

BRADFORD HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

11–20 SEPTEMBER
2026



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OUR BRADFORD



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ALL HERITAGE OPEN DAY EVENTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND, BUT SOME REQUIRE BOOKING IN ADVANCE

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change, so please do check the
Heritage Open Days website listings
at heritageopendays.org.uk
for the most up to date
information.

170 YEARS OF BRADFORD'S FESTIVAL CHORAL SOCIETY:

Music, People and a Changing City
Saturday 12 September, 9.30am-1pm
Talk, 10.30am

**Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate,
Bradford BD1 1SZ**

Discover 170 years of Bradford Festival Choral Society through photographs, programmes and stories from its remarkable archive. Explore Victorian Bradford, garden parties, balls and everyday choir life, and meet the people and places behind its history. Visitors can also share their own memories, photographs or memorabilia and help uncover more of the choir's story.



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BRADFORD UNITARIAN CHURCH OPEN WEEKENDS

*Fridays 11 & 18, Saturdays 12 & 19,
Sundays 13 & 20 September,
10.30am-3.30pm*

7A Russell Street, Bradford BD5 0JB

Visit this beautiful sacred space and walk a labyrinth. See original stained glass and memorials from the Chapel Lane Chapel. Fascinating 18c archives and regular guided conversation on Rational Dissent and the birth of radical Bradford.

FRIENDS OF BRADFORD'S BECKS: PLAQUE WALK

Saturday 12 September, 10-11am

**Meet Outside Bradford Live, Thornton
Road, Bradford BD1 2DH**

Discover Bradford Beck, the City's underground river, integral to its historical development. We'll follow the Plaque Trail through the City centre, following the underground route of the Bradford Beck, and hear tales of medieval mills, breweries, tanners, strikes, floods, bridges and buildings. Led by Friends of Bradford's Becks volunteer and social historian Irene Lofthouse.



THE TEN HOURS PARSON

At St John The Evangelist

*Saturdays 12 & 19 September,
10am-1pm*

Talk about Parson Bull at 11am
Bierley Vicarage, Bierley Lane,
Bradford BD4 6AA

Visit St John the Evangelist, Bierley to find out what led the Parish Priest to participate in a national movement that changed the life of mill workers in Bradford and beyond. Revd George Stringer Bull was the Minister of St John the Evangelist Church in Bierley from 1826 to 1839. During this time he became affectionately known as Parson Bull. Shocked at the terrible living and working conditions in this and his previous Parish, he became an active reformer.



ST CLEMENTS OPEN DAY

Saturdays 12 & 19 September, 10am-3pm

294A Barkerend Road, Bradford BD3 9DF

Discover the remarkable art and architecture of St Clement's Church, including designs by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones, a striking Venetian mosaic by Antonio Salviati, paintings by William Palin and stained glass by Charles Kempe. Explore this historic place of worship and learn more about its continuing role in the local community.



BRONTË BIRTHPLACE'S BUTCHER SHOP STORY

Saturday 12 September, 11am-12pm

72-74 Market Street, Thornton,
Bradford BD13 3HF

The historic house on Market Street in Thornton is well known as the birthplace of the Brontës, but what happened to it after they moved? Uncover the house's long history of being the local family-run butchers shop in our exclusive exhibition.



HERITAGE GAMES IN THE MARKET

Saturday 12 September, 11am-2.30pm

Darley Street Market, 16 - 24 Darley St,
Bradford BD1 1RD

Roll up, roll up! Step up, have a go, and claim your bragging rights. Take on our heritage carnival games — Roll-a-Coin, Ball-in-a-Bucket and Table Quoits — led by our very own Victorian Carnival Host.



VICTORIAN LIFE AT THE OLD CASTLE

Ilkley Manor House

*Saturdays 12 & 20 September,
Guided Tour at 11am & family activities
2-3.30pm on 12 September*

Castle Yark, Ilkley LS29 9DT

Step inside Ilkley Manor House and discover Victorian life at the Old Castle through guided tours exploring the Robinson family, historic photographs and artefacts. Families can also enjoy creative activities, from making models and pictures to dressing up as Victorians. Free entry, with advance booking preferred for tours and no booking required for family activities.



VICTORIA HALL, SALTIRE

Saturday 12 September, 11am-3pm
Victoria Road, Saltire,
Shipley BD18 3JS

Explore Victoria Hall at the heart of Saltire World Heritage Site and discover its rich history, from Victorian beginnings to its role in the recent film The Choral. Enjoy Wurlitzer organ concerts, piano recitals and displays, meet local historians and trustees, and find out more about this remarkable building's past, present and future.

SALTIRE HISTORY CLUB:

Three Historical Slideshows

Saturday 12 September, 11am-3pm
Victoria Road, Saltire,
Shipley BD18 3JS

Learn about Victoria Hall's history through short slideshows on Victoria Hall's backstory, The Hall's Conversaciones and The Founding of Saltire. The slideshows will run alongside each other, all day, in the Hall's Evans Room. The slideshows will be one part of a varied programme within Victoria Hall.

THE ENGINE SHED AND CARRIAGE WORKS MUSEUMS

Ingrow Station on the Keighley and
Worth Valley Railway

*Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September,
11-4pm*

Ingrow West Station, South Street,
Ingrow, Keighley BD21 5AX

Explore two railway museums at Ingrow Station with free entry for Heritage Open Days. Discover railway history, get close to fascinating artefacts, sit inside historic carriages and stand on the footplate of the Lord Mayor locomotive. Special events include Silk Folk performing on 12 September and an Austin 7 Club vehicle display on 13 September.



EVERYDAY HISTORIES:

From the Broad Ford to City of Culture and Beyond!

Saturday 12 September, 12-3pm

Bradford Cathedral, 1 Stott Hill, BD1 4EH

Explore Bradford's past through the everyday lives connected to one of the city's most historic buildings. Discover centuries of stories through self-guided and specialist tours, displays and talks from local historians Cat Stiles and Derek Barker. There will also be children's activities, historical dressing up and refreshments from the pop-up café.

12.15pm - "The Day Before Yesterday:

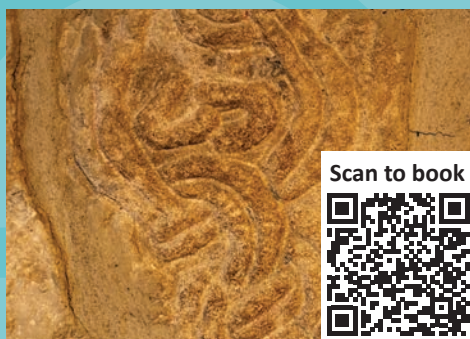
St Peter's Parish Church in 19th Century Bradford" **Talk by Derek Barker:** In his talk, Derek will describe the different places of Christian worship there were in the city at this period and look at the physical surroundings of St Peter's. He will discuss the important people who worshipped at the cathedral and illustrate this with some of the memorials and windows that survive to this day.

1.15pm - "Memento Mori:

Remembering the Dead in Pre-Modern Bradford" **Talk by Cat Stiles, local**

historian: Bradford Cathedral has been a burial site for at least seven centuries, yet most of the monuments visible today date from the eighteenth century and beyond. So what about those who came before? Join local historian, Cat Stiles, in this exploration of tombstones, bone houses, and burial grounds from Bradford's hidden past.

2.15pm - Guided Tour A traditional tour of the building, its history and its heritage, connected to our theme.



ST HELEN'S CHURCH, DENTON

Saturday 12 September, 11am-5pm

Teas available at Weston Hall, 2-5pm

St Helen's Church, Denton Road, Denton, Ilkley LS29 0HQ

Discover Grade II* listed St Helen's Church, designed by John Carr of York and completed in 1776. See its remarkable east window, dating from 1700 and described as an important example of English glass painting, alongside the church's distinctive blend of Gothic and classical architecture. Teas available nearby at Weston Hall.

SUFFRAGETTE WALKING TOUR

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Saturday 12 September, 1.45-3.15pm

Shipley Glen Tramway, Shipley

Join Suffragette Nell Kenney for a guided walk from Saltaire to Shipley Glen up to the site of the Monster Suffragette Rally. The tour includes a ride on the magical Shipley Glen tramway and hear about the sacrifices, bravery, of the Suffragettes. The walk ends with a morale boosting song on the glen!

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, ILKLEY: GUIDED TOURS

*Saturdays 12 & 19 September,
2.30-3.30pm*

Queens Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL

Come and visit Ilkley's hidden gem, St Margaret's Church, for a guided tour by the parish priest. The tour will focus on the beautiful glass and furnishings in our Grade II* listed church, and the conservation work we have undertaken over the last couple of years. Our beautiful Grade II* listed church will also be open each day for you to explore.



LOW MOOR 1916

Presented by the The Low Moor Comical Company

Saturday 12 September, 3-5.30pm
**Aldersgate Methodist Church,
Common Road, Low Moor,
Bradford BD12 0TW**

To book email info.lmlhg@gmail.com

Experience Low Moor 1916, a powerful live performance telling the story of a community devastated by war and the catastrophic munitions factory explosion that killed 40 people. Six performers bring the year to life through drama, music and song, exploring the events leading up to a tragedy described as an accident waiting to happen.



EAST RIDDLESDEN HALL

*Sunday 13 & Wednesday 16 September,
10am-4pm*

Tours at 11am & 1.30pm on 13th

**Bradford Road, Riddlesden,
Keighley BD20 5EL**

Visit East Riddlesden Hall for free and discover some of the different chapters of our history through the lives of the people who lived here.



HOYLE COURT MASONIC HALL

Sunday 13 September, 10.30am-4pm

**Hoyle Court, Otley Road,
Baildon BD17 6JS**

Come and visit Hoyle Court Masonic Hall. Originally the home of the Ambler family, who were Bradford Mill owners. The building has been a Masonic Hall since the late 1950s. Alongside the Masonic temple room, there is also an Egyptian Temple room and many other rooms to explore, together with beautiful gardens.



EVERYDAY HISTORIES - SPORTS & PASTIMES

Cliffe Castle Museum

Sunday 13 September, 11am-4pm

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LH

Join us at Cliffe Castle to explore the rich sporting and leisure heritage of the district, uncovering the stories of local clubs, games, hobbies and pastimes that have brought communities together over the years. Enjoy a new display featuring Keighley Cougars Memorabilia, and celebrating it's community impact. What are your memories of the club?



BRADFORD MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

September Running Day

Sunday 13 September, 1.30-4pm

Northcliff Railway, Cliffe Wood Avenue, Shipley BD18 3DD

Enjoy a family day out at Northcliff Woods with a ride through the woods on the Northcliff Miniature Railway. Bring a picnic and make a day of it!

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PRIESTLEY PERAMBULATION

Sunday 13 September, 2-3pm

Bradford Centre

Celebrate J.B. Priestley's birthday with Bradford poet and stand-up historian Glyn Watkins on a lively walking tour through the city he knew. Hear performed extracts on trams, fountains, beer, wool and wartime Bradford, finishing at North Parade.



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MANNINGHAM WALK

Sunday 13 September, 2-3.45pm

Meet on the pavement outside the large main doors of Manningham Mills, opposite the Police Station, on Lilycroft Road.

Manningham Mills, Lilycroft Road, Manningham, Bradford BD9 5AB

This free in-person circular guided walk, with a guide in costume as 'Samuel Lister', will include fascinating buildings and people from the past and present, plus some future plans. Whether you are a current or former resident of the area or an interested Bradfordian, a visitor or a student, you are very welcome to join in. No need to book, just turn up.

THE EVERYDAY HEROES OF ST GEORGE'S HALL

Tuesday 15 September, 2-3pm

Bridge Street, Bradford BD1 1JT

Step inside Grade II* listed St George's Hall for a talk and backstage tour celebrating the everyday heroes who have kept this historic venue running. Discover the stories of stonemasons, roofers, plasterers, technical crews, front and back of house teams, cleaners and many others whose work has supported generations of performances.



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HISTORIC BRADFORD IN PENCIL

Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18,

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September,

9.30am-3.30pm

Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate, Bradford BD1 1SZ

See Bradford's historic landmarks brought to life in pencil by artist Nigel Wray. Explore a selection of detailed drawings celebrating treasured buildings and places from across the district, and discover the familiar local heritage that inspires his work. A selection of Nigel's images will also be available to purchase during the event.



DOBSON LOCKS BLACKSMITH FORGE

Wednesday 16 September, 10am-3pm

Thursday 17 September, 10am-2pm

Canal and River Trust, Dobson Locks, Bradford BD10 0PY

Visit the historic blacksmith's forge beside Dobson Staircase Locks on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Watch traditional blacksmithing demonstrations, explore original canal features and ask the blacksmith about this fascinating heritage craft. Set within a Grade II listed canal workshop, you may even spot narrowboats making their way through the locks.



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OPEN DAY AT BRADFORD ARCHIVES

Wednesday 16 September, 10am-1pm

West Yorkshire Archive Service, Margaret McMillan Tower, Prince's Way, Bradford BD1 1NN

Step inside Bradford Archives for a pop-up exhibition celebrating the lives and passions of everyday Bradfordians. Explore original records spanning Victorian times to the present day, with stories of shopping, work, play and transport, and chat with archive staff about the collections and how you can use them.

COLOUR EVERYDAY

Wednesday 16 September, 10am-2pm

Society of Dyers & Colourists,
Perkin House, 82 Grattan Road,
Bradford BD1 2LU

Discover how colour has shaped everyday life through clothing, workwear, home furnishings and design. Explore rarely seen objects from the SDC Textile Collection and uncover the stories woven into the colours that surround us, revealing how colour has influenced the way people have lived, worked and expressed themselves over time.

PINNY PIECE AT THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE

Thursday 17, Friday 18, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September, 9.30am-3.30pm
Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate,
Bradford BD1 1SZ

Discover Pinny Piece, a full-size appliquéd cotton apron by Caro Blount-Shah featuring twelve blue plaques honouring pioneering women across Bradford district. The work also commemorates the Women's Humanity League and its First World War peace campaigning. Meet the artist on Thursday 17 September and see the artwork throughout the weekend.



DEAN BROTHERS - THREE GENERATIONS OF ILKLEY BUILDERS

Thursday 17 September, 2pm

The Station, 2 Station Road,
Ilkley LS29 8HA

To book call Alex Cockshott on
01943 601561 or email on
localhistory@civicsociety.ilkley.org

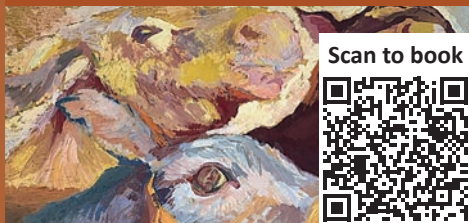
Join Ilkley Civic Society Local History Hub on a guided walk in the centre of Ilkley looking at the work of these local builders from 1860s to 1940s. We shall be able to go inside All Saints Church and see other public buildings houses and shops that they worked on.

PAST SHIPLEY ARTISTS:

Talk with Colin Neville

Thursday 17 September, 5-6pm
Shipley College Victoria Road, Saltaire,
BD18 3LQ

Colin Neville, curator of the Not Just Hockney website, will illustrate the lives and artwork of eight past visual artists who lived in the Shipley and Saltaire areas: Lise Bayer, George Brumfitt, Jack Coulthard, Margaret Firth, Govinder Nazram, Fred and May Stead, and William Capeling Stevens. He will also present a brief illustrated history of the Saltaire School of Art, founded in 1870, that played an important part in the careers of many local artists. Colin's new book, 'Past Shipley Artists', will also be available for sale, priced £8.



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TOPIC FOLK CLUB

Thursday 17 September, 7-10pm

**The Castle Pub, Grattan Road,
Bradford BD1 2LU**

The Topic Folk Club invites new and seasoned performers to a special Heritage Open Days singers' night on 17 September. Arrive from 7pm for supportive guidance and space from friendly musicians, with the main session from 7.30pm. Expect live music, advice, tips and breakout space throughout. A warm, creative, heritage evening at The Castle Pub, Grattan Road, Bradford.



HISTORICAL DANCE WORKSHOP

Friday 18 September, 10am-12.30pm

**Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate,
Bradford BD1 1SZ**

Step back into the 17th century through dance, music and history in this lively, hands-on workshop by Natalie Kershaw. Learn how people danced during this fascinating period before trying the steps for yourself. This free participatory session includes regular breaks; comfortable clothing, suitable shoes and water are recommended. Spaces are limited.

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4000 MILES TO HOME. A TALE FROM PUNJAB TO YORKSHIRE

Talk and Presentation

Friday 18 September, 7-8.30pm

Drop-in to visit the exhibition

*Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16,
Thursday 17, Friday 18 September
between 9.30am-3.30pm*

**Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate,
Bradford BD1 1SZ**

Join an artist talk exploring Akbal Singh Kang's journey from Punjab to Yorkshire through photographs documenting migration, family, work and community life in Bradford. Discover the experiences of a generation building new lives and shaping the city, before having the opportunity to explore the accompanying *4000 Miles To Home* exhibition.



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BRADFORD PLAYHOUSE

Saturday 19 September, 10am-3pm

Tours at 11am, 12pm, 1pm & 2pm

4-12 Chapel Street, Bradford BD1 5DL

Go behind the scenes at Bradford Playhouse for a day celebrating the history of this 1930s Art Deco theatre. Take a backstage tour, explore archive displays, follow the family-friendly Alfie Trail and share your own Playhouse memories. Discover stories from its past, famous alumni and recent restoration work.

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LOW MOOR MUNITIONS EXPLOSION WALK

Low Moor Local History Group

Saturday 19 September,

10.30am-12pm

**Victoria Park Oakenshaw, Cleckheaton Road, Low Moor, Bradford BD12 7AT
Meet in the carpark**

Join Low Moor Local History Group for a guided walk exploring the devastating 1916 munitions factory explosion that killed 40 people, including six firemen. Visit locations affected by the blast and uncover the story of the factory, the surrounding community and a tragedy whose original site now lies beneath landfill.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Saturday 19 September, 10am-4pm

Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley LS29 7DT

Explore St Mary's Church in Burley in Wharfedale and discover its beautiful stained glass, oak choir stalls, pulpit and altar rail crafted by renowned woodcarver Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson. See how many of his signature carved mice you can spot, enjoy a family-friendly quiz and relax with light refreshments during your visit.

150 YEARS OF HANSON SCHOOLS

And the people who have helped to change the country

Saturday 19 September, 10am-3pm

Talks 11am, 12pm & 1pm

Hanson Academy, Sutton Avenue, Swain House, Bradford, BD2 1JP

Explore 150 years of Hanson School through powerful stories of pupils, teachers and pioneers who helped shape Bradford and beyond. Discover wartime histories, suffragette teachers and groundbreaking educational reform through talks, displays and hands-on activities, with opportunities to contribute your own memories and stories to the growing museum archive.

11am - Local historian John Jackson will talk about the historical significance of Hanson School.

12pm - Historian and archivist Dr Jennie Kiff will present on Hanson's Suffragette Teachers - Radical women at the chalkface. Looking at the role of local teachers in the campaign for women's equality.

1pm - Historian and genealogist Sharon Knott will outline the research journey that uncovered the identities and stories of 66 former Hanson pupils who were casualties of the Second World War.



ST MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday 19 September, 10am-4pm
Green Lane, Wyke, Bradford BD12 8QH
Visit St Mary's Church, Wyke, the much-loved 'Church on the Hill', which has served the community since 1847. Wander around this historic place of worship at your own pace, with free family activities for parents, carers and children taking place in the church hall during the afternoon, plus light refreshments.



IMAGES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

A Visual Extravaganza of Keighley Through Time

**Saturday 19 September,
10.30am-5.30pm**

**Keighley Library, North Street,
Keighley BD21 3SX**

Step into Keighley's past through rarely seen photographs, historic maps, sale plans and images from Ian Dewhirst's archive. Discover local people, family life, vanished streets, factories, mills, shops and familiar places, revealing the everyday moments, communities and people that have shaped Keighley's rich and diverse history over time.



ST JOHN FISHER & ST THOMAS MORE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 19 September, 10am-4pm
**Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale,
Ilkley LS29 7PX**

Visit St John Fisher & St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church in Burley-in-Wharfedale and enjoy a warm welcome as part of Heritage Open Days. Take the opportunity to explore this local place of worship, discover more about the church and spend time looking around at your own pace during the open day.

THE BRONTË BIRTHPLACE HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

Saturday 19 September, 11am-1pm
**72-74 Market Street, Thornton,
Bradford WBD13 3HF**

Join local historian and Brontë expert Paul Crossley for a free two-hour walking tour of historic Thornton, birthplace of the Brontë sisters. Starting at the Brontë Birthplace, explore key sites including the Bell Chapel ruins, Kipping House, South Square Centre and the village's distinctive snickets and ginnels along the way.



CALICO DRESS PROJECT: BRADFORD DRESS

Saturday 19 September, 11am-4pm

Bradford Industrial Museum, Moorside Mills, Eccleshill, Bradford BD2 3HP

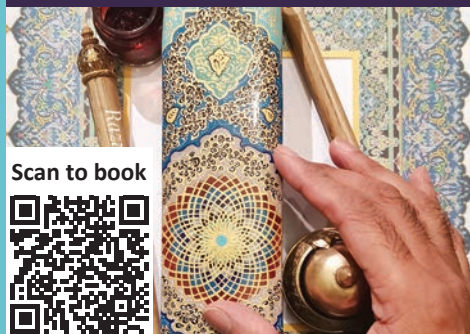
Join us at Bradford Industrial Museum for a Bradford Calico Dress patch making sessions. Complementing our 'Made by Many Hands' Exhibition. Use textiles, colour and creativity to make a patch that reflects your story and becomes part of a unique community project. Patch making is open to everyone, no experience necessary, with our friendly helpers on hand to guide you.

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP RAZWAN UL-HAQ

*Saturday 19 September,
11.30am-1.30pm*

**Bradford Industrial Museum,
Moorside Mills, Eccleshill, Bradford**

Try your hand at Arabic calligraphy with artist Razwan Ul-haq at Bradford Industrial Museum. Discover how Razwan created nine pigments from Bradford's rivers, buildings and even its football ground, then use handmade bamboo pens to create your own work. Suitable for complete beginners and those with previous calligraphy experience and skills.



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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH IS 175 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!

Saturday 19 September, 2-4pm

**Morton Lane, East Morton,
Bingley BD20 5RS**

Celebrate 175 years of St Luke's Church at the heart of East Morton village. Explore this welcoming historic church and enjoy a special exhibition created by the Morton Archive Group, highlighting local stories and heritage. Visitors can also discover the church's recently reordered interior and enjoy refreshments during their visit.

OLD CLECKHEATON AND ITS TOWN HALL

Saturday 19 September, 3-4.30pm

Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RH

Discover how Cleckheaton grew from a rural village into a thriving Victorian mill town on this guided walk through its historic centre. Starting and finishing outside the Town Hall, explore buildings that tell the town's story and learn about the impressive 1892 civic building, partly funded by local people at the time.



NATURE BIG DAY OUT: SHIPLEY GLEN

Saturday 19 September, 11-3pm
Shipley Glen, Near Bracken Hall
Countryside Centre, Baildon,
Shipley BD17 5EA

Enjoy a wild day out at Shipley Glen with free outdoor activities for all ages. Try den building, foraging, bug hunting, nature play and creative workshops led by wildlife experts, while discovering what makes Bradford's nature reserves so special and how local habitats can be protected and restored for the future.



CELEBRATING BRADFORD'S CYCLING HERITAGE

Sunday 20 September, 10am-2pm
Darley Street Market, 16 - 24 Darley St,
Bradford BD1 1RD

Celebrate Bradford's rich cycling heritage at Darley Street Market, from pioneering clubs and record-breaking riders to traditional bicycle frame making. Enjoy a film about Pennine Cycles, historic bikes and archive images, hands-on family activities, and meet local cycling organisations helping to shape the future of cycling across the district today.

UNDERCLIFFE CEMETERY:

Everyday Histories of Bradford Folk
Sunday 20 September, 10am-4pm
Tours 11am & 1.30pm

The Lodge, Undercliffe Cemetery,
Undercliffe Lane, Bradford BD3 0DW
Explore the lives of Bradford people buried at historic Undercliffe Cemetery on a guided tour led by local researchers. Hear remarkable stories uncovered through a five-year project documenting those laid to rest here since 1854, discover the cemetery's rescue and restoration, and explore this beautiful 26-acre hilltop site at your own pace. Also enjoy a free dry stone walling demonstration taking place as John Bromley repairs a section of walling.



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SUFFRAGE SISTERS IN SALTAIRE AND SHIPLEY

Sunday 20 September, 10.30am-3pm
Kirkgate Community Centre,
39A Kirkgate, Shipley BD18 3EH

Discover the hidden stories of women who fought for the vote in Saltaire and Shipley. Explore a small exhibition, meet HerVote 100 volunteers, try on suffrage hats and sashes and enjoy craft activities, while learning about the campaign to commemorate the historic Great Shipley Glen Rally of 1908 with a new plaque.

BRADFORD INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

Sunday 20 September, 11am-3pm

Moorside Road, Bradford BD2 3HP

Celebrate Bradford's heritage crafts at Bradford Industrial Museum with a special day inspired by the *Made by Many Hands* exhibition. Discover traditional skills, techniques and stories through a varied programme of heritage craft activities, and explore how generations of makers have helped shape Bradford's industrial, cultural and creative identity over time.



THE ORIGINS OF FOOTBALL CULTURE IN BRADFORD

Sunday 20 September, 11am-1pm

Mechanics Institute, 76 Kirkgate, Bradford BD1 1SZ

Discover the Victorian roots of Bradford's football culture with sports historian John Dewhirst. Explore the rise of rugby and association football, the story of early clubs, Park Avenue glory and huge crowds, and find out how these sporting traditions helped shape community life and laid the foundations for Bradford's modern sporting identity.



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FARFIELD FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Every Day during the festival, 9am-5pm

**Farfield Friends Meeting House,
Off Bolton Road (B6160), Addingham,
Ilkley LS29 0RQ**

Step inside Farfield Friends Meeting House near Ilkley and discover one of the world's oldest Quaker meeting houses. Founded in 1689, this modest and peaceful building offers a fascinating glimpse into centuries of Quaker history, worship and community life, providing a rare opportunity to explore an important local heritage site.



EVERYDAY HISTORIES OF SALTAIRE WOMEN

Every Day during the festival

Opens 11 September, 9am

ONLINE EXHIBITION

Discover the stories of women connected with Saltaire whose lives challenged the expectations of their time. This online exhibition celebrates both remarkable achievements and quieter acts of resilience, revealing women who succeeded in male-dominated worlds, sought greater independence and helped shape the freedoms enjoyed by later generations in Saltaire and beyond.



If you are interested in Bradford's Heritage here are a few websites and online groups to explore:

Bradford Through the Lens
bradfordthroughthelens.com

Bradford Memories
Facebook Group

Bradford Sport History
bradfordsporthistory.com

Also from our Friends in Farsley **SUNNY BANK MILLS**

*Friday 11, Saturday 12 & Sunday 13
September, 10am-4pm*

**Sunny Bank Mills, Farsley,
Leeds LS28 5UJ**

Explore these atmospheric mills which produced some of the finest cloth in the world. Visit the Museum & Archive, the Art Gallery exhibition, our artists' Open Studios, giant sheep & Family Trail before enjoying refreshments in the Tea Room.

You might also enjoy .. **PIE & PRIESTLEY AT NAPOLEON'S**

Saturday 12 September, 4pm

**Napoleon's Casino, 37 Bolton Road,
Bradford BD1 4DR**

Tickets for the 4pm show are £10, including pie, peas, chips, and gravy. They can be booked by calling Napoleons on 01274 391820

Celebrate J.B. Priestley's birthday with Bradford poet and showman Glyn Watkins at Napoleon's Casino. Hear stories of Priestley's life and work, including the remarkable 'Priestley Pie' that survived a German bomb. Tickets include pie, peas, chips and gravy, making this a fittingly Bradford celebration of one of the city's most famous writers.



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