

Brigantes News

March 2021

2020 Annual General Meeting

On the grounds of 'events, dear boy, events', the Chairman Adrian Waddingham CBE (Past Sheriff, PM Actuary, Haberdasher) secured the Members approval to delay the 2020 AGM from December 2020 as intended and to hold the AGM virtually on Friday 29 January 2021.

Also, in attendance (*denotes Past Master) were the Committee - David Bentley* (Baker, Yorkshire), Neville Chamberlain CBE* (Fueller, Cheshire), Sue Christensen (Master Tax Adviser, Greater Manchester), Nick Gale* (Plumber, Lancashire), Sheila Turner* (Framework Knitter, Yorkshire), Dr Mike Howse CBE (Engineer, Yorkshire) and Keith Houlston (Baker, Yorkshire) and over 40 Subscribing Brigantes Members. A number of apologies were received.

Sadly, as for most Livery activity, we were unable to hold any events in 2020, but better times are surely on the horizon.

Our finances are in good shape. As agreed, we will not be collecting subscriptions from existing Members until January 2022. In addition, the subscription rate for any new Members joining Brigantes will remain at £40.

We are currently installing a new database system for membership management using WebOffice, a Cloud based system developed by David Johnson (Past Master Engineer) who is assisting with implementation.

The Chairman thanked Ian Somerville (Tax Adviser) our Independent Examiner of the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2020. Even deferring membership subscriptions for existing members for a year, we still hold sufficient reserves to cover administration costs, deposits for future events and unexpected occurrences. The Members approved the Accounts unanimously. The Chairman recorded his particular thanks to Fiona Robinson, our part time administrator, for managing the Association's affairs in this difficult year.

Dame Fiona Woolf DBE DL, Past Lord Mayor, and Sue Christensen proposed that, as no event-related charitable donations had been possible last year in the normal way, the Committee be authorised to make a Brigantes donation to a suitable Northern charity, which was approved.

Two Committee Members – David Bentley and Sue Christensen – stood down in accordance with rotation and offered themselves for re-election. There being no other nominations, the Committee was re-elected.

In concluding, the Chairman outlined thoughts for Brigantes Events in 2021. See more later.

On behalf of Members, Suzan Woods (Framework Knitter, Past Mistress Fueller) thanked the Chairman and Committee for positioning Brigantes well for the future and looked forward to meeting with everyone again when circumstances improve.

Looking Ahead

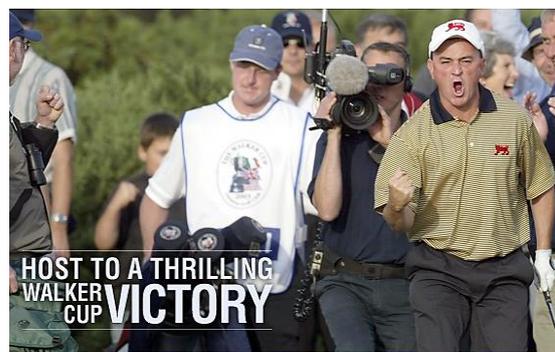
The Committee has been following the prospects for functions in 2021 and kept in close contact with potential northern venues. The safety and well-being of Members has been the overriding priority. With restrictions continuing until at least June, we have had to be flexible on timing too.

We had hoped to be able to hold a re-arranged Brigantes Breakfast amongst the Royal Carriages at the National Railway Museum, York, but social distancing constraints mean we will have to delay that visit for another year. However, a most exciting alternative has become available.

The result is that we have two Brigantes events firmly in the diary for the summer. The agreements with both venues are that (i) we are not committed to minimum numbers and (ii) we can cancel at short notice, at no cost, if the virus flares up again. To both venues, we express our considerable appreciation.

Events for 2021

2021 Brigantes Golf Summer Meeting, Ganton – Wednesday 4 August



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.

Two weeks before we visit, Ganton hosts the R&A's British Seniors Amateur, and two weeks after we visit Ganton is the venue for the Brabazon Trophy, the English Open Amateur Strokeplay Championship. The course, notorious for its slick greens and cavernous bunkers, will be in superb condition.



Details will be circulated in April and will include the opportunity for non-golfers to join for the après-golf reception, dinner and prize-giving. For those staying overnight on 3 August, we shall be dining in the Clubhouse.

2021 Brigantes Breakfast, The Garden Rooms, Tennants Auctioneers, Leyburn, North Yorkshire – Tuesday 24 August

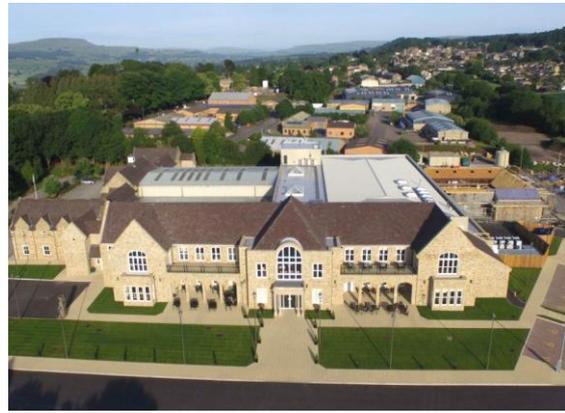
By kind permission of Liveryman Rodney Tennant (Pattenmaker), Chairman of Tennants, this year's Brigantes Breakfast will take place in the stunning surroundings of one of the UK's largest Auction Houses.

Established for four generations and very much a family business, Tennants has twenty-eight specialist departments.



The Garden Rooms, Tennants latest development, were visited recently by HRH The Princess Royal, here with Rodney Tennant (right).

The normal fine-dining capacity is 450, with adjacent galleries for our Reception. Of necessity we shall be restricting numbers, but with those generous facilities we should be able to satisfy requirements for social distancing.



For early Brigantian risers, the 'Opening Lot' for the day will be the annual Brigantes Lecture which, unsurprisingly, will delve into the rarefied world of antiques, presented by leading experts.



Details will be circulated in May. For Liverymen wishing to incorporate the occasion into a short holiday break, Leyburn is 15 minutes from the A1 and is the gateway to the Yorkshire Dales.

2021 Brigantes Winter Gathering

Arrangements are progressing and will be announced in the summer.

Membership

Brigantes has over 250 Subscribing Members and a further 500 Non-subscribing Supporters.

Subscribing Members receive event invitations two weeks before Non-subscribers, and a discount of up to £15 per place booked.

Annual subscriptions remain at £40. To become a Subscribing Member, please email Fiona Robinson at livery@brigantes.org.uk.

To suggest a Liveryman to either become a Subscribing Member or be included on our mailing list about future Brigantes events please email Fiona Robinson, Brigantes Administrator, at livery@brigantes.org.uk

