

The Friends of Ripon Cathedral

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Autumn 2016 Newsletter

INVITATION

'Friends' Christmas Tea at Ripon Spa Hotel

Thursday 8th December 2016 at 3pm – Save the date!

We're entering into the party spirit in December when we hope you will join us for a special festive tea to mark the beginning of the Christmas season.

The tea will include a selection of seasonal favourites and it promises to be a lovely social occasion with an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Tickets are £12 per person.

Please return the booking slip provided before November 28th

A Thousand Years of History: Medieval Cathedrals as Time Machines

**Study Day with Jon Cannon at St John's Chapel, Bondgate
Saturday 25th March 2017 10am – 4pm**

Jon Cannon teaches Medieval Architectural History at Bristol University and has published extensively on the subject of Cathedral Architecture. He also co-wrote and presented the BBC 4 series *How to Build a Cathedral*.

Bookings required - £25 per person. Contact: M H Taylor, 36 Kings Mead, Ripon HG4 1EJ with email address or sae for acknowledgement.

Chairman's message

We are delighted to welcome Sue Eddleston onto the Council as our new Membership Secretary, who will help explore new ways to attract members.

In September, Friends joined Revd Geoffrey Rider as he celebrated sixty years of his ministry, offering sherry to the Cathedral congregation following Communion. Later a number of Friends enjoyed Sunday lunch at the Old Deanery where Maurice told us something of the building's long association with the Cathedral, including its famous ghost!

Recently, after their visit to Ripon earlier in the year, Friends of Bradford Cathedral hosted Council members with a visit to their Cathedral in what we hope will be an ongoing friendship.

I hope you will join us as the new Friend's lectures begin and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas tea in December.

Dorothy Taylor

We note with sadness the recent death of **Mrs Angela Collin**. She and her late husband Geoffrey were long-term members of the Friends.

Friends' Lectures 2016-17

Thanks to Maurice Taylor, once again we have an intriguing line-up of subjects for our lecture series which begins this month. From Ripon's Jacobean Charter to Medieval Pilgrims, the Salvation Army story, Cathedral Music and Norwegian Stave Churches there's something for all tastes. A complete list of all the lectures is on the Friends' noticeboard in the Cathedral and on the website.

Lectures are held at the *new time of 2pm* in Thorpe Prebend House.

Admission: Friends £2.50, Guests £4.00

Your suggestions please!

We welcome ideas from members for future visits of interest. So far we are hoping to organise the following outings in 2017:

- St Johns Church in Briggate, Leeds, and Leeds Minster
- Quaker Meeting Houses and temperance pub in the Dales
- Manchester Cathedral and Art Gallery and/or Chethams School

We are also planning a 76th anniversary luncheon at The Spa Hotel in March 2017 so please look out for this in upcoming newsletters.