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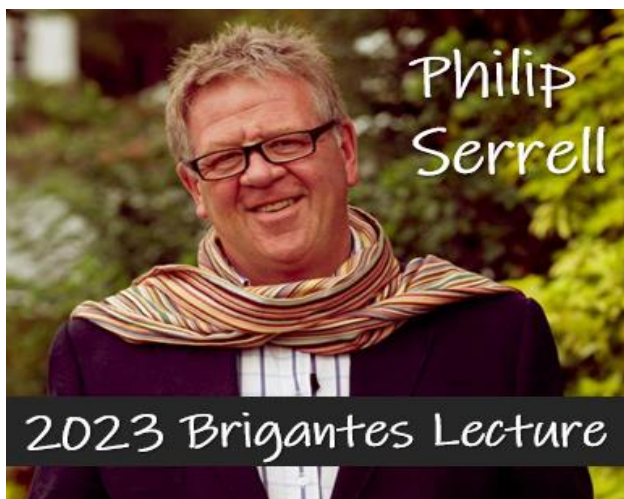
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**2023 Brigantes Breakfast
The Royal Hall, Harrogate**

On Friday 7 July Brigantians and their guests were at The Royal Hall in Harrogate for the Brigantes Breakfast, the annual Northern lunch for Liverymen.

The Principal Guests were Alderman and Immediate Past Lord Mayor Vincent Keaveny CBE, Past Master Brewer Simon Theakston DL and Rev Charles Cowling, Past Master Actuary.

At 10.30, to an early-arrivals record audience of over 200, this year’s Brigantes Lecture ‘What Am I Bid’ was given in hugely entertaining style by author, auctioneer and TV presenter Philip Serrell.



Following the Reception in the Royal Hall’s Ambulatory Galleries, Lunch was served on the floor of the spectacular Royal Hall Theatre.



Principal Guests and Livery Masters lined up behind the Stage Curtain and, after a ‘surprise reveal’, processed from the stage to the fanfare of ‘Ilkley Moor Baht ‘at’ played by the Harrogate Band, escorted by The Royal Lancers (Queens’ Own) who provided the Carpet Guard.



Simon Theakston DL, Past Master Brewer and Honorary Alderman of Harrogate, preceded service of Lunch with an enthusiastic ‘Welcome to Harrogate’.

Rev Charles Cowling, Past Master Actuary and one of the four founders of Brigantes, said Grace - and later received warm congratulations on his Ordination six days previously.



Following lunch, a troupe of opera singers from the West End regaled us with a rousing selection from 'Les Miserable', ahead of speeches from Vincent Keaveny CBE and Brigantes Chairman Adrian Waddingham CBE.

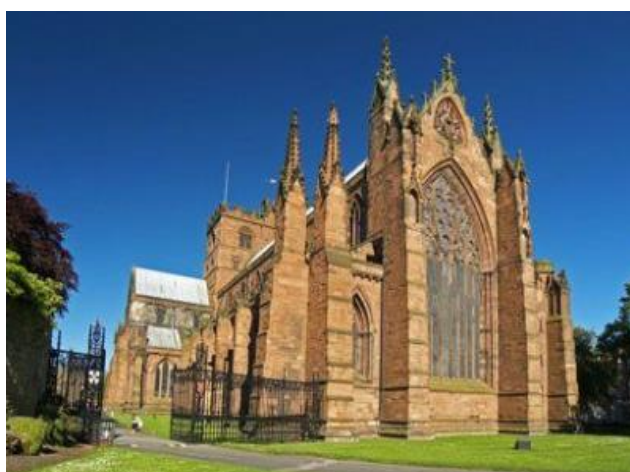


We were especially grateful to Harrogate's world famous Bettys Café Tea Rooms for their generous table gifts of Taylors Tea and the splendid book 'From the Alps to the Dales – 100 years of Bettys'.



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2023 AGM & Winter Gathering



Friday 15 December. AGM and early evening supper in the 14th Century Fraternity Hall in Carlisle's majestic Cathedral. We then join the audience in the Cathedral Nave for the annual Christmas Concert. Details will be circulated in September.



2024 Brigantes Golf

Wednesday 24 April. Brigantes Golf Spring Meeting at Ganton, near Scarborough.

The Brigantes Golf Day returns to Ganton, another top Championship course having staged the Ryder Cup, Walker Cup and Curtis Cup. Ganton ranks among the very best of Britain's inland links, being notorious for its slick greens and cavernous bunkers, and will be in superb condition.

Since 2021, when we were last at Ganton, the Club has hosted the Brabazon Trophy (the English Open Amateur Strokeplay) and the British Seniors Championship, and in a few weeks will be the venue for the British Boys and British Girls Championships.



Details will be circulated in February, including the opportunity for non-golfers to join for the après-golf reception, dinner and prize-giving. For those staying overnight on 23 April, we shall be dining in the Clubhouse.

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As we were in Harrogate this year, in 2024 we shall be west of the Pennines. More details in the autumn.

And finally

To recommend Liverymen for inclusion on the circulation for events, please email Fiona Robinson, Brigantes Administrator, at livery@brigantes.org.uk

