



heritage open days

HARROGATE
6th - 15th September 2024

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Note: Events can be subject to last-minute changes or cancellations, so always Check the Heritage Open Days website before you set out.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN HARROGATE 2024

September 2024	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8	Mon 9	Tues 10	Wed 11	Thur 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15
Bilton's Past (Talk) Bilton Community Centre					✓					
CWGC Tours 2024 - Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery						✓			✓	
CWGC Tours 2024 - (Grove Road) Cemetery	✓		✓							
The Harrogate Club		✓								
Grove Road Cemetery Walk									✓	
Harlow Hill Tower									✓	✓
Heritage Plaques of Harrogate Walk										✓
Harrogate Contrast Walk							✓			
Harrogate Royal Walk						✓				
How Stean George Lofthouse, Harrogate				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Masonic Hall, Harrogate			✓							
New Park Community Exhibition Harrogate					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Explore New Park's Hidden Heritage Centre										✓
New Park Walk			✓							
Nidderdale Museum, Pateley Bridge		✓								
Odeon Cinema, Harrogate				✓	✓	✓				
Old Magnesia Well Pump Room,		✓	✓						✓	✓
Pannal Village Walk								✓		
Pateley Bridge Playhouse								✓	✓	
All in a Knight's Work - Anecdotes of Castle Life									✓	
Ripley Historic Village Walkabout					✓	✓	✓			
Spofforth All Saints' Church,			✓							
St Peter's Church, Harrogate						✓	✓	✓	✓	
St Robert's Church, Harrogate									✓	
Valley Drive Walk						✓				
Valley Gardens Guided Walk: Wells, History and Horticulture		✓							✓	
Wesley Chapel Harrogate									✓	✓
West Park United Reformed Church		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



HARROGATE
Civic Society

“For many years, the Harrogate Civic Society has been pleased to support and promote the Heritage Open Days and this year is no exception. Although many of us have some idea of the town's historic development, the Open Days are an opportunity for all of us to explore and discover new places; this in turn means that we can discover unknown elements of our intriguing heritage.

This year's programme is impressive and will, I am sure, be both informative and entertaining. Most importantly, all events are free to attend.

None of this would be possible without the willingness of the event hosts and the exhaustive work of the organisers across the area. My thanks, and those of the wider Civic Society, go to all who are working so hard to make this year's Festival a success.”



Andrew Brown, Chair of the Harrogate Civic Society

[Bilton's Past](#)

Bilton Community Centre, Harrogate, HG1 3DU



A presentation and talk on Bilton's past, 1100 years from Jorvik to COVID-19. It is also an opportunity to look at some of the information collected by the Bilton Historical Society on the history of Bilton and meet some of the Society members.

Pre-booking preferred

[CWGC Tours - Harrogate \(Stonefall\) Cemetery](#)

Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG3 1DE



With over 1000 Commonwealth War Graves, Stonefall Cemetery is one of the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission sites in the North of England. Join a special tour and discover the fascinating stories of some remarkable men who made a difference during times of conflict. Knowledgeable guides will share tales of courage and

resilience telling the stories of casualties from all parts of the globe.

Pre-booking required

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[CWGC Tours – Harrogate \(Grove Road\) Cemetery](#)

Grove Road Cemetery, Harrogate, HG1 5EW



During the tour you will learn about the history of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and look at the stories of some of the service personnel buried in the cemetery. There are 37 CWGC graves scattered across the cemetery including 11 local soldiers killed in WW1, some serving in the Canadian forces and a munitions worker killed.

Pre-booking required

[The Harrogate Club](#)

Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5PR



Join us for a journey through time, and experience first-hand the welcoming atmosphere and historic significance of The Harrogate Club. Whether you are a history enthusiast or simply curious about the building with the curved windows on Victoria Avenue, join us for a tour of one of Harrogate's most cherished landmarks.

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[Grove Road Cemetery Walk](#)

Grove Road Cemetery, Harrogate, HG1 5EW



This walk explores Harrogate's Grove Road Cemetery, a fine example of a Victorian burial ground. The walk looks at some of the impressive and interesting monuments of those who made an important contribution to the history of Harrogate. It also looks at graves which illustrate something of the diversity of the people who came to the town.

Pre-booking required

[Harlow Tower](#)

Tower House, Nursery Lane, Harrogate, HG2 0AZ

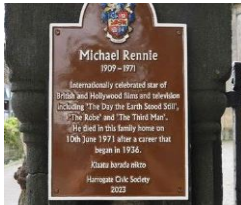


Climb the 100 steps to the top of Harlow Tower. Look out over Harrogate using a pair of naval binoculars. An added attraction is a Foucault's Pendulum that demonstrates that the Earth is turning.

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[Heritage Plaques of Harrogate Walk](#)

Harrogate, HG1 1BL



This is a walk around some selected examples of the Brown Heritage Plaques of Harrogate which mark a fascinating collection of people and places that have made the celebrated spa town. Taken together they give an impression of the history of Harrogate and some of the businesses and people that made the town.

Pre-booking required

[Harrogate Contrasts Walk](#)

Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 1EQ



A guided walk which focuses on the contrasting buildings and lifestyles of two of Harrogate's town centre streets - Victoria Avenue & Tower Street.

Pre-booking required

[Harrogate's Royal Walk](#)

Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 1EQ



A guided walk taking in some of Harrogate's many buildings and places with royal connections.

Pre-booking required

[How Stean Gorge](#)

Lofthouse, Harrogate, HG3 5SF



How Stean Gorge is a limestone ravine and natural wonder you can explore not just observe. A Site of Special Scientific Interest, you can explore the caves and follow the winding paths around the gorge. Orienteering trail & activity pack available.

[Masonic Hall](#)

Station Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 5NE



A rare opportunity to learn about Freemasonry and explore Harrogate's Masonic Hall. Enjoy guided tours led by local Freemasons, who will share insights into Freemasonry's principles, traditions and significant charitable work.

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[Step back to the year 1840 and the birth of the New Park Community](#)

Harrogate Library & Information Centre, HG1 1EG



Come along to Harrogate Library to learn more about the history of New Park and its people from this fascinating exhibition with three main themes – The birth of a community; the working life of New Park; the social life of New Park.

[Explore New Park's Hidden Heritage Centre](#)

Skipton Road, Harrogate, HG1 3HF



This is a rare opportunity to explore the New Park Heritage Centre, hidden away within the grounds of New Park School & not normally open to the public. The Heritage Centre celebrates New Park, its people and its history. Photographs, artefacts and a full size replica of the railway engine emerging from the tunnel are all on view. There are classroom zones, a laundry, street scenes and much more.

[New Park Walk](#)

Skipton Road, Harrogate, HG1 3HF



A walk around the industrial and working-class suburb of New Park, Harrogate. It looks at the area as it is today and with photographs at how it was in the past.

New Park was the location of the town's gas and electricity works, quarries and an industrial laundry. Workers' housing was built with a pub, shops, chapels, a school and an institute.

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[Nidderdale Museum](#)

Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, HG3 5LE



Immerse yourself in the rich heritage of the Dales; all brought to life through over 30,000 exhibits, 13 exhibition spaces and 15 full size re-creations housed in an imposing Victorian Workhouse.

[Odeon Cinema](#)

Harrogate, HG1 5LB



The Grade II listed Odeon has been a constant cultural and entertainment presence for approaching 80 years. Visit the display illustrating the different stages of the Odeon's history; talk with its collector and curator. Also, find out more about Harrogate's "Best Kept Secret" it's film society, now in its 69th season.

[Old Magnesia Well Pump Room](#)

Valley Gardens, Harrogate, HG1 2SZ



The Old Magnesia Well Pump Room was originally built to serve magnesia water to Harrogate Spa visitors. It is a listed building, now restored by the Friends of Valley Gardens. Inside is a working recreation of the pump and an exhibition of the history of the gardens

[Pannal Village Walk](#)

Harrogate, HG3 1JZ



A heritage walk with a difference around the ancient village of Pannal. The walk will uncover stories of former residents and describe the heritage of the ancient buildings. It will discuss how the village got its name, and how Pannal Hall 'moved' over time.

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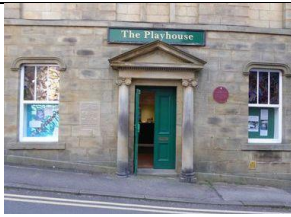
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[Pateley Bridge Playhouse](#)

Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, HG3 5LB

This small theatre in Nidderdale, formerly a Primitive Methodist Chapel, has recently been refurbished as the Playhouse.

Visitors can learn more about the history of both the building and the Society as they take a tour backstage.



[All in a Knight's Work - Anecdotes of Castle Life](#)

All Saints' Church Ripley, Harrogate, HG3 3AY

Have you ever wondered what it is really like to live in an ancient castle? Sir Thomas Ingilby gives us an amusing insight into some of the challenges and hilarious moments that he has faced during his 50 year tenure at Ripley Castle. The talk will be hosted in the historic 600 year old

All Saints' Church in Ripley.



[Ripley Historic Village Walkabout](#)

Ripley, Harrogate, HG3 3AY

Ripley is a historic Yorkshire estate village, designed, built and managed for centuries by the Ingilby family. How was it planned and what connection does it have to French villages and the wild boar statue? All will be explained during this walk.

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[All Saints' Church,](#)

Spofforth, Harrogate, HG3 1AF

Explore this historic Grade II Listed church (11-15C). There will be an opportunity to visit the bell-ringing chamber and see the 200-year-old clock. Registers held in the church and liturgical vestments will be on display, and the grave of Blind Jack of Knaresborough can be seen in the Churchyard



[St Peter's Church in the heart of Harrogate](#)

Harrogate, HG1 1PB

St Peter's Church is a building which is architecturally striking, a local landmark in the centre of Harrogate and a home to a church community with a fascinating history and tales to tell. It is a fine example of Victorian architecture with aesthetically sensitive additions.



[Our Lady Immaculate and St Robert's Church](#)

Harrogate, HG1 1HP

Our Lady Immaculate and St Robert's church has a proud heritage serving the Catholic community in the area for over 150 years. The church dates from 1873, built in the Gothic Revival style with stained glass windows and unique stations of the cross.



[A Walk on Valley Drive](#)

Valley Drive, Harrogate, HG1 2TA

A historical walk along elegant Valley Drive overlooking Harrogate's beautiful Valley Gardens, built in the mid-1890s. This walk looks at the origins and history of this elegant street and provides details of residents and visitors to this famous spa town through time.

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[Valley Gardens Guided Walk: Wells, History and Horticulture](#)

Valley Gardens, Valley Drive, Harrogate, HG2 0JH



A walk through this Grade II listed park; home to 36 medicinal wells, specialist gardens and magnificent trees, often with fascinating histories.

The tour also covers the developments of historic buildings and leisure facilities and discusses how the horticultural practices and floral designs have changed over the life of Valley Gardens.

Pre-booking required

[Wesley Chapel](#)

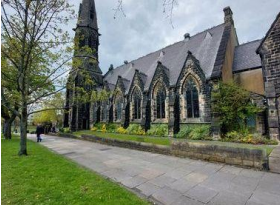
Oxford Street, Harrogate, HG1 1PP



Wesley Chapel was built in 1862 and is a Grade II listed building. Since its opening Wesley Chapel has been a dominant landmark in Harrogate and has played a major role in town centre life. Music interludes will take place during the festival open days.

[West Park United Reformed Church](#)

West Park, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1BL



A chance to explore this unbelievably large church complex and see plans to develop it as a Community Hub, Performance Space and Heritage Centre. Designed to seat 700, it provided one of many places of worship for visitors who came to Harrogate to "take the waters".

Pre-booking preferred



HARROGATE Civic Society

Harrogate Civic Society was established in 1971, part of the nationwide Civic Society movement, committed to celebrating the town's architectural and social history, to contributing to discussions about how the town is developed, and to ensuring that Harrogate both retains the best of its historic character and embraces the future.

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