

The 2026 Brigantes Breakfast



Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds, Thursday, 16 July



2026 BRIGANTES BREAKFAST – ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM, LEEDS

11.30 FOR 12.30 THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026



Dear Brigantes Member

19 March 2026

You are invited to the 2026 Brigantes Breakfast, the Northern lunch for City of London Liverymen and their Guests, taking place at the magnificent Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds. The museum houses the National Collection of Arms and Armour, with exhibits from medieval times up to the present day.

The Brigantes Breakfast provides the perfect opportunity for Liverymen from all City of London Companies to meet together in the North. Previous venues include Scarborough Spa; St George's Hall, Liverpool; Royal Hall, Harrogate; and the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.

Our Reception commences at 11.30, in the Tournament Gallery, with a demonstration of medieval armed combat. We then move into lunch with Principal Guests including **Sheriff and Deputy Keith Bottomley**. The 'Welcome to Leeds' will be given by **The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Professor Adeeba Malik CBE**.

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

For those able to arrive early, we are delighted that this year's Brigantes Lecture will be given by **Nat Edwards, Director General and Master of the Royal Armouries**, at 10.15 in the Bury Theatre. Our musical entertainment after lunch will be provided by performers from **Opera North**.

For Brigantes Members and their guests, the cost for this very special day in the Livery calendar is £160 pp, including a £2 charitable donation. For bookings of four or more places received **before 30 April**, tickets will be £155 pp. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The formal proceedings will close with a post-prandial paid bar in the Vera Suite up to 18:00. Further socialising for those who wish will be in The Canary Bar, Dockside, opposite the Royal Armouries.

Leeds is well served by rail from London, Manchester and the north. Trains from Kings Cross take just over 2 hours, with a walk or a short taxi ride from Leeds Station. There is a multi-storey car park opposite the Royal Armouries.

For Members and guests wishing to stay overnight, or perhaps a weekend break, there's no shortage of good hotel accommodation in Leeds. Please check the hotel's cancellation policy when booking. The nearest hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, which is adjacent to the Royal Armouries. Booking can be made via The Royal Armouries website to obtain their discounted rates: <https://royalarmouriesevents.co.uk/services/accommodation>.

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

The Brigantes Council and Sub Committee Chairmen

Adrian Waddingham CBE, Past Sheriff, PM Actuary
Richard Geldard, PM Tax Adviser
Mark Levy, PM Clockmaker
David Boyne, Chartered Surveyor
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