

The Friends of Ripon Cathedral

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May 2016 Newsletter

Annual General Meeting: Friday 1st of July 2016 at 7pm Thorp Prebend House, High St Agnesgate

We don't want you to miss the AGM in July so please save the date. We have some interesting speakers lined up including Julia Barker, Director of Operations at the Cathedral who will outline the exciting future plans for the Cathedral. Light refreshments will be served and in this, our 75th anniversary year, we are hoping some of you will consider joining our team on the committee as we try to build on our commitment to the Cathedral while planning enjoyable visits and events. Please come along and see if you can make a contribution.

Ancient Stones: Visit to North Yorkshire Churches Saturday 2nd July 2016

Dr John Beal will be leading a visit by coach to three of North Yorkshire's most interesting places of worship. Each one of these ancient sites is fascinating in its own right and here is a chance to enjoy all three in the company of a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide.

St Gregory's Minster in Kirkdale is an intriguing Anglo-Saxon church which is of both historic and architectural interest and includes a Saxon sundial dating from c1055 – 1065.

St Mary's at Lastingham is an Anglo-Saxon foundation on the North York Moors established by St Cedd and later his brother St Chad as an outpost from the monastery at Lindisfarne.

St Peter and St Paul's in Pickering is a Norman church rebuilt around 1140 to replace the original Saxon church. The building contains one of the most complete sets of medieval wall paintings in Britain dating from 1450.

The coach will leave at 9am from the coach park opposite Ripon Bus Station, returning to Ripon between 5 – 5:30 pm. opposite

*The cost, which will include a luncheon at The Fox and Hounds in
Sinnington, is £32 per person. Please return booking forms no later than
June 15th 2016.*

Chairman's message

It's hard to believe that our wonderful 75th anniversary luncheon was just back in March. Since then our current series of lectures has come to a close and we've already planned our next season, starting in the Autumn (*see programme below*). Since our last newsletter we've also hosted another post-communion sherry event which is proving to be immensely popular and a very pleasant way of raising our profile in the cathedral community and meeting new faces.

We now have the visit to St Gregory's Minster and two other churches to look forward to in July for which we are now taking bookings (*see enclosed booking form*). This fascinating visit on July 2nd will be part of our 'Friends' weekend which will kick off with our AGM on the evening of Friday 1st of July. We would love to see as many 'Friends' and new faces as possible at the AGM and we are particularly keen to involve more of you in our planning and the work of our committee.

Dorothy Taylor

Preliminary Lecture Programme 2016-17

Unless otherwise stated the lectures are held on Sunday afternoons at Thorpe Prebend House **and begin at 2.00 pm.**

Date	Speaker/Event	Subject
<u>2016</u> October 16	Kirsty Hallett	<i>Ripon's Jacobean Charters – Church and Town</i>
November 20	Sophie Weston	<i>The Medieval Pilgrim Route to Santiago de Compostela – the Camino</i>
<u>2017</u> January 15	Stephanie Ruddy	<i>The foundation of the Salvation Army, and how its work has developed</i>
February 19	Simon Deller	<i>A Life in Cathedral Music</i>
Saturday, March 25, 10am St John's Bondgate	STUDY DAY Jon Cannon	<i>A Thousand Years of History: Medieval Cathedrals as Time Machines</i>
March 19	Michael and Catherine Staleybrass	<i>Norwegian Stave Churches</i>