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The 2024 Brigantes Lecture 'The History of the Cunard Line' is attracting a record number of Liverymen and their guests.

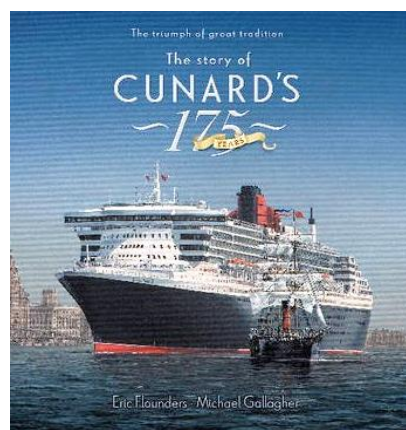
The Lecture, to be held in the Concert Room within St Georges Hall Liverpool, launches a day of fellowship and entertainment with old friends and new at the 2024 Brigantes Breakfast - the annual Reception and Lunch of City of London Liverymen in the North.



Our Guest Speaker is Eric Flounders, freelance travel writer and former Public Relations Manager for 27 years for the world famous Cunard Line.

Cunard relentlessly captured the headlines over decades as it ferried moguls and millionaires, royalty and film actors, across the Atlantic in ships almost as famous as the company itself – Mauretania, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth and QE2.

As well as lecturing about Cunard history on board the Company's ships, Eric co-authored with Michael Gallagher and Carol Thatcher '**QE2: Forty Years Famous**' and, also with Michael Gallagher, published '**The Story of Cunard's 175 Years**'.



The latest Cunard ship the '**Queen Anne**' will be the 249th vessel to fly the Cunard flag and is due to be officially named at a Ceremony on 3 June in Liverpool, Cunard's original home port.

To celebrate, a new archive exhibition showcasing iconic memorabilia has opened at the University of Liverpool's Victoria Gallery & Museum. The archive team have kindly agreed to support the Brigantes Lecture with a display in the Concert Room which gives a taste of the full exhibition.



If you have not booked your Brigantes Breakfast and Lecture places yet, do join us for the day, starting at 10.30 with The Cunard Story - eventful, thrilling, dramatic, surprising and action packed - a Boys Own story overlaid with ample helpings of glamour.

You will find the Brigantes Breakfast details, booking form and overnight accommodation suggestions at the end of this newsletter

Call for Questions

During this year's Brigantes Lecture, Eric Flounders will be answering your questions about the highs and lows of life on the ocean waves - above decks for Cunard passengers and below decks for the crews.

You are most welcome – indeed encouraged – to pose your questions now.

Please email your questions, with the header 'Brigantes Question Time' to livery@brigantes.org.uk.

Last Booking Date for Liverpool

The last booking date for the Brigantes Breakfast at St Georges Hall Liverpool is Monday 3 June 2024.

Our Principal Guests for Lunch include The City Sheriff Alderman Bronek Masojada and retired Old Bailey Judge and best-selling author Her Honour Wendy Joseph KC, the Master Pewterer.

The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mark Blundell, will give the 'Welcome to Liverpool', with Grace said by the Rt Revd John Perumbalath, Bishop of Liverpool.

Sir David Wootton, Past Lord Mayor and member of the Brigantes Tribal Council, will propose the Toast to the Guests.

Dress code is lounge suits. Current Livery Masters will be processing. Badges of Office may be worn.

Our entertainment will draw upon Liverpool's rich theatrical, musical and maritime heritage. Brigantes member and Past Lord Mayor Alderman Dr Sir Andrew Parmley will play St George's Hall's wonderful organ for us, one of the largest in the UK.

New Brigantes Honorary Clerk

Adrian Waddingham CBE, Chairman and Tribal Chieftain of the Brigantes Association, is delighted to announce the appointment of Lance Whitehouse to the new position of Brigantes Honorary Clerk.

Following the 2023 structure review, an Honorary Clerk was one of the provisions included in the revised Constitution approved by Members at the last AGM.

Lance joins Fiona Robinson, our Administrator, in managing the activities of the Association and its increasing Membership, which now totals over 750. Both roles are part time.



Lance brings with him considerable business and Livery experience. In 2011 he was Master of the Worshipful Company of the Makers of Playing Cards. Subsequently Lance became Clerk to the Glass Sellers Company and later, for five years until his retirement last December, was Clerk to the Bakers Company.

Lance and Fiona look forward to seeing you at St Georges Hall Liverpool next month.

Dates for your Diary

2024 AGM & Winter Gathering Sheffield

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

We start in Cutlers Hall, the splendid home of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, located on Church Street in the City Centre, 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.



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The 2024 Brigantes Breakfast



St George's Hall
Liverpool
Thursday 20 June



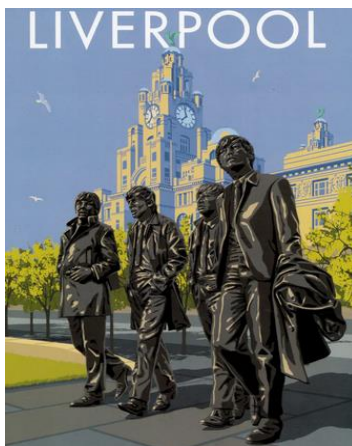
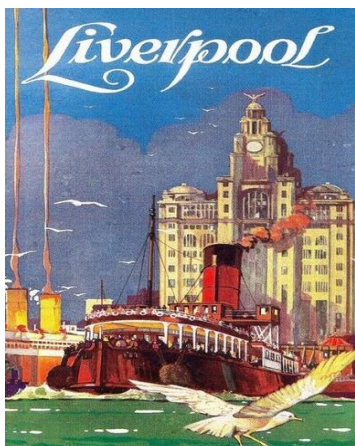
Masters Process into the 2017 Brigantes Breakfast



2024 BRIGANTES BREAKFAST - ST GEORGE'S HALL, LIVERPOOL

10.30 BRIGANTES LECTURE 11.45 FOR 12.30 BRIGANTES BREAKFAST

THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024



You are invited to The 2024 Brigantes Breakfast, the Northern lunch for City of London Liverymen and their Guests, will return to the remarkable St George's Hall in Liverpool

The Brigantes Breakfast provides the perfect opportunity for Liverymen from all City of London Companies to meet together in the North. Previous venues include the Royal Hall Harrogate, the Tower Ballroom Blackpool and the Royal Armouries Leeds.

Our Reception in St George's Hall commences at 11.45, moving into lunch with Principal Guests including **The City Sheriff Alderman Bronek Masojada** and retired **Old Bailey Judge and best-selling author Her Honour Wendy Joseph KC**. The 'Welcome to Liverpool' will be given by **The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mark Blundell**, with Grace being said by the **Right Revd John Perumbalath, Bishop of Liverpool**. The Toast to the Guests will be proposed by **Sir David Wootton, Past Lord Mayor and member of the Brigantes Tribal Council**.

Dress code is lounge suits. Current Livery Masters will be processing. Badges of Office may be worn.

For those able to arrive early, at 10.30 we shall be in the Concert Room, St George's Hall, for our ever-popular Brigantes Lecture, showcasing 'The History of the Cunard Line' on its 175th Anniversary'. Our entertainment will draw upon Liverpool's rich theatrical, musical and maritime heritage. Brigantes member and **Past Lord Mayor Alderman Dr Sir Andrew Parmley** will play St George's Hall's wonderful organ for us, one of the largest in the UK.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The formal proceedings will close at 16.30.

Liverpool is well served by rail from London, Manchester and the north. Direct trains from Euston taking two hours twenty minutes. St George's Hall is a mere 150m across the road from Liverpool's Lime Street station.

For Liverymen and guests wishing to stay overnight, or perhaps a weekend break, there's no shortage of good hotel accommodation in Liverpool including three hotels close to St George's Hall – the newly-opened **Radisson Red** adjacent to Lime Street Station, **The Liverpool Marriott** at 1 Queen Square, 5 minutes walk from the Hall, and the **Holiday Inn Liverpool City Centre** in Lime Street. Bookings may be made online using this link:

<https://go.tripstaxhotels.com?ptoken=e870ebdf-dda7-4ba8-b80f-e014cc814e10&in=20.06.2024&out=21.06.2024&city=liverpool>

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to yet another memorable Brigantes occasion.

The Brigantes Tribal Council

Adrian Waddingham CBE Past Sheriff, PM Actuary, Haberdasher
Sir David Wootton Past Lord Mayor and serial Master

Nick Gale PM Plumber
David Bentley PM Baker

2024 BRIGANTES BREAKFAST - ST GEORGE'S HALL LIVERPOOL

11.45 FOR 12.30 THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024

I wish to book place(s) for the Brigantes Breakfast at St George's Hall Liverpool, on Thursday 20 June 2024 at the Brigantes Member rate of £155.00 pp including a £2.00 pp charity donation	
My Name <i>Including title and decorations</i>	
My Livery Company(ies) and position <i>Where multiple, Mother Company first please</i>	
My preferred email address and telephone number	
My preferred postal address and postcode	
My special dietary requirements	
My first guest's name, title, decorations and Livery <i>(if any)</i>	
My first guest's special dietary requirements	
My second guest's name, title, decorations and Livery <i>(if any)</i>	
My second guest's special dietary requirements	
My third guest's name, title, decorations and Livery <i>(if any)</i>	
My third guest's special dietary requirements	
Accessibility details for guests with limited mobility <i>(tick if required)</i>	
I would like to book the following places for the complimentary Brigantes Lecture 'The History of the Cunard Line' at 10.30	Number of places : Four Three Two One None

If you do not yet have the personal details of your guests, please book your tickets now and provide details later

I am paying by cheque

☐ *(tick as appropriate)*

(i) Please complete and forward the Booking Form and your Cheque for **£155.00 pp** payable to 'Brigantes Association' to Brigantes Association, Springfield, Hall Park Road, Walton, Wetherby, LS23 7DQ

I am paying online

☐ *(tick as appropriate)*

(i) Please complete and forward the Booking Form by email to livery@brigantes.org.uk or by post to Brigantes Association, Springfield, Hall Park Road, Walton, Wetherby, LS23 7DQ, and then :

(ii) Please make your online payment for **£155.00 pp** using the first four letters of your surname plus your full postcode as your reference, to : Acc 'Brigantes Association' Sort code **20-37-13** Acc No **73803023** Bank **Barclays, Harrogate**

Last date for application is Monday 3 June 2024