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**Brigantes Golfers were out in force again on Thursday 16 April, playing over the Championship Course of Lindrick, North Nottinghamshire.**

Among many tournaments, Lindrick has hosted the Ryder Cup and the Curtis Cup internationals against the USA, the English Amateur Championship and is a regular Open Qualifying Course.



The challenging fairways, greens and bunkers, set in a mixture of moorland and heathland, tempted long distance travellers from all points of the compass.

#### The Golf

Among the capacity attendance were several Past Masters and a fine array of Ladies and Gentlemen from many Livery Companies. Playing here off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee is Christian Brash (Tyler & Bricklayer).



Past Mistress Turner Marylin Luson drives off the 18<sup>th</sup> tee with partners Past Master Fueller Dennis Woods and Lindrick's Club Captain Glen McKay, all looking forward to a swift revive in the Clubhouse.

#### The Golf Results

The convincing winners, by five Stableford points, were from L to R Gary Eastwood (Weaver), Celia Brown (Nurse), Peter West (Lindrick), and Darren Saunders (International Banker), here with Deborah West (Lindrick Lady Captain).



Second were Ian Davies (Past Master Spectacle Maker), Tony Jarvis (Past Master Framework Knitter), Joanna Mason (Lindrick), and Keith Houliston (Baker and Brigantes Golf Co-ordinator).

Third, on a countback after three teams tied, were Rod Sellers (Chartered Accountant), Tony Attard (Past Master Furniture Maker), Sharon McKay (Lindrick), and Martin Eldred (Fruiterer).

As for the other five teams, let us just say they enjoyed the walk, the countryside, and the camaraderie.

The Ladies Prize – the best points scored by a lady over four nominated holes - went to Jane Laver (Lindrick) after a four-way tie. Rob Cossey (Fletcher) won Nearest the Pin on the 11<sup>th</sup>.





## Master Distillers Charity Draw

For the Charity draw, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Distillers again generously donated a bottle from The Master's Cask – a rare 18-year-old 49% proof Knockando malt.



The draw was undertaken by the Lady Captain and won by Gary Eastwood (Weaver). The funds raised were donated to the Lindrick Lady Captain's Charity for the Year – The Create a Dream Foundation - presented below by Keith Houlston (Baker).



## Tour of Wentworth Woodhouse

While the golfers were toiling away on the course, the nine travelling non-golfers enjoyed a day at the magnificent Wentworth Woodhouse, complete with a guided tour.

Wentworth Woodhouse is one of the grandest stately homes in the country and, as many Liverymen know, is undergoing an ambitious £200m regeneration project.



## What Liverymen Do Particularly Well

But it wasn't all work. The Brigantes two-day Spring Meeting included two highly convivial occasions in Lindrick's splendid clubhouse.



The first was the Reception and Fine Dining evening above attended by 40 Liverymen and guests, and then an excellent prize-giving dinner for 50.



## Award for Valour

Special mention must be made of the ever-resilient contingent from the Framework Knitters who, after the golf and dinner on the second day, were straight off south with all speed for the FWK's next day Court Meeting, Master's Installation and Banquet. Well done ladies and gentlemen. We'd expect nothing less.

## With Thanks

Following the two days, appreciations included:

*"Thank you for all the splendid arrangements for Lindrick. See you at the Royal Armouries in July."*

*"Just to thank you for organising the very successful Lindrick Fine Dining evening. My guests and I enjoyed the fellowship and the meal very much. Here's to the next one!"*

*"A very big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a splendid occasion. Looking forward to next year!"*

## **Book Now - 16 July 2026**

### **Brigantes Breakfast**

### **The Royal Armouries, Leeds**

**You are warmly invited to The Brigantes Breakfast; our highlight of the summer provides the perfect opportunity for Liverymen from all City of London Companies to meet in the North.**

This year we are at The Royal Armouries in Leeds. This is the National Museum of Arms and Armour, displaying most of the Tower of London's vast collection.

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

#### **Brigantes Lecture**

For those able to arrive early, with coffee served from 9.30 am, we assemble at 10.15 in the Bury Theatre for our ever-popular Brigantes Lecture.

This year we will have a presentation from Nat Edwards, Director General and Master of the Royal Armouries Museum.



Aside from his museum expertise Nat has appeared as a sword-wielding mutant goon in a BBC3 show featuring Carl Weathers and again wielding his sword in an Adidas advert featuring Alessandro del Piero.

So, we'd better watch out for his sword prowess on the day.

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The reception commences at 11.30, with the call for lunch at 12.20.

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Entertainment and the Reception will take place in the Tournament Gallery with the opportunity to view many of the exhibits with a special performance from combating armoured Knights.

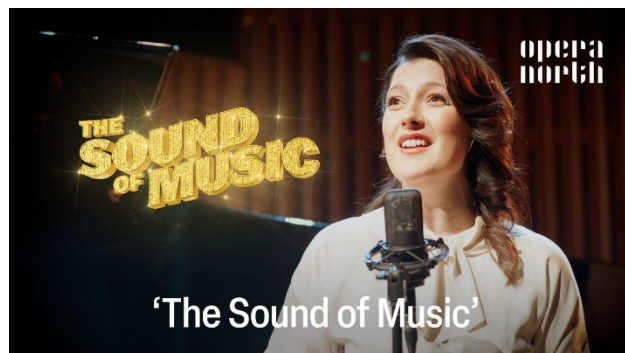


Principal guests include Keith Bottomley



Sheriff of The City of London, Past Master Patternmaker and Past Deputy Leader of the City of London Corporation. He, and attending Masters, will process into the Royal Armouries Hall where lunch will be served.

Our musical interlude will be provided by Opera North, an English opera company based in Leeds. They will sing a medley of opera classics alongside numbers from The Sound of Music. This is a major new production by Opera North and is being staged at the Leeds Grand Theatre at the time of our event for those wishing to see the full performance.





Formal proceedings will close at 16.30, followed by a post prandial paid bar in the Royal Armouries Hall and adjacent Vera Suite (until 18.00)

For those who wish to continue the evening, we will move to the upper floor of The Canary Bar (adjacent to the museum), which overlooks the Leeds Canal and Dockside



Leeds is well serviced by the rail network from London and all points east, west, and north with an additional novelty of a water taxi from the railway station for those that wish to sail in.

For Liverymen and guests wishing to stay overnight, or perhaps or perhaps staying for a long weekend, Leeds has a range of hotel accommodation in the City Centre, including the Holiday Inn Express next to the Armouries For those travelling by road there is a multi-storey car park also adjacent to the venue.

There is also the 167<sup>th</sup> Great Yorkshire Show taking place in nearby Harrogate for those that wish to extend their stay from Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 July 2026 "celebrating farming and the countryside with England's largest agricultural event."

**To book for the 2026 Brigantes Breakfast please contact Fiona Robinson, the Brigantes Administrator, at [livery@brigantes.org.uk](mailto:livery@brigantes.org.uk) for full details and a booking form.**

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

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **2026 AGM & Winter Gathering Newcastle Cathedral**

**This year's AGM and Winter Gathering will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

The AGM and lecture will take place in the County Hotel (opposite the main railway station) with a drinks reception and two course supper followed by a short walk to the Cathedral for a special Christmas Concert. Details will follow after the summer.



### **2027 Brigantes Golf – Ganton**

**On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2027 the Brigantes Golf Day returns to Ganton Golf Club near Scarborough, a top Championship course, having staged the Ryder Cup, Walker Cup and Curtis Cup, and noted for its immaculate greens and spectacular views.**

We will be playing just a few weeks before Ganton hosts the European Amateur Championship, which is returning to this country for the first time in ten years. The course should be in magnificent condition.



As with Lindrick this year, on the previous evening we shall be dining in the Clubhouse, to which non-golfing Brigantians are most welcome too. Details in early February 2027



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