

Friends of Bolton Priory

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A Tribute to Keith Simpson

It is with great sadness that almost my first official duty as President of the Friends of Bolton Priory is to be paying tribute to our dear friend and colleague Keith Simpson.

Keith had been a Friend and committee member for nearly twenty years and had acted as both secretary and membership secretary for nearly twelve years. His dedication, wisdom and support has been invaluable. On a personal note, I could not possibly have carried out my duties as Chairman for seven years without his guidance. He was kind, gentle and a true 'old school' gentleman in every sense of the word. On behalf of the Friends, I would like to extend heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his devoted wife Ann and his family. Ann too has been tremendously supportive of his work with the Friends, helping at our events and providing food and refreshments whenever asked.



Keith's contribution to the Priory church was huge in so many other ways, he and Ann counted the collection every week, he was a respected and well-informed guide for many years and of course a sidesman. Always on hand to help, support and advise in his understated and inimitable way. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Jill Riley, President of the FOBP

The Spring Lecture

We had a very successful Spring Lecture this year with almost 60 people present to hear from Clare Granger, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire.

Fittingly the lecture took place on International Women's Day, which was appropriate as historically there have not been that many female High Sheriffs. The Friends were delighted that she had been able to come and speak to them and give them not only a short history of the Office of High Sheriff, but an insight into the work they do during their year long term of Office.



An added bonus was that she came to the Lecture dressed in her official uniform of a black silk velvet Dress Coat, with lace jabot and lace cuffs, black patent shoes with cut steel buckles, topped with a black hat adorned with white ostrich feathers.

Clare's year has included a wide range of events including the entertaining of High Court Judges, attending any Royal visits to the County, acting as the Returning Officer at any elections, and also making a huge number of visits to a variety of Charities across the County of North Yorkshire. Clare is also an Artist and has exhibited at several London shows, and so she combined this interest with many of the Charities she visited, raising awareness of the value of the arts in areas of mental health as well as the criminal justice system. This was a fascinating talk and the evening and enjoyed by one and all.

Susan Barker, Secretary of the FOBP

Summer Trip to Windermere – Thursday 13 June



Join us for a lovely day out to Windermere, where we will be visiting both Blackwell House and the Windermere Jetty Museum.

Blackwell is an Arts and Crafts house built as a holiday home for Sir Edward Holt, with wonderful views overlooking Lake Windermere.

The Windermere Jetty Museum is dedicated to the boats, people and history of England's largest natural lake. There will also be an opportunity to enjoy a 30 minute trip aboard the 'Penelope II' (£12 extra).

Coach departs 9.30am Bolton Abbey village car park but please arrive at **9am** for prompt departure.

Tickets: £35.00 pp (incl. transport, tea/coffee on arrival, house & museum tickets). There is a café/tea room at both of the venues where you will be able to make your own arrangements for lunch.

Upcoming Events

We are planning an **Autumn visit** which would include 'Farmer Copleys' a well-known farm shop which has featured on TV – more details to follow soon.

Save the date in your diaries for the **Friends Brass Band Concert** at Bolton Priory on Saturday afternoon 7th December 2024.

Members interested in attending events are encouraged to use the booking form enclosed but you can also book: 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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