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LANCASTER &
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6-9 & 13-16 September 2018

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Heritage Open Days Events 2018

LANCASTER

Lancaster Castle

Castle Parade, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 1YJ

Free guided tours of this iconic building recently fully opened to the public.

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September: Tours run every half an hour from 1000 - 1600. Tours are available on a strictly first come first served basis. Visitors will be given tickets to the next available tour at the time of their arrival - no pre-booking is available for any free tour. Access: We regret that the guided tour is not wheelchair friendly. Contact for the day: 01524 64998

Lancaster Grand Theatre

St Leonardgate, Lancaster LA1 1QW

Take a tour of this beautiful working theatre which has been continually operating since 1782.

Friday 7 September: 1000 to 1530

Saturday 8 September: 1000 to 1530

Sunday 9 September: 1000 to 1530

Access: Certain parts of the theatre only accessible by stairs

Max 12 people per tour/session. Tour approx. one hour.

No booking required. Contact for the day: Mike Hardy 07771 864385

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

East Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3EF

Visit an exhibition of our famous past pupils and join a guided tour.

Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1600. No booking required.

Access: Old School House has steps leading up to the building.

Contact for the day: Emma Jones 01524 580632

Lancaster Priory

1 Priory Close, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 1YZ

Free guided tour and demonstrations of bell ringing in the tower.

Saturday 8 September: 1300 - 1600. Tours 1300, 1400 and 1500

Access: The bell tower is not wheelchair accessible.

Max 15 people per tour/session. 45 minutes. No booking required

Contact for the day: Pauline Fielding 07788 72658



King's Own Royal Regiment Museum

City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HT

Guided tour of the King's Own Royal Regiment Museum, by museum curator, Peter Donnelly. Just turn up.

Thursday 6 September: 1500 to 1600

Friday 7 September: 1100 to 1200

Contact: 01524 555619

On The War Path - Walking Tour of Lancaster's Military History

City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HT

Join museum curator, Peter Donnelly, on a walking tour around Lancaster's military history. Just turn up.

Saturday 8 September: 1330 - 1600

Contact: 01524 555619

Talk at Lancaster's War Memorial

Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ

The story of Lancaster's War Memorial and some of the soldiers whose names feature. Just turn up.

Thursday 6 September: 1100 - 1200

Friday 7 September: 1500 - 1600 and 1700 - 1800

Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1200

Contact: 01524 555619

Talk: Lancaster's Market

City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HT

A talk looking back at Lancaster's popular market hall.

Friday 7 September: 1300 - 1400. Please book in-advance.

Contact: 01524 555619

Talk: New Acquisitions at the King's Own Royal Regiment Museum

City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HT

An illustrated talk looking at some of the new acquisitions to the King's Own Royal Regiment Museum. No booking required.

Thursday 6 September: 1300 - 1400 and 1930 - 2100

Contact: 01524 555619



Town Hall Tour

Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ

Come and explore the hidden depths of Lancaster Town Hall. From the cells in the basement right up to the top of the clock tower (open especially for Heritage Open Days).

Saturday 8 September: Tours at 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300

Booking essential: Lancaster Visitor Information Centre 01524 582394 /

www.lancaster.gov.uk/VICTicketbox

Cottage Museum

15 Castle Hill, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 1YS

A tiny and intriguing 18th century cottage spread over five floors.

Thursday 6 & 13 September: 1300 - 1600

Friday 7 & 14 September: 1300 - 1600

Saturday 8 & 15 September: 1300 - 1600

Sunday 9 & 16 September: 1300 - 1600

Access: Wheelchair access only to living room area.



The Old Royal Lancaster Infirmary and Operating Theatre with the Lancaster Medical Museum Collection

Medical Unit 1, Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Ashton Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 4RP

We will be opening parts of the Infirmary that are not usually open to the public including the original operating theatre which has served the public of Lancaster continuously since the 1890's.

Saturday 8 September: 1000 - 1600. No booking required.

Max 20 people per tour/session. Approx. 30 mins.

Tours of The Friends Meeting House

Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TX

Our experienced guides will explain the building's history linking it to the history of Quakers in Lancaster.

Sunday 9 September: 1400 - 1600 Every 15 minutes

Access: Our grounds and ground floor are fully accessible. We have a stair lift to part of our first floor. No booking required.

Each tour will take approximately three quarters of an hour.

Contact for the day: Marie McCusker 07805643779

A Historical Walk around Greaves Park

Bowerham Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3AH

This guided walk will take you round the park, pointing out the Victorian buildings and areas which were part of the original gardens.

Sunday 9 September: 1400 - 1500 approx.

Access: This walk will include some uneven ground and is uphill in places. It may be wet underfoot after rain. No booking required.

Walk will be approximately 1 hour

Standfast & Barracks

Caton Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3PA

We invite you to participate in a tour of the 160-year-old factory guided by one of our specialists, exploring the site's original use as a Wagon Works and as a World War 2 internment camp.

Saturday 8 September: 1000 - 1600

Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1600

Access: The site you are visiting is a working factory; please take extra care when going around.

Max 12 people per tour/session. 1 hour

You must pre-book a tour or seminar by contacting Vanessa Jones

vanessa_jones@standfast-barracks.com

Booking closes: 7 September 2018 at 1530.

Ryelands Park and House

Owen Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 2AP

An invitation to visit this lovely Lancaster park, which has just achieved Green Flag status, and have access to the historic home of Lord Ashton.

Tours of the park, and a riverside walk, are also available.

Saturday 15 September: 1100 - 1500

Access: One end of the park has a moderately steep slope, but it is not necessary to complete this part of the route in order to enjoy the circuit.

There are good paths around the perimeter of the park and the walk along the river is fully accessible.

Max 6 people per tour/session. Tour of house takes 15 minutes. Walk along the River Lune takes 30 minutes. Tours of the park take up to 45 minutes, but are entirely flexible. No booking required.

Contact for the day: Mrs Jean O'Neill 07766 816260



Lune Bank Gardens Open Day & Tour

The rowing club boat house, Halton Road, Skerton, Lancaster, LA1 2EA
An opportunity to visit these historic riverside gardens, donated to the people of Lancaster by the Ashton family in 1904.

Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1500

Sunday 16 September: 1000 - 1500

Access: Steps down to the rowing club, and along the riverside path.

Max 8 people per tour/session. Walks can be from five minutes to thirty, depending on participants' preferences, and also whether the river bank is wet. The lower path can be wet in places underfoot. No booking required.

Contact for the day: Mrs Jean O'Neill 07766 816260

Halton Mill - LUNESIDE 70

Mill Lane, Halton, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 6ND

Visit the last industrial building on the River Lune at Halton, ride a mechanical elephant & hear from the extraordinary woman who ran Luneside Engineering.

Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1600

Access: No wheelchair access to first floor (Currently fundraising to refurbish our lift)

Tours hourly. Approx 30 minutes duration. No booking required.

Contact for the day: Chris Coates 07426701155

Bill Hosfield Memorial Lecture

Halton Mill, Mill Lane, Halton, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 6ND

Talk on the historical links between the Lune Valley and the West Indies: 1750 - 1850, given by Dr Mike Winstanley.

Friday 14 September: 1900 - 2130



MORECAMBE BAY

Morecambe Heritage Centre

29 Royalty Mall, Arndale Centre, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5DH
Film, books, photos, leaflets, programmes and artifacts showcase
Morecambe's rich past.

Thursday 6 September: 1100 - 1600

Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1600

Sunday 9 September: 1100 - 1545

Thursday 13 September: 1100 - 1600

Saturday 15 September: 1100 - 1600

Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1545

Access: Toilets and parking are adjacent to the Arndale Centre

Contact for the day: Christine Stebbing 07868302224

Old Boys School Open Day

Bolton le Sands Old Free Grammar School, St Michaels Lane, Bolton le Sands, Lancashire, LA5 8LB

Come and look at memorabilia and pictures and talk to one of the Trustees of this innovative school which dates back to 1637.

Saturday 15 September: 1000 to 1800

Access: There are steps up to the entrance.

Contact for the day: Mr Tony Jackson, Chairman of Trustees, telephone 01524 8234323

Leighton Moss Open Day

Myers Farm, Storrs Lane, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 0SW

RSPB Leighton Moss nature reserve will throw open its doors and invite nature lovers to enjoy the facilities free of charge for all visitors for one day only.

Friday 7 September: 0930 - 1700

Access: Dogs are not permitted on the nature reserve or trails. They are welcome in the visitor centre and there is a dog-friendly picnic table with water bowls in the sensory garden. A short dog-friendly path leads from the centre to the public causeway where pets may be taken on a lead.

Contact for the day: Jon Carter 01524 701601

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The Clergy Daughters' School, Cowan Bridge

2 Bronte Cottages, Cowan Bridge, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA6 2HS

Your opportunity to see inside what was the Clergy Daughters' School, Cowan Bridge, attended by Charlotte and Emily Bronte 1824-25 and infamously recounted by Charlotte as 'Lowood School' in her novel Jane Eyre.

Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1700

Access: Wheelchair access is only possible to the ground floor. There are toilet facilities on the ground floor (though not disabled) of the house.

Parking is available in the village hall (Fraser Hall) car park situated behind Cowan Bridge Stores, 200 metres from the house.

Contact for the day: Sandra Barker 0770 207 4047

Heron Corn Mill

Mill Lane, Beetham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7PQ

Mill tours from our resident miller, films in the barn which chronicle the mill's history and legacy, a selection of board games and children's activities.

Saturday 15 September: 1100 - 1600

Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1600

Access: The top floor of the mill is inaccessible to wheelchair users and visitors who struggle with stairs. No booking required.

Max 10 people per tour/session. 30 minutes

Contact for the day: Audrey Steeley 01539 564271



Gunpowder Trail Walk

Crooklands Hotel, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7NW

The guided walk explores the link between the Lancaster Canal and the gunpowder works at Gatebeck, Cumbria.

Sunday 16 September: 1000 - 1400

Access: Walk is across meadows and lanes, some stiles and very modest ascent. No booking required.

Max 30 people per tour/session. Walk takes about 2 hrs 15 mins

Contact for the day: Mobile: 07776 40071

Lane End Farm Guided Walks

Sizergh, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8DZ

Join a guided walk to Lane End Farm, one of our tenanted properties not normally open to the public.

Thursday 6 September: Tours at 1100, 1200, 1300 & 1400

Pre-booking required – please call 01539 560951 or email sizergh@nationaltrust.org.uk

Booking closes: 6 September 2018

Access: We recommend sturdy footwear for this event, some paths may be muddy and uneven.

Max 12 people per tour/session. Guided walk will take approx. one hour

Contact for the day: Sizergh Estate Office - 01539 560951



Strickland family chapel

Sizergh Castle, Sizergh, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8AE

Visit the private family chapel of the Stricklands of Sizergh, which is still in use to this day.

Friday 7 September: 1200 - 1600

Friday 14 September: 1200 - 1600

Access: There is level access to the Chapel, with two steps to the remainder of the first floor. Virtual tours are available for visitor use in the House and at Visitor Reception.

Contact for the day: 015395 69816

Cartmel Priory Gatehouse

The Square, Cartmel, Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 6QB

Cartmel Priory Gatehouse is the only remnant of the 14th century defences built by the monastery to protect against potential raids of the area.

Thursday 6 September: 1200 - 1600

Access: The entrance up to the Gatehouse is via a spiral staircase consisting of 36 uneven steps. There is a car park (owned by the Holker Estate) 100 yards from the property.

Contact for the day: 015395 69816

Victoria Hall, Grange-Over-Sands

Main Street, Grange-over-Sands , Cumbria, LA11 6DP

Enjoy a Guided Tour this Grade II listed hall, which houses the old Council Chamber, Council Offices and Information Centre.

Sunday 9 September: 1030 - 1600

Access: Only the ground floor of the building is accessible for those of limited mobility due to steps and stairs. The Main Hall is fully accessible and there is a ground floor disabled toilet/baby changing. The entrance for those not wishing to use steps is round the side of the building to the right of the main entrance. The refreshment area is accessible to all.

Max 10 people per tour/session. 20-30 minutes

Contact for the day: Mrs L Harrison-Speight 015395 34026

Conishead Priory and Modern Buddhist Temple

A5087 Coast Road, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 9QQ

Visit the Temple for World Peace, see the Romantic Gothic mansion, stroll in the gardens, explore the woods, discover the beach on Morecambe Bay.

Try a 15-minute guided meditation starting in the Temple at 1230, 1400, 1530.

Enjoy a guided tour to discover the history of Conishead since it began as a hospital run by Augustinian monks. Starting in the Temple at 1300 and 1430.

Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1600

Sunday 9 September: 1100 - 1600

Access: Full wheelchair access with ramps. Disabled toilet near Temple. No stairs on guided tours. 6 minute easy walk from historic house to Temple.

Max 50 people per tour/session. Tours last one and a quarter hours. No booking required. Contact for the day: 01229 584029

Gleaston Water Mill

Gleaston, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0QH

Where else could you find wartime evacuees, huge wooden gearing, a boggart, fascinating funeral facts, an observation bee hive and bullet holes?

Thursday 6 September: 1100 to 1630

Friday 7 September: 1100 to 1630

Saturday 8 September: 1100 to 1630

Sunday 9 September: 1100 to 1630

Access: Ground floor uneven, steep flight of stairs to 1st floor.

Average visit is 1 to 2 hours

Contact for the day: Vicky Brereton 01229 869244

Newland Furnace Trust

Furnace Cottage, Newland, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 7QG

Visitors will get the chance to look round the Newland Charcoal Iron Furnace

There will be an exhibition of the furnaces history and operation and guided tours will be given to explain things further.

Saturday 8 September: 1000 - 1700

Sunday 9 September: 1000 - 1600

Saturday 15 September: 1000 - 1700

Sunday 16 September: 1000 - 1600

Access: Some of the site and tour route is available to wheelchair users.

Parking is limited to about 6 vehicles.

Dalton Castle

Market Place, Dalton-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA15 8AX

Visit this 14th century tower which was formerly the manorial courthouse of Furness Abbey.

Saturday 8 September: 1000 - 1700

Access: Access from the street is up two wide steps, giving access to the ground floor and museum room. Unfortunately the Great Hall is accessed via a large three-stage staircase. There is no designated parking for the castle, however there are some parking spaces in the immediate vicinity.

Contact for the day: 015395 69816

Morecambe Bay's Hidden Heritage

The Dock Museum, North Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2PW

This exhibition at Barrow's Dock Museum showcases the stories, memories and remains of Morecambe Bay's past.

Saturday 8 September: 1100 - 1530

Sunday 9 September: 1100 - 1530

Thursday 13 September: 1100 – 1530

Friday 14 September: 1100 - 1530

Saturday 15 September: 1100 - 1530

Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1530

Contact for the day: Dock Museum 01229 876400



Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, and over two weekends in September, venues across the district will throw open their doors for FREE, inviting you to come and discover hidden places, peek behind the scenes and try out new experiences.

As England's contribution to the European Heritage Days scheme, Heritage Open Days has been running since 1994. Co-ordinated today by the National Trust with support from players of the People's Postcode Lottery, it's known as 'the local national festival'!

This year, one of the themes of the national programme is 'Unsung Stories' so local venues and organisations will explore the under-represented histories and heritage of their areas, in particular the stories of 'Extraordinary Women' who have not only made their mark in art, industry and politics, but in their local communities.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate the unique heritage of Lancaster and Morecambe Bay!



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Please Note: This leaflet highlights various events and activities across Lancaster and Morecambe Bay. For a full list of Heritage Open Day events across the country and for some local events that registered after the production of this leaflet visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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