

Annual Tourers' Dinner

Saturday 13th April 2024 7.15 for 8.00 p.m. Jacobs's Well, Trinity Lane, York YO1 6JX



Menu

Welcome drink

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Local Holgate windmill bread with Yorkshire Butter

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York Ham Terrine with Piccalilli

Or

Roast beetroot, goat's cheese, candied walnuts and raspberries

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Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

Or

Mushroom wellington with spinach and chestnuts, red pepper dressing

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Yorkshire Curd Tart with Rhubarb Parfait on Parkin

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Coffee or tea

Price includes 2 glasses of wine, cash bar for additional drinks

Dress: blazer and club tie or lounge suit for gentlemen, Cocktail dress for ladies Online booking via www.reccrowing.org.uk

Price £50

A Brief History of Jacob's Well

Built in 1474 with an endowment by Alderman Thomas Nelson, it was to house two priests who would pray three times a week for him and his family at the adjoining priory church.

Not yet known as Jacob's Well, it was bought in 1549 by Isabel Warde, the last Prioress of Clementhorpe Nunnery, for herself and her sister. In 1566, three years before her death in 1569, Isabel Ward made a Deed of Gift to the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church, to provide a Charity for the parish. The agreement made between Isabel and her Charity Trustees was that she should be allowed to live in the house for the rest of her natural life on annual payment of a rent of one red rose, payable on Midsummer Day. After her death, the house would revert to the Trustees.

In 1633, Henry Rogers, Rector of Holy Trinity is recorded as living in the house before building himself a new Rectory where the present Rectory stands.

By 1749 Elizabeth Knapton is leasing the property from the trustees and it is licensed for the sale of ale. It is now known as Jacob's Well.

Knapton retained the lease until 1790, and was followed by Roger Glover and John Furnish, described as 'coach masters'. The coach-masters' business lasted until 1815. In that year, £130 was spent on additions and repairs to the building. Again, Jacob's Well Inn was licensed to sell ale.

In 1902, according to licensing records, the inn consisted of a bar and a smoke room, and a taproom used as dining-room and kitchen. The year after, the license was surrendered, Jacob's Well was taken back into use by the Trustees with major restoration and remodelling in 1905.

By the end of the twentieth century, motor traffic waiting outside Jacob's Well to turn into Micklegate was putting the medieval timber-framed building at risk of damage. Thus it was to become one of what must be very few Grade I listed buildings to be partially demolished with the approval of English Heritage. In 1991-2 architects were engaged to remove the added heavy brick top floor and restore the building. They were responsible for the design of the new roof built over the original wing visible now on the first floor. Its 'crown post' structure recreates what would have been there originally, and is copied from the roof of the original hall visible now at the top of the staircase.

In 2024, Jacob's Well once again has become a centre for hospitality, with it now available for private events and functions.

Previous British Rowing Tours

1994	River Thames	2007	River Thames
	Wallingford to Weybridge		Bablock Hythe to Henley
1995	River Severn and River Avon	2008	River Severn
	Worcester to Evesham		Stourport to Gloucester
1996	River Thames	2009	Lake District
	Lechlade to Wallingford		Coniston and Windermere
1997	River Avon	2010	River Trent and Fossdyke Navigation
	Stratford to Tewkesbury		Nottingham to Lincoln
1998	River Thames	2011	Lancaster Canal
	Henley to Hammersmith		Preston to Tewitfield
1999	River Severn	2012	River Thames
	Stourport to Gloucester		Henley to Teddington
2000	River Thames	2013	Scottish Lowlands
	Bablock Hythe to Pangbourne		Loch Lomond and Forth & Clyde Canal
2001	River Thames	2014	River Severn
	Reading to Walton-on-Thames		Worcester to Purton
2002	River Avon	2015	River Great Ouse
	Stratford to Tewkesbury		St Neots to Denver
2003	River Thames	2016	South Yorkshire Navigations
	Lechlade to Radley		Leeds to Mexborough
2004	Norfolk Broads	2017	Lancaster Canal
	Beccles to Norwich		Preston to Tewitfield
2005	Yorkşhire Navigations	2018	River Thames
	Ripon to Cawood		Bablock Hythe to Mapledurham
2006	River Great Ouse	2019	North Lakes
	Bedford to Ely		Ullswater, Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite
2020	Cancelled due to Covid	2021	River Thames
			Henley to Weybridge
2022	River Great Ouse	2023	River Severn
	St Neots to Denver		Stourport to Gloucester

The 2024 tour will be on the River Thames from Bablock Hythe to Mapledurham

British Rowing European Tours

2015	Holland	2017	Germany
	Amsterdam		Hamburg
2019	Lithuania	2022	France
	Vilnius and Trakai		River Lot
2023	Germany		
	Potsdam / Wannsee		

The 2024 tour will be on the River Douro in Portugal