Heritage Open Days in Kirklees

58 FREE EVENTS in Kirklees, 6–9 and 13–16 September 2018

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About Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days (HOD) is England's biggest festival of history and culture, involving over 40,000 volunteers. Each year in 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.

In 2018 it extends over two weekends, eight days in total. This brochure has been prepared by the Kirklees HOD Committee. Alongside exciting new entries, there are also many old favourites. To coincide with the centenary of votes for most women, some - highlighted in green in the listings - celebrate this year’s national theme, Extraordinary Women.

Most events are open access but due to limited capacity, some have to be booked. Bookable events are identified in the brochure and the booking process is explained below. Please respect this. If you don’t book, you will be turned away. If you do book but find you can’t attend, please tell the booking service.

Kirklees HOD Committee is a partnership of Batley Smile, Discover Huddersfield, Holme Valley Civic Society, Huddersfield Civic Society, Huddersfield Local History Society, Kirklees Libraries and Museums services and Spen Valley Civic Society; we are also supported by University of Huddersfield History students. We are hugely grateful to the site organisers and volunteers for the work they do and to the partners and advertisers who have funded this brochure.

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Every effort has been made to ensure that details in this brochure are correct at time of going to press but sometimes things change: for updated information please check www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

How to book

Where the key words appear, bookings are to be made at the Visitor Information Point (VIP), Huddersfield Library, Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield HD1 2SU • 01484 223200 • huddersfield.information@kirklees.gov.uk

The VIP’s opening hours are: Mon – Fri 9.30 AM – 5 PM, Sat 10 AM – 4 PM

Booking at the VIP is open from 15 August

For other events where booking is required or advised, see the relevant entry.

Key
At-a-glance guide to Kirklees events

Listings are accurate at time of going to press. Please visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for updated information. Events highlighted in green contribute to the Extraordinary Women theme.

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Heritage Open Days in September 2019 – will YOU join the festival?

**WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?**
Opening an interesting place in Kirklees for the public to visit, leading a walk/activity, putting on a talk, film or exhibition in September 2019 (exact dates TBC).

**WHO CAN PUT ON AN EVENT?**
Anyone, including building owners or groups/societies working with the owner of an interesting building, or a place where a historic event happened.

**WHAT SORT OF HERITAGE?**
All aspects: buildings, work, entertainment, worship, life in war and peace ...

**MUST WE OPEN EVERY DAY?**
No! You choose: could be anything from one event on one day, up to a full programme, as this brochure shows. And they can be open access or by booking only.

**ANYTHING ELSE?**
Entry must be free. If you’re normally open to the public, you must provide something extra, e.g. guided tours, an information sheet, an exhibition, a quiz or activities for children.

**WHAT HELP DO WE GET?**
By registering on the national HODs website, you’ll get national publicity there for your event, and you can apply for promotional materials (e.g. bunting, banners). Locally you will feature in our widely-distributed brochure and we can offer a booking service for bookable events.

**STILL INTERESTED?**
Visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk for more information, or e-mail local organisers at kirkleeshod@gmail.com to express an interest. You will not be committing yourself to anything at this stage, beyond being added to our mailing list for updates about plans for 2019.

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**Go on!**
Get yourself out and discover the Heritage Open Day events

And don’t worry about your workplace, we’ve got you covered:

- Office Products
- Workwear
- Office Furniture
- Inks & Toners
- Health & Safety
- Breakroom Essentials
- Hygiene Supplies
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Open Events in Almondbury

New Event

Discover Historic Almondbury walk

Sure Start Children’s Centre Car Park, Fairfield Road, Almondbury, HD5 8TD

NEW EVENT

Victoria Tower, Castle Hill

Hillside, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, HD4 6TA

Perched on Castle Hill, Victoria Tower was completed in 1899 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Queen Victoria’s reign. The cornerstone of the tower was laid on 25 June 1898. The tower was renovated in 1960 when the top seven feet were removed, and now reaches almost 997 feet above sea level. The site contains a diverse mosaic of wildlife habitats and, working with Natural England, Castle Hill is a designated Local Nature Reserve, and a Green Flag Award winner, 2018/19.

www.discoverhuddersfield.com

King James’s School

St. Helen’s Gate, Almondbury, HD4 6SG

Welcome to King James’s, the oldest school in Kirklees. A school has existed at this site since 1547 with the oldest part dating from 1750. This old part of the school will be open and guides will be on hand to point out important historical features both inside and outside. This year the old dormitories will be part of the tour and we hope to have the Royal Charter of 1608 back on display. There will also be a feature on our own ‘Extraordinary Woman’, Emily Siddon, the first female Governor of King James’s and Huddersfield’s first female magistrate.

www.kingjames.org.uk

www.huddersfieldcivicsociety.org.uk
Join the Batley 150 celebrations

2018 marks the 150th anniversary since the foundation of Batley Borough Council towards the end of 1868. The Batley 150 project aims to make a positive impact on the lives of Batley residents. This will be achieved by developing a collaborative range of initiatives (2018-2019) inspired by local groups and citizens.

The Batley 150 group first met at Bagshaw Museum in February 2018. They have been discussing ideas and plans and would love you to join in. Activities will begin in late Autumn 2018 and continue throughout 2019. Please share your ideas and get involved:

Email: bagshaw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk
Tel. 01924 324765

follow #batley150 on twitter

www.democracycommission.org.uk/batley150
Open Events in Batley

**NEW EVENT**

### All Saints Parish Church
Stocks Lane, Batley, WF17 8PA

**SAT 8TH** 10 AM – 4 PM

Visit a Grade 1 historical church and learn of its architectural and historical aspects through our informative leaflets and archived registers of baptism and marriages. Some visitors may be able to ascend the 200 or so steps to the top of the bell tower at certain times during the day. Light refreshments will be served. www.batleyparishchurch.org

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**NEW EVENT**

### Bagshaw Museum
Wilton Park, Batley, WF17 0AS

**SAT 15TH** 12 Noon – 5 PM
**SUN 16TH** 12 Noon – 5 PM

This Victorian Gothic mansion houses eclectic collections of objects from around the world, from ancient Egypt to South Asia. Learn more about the everyday life of the Victorians by watching cooking demonstrations and trying foods they ate, seeing the clothes they wore and handling original Victorian objects. See our galleries which include stories about iconic institutions such as Fox’s Biscuits and Batley Variety Club. Immerse yourself in our atmospheric Egyptology gallery, where dramatic lighting effects help to recreate the interior of a tomb, and the ‘Gods, Divine Creatures and Mythical Beasts’ gallery, showcasing beautiful decorative arts from India, China, Africa and Japan. www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

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**NEW EVENT**

### Batley Town Hall
Market Place, Batley, WF17 5DE

**SAT 8TH** 10 AM – 3 PM

We’re celebrating the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Batley Borough Council in 1868. Come and share your ideas as we launch Batley 150 at Batley Town Hall. Enjoy exhibitions, displays, heritage tours and refreshments. We will start to tell the story of Batley Borough Council and we really need your help. Does your family have connections with Batley Borough? Do you have a story to share? Please do. www.democracycommission.org.uk/batley150

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**NEW EVENT**

### Bleak House Family & Local History Open Day & Taster Event
200 Ealand Road, Batley, WF17 8JL

**THUR 6TH** 10 AM – 4 PM
**FRI 7TH** 10 AM – 4 PM
**SAT 8TH** 10 AM – 4 PM
**SUN 9TH** 10 AM – 4 PM

A taster session to help you research your Family History. We have access to Ancestry, Findmypast and other major facilities. www.bleakhousefamilyhistory.co.uk

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**NEW EVENT**

### St Saviour’s Church, Brownhill
Brookroyd Lane, Batley, WF17 OBU

**SAT 8TH** 11 AM – 4 PM

Come and see this Grade II listed building built in 1871 with a unique stained glass window commemorating Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee, frieze of Minton tiles, fine East Window, Robert Thompson altar rail (complete with mouse carving), plaque commemorating a locally-born missionary, and a fine oil painting of Christ by Hans Richter-Damm. Documents and photographs of items in the church will be on display, including World War I letters. There will be DVDs featuring the church and children’s activities available. www.democracycommission.org.uk/batley150

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www.batleysmile.co.uk
Open Events in the Colne Valley

Christ Church, Linthwaite

Church Lane, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5TA

SAT 8TH 10 AM – 2 PM

Have a look around Huddersfield’s first ‘Waterloo church’, one of six built between 1828 and 1832. Our church features a beautiful chancel added in 1895, a fine reredos with statues carved in wood by acclaimed York-based sculptor George Walker Milburn, and an excellent JJ Binns organ. Local historical novelist, Georgina Hutchison, will be present during the day to talk informally about local history, especially the Luddite Movement of the early 19th Century. Her latest (Luddite) novel, Under the Canopy of Heaven, will be available for sale with copies signed by the author.

www.linthwaitechurch.org.uk

Colne Valley Museum - Tea for Two or More!

Cliffe Ash, Golcar, HD7 4PY

SAT 15TH 1 PM – 5 PM
SUN 16TH 1 PM – 5 PM

Step back in time to see how a Colne Valley handloom weaver and his family lived and worked in the 1850s. Taste a freshly baked scone made in our Victorian kitchen and explore the hidden well - hard hats available! The newly restored row of weavers’ cottages which houses the Colne Valley Museum is now fully open, with a complete cottage, new exhibition gallery and textile room. Visit our ‘rescued’ clog maker’s workshop and view our latest exhibition ‘Marsden Remembers’ by the Marsden History Group, commemorating WWI.

www.colnevalleymuseum.org.uk

St Bartholomew’s, Marsden

Church Lane, Marsden, HD7 6DJ

SAT 8TH 10 AM – 4 PM
SUN 9TH 11.30 AM – 4 PM
FRI 14TH 10 AM – 4 PM
SAT 15TH 10 AM – 4 PM
SUN 16TH 11 AM – 4 PM

Known as ‘The Cathedral of the Colne Valley’, this church was built between 1895 and 1911 by architect William Henry Crossland and completed by C. Hodgson Fowler; ours is reputed to be his finest parish church. The church possesses excellent stained glass, fine mosaic floors, and a James Binns organ. We are featuring an exhibition known as “Marsden Remembers” which commemorates the sacrifices made in WWI and the impact the war had on our mill village.

www.marsdenparishchurch.org.uk

Heath House Mill - Green Building Store

Heath House Lane, Golcar, Huddersfield HD7 4JR, UK

SAT 8TH 10 AM – 4.30 PM

Visit the former woollen mill at Bolster Moor and meet its current occupants, Green Building Store. There will be tours of the old mill and talks about retrofitting older buildings to become eco-friendly and thermally efficient.

www.greenbuildingstore.co.uk

Add your own event next year?
See page 6 for details
**Walking with Women’s Suffrage in the Colne Valley**

Harold Wilson statue, St. George’s Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1LA

**SAT 15TH**  
Walk 11.30 AM  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP

Join historian Jill Liddington and walk in the footsteps of local suffragettes and suffragists. The 5-mile linear route passes the homes and villages of several local activists including Helen Studdard, secretary of the suffragist Huddersfield NUWSS branch; suffragette Elizabeth Pinnance, imprisoned in 1907 for 14 days; and Florence Lockwood, designer of the NUWSS Huddersfield branch banner. Please bring packed lunch plus snacks. The walk ends in Slaidwaite around 3.30 with a Q&A session at a cafe. Walkers then need to make their own way back to the start.  
www.jliddington.org.uk

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**Open Events in Denby Dale**

**High Flatts Quaker Meeting House**

Firth Lane, High Flatts, HD8 8XU

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Very early Quaker meeting house, c. 1653. Situated in a hamlet which was, until recently, exclusively Quaker owned. The building is produced in local stone and can offer spectacular views of the rolling countryside. Guided tours of the area available, 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

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**Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre**

6 Queen Street, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9DU

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This small textile heritage centre comprises a ‘one-up-one down’ former weaver’s cottage. The downstairs family living-quarters have been maintained and furnished as a West Riding weaver’s family home would have been around 1900. Upstairs is an authentic hand-loom in working condition, along with fascinating displays and artefacts linked to our textile history. Guides will be present and there will be daily loom demonstrations. Visits will last about one hour. Leaflets for self-guided walks along the Skelmanthorpe Village Trail will be available.  
https://fosthc.wixsite.com/skeltexheritage

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www.heritageopendays.org.uk
Open Events in Dewsbury & Mirfield

St Mary’s Community Heritage Site

38 Church Lane, Mirfield, WF14 9HX

SAT 8TH 10.30 AM – 3 PM
Organ recital 3 PM

SAT 15TH 10.30 AM – 3.30 PM
Visit our Grade II* listed Gilbert Scott church. Tours to the top of the church tower and bell ringing room. See archaeological pottery finds from recent digs and other historical artefacts in the church. The nine acre site includes the remains of Castle Hall Hill, a medieval motte & bailey castle. There will be Heritage Trail walks in the local area led from the site by an experienced guide. Also an organ recital. www.friendsofstmarysmirfield.org.uk

Dewsbury Arts Group ARTSPACE

Lower Peel Street, Dewsbury, WF13 2ED

SAT 8TH 12.30 PM – 4 PM
Dewsbury Arts Group runs a thriving theatrical and visual arts group in an old Quaker Meeting House, built in 1831 and used until 1968. The grounds include a graveyard, the stones of which still line the garden. Our members will be available to give tours and chat, with our own Owl Pop Up Coffee shop selling coffee, tea and cakes. We are also officially opening our refurbished costume department and will have members in costume as exceptional women over the years.
www.dewsburyartsgroup.info

Thornhill Parish Church

Church Lane, Thornhill, WF12 0JZ

FRI 7TH Launch event and talk 7 PM
SAT 8TH 10 AM – 4 PM
SUN 9TH 10.30 AM – 4 PM
See this medieval church (below) which completed its beautiful restoration in 2017. It includes a nave dating from the 19th century, an extensive collection of monuments largely to do with the Savile family, medieval stained glass, a new replica Resurrection window in Savile Chapel created by Jonathan Cooke and a Binns Organ. On Saturday afternoon the organ will be available for organists to play and there will be a recital.
www.thornhillparishchurch.org.uk

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www.dewsburyartsgroup.info

www.heritageopendays.org.uk
NEW EVENT

Holmfirth Holy Trinity Church History Weekend

6A Towngate, Holmfirth, HD9 1HA

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Visit our exhibition celebrating the church’s history. We will be featuring a new book recently written by Pamela Cooksey, a local historian, which covers the 15th century to the present day along with related displays. Huddersfield & District Family History Society are supporting this exhibition and will be promoting their newly published book, A History of Hepworth. They will also offer their expertise in how to conduct family history research for visitors via available laptop computers.

www.holytrinityholmfirth.org.uk
www.hdfhs.org.uk

Meltham Blue Plaque Trail

Carlile Car Park (behind Carlile Institute), Meltham HD9 4AE

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The Blue Plaque trail was the first ‘Meltham Walkers are Welcome’ themed walk and covers the philanthropists of Meltham, namely the Brooks, Carliles and Hirsts, who employed many of the inhabitants. They cared for their workers, providing jobs in safe environments, recreation and education facilities. This walk will be approx. 7 miles and take about 3.5 hours. An alternative walk will be offered if disabled access is required; this walk will be approx. 3 miles and 2 hours. For more information, contact Christine Senior at 07856 844432.

www.walkingmeltham.com

Lydgate Unitarian Chapel

1 Lydgate View, Holmfirth Road, New Mill, HD9 7LF

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See a Grade II chapel and its grounds; founded in 1695; it is one of the oldest chapels in West Yorkshire. We are offering guided tours of the chapel, including the upper balcony and organ loft.

www.ukunitarians.org.uk/lydgate

Open Events in Holme Valley & Meltham

NEW EVENT

Holmfirth Blue Plaque Trail

Holmfirth Methodist Church, School Street, Holmfirth, HD9 7EQ

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BOOKING REQUIRED

Booking at Holmfirth Library/ Tourist Office, 01484 223200

Join local historian David Cockman on a guided tour (lasting up to two hours) of the twelve Blue Plaques in and around Holmfirth town centre. Unusually, eleven of the twelve plaques are to commemorate buildings rather than persons. David will expand on the history of each building and, no doubt, will pass some buildings that he thinks worthy of being endowed with a Blue Plaque! Visitors can take part in the full tour or break off at any point.

SAT 15TH Walk 12 Noon

There will also be tours of the cemetery which possesses many original 18th and 19th century grave markers. We also have archives on site, such as Baptism Registers, for family history researchers, memorial tablets dating from c1800 and Great War and WWII plaques.

www.walkingmeltham.com

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www.holmfirthhistory.org.uk
NEW EVENT

Meltham Olde Ale Trail Walk

Carlile Car Park (behind Carlile Institute), Meltham HD9 4AE

SUN 9TH Walk 10 AM
The Olde Ale Trail was recently launched by ‘Meltham Walkers are Welcome’. There were originally 36 alehouses and pubs in Meltham and surrounding areas but only six remain open. The walk will take you round sites where these alehouses were; some buildings are still visible, some are now long gone. They were all located in Meltham from the early 1800s onwards, when water wasn’t always fit to drink while ale and small beer were considered healthy alternatives. This walk will be approx. 4 miles and take 2.5 - 3 hours. Disabled access possible for most sites. For more information, contact Christine Senior at 07856 844432. www.walkingmeltham.com

Th’Owd Towser

Daisy Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1HS

SUN 9TH 10 AM – 4 PM
SAT 8TH 10 AM – 4 PM

Located behind the parish church, this may be the oldest building in Holmfirth, said to date back to 1597. Th’Owd Towser has served several purposes throughout its life - acting as a mortuary and housing for a fire engine and horse ambulance. It also acted as a prison - see where prisoners were kept and learn about one of its more infamous occupants.

Wooldale Quaker Meeting House

Pell Lane, Wooldale, HD9 1QL

FRI 7TH 11 AM – 4 PM
SAT 8TH 11 AM – 4 PM
SUN 9TH 1 PM – 4 PM

Don’t miss a chance to visit this early Quaker Meeting House! View an exhibition commemorating ‘Quaker Service’ that includes a history of relief work from the mid-1800s, through the two World Wars and up to the present. There will also be felting demonstrations and workshops.

www.wooldalequakers.org.uk

Open Events in Huddersfield

Beaumont Park Heritage Walk

Visitor Centre, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield, HD4 7AY

SAT 15TH Walk 2.30 PM
SUN 16TH Walk 2.30 PM

Visit our lovely Victorian Heritage Park which has been restored by the Friends of Beaumont Park in partnership with Kirklees Council. Learn about how the park came into being, its formal opening and how it looked 135 years ago. www.fobp.co.uk

NEW EVENT

Edgar Wood film - A Painted Veil

Huddersfield Art Gallery, Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield HD1 2SU

BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP
SAT 8TH 2 PM
‘A Painted Veil’ traces the life and work of the Manchester artist.

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www.holmfirthhistory.org.uk
architect Edgar Wood (1860-1935). Wood was an innovative Arts and Crafts architect, drawing on traditional materials and motifs to create a distinctive new style. He designed many buildings that can still be seen, mainly in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire, including the internationally-praised mansions of Briarcourt and Banney Royd in Huddersfield, and the iconic Lindley clock-tower (see Lindley pages). This beautiful film features many of his finest buildings, and includes interviews with architectural historians and the occupants of the buildings themselves. www.edgarwoodinyorkshire.co.uk

NEW EVENT

Exploding Huddersfield Walk

Harold Wilson Statue, St. George’s Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1LA

SUN 9TH Walk 2.30 PM
BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP

Experience Huddersfield’s history as you haven’t experienced it before – death and destruction all around! Visit sites of explosions caused by gunpowder, gas, chemicals, fireworks etc. Join Chris Marsden for a look back at Huddersfield’s violent past. www.discoverhuddersfield.com

Folly Hall Mills

Britannia Rescue, Folly Hall Mills, St. Thomas Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LT

FRI 7TH Tours 12 Noon – 12.30 PM, 4 PM – 4.30 PM
BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP

Visitors will be able to take a guided 30 minute tour of floors 2, 3 and 5 of the 1844 Grade II* listed Fireproof Mill, built by Joseph Kaye. Originally the floors of The Fireproof were rented out to a variety of traders, but by the early twentieth century it was taken over entirely by Joseph Lumb & Co. for worsted spinning. Now the mill serves as office space. www.follyhall.hud.ac.uk

As well as our three free walks in this brochure, Discover Huddersfield runs regular guided walks from spring to autumn each year, and publishes a wide range of printed town trails on many subjects.

For further information, visit www.discoverhuddersfield.com
Greenhead Park History Walk

Greenhead Park, Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DN

FRI 14TH Walk 6 PM

Greenhead Park is an attractive Grade II listed Victorian town park which has been restored to its former glory thanks to a multi-million pound Heritage Lottery funded project. Historic features include a bandstand, Italian Gardens & fountain, conservatory, and two war memorials, all refurbished during the restoration, which also included reinstatement of the main lake and perimeter railings. An early evening guided walk (60 to 90 mins), starting at the Trinity Street gates, will visit the main features of the park and reveal its fascinating history.

www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk

Holy Trinity Church

Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DT

www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk

BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA COLLEGE

Booking:
Julie Polzin, 01484 422032, jpolzin@greenhead.ac.uk
Booking Closes: 10 Sep, 12noon

Explore both old and new parts of the College, with guides providing tours of the site. There has been a school on the site since it first opened its doors to 236 pupils as The Huddersfield Municipal High School for Girls on 18 January 1909. It then became Greenhead High School and finally a Sixth Form College in 1973. This event is an opportunity to visit all parts of the College site, including the award-winning Cooksey building, the most recent addition to the campus, which opened in 2017.

www.greenhead.ac.uk

NEW EVENT

Holy Trinity Church

Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DT

BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP

A new display of influential women in the history of Huddersfield, from many walks of life and historical eras, marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Borough of Huddersfield in 1868 and celebrates #Vote100. The display is open during library opening times. Before the launch, short talks from local historians will highlight influential women from the fields of sport, the arts, politics, culture, science and philanthropy. www.kirklees.gov.uk/libraries/
carvings. The interior was sympathetically modernised in 1995 to meet present-day needs while preserving many of its historical features. The Church will be open to view with displays and refreshments available. Trips into the crypt are available on request. www.holytrinityhuddersfield.com

Huddersfield Library - Behind the Scenes
Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield, HD1 2SU

THUR 6TH Tours 11 AM, 3 PM
BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP
This Grade II listed building, designed by E.H. Ashburner, opened in 1940. The Art Gallery on the top floor of the building hosts ‘Perspectives: Aspects of the Kirklees Collection’, with major works from the collection. We will be providing 90 minute tours of the Library, including West Yorkshire Archives and areas (and material) normally closed to the public. www.kirkles.gov.uk/libraries/

NEW EVENT
Huddersfield Parish Church
Byram St, Huddersfield HD1 1BU
ALL 8 DAYS 10 AM - 4 PM
St Peter’s is a Grade 2* Church building with several interesting features, including an Elizabethan font, an early 20th century baldacchino, a fine Conacher organ and several pieces of ‘Mouseman’ oak carvings. The opening will be hosted by the parishioners and there will be new information boards and a children’s ‘treasure hunt’ type trail. Hosts will be able to open some additional areas of the building not normally open.

NEW EVENT
Huddersfield Town Hall
Corporation Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2TU
BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP
FRI 7TH Tours 10 AM, 11.30 AM, 1.30 PM, 3 PM
Huddersfield gained its Royal Charter as a Borough in 1868, and the first meeting of the new Corporation was held on 7 September 1868. The Town Hall dates from 1875-81. Join us for an extensive and interesting tour and see parts of the building that are not generally accessible to the public. https://huddersfield150.org.uk

NEW EVENT
In the Family Way
Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen St, Huddersfield, HD1 2SP

THUR 6TH 10 AM - 5 PM
FRI 7TH 10 AM - 5 PM
SAT 8TH 10 AM - 3 PM
THUR 13TH 10 AM - 5 PM
FRI 14TH 10 AM - 5 PM
SAT 15TH 10 AM - 3 PM
See another side of the Lawrence Batley Theatre. Once home to a Methodist Mission, the building gave refuge to unwed, pregnant young women cast out by their families. Take this opportunity to tour the Grade II listed building while also discovering bits of stories and history brought together by young people of a similar age as part of a Heritage Lottery Funded project in August 2018. www.thelbt.org

NEW EVENT
Media Centre and Mechanics Institution
7 Northumberland Street, Huddersfield, HD1 1RL
BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP
THUR 6TH 10.30 AM
FRI 14TH 2.30 PM
Seize the chance for a rare behind the scenes look at the creative industries quarter in Huddersfield town centre. Hear how three historic properties were re-purposed and a new environmentally friendly building constructed to support business continued on p19

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The History of Childhood
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Students on these courses work on a specific project with expert supervision from a member of the Huddersfield History team. Our research encompasses a wide range chronologically, geographically & conceptually. From the Middle Ages to the modern day, Huddersfield’s historians are internationally acknowledged experts in the fields of oral history, gender history, health history, religious history, social & political history, public history and battlefield archaeology.

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growth, employment opportunities and talent development in the creative and digital sectors. Three of the buildings now accommodate office units, co-working facilities, meeting and conference rooms, event and exhibition space, reception and café. The fourth property is the Grade II Listed former Mechanics Institution (1859-1861) which has been converted to live–work units. www.themediacentre.org

**NEW EVENT**

**Roebuck Memorial Homes**

509 Wakefield Road, Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9XL

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Grade II listed site comprising eight almshouses/ cottages, linked to a central pavilion (small chapel), and fronted by terraced Italianate-style gardens, constructed 1932. Commissioned by local furniture manufacturer and philanthropist, Harry Roebuck as a memorial to his wife Jane, died 1919, and to a son, Leonard, killed 1918 during flying operations. Designed by local architect Clifford Hickson, with references to Edwin Lutyens, the homes are of modest scale but the whole site has grandeur resulting from the classical detailing. Meet at the small central chapel building on site. Only external viewing as the sites are privately occupied. www.roebuckhomestrust.co.uk

**NEW EVENT**

**St John’s Church, Birkby**

St John the Evangelist Church, St John’s Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5EA

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St John’s, half a mile from Huddersfield town centre, was designed by William Butterfield and constructed under the guidance of Joseph Kaye, ‘the Builder of Huddersfield’, with the foundation stone laid by benefactor Sir John Ramsden in 1851. Take a tour on Friday to Sunday or join our Aspire group on Thursday to explore our heritage through crafting activities. On Saturday we show off the work of our Birkby ROOTS Heritage Community Garden. Enjoy tea and cake on the lawn, take a tour of the church and try out some family friendly creative activities. www.stjohnsbirkby.org.uk/aspire

**NEW EVENT**

**St Joseph’s Catholic Church**

Somerset Road, Aspley, Huddersfield, HD5 9AU

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Originally a 1915 Anglican church designed by Oswald White, sold to St Joseph’s parish in 1953. The interior has an elaborate roof construction, beautiful stained glass windows and a side chapel dedicated to ‘Our Lady’. In 1954 the organ was the first pipeless instrument of its kind to be installed in a local church. St Joseph’s parish was established in 1913. Huddersfield Catholic History Group will be sharing their history of the formation of St Joseph’s Parish and displaying their collection of photographs of St Joseph’s and other Huddersfield parishes. www.ihom.org.uk/st-joseph-s
Tolson Museum
Historic Motorbike Show
Wakefield Road HD5 8DJ

SUN 9TH  11 AM - 4 PM
A wide range of new and classic motorbikes gather on the forecourt of Tolson Museum, organised by the Friends of Tolson & Ravensknowle. On display this year in the Museum for this event will be a ‘Panther Motorcycle’. Panthers were made in Cleckheaton and promoted as the ‘perfect motorcycle’. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments. The Museum itself offers fascinating collections reflecting Huddersfield’s past, from Bronze Age remains to the impact of the textile industry, and an innovative toddler trail.

St Thomas’s Church
Manchester Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3HU

THUR 6TH  9 AM - 7 PM
FRI 7TH  9 AM - 7 PM
SAT 8TH  9 AM - 7 PM
SUN 9TH  9 AM - 7 PM
St Thomas’s was built by famous Victorian architect Sir George Gilbert Scott (1811-78) for the Starkey family, one of the largest employers in Huddersfield at the time, whose mill stood opposite on the Manchester Road. The Grade II* Victorian Gothic Revival church was consecrated in 1859 as a memorial to the family. Built at the same time as Scott was building All Souls, Haley Hill, Halifax for Edward Akroyd. The interior was re-ordered in 1990. Exhibition on two Extraordinary Women - Charlotte Starkey who ensured the church was built after her husband, Thomas Starkey died before work commenced, and Bertha Lowenthal, member of the Women’s Social and Political Union, who was arrested in Huddersfield for her suffragette protests.

Open Events in Kirkburton

All Hallows’ Church, Kirkburton
Shelley Lane, Kirkburton, HD8 0TE

FRI 14TH  11 AM – 4 PM  Talk 7 PM
SAT 15TH  11 AM – 4 PM  Talk 1 PM

Explore a major Parish Church with a history stretching back to the 12th century. Climb up our bell tower and meet our Bellringers. Discover our ‘Squint’ - and learn what it is… All Hallows is considered the most complete example of a 13th century church in West Yorkshire. Its heritage will be shared through an exhibition, oral history, trails and quizzes, in both the church and churchyard. On Friday an organ recital (intermittent) will take place between 1 and 3pm. Friday evening sees a lecture by Dr Pat Cullum of the University of Huddersfield on ‘The Medieval Parish and its Church: Kirkburton in context?’ and on Saturday, Tim Viney of Atlantic Geomatics gives a presentation on a project to digitally map the graveyards of All Hallows and Emmanuel Churches, which received HLF funding.

www.allhallowschurch.com

Add your own event next year?
See page 6 for details
Emmanuel Church, Shelley
Huddersfield Road, Shelley, Huddersfield, HD8 8LH

SAT 15TH 10.30 AM - 3 PM

Grade II listed church, with beautiful windows. Children’s activities and games with a Victorian theme. Clifton hand bell ringers, 2 pm. Visit the bell tower and try bell ringing. Exhibition celebrating the Church and Shelley from 1868. See previous entry for presentation on graveyard mapping project. www.emmanuelchurchshelley.co.uk

Banney Royd is recognised as one of the most important private houses of its decade. Designed by Lindley-linked architect Edgar Wood and completed in 1902, it was admired abroad and described in detail in Hermann Muthesius’ book Das Englische Haus. Today it is a Grade I listed building. You will be able to view the formal rooms - the entrance hall, drawing room, billiard room, dining room and library - and beautiful staircase with vaulted ceiling and cherub detail. Two bedrooms will be open to view and you are welcome to walk around the gardens at the end of the tour. We have bee hives on site - not suitable for people with severe bee allergies.

Lindley Clock Tower
6 Lidget St, Huddersfield, HD3 3JB

SAT 8TH 10 AM - 2 PM

Lindley Clock Tower was erected in 1902 by local industrialist James Nield Sykes and designed in the Art Nouveau style by Manchester-based architect Edgar Wood, who was Sykes’ nephew. A Grade II* listed building, it has extensive Art Nouveau decoration by sculptor T Stirling Lee. Tours will take 15 minutes and involve climbing 69 steps. www.lindleygroup.org.uk

Briarcourt
28 Occupation Road, Lindley, HD3 3EE

SAT 15TH 10 AM – 2.45 PM
House tours 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 Noon, 2 PM

TOUR BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP

A fine Jacobean style Arts and Crafts house designed by the Manchester architect Edgar Wood in 1895. Many original features survive and a painted frieze by F.W. Jackson has been restored. After more than 60 years of institutional use, Briarcourt is now a family home again and is being renovated, and furnishings added, including a fine sideboard designed by Wood. Tours of the house will show the progress and discoveries made over the last 3 years. Visitors with or without tour bookings will also be able to visit the grounds, including Clem’s Garden, a new community flower-growing social enterprise. Meet some of the volunteers and perhaps treat yourself to some eco-friendly cut flowers. Limited parking - not guaranteed. www.briarcourtrevisited.com
Lindley Methodist Church
45 East St, Huddersfield
HD3 3ND

There will be opportunities to have a short guided tour of the church or to look round independently. The church building is 150 years old in 2018 and was designed by local architect George Moorhouse. Notable features include the chancel and the altar table, designed by Edgar Wood, and interesting Victorian stained glass windows.

www.lindleymethodist.org

St Stephen’s Church, Lindley
Lidget Street, Lindley HD3 3JB

St Stephen’s is a Grade II listed building designed by renowned local architect, John Oates, and built in 1829 by Joseph Kaye, known as the ‘Builder of Huddersfield’. Discover the heritage of St Stephen’s and the community it serves.

Open Events in Spen Valley

Cleckheaton Library
Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3DX

NEW EVENT

SAT 15TH 10 AM – 1 PM

See below for tours

TOUR BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA VIP

There are also Secret Tours of the library, and a Children’s Treasure Hunt. [Secret Tours at 1030 and 1330. Women in Wartime talk at 1130. Treasure hunt from 1030 till 1400]. Main site, talk and treasure hunt all unlimited access but Secret Tours must be booked. They have restricted access because of stairs and are not suitable for children under 10. All other activities are fully accessible and unrestricted.

Gomersal Moravian Church
Quarry Road, Gomersal, BD19 4JB

SUN 9TH 1 PM - 4 PM

Grade II listed Church, first built in 1751 and altered in the 1860s. See the special display about Moravian traditions, including the Lovefeast service and the Christingle. See the ‘Gomersal and the Great War’ display, with information about the men from Gomersal who died in the First World War, and also what life was like for those back home including extracts from the minister’s diary. See displays about the history of the Church, and the links with the Taylor family of Red House and Charlotte Bronte. Light refreshments will be available to buy. There will also be fun activities for children.

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NEW EVENT

Spenborough: How it Grew and Prospered
RJ Donnan Hearing Care, 1B Dewsbury Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RS

FRI 14TH 10 AM - 4 PM
SAT 15TH 10 AM - 4 PM

Come and discover the history of Spenborough, how people’s way of life changed as industry flourished. Old photographs, documents and maps illustrate the development of the valley and its businesses, from card clothing (Spen Valley’s speciality) to wire drawing, precision engineering, textiles and transport. The wealth of industry helped Spenborough prosper through hard times, and enabled entrepreneurs to play a role in creating heritage buildings in our area. See how women were instrumental in the success of some Spenborough firms.

www.spenvalleycivicsociety.org.uk

St John’s Church, Cleckheaton

Church Street, Cleckheaton BD19 3RN

SAT 15TH 9 AM - 5 PM

St John’s Church has been a place of worship since 1832 and is celebrating its 185th anniversary. Rebuilt in the Gothic style in 1886 it has beautiful stained glass windows on all sides. The church has a war memorial for the 1914-18 World War and there are four war graves. The Belfry has a set of eight bells, dedicated in June 1947 as a thanksgiving for victory in WWII.

NEW EVENT

Whitechapel Church

Whitechapel Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6HR

SAT 8TH 10 AM - 4 PM
SUN 9TH 2 PM - 4.30 PM
SAT 15TH 10 AM - 4 PM
SUN 16TH 2 PM - 4.30 PM

Whitechapel Church has a Norman font, an Ellacombe system of bells (which you can try), the only Bronte grave in Kirklees, three WWI graves including one for two brothers and stained glass window memorials. It has been a place of worship since Norman times; the font is dated no later than 1120 and its carvings include Celtic fertility figures described by experts as lewd. The present church was built in 1821. Rose Ann Heslip, aged 95, a niece of Patrick Bronte, was buried here in 1915.

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St Peter’s Church, Hartshead

Church Lane, Hartshead, WF15 8EU

SAT 15TH 10 AM - 4 PM
SUN 16TH 12.30 PM - 4 PM

Further information: www.heritageopendays.org.uk or Hartshead Hightown Robertstown Scholes

A stunning Elizabethan manor house with Civil War connections. Now furnished as the Batt family home of the 17th Century, it featured as Fieldhead in Charlotte Brontë’s Shirley. Set in award winning period gardens with adjacent Oaktree café. Explore the country park with its play areas, nature trail and visitor centre gift shop. Sunday will feature traditional craft activities with the Friends of Oakwell Hall. www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

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