Welcome Project

After several years of hard work and planning, the Lighting and Visitor Welcome Project has now started. The work will take about twelve weeks and during weekdays the church will remain closed although it will be fully open at weekends and Sunday worship will be unaffected.

Funded by a grant of £86,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund along with other generous donations including a sum from The Friends of Bolton Priory, the lighting scheme will enable the congregation and visitors to fully appreciate the rich historic features of the building. Currently, poor lighting shrouds the significant cultural heritage and architectural beauty of the Priory.

Although visitors will not be able to enter the church during the week whilst construction is in progress, it will be possible to have a limited view through a screen from the Tower. The Tower will remain open to visitors throughout the contract period. The model of Bolton Priory is now situated in the Tower along with a magnificent photographic exhibition by a group of Year 10 students from Skipton Academy. Aboard a mobile platform, they were lifted 20 metres above the floor to get the best vantage points. Working alongside local photographer Stephen Garnett, the students enjoyed the rare opportunity to take photographs of significant features of the church from different angles.

Currently, students from Craven College are working on improving the signage and guidance notes. Visitors will soon be able to access detailed information about specific architectural aspects of the building using an app.

This ambitious project is of major significance in the life of the Priory. If possible come and see the work in progress and the splendid photographic exhibition in the Tower.



Skipton Academy Students – Wharfedale Observer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 15th May 2016

Our AGM will be held in Bolton Abbey Village Hall following the Morning Service on the 15th May, starting at 12.15pm

As usual the AGM will be followed by a cold buffet with hot potatoes and a choice of desserts.

The AGM is not only an important event in the Friends' calendar, but is also a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal in the company of friends.

Obviously all members are entitled to attend the AGM whether or not they are able to join us for lunch. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible so please put this date in your diary.

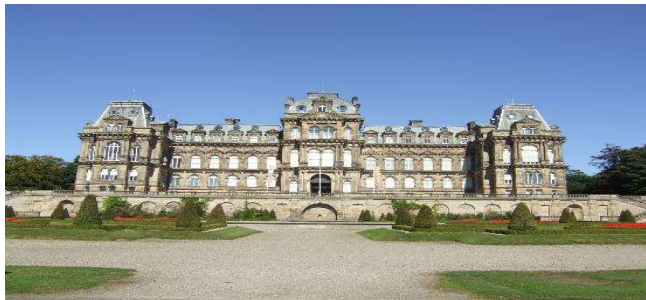
Tickets for lunch are excellent value at £12 per person. Please complete the Events Form attached

SUMMER VISIT

BOWES MUSEUM & MARKENFIELD HALL

Friday 10th June

BOWES MUSEUM near Barnard Castle is the magnificent 19th century French Chateau, conceived out of a love affair between John and Josephine Bowes with the resulting unique collection of fine and decorative European arts spanning five centuries.



Bowes Museum

MARKENFIELD HALL, situated between Ripon and Harrogate is a 14th century moated manor house, left in a time warp from 1570 by an absentee owner, leaving us to inspect an untouched medieval country house. The politics of the time including the Pilgrimage of Grace, and the suppression of the monasteries all feature in its history.



Markenfield Hall

The Website for the Friends

www.prioryfriends.org.uk is open to all to read on the Internet. There you will find past Newsletters, stories, pictures of events and lots of information.

You can also use the link from the Priory website www.boltonpriory.church to the Friends' website. Do visit these sites and see what's there.

BOWES MUSEUM & MARKENFIELD HALL Friday 10th June

TICKET PRICE £40.00

(to include coach, guides, morning coffee & lunch)

PROGRAMME

- 9am Depart from Bolton Abbey Car Park
- 10.30am Arrive Bowes Museum,

Tea/Coffee in Jubilee Room,
followed by volunteer led guided tour
- 12.30pm Lunch in Jubilee Room
Soup, sandwiches & a cuppa
followed by further time in the Museum
- 2pm Watch the Silver Swan,
the unique 18th century automaton
- 2.30pm Depart
- 4pm Arrive Markenfield Hall, near Ripon
for conducted tour
- 5.45-6pm Depart from Markenfield
- 6.30 – 6.45pm approx. Return to Bolton Abbey

“Shining a Light on the Priory” Tuesday 20 September at 7pm

To celebrate the completion of the Priory Lighting Project “Shining a Light on the Priory” is a special event presented by Malcolm Parsons on Tuesday 20 September at 7pm at The Priory.

An evening talk on the history and development of the building that we all know and love so well, followed by a dusk demonstration of the new lighting system and a glass of wine.

Entry Free - Retiring Collection

REPORT ON THE SPRING LECTURE

“MY LIFE IN CRIME” SIR HARRY OGNALL

In March, 123 people gathered to hear this year's Spring Lecture delivered by Sir Harry Ognall, a retired judge of the High Court of Justice. As predicted, the lecture was informative and entertaining. A brilliant speaker, Sir Harry held the audience captivated as he recounted the “forensic fragments” of his life, with humour, wit, sensitivity and equity.

A career spanning over 40 years in the Law, we were privileged to glimpse into Sir Harry's experiences as a Barrister on the North East Circuit, Silk, Recorder and Judge: his professional involvement in notorious cases including that of Peter Sutcliffe, the murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common and the tragic, avoidable death of four children in 1994 during a school trip to an Activity Centre that resulted in the company being convicted of Manslaughter by Negligence.

The account of the police honeytrap that brought Colin Stagg to trial, his incarceration and ultimately many years later, his acquittal, reflected Sir Harry's sensitivity to detail and determination to stand for legal justice.

Jill Riley gave an excellent vote of thanks before wine and nibbles were served at this convivial event. Certainly a wonderful evening!



Harry Ognall & Andrew Hartley

LATE SUMMER VISIT

BURTON CONSTABLE HALL, NR HULL

Thursday 8th September

Whilst a small part of this large principal residence of the Constable family dates to the 12th century, the main home now dates from the 1560's, considerably enlarged and Georgianised in the 18th century, and filled with a vast and varied collection of furniture and paintings representing the Tudor period, Chippendale and his contemporaries and the Grand Tour.



Burton Constable Hall

BURTON CONSTABLE HALL, NR HULL

THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

TICKET PRICE £25

(to include coach and hall entry only)

A free and easy day to enjoy the house and grounds at your own speed.

PROGRAMME

9am Depart from Bolton Abbey Car Park

11.30am Arrive Burton Constable Hall

Entry to hall is paid for, we can each plan our own day in the house, garden and restaurant individually

4pm Depart by coach

6.30pm approx. Return to Bolton Abbey

YET MORE FRIENDS' EVENTS!!

Throughout the year Andrew, Anna, Barry and the rest of the Executive Committee put in considerable effort to ensure that there are a significant number of events – lectures, outings and social opportunities – for Friends' to get together for friendship and enjoyment as well as to boost funds. This year is no exception. The Spring Lecture in March was a resounding success and hopefully the AGM in May will be well attended.

As you are already aware, two visits during the summer have been organised and there is the additional Friends' Lecture on the history of the Priory in September by Malcolm Parsons to coincide with the celebration of the installation of the new lighting system.

Further events for Friends will take place before the end of the year and are currently at the planning stage. Full details will be in the October issue of the Newsletter but please put these dates in your diary and invite your friends to join us.

ADVENT SUNDAY WINE & CHEESE PARTY **Sunday 27 November after the Advent Service**

Details to be announced nearer the date

THEATRE VISIT TO ILKLEY PLAYHOUSE **Wednesday 14 December**

This will take place during the second week in December to see a production of an old favourite, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. Preceded by a supper at the theatre, these annual theatre visits are extremely popular.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS VISIT

For a magical Christmas experience, a trip is being planned to visit Castle Howard to see the Christmas decorations. There will also be an opportunity to explore the covered market, gift shops and partake of refreshments. Date and details to be announced in the October Newsletter

Our thanks to Keith Simpson for arranging the distribution of the newsletters and to Edward Nicholl for maintaining the Friends' website.

Report on the St Cuthbert Lecture

"The Church in Troubled Times"

given by Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings

The Rector welcomed our speaker, Canon Dr Alan Billings who is currently the Police and Crime Commissioner of South Yorkshire as well as being an Anglican priest, theologian, and researcher. The author of many books including the relevance of Christianity to contemporary culture, Canon Dr Alan Billings considered the vast spectrum of God's presence and how the Church has had to change in order to make God "findable" in society today. He focused on the cultural shift in society and general decline in church attendance since the 1960s noting that today, individuals seek out spiritual peace and solace in different ways and the church has to manage this effectively.

Over fifty people attended the lecture which was followed by an opportunity to socialise afterwards in the Tower.



Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings

Have you some stories, memories, pictures which you would like to be included in the next Newsletter? If so, please contact the editor at jean_crawford@rocketmail.com

FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY

EVENTS BOOKING FOR

FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday 15th May 2016. In the Village Hall immediately following the Sunday Service.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Number of tickets at £12.00 per person _____

Cheque: payable to **FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY** enclosed for £

Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope

Please apply for tickets from : Andrew Hartley, Netherwood Farm, Skipton Road, Ilkley LS29 9RP
Tel: 01943 600645

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EVENTS BOOKING FORM

SUMMER VISIT – BOWES MUSEUM & MARKENFIELD HALL

Date & Time: Friday 10 June @ 9am Depart from Bolton Abbey Car Park

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Number of tickets at £ 40.00 per person _____

Cheque: payable to **FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY** enclosed for £

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LATE SUMMER VISIT - BURTON CONSTABLE HALL

Date & Time: Thursday 8 September @ 9am Depart from Bolton Abbey Car Park

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Number of tickets at £25.00 per person _____

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