



EVENTS 2018



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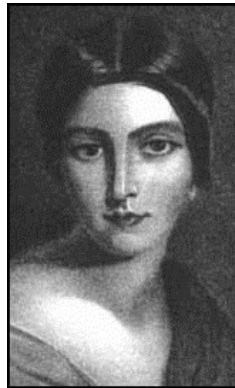
Friday 13 April
THE FRIENDS OF
MARKENFIELD
(PP&H) LTD
AGM at 7:30pm
MEMBERS ONLY
followed by:

**LORD NORWICH on FRANCE:
A HISTORY - FROM GAUL TO DE GAULLE**
John Julius Norwich has finally written the book he always wanted to write, the extremely colourful story of the country he loves best. FRANCE is packed with heroes and villains, adventures and battles, romance and revolution. Full of memorable stories and racy anecdotes, this is the perfect introduction to the country that has inspired the rest of the world to live, dress, eat - and love - better.



29 April to 13 May & 10 to 24 June.
2:00pm to 5:00pm each day
CAROLINE NORTON EXHIBITION

Caroline was married to The Hon. George Norton - brother of 3rd Lord Grantley - and unhappily so. Accused of "criminal conversation" with Lord Melbourne, Prime Minister of the time, her reputation was left in tatters by George; who took away her access to their children.



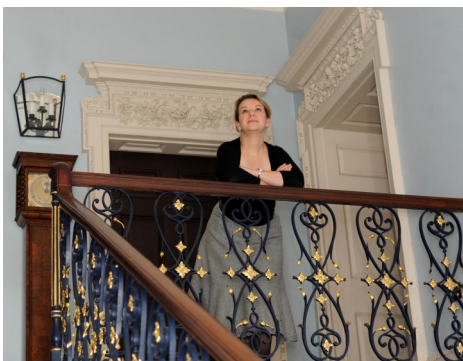
Until C19th, children were - by law - the property of their father. Caroline campaigned tirelessly for a change in the law. Sadly, the change came too late for her; but this campaigning brought about both the Infant Custody Bill of 1839 and the Marriage and Divorce Act of 1857.

Markenfield holds a number of Caroline's letters, poems and plays in its Archives; and a selection of these will be on display for the first time during the Hall's Open Days.

Sunday 27 May from 7:00pm
THE DALES ENSEMBLE present
Purcell: Chaconne in G Minor
Beethoven: 'The Harp' Quartet (Op.74)
Byrd: Ave Verum Corpus
Dvorak: 'The American' Quartet in F Major

Friday 1 June from 7:00pm
HANNAH PHILLIP on GEORGIANS &
THE PURSUIT OF PLEASURE

Join us for an evening with Hannah Phillip - Director of York's Fairfax House - whilst she delves into the tempting array of decadent activities and pleasurable pursuits of Georgian Society... catering for all tastes and predilections, sometimes challenging the notions of what 'polite' entertainment encompassed in the eighteenth century.

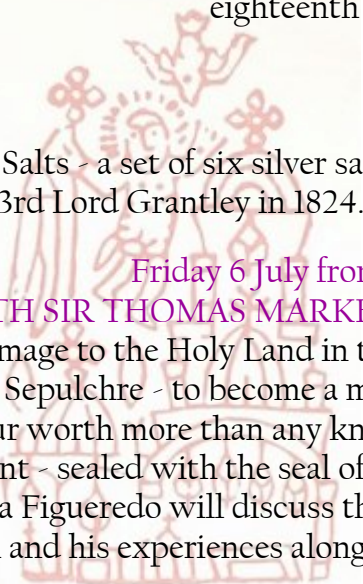


Monday 4 June at 10:30am
VISIT TO FAIRFAX HOUSE

with a chance to see the Grantley Salts - a set of six silver salts by R. Garrard - commissioned by 3rd Lord Grantley in 1824.

Friday 6 July from 7:00pm
DR CRISTINA FIGUEREDO on THE CRUSADES WITH SIR THOMAS MARKENFIELD

It has long been known that Sir Thomas Markenfield made a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the 1560s. On 14 June 1566 Sir Thomas was admitted to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre - to become a member of the Order was considered by Roman Catholics to be an honour worth more than any knighthood conferred by their own Sovereign. The Hall still owns his warrant - sealed with the seal of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem - which he carried home. In this talk, Cristina Figueredo will discuss the history of the Crusades as well as Sir Thomas's motivation, the route he took and his experiences along the way.



Date to be confirmed

LEANDA DE LISLE on THE WHITE KING

Less than forty years after the golden age of Elizabeth I, England was at war with itself. The bloody, devastating civil wars set family against family, friend against friend. At the head of this disintegrating kingdom was Charles I.

His rule would change the face of the monarchy for ever.

Charles I's reign is one of the most dramatic in history, yet Charles the man remains elusive. Too often he is recalled as weak and stupid, his wife, Henrietta Maria, as spoilt and silly: the cause of his ruin.



With access to newly disclosed manuscripts, including letters between the king and his queen - Leanda de Lisle has uncovered a Charles I who was principled and brave, but also fatally blinkered. For Charles it ended on the scaffold - condemned as a traitor and murderer, but heralded as a martyr: his reign destined to sow the seeds of democracy across Britain and the New World.

Friday 14 September from 7:00pm

ANNE DE COURCY on THE HUSBAND HUNTERS

Towards the end of the C19th a strange invasion took place in Britain. The citadel of power,

privilege and breeding in which the titled, land-owning class had barricaded itself for so long was breached. The incomers were a group of young women who, fifty years earlier, would have been looked on as the alien denizens of another world. From 1874 to 1905 dozens of young American heiresses married into the British peerage, bringing with them all the fabulous wealth, glamour and sophistication of the Gilded Age.

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Friday 19 October from 7:00pm

RICHARD MANTLE OBE on OPERA NORTH: FROM ITS FOUNDATION TO ITS FUTURE (and everything in between)

England's national opera company in the North is committed to producing work of the highest quality that excites and entertains. It is vibrant and lively and seeks to challenge conventional perceptions of opera.



Join us for an evening of talk and musical excerpts on film, when Opera North's Director Richard Mantel introduces the triumphs and tribulations of this great Northern institution.

Friday 7 September from 7:00pm

DR SUSIE HARRIES on PEVSNER IN YORKSHIRE

Sir Nikolaus Pevsner was the author of 32 of The Buildings of England guides. Astonishingly, most of the tours were undertaken during periods of a few weeks only, in variously unreliable cars driven by his wife and a succession of assistants. He received a modest salary and minimal expenses and didn't take a royalty on a single volume until 1974, when the books finally went into profit. NADFAS lecturer Dr Susie Harries spent 20 years researching her biography of Pevsner, and will share her insights in this lecture on the man his mission and his work in God's own country.

Sunday 30 September from 7:00pm
THE DALES ENSEMBLE

Bach Violin Concerto in E Major
Three movements from Bach's 5th
Cello Suite in C Minor
Vivaldi Cello Sonata No.5 in E Minor
Vivaldi 'The Four Seasons'