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You will find the CultureDale-sponsored Calderdale-wide organisations (ie not those in Halifax town centre) in the centre pages of the newspaper, so you can pull these out and use them as a separate supplement if you want to as you travel around.

Many of you will have been involved or taken part in the Halifax Heritage Festival before, for others this may be your first introduction to it. You are all very welcome. We hope that you find something of interest in the following pages and will enjoy attending some of the events across the Borough during the Festival or at other times of the year.

We encourage you to read on, enjoy and learn about heritage organisations across Halifax and Calderdale. We look forward to seeing you at some of these during our Heritage Festival.

A very big welcome to the 10th Anniversary of the Halifax and Calderdale Heritage Festival!

This year's event marks both the addition of Calderdale-wide organisations being included in the newspaper, and also the momentous occasion of 10 years since Halifax first took part in the annual national Heritage Open Days which takes place every September, and which our event is a part of.

Of course, back in 2014 in Halifax it all began with the 'Hidden Gems tours', which first started to put some of our heritage buildings and institutions on the map – and how much has taken place culturally and in the heritage sector in those last ten years; and how far the town, and the whole area has moved forward, developed and grown in that time!

This year, we are thrilled that CultureDale, as part of Calderdale's Year of Culture celebrating the 50th anniversary of Calderdale as a local authority, is funding the inclusion of organisations beyond Halifax in this newspaper. By partnering with the Discover Halifax who have previously funded the newspaper for Halifax, we can now cover the entire borough. In the following pages, we hope you will discover and learn about some organisations that you may not have been familiar with before.

This means that many more organisations than usual get the chance to share what they offer – and you all get to learn about many different organisations.





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Dean Clough

The Dean Clough site covers 22 acres, stretching over half a mile from one end to the other, consisting of 16 significant buildings. These magnificent Grade II listed Victorian mills were constructed between 1840 and 1870 by the Crossley family, who founded their Crossley Carpet empire here in 1822.

The site now thrives in a different way, as a bustling hub of arts, creativity, workspace and leisure. Since the 1980s, the visual arts have been integral to Dean Clough. Over 20 artist studios across the site house an eclectic and renowned group of artists, in addition to 6 free gallery spaces with regular new exhibitions.

Discover the site's fascinating history through the heritage trail or explore the stunning permanent art collection with the art trail – both free from D Mill reception. View the LEGO model, a spectacular replica of the Dean Clough site built from over 1 million bricks, get lost in time with The Lost Workers, an original exhibition showcasing

items once belonging to Crossley Carpets employees, or visit Chris Mould's extraordinary Iron Man statue in D Mill foyer.

Events in our festival programme include a coffee morning for past workers of Crossley Carpets, a Dean Clough heritage tour and a special children's heritage trail.

To see what else is taking place at Dean Clough during the festival, please visit: www.deanclough.com/whats-on/

or contact us on: 01422 250250
or: reception@deanclough.com.

Free parking after 17:00 on weekdays, at weekends and bank holidays.



Dean Clough Children's Heritage Trail

Friday 6th to Sunday 15th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
D Mill reception
Free

Dean Clough Biennial Artist Talks

Saturday 7th & Wednesday 11th September
13:00pm to 15:00pm & 13:00pm to 16:00pm
D Mill reception
Free

David Glover: The Dean Clough Heritage Tour

Sunday 8th September
14:00pm to 16:30pm
D Mill reception
£7.50

David Glover: The Godfather of Rolls-Royce Heritage Talk

Monday 9th September
19:00pm to 21:00pm
D Mill reception
£6.00

Memories of Crossley Carpets Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th September
10:30am to 12:00pm
D Mill reception
Free

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Unlock Halifax's best kept secrets at the Discover Halifax Hub

Ready to immerse yourself in the wonders of Halifax? Come and see us at the Discover Halifax hub, conveniently located in the heart of town. Discover the countless possibilities that await and let us be your trusted guide to an unforgettable adventure in Halifax!





Halifax Minster

Thursday 5th September to Sunday 8th September, plus Saturday 14th September
12:00am to 4:00pm
Halifax Minster

Free entry for visiting. Tours and events are chargeable

Halifax Minster is a stunning 15th Century Grade 1 listed Parish Church, the third church on the site. It is a place of worship, prayer, civic engagement, education and culture.

The Minster is rich in history, heritage, spirituality and architecture. Marvel at its beautiful stained glass and the simple elegance of the Commonwealth Windows. Admire the craftsmanship of the ornate font cover, box pews, 'Mousey' Thompson chairs and stunning painted wooden ceiling.

The Minster is the spiritual home of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. See the colour-standard from the Battle of Waterloo and other conflicts.

The Minster has many interesting monuments and graves, including that of Anne Lister and to those caught up in the 'Crag-Vale Coiners' story.

The Minster tower will be open at selected times over the Festival - check the website for times and to book your place.

There is live music - the Festival Organ Recital is on Thursday 5th September at 1pm. Elland Silver Band will be playing

on Saturday 14th September at 7.30pm - more details and tickets on our website.

The Minster is open daily for visitors throughout the year from 12-4pm. Our shop stocks a range of gifts and tickets for the many events hosted at the Minster.

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Minster on the Festival days.



Heritage Open Days/ Festival Fun Day

Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th September & Saturday 14th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
Calderdale Industrial Museum

Free/Standard Admission

Calderdale Industrial Museum is supporting Heritage Open Days with free entry to the museum on 7th - 8th September. We are also holding our Heritage Festival Fun Day again on 14th September, which gives you the opportunity to get a taste of working in some of the local industries and our younger visitors to try some old fashioned children's games.

The museum houses a fascinating collection of exhibits telling the story of our local industry, showing Calderdale's significance in the history of the Industrial Revolution. With something for all ages and a delightful cafe and shop to complete your visit, the museum is a great family day out. With free entry for Heritage Open Days this is a fantastic opportunity to discover how our industrial past made the Calderdale of today.



Opening times 10 - 4pm with last entry 3pm. For further details visit our website or social media pages. Alternativley you can email us on manager@calderdaleindustrial.co.uk or ring us on 01422 384721

On 14th September we are holding our Fun Day, which allows hands on experiences of some of the past industrial trades, including spinning, doffing and weaving and stone and wood carving. We will have some musical entertainment and its all included in the standard museum entrance fee.



All Souls' Church, Open Day

Saturday 7th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, Halifax, HX3 6DR.

FREE

Step into a world of architectural brilliance and historical significance at All Souls' Church, a Grade I listed building. Commissioned by local industrialist Edward Akroyd, and completed in 1859, this magnificent gothic church was designed by the world renowned architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, who considered it his best church. If you visit you'll find out why!

All Souls' exterior is a sight to behold with its many carved figures and towering spire, (236 feet). Once inside, you'll find further faces and features, all with intricately carved details. The stained glass windows of All Souls' are breathtaking and almost every window of the church is filled with stained glass, creating a vibrant display of light and colour. Designed and made by renowned companies each window is a work of art, contributing to the church's artistic significance. Visiting All Souls' offers a unique opportunity to appreciate these beautiful stained glass windows in person - their detailed designs and the way they filter the light provide a truly memorable experience.

Once the centrepiece of the model village of Akroydon, All Souls', now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, stands as a symbol of Halifax's rich history.

So come along and immerse yourself in the radiant beauty of All Souls' Church!

NOTE: Please be aware of uneven paving in the grounds of the church which can be slippery, especially when wet.



Halifax Heritage Tours CIC

Join our local guides for them to share their wealth of knowledge about the heritage of Halifax on one of our popular walking or bus tours.

From the astounding architecture of our Town Hall, a proud reminder of the affluence and influence of Halifax in the Victorian era, to jumping aboard our heritage Bus Tours exploring the outskirts of Halifax to discover hidden gems, significant homes, streets, and listed buildings and learn about our influential industrialists and philanthropists, We have something for everyone!

Try one of our newer tours such as the former Halifax Borough Magistrates Court and Police Station to learn the history of the site, admire its original architectural features and hear about its former and current occupants or share stories at the Royal Halifax Infirmary of benefactors over its active 127 year life as a hospital, transformed in 2001.

If you fancy a stroll outside town, how about following the route of the old Halifax Branch Canal, with our Hebble Trail tour along the old canal's length as the route climbs 100ft over 1 ½ miles alongside the Hebble Brook.

Halifax Heritage Tours CIC was set up and is run by volunteers who are passionate about the heritage of Halifax. Any funds raised are used to enable everyone to experience and appreciate the wealth of heritage in Halifax, nurturing a sense of pride in the Community.

For more information and bookings go to our website at halifaxheritage.co.uk



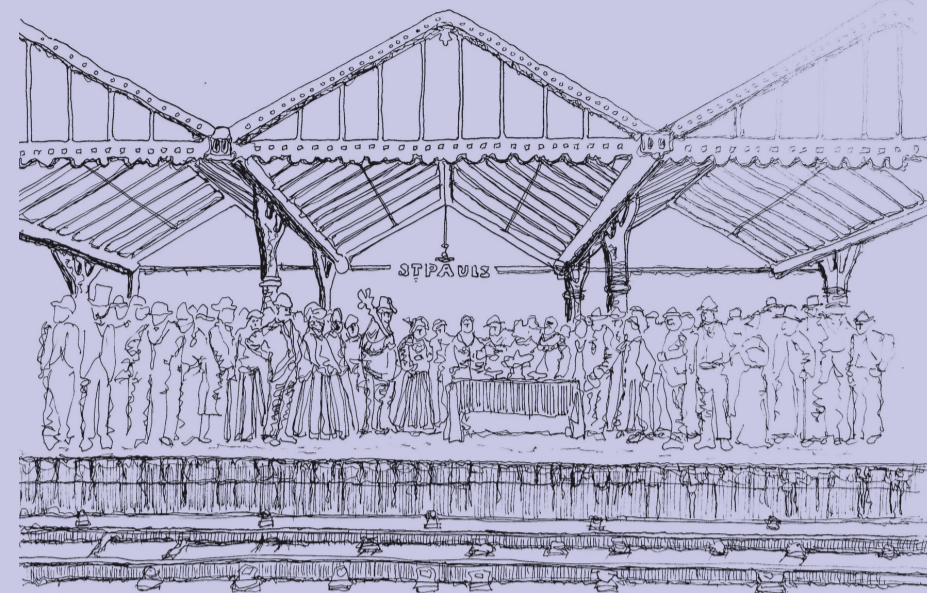


An Extraordinary Railway Connection

Even though railways revolutionised transportation in the 19th century, the five mile Halifax branch line, opened in 1890, and linking St Paul's, King Cross, to the main railway network at Holmfild, was an extraordinary and seeming absurd project. It became known as the 'High Level' railway on account of the elevated location of its terminus at King Cross. Today the section which ran through the heavily urbanised area of West Halifax up to Pellon has all but disappeared and is now filled by urban redevelopment. However, traces of its former presence can be found where roads once crossed the line - remnants of metal bridges and retaining walls in places such as

Hopwood Lane, Gibbet Street, Hanson Lane, and Battinson Lane. Beyond Pellon, its former presence is more evident in such structures as the ten arch Wheatley viaduct and the 819 yard Wheatley tunnel.

Logistically, it only made sense as a facility to supply coal for the 130 mills in this elevated part of Halifax. The case for a passenger service was less sure, although the original plan was to have extensions to Huddersfield and central Halifax, no doubt encouraged by 'railway mania'. In the event, its regular use was as a shuttle service to Holmfild where passengers could change for Bradford.



Its life as a passenger service lasted a mere twenty seven years, terminating in 1917. By 1960 the line and all of its infrastructure had been completely closed to all traffic.

Further information can be found at
Holmfild St Pauls
(lostrailwayswestyorkshire.co.uk)



Halifax Playhouse Theatre Open Day

Sunday 15th September
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Halifax Playhouse

FREE

Welcome to the Halifax Playhouse, our Grade II listed building, owned and volunteer run by the Halifax Thespians and a venue for a wide variety of performances from local amateur musical societies, an extensive range of professional bands and shows, as well as the Thespians own plays

This Heritage event provides visitors the chance to see behind the scenes; discovering places where the general public would not normally go. It's a chance to see what it's like to stand on a stage; how the high tech sound and lighting equipment is used to enhance performances and understand

the huge amount of work and fun that goes into putting on shows and running a vibrant theatre.

A wide variety of performances and events are held in the 236-seat main auditorium and the 46 seat Bar Studio.



Open Day at Everybody Arts

Saturday 7th September
1:00pm to 4:00pm
Everybody Arts, Shaw Lane, Halifax HX3 9ET

Free (donations welcome)

Experience a community and building bursting with creativity at Everybody Arts, housed in the Grade II listed Shaw Lodge Mill in Halifax.

Visit Everybody Arts' art school (including print and ceramics studios), spacious gallery and artist studios and be inspired by our creative community's work in the Grade II listed former textile mill. You'll get to experience artworks made by our artist in residence in the gallery, get a behind-the-scenes look into our artist studios, and learn about our projects that creatively reinterpret the heritage of the mill.

Everybody Arts is an innovative arts charity based in Halifax. Since 2008, Everybody Arts has been a place where the opportunity to experience the benefits of art and understand its value is available to everybody, regardless of age, ability, background, or circumstance: hence our name. Our time, space and resources are dedicated to supporting artistic development, community and imagination, and as such we are home to a thriving

creative community where everyone is welcome.

Our art school and gallery have level access and disabled toilets, but our studio floor does not currently have wheelchair access.

Our What3Words location is search.noise.period We're a 10 minute walk from Halifax Railway Station, and a 20 minute walk from Halifax Bus Station. The closest bus stops are on 'Shaw Hill Simmonds Lane' and 'Shaw Hill Gaukroger'. There is a large free car park nearby and disabled parking outside our entrance.



The Old Courthouse with Calderdale Music & Halifax Heritage Tours

Thursday 12th September
10:00am
Calderdale Music, The Old Courthouse,
Blackwall, Halifax, HX1 2DL

FREE

Calderdale Music and Halifax Heritage Tours are collaborating to offer an exciting new tour of The Old Courthouse for Heritage Weekend.

This historic building, formerly Halifax Old Borough Magistrates Court and Central Police Station, has been transformed into a vibrant space dedicated to music and the arts and home to Calderdale Music. During the tour, visitor will have the opportunity to explore the newly converted courts, private chambers, and assembly rooms. Delve into the lives of the people who once worked within these walls and learn about the fascinating cases that were brought to justice here.

Don't just see the building - be part of the music! Visit Calderdale Music's website to find out what musical activities are taking place during Heritage Weekend.

See events calendar at the back for more





How We Used To Live - Halifax and Calderdale Memories 1920-1945



Friday 6th September
7:00pm
St Paul's Church, Queens Road,
HX1 3NU

£8.00 - Buy on the door only

Voices from the past - an illustrated presentation by local historian David Glover detailing personal stories of life in the Halifax area before and during World War II.

Hear the experiences of those who grew up with outside toilets, and lived a hard life, in their own words! What was school life like, and what were the peculiar remedies with which children were treated? Where was the Fever Hospital? What was rationing like? And there were some truly curious characters lurking around town! Humour and pathos. Accompanied by a fine array of old images.

duration 90-100 minutes



Old Woolshops and Halifax's ancient Moot Hall - a new Slideshow for Halifax Civic Trust



Friday 13th September
2:15pm
Square Chapel Arts Centre HX1 1QQ

Free entry - donations very welcome

Fully Illustrated Presentation by local historian David Glover, Vice-Chair HCT

Following on from the superb film 'Woolshops, the Story' launched by Halifax Civic Trust to acclaim last year, David will present a fantastic sequence of old prints and photos of the area, many never seen before. Hear about three pubs now long-gone, and view pictures showing slums demolished in the 1930s, including cottages where Titus Knight first had his chapel. You will see the development of Prince's Arcade, the early RSPCA building, and much more! Plus the Moot Hall Story.

Duration up to 90 mins



The Life Story of Halifax Parish Church - now a Minster

Tuesday 10th September
7:00pm
Halifax Town Hall HX1 1UJ

Free Entry - Donations to The Mayor's Charity please

David tells the story of Halifax's ancient mother church in pictures, along with many fascinating facts

Now a Grade I building, the oldest surviving in the town, many are the alterations to Halifax Minster over the centuries, particularly the interior. What did the former gabled windows look like? Were there medieval wall paintings? Where were the galleries, one of which supported the organ of 1766? Why does Halifax not have a cathedral? A pageant of rare old illustrations and quirky facts!



Lister Lane Cemetery 25 Anniversary Open Day

Sunday 15th September
Gates 1:00pm - TOURS 2:00pm
Lister Lane HX1 5JL

Free entry - donations valued

David Glover and Stuart Wilkinson will lead tours detailing many fascinating historic facts

In March 2024, the 25th year of our existence, The Friends of Lister Lane Cemetery were presented with the King's Award for Volunteer Service. The green oasis that is the Cemetery has been restored so its stones can again be read while allowing for its natural aspects to thrive. We have dozens of stories to tell you about all sorts of people buried with us, from a burial in the wrong grave, to the man who printed the first Patrick Bronte volume, a man who sketched in Java, and two conductors of Piece Hall 'Sings'!

From the Crossleys to newspapermen and murder victims, Lister Lane's stones tell a wonderful story of industrialised 19th Century Halifax



Wainhouse Tower Open Day

Saturday 14th September
10:00am to 16:00pm
Wainhouse Tower

£5 Adult, £4 Children (5-16), free (under 5)

Wainhouse Tower will be open in celebration of the Halifax Heritage Festival.

Wainhouse Tower is one of Calderdale's most recognizable landmarks.

It was built in the 1870s by John Edward Wainhouse as an observatory-chimney to serve his dyeworks at Washer Lane and was completed in September 1875. The tower is 253 feet high, with 369 steps to the viewing balcony and weighs an estimated 9,000 imperial tonnes – it is a marvel of Victorian engineering. It was originally known as Octagon Tower on account of its eight-sided design.

Smoke nuisance was a persistent problem during the industrial revolution and to alleviate pollution, the tower was constructed at the top of the hill above the dyeworks to provide maximum draught and vent smoke high into the atmosphere. However, following a disagreement with his neighbour, Sir Henry Edwards of Pye Nest and persistent problems with the Inspector for Smoke Nuisance, the idea of using it as a chimney was abandoned and the flue connecting it to the dyeworks was never built. For this reason, some have referred to Wainhouse Tower as the world's tallest folly.

Wainhouse then added the ornate second balcony, lantern and gothic cupola to the top of the tower, which gives it its distinctive appearance. Because of the bitterness and public nature of the feud with Sir Henry, many accused him of building the tower purely to upset his neighbour. This is not true but did not stop Wainhouse Tower becoming known in some circles as the Tower of Spite.



Tickets are available through our third party provider - Eventbrite. You can access the Eventbrite page by scanning the QR code or by searching for Visit Calderdale Eventbrite.



Streets in the Sky Tours

TBA
Halifax Borough Market, Market Street,
Halifax, HX1 1DU

£5

Did you know that above Halifax Borough Market there are two 'secret' streets? Discover them with VisitCalderdale's 'Streets in the Sky' guided tours!

On these tours you'll explore the unique architecture of the Grade II* listed Halifax Borough Market, learn about its history, visit both of the Market balcony 'Streets in the Sky,' where the houses are still used by the businesses below and some are still occupied; and get an exclusive look inside one of the uninhabited houses.

Afterwards you can shop and enjoy food and drink at the locally owned independent cafes and delis in the Market.



Please Note:

- The tours are best suited for adult ages and aren't really suited for children aged under 13. Children aged under 16 must be under close supervision of their guardian/parent at all times.
- Many steps are involved in gaining access to each of the Streets in the Sky and the interior of the house we visit, making this tour unsuitable for wheelchair users, those with limited mobility or children's prams or buggies.
- No dogs on this walk, please (although Assistance Dogs are welcome).

Due to the ongoing building work at Halifax Borough Market affecting both of the Streets, we're unable to confirm dates and times for the Tours this far in advance. We intend to run multiple tours throughout the Festival.

Please keep checking:
<https://www.visitcalderdale.com/streets-in-the-sky-guided-tours/> for updates.



Free Admission to Bankfield Museum

Sunday 8th September
10.00am to 4.00pm
Bankfield Museum

Free Admission

Bankfield Museum was the former home of local textile manufacturer Edward Akroyd and his wife Elizabeth and became a museum in 1887 following Edward's death. The museum is home to a range of galleries and displays, including art, local history, The Duke of Wellington's Regimental Museum and the Fashion Gallery.

Bankfield Museum will be opening up to visitors on Sunday 8th September to give visitors to the area an opportunity to step inside the grand Italianate mansion and enjoy the variety of its exhibitions programme, ranging from Engineers and Chocolatiers by Kate Lycett, Wild Words: Ted Hughes and the Poetry of Calderdale, Inspired: The Art of Making Historical Fashion and of course Mr Darcy's very famous shirt from Pride and Prejudice.



The regular site opening hours are from 10.00 - 16.00 Tuesday to Saturday
Bankfield is an historic building and has no lifts to the upper floors. There is an accessible entrance to the rear of the building, signposted from the car park.
There are public toilets and baby changing facilities located on the ground floor.
There is a ground floor cafe area and gift shop where a selection of drinks and snacks are served.
There is free car parking on site and admission to the museum is free.
Bus 576 Bradford via Queensbury runs frequently from Halifax Bus Station up Boothtown Road
The Museum is a 15 minute walk from Halifax Town Centre.

Free Admission to Shibden Hall

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September
11.00am to 5.00pm
Shibden Hall

Free Admission

Set in the picturesque surroundings of Shibden Park, Shibden Hall dates back to 1420 and offers visitors a fascinating journey through the lives of the people who lived and worked there, including the noted diarist Anne Lister (1791-1840)

For 500 years, from 1420 to 1926, Shibden was a family estate providing a home and an income for those who lived there. Shibden Hall and Park still show elements of their former use. A significant number of records of the estate have survived, including accounts, wills, letters, diaries, plans and maps from the earliest days of Shibden through to present day.



A number of important families associated with Halifax have called Shibden their home. From the first identified landowner, William Oates in 1420, to its most famous resident Anne Lister, through to its last resident John Lister, who lived at the hall until it became a museum in 1934.

Today the house is a public museum giving visitors a glimpse through centuries of history reflected in its architecture and the collections on display.



Free Admission, pre-booking is essential. Go to www.calderdale.gov.uk/museums Booking opens 1st August 2023

Shibden Hall is an historic site and has no wheelchair/pushchair access to the upper floor. There are uneven surfaces in and around the Aisled Barn and Folk Museum. Shibden Hall sits in a steep valleyed parkland and due to the nature of the terrain not all routes are fully accessible for wheelchairs. Public toilets and baby changing facilities are located outside of the hall next to the small car park. There is a well stocked gift shop on the ground floor where a selection of drinks and snacks are served. Car parking is available at Shibden Park and parking charges apply. There are a number of regular buses from Halifax Bus Station that drop off opposite the park on the A58. Alternatively it is a 25 minute walk from Halifax town centre up to the hall.

Calderdale Libraries Just Popping To The Shops

Monday 9th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
Halifax Central Library



FREE

Join us for our pop-up exhibition as we delve into our archives to reveal what the high street of bygone Halifax was really like. You will be able to look at some of the treasures from our archives and local history collections and have a chat to our friendly library and archives' staff.

Lego Building Workshop

Saturday 7th September
10:30am to 2:30pm (drop in)
Halifax Central Library

FREE

Come along to our Lego building workshop and recreate some of our iconic shop fronts. We will also be making a paper pop-up street! This event is suitable for ages 5+.

Family Photocollage Session

Saturday 14th September
11:00am
Halifax Central Library

FREE

Come along to our photocollage session with Jeffrey Andrews, where we will be creating collages of some of Calderdale's most famous landmarks.

Dragons of Wainhouse Tower Story & Craft Session

Saturday 14th September
11:00am to 12 noon, or 1:00pm to 2:00pm
Sowerby Bridge Library

FREE

Pre-booking is essential. Suitable for ages 5+ friendly library and archives' staff.



Marketplaces of Halifax

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th September
12:00
Halifax Borough Market (start at Halifax Minster)

£5

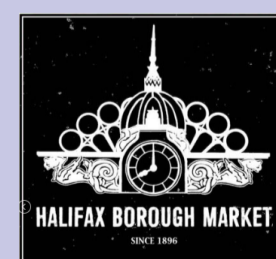
A stroll through Halifax's historic and current marketplaces.

Before cars, retail parks and the internet there were markets. And in Halifax we're lucky to still have the magnificent marketplaces of The Piece Hall and the Borough Market. This walk takes you through our historic and current marketplaces starting at Halifax Minster, and winding through town to the Borough Market.

Along the way we'll visit sites of ancient street markets and textile trade, and look to the future of markets as places of entrepreneurship, local produce and social spaces.

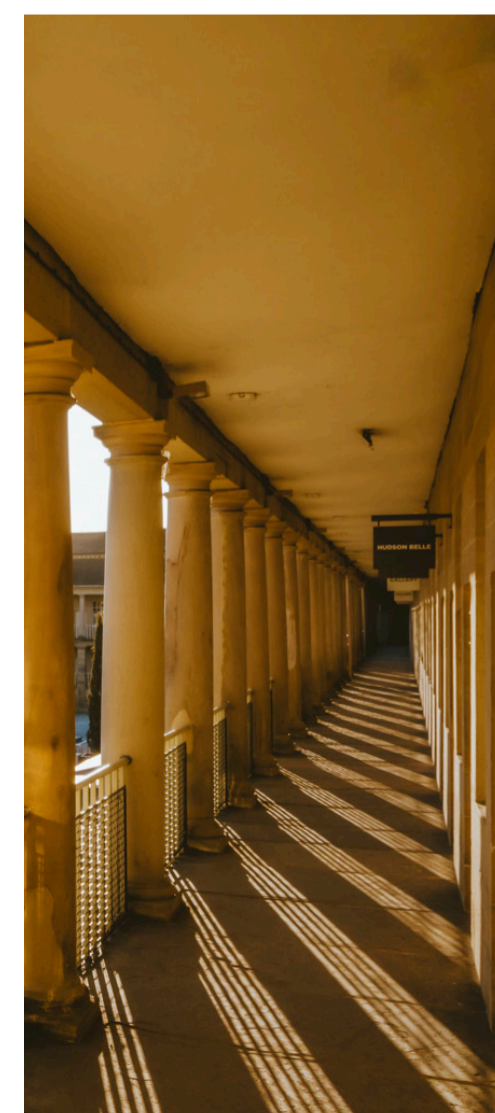
The walk starts at Halifax Minster and lasts approximately 1 to 1.5 hours, and is about 1.5 miles.

Come prepared for hills, steps and Halifax weather.



The Piece Hall

Originally built to facilitate the trading of "pieces" of hand-woven woollen fabric, this grade I listed building in central Halifax is the world's only remaining Georgian cloth hall.



Now an award-winning contemporary leisure destination, almost three million visitors flock through its historic gates each year to marvel at its stunning architecture.

Its breath-taking 66,000sq ft courtyard is reminiscent of the great piazzas of Italy, Spain or Austria and this jewel in the region's crown remains proudly free to enter.

The 315 tiny trader's units surrounding the courtyard have been sensitively converted into more spacious stores providing homes to a treasure trove of high-quality independent shops, cafes, bars and restaurants.

For history fans, one unit has been preserved in its original condition so visitors can experience the sights and sounds of a busy trading day back in 1779.

In the Visitor Centre is The Piece Hall Story, an interactive display highlighting the importance of this iconic building at the heart of the global wool trade and on the top level above West Gate is The Map Room which shows where in the world this top-quality cloth produced in Calderdale ended up!

The Piece Hall hosts a packed year-round programme of world class events, including the flagship summer series of live concerts, incredible one-off spectacles, seasonal markets, art and sculpture installations, craft workshops, family fun days and community events.



Head to the website to learn more about this unique building's fascinating history or book a Heritage Tour with one of The Piece Hall's knowledgeable guides

www.thepiecehall.co.uk



Events Calendar



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Saturday 17th August

10:00am - 4:00pm
Heritage Exhibition
Foundry Street Community Centre

Thursday 5th September

11:00am - 4:30pm
Criminal Coiners Exhibition
Heptonstall Museum

1:00pm
Festival Organ Recital
Halifax Minster

Friday 6th September

11:00am - 12:30pm
Elland: A Town History Trail
with bonus market stop
Project Colt Elland

7:00pm
How We Used to Live
Halifax and Calderdale Memories
1920-1945 St Pauls Church

Saturday 7th September

10am - 4:00pm
All Souls Open Day

10:00am - 4:00pm
Calderdale Industrial Museum
Heritage Open Day

10:00am - 2:00pm
Crossley Heath Heritage Open Day

10:00am - 4:00pm
Presentation of Rushes
Christ Church Sowerby Bridge

10:00am - 5:45pm
Rushbearing
Sowerby Bridge

10:30am - 2:30pm
Lego Workshop
Halifax Central Library

11:00am - 4:00pm
Shibden Hall Free Open Day

11:00am
Walking Tour
Halifax Heritage Tours

1:00pm - 4:00pm
Open Day at Everybody Arts

Sunday 8th September

9:45am - 4:45pm
Rushbearing
Sowerby Bridge

10am - 4:00pm
All Souls Open Day

10:00am - 4:00pm
Bankfield Museum Free Open Day

10:00am - 4:00pm
Calderdale Industrial Museum
Heritage Open Day

14:00pm - 4:30pm
David Glover Dean Clough Heritage Tour

Monday 9th September

10:00am - 4:00pm
Wainhouse Tower
Heritage Open Day

11:00am
Town Hall Tour
Halifax Heritage Tours

11:40am
Ukulele Workshop
Calderdale Music

7:00pm - 9:00pm
David Glover
The Godfather of Rolls-Royce Heritage Talk
Dean Clough

Tuesday 10th September

7:00pm
Halifax Parish Church Talk
Halifax Town Hall

Wednesday 11th September

11:00am
Hebble Trail / Canal Walk
Halifax Heritage Tours

12:00pm
Marketplaces of Halifax
Halifax Borough Market

Thursday 12th September

10:30am - 12:00pm
Memories of Crossley Carpets
Coffee Morning Dean Clough

11:00am
Magistrates Court Tour
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Marketplaces of Halifax
Halifax Borough Market

Friday 13th September

11:00am - 12:30pm
Elland: A Town History Trail
with bonus market stop
Project Colt Elland

11:00am - 3:00pm
100 Years of Park Life
The Pavilion
Crow Wood Park

2:15pm
Old Woolshops and
Halifax's Ancient Moot Hall
Square Chapel Arts Centre

Saturday 14th September

9:30am - 12:00pm
Historic Routes in Sowerby Bridge
Christ Church

10am - 4:00pm
All Souls Open Day

10:00am
Bus Tour
Halifax Heritage Tours

10:00am - 4:00pm
Wainhouse Tower
Heritage Open Day

10:00am - 4:00pm
Calderdale Industrial Museum
Festival Fun Day

10:30am
Town Hall Tour
Halifax Heritage Tours

11:00am - 3:00pm
St Peter's Church
Sowerby Bridge

2:00pm
Infirmary Tour
Halifax Heritage Tours

7:30pm
Elland Silver Band
Halifax Minster

Time TBC
Todmorden Town Hall Open Day

Sunday 15th September

11:00am - 4:00pm
Elland Show
Elland Cricket Club

12:00pm
Bus Tour
Halifax Heritage Tours

1:00pm
Lister Lane Cemetery
25th Anniversary Open Day

1:30pm - 4:00pm
WoollyArt Club celebrates
the Woollen Industry

Monday 16th September

10am - 4:00pm
All Souls Open Day

2:00pm - 4:00pm
Halifax Playhouse Open Day

Sunday 22nd September

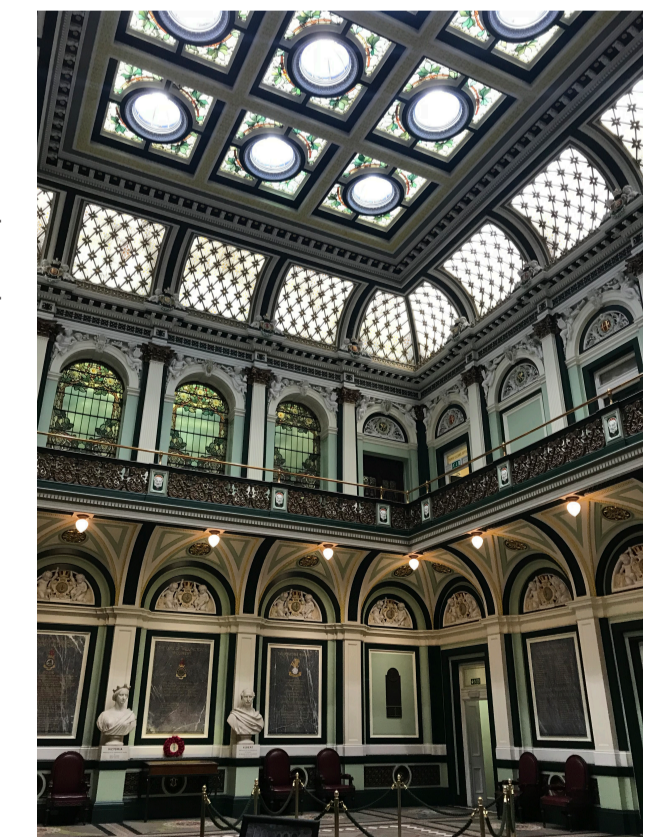
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Saturday 9th November

Calderdale Music
Uplift Choir Open Rehearsals

Sunday 10th November

10:45am
Remembrance Service
Sowerby Bridge Railway Station





Map of Calderdale



Halifax and Calderdale Heritage Festival

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Hebden Bridge Local History Society

September 2024 to March 2025
7:30pm
Hebdenroyd Methodist Church

£3 for visitors

Founded in 1949, Hebden Bridge Local History Society has been exploring and celebrating the heritage of Calderdale for 75 years, researching and recording the history and stories of the region.



In this year of Culturedale there will be a programme of lively illustrated talks on a wide range of topics – including the local impact of the Civil War, a tale of two Carnivals, the story of Calder Valley football, local political skirmishes and the splendours to be found in significant buildings of the Calder Valley.

The programme of talks begins on Wednesday September 25th and the Society meets at Hebdenroyd Methodist Church every second and fourth Wednesday evening, until the end of March.

You can also find details on the website about access to the Society's archive, where there are experienced volunteers to help you to explore family or local history.

You could soon be sharing your discoveries and contributing to the knowledge of Calderdale's heritage.

Dates and details will be published at the end of August.

Check out the website
www.hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk
and the Facebook page.



'Criminal Coiners' Exhibition

Thursday 5th September - Sunday 8th September
Thursday 12th September - Sunday 15th September
11:00am to 4:30pm
Heptonstall Museum

Admission is £3
free for under 18s and students.

Visit the atmospheric village of Heptonstall and its friendly volunteer-led museum to get a unique insight into life in the 1700s. The current exhibition tells the story of the notorious 'Criminal Coiners' in the building that featured in the BBC TV series *The Gallows Pole*.

Taking inspiration from Benjamin Myers' book and a series of community workshops, 'Criminal Coiners' includes coining artefacts, a replica loom and other props, costumes, a soundscape and a haunting 'Stag Man'. Continue your exploration in the church yard nearby, where you will find 'King' David Hartley's grave overlooked by a mysterious ruined church. The museum building dates back to 1600 and over the centuries it has been a warehouse, a grammar school and a bank. It became a museum in 1972 and was taken over by the community in 2023.

Heptonstall is a historic hilltop village with a narrow, steep cobbled main street and restricted access. The museum has step access and is not fully accessible at present. Well behaved dogs are welcome, although they may wish to look out for the resident cat! The village is served by a regular bus from Hebden Bridge and more adventurous visitors can hike up the Buttress, taking in beautiful views of the landscape.

Parking is restricted in the centre of the village – there is a small free car park on



Foundry Street Community Centre Heritage Exhibition

17th-18th August
10:00am to 16:00pm
Foundry Street Community Centre

FREE

An opportunity to find out about the history of the Foundry Street Community Centre and its immediate surroundings.

On Saturday 17th August and Sunday 18th August, Foundry Street Community Centre has a weekend exhibition of images, text and more, celebrating the history of the centre and its surrounding area, from its 19th century beginning as a chapel, through to its current rebirth as a vibrant community centre. The Centre opened its doors to a wide range of user groups following a Community Asset Transfer, and there is a chance to find out about its history at this special exhibition.



It continued to serve as a chapel until 1972, when it closed.

On closure of the chapel, Councillor Leslie Godfrey persuaded the council to buy the chapel and convert it into a community centre, opening in 1979.

After lockdown, the council decided that the centre was surplus to requirements.

Following a public campaign the council offered the building for community asset transfer; 22 months later the trustees of the new charity - Foundry Street Community Centre - took over the building.



The Crossley Heath School Heritage Open Day

Saturday 7th September
10.00am to 2.00pm
The Crossley Heath School

Free Entry, donations welcome

Come along and visit this iconic building.



2024 marks the 160th anniversary of this beautiful building and a warm welcome is extended to all who wish to step inside this listed treasure.

Our school building was opened in 1864 as a school and orphanage for girls and boys. We adopted the name The Crossley Heath School in 1985 in recognition of our shared history from the founding schools of Heath Grammar School (c1600) and Crossley & Porter School (c1857).



As a result, we have a wealth of artefacts and memorabilia from both schools for you to peruse which demonstrates the school's significant place in Halifax's history over the years.

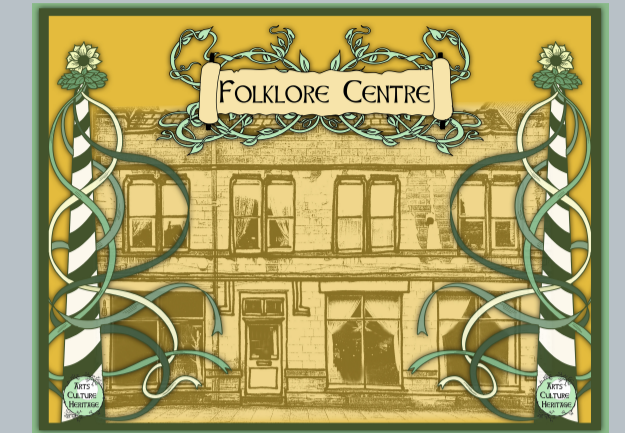
Our exciting new heritage timeline project, erected on the ground floor over the summer as part of our 160th celebrations, depicts our rich history from Heath Grammar School days to the present time. We would love to share this with you. You will also have the opportunity to view important historical documents, artefacts and archive material. Tours of the clock tower and cellar will be available and you will be able to wander around the corridors and view the main hall, the centrepiece of the school.

Refreshments will be available in the dining room.

Todmorden Folklore Centre



www.folkloremythmagic.com



Todmorden's Folklore Centre opened on the Halifax Road in May 2022 and is a fascinating venue for anyone interested in a wide range of cultural traditions, from calendar customs to traditional tales and contemporary legends to folk magic and belief. Folklore is both the foundation and architecture of the everyday culture of society. We'd love people to be as enthused about this vital aspect of our daily heritage and modern life as we and our friendly team of volunteers are.

The Centre resides in a spacious historic printworks hosting an extensive members' study library and a variety of exhibition spaces, a small vegan/veggie cafe, and shop.

With a programme of exhibitions showcasing artistic and informative responses to folklore, material culture and our intangible cultural heritage, alongside quirky permanent displays that hearken back to local and national traditions, there is always plenty to see. Our support of independent makers and artists extends to the items available in our small gift shop. We open 11am-3pm from Wednesday to Saturday and host late afternoon events almost every Saturday

throughout the year with both local and nationally known presenters providing a depth of folklore knowledge to the local community and beyond, with occasional workshops, storytelling, and folk music performances. Keep an eye on our website and social media for details.

The Folklore Centre is a unique resource in Northern England and builds on Todmorden and Calderdale's reputation for its distinctive social and cultural history.

Todmorden Town Hall

Saturday 14th September
TBC
Todmorden Town Hall

Free

Todmorden Town Hall opened on 3rd April 1875 amidst festivities on an extraordinary scale and since this time the building has played a huge role in the life of the town.

The Friends of Todmorden Town Hall are planning a week of celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary which involve the whole town and which will be remembered many years from now

During Heritage Week, on Saturday 14th September, the 150th Anniversary project will be launched by inviting residents to a big event in the Town Hall. Details of the celebration plans which take

place between 22nd March and 3rd April 2025 will be outlined and people will be encouraged to get involved in a number of different ways. As part of the launch, an award will be given to the young person who won a competition to design the 150th logo, and the winning design will be presented.

During the day, there will be special heritage tours conducted of the Town Hall by the volunteer Tour Guides.



The 150th anniversary will also serve as an opportunity to raise awareness and interest in a proposed new Heritage Centre. The recently formed Todmorden Heritage Network is working towards the creation of a heritage and exhibition space in the Town Hall in a new room created by current Town Deals Fund works in the building, but are still at very early stages.

More details on all of these will be available at www.facebook.com/people/Friends-Of-Todmorden-Town-Hall

Elland Community Hub

The new Elland Community Hub is due to be up and running at the beginning of June following a successful opening day at the beginning of May.

Elland is in the process of a major face lift from the Elland Future High Street Fund which is part of Calderdale Next Chapter. One of the buildings to benefit from transformation is the old Cartwheel Club Youth and Community Center which is now known as the Elland Community Hub.

The hub is managed by a new group of trustees who are keen to make the center the hub of the community.

The building offers versatile space for gatherings and events, including charity / corporate functions and meetings. Rooms are available for hire at competitive rates including a large hall, kitchen, computer suite and offices with high speed internet included.

If you have not already done so call in and see what the new Elland Community Hub has to offer or check us out on facebook Elland Community Hub.

The building has all the modern amenities including disabled access.



As the Elland Community Hub is a registered charity run by a board of trustees therefore any monies generated by hiring the room and offices will be reinvested in the building.



Elland: A Town History Trail with a bonus Market stop

Friday 6th September and Friday 13th September
11am to 12.30pm
From Project Colt, Elland Bridge - Market

£5

Join us for a walk around Albert Moody and Albert Rinder's 1983 classic town trail.

We've added an extra stop at the historic market where we'll meet the traders, and see a version of the Royal Market Charter.

The walk starts at Project Colt on the historic Elland Bridge, and is led by their Ramblers Association walk leaders. The market was first mentioned in the Royal Charter of 1317, but it's probably even older than that. John de Eland was granted the Charter by King Edward II, which allowed him to hold a weekly market. And it's still being held, every Friday.

The market may have moved around in the intervening years, traders may now have cars instead of packhorses, and use mobile phones and computers rather than quills and ink but they're still providing a personal, age-old service.



And you can pick up produce that our medieval Elland ancestors would recognise like; candles, cheese, pies, fish, biscuits, butter and bread, and others that they wouldn't.

Start and Finish: Project Colt, Elland Bridge
Distance: approx. 1.5 miles
Duration: approx. 1.5 hours



Elland Trail

Any time or day

Historical Elland

FREE

Elland is one of the oldest market towns in England having been granted a royal charter to hold a market

John de Eland was granted a charter in 1317, conferring the right to hold a market and two annual fairs, Elland became the first town in the area with this privilege.

Elland still has a weekly market but not at the original cross which was located near St Marys church but at the opposite end of town which has been regenerated under the Elland Future High Street Fund.

In 2017 Elland celebrated its 700th Anniversary and the Elland Town Board produced a guided walk of Elland with places of historic interest to visit. These included Church of St Mary the Virgin, The Rex Cinema, Dobsons Sweet Factory and the Fleece Inn at Elland.



With its small individual independent businesses in Elland and newly regenerated town center why not visit Elland, have a beer in one of its many bars and watch a movie at the Rex, a traditional 1920's picture house.



Elland Show

Sunday 15th September
11:00am to 4:00pm
Elland Cricket Club, Hullenedge Road, Elland.

Adults £5.00, Children £2.00 OAP £3.00
or £10.00 for a family ticket.

The Elland Show returns once more and promises to be a great day out for all the family.



This is a great day out for all family with plenty of entertainment provided throughout the day to meet everyone's tastes.

The classic vehicle show includes a variety of classic cars, bikes, lorries, buses, scooters, tractors and more.

Local craft, vintage and other stalls will be in Baines Hall and several food outlets will be located on the field.

There will be live music on the stage, with performances from Little and Often, Nightingales and Henry Oliver.

Other entertainment includes a caving experience, Go Karts, donkey rides, the RSPCA Dog show, Birds of Prey display, rope making, face painting to name a few.

All proceeds made on the day will go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Overgate Hospice and other Rotary Charities



Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September
All weekend
Sowerby Bridge and surrounding areas

FREE

Our 2024 edition of the Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing Festival will be held over the weekend of Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 2024.

Our Rushbearing weekend, was originally revived for the Queen's Silver jubilee in 1977 and we look forward to celebrating the King's Coronation as part of this year's celebrations.

Our route over the weekend will take us from Warley and through Sowerby Bridge on the Saturday and on Sunday we will start at Sowerby village with a church service and then over the tops to Cottonstones and on to Triangle and Ripponden.



Christ Church - Presentation of the Ruses

Saturday 7th September
10:00am to 16:00pm
with rushes presented approx 14.45pm
Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge

FREE

Rushbearing Festival - The Presentation of fresh rushes for the coming season.

Thanks must go to our sponsors and venues for hosting us over the weekend. We have raised over £25,000 of vital funds for local charities and the weekend contributes significantly to the local economy.

Thanks as ever must go to our Committee and members for all their efforts in putting the event on. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes, throughout the year and over the weekend.

Thanks also to the dance teams, musicians and entertainers that accompany us on the route and add to the spectacle of the event.

Event timings, route and entertainment will be available on our website rushbearing.com



100 YEARS OF PARK LIFE

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September
11:00am to 15:00pm
Sowerby Bridge and surrounding areas

FREE

A history of a century of the park told in old photographs and newspaper cuttings along with a display of memorabilia.

Crow Wood Park was originally part of the wealthy Edward's family huge Pye Nest estate. It was purchased for the old Sowerby Bridge Urban District council in 1920 and turned into a park and recreation ground finally opening in April 1923.

Our exhibition celebrates the centenary of the opening with a display of photographs, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia. The colourful

and informative panels capture some glimpses of bygone times bringing us right up to date with the work of the various groups operating today. You can see some of the magnificent floral features that adorned the park; remember the paddling pool and the ever popular water fountain; see pictures of some of the many galas, concerts, fetes and their respective programmes and of course all the sporting activities that

continue to this day. Did you know that during the first world war the long gone Crow Wood Mansion House was used as a Voluntary Aid Detachment Military Hospital for recuperating service men until its closure in 1920. Lots of interesting things to see and discover along with a display of work from the pupils at Bolton Brow Primary Academy. Parks are always at the centre of communities and our display aims to capture memories of the past.

On your visit you can collect one of our excellent souvenir brochures free of charge.



Historic routes in Sowerby Bridge

Saturday 14th September
9:30am to 12:00pm in church, QR trail open until 4pm
Christ Church Sowerby Bridge

FREE

Christ Church Sowerby Bridge - routes through time

Christ Church Sowerby Bridge welcomes you to step back almost 500 years. Travel through time from its riverside origins in 1526, through the bustle and noise of the Industrial Revolution, to its position today, at the centre of the town.

Starting in the Grade II listed church and graveyard, discover the stories of foundry and textile mill owners who built the church from their wealth. Why did they decide to build this church with its unusual horseshoe balcony? How did they answer the questions set by the Factories Commission when interviewed about their workforce? Discover the different lives of rich and poor, written in stained glass or stone, and why the graveyard was closed by order of Queen Victoria. Then follow our digital "History Route" to explore the richness of the wider Sowerby Bridge conservation area and sites where fortunes were made and lost, as technologies changed and industries declined.



We are also proud to play our part in the Rushbearing Festival each year, and receive fresh rushes cut from the fields to mark the changing of the season. Throughout Saturday 7th we will be hosting a craft fair by local makers and bakers. We invite everyone to join us for the presentation of rushes at Christ Church on Saturday around 2.45, depending on the progress of the cart.

At the junction of Wharf Street & Tuel Lane to see the internal memorials, with refreshments available in church.

Access to church is via steps & handrail, but options for "drop off" and level/ wheelchair access is available if we are aware of your wish to visit. Please contact us for help or to discuss special needs.

St. Peter's Church, Sowerby

14th & 15th September
11:00am to 15:00pm
St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Avenue, Sowerby HX6 1HB

FREE

A Grade 1 listed building open during Heritage Open Days.

A Grade I listed Georgian church familiarly known as Sowerby St Peter's. The principle features have remained unchanged from the time of its construction in 1766. The plasterwork in the church has been quoted as being 'unmatchable elsewhere in the county' and more recently as 'one of the most elegant...in the North of England', yet this



handsome building is little known outside its parish. The plasterwork is attributed to Giuseppe Cortes who was also responsible for the plasterwork in Somerset House, Halifax.

The interior church scene in Gentleman Jack episode two was filmed at St Peter's

Take this opportunity to look at the war memorials from the Crimean War to present day.

The local Woolly Arts club will display their work including heritage of textiles.

Listen to organ music during the open periods. The organists are local, and it is hoped to show case some of the younger organists from the region.

Our current church burial records will be available during the opening times.



WoollyArt Club celebrates the Woollen Industry of Sowerby Bridge

Sundays 15th and 22nd September 2024
13:30pm to 16:00pm
St Peter's Community Centre, Sowerby

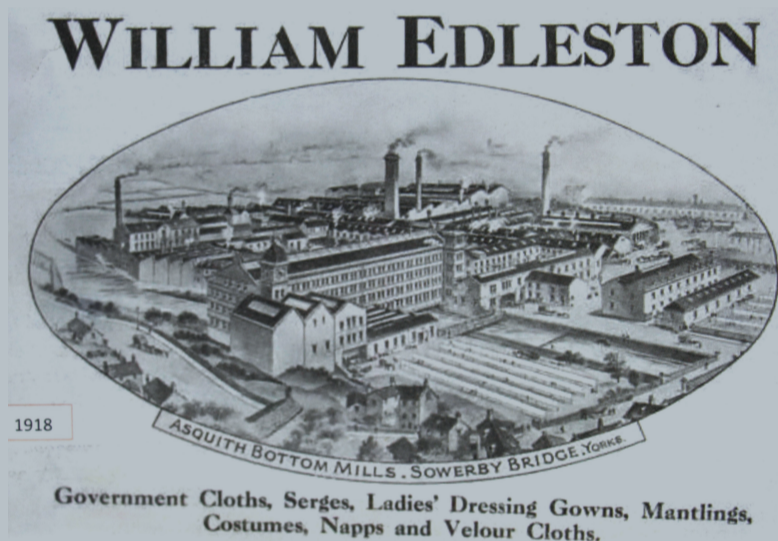
£3.00



Two informal sessions will be held comprising:

Spinning Workshop: Traditional spinning wheel/drop spindle demonstration, Lindsay Gallagher, WoollyArt Club Exhibition/Dyeing Workshop: 'From Sowerby Bridge to South America and Beyond: Edleston's Mill and Dyeworks (Asquith Bottom)', Michael A. Gray PhD, Former Education Director, Calderdale Industrial Museum

Book Launch: 'The Mills and People of Sowerby Bridge', Julian Carr



Highlighting the World Class manufacturing heritage of Sowerby Bridge, whilst showcasing aspects of the Textile Industry; spinning and dyeing with an exhibition of an extant, re-purposed mill and dyeworks complex (history, workforce, technology and processes). It is great pleasure to support the book launch of 'The Mills and People of Sowerby Bridge' by Julian Carr, following his seminal work 'The Mills of the Ryburn Valley' [RVHS(2022)].

The WoollyArt Club (people aged 16+), meets every Sunday 1:30-4pm at St Peter's

Community Centre, Sowerby (£3 per session). The club provides a safe space to make friends whilst sharing our love of creative textile work and heritage crafts. We promote the opportunity to learn how to weave, spin and dye your own wool and fabrics, using traditional/modern wheels and looms, thus keeping older crafts alive. Nationally-recognised creatives are invited to share their work with us. Additionally, we also explore a range of other arts&craft activities each week, sourcing recycled & waste materials, plus those locally-sourced from woollen mills and textile businesses.

Remembrance Service

Sunday 10th November
10:45am
Sowerby Bridge Railway Station

FREE

Annual Remembrance Service

Every year the Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station hold a Remembrance Service to remember the men of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company who gave their lives for our Country in the First World War.

The event is held in the Memorial Garden at Sowerby Bridge Railway Station assuming the weather is clement or if required under the canopy on Platform 2 (the Leeds bound platform).

The Service is usually attended by local dignitaries including representatives of the Rotary Club, a Deputy Local Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, a holder of the British Empire Medal along with members of the Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station who all lay wreathes during the service.

The service includes hymns, prayers, a reading of the roll of honour of those men who sadly lost their lives and the two-minute silence is marked by the blowing of an original Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Whistle which we believe is poignant as it is probably the last sound the men would have heard before departing for the front.

The service is well received by the local population and is open to everybody and anybody is welcome to lay a wreath as well as the official dignitaries.

The service in the past has attracted the attention of the local media.

