

Friends of the Briery

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From the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of the Friends of the Briery newsletter. We are delighted so many people have chosen to support the Briery as a Friend and we look forward to welcoming you and your families and colleagues to events throughout the coming year.

A special thank you for showing your love for the Briery, and your trust in us, by being one of the first to join us in our infancy and be in 'on the ground floor'! Our hope is that this is the start of a long and fruitful relationship.

God Bless, Amanda

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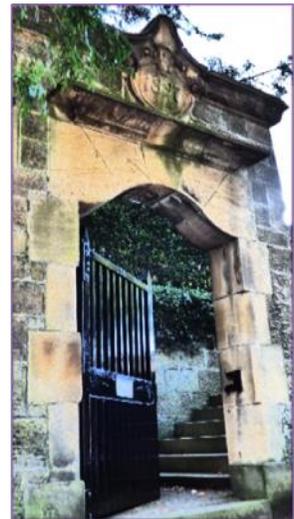
We are establishing a Friends of the Briery prayer request page on the Briery website. Log onto www.briery.org.uk.

If you have any prayer requests please email them to briery@btconnect.com and they will be included in the page as soon as it's up and running.



Our logo

You may have spotted this image at the top of the page. We have chosen the image of the main gate of the Briery as the logo of the Friends of the Briery (FotB) to represent both the friendly welcome that is offered to all, and the beautiful building and grounds we are blessed with. Let us know what you think....



Upcoming Events

Thursday, 17th November

Quiz Evening at the Briery

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Dining Room

Tickets: £5.00 per adult, and £2.50 per child. Price includes first drink and nibbles. Tickets will be available from the Admin office from 10th October. Tel: 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com. There will be a raffle with lots of lovely prizes.

The Friends' Committee

Chair: Amanda Labbett

Committee: Jennie Connor, Anne Procter, Rosalia Roberts

Contact: c/o Admin Team @ the Briery – numbers above

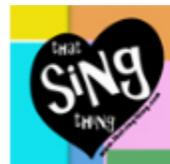
Garden Party – Launch of the Friends of the Briery

We were blessed with a beautiful day on Saturday afternoon, 16th July when we held a garden party to launch the Friends.



Young singers from 'That-Sing-Thing' impressed us with their four-part harmonies and sophisticated arrangements of songs from the shows – including 'Sister Act', of course!

Most of these young people can also be seen on stage with Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society, or switching on the Ilkley Christmas lights.



We were thrilled to see our own Rosalia showing her talented side and dancing with the Buttercross Belles, who joined us for the afternoon. Their traditional Morris Dancing has its roots in the same places as the Sisters of the Cross and Passion – in this case, among the mill girls of Lancashire.

We're glad to say that the dancers enjoyed their afternoon as much as the audience enjoyed their dancing.



On arrival, guests were greeted by the beautiful strains of chamber music from a talented group made up of young people from Burley, led by Stella de Souza. Stella and her daughter then saw us off at the end with a few livelier numbers, which helped us end our enjoyable afternoon with a spring in our step!



Of course, the gamblers among us had plenty of fun at the tombola tent, and came away with armfuls of lovely goodies.

The Briery would like to thank all our suppliers and friends who donated raffle and tombola prizes. They are: Lishman's of Ilkley, Asquiths, Happy Bread, Birchalls and Elmleigh.

New En-suites

The Briery is delighted to announce renovations to the first floor corridor. For medical and personal reasons, many of our visitors are asking for en-suite rooms, therefore over the summer the rooms on the first floor corridor were made into en-suite bedrooms. They look light and fresh and have been well-received by all our guests. On our little tour of inspection, some of the committee members were taking down the details of the suppliers – so impressed and tempted were we by the lovely finish!



The bathroom for sole use of the twin room



A peep into an en-suite

These taps could be from a boutique hotel!



With a little help from our Friends...

The money raised so far from the Friends has enabled the Briery to purchase much needed fitted sheets and duvet covers for our bedrooms. The house staff were delighted when they heard the news. The old sheets were literally decades in age and the new fitted sheets mean no more hospital corners, faster bed-making and are much easier to fold and dry. The staff are very appreciative to the Friends for their donations.



Wish List

There are so many things the Briery would like to purchase but at the moment we would like to upholster the chairs in Rievaulx and brighten up the Bolton Room with a new coat of paint making it a more comfortable place for retreats and conferences.