

August 2025 Newsletter

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2025 Brigantes Breakfast The Spa Pavilion, Scarborough

“Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside.”

This year’s Breakfast was held on Thursday 24th July at the Spa Pavilion in Scarborough. This was our 10th Brigantes Breakfast where we hosted amongst us 20 current Livery Masters, a significant number of Past Masters along with representation from 66 of the London Livery Companies.

The ‘Talk’

We were entertained in true Yorkshire fashion by Dr Gervais Phinn, Author, poet, comedian, broadcaster, and former Speaker of the Year.



In true raconteur style he provided entertaining tales of his life as a School Inspector, some insightful anecdotes of his experiences; often witty, funny, and with some more poignant memories along with wonderful stories dispersed with the lives of ‘little Benedict’ and ‘dear Alex’ from both extremes of the education spectrum.



The Reception

Blessed with glorious sunshine, the champagne reception was held in the Sun Court.



This included suitably appropriate accompaniment from The Yorkshire Wolds Versatile Brass who provided a fanfare of ‘*Ilkley Moor Bhat ‘at*’ for the processing principal guests and Livery Masters, escorted into the Brigantes Breakfast by The Queen’s own Royal Lancers.



The Breakfast

The Ocean (North Sea View!) Room hosted a sumptuous lunch of Yorkshire proportions! where the Rt Revd Barry Hill, Bishop of Whitby said grace as our Chaplain for the day after the warm welcome by Sir William Worsley Bt DL Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire.



Peter Thompson, Brigantian Vice Chairman, East proposed the loyal toasts; Tribal Chieftain, Adrian Waddingham proposed the guests with greetings from the Lord Mayor by Robert Hughes-Penny, Alderman, and Sheriff-Elect.



Judith Donovan CBE delivered the post lunch address then Adrian Waddingham presented books to the Speakers, 'Celtic Queen' (Cartimandua, Queen of Brigantes) to Dr Gervase Phinn and 'Yorkshire Journey' to Judith Donovan, Sir William Worsley, Robert Hughes-Penny, and Rt Rev Barry Hill.



A further musical interlude by Ben Couper and The Shamrock Experience was followed by more entertainment from The Yorkshire Wolds Versatile Brass playing in The Sun Court in the glorious evening sunshine.



Dates for Your Diary

2025 Winter Gathering

Friday 12TH December - Buxton

The Brigantes Winter Gathering will take us to Buxton nestled in the centre of the beautiful Peak District.

In the heart of a Norman hunting forest, it became the playground of Kings with the old Hall Hotel dating back to 1573 when the captive Mary Queen of Scots stayed in the Elizabethan 'Talbot Tower'. A truly appropriate setting for our Brigantians to gather!



Exclusive seats have been secured to attend a Christmas Concert given by the world-famous Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band.



The band is known across the world and renowned for their exceptional performances.



In 2022 they were British Open champions, the Brass in Concert champions and voted Band of the Year; regarded as one of the finest bands in history.

This medley of carols and the playing of a mix of Christmas pieces will certainly set the festive spirit off to a fine start.



Buxton Opera House, designed by Frank Matcham and opened in 1903.

The concert will be played in the iconic Buxton Opera House is an exquisitely beautiful Edwardian Theatre, one of the finest examples of theatre design. This will be followed by an evening supper.

Accommodation recommendations and the full event details with booking forms will be coming out in early September.

Don't delay as places will be limited.

2026 Brigantes Golf

Wednesday 15th April pre golf dinner

Thursday 16th April The Golf Day

Lindrick Golf Club, Worksop

Located between Sheffield and Worksop, one of Britain's finest inland Golf Courses, this famous championship golf course has hosted many tournaments, the Ryder Cup, the British Masters, the Women's British Open and the Curtis Cup.



There will be a 'Fine Dining' dinner on the Wednesday evening to which non-golfing Brigantians are most welcome.

The golf will follow on the Thursday morning with an early evening dinner and prize giving.

Details will be circulated in the New Year. Looking forward to another superb golfing event.

Tuesday 30th September 2025

THE EDEN PROJECT - MORECAMBE

Brigantians are cordially invited to an event for the Eden Project Morecambe being held at **Mary Ward House, Tavistock Place, London.**

This will transform a derelict site on the seafront to create a must-visit destination of international reputation. Housed in spectacular shell-inspired venues and inter-connecting gardens, the project will include extraordinary living landscapes and immersive worlds inhabited by world-class art, performance, storytelling, interactive installations and play, all underpinned by the latest science.



During the evening the Eden team will provide a dynamic presentation on the project's progress delving into the striking new designs and build concepts, as well as the socio-economic impact it will have on the region. The project is now at a pivotal stage in the capital phase and with support it is close to making this vision a reality.

The event is being hosted by the Eden Project, Lancaster University and Lancastrians in London, who are kindly supporting the Welcome Drinks for the event. Drinks and canapes will also be served.

Please RSVP to Gemma Snow at gsnow@edenproject.com

To recommend Liverymen for inclusion on the circulation for events,

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