

The Friends of Ripon Cathedral

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February 2017 Newsletter

INVITATION - Friends' Spring Lunch at Ripon Spa Hotel

Saturday 22nd April at 12:00 for 12:30

Following the success of our 75th anniversary lunch last year, we are delighted to invite you to this year's Spring lunch which promises to be a delightful event in the best of company. It's a chance to meet up with old Friends and to welcome new in a very convivial atmosphere, so do please join us.

A menu and booking form are attached and we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets are £20 per person

Return the enclosed booking form with your cheque(s) before 14th April please

VISIT - Leeds Minster and St John's Church

Monday 13th March 2017

A visit to Leeds Minster and the Church of St John's, the oldest church in Leeds, will be led by Dr John Beal. A site of ancient worship, the present 19th century Leeds Minster houses a magnificent pulpit and fragments of the Leeds crosses (8-10th century). St John's church is famous for its Jacobean fittings and fine wood carvings. 'Friends' will meet at 11am at St John's on New Briggate. Following this we will take lunch at the Age UK café next door to the church, before going on to visit the Minster. Donations requested for St John's on the day, lunch to be paid for on the day and there is a tour fee of £5 for the Minster. The 36 bus between Ripon and Leeds provides easy access to and from both sites. For further information contact: johnfbeat@hotmail.co.uk

Minster Tour fee of £5.00 to be paid with the enclosed booking form before 4th March please

Chairman's message

The Christmas and New Year season take up so much of our energy that it's easy to lose focus in January, but rest assured that Friends have plenty of events and activities lined up for you over the next few months. Due to popular demand our Study Day in March with Jon Cannon is now fully booked and we will visit Leeds St Johns and Leeds Minster in the same month - *booking form* enclosed. We have later plans to visit a historic Quaker Meeting House, so please look out for our next newsletter with details.

We sincerely hope you will join 'Friends' for our Spring Luncheon in April. This luncheon was one of the highlights of our 75th anniversary celebrations last year and we fully expect it to be just as successful and enjoyable this time round. We have devised a menu that we hope will suit all tastes and you can make your choices on the *booking form* included with this newsletter.

Meanwhile we have two more Sunday lectures which you should try not to miss. In our lecture series so far this year we've explored everything from local history in Ripon's Jacobean Charters and followed in the footsteps of medieval and modern pilgrims on 'El Camino', the fascinating route to Santiago de Compostela. Please remember that your membership and support of these events is vital to our continuing support of the Cathedral, so I would urge you to keep your membership up to date and please join us in our activities whenever you can.

Dorothy Taylor

Friends' Lectures: Spring 2017

2pm, Thorpe Prebend House, High St Agnesgate, Ripon

(Please note that due to illness the next lecture has changed)

Date	Speaker/Event	Subject
February 19	Revd John Colston	<i>Here's a How-De-Do</i> Gilbert & Sullivan and the Savoy Operas
March 19	Michael and Catherine Staleybrass	<i>Norwegian Stave Churches</i>

The next newsletter has details of

- Visit to Quaker Meeting House in the Dales
- Date and details of Friends' AGM 2017