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Heritage Open Days in Kirklees



92 FREE EVENTS, 8-17 September 2023

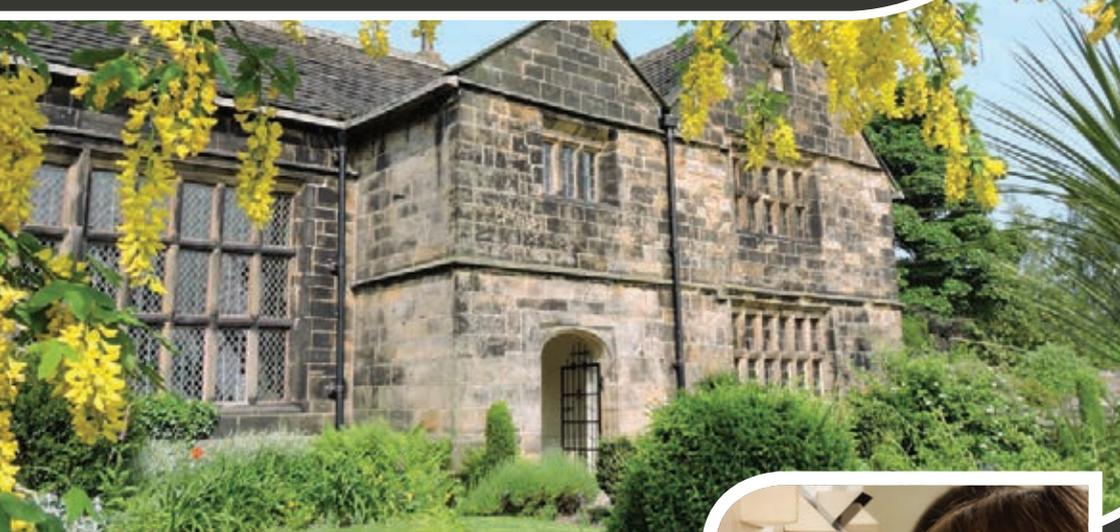


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About Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is England's biggest festival of history and culture. Each September, thousands of sites across the country invite you in to explore local treasures of every age, style and function, and many special events are held. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE.

Creativity Unwrapped

In this year's Kirklees programme, alongside old favourites, there are over 40 new entries. The national theme for 2023 is Creativity Unwrapped. Locally, we've taken the view that every site has creativity to offer – in the architecture, the activities or the planning of the event. But some specifically feature creative arts and crafts, and we have picked out around 20 events that also contribute to the Kirklees Year of Music.

Opening and closing events

New this year are opening and closing events for the whole festival – in Dewsbury on Friday 8 September (see p.10) and in Huddersfield on Sunday 17 September (see p.19). These are organised through the Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone and Huddersfield High Street Heritage Action Zone, from both of which financial and practical support is gratefully acknowledged.

Yorkshire Churches Day

Run by the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, Yorkshire Churches Day takes place on Saturday 16 September, coinciding with Heritage Open Days, to tell the stories and bring to life the variety, beauty, history and sheer wonder of Yorkshire's churches, chapels and places of worship.

Do I need to book?

Most events are open access but some have to be booked. **Bookable events are identified in the brochure with details of how and when to book. Please respect this: if you don't book, you may well be turned away.** The booking arrangement for each event is within its listing.

All events are organised independently with support from the Kirklees HOD Committee, which has prepared this brochure. Every effort has been made to ensure that details are correct at the time of going to press but sometimes things change. If you are planning to visit a site, do check for updated information, and for fuller details about access, parking and other practicalities at www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Heritage Open Days is coordinated by the National Trust and funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

Kirklees HOD Committee is a partnership of Batley History Group, Holme Valley Civic Society, Huddersfield Civic Society, Huddersfield Local History Society, Spen Valley Civic Society, Dewsbury and Mirfield volunteers and Kirklees Libraries and Museums Services. We can be contacted at kirkleeshod@gmail.com

Key



At-a-glance guide to Kirklees events, 8-17 Sept 2023

Listings are accurate at time of going to press. Please visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk for updated information. Events highlighted in blue contribute to the Kirklees Year of Music; those in pink are part of the Huddersfield High St Heritage Action Zone cultural programme; Dewsbury events are co-ordinated by the Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone. On Saturday 16th, places of worship taking part in Yorkshire Churches day are shown by Y

SITE / EVENT	MUST BE BOOKED?	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUES 12	WED 13	THURS 14	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17
BATLEY & BIRSTALL - PAGES 6 – 7											
All Saints Church, Batley				✓							
Bagshaw Museum sketching workshop				✓							
Batley Railway Station			✓								
Batley Town Heritage Walk	YES		✓								
North Kirklees Family History Group		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Oakwell Hall sketching workshop											✓
St Peter's Church, Birstall										Y	
St Saviour's Church, Brownhill										Y	
COLNE VALLEY - PAGES 7 – 9											
Colne Valley Museum, Golcar			✓	✓						✓	✓
Dreamweavers, Slaithwaite	YES		✓	✓						✓	✓
Edibles Permaculture, Slaithwaite										✓	✓
Knitting & Crochet Guild, Slaithwaite						✓					
Marsden canal and railway walk	YES					✓					✓
Providence Methodist Church, Golcar										Y	✓
St James's Church, Slaithwaite										Y	✓
St John's Church, Golcar			✓								
DEWSBURY, MIRFIELD & THORNHILL - PAGES 10 – 16											
Bee Line Trail Walking Tour	YES									✓	✓
Crow Nest Park walk	YES		✓					✓		✓	✓
Dewsbury Arcade	PREFERRED		✓							✓	✓
Dewsbury Minster: Ringing in Heritage Open Days	YES	✓									
Dewsbury Minster: handbell ringing									✓		
Dewsbury Minster: tower bell ringing					✓						
Dewsbury Minster tower tours/displays/history tours	PREFERRED for tower									Y	
Dewsbury Railway Station			✓								
Dewsbury Town Hall tour	YES		✓								
Greenwoods – Dewsbury's oldest shop	YES		✓								
Heritage Skills: how to mend old clothes	YES				✓						
Heritage Skills: Kantha embroidery workshop	YES					✓					
Heritage Skills: try your hand at rag-rugging	YES	✓							✓		
Listed buildings walk	YES							✓			
Make a sheep mask at Makerworld			✓								
Mirfield Masonic Lodge										✓	✓
Pioneers of Computer Science			✓								
Sounds of Dewsbury	YES		✓								
St John's Church, Dewsbury Moor			✓							Y	
St Saviour's Church/ Ravensthorpe Remembers			✓								
The story of Shoddy & Mungo			✓							✓	
Thornhill Parish Church			✓	✓			✓			Y	✓
TOWNSOUNDS exhibition		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Urban sketching tour	YES		✓								
Vintage Buses at Dewsbury Town Hall			✓								
West Yorkshire Print Workshop, Mirfield		✓	✓								

SITE / EVENT	MUST BE BOOKED?	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUES 12	WED 13	THURS 14	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17
HOLME VALLEY - PAGES 16 – 18											
All Saints Church & Community Centre, Netherthong			✓								
Holmfirth Toll House		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Holmfirth Methodist Church										Y	
Holmfirth Parish Church										Y	
St David's Church, Holmbridge			✓	✓							
Th'Owd Towser, Holmfirth				✓							
Wooldale Quaker Meeting House										Y	
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN CENTRE - PAGES 18 – 21											
Daytimers	PREFERRED										✓
Heritage in the Hudd											✓
Holocaust Centre North (University)				✓							
Huddersfield Heritage Mile	YES										✓
Huddersfield Town Hall	YES		✓								
Irish in Huddersfield walk	YES			✓							
Lawrence Batley Theatre	YES							✓	✓		
St Peter's Parish Church	YES for tours				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Y	
Sovereign Design House (University)	YES for talk			✓							
TOWNSOUNDS street party											✓
HUDDERSFIELD OUTSIDE THE TOWN CENTRE - PAGES 21 – 24											
Antilles Credit Union											✓
Birkby's changing face walk	YES						✓				
Greenhead Park in Pictures										✓	
Huddersfield Seventh Day Adventist Church				✓							
King James's School, Almondbury										✓	
Lindley Clock Tower			✓								
Lindley Methodist Church	YES for film & walk		✓								
St John's Church, Birkby		✓	✓						✓	Y	
St Stephen's Church, Lindley			✓								
Tolson Memorial Museum creative writing workshop			✓								
Vajrapani Kadampa Meditation Centre, Birkby											✓
Victoria Tower, Castle Hill			✓	✓							
SOUTH KIRKLEES VILLAGES - PAGES 24 – 25											
All Hallows Church, Kirkburton			✓							Y	
High Flatts Quaker Meeting House								✓	✓	Y	✓
Kirkburton graveyard tours	YES									Y	
Kirkburton history walks	YES									✓	
St Michael's Church, Emley										Y	
Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre	YES							✓	✓	✓	✓
SPEN VALLEY - PAGES 26 – 27											
All Saints Church, Roberttown										Y	
Celebrating Mary Taylor, Red House, Gomersal			✓								
Creativity around Red House (online event)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gomersal Methodist Church										Y	
Holy Spirit Church, Heckmondwike									✓	Y	
Our Lady & St Paul Church, Cleckheaton			✓								
St Mary's Church, Gomersal			✓								
Spen Valley Artists, Authors, Poets and Musicians										✓	
STOP PRESS - LATE ENTRIES - PAGES 9, 18 & 22											
Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield										Y	
St Mark's Church, Longwood		✓	✓	✓							
St Thomas's Church, Thurstonland										Y	✓

Open Events in Batley & Birstall

All Saints Parish Church

Stocks Lane, Batley, WF17 8PA

SUN 10TH 12.30 PM – 4 PM

All Saints Church is a Grade I Listed building with a fine heritage dating back to the Domesday Book and holds an important place in the local community as a town centre church. Visitors will be able to explore the church's history with the guidance of a leaflet and learn about how/why it was built. Light refreshments will be available.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18136



NEW EVENT

Bagshaw Museum – Sketchbook Workshop



Wilton Park, Batley, WF17 0AS

SUN 10TH 12 PM – 5 PM

Explore the museum collections with illustrator John Chamberlain and spark your artistic creativity. Paper, boards and sketching pencils provided. The global collections

include the atmospheric Ancient Egyptian, Spirit of South Asia and African galleries and the Victorian seaside. Housed in a magnificent Grade II* Listed Victorian Gothic former mill owner's home within award winning Wilton Park (with a play area), the Museum is open as normal during Heritage Open Days.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/bagshawmuseum



NEW EVENT

Batley Railway Station - past and present



Batley Station, Upper Station Road, Batley, WF17 5TA (Friends of Station room)

SAT 9TH 10 AM - 2 PM

The Friends of Batley Station invite you to see the Station as it was in its heyday, when Batley was a prosperous centre for the textile, particularly shoddy, industry. We will have on display old photos showing the station with its multiple platforms, lines and buildings and press cuttings relating to the Beeching railway reduction era. Visitors will have chance to put the remaining buildings into context.

www.facebook.com/friendsbatleystation



NEW EVENT

Batley Town Heritage Walk

Batley Library, Market Place, Batley WF17 5DA

SAT 9TH 10.30 AM

More dates/times will be added if there is a demand.

BOOKING REQUIRED
email hod.bhg@gmail.com

Circular walk of central Batley including talking and pictorial content. Historical facts of people and places, telling the history of the town from the early days of the manor owners to the millowners, showing the changes from a village to a town. Walkers need to be aware it is a walk of about two hours.

<https://batleyhistorygroup.co.uk/>



North Kirklees Family History Group

132 Upper Commercial Street, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 5DH

FRI 8TH 10 AM

SAT 9TH 10 AM

SUN 10TH 10 AM

TUES 12TH 10 AM

THURS 14TH 10 AM

FRI 15TH 9 AM

SAT 16TH 10 AM

SUN 17TH 10 AM

Taster sessions for family history research are available. We have recently changed our location: we were formerly Bleak House Family History located at Bleak House in Wilton Estate.

<https://nkhfg.org.uk/>



NEW EVENT



Dreamweavers, Slaithwaite



The Chapel, Hollins Row, Slaithwaite, HD7 5LA

SAT 9TH 10.30 AM – 12.30 PM, 2.30 – 4.30 PM

SUN 10TH 2 PM – 4 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
email Kim, info@shabang.org.uk

Dream Weavers is a 2-hour interactive performance especially designed for families who have a child with additional needs, devised and developed by Kim and Russ at Shabang. The performance will take place in the Grade II Listed former Baptist Chapel, which has been lovingly refurbished over the past four years. The audience will sit on the Magic Carpet and be transported to different worlds with original songs and music, and multi-sensory techniques. They will be welcomed with refreshments and the performance will begin half an hour after arrival.

www.shabang.org.uk



Edibles Permaculture Farm



The Barn, Paddock Farm, Park Gate Road, West Slaithwaite, HD7 5XA

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 5 PM
NATURE DRAWING 10 AM,
TALK & TOUR 12 PM & 3 PM,
WRITING WORKSHOP
12 PM & 4 PM

SUN 17TH 10 AM – 5 PM
NATURE DRAWING 10 AM
TALK & TOUR 12 PM & 3 PM
WRITING WORKSHOP
12 PM & 4 PM

Learn how Edibles uses permaculture, ecological and no dig approaches to grow food, create habitats and nurture creativity. Take a self-guided walk (with map and notes) throughout the day or join us at 12.0 and 3.0 for a talk and tour. This year, story writing workshops, led by our #Plant Stories writer-in-residence, Jamie Rhodes, will unleash your creativity and Rosie will run a nature drawing workshop. Workshops will run for about 45 minutes - no previous experience necessary, materials provided. As well as our pop-up café, we'll have fresh fruit, jam and veg for sale.

www.edibles.org.uk



Providence Methodist Church – Golcar



Knowl Road, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4AN

SAT 16TH 12 PM – 4 PM
PERFORMANCE BY TRUE TALENT
SCHOOL 12 PM – 1 PM
ORGAN RECITAL FROM 2 PM

SUN 17TH 12 PM – 4 PM
ORGAN RECITAL FROM 2 PM

Look around the church and learn about its history. The exhibition in the schoolroom will display photographs relating to Providence Methodist Church. The Theatre School hold weekly classes at the church teaching Drama, Dance and Singing. On Saturday at 12 noon there will be a performance by True Talent Theatre School in the church. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons there will be organ recitals on our unique Conacher organ, which was made in Huddersfield by Peter Conacher & Co. (the old firm) and installed in 1901.

www.huddersfieldmethodists.org.uk/golcar-providence.html



NEW EVENT

Huddersfield Narrow Canal and Railway - Marsden to Tunnel End



Meet: Entrance to the National Trust Car Park, Station Road, Marsden, HD7 6DH

SUN 17TH 2.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
www.bit.ly/42Clji

Take a walk to learn how the canal, and later the railway, arrived in Marsden and how both subsequently developed, including the epic stories of the building of the four Standedge tunnels and the restoration of the canal after years of closure and abandonment. The walk finishes at Tunnel End, where there should be an opportunity to look around the visitor attractions, have a drink in the café, and perhaps enjoy a leisurely trip back to our starting point on the Huddersfield Canal Society's own shuttle boat. This walk may include some relatively steep or uneven ground.

<https://discoverhuddersfield.uk/>



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St Mark's Church, Longwood

FRI 8TH - SAT 10TH

For details see
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Knitting & Crochet Guild Collection

1st floor, Britannia Mill, Britannia Road, Slaithwaite, HD7 5HE (opposite Aldi)

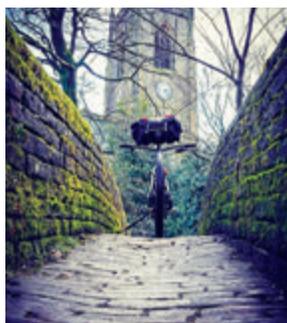
TUES 12TH 10 AM - 4 PM

A chance to see some of the unique items in the collection, share our archiving processes and meet some of the volunteers in our textile mill setting. We will be displaying some of our recently acquired items, including those from designer knitters and crocheters, along with patterns, books, tools and gadgets, shade cards and yarn samples. Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? Come along for some help and guidance!

<https://kcguild.org.uk>



St James's Church, Slaithwaite



Church St/Bankgate, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield HD7 5AW

SAT 16TH 10 AM - 4 PM

A Georgian building, built 1789 and Grade II Listed, with a beautiful and unusual interior. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and a

number of historic documents and old photos will be on display. Among many interesting features are a Venetian window dedicated to Lord Dartmouth, the local landowner, and depicting the Good Samaritan.

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-james-slaithwaite



St John the Evangelist Church, Golcar

Church St, Golcar, Huddersfield HD7 4PX

SAT 9TH 10.30 AM - 5.30 PM

See some of the unique parts of our church, including the very rare Binns organ (which will be played at intervals), our stained glass windows and war memorials. There will be access to burial records and family history sites, with experienced help from the Huddersfield and District Family History Society. We invite you to look around our churchyard, including its Commonwealth War Graves. During the last year we have rediscovered biographies and images of many of our incumbents from 1830 to date.

<http://stjohnschurchgolcar.org>



Open Events in Dewsbury

Discovering Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone

These events are produced by HATCH in collaboration with Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone, a five-year partnership between Kirklees Council and Historic England, which ends this year. They celebrate the town's rich architectural, social and industrial history and also showcase the creativity of the Kirklees Year of Music. Some events have been commissioned as part of the Dewsbury Creative Town Arts Programme and supported by Kirklees Council and Arts Council England.



There will be a free vintage shuttle bus running between key heritage sites around Dewsbury on Saturday 9 September, between 11.0 and 3.0.

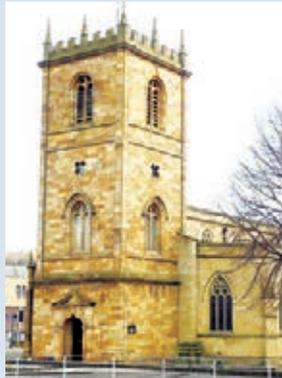
See the HOD website, <https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODbus> for more details about the route and timing.

**Events in Mirfield
and Thornhill
appear on p.16**


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Kirklees Launch Event

NEW EVENT



Ringing in Heritage Open Days at Dewsbury Minster

Dewsbury Minster, Vicarage
Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8DD

FRI 8TH 6 PM - 8.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODlaunch>

To launch Heritage Open Days across Kirklees, and as part of Kirklees Year of Music, we're putting on an evening of entertainment at Dewsbury Minster.

From 6.0 you're invited to tour the Minster, which dates from the 13th century, and try your hand at handbell ringing. A light buffet will be available.

Then sit back from 7.0 and enjoy the musical performances:

Dewsbury Minster's handbell ringers

Dewsbury Minster's famous tower bell, Black Tom, rings in the Devil's Knell each Christmas - when the bell is rung once for each year since the birth of Christ - but that's not the only bell at the Minster. Handbell ringing has a long history in the church and in the Dewsbury area in general: here, you'll get the chance to hear a performance by the current ringers - and perhaps you'll be inspired to join them. (They're running another have-a-go session later in the week, see p.12.)

Dewsbury Minster's choir will sing a variety of songs, with accompaniment from the Church organ.

Hebble

Hailing originally from Ireland and both sides of the Pennines, these experienced performers combine instruments with harmony vocals to play foot-tapping trad. songs and tunes from across the British Isles & Ireland, with some Americana in the mix too.



For five other events at the Minster, see p.12.

Bee Line Heritage Tour



Meet at Dewsbury Minster, Vicarage Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8DD

SAT 16TH WALKS 11 AM & 2 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
call/visit **Greenwoods shop**, Church Street, Dewsbury, 01924 461198 or email info@simonreedproductions.com

Starting at the Minster, local historian and videographer Simon Reed will discuss the places that made Dewsbury what it is today and introduce you to various historical characters, so be prepared to enter into the past and join in the fun as well as understand more of our local history.

The tour is designed for adults but children are able to pick up their own trail leaflet from Greenwoods, Dewsbury's oldest shop on Church St near the Minster. The meeting place is the side of the Minster facing B&Q, and the hour-long walk finishes in Market Place.

www.simonreedproductions.com



NEW EVENT

Crow Nest Park

Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, WF13 2SG

SAT 9TH 11 AM
THURS 14TH 12 PM
SAT 16TH 10.30 AM

BOOKING REQUIRED
01924500167
gill.young@hotmail.co.uk

This Grade II Listed Victorian Park has a wealth of mature trees. The walk of about 90 minutes will follow an established route through the Park to view the artefacts there as well as the magnificent trees, which will be identified and discussed. Participants will go away with an information leaflet and map of the Park. On the Saturdays the route will include a visit to St John's Church (see below); the Thursday event will be solely within the Park.

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcrownestpark/>



NEW EVENT

St John's Church Dewsbury Moor

Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 2JA

SAT 9TH 11 AM - 3 PM
SAT 16TH 11 AM - 3 PM

We are open as part of our 200th anniversary celebrations, to show the history of the church and its school links. Come and look at the history boards, documents and photographs of the church, the school and its people, our links

with the uniformed services and our bus ministry on the life of St John the Evangelist. There are wonderful stained glass windows, a churchyard tour, and displays by Dewsbury Sacrifices of those who died in the world wars. Trace your relatives and links to church or school through our archive and online site.

<https://dewsburyteamparish.org.uk>



NEW EVENT

Dewsbury Arcade

23 Corporation Street, Dewsbury, WF13 1QG

SAT 9TH 10 AM, 11.30 AM, 1 PM
SAT 16TH 10 AM, 11.30 AM, 1 PM

BOOKING PREFERRED
Mike Mawson, 07415 671646
or mike.mawson@arcade-dewsbury.org

Heritage tours will enable participants to learn about the long and proud history of the town's much-loved Victorian shopping thoroughfare. Opened in 1899, The Arcade was a popular part of the retail landscape for 117 years but since 2016 has sadly been closed to the public. These tours are a 'behind-the-scenes' opportunity to revisit some of the best-known former shops, to admire again the fondly remembered architecture and setting, and to have one 'last look' at the Arcade in its current condition before the long-awaited full restoration begins later in the year.

www.arcade-dewsbury.org



Dewsbury Town Hall tours



Dewsbury Town Hall, Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG

SAT 9TH 9.30 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 2.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/halltours2023>

Come for a tour of Dewsbury Town Hall where you can see the Victoria Hall, learn about the Civic Cabinet and its contents, the stained glass, view the artwork, see the mosaic floor, and finally visit the courtroom.



Greenwoods - Dewsbury's oldest shop

3 Church St, Dewsbury, WF13 1JJ

SAT 9TH 10 AM - 2 PM

WED 13TH 10.30 AM - 3 PM

(tours every half hour, limited to three visitors)

BOOKING REQUIRED
 Sue Baker, 01924 461198,
greenwoodclothingjewellery@btconnect.com

Dewsbury's smallest and newest museum enables visitors to

see what life was like for those who lived and worked in John Greenwoods shop from 1860 to the present day. It contains a range of shop memorabilia, artefacts, biographies and pictures of those who lived and worked here. The shop itself contains much of the original cabinetry from 1860 onwards, whilst still remaining a fully functioning shop with a master craftsman working jeweller. Come and meet the famous 'Bolenium Bill', resident in the shop since the 1920s.

www.john-greenwood.com



NEW EVENT

Heritage Skills: how to mend old clothes

Connect Housing Association, 21 Bond Street, Dewsbury, WF13 1AX

MON 11TH 2 PM - 4 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODmending>

In this artist-led workshop, you'll learn how to mend your old clothes using a range of techniques. You'll also learn how to give your clothes a new lease of life by using contrasting fabrics and threads to make your mending visible and fun.



NEW EVENT

Heritage Skills: Kantha embroidery taster workshop

Dewsbury Library, Railway Street, Dewsbury WF12 8EB

TUES 12TH 2 PM - 4 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODkantha>

Join this artist-led workshop to learn about Kantha - a type of embroidery craft from South Asia, that traditionally upcycled old fabrics for use around the home. In Dewsbury, old clothes and household rags were recycled into shoddy on an industrial scale. In Bangladesh and the eastern regions of India, people preferred to recycle fabrics within the home, often to make simple quilts from old saris, lungis and dhotis, to be used as bed cushions, blankets or throws around the home.



NEW EVENT

Heritage Skills: have a go at rag-rugging

Dewsbury Library, Railway Street, Dewsbury, WF12 8EB

FRI 8TH 1 PM - 3 PM

FRI 15TH 1 PM - 3 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODragrug>

With its shoddy industry, Dewsbury recycled fabrics on an industrial basis - but old fabrics have always been recycled within the home too. Rag rugging is a traditional technique for making home furnishings and decorative panels, using scraps of old clothes and household fabrics (materials provided). In these workshops, you'll learn the basic technique and be able to make your own rag rug design. You can attend one workshop or both, to spend longer working on your piece before taking it home.



NEW EVENT

Listed buildings walk

Dewsbury Town Hall, Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG

THURS 14TH 6 PM - 8 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODlisted>

A walking tour through Dewsbury Town Centre, led by Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) Project Officer John Lambe. Starting at the historic Town Hall, the tour will take in buildings that have been newly listed as part of the HAZ. Learn about the history of buildings and the significance of their being listed. The tour will finish with a short update on the HAZ progress and the Dewsbury Blueprint regeneration programme.



NEW EVENT

Make a sheep mask at Makerworld



Makerworld Dewsbury, 8 Bond Street, Dewsbury WF13 1AG

SAT 9TH 11 AM - 3 PM

Makerworld Dewsbury offers fun creative play for children of all ages. All sessions are free and drop-in, with all materials provided. For Heritage Open Days, Makerworld is encouraging people to explore Kirklees' textile history by celebrating the source of the wool: sheep! Our artists will show you how

to embrace your woolly side by making your own sheep mask out of scrap materials. Stay for the whole time or pop in between other events.



NEW EVENT

Pioneers of Computer Science

Dewsbury Station Forecourt, Wellington Rd, Dewsbury WF13 1HF

SAT 9TH 10 AM - 4 PM

Find out more about Dewsbury's Heritage Open Days events and about two Dewsbury-based pioneers of computer science. Tom Kilburn (1921-2001) and Leslie Fox (1918-92), are celebrated by blue plaques attached to Dewsbury railway station. Our costumed greeters will tell you all about them and how their work has helped shape the world we now live in, as well as directing you to other events organised by the Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone team.



Ravensthorpe Remembers

St Saviour's Church, 611 Huddersfield Road, Dewsbury, WF13 3JR

SAT 9TH 10 AM - 4 PM

Featuring our war memorial and 81 WWI portraits of the fallen from the parish. We also have artwork by one of the soldiers on the memorial.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18147/>



NEW EVENT



Sounds of Dewsbury



Dewsbury Town Hall, Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG

SAT 9TH
11.30 AM (ARTWORKS),
12.30 PM (LOOKING UP),
2 PM (SOUNDS INSIDE)

BOOKING REQUIRED
www.beam.uk.net/events/sounds-of-dewsbury/

Join artist Duncan Chapman for three 15-minute guided tours around the town to see it in a new light! Produced with Manasamitra and Sam Hodgson, each focuses on a different way of experiencing the environment:

- ARTWORKS is a journey round newly commissioned artworks in the town centre and transforms visual aspects of them into music.
- LOOKING UP takes listeners on a journey from the Town Hall through the Market looking up at the skylines.
- INSIDE is a memory journey that takes listeners round some of the old buildings, where we can stand outside and hear what might have been.

<https://www.manasamitra.com/>



The story of Shoddy & Mungo



17 Foundry Street, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, WF13 1QH

SAT 9TH 11 AM – 3 PM

WED 13TH 11 AM – 3 PM

SAT 16TH 11 AM – 3 PM

The INTERWOVEN exhibition, from WOVEN in Kirklees, celebrates the rich heritage of Dewsbury and North Kirklees' shoddy and mungo industry and its connections to present-day environmental issues in the modern textile industry. Learn more about how shoddy was invented in Batley, and how it transformed the North Kirklees area, bringing people, profit and pollution. Find out about why the trade declined - and how it's being reinvented in the 21st century.

<https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/case-study/interwoven/>



NEW EVENT

Urban sketching tour

Dewsbury Town Hall, Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG (main entrance)

SAT 9TH 12.30 PM – 3 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODsketch>

Join local Illustrator John Chamberlain in sketching buildings and details from around Dewsbury, stopping to sketch at key points, such as the Market, the Arcades and the Town Hall. All levels of experience or confidence are welcome, and it will be a friendly, informal and fun trip. John will be on hand to offer advice. Recommended materials: the cheapest sketchbook, a 2b pencil and a fineline pen.



NEW EVENT

Vintage Buses at Dewsbury Town Hall

Dewsbury Town Hall, Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG

SAT 9TH 10 AM – 4 PM



Come to the Town Hall to see a pair of vintage buses from Dewsbury Bus Museum. Based in Ravensthorpe, the Museum has a collection of over 30 vintage buses, dating from the 1940s to the 1980s, and will be bringing a couple of their favourites into town for the day. Their volunteers will be on hand to show you around the old vehicles. You can even ride between key Dewsbury heritage sites on our free vintage shuttle bus from 11.0 to 3.0 - details at <https://tinyurl.com/DewsburyHODbus>

www.dewsburybusmuseum.org

NEW EVENT



TOWNSOUNDS exhibition



Andy Turner (vocalist) and Simon Mooney (guitarist) from Instigators punk band warm-up for their sixth European tour, Huddersfield Polytechnic, 25 November 1987. Photo by Pori Medlock, courtesy of Simon Mooney

Former W H Smith's, Princess of Wales shopping centre, Dewsbury, WF13 1NH

FRI 8TH – FRI 15TH ANY TIME

TOWNSOUNDS is a free public exhibition charting how Kirklees district and its music have grown, hand-in-hand, through the voices of the people who have made it. It displays the remarkable diversity of musical expression which has flourished here, reflecting the many different groups and communities who have made it their home. This pop-up display features archive images from the main TOWNSOUNDS exhibition, designed to reach those who tend not to visit galleries or museums.

It has been made possible with the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) Cultural Programme.

Open Events in Mirfield and Thornhill

Mirfield Masonic Lodge

14 King Street, Mirfield, West
Yorkshire, WF14 8AW

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 3 PM

SUN 17TH 10 AM – 3 PM

A unique opportunity to have a look around Mirfield Masonic Lodge, formed in 1866 and steeped in history. You will be able to have a look around, and see the temple, the past Masters' room, with the roll of honour of all the past Masters!

<https://mirfield1102.org/>



NEW EVENT

West Yorkshire Print Workshop Open Studios

75A Huddersfield Road, Mirfield,
WF14 8AT

FRI 8TH 2 PM – 4 PM

SAT 9TH 2 PM – 4 PM

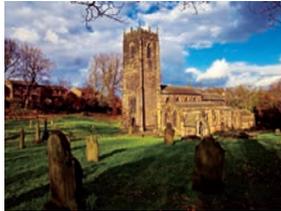
Discover the world of printmaking! Learn about endangered heritage crafts such as letterpress printing. We will be throwing the doors open so you can see behind the scenes, meet artists and makers and take away some printmaking ideas to try at home. See some of the old wooden letter type and learn how to put it together on a galley and run through the press. Come and get inky fingers

and have a sneaky look into some of the artists' studios on site too!

<https://wypw.org/>



Historic Gem with a local touch



Parish Church of St Michael
and All Angels, Church Lane,
Thornhill, WF12 0JZ

SAT 9TH 10 AM – 4 PM
TALK AT 10.30 AM, COFFEE
MORNING FROM 10 AM

SUN 10TH 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM,
2.30 PM – 4 PM

WED 13TH 10.30 AM – 2 PM
(CAFÉ 11.15 AM – 1 PM)

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 4 PM
TALK AT 11 AM,
COFFEE MORNING FROM 10 AM

SUN 17TH 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM,
2.20 PM – 4 PM

A beautiful Grade I Listed Building set in a large churchyard, restored for 21st Century use. Medieval stained glass and interesting monuments all conserved. A whole suite of Burlysson and Grylls Victorian windows. Exhibitions of photo albums; learn how to find a grave in the churchyard; some help with local family research. Talks celebrating local greats:

- Rev John Michel a former Rector - the man who first postulated the possibility of BLACK HOLES, by Chris

Butlin in Georgian Costume as Henry Cavendish (Sat 9th).

- A local family, by Stuart Hartley, a local historian (Sat 16th).

www.thornhillparishchurch.org.uk



Open Events in the Holme Valley

NEW EVENT

All Saints Church & Community Centre, Netherthong



Towngate, Netherthong,
Holmfirth, HD9 3XZ

SAT 9TH 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM

Built in 1830, All Saints Church, Netherthong is now undergoing changes to create a usable space for the whole community. Netherthong Community Partnership are working towards creating this space whilst still maintaining the building as a place of worship. Come and see the changes to the building so far whilst finding out a little of the history of the church and of Netherthong village. Huddersfield and District Family

History Society will also be in attendance to share their knowledge.

www.netherthongcc.org



NEW EVENT

Craftsmen and Women at St David's, Holmbridge



Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NQ

SAT 9TH 10.30 AM – 4 PM

SUN 10TH 11.30 AM – 4 PM

Our Victorian church has some hidden surprises - some of which the current vicar and congregation knew nothing about until researching old documents! Now it welcomes you to explore the glories of its craftsmanship as part of its Community Weekend. Stunning 20th century embroidery, a modern stained glass window, modern art and surprising carved symbols! Interpretative self guided trail in church. Mini trail for kids. The Weekend also includes a Scarecrow Festival, Saturday Café and Sunday afternoon cricket tournament.

www.holmbridgechurch.org.uk



Holmfirth Toll House

Fair Trader Co-Operative,
32-34 Huddersfield Road,
Holmfirth HD9 2JS

FRI 8TH 9.30 AM – 5 PM

SAT 9TH, 16TH 9 AM – 5 PM

SUN 10TH, 17TH 10 AM – 4 PM

MON 11TH – FRI 15TH
9.30 AM – 5 PM

Constructed in the early 19th century, the toll house served as a vital checkpoint, collecting fees from travellers and traders to maintain and improve local roads and bridges. By the mid-

20th century, it had changed use to commercial property. However, the local community rallied to preserve this iconic landmark. In a remarkable turn of events, the toll house found new life and purpose as a fair trade shop. Now, it stands as a symbol of sustainability and social responsibility. You'll find captivating images and information placed around the store, providing insights into the historic building and local stories.

www.fairtrader.info



NEW EVENT

Holmfirth Methodist Church

School Street, Holmfirth,
HD9 7EQ

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 4 PM

We are opening our church as part of Yorkshire Churches day. There will be lots of displays showing the history of our church and how it has

changed over the years. There will also be displays of artefacts and photographs from other churches in the Holme Valley and information about the history of Methodism. Tea and cakes will be available in the afternoon.

www.holmfirthmethodist.org.uk/



Holmfirth Parish Church



Towngate, Holmfirth
HD9 1HA

SAT 16TH 10.30 AM – 4 PM

We are pleased to open our Georgian church to everyone who would like to visit us. Our building is 235 years old and built in the Georgian style. We have a bell tower with six bells and a newly formed bell ringing group. There will also be access to an unusual building behind the church, the 'Old Towser' (see p.18) which has a fascinating history of its own.

www.holytrinityholmfirth.org.uk/



Th'Owd Towser, Holmfirth

Daisy Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1HS

SUN 10TH 10 AM – 4 PM

Visit this old jail and hear the story of its most famous occupant. Perhaps the oldest building in Holmfirth, dating from around 1595. In its long history it has served as a jail (for which it was built), a fire station, a mortuary and an ambulance station.



Wooldale Quaker Meeting House

Pell Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1QL

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 4 PM

The Quaker [Friends] Meeting House at Wooldale is primarily a building of 1783 but incorporates late 17th century parts, being partially remodelled in about 1900. This Grade II Listed building includes a meeting room, gallery and elders' bench. Quakerism came to the Holme Valley in its infancy in the mid-17th century. The Jackson family were largely responsible for establishing the Meeting House. Also to be seen is the burial ground, an ancient sundial and a parish boundary wall.

www.wooldalequakers.org.uk/



STOP PRESS
LATE
ENTRY

St Thomas's Church, Thurstonland

SAT 16TH – SUN 17TH

For details see
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Open Events in Huddersfield Town Centre



Town Hall tours

Ramsden Street, Huddersfield,
HD1 2TA

SAT 9TH 9 AM & 11 AM,
1 PM & 2.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/halltours2023>

Explore Huddersfield Town Hall, a Grade II Listed building. Learn more about the impressive and ornate concert hall and get up close to the Father Willis organ.



NEW EVENT

Irish in Huddersfield walk

Meet St George's Square
(Harold Wilson statue)

SUN 10TH 2.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
www.bit.ly/42Ciji

John Lambe explores places associated with Irish immigrants who came to work on the canals, in textiles, construction and recently, to study at the University. The walk will finish at approx. 4 pm at the Irish Centre (86 Fitzwilliam Street, HD1 5BB) for tea and coffee (no charge – donations accepted), followed by a free screening of 'The Connemara Connection'.

<https://discoverhuddersfield.uk/>



Hi! CELEBRATE

This year's Heritage Open Days in Kirklees reach a climax with a series of linked events in Huddersfield town centre, see below and opposite. These three events are all part of the cultural programme, funded by Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zone, now in its final year.

NEW EVENT



Daytimers

Northern Quarter, 28 - 30
Wood Street, Huddersfield, West
Yorkshire, HD1 1DU

SAT 16TH 1 PM & 3 PM

BOOKING PREFERRED
tinyurl.com/bhagra2023

A specially commissioned performance by Chol exploring the underground Bhangra scene of the 1990s and 2000s, where young people of colour could hang out and dance in secret. Daytimers is a family-friendly show devised with input from the people of Huddersfield who were part of this secret scene. Music and performance will come together to celebrate a nationwide cultural movement of the late 20th century that Huddersfield was instrumental in. Funded by Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zone funding. Places are limited so please do book if you can, that said if we can fit you in on the day, we will.





Huddersfield Heritage Mile

St George's Square, Huddersfield HD1 1JB

SUN 17TH 12.30 PM
WALK AT 1 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
<https://tinyurl.com/heritagemile>

At 1.0, a short free guided walk (just over 1 mile) round the Huddersfield Heritage Mile, starting at the Harold Wilson statue, ending at the Open Market, taking in many of the historic buildings. Learn of the town's growth and in particular the influence of the Ramsden family. A display on the Ramsdens will also feature at the Open Market event (see right).

The walk will be led by Huddersfield Samba Band and guided by Huddersfield High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) project officer John Lambe. It will be preceded at 12.30 by entertainment from the Northern Tweedsters.



NEW EVENT

Heritage in the Hudd

Hive Café, 46 John William St, Huddersfield HD1 1ER
Open Market, Brook St, Huddersfield HD1 1RY

SUN 17TH 12 PM – 2 PM
(FAMILY ACTIVITY)
1 PM – 4 PM (MAIN EVENT)

From 12.0 to 2.0, come along to HIVE cafe to collect your copy of a limited edition Huddersfield colouring book and join in with free family arts activities.

From 1.0 to 4.0, Huddersfield Open Market will host a family-friendly afternoon of films, art, food and drink, stalls and exhibitions linked to Huddersfield's heritage, with a Carnival performance at 3.30. The film screenings will include:

- The Town That Bought Itself (Proper Job)
- INTERWOVEN Soundscape (WOVEN)
- A New Life in Huddersfield – Memories of Partition and Migration (Let's Go Yorkshire)
- Round and Around: The Story of Shoddy and Mungo in Song (WOVEN)
- A Journey of Faith (Kirklees Local TV)



TOWNSOUNDS street party



Open Market, Brook Street, HD1 1DR

SUN 17TH 4 PM – 7 PM

Join us in a FAMILY FRIENDLY celebration of Huddersfield's reggae sound system culture, to enjoy the Jamaican music, dance and good vibes! Featuring Marshall, Positive and Dee Bo General spinning a musical selection of ska, rocksteady, reggae and roots! Playing strictly vinyl in the traditional one-deck style, powered by Zion Inna Vision Sound System.

The TOWNSOUNDS Street Party forms part of the TOWNSOUNDS Heritage project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Huddersfield High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ).



Want to take part next year?

New sites and events are always welcome. Contact us via kirkleeshod@gmail.com

Lawrence Batley Theatre

Queen St, Huddersfield
HDI 2SP

THURS 14TH TOURS 11 AM
& 1 PM

FRI 15TH TOURS 11 AM
& 1 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
01484 430528 or
www.thelbt.org



Step into the limelight in our special backstage theatre tour! You'll take in the stories of our historic building along with a behind-the-scenes sneak peek, guided by one of our expert team.

Originally built as a Wesleyan Methodist chapel, the building has 204 years of history behind it. Now we are the creative heart of Huddersfield, here to do our community proud. We share exciting and entertaining stories, encourage creativity, nurture confidence and develop local and national talent. We are friendly and welcoming, inclusive, diverse and accessible, brave and unafraid of taking risks.

www.thelbt.org



University of Huddersfield

NEW EVENT

Sovereign Design House



Queen St South, Huddersfield
HDI 3DR

SUN 10TH 10 AM – 12.30 PM
(TALK AT 10.30 AM,
WALK AT 12 PM)

BOOKING REQUIRED
for talk <https://tinyurl.com/sovereign1955>

Sovereign Design House was originally built in 1955, providing purpose-built washing facilities for the workers at the then-adjacent Broadbent Foundry. Open as Toast House café during term time and as an art gallery and event space, this is

an opportunity to explore its unique original features.

At 10.30 local historian Chris Marsden will give a short illustrated talk on the grade II Listed building's history. 1953 UK legislation made amenity blocks for iron foundries compulsory but instead of basic facilities Huddersfield architects produced this Frank Lloyd Wright inspired design with sun terrace.

At 12.0 you are welcome to join Lauren Velvick for a short walk across the campus to our friends at Heritage Quay and the Holocaust Centre North.



NEW EVENT

Unwrapping a lost history

Holocaust Centre North, Schwann Building (Level 2), Queensgate, Huddersfield
HDI 3DH

SUN 10TH 12.30 PM – 3 PM

Listen to a Holocaust survivor talk about his experiences of shtetl life in Poland and

hear how Holocaust Centre North helped to uncover his lost history. Martin Kapel's vivid childhood memories stand in contrast to his lack of any family photographs or archivable documents. An artistic project co-created with Martin in 2022 produced a visual record of his experiences and uncovered previously unknown family history. Take part in a creative activity to highlight the resonances for life today.

<https://hcn.org.uk/>



Heritage Quay

(the University Archives), also in the Schwann Building, will be open to visitors during both events. Their current exhibition, one of a series for the [Kirklees Year of Music](#), is 'Free to Improvise: The Derek Bailey Story'. This explores the life and work of the legendary free improvising guitarist, whose archive is cared for by Heritage Quay.

<https://heritagequay.org/>

St Peter's Parish Church

Byram St, Huddersfield HD1 1BU

MON 11 TH – FRI 15TH
10 AM – 4 PM

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 12 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
for guided tours (by 8 Sept); open for unguided visits: Mitchell Wright, 01484 427964, office@huddersfieldparishchurch.org

The church is the third building on the site and dates from 1836. The Elizabethan font and 16th century wood panelling date from the second church of 1506. The Chancel features a recently re-gilded Baldachino and East Window by Sir Ninian Comper (1923). A large balcony with fine stained glass can be visited, and the ceiling has interesting bosses. There is a fine Conacher organ and a significant collection of 'Mouseman' oak furniture. There is a 'Teddy Trail' for families and children and this year we are hosting an 'Interfaith Quilt'.

<https://huddersfieldparishchurch.org>



Open Events in Huddersfield (outside the centre)

Antilles Credit Union

163 Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DZ

SUN 17TH 1 PM – 5 PM

Sharing skills to succeed! In 2023, we focus on self-help, memories and knowledge about gardening, plants, recipes, healthy living and making home budgets go a bit further within local African Caribbean communities.

We also revisit last year's Pardoner theme and hope to record more local memories of informal saving schemes. Whether visiting the Antilles Credit Union for the first time or a regular, all are most welcome to see our display and enjoy tasty Caribbean cooking. Sharing any memories would be a bonus!

www.locorum.org.uk/



NEW EVENT

The Changing Face of Birkby



Meet outside St John's Church, St John's Rd, Huddersfield HD1 5EA

WED 13TH 2.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED
www.bit.ly/42Clji

Join Lorna Brooks and Melinda Sharpe to explore the history of famous firms such as Hopkinsons engineering and Ben Shaws drinks as well as co-ops, a cinema, grand houses, churches

and mosques, transport links, gardens, breweries and a workhouse. You will also discover older heritage sites - the medieval motte and bailey fortification on Beacon Street and the timber-framed Bay Hall - all showcasing Birkby's development from a green suburb to the densely populated multicultural community we know today.

<https://discoverhuddersfield.uk/>



Greenhead Park in Pictures



Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DN

SAT 16TH 9.30 AM – 4 PM

Greenhead Park is an attractive Grade II Listed Victorian park which opened in 1884. Historic features include a bandstand, Italian Gardens & fountain, conservatory, lake and two war memorials. A display of old maps, photographs, postcards and other memorabilia, in the small Pavilion by the bowling greens, will take you through the Park's fascinating story. As well as views of the Park and its features, you'll find images of people, events and activities through the years - which may bring back childhood memories for some!

www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk



NEW EVENT

YEAR OF MUSIC MUSIC EVENT

Huddersfield Seventh-day Adventist Church



College Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5EB

SUN 10TH 10 AM – 4 PM
GOSPEL WORKSHOP 2 PM

Want to know who the Adventists are? Come along to our open day. Activities on the day will include informal tours, vegan and vegetarian cooking, general health checks, gospel music singing, and Pathfinder demonstrations, to name just a few. We have been in our recently renovated building for over 50 years and welcome the opportunity to share who we are and the activities we engage in. Among the offerings are a Gospel Music Workshop for those who want to try it and creative activities for children.

<https://huddersfield.adventistchurch.org.uk/>



STOP PRESS LATE ENTRY

Holy Trinity Church

SAT 16TH

For details see www.heritageopendays.org.uk

King James's School



St. Helen's Gate, Almondbury, HD4 6SG

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 2 PM

The Grade II Listed school dates back to 1547 with the parts still in use to 1750 and additional Victorian buildings dating from 1848 and 1883. Senior students from the school will take visitors round the gardens of the old part of this thriving comprehensive school. Visitors will also have the opportunity to walk round the old classrooms and dormitories. It is hoped once again to have the original school charter of 1608 on view.

www.kingjames.org.uk



Lindley Clock Tower



6 Lidget St, Huddersfield, HD3 3JB

SAT 9TH 10 AM – 2 PM

Climb the 69 steps of the 83-foot Lindley Clocktower and take in the view from the windows on all four sides, as well as seeing the clock mechanism. If you're lucky the quarterly chimes will toll as you visit. Designed in the Art Nouveau style by architect Edgar Wood [see next entry], Lindley Clock Tower was erected in 1902 by his uncle James Nield Sykes, a local mill owner.

www.lindleygroup.org.uk

NEW EVENT

Lindley Methodist Church – A tale of two architects



45 East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3ND

SAT 9TH 1.30 PM (FILM)
2.30 PM – 5.30 PM (OPEN)
3.30 PM (WALK)

BOOKING REQUIRED
FILM: <https://tinyurl.com/paintedveil>
WALK: <https://tinyurl.com/lindleywalk>

Celebrated architect Edgar Wood designed the chancel and vestry extension, while the original church building was designed by Lindley-born architect George Woodhouse. Visitors will be able to find out more about both architects via the displays and information stall. Members of the Edgar

Wood Heritage Group will give tours of the church along with church representatives. There will also be:

- A screening of the 2018 film about Edgar Wood, *A Painted Veil*, directed by Anthony Dolan.
- A short one-hour walk led by local historian David Verguson, pointing out other buildings in Lindley, designed by both architects.

www.lindleymethodist.org



St Stephen's Church, Lindley

Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3JB



SAT 9TH 10 AM – 3 PM

St Stephen's is a beautiful, Grade II Listed church opposite the Clock Tower (also open, see opposite). Built in 1829 by Joseph Kaye, 'Builder of Huddersfield', to a Gothic design by John Oates, it houses 200 years of local history and has links with all the significant historical figures in Lindley, such as the Sykes family. Its range of high quality wooden furnishings includes several by 'Mouseman' Thompson of Kilburn - see

if you can find the carved mice! It is set in a characterful, biodiverse churchyard, with several Commonwealth war graves.

A churchyard mouse trail is available for children and families between 10.0 and 12.0.



NEW EVENT

Tolson Memorial Museum - Creative Writing Workshop



Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Road, Huddersfield HD5 8DJ

SAT 9TH 1.30 PM – 3.30 PM

Join Author Cat Lumb for a free creative writing workshop, exploring Tolson's fascinating collection. The permanent collections chart Huddersfield's history from the Iron Age to the boom in the textile industry. Galleries include World War I and Suffragist exhibitions, vintage vehicles and the taxidermy 'half animals'. Park, playground and shop are also available. The Museum is open as normal during Heritage Open Days.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums/tolsonmuseum



St John the Evangelist Church, Birkby



St John's Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5EA

FRI 8TH	2 PM – 4 PM
SAT 9TH	10 AM – 2 PM
FRI 15TH	2 PM – 4 PM
SAT 16TH	10 AM – 2 PM

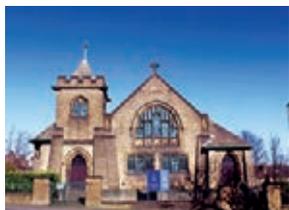
Our Grade II* Listed church, designed by renowned Victorian architect William Butterfield, has a stained glass East window in memory of those who died in the 1st World War, restored in 2012 to its wonderful bright colours. There are also William Morris stained glass windows recording local industrial scenes. The main West window depicts the 'Te Deum'.

Alongside this, we will have various organists playing during our opening hours, so come along and just sit and listen.

www.stjohnsbirkby.org.uk



Vajrapani Kadampa Meditation Centre



Wheathouse Terrace,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire,
HD2 2UY

SUN 17TH 1 PM – 4 PM

We welcome anyone who would like to see inside this historic Grade II listed building. Opened in 1912, it remains full of original features, and is now home to a Buddhist community offering meditation classes to the people of Kirklees. There will be guided tours of the building, with refreshments available in our delightful café space and friendly faces on-hand to answer any questions. Our resident teacher, Varahi, will be offering short meditation sessions (no experience necessary!), so please come along if you have an interest in history, architecture, mindfulness or meditation.

<https://meditateinhuddersfield.org/>



Victoria Tower, Castle Hill

Hillside, Lumb Lane, Almondbury
HD4 6TA

SAT 9TH 12 PM – 4.30 PM

SUN 10TH 12 PM – 4.30 PM

The history of human activity on the Castle Hill goes back over 4000 years. The site was



developed as an iron age hill fort, surrounded by defensive ditches and ramparts. In the Middle Ages there was a castle on the hill. The present tower was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee of 1897 and is a Grade II Listed building. It can be accessed by steps only, but the site contains a diverse mosaic of wildlife habitats and is a Local Nature Reserve.



Open Events in South Kirklees Villages

High Flatts Quaker Meeting House

Firth Lane, High Flatts,
Huddersfield HD8 8XU

THURS 14TH 10 AM – 5 PM

FRI 15TH 10 AM – 5 PM

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 5 PM

SUN 17TH 10 AM – 5 PM

The 365 year old High Flatts Quaker Meeting House is a Grade II Listed building situated in a hamlet which was, until recently, exclusively Quaker-owned. Built in local stone, it offers spectacular views of the rolling countryside. Guided nature tours of the area are available upon request, featuring reflections upon local historical

agriculture and rural industry, along with a look at a 1932 typhoid epidemic and the original village water supply driven by water power.

www.highflattsquakers.org.uk



All Hallows Church, Kirkburton



Shelley Lane, Kirkburton,
Huddersfield, HD8 0SJ

SAT 9TH 10 AM – 4 PM

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 4 PM

Guides and displays will be available to inform you of the ancient church's rich history. Spend time enjoying the exhibition of the Kirkburton and Highburton Heritage Project with 17 local landmarks beautifully depicted in various textiles. Visitors can try out weaving themselves with mini-looms and other craft activities. We will also show you how to navigate the Burial Grounds Management System website to find an ancestor, and how to adopt a grave! And you can join the Highburton & Kirkburton Sketchers, trying your hand at sketching some of the beautifully carved gravestones. (The graveyard is free to explore, but see opposite for graveyard tour.)

<http://allhallowschurch.co.uk>



NEW EVENT

Kirkburton Graveyard Tour



All Hallows Church, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0SJ

SAT 16TH 11.30 AM, 2.45 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED

Julie, 07890 513286,
julie.bligh-smith@hotmail.co.uk

A landlord buried where his kitchen garden once stood, a victim of the Holmfirth floods and a young girl struck by lightning! These are just some of the interesting graves you will see when you join the Kirkburton History Group for a thought-provoking walk to learn about the lives and deaths of some of the people buried in the graveyard of the All Hallows' Church, Kirkburton. The tour starts and ends at Church.

www.kirkburtonhistorygroup.co.uk



Kirkburton History Walk

All Hallows Church, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0SJ

SAT 16TH 10.15 AM, 1.30 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED

Julie, 07890 513286,
julie.bligh-smith@hotmail.co.uk

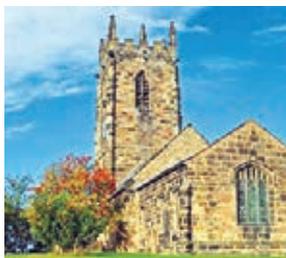
A vicar's wife shot, the local myth of 'traitle oil' and 93,000 soldiers from the Royal Corps of Signals... join us on a circular walk around the oldest part of Kirkburton to discover its rich and fascinating history. We would love to hear your memories too and any extra bits of information you know about our wonderful village! The 1 km walk starts and ends at All Hallows' Church. It is suitable for people of all ages but not for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

www.kirkburtonhistorygroup.co.uk



NEW EVENT

St Michael's Church, Emley



Church Street, Emley, Huddersfield, HD8 9RP

SAT 16TH 11 AM - 4 PM

Experience 600 years of history by visiting this Grade I Listed medieval church, and enjoy guided tours by our resident architect. You will be able to ascend the 100-foot tower to enjoy spectacular views of Yorkshire. Believe it or not, this lovely, unassuming parish church stood in for scenes set at the Tower of London in the 2021 Channel 5 Anne Boleyn drama.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day and visitors are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy if they wish.

www.stmichaelsemley.co.uk



Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre

6 Queen Street, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9DU

THURS 14TH	12 PM - 5 PM
FRI 15TH	12 PM - 5 PM
SAT 16TH	10 AM - 4 PM
SUN 17TH	10 AM - 4 PM

BOOKING REQUIRED

tours start on the hour
Phone 07415 725095;
richardwbrook@gmail.com;
write to 83 Barnsley Road
Upper Cumberworth
Huddersfield HD8 8NN

This small Textile Heritage Centre comprises: downstairs, the family living quarters, maintained & furnished as a West Riding weaver's family home would have been c1900; upstairs, an authentic hand-loom, incorporating a flying-shuttle and a rising-box, along with fascinating displays & artefacts linked to our textile heritage. Guides will be present and there will be hand-loom demonstrations Thursday, Friday, Saturday (1.0 - 4.0) and Sunday (10.0 - 1.0). Leaflets for self-guided walks along the Skelmanthorpe Village Trail will also be available.

<https://fosthc.wixsite.com/skeltexheritage>



Open Events in the Spen Valley

NEW EVENT

All Saints Church, Roberttown



Church Road, Liversedge
WF15 7LR

SAT 16TH 11 AM – 3 PM

All Saints has served the village of Roberttown for over 175 years. There were plans for open days and other celebrations for the 175th Anniversary in 2020, but due to Covid, this was not possible. This is an opportunity to visit and view this lovely building. Visitors will be able to take light refreshments and find out about the history of the Church in Roberttown. There will be anniversary booklets available for a small charge, along with a photo display showing recent renovation work.



NEW EVENT

Celebrate Mary Taylor

The Red House, 281 Oxford
Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton,
BD19 4JP

SAT 9TH 10 AM



A ceremony to celebrate the installation of a blue plaque to Mary Taylor, at her childhood home. Mary Taylor was a pioneering feminist, writer, teacher, businesswoman and traveller and an inspiration to Charlotte Bronte, her lifelong friend and confidante. Charlotte was a regular visitor to The Red House and used the Taylor family as characters in her novel Shirley. This is a short ceremony outside The Red House (currently closed), after which participants can visit nearby St Mary's Church Gomersal (see opposite), to see Mary's grave and explore the church.

www.spenvalleycivicsociety.org.uk



NEW EVENT

Creativity around Red House

FRI 8TH – SUN 17TH ANY TIME

ONLINE
VIA FACEBOOK



Red House Yorkshire Heritage Trust is working with Kirklees Council to offer seasonal activities at the historic Red House at Gomersal and community activities in the Barn in the future. There will be a daily post on Facebook looking at the books, paintings and music associated with the area around Red House, Gomersal and The Spen Valley.

www.facebook.com/redhouseyorkshire

NEW EVENT

Gomersal Methodist Church



Latham Lane, Gomersal,
Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire,
BD19 4AL

SAT 16TH 10.30 AM – 3 PM

On Yorkshire Churches Day, explore the history and treasures of the Listed 'Pork Pie Chapel', dating from 1827. View original upstairs pews, downstairs curved pews with numbered doors, beautiful organ pipes, WWI records and memorials from this and other Chapels (now closed), baptism fonts and glass communion wine holders, pottery and Wesley plates. Explore the history of the Chapel, files on John and Charles Wesley, the Taylors of Red House, and Gomersal's heritage.



Holy Spirit Church, Heckmondwike

Bath Road, Heckmondwike,
WF16 9EA

FRI 15TH 12 PM – 4 PM

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 4 PM

Holy Spirit Church, completed in 1915 in a Byzantine-Romanesque style, brought a blend of the old Christian churches found in the Mediterranean to the town. Enhanced by stained glass crafted by Margaret Agnes Rope, it boasts four Swedish

blue marble columns supporting its green dome. The Roman Catholic church's founding father, Monsignor John O'Connor, inspired G.K.Chesterton's Father Brown, while a later Parish Priest, Fr. Patrick Roche, counted members of American Ryder Cup teams (to whom he was Chaplain), film stars and American astronauts among his friends.

holyspiritheckmondwike.co.uk/



Our Lady of Unfailing Help & St. Paul of the Cross Church, Cleckheaton

Dewsbury Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 5DL

SAT 9TH 10 AM – 3 PM

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds' first permanent church was built after World War Two. The origins of the Parish lay in Cleckheaton's response to providing a place of worship for the Belgian refugees who arrived in the area in the early days of the Great War. After various temporary arrangements, the present, modest red-brick church was built in 1952/53 to the design of J.H. Langtry-Langton. It is of a simplified Romanesque style.

<https://stpaulscleckheaton.wordpress.com/>



YEAR OF MUSIC MUSIC EVENT

St Mary the blessed Virgin, Gomersal



Spenn Lane, Gomersal, BD19 4LS

**SAT 9TH 9 AM – 4 PM
(MUSIC AT 11 AM & 2 PM)**

Built in 1851 by John Dobson of Leeds, the grade II Listed church is in neo-Gothic style and was extensively reordered in 2003-04. Worth seeing are an imposing sculpture of the Christus (wood, copper and gold leaf) made by Peter Eugene Ball hanging from the roof of the nave; three furnishings made by Robert Thompson (the Mouseman): the memorial board, the notice board in the porch and the tabernacle in the chapel; beautiful stained glass windows; four war graves; and the grave of Mary Taylor, Charlotte Brontë's friend. At 11.0 and 2.0 there will be organ explanation, demonstration, play yourself and hymn singing.

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18110/



NEW EVENT

YEAR OF MUSIC MUSIC EVENT

Spenn Valley Artists, Authors, Poets and Musicians



Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton BD19 3DX

SAT 16TH 10 AM – 2 PM

Welcome to wonderful Cleckheaton Library (Grade II, Art Deco). Come along and be surprised how many famous Artists, Authors, Poets and Musicians have links to Spenn Valley – from Mr Men to the Brontës, dazzle ships to doh ray mee. The Musica Youth Band (brass and woodwind) will play for us from 11.0 to 12.30. Children (accompanied by parents/guardians) can take part in a Mr Man Trail and the Nature Trail (by Cleckheaton in Bloom for the Library).

www.facebook.com/FriendsofCleckheatonLibrary



Ideas for next year?

Let us know via kirkleeshod@gmail.com



We are: local

Interested in local history and heritage? We've got some great resources for you.

Books, maps, photos, local newspapers, trade directories... plus free access to Ancestry and the British Newspaper Archive in all our libraries.

To discover more about our collections, visit Kirklees Local Studies Library in our new interim location at Victoria Lane, Huddersfield (formerly Argos), or contact us on 01484 414868 or localstudies.library@kirklees.gov.uk.

We also have Local Studies collections in other libraries - you can find opening hours and contact details for all our libraries at www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk.



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