

# Friends of Bolton Priory

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## Spring - New Beginnings



As all around us we witness the signs of Spring heralding new beginnings, this Friends' Newsletter is a new beginning for me as I take over as Editor. Firstly, on behalf of everyone, I express our grateful thanks to Chris Dale who has edited the Newsletter for the past six years. During this time, Chris's special style and abundance of ideas developed each issue as she interviewed Friends and introduced us to their skills and different roles within the Priory; reported on visits and trips, all colourfully illustrated with photos of Members enjoying a variety of functions and days out: she has provided reminders of forthcoming events, reported on business matters and has encouraged Friends to access the Newsletter via email to minimise postage costs. Informative and fun to read, past issues of the Friends' Newsletter provide an historical record of formal business and informal activities under Chris's editorship over the years. Not least, Chris has been a great support to me as she hands over the editorial baton, ready for me to spring into action. Thanks Chris!

## Dr Chris Davidson

It was with sadness that in February the Priory learnt of the death of Chris Davidson aged 104 years. Chris and Mollie's connection with the Priory began in 1979 and continued for thirty two years until their move to Brighton so that they could be closer to their family. Chris "made a difference". He was a longstanding member on the Friends' committee, a member of the Priory Guiding Team, a Sidesman and active fund raiser. We celebrate Chris's significant contribution to the Priory.

Our sympathies go to Chris's family.

### FUTURE DIARY DATES

**SPRING LECTURE - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015**

In Bolton Abbey Village Hall at 7.30pm

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 in the Village Hall  
(immediately following the morning service)**

### **SUMMER VISIT TO SELBY ABBEY & BURTON AGNES & GARDENS**

**on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

### **AUTUMN OUTING TO WREAY CHURCH & HUTTON-IN-THE-FOREST**

**on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



*Burton Agnes Hall and Gardens*

## Second Annual Cuthbert Lecture

St Cuthbert's Feast Day is celebrated on 20 March and on Sunday 22 March, archeologist and historian, Professor Richard Morris OBE delivered the second Annual Cuthbert Lecture, "Building Bolton", through reference from archive material and various publications, much from the British Museum.

Bolton has the only Augustinian Tower in the Dales. This was in part, because there was already an existing chapel on the site that could be built upon and extended, such was Augustinian practice.

Over 194 people attended the lecture including the Duke of Devonshire, the Deputy Lieutenant and the Right Revd. Tim Ellis. Afterwards, everyone was able to enjoy a glass of wine in the Tower or outside in the glorious spring sunshine.



*Annual Cuthbert Lecture*

## AGM Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

### **All members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held in the Village Hall following the 10.30 service at the Priory. All friends are very welcome to attend.

Each year a proportion of the Executive Committee is up for election. Members sign up for a three year term. Voting takes place at the AGM for new members. The meeting will be followed by a delicious lunch and everyone is welcome to join us. **Tickets for the lunch costs £10.00 per person. Please complete the Events Form attached to this Newsletter.**

*Grateful thanks to Keith Simpson for arranging the distribution of newsletters and also to James Pearson for his photography, used in our Newsletters*

## SPRING LECTURE

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

As usual, the Lecture will take place at Bolton Abbey Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Our speaker this year is The Rt Reverend Nick Baines, First Bishop of Leeds for our new Diocese, the Diocese of West Yorkshire and The Dales.

We look forward to hearing about Bishop Nick's vision and plans in his lecture entitled:

**"Shaping the Future – Getting from There to Here"**

The lecture will be followed by a glass of wine.

**Tickets are available at £5.00 per person**

**Please see Events Sheet for ordering your tickets**

## Summer Outing to Burton Agnes Hall & Gardens and Selby Abbey on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

A visit has been arranged to Selby Abbey and Burton Agnes Hall and Gardens

Selby Abbey, a Benedictine foundation of 1069, has had many vicissitudes including two major fires, a tower collapse and of course the Dissolution. Now it is a major jewel in the North's ecclesiastical crown.



*Selby Abbey*



Built by Sir Henry Griffith some four hundred years ago, Burton Agnes Hall is an Elizabethan manor house in the village of Burton Agnes, near Drifffield. The older Norman Burton Agnes Manor House, originally built in 1173 still stands on an adjacent site and both are now Grade 1 listed buildings.

In his book *“England’s Thousand Best Houses”*, Simon Jenkins referred to Burton Agnes Hall as *“The perfect English house”*, rating it in England’s twenty finest alongside Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and Chatsworth House.

Burton Agnes Hall is a house of immense charm and character. The plan and architecture is attributed to Robert Smythson, Master Mason to Queen Elizabeth 1 and builder of other such houses as Longleat, Hardwick and Wollaton.

Even though the house has been through many renovations, a great deal of 17<sup>th</sup> century fittings still remain such as carved woodwork, plaster ceilings and chimney pieces and a fine alabaster fireplace as well as a collection of French and English artwork.



The Hall is set in extensive grounds. The award winning garden comprises beautiful herbaceous borders, a walled garden, jungle garden, woodland walks and a maze.

**Visit the web site to see in advance what is on offer: [www.burtonagnes.com](http://www.burtonagnes.com)**

### **Thank You**

Our thanks go to two longstanding Life Members of the Friends who have kindly donated seven copies of The Lion Handbook for the Bible. One copy of the book has been placed in the Priory Church library.

### **PROGRAMME**

- 9am Coach leaves Bolton Abbey Car Park
- 10.30 Arrive Selby Abbey: Coffee/Tea & Biscuits
- 11.00 Guided Tour of the Abbey
- 12.00 Depart for Burton Agnes Hall
- 1pm Lunch at Burton Agnes.
- 2pm Guided tour and wander around grounds
- 5pm Depart for home
- 7pm (approx.) Arrive at Bolton Abbey

**Tickets cost £40.00 per person to include the cost of the coach, all entries and guides, refreshments and lunch.**

**Please complete the attached Events Form.**

### **Friends Help with Cost of Chairs**

Have you seen the new chairs for the back row of the choir? If not, go and have a look!

The Friends contributed £1,728 towards the cost of six chairs for the choir and two chairs with arms for wedding couples. Made from solid oak, they are aesthetically pleasing yet functional and definitely an improvement on what we had before.

**Autumn Visit to**  
**WREAY CHURCH, NR CARLISLE**  
**& HUTTON-IN-THE-FOREST**  
**on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

WREAY CHURCH is a superb individualistic church designed, built and paid for by Sarah Losh in 1840, based on a Roman Basilica design, and full of unique interior decoration.



*Wreay – St Mary's Church*

HUTTON-IN-THE-FOREST has been in the Fletcher Vane family since 1605, based on two Pele Towers joined by a great hall, with a third tower added and then revised in the 1860s by Anthony Salvin. It is full of Gillows furniture and has charming gardens.



*Hutton-in-the-Forest Castle*

**Our Newsletter is prepared for you!**

Have you some stories, memories, pictures or indeed issues, which you would like to be included? If so, please contact the editor at [jean\\_crawford@rocketmail.com](mailto:jean_crawford@rocketmail.com)

**PROGRAMME**

9am Coach leaves Bolton Abbey Car Park  
11.15 Arrive at Wreay. Coffee/tea & Biscuits  
11.35 Tour of Wreay Church & Mausoleum  
12.30pm Depart for Hutton-in-the Forest  
1pm Arrive. Lunch at the Cloisters Tearoom  
2pm Guided Tour of the House (approx 45 mins)  
2.45 Wander around the Gardens & Grounds  
4.30/5pm Leave for home  
6.30/7pm approx.. Arrive Bolton Abbey

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**Increase in Subscriptions**

*Just a gentle reminder to those members who pay annual subs at the minimum rate to instruct their bank to increase the amount as necessary if they have not done so already.*

***New minimum subs: Ordinary individual £10 (Joint £15) and Senior Citizen £5 (Joint £10)***

**The Website for the Friends**

[www.prioryfriends.org.uk](http://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](http://www.boltonpriory.church) to the Friends' website. Do visit these sites and see what's there.

**Postage costs**

**Thank you** to all of you who have asked to be e-mailed when the next Newsletter is available on our website. If you want to be included too please let me know. Over 80 households now access the Newsletter in this way, what a saving!

(Because some people have difficulty opening the newsletter as an attachment, rather than send a copy as an attachment, you are notified that it is available on the web to read and/or download).

# FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY

## EVENTS BOOKING FORM

### Spring Lecture

Date, time : Thursday 23 April 2015 @ 7.30pm

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Number of tickets at £ 5.00 per person _____
Cheque: payable to <b><u>FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY</u></b> enclosed for £ <i>Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope</i>
Please apply for tickets from : Andrew Hartley, Netherwood Farm, Skipton Road, Ilkley LS29 9RP Tel: 01943 600645

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### FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date, time etc Thursday 4 June 2015 @ 9am

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Address:
Telephone:
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## EVENTS BOOKING FORM

### SUMMER OUTING TO SELBY ABBEY & BURTON AGNES

Date, time : Thursday 4 June 2015 @ 9am

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Number of tickets at £ 40.00 per person _____
Cheque: payable to <u>FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY</u> enclosed for £  <i>Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope</i>
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