

Friends of Bolton Priory

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Happy new year!

Spring Lecture 2015



The Rt Reverend Nick Baines, First Bishop of Leeds for our new Diocese, the Diocese of West Yorkshire and The Dales.

We are delighted to announce that this year's Spring Lecture will be given by our new Bishop of Leeds in Bolton Abbey Village Hall on Thursday, the 23rd April 2015 at 7.30pm.

His lecture is entitled : **“Shaping the Future – Getting from there to here”** and tickets are available at £5 per person (please order by the Events Sheet attached).

We look forward to meeting Bishop Nick and hearing his plans for the future.

The lecture will be followed by light refreshments.

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Holker Hall

Our October issue was so full and the visit at around the time of printing, that we could not include a mention of the visit to Holker Hall. So we start the new year with a brief account for those who missed it.

On a lovely autumnal day last September a coach load of Friends descended on Holker Hall for the day. Holker Hall is the home of Lord and Lady Cavendish, situated in the Lakes near to Grange over Sands and a pleasant drive from Bolton Abbey. We had a very relaxed time with plenty to see and do, including a guided tour of the Hall.



Coffee in the sunshine in the Courtyard, lunch in the sunshine in the Courtyard and, for some, afternoon tea in the sunshine....The gardens were beautiful and most of us came home via the shops with all their temptations. (We must get the maps out soon and plan another trip from the abundance of beautiful houses within a couple of hours of the Priory, suggestions welcome).

Theatre visit

On a November evening a party of Friends visited Ilkley Playhouse to see a couple of Noel Coward one act plays. “Still Life”, a poignant love story from which that well-loved film ***Brief Encounter*** was developed, together with “Red Peppers”, a knockabout comedy about fading music hall stars.



You must remember this?

We had a wonderful supper arranged as last year by Margaret and Barry Cody – thank you!

The plays were very entertaining and I think this visit will remain as part of our regular calendar. It is such a good way to socialise - so important to the Friends.

Advent Supper



Advent is the new year of the Christian Church and the Church season that leads to Christmas Day: a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness. Our Advent Service is always very well attended and a moving service.

Traditionally the Friends hold an Advent Supper to follow the service.



Members enjoying the party in the Boyle Room

The table decoration this year was the Red Poppy, a red and white theme in remembrance of the fallen service men and women of the armed forces. Well attended as ever and everyone seemed to enjoy this delicious start to the season.

Particular thanks to Jill and Jenny for overseeing the supper and the wonderful table decorations.

Increase in Subscriptions

Just a gentle reminder to those members who pay annual subs at the minimum rate to instruct their bank to increase the amount as necessary if they have not done so already.

New minimum subs:

Ordinary individual £10 (Joint £15) and Senior Citizen £5 (Joint £10)

Visit to Chatsworth for Christmas Exhibition

Monday, 8th December 2014



A very full coach left Bolton Abbey for the visit to view the **Alice's Wonderland exhibition**. We were travelling with what seemed to be most of the drivers of Yorkshire and then there were road works....suffice to say we arrived at Endsoor for a look at the Church and light lunch at the Tea Cottage but in time only for a very quick look in the church and (for some) an equally quick visit to the graves of **Sir Joseph Paxton**, gardener, architect, MP and designer of The Crystal Palace (very ornate), **Kathleen (Kick) Kennedy** [sister of John F Kennedy and Marchioness of

Hartington] and our late much loved **Dowager Duchess of Devonshire**.

Then it was time to get back in the coach and drive the short distance to Chatsworth ready for our 2pm slot to view the exhibition. It was truly a spectacular show down several corridors and through sumptuous rooms following Alice through the rabbit hole.



(See all the photos on our web site taken by the Revd James Turnbull – our camera man for the day, many thanks James).

There was just opportunity for the fleet of foot to take in a little retail therapy or snatch a coffee before rejoining the coach. The traffic coming home was even worse but there was much chatting with neighbours and the day out was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to our Chairman for organizing this event.

Hidden talents - Anne Lloyd – Silversmith!

It was a casual mention at a Friends' committee meeting where chalices were being discussed

that Anne said, "I could have made one of those" which piqued my interest. As Editor I am fascinated by interesting snippets regarding our Priory family.



Anne has been a member of our congregation since the early nineties and has quietly participated in just about most areas of activity. Born in Cullingworth and educated locally and at Harrogate Ladies' College, Anne went on to Leeds Art College where she studied silver-smithing and jewellery making. Indeed, her Diploma piece, a sugar scoop, was actually **bought** by the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths for their permanent exhibition. What an honour! During her studies Anne made silver pieces such as teapots and jugs, and later jewellery



Sugar Scoop

Anne married Michael, a GP, and they had well over fifty years together before his death last year. With a variety of interests, Anne had been Whip for the Airedale Beagles for thirty years from the early fifties and she also played lacrosse for

Yorkshire. Anne was a Bradford Magistrate for 22 years.

She has quilted for many years and is currently teaching herself gold embroidery. (You may know that Anne stitched a new cope for the Rector). Recently she has taken on the challenge of Church Recording for NADFAS at St Chad's Toller Lane. If you need something doing Anne will take it on if she can – organizing the Harvest Supper, the Parish Party, making Angels.....a lady of many talents.

HOUSEKEEPING :

The Website for the Friends

www.prioryfriends.org.uk is open to all to read on the Internet. There you will find past Newsletters, stories, pictures of events and lots of information.

You can also use the link from the Priory website www.boltonpriory.church to the Friends' website. Do visit these sites and see what's there.

Our Newsletter is prepared for you! However, YOU may have some stories, memories, pictures, - issues - which you would like to be considered for inclusion. If so, please contact the editor at chris.dale3@talktalk.net

Postage costs

Thank you to all of you who have asked to be e-mailed when the next Newsletter is available on our website. If you want to be included too please let me know. Over 80 households now access the Newsletter in this way, what a saving!

(Because some people have difficulty opening the newsletter as an attachment, rather than send a copy as an attachment, you are notified that it is available on the web to read and/or download).

To keep our records up to date could we ask that all Friends inform the office of any changes in circumstances or addresses?

We are grateful to Keith Simpson for arranging the distribution of newsletters.

We also thank James Pearson for his photography, used in our Newsletters.

Wills

Not an easy subject to bring up and discuss - but could we make a plea for you to remember '**The Friends of Bolton Priory**' when you review your affairs? Legacies can make a huge difference to our funding.

Future Diary Dates

SPRING LECTURE Thursday, 23rd April 2015

In Bolton Abbey Village Hall at 7.30pm

Book your tickets to ensure your place using the attached Events form.

Please note:

Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 31st May 2015 in the Village Hall
(immediately following the morning service)

Lunch tickets will be available via the Events form with the **April** edition of the Newsletter.

Summer visit 2015 – plans being made for trip to Burton Agnes, see next issue.

IMPORTANT NEWS :

New Editor for our Newsletter !

Since our request in the last newsletter we have had a response from one of our congregation, Jean Crawford, who has offered to take on the role of Editor.

Jean is 'shadowing' the making of this edition and will be doing the following one in April with me 'shadowing' her – then, following the AGM in May Jean will be your new Editor.

I am very happy to be passing on the editorship after five years into such capable hands and wish Jean every success.

We regret to inform you of the death of one of our long standing committee members, Colin Sutcliffe. Colin worked unobtrusively for the Friends over many years and will be sadly missed. Our condolences go out to Jean and family.

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EVENTS BOOKING FORM

Spring Lecture

Thursday, 23rd April 2015 at 7.30pm in Bolton Abbey Village Hall

The Rt Revd Nick Baines “Shaping the Future – Getting there from here”

Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Number of tickets at £ 5 per person _____
Cheque: payable to <u>FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY</u> enclosed for £ <i>Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope</i>
Please apply for tickets from : Andrew Hartley, Netherwood Farm, Skipton Road, Ilkley LS29 9RP Tel: 01943 600645

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