

# Leeds Heritage Open Days 2021

A Free City-Wide Festival of Heritage  
10th-19th September



[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

## A 'Deliciously Different' Festival

Hippocrates lived between 460 and 370BC and was reputed to have said 'Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food'. Had he been a physician during the last 18 months I suspect he would have been on Sage as these are wise words.

He would most definitely have championed the theme for this year's Heritage Open Days, 'Edible England', and would have encouraged us all to 'empty the larder, preheat the oven and set the table'.

As in all the previous 27 years, Leeds Civic Trust is delighted to invite you to what will be a veritable feast of our culinary heritage and culture here in Leeds. There will be a mix of in-person and digital events making it bigger and better than ever before!

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who will be giving up time and expertise for what I hope will be a welcome break from the last eighteen months. If you'd like to get involved in planning next year's events, then please get in touch with us at the Trust -

This year the festival runs from the 10th to the 19th of September. The launch event will be a blue plaque unveiling commemorating the Revd Percy 'Don' Robins, the founder of St George's Crypt.

**Jane Taylor**  
Leeds Civic Trust Chair



As Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council and Executive Member for Economy, Culture & Education, it gives me huge pleasure to introduce this booklet showcasing the fantastically diverse range of events on offer as part of this year's Heritage Open Days.

I am passionate about the city's culture and am delighted to see such an incredible array of events available both in person and online, allowing a more inclusive festival than ever before.

You can join a walk around the Headingley Hill, Hyde Park and Woodhouse Moor Conservation areas in the company of local historian Tony Ray or you can settle back at home and enjoy a dance workshop with Minoti Parikh exploring the emotions that you feel when you eat, cook, and think about the food and culture whilst engaging in movement-based activities inspired by Indian classical dance.

All of these activities are completely free of charge so do have a look through this booklet or head to the Heritage Open Days website for late additions and plan your week. Many events are bookable so do book early as they tend to fill up quickly.

Thank you and Happy HODs 2021!

**Jonathan Pryor**  
Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council



## Ready, Steady...Explore!

**Indoors, outdoors, live, and online – all on the menu for Heritage Open Days 2021.**

Two years have passed since we encouraged HODs visitors to 'explore every corner' of our great city. Since then, we have been confined to walks from home, discovering, and often being surprised by, what was on our doorstep.

Now we can venture further afield again so why not take advantage of some of the many walks in the programme this year. What better way to discover an area of the city you don't know so well than in the company of a knowledgeable and enthusiastic local guide?

As this year's theme is 'Edible England' we sometimes included details of places to enjoy delicious local refreshments before and/or after your walk.

Other outdoor events will include live performances from the Rock Choir, Briggate Morris and the Leeds Silver Steel Sparrows band.

Leeds Heritage Open Days 2020 was nearly all online. The Trust was pleased and encouraged by the enthusiasm and number tuning-in. You can still enjoy online events this year so look out for talks on a variety of local topics many of which have the advantage of being available to watch throughout the festival.

To help you enjoy more events this year without too much travelling we highly

recommend that you search for events happening on the same day in nearby venues. Look out for 'doubles' in Kippax and at The Holbeck, Castleton Mill in Armley and the Rivers Meet Cafe in Methley, as well as a feast of events in Calverley and Otley.

Returning to this year's theme of 'Edible England' and quoting our friends Trio Literati (who will be appearing at two venues this year) 'there is something to suit every palate' in this year's programme including the best coffee, the best ice cream, and the best beer that Leeds has to offer – if you know where to look!

This booklet gives a great 'flavour' of the festival, but you should head to: [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for comprehensive and up to date listings. We wouldn't want you to miss out! If you don't have internet access, your local library will be happy to help you access the HODs website and book events.

This year venues will be working hard to make your visit safe so please carefully for more details as both online and in person events may require pre-booking.

**Have a great festival!**

**N.B. Leeds Civic Trust publishes this booklet with care. We have tried to ensure details are correct at the time of printing and therefore cannot be held responsible for subsequent changes.**



### Greed, guilt and gruel at Otley Courthouse!

Discover shady stories and vicious villains from the past. There are court cases about theft and poaching as well as details of prisoners' food, police officers' canteen refreshments and magistrates' teatime, all available live and on-line.

See [Heritage Open Days website](#) for more details

### War and Peace in Medieval Times- a display at Methley St Oswald's Church

On Saturday 18th September The Frei Compagnie present displays in the churchyard which recreate life - both on the battlefield and in the home - from the time of the War of the Roses. The Grade I listed church is open for both weekends.

See [Heritage Open Days website](#) for more details



### Sunny Bank Mills & Archive - "Stories from the Mill canteen, tea breaks and fuddles"

An opportunity to see a unique collection. Sharing the stories of the Mill and the workers who made our textile heritage. *Sunny Bank Mills are organising multiple events both in-person and online so it's really worth searching for more details.*

See [Heritage Open Days website](#) for more details



### Take A Seat!

If you need a rest, why not stop off at one of the benches on the Leeds Civic Trust 'Take A Seat' Bench trail? This one is located at Guiseley Wells and features artwork by Lucy Phillips inspired by stories told by local residents describing how they used the natural environment to cope with the negative impact on their mental health during the first lock-down.

Benches are located all over Leeds. To find out more visit [leedscivictrust.org.uk](https://leedscivictrust.org.uk) #takeaseatleeds

### Back-to-back houses and their communities in Harehills, Leeds

A 50 minute pre-recorded talk about back-to-back houses in Leeds with a special focus on Harehills. A journey from the 18th century origins of the house type to the Victorian / Edwardian houses that still stand in Harehills today.

Anytime - no booking required

### Blue Plaques of Leeds

Hear about the Blue Plaques featured in the new book "Blue Plaques of Leeds: The Next Collection". A fascinating insight into the people, buildings and events celebrated in the Civic Trust's Blue Plaques scheme. Co-author Dr. Kevin Grady is our speaker.

Anytime - no booking required

### Delightful discussions about food through Indian dance with Minoti Parikh

Minoti's workshops are filled with laughter and creativity and include engaging movement-based activities that are inspired by Indian classical dance.

See [page 7](#) for more details.

Anytime - book online

### Friars' tuck

Experienced and knowledgeable Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Guide's Jane Abramson and Lorraine Harding tells the story of medieval monks' diets. Hear about the strict early dietary rules, what the monks ate, where it came from and how it was cooked

Anytime - book online

### Heritage & Nature Along the Aire & Calder Navigation - A Virtual Walk

Roderic Parker guides us along this historic waterway which provided a vital trading link to the North Sea and beyond. Observing interesting historical and contemporary landmarks and the abundance of nature (often in artistic form) that can be found along the way.

Anytime - no booking required

### High Royds (now Chevin Park): the Lost World of a Victorian Asylum

Join local historian Clive Woods for an online talk outlining the history of the former High Royds Hospital. Previously delivered in-person - but always oversubscribed and hugely popular, this is a great opportunity to not miss out... and not even having to leave the house!

Anytime - book online





## Greed, Guilt & Gruel!

Find out why there is a flying chicken in Otley Courthouse, hear about vicious villains, tales of poaching, and follow the food trail around the courthouse.

Head to Otley Courthouse for a look behind the scenes of this former Victorian police house and cell block.

You will discover shady stories and vicious villains from the past. Hear court cases about theft and poaching as well as details of prisoners' food, police officers' canteen refreshments and magistrates' tea time, all available live and on-line.

You can follow the 'Food Trail' round the Courthouse, discovering the part that food played in the police station, cells and court cases in Otley for over 100 years and most importantly find out why there are flying chickens!

And if that isn't enough you can also watch the crime and food related drama created by local community theatre group 'Otley Players' or take part in the

story telling and children's workshops with local storyteller Vickie Orton.

Finally why not join the 'Beat Walk' following the route of a 1950's police officer round the streets of Otley.

### Event Times

**Saturday 11 September: 1000 to 1600**

### Booking Details

**Pre-booking: Required**

**Booking Contact: Courthouse Reception**

**Call: 01943 467466**

**Email: [admin@otleycourthouse.org.uk](mailto:admin@otleycourthouse.org.uk)**

**Go to: [www.otleycourthouse.org.uk](http://www.otleycourthouse.org.uk)**



## Spice Up Your Life!

A workshop filled with laughter and creativity.

Minoti Parikh is an Indian classical dancer with over 16 years experience in creating workshops which aim to introduce you to dance as a medium which improves both physical and mental well-being

Her workshops are filled with laughter and creativity and include engaging movement-based activities that are inspired by Indian classical dance.

Through dance exercises, mindfulness, poetry, and storytelling you will be uplifted and filled with joy!

In this workshop you will explore the emotions that you feel when you eat food, cook food, and think about the food and its relationship to our culture. How can these actions and emotions positively impact our mental well-being?

As we journey through the history of Indian classical dance, Minoti will introduce movements based on some of the spices used to flavour Indian dishes -

The workshop will be a fun, engaging, culturally diverse and uplifting experience for all!

### Event Times

**Sunday 19 September: 1030-1230**

**Pre-Book by searching for 'Indian dance' on the Heritage Open Days website**



Don't forget you can head to the Heritage Open Days website and search for events in your area! Scan here to be taken straight there!







Leeds Kirkgate Market

### Leeds Echoes - Walking Through Time

A four part series of audio walks taking a closer look at selected areas of Leeds. Find a quiet spot, and join 'guide' Shaun Page on this relaxing and immersive journey through our imagined streets and city.

**Anytime - no booking required**

### Shopping at Leeds Kirkgate Market

"What do you fancy for tea tonight?". Join Rob Kilner as he takes us on a virtual tour of Europe's largest indoor market, the historic Leeds Kirkgate Market.

**Anytime - no booking required**

### Telebars and Tinned Jam: The History of Food at M&S

Did you know M&S had in-store ice-cream counters in the 1920s? Join us to explore the delicious history of M&S Food. (M&S Co Archive)

**Anytime - book online**

### Medieval Leeds - A Virtual Walk

Professor Joyce Hill takes us on a virtual tour of the city centre of Leeds and tells the story of the development of medieval Leeds and how traces of these early beginnings of our city can still be found to this day.

**Anytime - no booking required**

### Statues Sculpture & Ornamentation in Leeds

Leeds Civic Trust Director Martin Hamilton takes you on a virtual tour of the city of Leeds through its sculpture, statues and ornamentation: the city's representation in physical form.

**Anytime - no booking required**

### The Changing Face of Cinema in Leeds

Join us for a virtual walk round Leeds City Centre, showcasing the fascinating history of cinema in Leeds with guide Garance Rawinsky.

**Anytime - no booking required**

### The Leeds Library - Sunday Live Streamed Tour Broadcasts

The Leeds Library will present a series of live streamed broadcasts to online audiences that will give a behind the scenes look at the stunning Library building and present some of the cultural gems of the Library collection.

**Sun 12 & 19 / 1200-1600**

### The Oldest Churches In Leeds

Prof. Joyce Hill brings to life the early history of Leeds through the history of its churches. A fascinating online talk. Joyce will also be hosting a special 'in person' event for Heritage Open Days at Leeds Minster.

**Anytime - no booking required**

### Top Ten Leeds with writer, Kim Revill

Join writer Kim Revill in conversation as she whittles down her 111 unmissable places in Leeds to her ultimate top 10. Kim's recently published '111 Places in Leeds that you shouldn't miss' is a travel guide with a difference - offering quirky and often missed gems that Leeds has to offer

**Anytime - no booking required**

### Trading Stories: The John Evan Bedford Library of Furniture History University of Leeds

Join our team for an insight into work on the John Evan Bedford Library of Furniture History. Find out about this remarkable collection, hear about the cataloguing project and see some selected highlights of the rare books, archives and ephemera.

**Thu 16 / 1300-1400**



### Did You know... ?

You can eat a Yorkshire Pudding burger on Leeds' oldest street, at Wapentake, 92 Kirkgate, Leeds, LS2 7DJ

### Yorkshire Pudding Festival

Straight outta Yorkshire, and with a multicultural twist: The Yorkshire Pudding Festival, as experienced in Leeds' splendid Victorian Kirkgate Market.

**Anytime - No booking required**



## A Blue Plaque For Percy 'Don' Robins - Founder of St George's Crypt

To mark the launch of this year's Heritage Open Days, Leeds Civic Trust will be unveiling a Blue Plaque for Revd. Percy 'Don' Robins, celebrating the life and work of the man that founded St George's Crypt as a place of refuge for the city's homeless.



Born in Aldershot in 1900 Don, one of seven children, experienced a happy and secure childhood. When war broke out in 1914, he was still at school but as soon as he turned 16, he enlisted.

Between 1915 and 1919 he became an officer in the Royal Flying Corps. At only 19 years of age, he was awarded an Air Force Cross. On leaving the RFC he joined a civilian airline. Despite the life of a pilot being well paid and adventurous it was not enough for Don, and he felt the calling for a more spiritual vocation.

He studied with the Anglican Church in Cambridge and was ordained in 1927. Three years later he applied for a vacancy in Leeds. The Trustees for St George's Church, despite his young age and inexperience, could see his potential and he was appointed Vicar.

In 1930, Leeds was in the grip of The Great Depression. The streets were filled with men seeking work, with no money for food, many homeless and without hope.

St George's Church was sited in an area of Leeds hit hardest and his challenge was to transform the huge, damp decaying space into a beacon of friendship and support.

A team of volunteers, led by Revd. Don Robins transformed St George's Crypt from a cold, dark, rubbish filled space into a day shelter for the homeless, offering food, companionship, and support.



By the end of the year the Crypt had also become a night shelter providing beds for around 40 men. The support also grew to include clothing and medical care.

Don was a warm, inspiring, and persuasive character, his talks and radio show appearances secured donations that helped to employ full-time staff so that the Crypt could extend its support

to women, children, and families.

War widows and their families were supplied with food and clothing and church members were rallied to provide support for immigrants who had been brought to the UK to work in the mills; many of whom had been prisoners of war.



Don worked tirelessly until his death in 1948. Thousands turned out for his funeral.

His work formed the foundation of what has continued to this day.

Its core values remain: 'to support homeless and vulnerable people in Leeds to achieve stable and positive lives. The charity works with an attitude of acceptance and engagement'.

*With thanks to The Thoresby Society and St George's Crypt for this illuminating biography.*

### Event Times

**Friday 10th September: 14.00**

**For more information head to:**

**[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)**

**Pre-booking: Not Required**





### Adel Quaker Meeting House, LS16 6BA

Quaker meeting house and burial ground dating from the 19th century. Learn more about the Quaker denomination. Visitors are free to see the inside of the meeting house and wander around the burial ground and garden.

Sun 12 / 1230-1600

### Aireborough Historical Society - Edible Aireborough, Yeadon Town Hall, LS19 7PP

Join Aireborough Historical Society for; exhibition of artefacts, ephemera and photographs of growing food, recipes and utensils throughout the years in Aireborough. Tours of the iconic Yeadon Town Hall renovations.

Sat 11 Sun 12 / 1000-1400 Town Hall  
Tours 1100 1300

### All Saints' Church, Barwick-in-Elmet LS15 4EA

Visit our historic Norman church with its Anglo-Saxon stones and we will tell you about its history. The late 15/early 16th century porch where penitents received absolution before entering the church.

Sat 11 / 1100- 1500 Wed 15 / 1400-1600

### All Souls Church, Blackman Lane LS7 1LW

A magnificent and imposing church and the last designed by Gilbert Scott. Grade II\* and includes a memorial to Dr Hook, Vicar of Leeds.

Fri 10 / 1100-1500 Sat 11 / 1000-1500  
Sun 12 1200-1500

### Beckett Street Cemetery LS9 7BH

Gain an insight into the lives of Victorian Leeds - where 180,000 citizens are buried. There will be opportunities to find relatives graves, so bring some details with you.

Fri 10 / Wed 15 Fri 17 / 1100

### Bramhope Methodist Church, LS16 9AA

Bramhope Methodist Church is 125 years old this September! Methodists have worshipped in the village since the 1770s. Come and find out why this grade II listed building is known locally as the 'Cathedral of the Dales'.

Sat 18 / 1000-1400



Briggate Morris



### Bridge United Reformed Church, Otley, LS21 1RW

Otley Bridge Church is a listed building dating from the late 19th Century. Open for self-guided tours, viewing of the East Window commemorating those who served in the First World War, treasure hunt, and displays. Light refreshments will be available.

Sat 11 / 10.00-14.00

### Briggate Morris Comes Home - adjacent to Turks Head Yard entrance, LS1 6HB

Come along to Briggate and enjoy the enthusiastic dancing of Briggate Morris. Morris will perform dances from Leeds and further afield in the industrial North West tradition. You will be tapping your feet before you know it!

Mon 13 / 1930-2000 & 2030-2100 approx

### Calverley Village Heritage Walk & Quiz - a walk round Calverley in the 1920s, LS28 5QQ

A self-guided circular walk around the historic village of Calverley. Learn about Calverley in the past and have fun answering the quiz. See other events happening in Calverley.

Sat 11 / 1000-1500 Sun 12 / 1100-1500  
Sat 18 / 1100-1500 Sun 19 / 1130-1500

### Calverley Methodist Chapel, LS28 5PS

Calverley Methodist Chapel opened in 1872 and is Grade II listed. Imagine the church as it was in Victorian times and maybe sample a Victorian Sunday School picnic or solve a murder mystery. See other events happening in Calverley.

Sat 11 Sat 18 / 1000-1600 Sun 12 Sun 19 / 1200-1600



Did You know, fizzy pops from Leeds... ?

Joseph Priestley invented carbonated water in Leeds in 1767

### Church of The Epiphany, Gipton, LS9 6SW

Visitors can view the 'Jazzy' style stained glass windows by Christopher Webb in this grade I listed 20th century Bishop Burrough's Memorial Church by N.F. Cachemaille-Day.

Sat 18 / 1100-1300 Sun 19 / 1130-1300



### Edible England Open Morning and Church Tours, St Edmund's Parish Church, LS8 1JN

A great Yorkshire welcome awaits with food stalls, refreshments and tours round our church. Dating from 1907 this turn of the century church was built to befit its location - come and see what they achieved!

Sat 11 / 1000-1400

### Explore and Discover! A Self-guided Walking History Trail at New Briggate, LS1

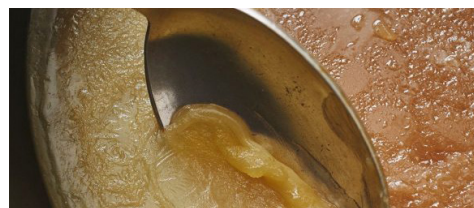
A fun and family friendly downloadable walking trail, exploring New Briggate and the surrounding area. Answer the quiz questions for the chance to win exciting prizes!

Anytime - no booking required

### Famous Leeds Folk We May Have Forgotten, LS12 5HY

The Lancasterian School Room welcomes Michael Meadowcroft for a talk about Leeds personalities. The city has had its fair share of great men and women and a few real villains. Who will be included? Now that is the question!

Fri 17 / 1400



Did You know... ?

That 'Dripping Riots' took place in Leeds in 1865? Eliza Stafford was unjustly accused of stealing dripping from her employer & 1500 people rioted in support of her.

### Friends of St John's, Farsley History Day, LS28 5DJ

Photographic display of the area as it used to be and also the people. See old items that used to be in everyday use, as well as a great display of Auxiliary Fire Service items from WW2 by a local collector.

Sat 11 / 1000-1600

### Gledhow Valley Bath House, LS8

Come and find out about the well preserved and unique bath house, set in the amazing urban woodland area of the Gledhow Valley Woods.

Bring the dog, and take a lovely woodland walk!

Sun 19 / 1330-1630

### Guided Town Walk Wetherby, LS22

Start your walk along the banks of the River Wharfe. See our Leaping Salmon, visit the Georgian Bath House and Gardens and the Council Offices. Hear interesting facts about Wetherby's past and present.

Sun 19 / 1400-1530

### Hollybush Conservation Centre, LS5 3BB

Join us for Hollybush Conservation Centre's Open Day on Sunday 19th September! Come and enjoy a stroll in the nature gardens and a coffee and cake in the cafe.

Sun 19 / 1100-1500

### Horsforth Village Museum, LS18 5JB

Discover the history of the first known church (from around 1587) on Horsforth's village green. Uncover the secrets of the Bell Chapel which sat opposite the museum. You can choose a short circular walk around the area with a map revealing historical sites and facts you may walk pass and never notice.

Sat 11 Sun 12 / 1000-1600

### Kirkstall Forge Exhibition, LS5 3BF

An exhibition that will share photographs from the past, items from the Kirkstall Forge Archive and artefacts found during the excavation. *Many other fantastci Forge events are happening - see the Heritage Open Days webiste for full details.*

Mon 13 Sat 18 / 0900-1700

### Leeds Minster, LS2 7DJ

Church open for general visiting with volunteer guides available. Explore the historic interior and memorials of this major church and enjoy the organ recitals.

Fri 10 & Thu 16 Fri 17 / 1100-1300  
Organ recital 1300 Wed 15 / 1100-1400



Leeds Minster







Middleton Railway

### Local history through local churches: an invitation to explore, Leeds Minster, LS2 7DJ

From the imposing backdrop of Leeds Minster, join Professor Joyce Hill's illustrated lecture as she presents local history through Leeds churches and issues an invitation to explore further.

Thu 16 / 1300

### Methley Hall - its history and reminiscences. rivers MEET cafe and crafts, LS26 9EP

Members of Methley Archive group invite you to an exhibition about Methley Hall featuring photographs, documents and the recollections of local people.

There will also be a mock-up of the Hall to give an idea of its size.

Sun 12 Mon 13 / 1000-1500

### Middleton Railway, LS10 2JQ

Middleton Railway is the oldest working railway in the world. Now run by a volunteer organisation and open to the public.

Come to see where the world's very first successful, load-hauling steam engines ran!

Sat 11 Sun 12 Sat 18 Sun 19 / hourly 1000-1500

### Otley Parish Church, LS21 3HW

A Grade I listed medieval church, now featuring a new display of Anglian cross pieces dating from the 8th, 9th and 10th centuries.

Display of historical documents, rolling presentations, tours for adults and children. Light refreshments available.

Sat 11 / 1000-1630

### Oulton Institute, LS26 8SX

The Oulton Institute was built in three stages, on land given to the village by Edmund Calverley of Oulton Hall.

Now fully renovated and restored, join our guides and come and have a look for yourself!

Sat 11 Sat 18 / 1300-1700

### Pudsey Masonic Hall Open Day, LS28 7RF

Guided tours of Pudsey Masonic Hall. Learn about its history and the part Masons have played in the life of Pudsey. The lodge room is very impressive and contains banners from the various lodges using the room. There are many interesting artefacts in the building, including a display of photographs of old Pudsey in the bar area.

Sat 11 Sat 18 / 1030-1600

### Singing for your Supper with the Rock Choir, LS1

A special outdoor pop-up performance as the sublime Rock Choir bring their musical magic to Leeds City Centre.

From Beyonce to The Greatest Showman - it will be impossible not to get your feet tapping!

Wed 15 / 1400-1430

### Pop-up New Briggate Exhibition, St Johns Church, LS2 8JD

An exciting pop-up exhibition of the history of New Briggate including photographs, maps and stories.

Come and visit us at St Johns Church, and share your own stories of life on New Briggate.

Sat 11 / 1100-1500

### Roundhay Park - The Hidden History Meet: Lakeside Car Park, LS8 2JL

An opportunity to visit some of the lesser-known areas of the 700 acre Roundhay Park and learn more about its history. Remember to dress according to the weather...and bring flat shoes!

Sat 18 Sun 19 / 1100 1400

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### St. Bartholomew's Church, Armley, LS12 1SR

If you've ever been anywhere near Armley, you will have spotted the magnificent (and tall!) spire of the this fine example of a Victorian Church. Why not pop along and take a closer look?

Sat 11 Sat 18 / 1000-1600 Sun 12 Sun 19 / 0930-1330

### St Chads Church, Far Headingley, LS16 5JT

Fascinating Grade II church in Gothic revival style, featuring an organ, stained glass windows and beautiful grounds. Take time to relax and restore in this perfect respite from the busy Otley Road.

Sat 11 Sun 12 Sat 18 Sun 19 / 1400-1600

### St Edmund's Roundhay: 'Brushed with Light', LS8 1JN

'Brushed with Light' is a talk and exhibition about the making and restoration of stained-glass windows with particular reference to the windows in St Edmund's.

Fri 10 / Tours 1800 Talk 1930

### St Hilda's Church, Cross Green, LS9 0DG

Built by Yorkshire architect J.T. Micklethwaite in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, opened on 18th September 1882. It is a landmark building close to a major gateway into the city. Plain on the outside but full of surprises inside!

Sat 11 Sat 18 / 1000 - 1700 Sun 12 / 1100-1700 Fri 17 / 1000-1200 Sat 18 / 1000-1700

### St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Headingley, LS6 2AH

What a gem! Visit the unusual and tiny Lutheran chapel that was once a garage. The chapel is probably the smallest cathedral in Western Europe.

Mon 13 Tue 14 / 1000-1600 Wed 15 / 1000 - 1400

### St Marys Stainburn, LS21 2LJ

This enchanting Norman church, with a stone roof and grey sandstone walls, has fine views over Wharfedale. There will be a display featuring the edible delights that surround the church.

Anytime - Check opening hours of venue.

### Saint Saviours Church, Richmond Hill, LS9 8LD

Visit this beautiful and inner city church. St Saviour's Church, built in 1845, is thought to be the first Anglo Catholic church built outside London.

Sat 11 Sat 18 / 1000-1600 Sun 12 1030-1600 Fri 17 1000-1200 Sun 19 1200-1600

### Skelton Grange Environment Centre Open Day LS10 1RS

Join us for Skelton Grange Environment Centre's Open Day on Saturday 11th September! Come and enjoy nature walks, activities and refreshments at our award winning eco building and nature area.

Sat 11 / 1100-1500

### Sunny Bank Mills & Archive - Stories from the Mill canteen, tea breaks and fuddles, LS28 5UJ

An opportunity to see a unique collection. Sharing the stories of the Mill and the workers who made our textile heritage.

Many more events are happenign at Sunny Bnak Mills.

Fri 10 Sat 11 / 1000-1600 Tours 1000 1200 1400 Sun 12 / 1000-1600 Tours 1000 1200 1400

### Thackray Museum of Medicine - Gruel and Graft, LS9 7LN

Experience the life of a Leeds Union Workhouse inmate on this exciting new walking tour. Follow Matron through the former workhouse and discover what inmates ate, where they slept, and more about the lives of the people who inhabited our building.

Fri 10 / 1100-1500 Tours 1130 1400



Sunny Bank Mills





### The Brandling Family in Middleton, Middleton Park Visitor Centre, LS10 3SH

Join this fascinating guided walk round Middleton Park highlighting aspects of the Brandling Family's influence as Coal Mining magnates and owners of the Middleton Estate. Refreshments available to purchase too.

Sun 19 / 1400

### The Church of St Mary Whitkirk, LS15 0AA

Explore this medieval church, a place of continuous worship for over a thousand years. There will be exhibits of church history and a collection of church embroideries. New this year: a history talk 'The Country House and the Parish Church'.

Fri 10 / 1800-2000 Sat 11 / 1000-1600  
Sun 12 / 1400-1600

### The Leeds Library - Edible England Sunday Open Days, LS1 6AL

The Leeds Library will open its doors on both Sundays of the Heritage Open Day Festival providing visitors the chance to see the Edible England book exhibition, undertake self-guided tours of the Library, sample 18th century food and much much more.

Sun 12 Sun 19 / 1200-1600

### Tea and Fancies - a very English pastime, rivers MEET cafe and crafts, LS26 9EP

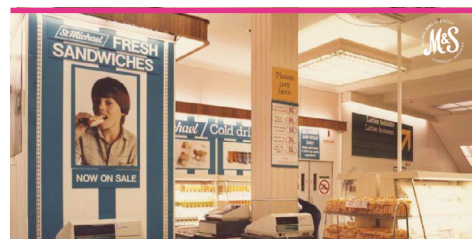
To celebrate 'Edible England', join Trio Literati for a food and drink themed performance in the delightful setting of the rivers MEET Craft Cafe in Methley. *Many more events are happening in Methley - see the Heritage Open Days website for full details.*

Sat 11 / 1600

### The Leeds Library - Edible England Book Exhibition, LS1 6AL

The Leeds Library presents a specially curated exhibition of cookery, culinary and food themed books that will be open to the public throughout the Heritage Open Day Festival. The Library has more than 140,000 items in its collection.

Each day - check for opening times



Did You know... ?

M&S were the first shop to sell the pre-packed sandwich in 1980, it was salmon & tomato!



The Leeds Library

### The Leeds Silver Sparrows Steel Band, LS1

Why not finish your Heritage Open Days festival with the infectious sounds of the steel pan and let the Silver Sparrows musicians sing us out. Feet tapping optional, but definitely encouraged!

Sun 19 / 1400-1500

### The Spice Man: George Ratcliffe, Confectioner and Lord Mayor, The Holbeck, LS11 9QX

Michael Meadowcroft's talk takes place in The Holbeck, reputedly the oldest social club in Britain and a building that his subject George Ratcliffe will have known well. Enjoy a drink before the talk.

Thu 16 / 1400

### Victory Garden Allotments, Park Avenue, LS19 6ER

Visit the allotments for a conducted tour. The tour will discuss the history of the site from 1919, gardening features and site facilities. Tea/coffee and cake will be served in the communal area.

Sat 11 Sun 19 / 1300-1700

### "War and Peace in Medieval Times" - a display at Methley St Oswald's Church, LS26 9BJ

With so many events happening in Methley, we highly recommend adding this beautiful church to your itinerary. Dating back to the fourteenth century, the building has links with the Tudors, The Wars of the Roses and the Battle of Towton

Sat 11 Sun 12 Wed 15 Sat 18 Sun 19  
Check for times & tours



# Making A Great City Better Together

## Q&A with Leeds Civic Trust Director Martin Hamilton

Many readers will know about Leeds Civic Trust through our coordination of Heritage Open Days but may be less familiar with the rest of our work. We thought we would sit down with Trust Director Martin Hamilton and ask him a few questions about the Trust's work and how you can get involved.



### What is Leeds Civic Trust?

We were established as a charity in 1965 with the objective of 'encouraging a public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the city and to encourage high standards of design, architecture and town planning.' We cover the whole of the metropolitan district of Leeds. Since the 1990s we have been based in a quirky pair of shops on Wharf Street in the centre of Leeds.

### Give some examples of the work undertaken by the Trust

We take an interest in telling the story

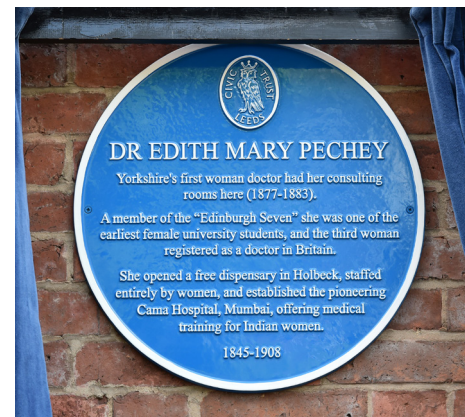
of our city. The Leeds Civic Trust historic blue plaques scheme highlights important people, places and events that have shaped our city over the centuries – we have erected some 180 blue plaques over the last 30 years. Our latest blue plaque for the founder of St George's Crypt is being unveiled for Heritage Open Days this year.

We are also concerned about the city's historic built environment. Our Heritage Watch Group lobbies to ensure that the city's listed buildings are maintained – some of which feature during the Heritage Open Days week.

Above all, we want to see the city develop and thrive in the future. We engage with landowners and developers to promote the best designs for new buildings, whilst also considering what would make Leeds a better place – for example we campaigned for a purpose-built entertainment venue for Leeds (now the First Direct Arena), and against the demolition of the International Pool. We are currently running a project called Imagine an Excellent Bus Service for Leeds – (fill in our survey at [www.excellentbusesleeds.org.uk](http://www.excellentbusesleeds.org.uk)).

We work to enhance the city's environment and amenities – you may spot our painted benches from our current "Take A Seat" initiative throughout the city) and we have been involved in the competition for the redesign of City Square.

Everything we do is through discussion, debate, events, reports, lobbying and campaigning. We are a membership-led charity and most of our work is carried out by volunteers.



### How does the Trust fund its work?

The Trust is independent and non-political and we rely on funding from membership, grants and donations. Individual membership costs £30 per year (£40 for household membership). We also have a corporate membership scheme which starts at £300 per year.

### I would like to become an individual member, what do I get for my membership fee?

As well as directly supporting our work to make Leeds a better place, all members of Leeds Civic Trust receive our monthly "Outlook" newsletter. This is packed with articles, reports and reviews covering planning, architecture, environmental issues, and the city's history. We also offer our members priority booking for all events, a discount on those events where we charge a fee, and a discount on Leeds Civic Trust publications. As a member you have a vote at the Trust's AGM and have a say

in the future direction of the Trust. New members also receive an exclusive Leeds Civic Trust pin badge.

Many members choose to get more involved with the work of the Trust by volunteering to join one of its committees, groups, or activities. From visiting development sites and reviewing planning applications to researching an aspect of the history of the city for a new blue plaque, there are lots of ways of getting involved in our work.

### Can I volunteer and not be a 'member'?

Yes! We welcome your support in any form. Please get in touch letting us know your area of interest and we can help you to find role within our family of volunteers.

To join Leeds Civic Trust, please head to [leedscivicttrust.org.uk](http://leedscivicttrust.org.uk) and head to our membership page.

You can also email us ([office@leedscivicttrust.org.uk](mailto:office@leedscivicttrust.org.uk)) if you would like to join or to learn more about volunteering opportunities.

Our website contains much more information about our activities [www.leedscivicttrust.org.uk](http://www.leedscivicttrust.org.uk) or why not follow our Twitter, Instagram or Facebook accounts for our latest news.





## Pottage, Gingerbread and Marzipan!

Frei Compagnie give us a 'pottage history' of medieval food.



At Frei Compagnie living history events, we always present a medieval food table as part of our display. Not only is this of interest to the public who visit us, it also serves as our lunch (breakfast, second breakfast, elevenses, luncheon, afternoon tea, dinner and supper...!). However, not all we serve would have been the usual diet of the majority of medieval people.

The 'basics' for the everyday person would consist of pottage, bread and cheese (supplemented with things they could grow or catch) whilst for those of wealth the diet was far more varied and included fresh vegetables, fruit and meat / fish. Expensive, imported sugar, dried fruits and spices would be used to enhance flavours and also to indicate wealth and status.

### Pottage

Pottage or potage basically means 'something cooked in a pot'. Pottage is a thick soup or stew mainly made from vegetables and grains and was a staple of the diet of the 'ordinary' medieval person in the 15th Century.

It could be kept on a fire over a few days, some of it eaten and then more ingredients added – anything that could be grown or caught! If able (i.e. if you lived near a river) or if wealthy, then fish or fresh meat would be added to it too.

### Gingerbread

Gingerbread was unlike the gingerbread we know and enjoy today. The medieval recipe calls for 'stale bread' which is then made into breadcrumbs. Spices are then added to the breadcrumbs – ginger, cinnamon, white pepper and cloves go into this version. Honey is heated until it

boils and then the breadcrumb and spice mixture is mixed into the honey. The resulting doughy mixture is rolled out on a surface, left to cool and then cut into pieces and arranged on plates (the above was for a Christmas party!). It can be sprinkled with sugar if desired.

Spices were imported and expensive so to make, serve and eat gingerbread was something only the wealthy could do.



### Hippocras served alongside dates with marzipan.

Hippocras (or hypocras or hipocras) is a wine based drink. Red wine is gently heated and sugar added. Once the sugar has dissolved then the mixture is removed from the heat and a spice mixture is added, left for a period of time and then the liquid is strained and served at the end of meals along with sweetmeats or wafers. As spices were very expensive they were an indication of high status. Serving hippocras after a meal to guests could be generous – or a way to show off one's wealth! To our medieval table, we add dates with marzipan for that extra, finishing

touch. To make marzipan is very labour intensive – a simple household couldn't either afford the ingredients (almonds, sugar, rose water – all imported at great expense) nor the time to make marzipan.



Thanks to Alex Harrison from Frei Compagnie for sharing these fascinating food facts!

Frei Compagnie is a re-enactment group, interpreting aspects of 15th century English martial and civil society, with particular focus on the Wars of the Roses period and the Battle of Towton.

They are appearing as part of events held at Calverley Old Hall. You can see them in action on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th September.

**Festival tip:** Check out all the events happening in Calverley

**Pre-booking:** Please check with venue  
Head to: [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/calverley-old-hall](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/calverley-old-hall)

To find out about their events in general please head to: [www.facebook.com/freicompagnie/](https://www.facebook.com/freicompagnie/)



**1930s Inter-war Architecture in Adel**

Join knowledgeable host, Janet Douglas as she introduces some of the architectural aspects of middle-class residential development in the inter-war years using Adel Lane and St Helen's Lane as a case study.

Sun 19 / 1400

**A Little Bit of What You Fancy: diets, remedies and recipes from the past, Castleton Mill**

Dr Emma Storr's talk will consider hospital and workhouse diets in the nineteenth century and the remedies made at home - and from a fascinating building, does this count as two Heritage Open Days events in one?!

Fri 10 / 1800

**A walk by the river with food in mind**

Join Hazel Lunn to discover how food arrived for the people of Leeds before the M1 was constructed. The walk will take you from Centenary Bridge to Brewery Wharf, Dock Street, Tetley's Adelphi, Royal Armouries, Leeds Dock and Canary Wharf. Why not return for lunch to one of the many restaurants and cafes along the route?

Sun 19 / 1030

**Adel St John's Conservation Area Walk**

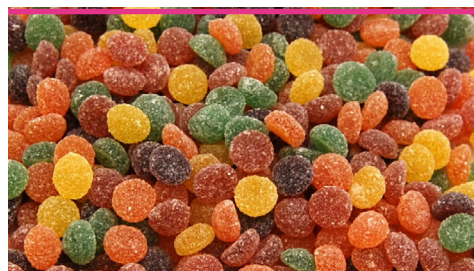
Join local historian Val Crompton for a guided walk around the Adel Conservation Area. The walk will end at Adel Church, at approximately 15:45, which will be open for those who wish to visit

Sun 12 / 1400

**Aire and Calder Navigation Heritage Walk**

Roderic Parker is your host as you are invited to explore our waterways on this walk from the City Centre to Thwaite Mills discovering the rich history and heritage of the area, returning by public transport.

Mon 13 / 1400 Thu 16 / 1015



Did You know... ?

Jelly Tots were invented accidentally by Horsforth born scientist Dr Brian Boffey!

**Bramley - the village that disappeared**

An absolutely fascinating area of Leeds, with a wealth of history and fine buildings.

Bramley History Society invite you to rediscover the lost village of Bramley.

Fri 17 / 1000

**Calverley Old Hall**

The Landmark Trust has owned Calverley Old Hall since 1981, when it was for sale in three separate lots. It had long been divided into cottages, but under a single landlord, the Thornhill Estate.

*You can pick up a copy of 'Calverley Village Heritage Walk & Quiz - a walk round Calverley in the 1920s' here!*

Sat 11 Sun 12 / 1000-1600

**Don Robins, St George's Crypt - Blue Plaque Unveiling**

Join Leeds Civic Trust as we prepare to unveil a very special Blue Plaque to commemorate the founder of St George's Crypt, Percy 'Don' Robins. St George's Crypt offers care, food and shelter to those experiencing homelessness.

Fri 10 / 1400

**Edible Leeds Highlights Talk**

Join our Local Studies Librarians as they take you through the highlights of their Edible Leeds tour. Find out about the early espresso bars of Leeds, a Victorian Vegetarian establishment and all about that time Leeds built an arch out of bread.

Fri 10 / 1300

**Edible Leeds Libraries - Our Culinary Collections**

Join us for our delectable local history talk all about the culinary classics in our library collections. The Town Hall Catering ledger that reveals secrets of banquets for the A-listers of Victoria Leeds, hear all about Britain's first craft beer house originating right here in this city. And discover the secrets of the Henderson Relish patents.

Wed 15 / 1300

**Farsley Rehoboth Burial Ground Heritage Day Tour**

You are invited to tour a 200 year old burial ground that for years was neglected and untended. It is now being reclaimed as a community asset to share its heritage, nature and ecology.

Sun 19 / 1100-1600







Kirkstall Forge Heritage Day

### Forge Through History - Kirkstall Forge Heritage Day

Kirkstall Forge was the longest continually used industrial site in the UK. In homage to its history, Kirkstall Forge and partners will be hosting a day packed with activities celebrating its past, its people and its future.

Sat 18 / 1000-1630

### From crops to commuters - an afternoon walk round Thorner village

Thorner is an attractive and popular village approximately 8 miles north east of the city. Discover how the impact of the railway changed the character of this once largely agricultural community.

Sat 11 / 1400

### From Mining village to Millenium village: the industrial heritage of Allerton Bywater

Join local historian Clive Cowell and along your journey around Allerton Bywater you'll discover four mines, a pottery, a nature reserve and a railway!

Tue 14 Thu 16 / 1300

### Funky Fulneck Food Facts

Step back in time and experience the charm of this unique Fulneck village. Visit and enjoy our new exhibition centred around food, and explore our heritage museum. Discover more about the history of the settlement on a guided tour.

Sat 18 / 1030-1600

### Gotts Park and the Yorkshire Red Books of Humphry Repton

Discover the history of this well known Leeds mansion, its stunning parkland setting and its original owner Benjamin Gott.

After the talk, take your time and explore the grounds of Gotts Park.

Sat 11 / 1400

### Headingley Hill walkabout

A walk around the Headingley Hill, Hyde Park and Woodhouse Moor Conservation Area in the company of local historian Tony Ray. Discover some of the influential local personalities who lived in the area.

Sat 11 / 1430

### Heritage Pub Walk

"Mine's a pint". Join heritage pub enthusiast Jim Brettell for a guided walk round some of the city centre's most popular examples. There will be opportunities for refreshments along the way...it would be a shame not to really!

Wed 15 / 1400

### Holbeck Heritage Walk with Ian and Dennis

There is lots to discover about Holbeck so take a leisurely tour with local historians and all round super stars, Ian and Dennis. The walk include The Holbeck, reputedly the oldest social club in Britain - the Conservation Area and Urban Village developments.

Thu 16 / 1000



Fulneck Heritage Museum





**Hyde Park Picture House Project  
Talk: Looking back as well as  
forwards**

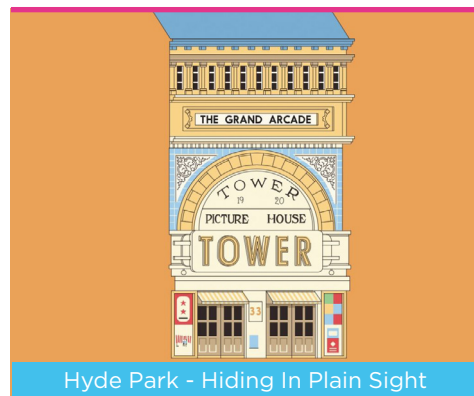
Join us at our local neighbourhood friends venue, The Left Bank in Headingley for a special, one-off heritage talk looking into our current renovation project.

**Tue 14 / 1830**

**Hyde Park Picture House: Hiding  
in Plain Sight (Leeds City Centre  
Cinema Tour)**

With so many beloved cinemas now resigned to history, join our Hiding in Plain Sight Leeds City Centre Cinema Tour to rediscover these gems, presented by the Hyde Park Picture House.

**Sat 12 Sat 18 / 1000**



Hyde Park - Hiding In Plain Sight

**Lawnswood Cemetery guided walk**

A guided walk round this historic Victorian cemetery looking specifically at "Medical Men in the Cemetery". The walk visits the graves and tells the stories of medical men prominent in their time, and buried in the cemetery.

**Sun 12 / 1400-1530**

**Leeds Central Library - Heritage  
Tour**

Take a guided tour of this Grade II\* listed Victorian masterpiece in the historic heart of Leeds. From antique Potts clocks to grinning stone guard dogs, explore the secrets behind the scenes of one of the city's most amazing public buildings.

**Fri 10 Sat 10 Tue 14 Thu 16 Sat 18 / 1000  
Mon 13 Wed 15 Fri 17 / 1400**

**Make an 'Edible England' foraging  
bag!**

A special workshop just for Heritage Open Days at rivers MEET in Methley, a delightful traditional cafe and craft centre housed in the former Royal Oak coaching inn, on the old Rothwell to Pontefract turnpike road.

**Sat 11 / 1300 1500**

**New Briggate/ Grand Quarter  
Walking Tour - The History and  
Regeneration of a City Centre High  
Street**

Learn about the fascinating history and planned regeneration of a city centre high street on this lunchtime guided tour of the Grand Quarter / New Briggate area of Leeds, plus a visit to St Johns Church.

**Tue 14 / 1200-1300**

**Northern Bloc: the exceptional ice  
cream alchemists, Castleton Mill**

Definitely an Edible England event! Founder Dirk Mischendahl will tell us how the Northern Bloc journey started with 'a van and a passion' in the historic setting of Castleton Mill, a beautifully restored Grade 2 listed former textile mill on the banks of the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

**Fri 10 / 1630**

**Northern Monk Brewery Tour**

To celebrate 'Edible England' Northern Monk are offering two tours of the original brewery. Listen to a detailed talk about our brewing methods and then pop up to the bar above to enjoy some beer and food.

**Sun 19 / 1700 1900**

**St Aidan's C of E Church, Harehills**

The home of the largest Mosaic in Northern Europe, which in itself is well worth the visit. The rest of this grand church has lots of very interesting features but don't take my word for it, come and see for yourself!

**Fri 10 Sat 11 / 1000-1600  
Sun 12 1200-1400**

**Tea and Fancies - a very English  
pastime**

Join Trio Literati for a food and drink themed performance in the historic Shadwell Independent Library followed by afternoon tea.

**Wed 15 / 1530**



### The historic village of Kippax

You will see the remains of a Motte and Bailey Castle, a 12th century Church, traces of later structures and much more in this historic east Leeds village under the guidance of local and knowledgeable historian Edgar Pickles.

Fri 17 / 1800

### The Story of Avro - Yeadon's Secret Wartime Factory

Aircraft historian Ken Cothliff will tell the amazing story of one of the largest aircraft factories in the UK. The Avro factory was assembled in just over 12 months and managed to keep its presence secret from the enemy.

Wed 15 / 1400



The Story Of Avro - Yeadon's Secret Wartime Factory

### The Story of Mabgate

Robert Dyson's walk will chart the history and development of this tiny yet dynamic inner city suburb. Discover the fascinating history of Mabgate, as manorial wastelands gave way to various industries which in turn gave way to a thriving clothing trade and subsequently to today's eclectic mix of creative activities.

Mon 13 / 1400



Mabgate



The Growing Zone

### The Story of Meanwood

An introduction to the rich and varied history of Meanwood with local historian Peter Smithson. There's so much to discover about the past life of this popular Leeds suburb - tales of mills, quarries, landed gentry, explorers and quite a few scandals.

Wed 15 / 1100

### Welcome to the Growing Zone!

Since 2008 the Growing Zone has been uniting people of all ages and abilities in a safe environment where they can learn new skills, make new friends and have fun.

Fri 17 / 1530

### Welcome to the Sikh Temple (Gurdwara)

Enjoy a warm welcome and introduction to the Sikh faith and culture at this north Leeds Gurdwara. This is the largest Sikh Temple in Leeds and its stunning interiors include beautiful lattice work and ornate domes.

Wed 15/ 1000 1100

### Why does Rothwell have Jaw Bones?

Have you ever wondered why Rothwell has a set of jaw bones? Join Simon Bulmer of Rothwell and District Historical Society to find out.

Sat 11 / 1100-1200







Morley Town Centre

Free To All!



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24-26 SEPTEMBER 2021



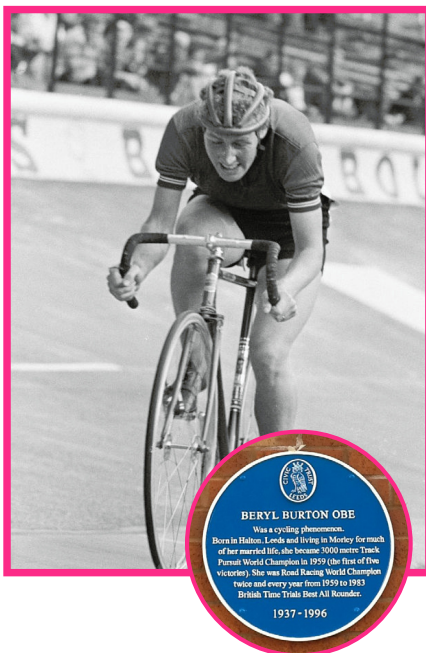
## "Beryl's Bloomin' Bikes"

Morley Arts Festival is relaunching with a weekend packed with live performances and community art this September. We are excited to incorporate a new art commission celebrating local champion cyclist Beryl Burton.

Dominating women's cycle racing in the UK, Beryl won more than 90 domestic championships, seven world titles, and setting numerous national records. She set a women's record for the 12-hour time-trial which exceeded the men's record for two years.

Using an array of bike parts, artist, Imilia Makes will create a movable structure that folk can interact with. Incorporating fabric rags and painting techniques, visitors to the Festival Weekender will be able to get involved and help create this exciting new installation, that will take residence within Morley Indoor Market Hall throughout September.

Pop in to Morley over the weekend - we look forward to seeing you in there!



## Enjoyed HODs? Then Join Us...

Leeds Civic Trust is delighted to support Heritage Open Days here in Leeds each September. We're fortunate to have a small group of dedicated volunteers who encourage new activities each year, are on hand to support every opener and help the public to hear about all the great events.

We hope you have enjoyed this year's Heritage Open Days, but did you know that Leeds Civic Trust hosts events throughout the year?

By becoming a member you will be the first to hear about events such as Heritage Open Days, as well as our popular lectures talks, walks, activities and visits. Joining costs from £30 a year and members receive the following benefits:

- Priority Booking for all events
- An enamel pin badge
- Discount on events
- Exclusive, Members only events
- AGM invitation and voting rights
- Become a member of groups & committees
- Discount on LCC publications
- Annual Review

Find out more about becoming a member on our website [leedscivictrust.org.uk](http://leedscivictrust.org.uk) or drop us a line at [office@leedscivictrust.org.uk](mailto:office@leedscivictrust.org.uk)





# Leeds Civic Trust

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Leeds Civic Trust is proud of our city and takes inspiration from its achievements.

We celebrate and promote the best of Leeds and its people.

Want to find out more? please get in touch.

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# Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,000 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history.

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