

WAKEFIELD CIVIC SOCIETY

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A special 50th Anniversary Event

**A Bed of Roses:
Henry VII and Elizabeth of York's Marriage Bed Rediscovered**
**Dr Jonathan Foyle,
Chief Executive of The World Monuments Fund Britain**



7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Thursday, 18th September 2014
(doors open 7.00 pm)

**The Orangery,
Back Lane, Wakefield, WF1 2TG**

Tickets £10/£7

As part of the special programme for our 50th Anniversary year, we have arranged for architectural historian Dr Jonathan Foyle to speak at the first meeting of our Autumn season.

Jonathan, a former curator at Hampton Court Palace and now Chief Executive of the World Monuments Fund Britain, will be familiar to many of you from his frequent appearances on television, including his own series *Climbing Britain's Buildings* and *People's Palaces: The Golden Age of Civic Architecture*, both broadcast on the BBC.

Jonathan is also a writer and artist and has a new book on Lincoln Cathedral coming out shortly.

Join us for this very special occasion. In a break from our usual practice, we are making a charge for this talk and tickets will need to be booked in advance. The event is also being promoted as a warm up to the week-long Wakefield Lit Fest which starts officially on Friday, 19th September, so tickets are likely to sell fast once they go on general sale.

To guarantee your place, please book directly with the Civic Society today! The general ticket price is £10 or £7 for concessions but Society members can purchase their tickets directly with the Society at the concessionary rate of £7 (this is for members only – any guests you wish to bring who are not members should pay the appropriate price).

A booking form can be found overleaf – but don't delay!

Hear Dr Jonathan Foyle relate the fascinating story of this remarkable discovery!

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In 2010, an old bed, previously dumped in a hotel car park, was bought at auction. It proved to be an astonishing discovery.

Research showed it to have been made in 1485 and that it was most likely commissioned after Henry VII's accession to celebrate his marriage to Elizabeth of York and the end of the War of the Roses, an event which united the Houses of Lancaster and York and gave rise to the Tudor dynasty. Could this have been the bed in which Henry VIII was conceived?

Hear a full account of this fascinating story of what is surely the nation's most exceptional example of historic furniture, and a seminal royal artefact; a story that spans over 500 years of English history.

To book, please complete the booking form below and send it with your cheque payable to Wakefield Civic Society to our PO Box address as soon as possible.

All bookings will be confirmed either by phone or email.



BOOKING FORM – Dr Jonathan Foyle : Thursday, 18th September at 7.30 pm

	Cost per person	No of places required	Total payment enclosed
Wakefield Civic Society Members	£7.00		£
Non-member concessions (unwaged/retired)	£7.00		£
Non-member full price	£10.00		£
	Totals		£

Please give your details:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone No: _____

Please send this form and your cheque to :

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