



Welcome to the renewed Friends of Marrick Priory Newsletter

We were hugely disappointed when we could no longer continue the newsletter as we see all our supporters as a most valuable part of the work of Marrick Priory. However, we have found a way to renew our link and in future, hope to give you news of the work of the trustees as well as the information on The Friends' activities. In these dark times we begin with a message from our Chair of Trustees:

On Tuesday, 24th March, after listening to PM Boris Johnson's announcement, we notified the staff and closed Marrick Priory for the moment. Given the open ended nature of the current crisis we cannot make any promises to staff or visitors and we shall take this one step at a time. Jim Gleave, Head of Centre, is managing all future bookings and we have agreed not to charge cancellation fees. We very much look forward to welcoming you all back to Marrick Priory as soon as possible.

Rolline Frewen, Chair of the Trustees

Christmas at Marrick

Sunday 1st December

As ever, we welcomed around 90 people for supper. We were joined by Marske Choir with their conductor Lindsay Ibbotson, their performance creating much hilarity with their rendition of 12 Days of Christmas which involved some audience participation; they also delighted us by singing various Christmas songs. Once more Karen Strudwick of Barclays Bank worked alongside us with fundraising, so that Barclays offered match funding for the evening. The event raised a total of £2,663, which included £1,000 from Barclays and £750 from the Company of Mercers, Grocers and Haberdashers of Richmond.



- Top right:** The conductor of Marske Choir, Lindsay Ibbotson with some of the choir, encouraging the audience in their singing.
Bottom left: Andrew Slade, Master of the Company of Mercers, presenting a cheque to Judith Clarke, Chair of the Friends.
Bottom middle: Rolline Frewen (right), Chair of the Trustees of Marrick Priory, with one of the Friends, Kathy Meacock.
Bottom right: Chair of Richmondshire District Council, Stuart Parsons, joining in the fun.

Coffee Morning at Richmond Town Hall

Saturday 14th December .

We approached this event with some trepidation as the Round Table of Richmond were housing Santa's Grotto simultaneously in the Town Hall. We were expecting a riot! We needn't have worried! The 'elves' from the Round Table added to the occasion and shepherded excited children to see Santa, avoiding hot cups of coffee, with no accidents.

The morning was well attended. There was Tombola, a raffle and a cake stall. As usual the latter was well stocked, Nicky from Marrick had provided quiches and gingerbread men, tractors, and Christmas trees. It looked marvellous, festive and raised £109.50.

In total we raised £511.54. We are very grateful to the Round Table who donated their takings of £138.31.

We will be hosting 2 coffee mornings in 2020.

Soup and Dessert Lunches at Marrick Priory

Throughout December

We also held several Soup and Dessert Lunches at Marrick Priory throughout December. Nearly 200 people visited us over five days and enjoyed our tasty offerings of fantastic soups and fabulous puddings! Along with the purchase of our homemade Christmas cakes, we raised £3170 from our lunches. This will go towards our bursary fund helping young people to visit us from families experiencing financial difficulty. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Photo: Guests enjoying lunch in the main hall



Future Events

All events to be confirmed subject to on-going Coronavirus restrictions.

2nd July 2020 - Coffee morning in the Town Hall, Richmond.

19th July 2020 - Strawberry Tea at Marrick Priory. Parking in Grinton Field.

24th July 2020 - Cake Stall on Reeth Green.

16th October 2020 - Quiz and Curry Evening at Reeth Memorial Hall.

6th December 2020 - Christmas at Marrick. Marske Choir will sing for us before a supper in the refectory.

12th December 2020 - Coffee morning in the Town Hall, Richmond.

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