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Prince Arthur Cup

Brigantes Member Tim Watts, Past Master Pattenmaker, clearly found the Brigantes Spring Meeting in April at Ganton Golf Club Scarborough an ideal opportunity to fine-tune his game for the challenges of this year's Inter Livery Golf at Walton Heath in Surrey in May.

Tim (second left below) and his three fellow Pattenmakers lifted the majestic Prince Arthur Cup, becoming the first Pattenmakers team to win the trophy in the competition's 97 year history. Very many congratulations.



2024 Brigantes Breakfast St Georges Hall, Liverpool

On Thursday 20 June Brigantians and their guests were in the magnificent St Georges Hall Liverpool for the Brigantes Breakfast, the annual Northern lunch for Liverymen.



Proceedings commenced in the Concert Room at 10.30 with this year's Brigantes Lecture '175 years of the Cunard Shipping Line', presented in fascinating detail by Tony Storey, one of the leading authorities on Cunard, for which Liverpool is its spiritual home.



A lively Q&A with Tony followed, chaired by Past Masters David Raines and Dennis Woods. The Lecture was supported by a rich display of Cunard exhibits presented by the Archive team from the University of Liverpool.



Following the Reception, held in glorious sunshine on the Colonnades Terrace, lunch was served in the spectacularly gilded Great Hall.



Escorted by the Carpet Guard drawn from the Royal Lancers, the Principal Guests and Livery Masters processed in to the fanfare of 'Ilkley Moor Baht 'at' followed by Scipio, played thunderously by Dr Sir Andrew Parmley FRCO, Lord Mayor in 2016/17, on the mighty St Georges Hall organ.

When built in 1855, the organ, with its 7,737 pipes, was the world's largest – and is still the UK's third largest. Andrew returned to the keyboard later to accompany us in great style in Sung Grace and the Loyal Toasts.

Preceding lunch, Mark Blundell DL, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, gave a warm 'Welcome to Liverpool', to which Alderman and Sheriff Bronek Masojada responded with 'Greetings from the Lord Mayor'. Rt Revd John Perumbalath, Bishop of Liverpool and Brigantes Chaplain for the Day, said Grace.



Being in the heart of Liverpool, this year's post lunch entertainment paid justifiable homage to the City's rich musical and maritime heritage.

Sir David Wootton proposed the Toast to the Guests. HH Wendy Joseph KC, the Master Pewterer, responded with intriguing reflections on her years in criminal justice, culminating at the Old Bailey. You could have heard a pin drop.



Wendy then confessed that her legal career was bookended by a strong desire when young to be an author which, following retirement, Wendy now is - and a most successful one too. Wendy's latest book, *Rough Justice*, is available to pre-order from Waterstones with 25% off using the code JUSTICE25.



Brigantes Tribal Chieftain and staunch Lancastrian Adrian Waddingham CBE presented the speakers with gifts of appreciation and Lance Whitehouse, Honorary Clerk, gave out the Tribal Notices. The proceedings closed with a highly convivial post prandial in the North Hall.

Dates for your Diary

2024 Winter Gathering, Sheffield

This year's AGM and Winter Gathering will be on Friday 13th December in the magnificent surroundings of the City of Sheffield.

We start in Cutlers Hall, the splendid home of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, immediately opposite Sheffield Cathedral.

Following the AGM, Reception and early evening Supper in the Hall, we cross to the Cathedral for the Christmas Concert in the Nave.



Cutlers Hall, the Cathedral and several nearby hotels are five minutes by taxi from Sheffield Mainline Station. Details and booking forms will be circulated in September.

2025 Brigantes Golf – Royal Liverpool

Royal Liverpool Golf Club, host to last year's R&A Open Championship, have invited us once more to hold the Brigantes Spring Meeting over their famous links.



For your golfing diary, the date is Wednesday 30th April with the traditional Brigantes Golf Dinner the evening before. Details and a booking form will be circulated early in the new year.

And finally

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

