



# FRIENDS OF LYTHAM HALL

## Newsletter

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*When the heatwaves of high summer became overpowering, the shady canopy of the woodland at the Hall offered a welcome respite to visitors and wildlife alike. The grounds and colourful planting continue to look wonderful, thanks to the hard work of the volunteers. As we head into Autumn, we can look back on a very busy summer of events which included celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. Our membership continues to grow steadily, with many people choosing to become patrons. Your continued support means that the Friends are able to fund more projects at this very special place.*

### Zoom Talks for Members

*In June we were treated to "Another 25 Items of Clifton Family History", with Hugh Clifton. Family heirlooms handed down through several generations of the Cliftons give us a fascinating insight into the story of the family which played such a large part in Lytham's history, and we are very grateful to Hugh for sharing them with us.*



<< Match case presented by the Club Day committee to Wykeham Clifton on the occasion of his 20<sup>th</sup> crowning of the Rose Queen.



<< Heraldic plate depicting the quarterings of the Clifton family lineage.

*After a summer break, our programme of evening Zoom Talks resumes in September:*

**September 21st - "Thoughts and Ramblings of our new CEO" Liz Moss HTNW**

**October 19th - "Jacobean Lytham Hall" Thomas Hewitt**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> - "A decade of the Historical Gardens and Parkland of Lytham Hall"**  
John Hornyak

**December 21<sup>st</sup> - "Celebrating Violet: the Life of the Last Clifton Lady of the Manor"**  
Denise Hadley

**January 18th [Title to be decided] Fiona Sumner**

**February 15th - "An interview with Madeleine Clifton" Hugh Clifton**

**An email with details of each talk and a Zoom link will be sent to members before each event.**

### **Friends of Lytham Hall Annual General Meeting 2022**

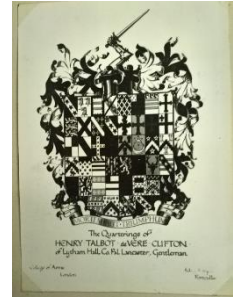
We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 18.30pm by Zoom. This will be followed by Thomas Hewitt's talk on the 'Jacobean Lytham Hall' at 19.30, allowing time for a short break between the two. This is your chance to find out more about the Friends work.

**An email with the Zoom link will be sent to all members before the meeting.**

## Heraldic shield

Seeing the Heraldic plate shown to us by Hugh Clifton in his Zoom talk in June, reminded me of a page in one of the photo albums he showed us on one of his visits to Lytham Hall. The black and white picture of the shield was titled, 'The quarterings of Henry Talbot de Vere Clifton of Lytham Hall, Co. Pal. Lancaster, Gentleman'. Alongside the picture was a list of the coats of arms which feature on the shield.

Quarterings join together coats of arms of the ancestors of the bearer of the arms. There are strict rules as to what arms may be displayed in quarterings and the order they may be displayed. Quarterings are displayed in the order in which they are acquired by a family by marriage.



*There is such a lot of history on this plate.*

The key to the quarterings shows some familiar names:

1st Row, L to R.

Clifton, Halsall, Halsall, Stanley, Harrington of Hornby, Cancefield, Fleming, Banister.

2nd Row, L to R.

English, Neville, Longvillers, Clifton with Molyneux, Holland of Euxton, Haydock.

3rd Row, L to R.

Dutton, Thornton, Kingsley, Hellesby, Halton, Minshall, Ridge, Sheene.

4th Row, L to R.

Heath, Moreton, Carrell, Lucy, Furches, Hugford, Middleton, Pabenharn.

5th Row L to R.

Crioll, De la planch, Haversham, Boris, Trailly, Acton, Kingsmill, Fawconer.

6th Row L to R

Spencer, Graunt, Rudinge, Clifton



## Lytham Hall Open Air Theatre 2022



This year's outdoor theatre programme of five productions has been a great success. The variety of plays included 'As You Like It', 'Jane Eyre', 'Peter Pan', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'The Pirates of Penzance', something for everyone to enjoy. Of course, the weather played its part and some of the performances were completely sold out.



The Friends again supported the events by running a refreshment stall ; ice creams were added to the menu for some of the dates to keep audiences cool.

Thank you to all those cheerful volunteers who helped us to organise this - setting up the gazebos, serving drinks and packing up at the end of each performance.



## Violet Clifton's Dining Room



A new room has been added to the house tour. This room, once used as a master bedroom, has been restored and re-dressed as Violet's private dining room.

Violet, the wife of John Talbot Clifton and mother of Harry, was the last of the Clifton family to live at Lytham Hall. She died at the Hall in 1961.

In her later years, getting about the large Hall became more difficult for her.

She had a small handful of staff and lived in an apartment on the first floor, now known as 'Violet's Boudoir'. The room across the landing was transformed into her dining room where she would be served breakfast, lunch and dinner, occasionally with a few invited guests.

The room is close to the back stairs which lead to the kitchen and has been decorated in a striking Regency style wall covering.



*Violet Clifton in her first floor 'boudoir'*

## Progress in the Parkland.



The Kitchen Garden now has a new addition. Planning permission and Listed buildings consent applications were successful and the custom-built greenhouse is finally in situ. The cedar wood, Victorian style greenhouse was funded by Fylde Soroptimists and makes a stunning focal point for the plot. To the hard-working garden volunteers, it must seem like a dream come true.

Despite the scorching heat and lack of rain this summer, the Paradise Wall has looked as good as ever. The banana plant definitely must have enjoyed all that sun!



## The Friends' Bookshop

Donations of good-quality paperback fiction, children's picture books and non-fiction – such as History/ Art / Local interest are all welcome.

All proceeds from the bookshop go to Lytham Hall projects.  
Please put book donations in the box to the right of the main book case.

## Friends of Lytham Hall Membership

**£15 for a single member and £20 for joint members.**

Also, there is now an opportunity to get a free annual car park pass for Lytham Hall by becoming a **Patron of the Friends at £50 per year** [ less than £1 per week].

Thank you for your continued support.

If you know anyone who may like to join us, or would like to give a membership as a gift, you will find membership forms on the Friends' website or in the Bookshop at the Hall.

## Volunteering at Lytham Hall

Due to the growing popularity of Lytham Hall as a top Fylde coast attraction both for visitors and events we are now on the lookout for new Volunteers!

We need keen, enthusiastic people to join our band of volunteers to support work in the following areas:

Grounds and Parkland – Tuesday and/or Thursday weekly

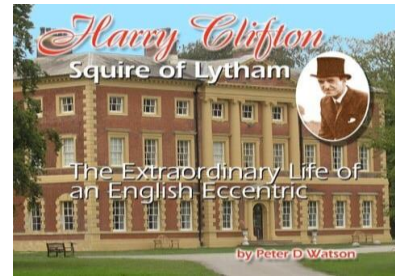
Hall - Room Stewards – Hall Tours Sunday to Friday weekly

Shop – Open daily

If you are interested and able to offer a **regular** commitment, on a weekly/fortnightly basis, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Pam Gregory by email: [lhvols@htnw.co.uk](mailto:lhvols@htnw.co.uk)

### Harry Clifton Squire of Lytham – The Extraordinary Life of an English Eccentric.

This booklet by Peter Watson is available for £7.50.  
Email [friends@friendsoflythamhall.org.uk](mailto:friends@friendsoflythamhall.org.uk), to arrange free local delivery, or postal delivery for £2.50 p&p.  
It can also be purchased from Lytham Hall, and from Plackitt and Booth bookshop in Lytham.



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