



Friends of Launde

Charity No: 519042

Summer Newsletter 2025



Dear Friends,



Although I was at Launde Abbey for the Summer Solstice I must admit that I slept through the sunrise! So it is thanks to Jack who took this glorious pic and has given us permission to use.

A lot has been happening and the Abbey recently took delivery on our behalf of the ride-on mower, and the battery powered tools funded through the Harborough District Council Environmental Grant and Friends' match-funding. The paving border along the south-facing chapel wall has also been repaired and improved under this grant.



In addition, to the rear of the main house there is an existing underground brick-built rainwater storage chamber holding an estimated 60 -150k litres. We therefore granted the sum of £1613 for the purchase and installation of a pump and ancillary works including an external power point, which has worked especially well in watering the border over the last few months.

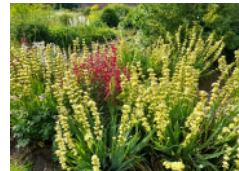
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There will be much more information in our next Newsletter regarding a new fundraising initiative. However, here are our current upcoming events for your diaries.

Our Friends Retreat at Launde Abbey:

11th August 3pm - 13 August 12 noon

Led by Revd Catherine Wright and Revd Fran Grasham

There is still time to book either as a resident or full-day retreatant.

Contact friendsoflaunde1@gmail.com

Our Cream Tea at Launde Abbey

31 August Arrive from 3pm onwards to meet Friends and walk around the grounds. Weather and volunteers permitting there will be viewing of the new garden project equipment. Cream Tea served from 4pm until 5.30pm.

Please notify Patrick Rendall that you wish to attend by Friday 15th August: patrickandfrances@btinternet.com or 016644 24240 (leave a message if necessary) and pay Patrick on arrival by cash or cheque made out to The Friends of Launde.

- *Launde Abbey have very kindly offered a free breakfast for overnight stays either side of our Cream Tea,. So, if it is too far to travel for just a Cream Tea of if you were already planning to attend our Cream Tea, then why not make it into an overnight stay? The offer for Friends attending the Cream Tea (DBB) rate is at the reduced price of £117.00 per person, per night (for a single occupancy Simple room / reduced from £124.80) . Please mention this offer for Friends of Launde when booking.*

A Decadent Traditional Afternoon Tea

20 September 2 - 5pm. Briery Leys House, Tugby. Booking Essential.

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Bridge Day at Launde Abbey

24 October. If you are interested please contact madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com for information.

All donations are gratefully received: The Friends of Launde

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We look forward to hearing from you regarding any S&FR ideas for upcoming events. All suggestions will be very welcome

Shopping Online?

We're registered with 'easyfundraising' which means you can help us and therefore the Abbey.

Over 7000 brands which include John Lewis, Argos, Boots, Amazon and Sainsbury's or Tesco Groceries among so many others will donate to us when you use 'easyfundraising' to shop with them. It's easy and completely free. These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-launde>

For over 900 years the site of Launde Abbey has been a place of prayer and of hospitality.

From the days of the 12th century Augustinian Launde Priory, through the heyday of the Tudor Manor House with its estate and family chapel, right through to its present day as a Christian place of retreat for people from all walks of life.

Visit Launde's website to read their 2024 Annual Summary Report.

Interested in becoming a Friend of Launde trustee? If so please email madeleine.v.wang@gmail.com