

Friends of Bolton Priory

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Chairman's Update

Happy New Year everyone, and welcome to the first Friends of Bolton Priory Newsletter of 2024. After two rather barren years, 2023 soon made up for it. Having said that we had a disappointing start, having to cancel the Marcel Theroux lecture in early Spring due to a massive dump of snow!

However, the wonderful trip to RHS Bridgewater in early Summer was a great success as was the amazing visit to Bishop Auckland Castle. That indeed was a memorable day out and well worth another visit as it continues to develop.

Following the Advent Carol service at the beginning of December we were delighted to hold our Advent Supper in the Boyle Room. Huge thanks for everyone's help on that occasion and thanks too to all of those faithful Friends, some of whom travelled some considerable distance to be with us.

At our Friends Executive Committee meeting earlier this month we were delighted to welcome Richard Watson to our ranks. As you are all well aware by now, Richard is to be our new Chairman, and he will officially take over from me at our AGM on Sunday 12th May.

There are a lot of exciting plans being discussed for the coming year. We look forward to sharing these with you in the coming months.

I am confident that the future of the Friends of Bolton Priory is in good hands going into the future and I thank you all for your continuing support. I wish you a peaceful and healthy 2024.

Very best wishes,

Jill Riley, President of the Friends of Bolton Priory

The Friends' Advent Supper



It was wonderful to once again welcome so many Friends and supporters of Bolton Priory to this year's Advent Supper in the Boyle Room, which took place following the Advent Carol Service on 3rd December.

Inspired by the spectacular centrepiece seen at Bishop Auckland Castle on the Friends' Autumn outing, the Committee really went to town and pulled off a magnificent feast for both the eyes and the tastebuds.

The reinventing of the speech bubble 'conversation starters' also inspired by the earlier trip, and including such phrases as "Have you seen the Rector's new ferret?" added to the merriment and the chatter of a thoroughly enjoyable occasion to kickstart the festive season in style.



Upcoming Events

The Spring Lecture

Clare Granger

A Brief History of the Shrievalty and my Year as High Sheriff

Friday 8th March 2023

7pm for a 7.30pm start

Clare Granger is a professional artist living and working in Nidderdale and is currently High Sheriff of North Yorkshire.

Clare is represented by Cricket Fine Art in London and The Brian Sinfield Gallery in Oxfordshire. She has held several successful London solo shows and will be exhibiting again in Chelsea in 2024. She is Patron of Henshaws, a charity supporting people with sight loss and a range of other disabilities, and she is a Champion for IDAS, a charity supporting people affected by domestic abuse. She is also a Governor of Queen Margaret's School, York.

During her time as High Sheriff, Clare has been particularly keen to support the police and charities which use creativity in the work that they do.

Clare read Law at Cambridge and qualified as a solicitor in 1986. Her combined interest in the Law and the Arts have been instrumental in shaping her year as High Sheriff.

This promises to be a fascinating insight into the life and office of a High Sheriff, so do come along.



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

AGM – Sunday 12th May

The AGM will take place on Sunday 12th May at 12.30pm,
with lunch served after the meeting.

Do join us to keep up to date on all that the Friends are doing and to meet Friends old and
new, including the new Chairman, Richard Watson.

Tickets, which include an excellent lunch, are £22 per person.
See attached booking form or contact Margaret Cody in the Parish Office.

We hope to see you there!

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