

Visit to Browsholme Hall and Gardens

Tuesday 2 May 2017

Many of you will have visited Browsholme but our visit this time offers something rather different and we do hope you will enjoy the special day we have arranged.

Those of you who attended the 2015 AGM will remember that the guest speaker on that occasion was Mr Robert Parker who is the current owner of Browsholme.

In the medieval period the word 'forest' or 'chase' indicates a 'hunting ground which was an area of woodland interspersed with open spaces'. Within the Forest of Bowland was the deer park of Radholme Laund which lies very close to Browsholme. The Parker family were "Keepers of the Park" – hence the name Parker! The official title **Bowbearer of the Forest of Bowland** is still held by Robert Parker today.



Mrs Ruth Thurnhill who is giving the talk "Creating a Brownian Style Landscape at Browsholme Hall" has a keen interest in the history of Browsholme and of the Deer Parks of the Forest of Bowland. In 2013 she and Nigel Neil completed and published a survey of the Deer Parks of the Forest of Bowland. This is now on-line (<http://www.forestofbowland.com/Medieval-Deer-Parks-Bowland> - and http://www.forestofbowland.com/files/uploads/pdfs/FOB-Deer-parks_Final-report-Apr-2013.pdf) and makes most interesting reading. We anticipate a fascinating and enjoyable day with much to learn and to see.

Programme:

10.15am arrival for 10.30 am Talk in the Tithe Barn "Creating a Brownian Style Landscape at Browsholme Hall" by Ruth Thurnhill

11.30am Coffee and biscuits in the Tithe Barn

12.00 noon Tour of the Gardens

1.00pm Lunch in the Tithe Barn: soup, sandwiches and coffee

2.00 pm -3.15pm Tour of the Hall

Cost: £23.50 per person (minimum of 20 people) including coffee and lunch.

Pre-booking before Tuesday 11 April essential to Carole Beattie bryanbt@aol.com 01729 823497
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Location:

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