

## January 2024 Newsletter

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### 2023 Winter Gathering – Carlisle

The 2023 Winter Gathering was held on Friday 15 December in Carlisle, at the Cathedral and at the nearby Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery.

- **Talk - Three Famous Northern Artists**

Chris Wadsworth, our speaker, is a former art teacher now living near Bassenthwaite. Chris ran Castlegate House Gallery in Cockermouth until 2012 when she dedicated herself to writing several books on art.

Chris is a natural story teller and her illustrated talk at 1.00 in Tullie House Museum below revealed fascinating local interactions between three artistic giants of the second half of the 20th century - L S Lowry RA, Sheila Fell RA and Percy Kelly. They had all trodden similar ground, for instance each having painted Christ Church by Maryport harbour. Chris also delved into their relationships with each other and her presentation was a delight for all who were there.



- **Annual General Meeting**

After a short break, we returned to Tullie House for the AGM at 4.00.

Two members of the Brigantes Committee retired – Sue Christensen (PM Tax Adviser) and Sheila Turner (PM Framework Knitter). Both were thanked by Adrian Waddingham CBE, Chairman and Brigantes Tribal Leader, for their great service over a number of years.

Neville Chamberlain CBE (PM Fueller) has also retired after equally valuable service but has kindly agreed to continue to assist Brigantes as a co-opt 'without portfolio'.

The accounts of the Association up to 30th June 2023, approved by the Examiner Ian Somerville, had been circulated to Members and were approved. The 2024 subscription for membership remains at £40. The Chairman thanked Ian and our Administrator, Fiona Robinson, for their contributions throughout the year.

The main item on the Agenda was a proposed change to the Brigantes Constitution.

Brigantes is entering its 10th year since formation and has grown to over 750 Subscribing and Supporting Livery Members.

To position Brigantes well for the future, a modification to the governance and operating structure was considered appropriate. Proposals were prepared by the Committee during 2023 and adopted at the AGM without dissent.

The revised operating structure provides for a small Tribal Council for policy and direction, with the four primary activities – Winter Gathering, Golf, Brigantes Breakfast and Membership - devolved to new operational subcommittees, each with a Chairman.

Elected to the Tribal Council were Adrian Waddingham, Chairman, Nick Gale and David Bentley, Vice Chairmen West and East respectively, and, as a newly elected participant in Brigantes governance, Sir David Wootton.

All appointments are for a three year term, with at least one third retiring annually by rotation.

Richard Groome (PM Engineer) now heads up the Winter Gathering. Keith Houlston (Baker) heads up golf. David Boyne (Surveyor) takes responsibility for membership and, from 2025, Lynn Webster (Environmental Cleaner) will lead on the Brigantes Breakfast.

The Chairman expressed his particular appreciation to Sir David Wootton (below) for accepting the invitation to assist Brigantes in its future endeavours.



Sir David, Lord Mayor in 2011/12 and a long-standing Brigantes Member, is a staunch Northerner with impeccable Yorkshire credentials. He is the immediate Past Chairman of Northern Ballet, a Past Master and Liverymen of a number of Companies, and currently Upper Warden of the Bowyers. Sir David adds further strength to Brigantes representation in the City.

- **Reception and Supper**

The Winter Gathering then moved to the Cathedral for a Reception in the Regimental Chapel followed by supper in the magnificent 14<sup>th</sup>C Frater Hall.

The Very Revd Jonathan Brewster, Dean of Carlisle, gave the formal Welcome and said Grace. Richard Groome, PM Engineer proposed the Loyal Toasts. Rev Charles Cowling, PM Actuary and a Co-Founder of Brigantes, proposed the Toast to the Guests. Lord Inglewood DL, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria and Third Warden of the Skinners Company, responded.



Adrian Waddingham presented donations from the Gathering to Chris Wadsworth our lunchtime speaker and to the Dean, for their respective nominated charities.

- **Christmas Concert**

At 7.30 we joined the audience for the annual Christmas Concert, led by the Cathedral's combined choirs.

We were treated to a wonderfully festive programme of traditional and modern choral works, and a fine solo rendition of Sleigh Ride by the Cathedral's organist. The communal singing of 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks' to the tune of Ilkla Moor Baht'at was especially appreciated by Brigantians from East of the Pennines.



The evening closed with a nightcap or three at the Station Hotel, Brigantes HQ for the Gathering.

## Dates for Your Diary

### 2024 Brigantes Golf

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April the Brigantes Golf Day returns to Ganton Golf Club near Scarborough, a top Championship course, having staged the Ryder Cup, Walker Cup and Curtis Cup, and noted for its immaculate greens and spectacular views.



On the previous evening we shall be dining in the Clubhouse, to which non-golfing Brigantians are most welcome too. Details in early February.

### 2024 Brigantes Breakfast

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June we shall be in the magnificent St George's Hall, Liverpool, which we last visited in 2017.

Our Reception commences at 12.00, followed by the Brigantes Breakfast in the Grand Hall, with musical entertainment. We conclude at 4.30. For those able to arrive earlier, the ever-popular annual Brigantes Lecture is at 10.30 in the St George's Hall Concert Room.



St George's Hall is immediately opposite Liverpool Lime Street Station, with excellent train services from across the country. Details in early March.

**With Best Wishes for 2024 from the  
Brigantes Tribal Council and SubCommittees**

All City of London Liverymen, wherever they may live, are most welcome at all Brigantes events. To recommend Liverymen for inclusion on the circulation for events, or as a Subscribing Member, please email Fiona Robinson, Brigantes Administrator, at [livery@brigantes.org.uk](mailto:livery@brigantes.org.uk)