

June 2025 Newsletter

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2025 Brigantes Breakfast The Spa Pavilion, Scarborough Thursday 24th July

Join the annual gathering of Brigantians, including 18 current Livery Masters and a total of 38 Past Masters in the famous spa resort of Scarborough for the 10th Brigantes Breakfast.

This is another perfect opportunity for Liverymen from all City of London Companies to gather together in the North.



Early 1900s: Promenading at the Spa Pavilion Scarborough



Guest Speakers

Brigantes Lecture: Dr Gervase Phinn

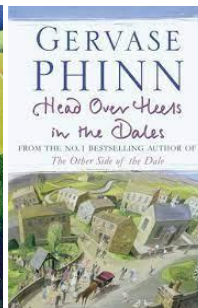
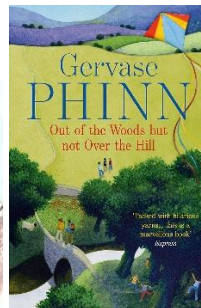
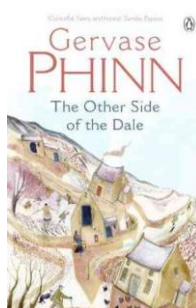


Author, poet, comedian, broadcaster and former Speaker of the Year. A Yorkshireman through and through.

Dr Gervase Phinn, born in Rotherham, is a former North Yorkshire schools inspector. Now dubbed 'the James Herriot of schools', his wealth of delivering entertaining tales and stories can be found in print, on radio broadcasts and television, and of course online.

He received the 'Speaker of The Year Award' from the Association of Speakers Clubs. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fellow of the English Speaking Board.

He has written many publications including three autobiographical novels known as 'The Dales Series' which include *The Other Side of the Dale*, *Over Hill and Dale* and *Head Over Heels in the Dales* which was a Radio 4 'Book of the Week'.



We are definitely looking forward to a morning of being entertained. His talk, with often hilarious, witty and sometimes poignant accounts of his experiences as a schools inspector in the Yorkshire Dales amongst other short stories of his life will be an excellent start to our day.

Rt Revd Barry Hill, Bishop of Whitby



Rt Revd Barry Hill served the first 20 years of his ministry in the Diocese of Leicester before his consecration in 2024 as the Bishop of Whitby.

Originally from Shoreham in West Sussex, and a passionate Brighton & Hove Albion supporter, the Bishop, now with Middlesbrough FC's Riverside Stadium within his remit, has displayed commendable tact and diplomacy, the crests of both clubs now featuring on his robes.



Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney Sheriff Elect



On Tuesday 24 June, Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney will be standing, uncontested, at Common Hall for election as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London.

Robert, a former officer in the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, has three decades of experience in the financial services sector, primarily as an Investment Director at Rathbones. Robert is on the Court of the Haberdashers' Company. His wife Elspeth is a member of the Goldsmiths' Company.

Judith Donovan CBE



Well known to many in Yorkshire, the North and across the Livery, Judith is a member of several Companies including the Marketors, the Woolmen and the Tobacco Pipe Makers.

She was one of the first female entrepreneurs in Yorkshire, founding her own marketing agency in 1982. She became an entrepreneur 'by accident'! She said: *"Anyone can start their own business. If I did it, you can too"*.

Her former roles have included being a Millennium Commissioner, Director of HSE and the BIG Lottery Fund, and Chair of the Eden Project and of the Yorkshire Tourist Board.

Judith is currently a Trustee of the Science Museum Group, which includes the National Railway Museum, a Trustee of the National Army Museum, on the Advisory Boards for two women's prisons and an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral, where she Chairs the Cathedral Council.

She has a story of 'winning against all odds', real and honest and definitely inspiring. As a self-confessed 'petrol head' she began her career as a marketing graduate at Fords. She may even share her top 10 lessons learned whilst building her very successful business.

Dress Code

Dress code is Lounge suits.

Badges of Office may be worn, including Past Master and Past Consort badges.

Our Entertainment

Yorkshire Wolds Versatile Brass

We will have this five-piece versatile brass ensemble, playing everything from classical and jazz to pop and rock! Members of the ensemble have played with some of the top brass bands and orchestras in the UK and all are established soloists in their own right. Individually, they've played worldwide, performed in some of the top venues in the UK, including the Royal Albert Hall & last year featured in the local Stephen Joseph Theatre production of 'Brassed Off'.



They will be providing the music during our Sun Court reception and there again after the formalities until 5.15pm

The Shamrock Experience

Bridlington based Ben Couper, musician and composer founded the Shamrock Experience, a unique style of electric violin, drums and bass guitar blending folk, pop and rock influences. Ben has composed music for King Charles and Queen Camilla for their visit to Bridlington, wrote and performed The Lifeboat Anthem for the RNLI Bicentenary Service as well as featuring on BBC Countryfile. They will be providing our post lunch interlude, playing a selection of genres from traditional to contemporary music.



Programme for the Day

10.00 for 10.30

For those able to arrive early, Dr Gervase Phinn will deliver the 2025 Brigantes Lecture in the Spa Theatre.

11.40 – 12.20

Reception in the wonderful Sun Court with its magnificent views overlooking the South Bay. Music from Yorkshire Wolds Versatile Brass (of 'Brassed Off' fame).



12.20

Call to Lunch, with Principal Guests and the current Livery Masters processing in.

13.00 – 16.30

Lunch in the Ocean Room, which will include Sung Grace followed by musical entertainment from The Shamrock Experience.

16.30

Formal proceedings close, followed by a post prandial paid bar in the Sun Court with a final rendition from Yorkshire Wolds Versatile Brass.

Final close 18.00

Those staying overnight may wish to continue their evening at The Crown Hotel.

Travel

Scarborough is well served by rail from London, Manchester and the north. Scarborough Spa is 5 minutes by taxi, or 15 minutes' walk, from Scarborough station.

Accommodation

For Liverymen and guests wishing to stay overnight, or perhaps arrange a weekend break, there is a range of hotel accommodation in Scarborough from the 4* Crown Hotel with its own Spa to local B&B's.



We have arranged attractive B&B rates at the Crown Spa Hotel which is accessible via the UK's first funicular railway, opened in 1875, or on foot to Scarborough Spa.



To take advantage of these rates, you should call the hotel directly on 01723 357400, ask for Beth Mallender and quote 'Brigantes Group Accommodation'.

Please check the hotel's cancellation policy when making a booking.

What's On in Scarborough

For Liverymen and their guests making the Brigantes Breakfast on 24 July a good excuse for a few days break on the magnificent Yorkshire Coast, here are a few of the many delights on offer.

Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 3rd to 26th July

Pride & Prejudice. Jane Austen's most iconic love story is brought dazzlingly to life on stage, in the round in this fabulous theatre.



Cricket – The Scarborough Festival Yorkshire v Surrey 22nd to 25th July



County Championship. For cricket lovers, a day at Scarborough's famous ground is a day very well spent. From the Tuesday to the Friday, the Brigantes Breakfast is on the Thursday, Yorkshire will be taking on Surrey, who currently lie second in the County Championship Table.

North Yorkshire Moors Railway

Heritage Train Travel - Pickering to Whitby. Pickering Station is but a short distance from Scarborough.



From there, take the award-winning North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a glorious 25-mile journey through some of England's wildest moorland to the historic port of Whitby. The Abbey, Captain Cook, Whitby Jet, Dracula and more - and back of course. There are 3 trains a day each way.

How To Book for the

10th Annual Brigantes Breakfast

Please contact Fiona Robinson, the Brigantes Administrator, at livery@brigantes.org.uk for full details and a booking form.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to Scarborough.

