



# Mop up Mondays

Markenfield Hall 2018

Markenfield Hall - tucked privately away along a mile-long winding drive, just three miles south of Ripon - has been described as Yorkshire's best-kept secret. Not visible from the road, a glimpse of the imposing east wall cannot be seen until visitors reach the old Mediaeval road near to the top of the drive. But for a quirk of fate - and the turnpike act of 1777 - Markenfield would be one of the most recognisable houses in Yorkshire and the nearby A61 would run along this now-Bridleway just 500m from its façade.



As it is, the house is approached from the A61 Ripon to Harrogate Road along a humble farm track, past agricultural buildings and farm workers cottages. Parking at the side of the moat, visitors approach the building on foot - walking over the bridge that now serves the house in place of the former drawbridge - and the moment the Mediaeval Courtyard opens up as visitors pass beneath the Tudor Gatehouse never fails to astound.

Open for just 30 afternoons each year, the Hall is not always easy to visit. So - by popular demand - it will be open to the public for four extra mornings this year as part of the Mop-up days.

Because the Hall is relatively small, and general parking is limited, it has been decided to make the Mop-up Days "by appointment only" and to lay on a guided tour. The tour will start from the main car park at 11:00am and will be taken by one of our highly knowledgeable guides. It will last in the region of an hour and a half and there will be time afterwards to walk around under your own steam. The tour costs £8 per person (no concessions or HHA entry rates). We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Mop-up Mondays Booking form... Please send me: ..... (number) tickets priced £8 each for

5 March     3 September     1 October     5 November    starting at 11:00am

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Markenfield Enterprises.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Please return your completed form to: The Administrator at Markenfield Hall · Ripon · HG4 3AD