

The Friends of Ripon Cathedral

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May 2017 Newsletter

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12th July at 7 pm

Thorpe Prebend House, High St. Agnesgate, Ripon

Light refreshments will be served

Join us, and the Dean, who will be giving an update on the exciting future projects for the Cathedral. Members and all others welcome.

Visit to Quaker Meeting Houses in the Dales:

Friday, 30th June 2017

Led by Dr John Beal, 'Friends' are able offer this special visit to the historic Quaker Meeting Houses at Countersett and Brigflatts in the heart of the North Yorkshire Dales. At Countersett we will hear a history of the Quakers and their activities in this small corner of Yorkshire which played such a significant part in the formation of the Quaker movement. We will then enjoy lunch at the National Trust's Cross Keys Temperance Inn at Cautley Spout. Later we will travel to the late 17th century Meeting House at Brigflatts and from there go on to nearby Firbank Fell, to view 'Fox's Pulpit', the spot where Quaker founder, George Fox, preached his historic sermon to over a thousand people in 1652 – a pivotal event in the early years of the Society of Friends.

All travel will be by private car and car sharing will be arranged where possible. We shall meet at 10:30 on the village green at Bainbridge (off the A684) before continuing to Countersett.

Please contact johnfbeal@hotmail.com for a detailed programme, booking form and a lunch menu.

The visit is free, but donations are invited at the Meeting Houses.

Friends offer sherry after Communion on Sunday 25th June

Friends will be offering sherry to the Cathedral congregation following the 10:30 Eucharist service. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chairman's message

As I step down as Chairman of the Friends, I'm proud to say that over the past two years I've been part of some landmark moments. These include hosting our 75th Anniversary lunch in March 2016 and enjoying the huge success of our recent Study Day with John Cannon. We already have plans in place for a similar Study Day next year so please watch this space. Meanwhile, thanks to Maurice Taylor, our popular series of Sunday lectures continues to broaden our horizons. They will recommence in the autumn at the old time of 3pm which most people seem to prefer. Our sherry mornings, offered at intervals after Sunday Communion, have been well received, and we hope to continue them to raise awareness of our activities with the wider Cathedral community. Looking ahead to June, I hope many of you will take up the opportunity to visit the Quaker Meeting Houses in the Dales, so carefully arranged by our Vice Chairman, Dr John Beal.

I look back with pleasure and pride over almost 20 years of association with The Friends of Ripon Cathedral and would like to thank both past and present members of the Council for their friendship and support.

Dorothy Taylor

Wanted! Your time and expertise, please!

We are always looking for active members who are willing to share some of their time and expertise in serving on the Friends of Ripon Cathedral Council. We would especially value your organisational and administrative skills in supporting our work, which includes growing our membership and acting in an advisory and supportive capacity at meetings and events. The Council meets about five times each year.

For further details please contact dorothy.taylor@ripcoms.net

URGENT MESSAGE ON MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions were raised in 2015 to £15 for single and £22.50 for joint membership. It would be most helpful if those of you paying by standing order would **amend your payments** if you have not already done so. In addition, it is feared that some standing order forms may have been mislaid and have not been processed. It would be much appreciated if you would please check with your bank, and if necessary, pick up a new form either by the Friends notice board in the Cathedral or on-line via the Friends web-site at:

www.friendsofriponcathedral.org.uk

John Wimpess, Honorary Treasurer