

Friends of Bolton Priory

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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THEATRE: RECOLLECTIONS OF A (DIFFERENT) SURGICAL CAREER

Surgeon Captain Paxton Dewar OBE was the speaker at this year's Spring Lecture entitled "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Theatre". The anticipation of an amusing and entertaining evening was high and he didn't disappoint.

Ninety three Friends and friends of Friends, gathered in Bolton Abbey Village Hall to hear Paxton's tales of his outstanding career studying medicine in London before spending twenty eight years in the Royal Navy including a period in the war zone during the Gulf War. Paxton's naval career also included his position as Senior Commander on the Ark Royal followed by sixteen years working for the NHS, much of this time being based at Airedale Hospital.

Although detailing harrowing experiences at times, Paxton's presentation was peppered with cricketing anecdotes and unashamed name-dropping, including frequent references to his encounters with several members of the Royal family. Paxton also recounted his experiences as a consultant as well as being a lecturer and medical researcher.

At the end of the evening, Andrew Hartley the Chairman gave the vote of thanks and presented our speaker with a cheque for £100.00 which he subsequently donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, his chosen charity.



Paxton Dewar OBE

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2017

This year the Friends' Annual General Meeting will take place at Bolton Abbey Village Hall on Sunday 7 May immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist Service.

The meeting will be followed by a delicious buffet lunch and a choice of desserts.

The AGM is an important date in the Friends' Calendar as well as being an enjoyable social occasion. We look forward to seeing as many Friends as possible.

Tickets cost £ 12.00 per head.

Please see the attached Events Sheet

Polite Reminder From the Membership Secretary

**Members who pay minimum subscriptions
by cash/cheque
are reminded that this year's subs are due
on 30 June 2017**

SUMMER OUTING TO AMPLEFORTH ABBEY AND NUNNINGTON HALL

ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017



Ampleforth Abbey

Set in over 2,000 acres of land in the Howardian hills, **Ampleforth Abbey** is a monastery of Benedictine Monks which is part of the Benedictine congregation. The Abbey was founded in 1802 by the Honorable Anne Fairfax, the daughter of Charles Gregory Fairfax, 9th Viscount Fairfax of Emley when she gave the house to Father Anslem Bolton. In the same year the monastery set up a school at Ampleforth and it is now a co-educational independent boarding school, Ampleforth College, with about 600 students. The Priory was redesignated an Abbey in 1892.

There will also be an opportunity to see some of the magnificent collection of Robert "Mouseman" Thompson furniture.

Sitting on the quiet bank of the River Rye, **Nunnington Hall's** history dates back to 1249. However, the existing house has grown out of a Tudor hall and over the past 450 years the house and estate has been altered to suit a succession of owners and tenants.



Miniature Room at Nunnington Hall

The building also houses a stunning collection of miniature rooms displaying beautifully detailed musical instruments, furniture and accessories. Purported by many as one of the finest collections of miniatures owing to the high quality craftsmanship, such as the complete works of Shakespeare and musical instruments that produce notes when played. Unfortunately, the rooms exhibiting the miniature furniture is up three flights of stairs and there is no lift!

AMPLEFORTH ABBEY & NUNNINGTON HALL

TUESDAY 4 JULY

TICKET PRICE TO AMPLEFORTH ABBEY

£30.00 -To Include coach travel, coffee & lunch

ADDITIONAL ADMISSION CHARGE TO NUNNINGTON HALL

Non National Trust Members - £6.75

(group rate) To be paid individually on the day

National Trust Members - FREE

9am Depart from Bolton Abbey Car Park

10.30am Arrive at Ampleforth. Coffee on arrival.

11am Guided tour of Ampleforth Church by one of the monks.

12 noon Lunch – Soup and Sandwiches.

There will be an opportunity to purchase tea, coffee, homemade cider and beer.

1pm Brief service with the monks in the Mouseman Choir.

1.30pm Free time to visit the visitor centre and shop.

2pm Depart. Set off to Nunnington Hall.

2.15pm Arrive at Nunnington Hall.

3pm Guided tour of larger rooms followed by free time to look around the smaller rooms, visit the café, shop or walk around the gardens.

5pm Depart.

6.30pm Arrive at Bolton Abbey Car Park

**LATE SUMMER VISIT TO
BRODSWORTH HALL & GARDENS
AND WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL
WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Virtually unchanged since the 1860s, **Brodsworth Hall**, is one of the most complete surviving examples of a Victorian country house in England. An English Heritage property, it is built in the Italianate style also favoured by Queen Victoria's Osborne House and much of the original scheme remains today. It is a grade 1 listed structure constructed in ashlar limestone with lead and slate roofs. The main block is a two storey rectangular range having a 9-bay frontage.

Designed the architect Philip Wilkinson, the house has more than 30 rooms, ranging from grand reception rooms with original furnishings to the servants' quarters. The house is surrounded by Victorian period gardens.



Brodsworth Hall

Restored to their full Victorian splendour, the gardens are home to a collection of grand gardens in miniature, filled with colourful seasonal plantings and displays. Weather and time permitting, you will be able to stroll through the extensive formal gardens, the statue walks, the fern dell grotto and the beautiful wild rose dell.

Wakefield Cathedral, or the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, England, is one of three co-equal Anglican cathedrals for the Diocese of Leeds and a seat of the Bishop of Leeds. The Cathedral was designated a Grade 1 listed building in July 1953 and its 247-foot (75 m) spire is the tallest structure in the City of Wakefield.

The cathedral walls are clad in ashlar sandstone and although the cathedral's windows have some panel tracery, none of the medieval stained glass has survived. Consequently, most of the cathedral's glass was created by Charles Eamer Kempe. His windows are reminiscent in colour of those of the late Middle Ages, darker on the north

wall with Old Testament themes and lighter on the south side where he placed New Testament figures.

Some furniture in St Mark's Chapel is by Robert Thompson, the 'Mouseman' and the cathedral houses a fine collection of church plate.



Wakefield Cathedral - The Nave Looking West

**BRODSWORTH HALL & GARDENS
AND WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL**

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

TICKET PRICES

Non English Heritage Members - £38.00

English Heritage Members - £30.00

Includes coach travel, morning coffee and lunch

PROGRAMME

9am Depart from Bolton Abbey Car Park

11am Brodington Hall. Tea/Coffee on arrival.

11.30am Volunteer led guided tour.

1pm Lunch followed by free time to explore.

3pm Depart – Travel to Wakefield Cathedral.

4pm Arrive at Wakefield Cathedral for a tour.

5pm Depart from Wakefield Cathedral.

6.30pm Arrive at Bolton Abbey Car Park.

ST. CUTHBERT LECTURE 2017 **LIVING LOVING LEARNING:** **SHAPING OUR INTER-FAITH** **ENGAGEMENT IN YORKSHIRE**

On Sunday 19 March, this year's St Cuthbert lecture was delivered by the Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Revd Toby Howarth. He entitled his lecture 'Loving, Living, Learning: Shaping Our Inter Faith Engagement in Yorkshire'.

Attended by 85 people, the lecture addressed issues that arise from religious differences and considered how we might explore these differences in practical and constructive ways.



Bishop Toby reflected on the importance of holding onto relationships even when they are difficult and that inter-faith relations promotes the values that Jesus had and its relevance for us today.

Born in Kenya, Bishop Toby was educated in North London before receiving scholarships to study at high school and Yale University in the United States. His work and interests have taken him and his family across Europe, Pakistan and Uganda. Having studied Christian theology, Islamic preaching and parish work as a vicar in an area of Birmingham that was a predominately Muslim area. Toby was consecrated as Bishop of Bradford in York Minster on 17 October 2014.

WILLS

Not an easy subject to bring up and discuss but may we make a plea for you to remember "The Friends of Bolton Priory" when you review your affairs? Legacies make a huge difference to our funds. Thank You.

FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY **WEBSITE**

Have you had a chance to look at the Friends' website yet? It contains photos, news and details of up and coming events. The Executive Committee would be interested to hear your comments and are keen to include your photos of the Priory or social events on the website for others to share.

Our grateful thanks to Emma Hartley who has taken on the responsibility of keeping our website updated.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

This year the Friends' Advent Supper will take place after the 4.30pm Evensong Service on

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017

Details to be announced nearer the date

Would You Like To Become More Involved and Join the Friends of Bolton Priory Executive Committee?

The AGM is in May and we have a couple of vacancies on the Executive Committee. Do you think that you would be able to help? We are particularly keen to have someone co-ordinate two outings each year: both visits for this year have been arranged.

Executive Committee members meet three times each year and organise the fundraising events for the Friends. Joining the team is not an onerous responsibility.

If you are interested or would like to know a bit more, please contact the Membership Secretary – Keith Simpson. kandas1rl@btinternet.com