

The Friends of Ripon Cathedral

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Spring 2016 Newsletter

Garden of Delights Sunday 15th May, 2:30 pm 2016

Mrs Margaret l'Anson has kindly offered to open her beautiful gardens at Littlethorpe Hall for a special event exclusive to Friends of Ripon Cathedral. This is a unique opportunity to view these extensive, private gardens, rarely seen by the public while enjoying a delightful seasonal afternoon tea among friends. A glass of prosecco is included in the price. Tickets are £10 per person.

We are only able to offer a limited number of tickets to this event so please be sure to return the enclosed booking form before April 30th

Visit to St Gregory's Minster and other churches 2nd July 2016

On Saturday 2nd July (following our AGM the previous evening) Dr John Beal will be leading a visit by coach to St Gregory's Minster in Kirkdale with its famous Anglo-Saxon sundial. The day's excursion will also include Pickering Parish Church and the Benefice of Lastingham which has been a centre of worship since the 7th century. The coach will leave Ripon Bus Station at 9am and is due to return at about 5pm. A luncheon of soup and sandwiches at the Fox and Hounds in Sinnington is included in the price of £32 per person.

Due to limited places please return the booking slip provided before Wednesday 4th June

Chairman's message

Our 75th anniversary was marked in great style on March 5th when more than sixty members and supporters came together for a celebratory lunch at the Ripon Spa Hotel. During this delightfully convivial occasion, that was literally flooded with sunshine, we all enjoyed a delicious meal and great company. The Dean and his wife were our special guests, as was the Mayor of Ripon who spoke briefly about the role of the Cathedral in the wider community. Dr John Beal, Vice-Chairman of Friends of Ripon Cathedral looked back at the organisation's contribution to the life of the Cathedral since its inception during the Second World War. It was a real pleasure to see so many friends, both old and new, enjoying such a memorable moment in our history.

Dorothy Taylor

Friends' Lectures – **new times !**

The final lecture in this year's series was held at Thorpe Prebend House on 20th March, when our own Vice-Chairman, Dr John Beal, formerly of Leeds School of Dentistry, spoke on the intriguing subject of 'Toothache, Saints and Churches in Pre-Reformation England'. We are currently planning the next series of lectures which, as **from September, will begin at the new time of 2pm**. This is due to the changed time for Evensong at the Cathedral on Sundays.

Sherry offering Sunday 24th April, 2016

Once again Friends of Ripon Cathedral will be offering the Cathedral congregation sherry following the 10:30 Eucharist service. Please join us in the South transept for a selection of sherries and fruit juices. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views.

AGM and Friends' weekend: 1-2 July, 2016

Friday 1st of July: Friends Annual General Meeting at 7pm, Thorpe Prebend House, High St Agnesgate, Ripon

Saturday 2nd July: Friends' visit to St Gregory's Minister led by Dr John Beal (*see previous page*).

This is a very busy weekend in the Cathedral and we have unfortunately been unable to book for the luncheon we were planning on Sunday 3rd July. This event will now take place later in the year so please keep an eye on future newsletters.