

SUMMER WALKS 2019

This programme details our walks for the 7 months April to October inclusive with one walk per fortnight, plus Bank Holiday Mondays and a few 'extras'. As usual, the vast majority of walks are on Sundays plus one Saturday and the Bank Holiday Mondays.

Most walks last 2 to 2¼ hours and are fairly easy walking - normally on surfaced paths. A few are a little longer, use rural paths or are harder walking - there will be a symbol or note in the text about those. Walks suitable for powered wheelchairs are shown by the symbol  (though a short diversion may be needed in places). Almost all starting points are served by public transport. Well-behaved dogs on a short lead are allowed on walks unless indicated by the symbol . The majority of walks are circular finishing at the starting point. However, 3 walks are linear and these are marked in the text.

For most walks our standard charge is £3 (all ages).

For most walks there's no need to book, just turn up and pay on the day. But the 19th May, 16th June, 29th/30th June and 28th July walks are exceptions - see booking details in the listings for those dates.

We must reserve the right not to take anyone on walks who seems unlikely to cope with the conditions. Every effort is made to adhere to the published programme, but we must also reserve the right to cancel or amend any walk if circumstances make that necessary. These walks are not really suited to under 13s.

Our sincere thanks go to various sections of Calderdale MBC for their continuing co-operation and support.

Our website has more information about us and the walks at : www.CdaleHeritageWalks.org.uk

You can also catch us on Facebook. Should any issues arise which might affect a walk's viability, we aim to post details on our page there.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR AREA

If our walks have triggered an interest in Calderdale's history, Tourist Information Centres and Libraries at Halifax, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden have a range of information and literature about the District, its heritage, countryside, towns and villages (and they always have our walk leaflets).

MONDAY 26th August

WEST VALE FROM 1300 TO THE PRESENT

It went from almost nothing to being a major village in 50 years thanks to improved roads, railways & a bridge. Textiles declined later and new roles have evolved.

Meet Ian Philp at 2.15pm in the car park off the B6113 opposite to Andy Thorntons. HX4 8AD

Sunday 1st September

LOST RAILWAY, MISSING CHAPELS - & TOFFEE FACTORIES

A look at old and new St Paul's Churches, two former Men's Social Clubs, the site of St Paul's Railway Station, sites of several lost chapels, Mackintosh's 1890s factory, a former biscuit making works, an Art School, and various significant mills. A murder site of 1889 is included. Ends near Gibbet Street crossroads.

Meet David Glover at 2.15pm at King Cross OLD SPIRE HX1 3JL NOT St Paul's Church Queens Road. Ending at HX1 4NT. Level, with one major slope, suitable for wheelchairs and prams. **A linear walk.**

Sunday 15th September

CLIFFE HILL- THE WALKERS & OTHERS

Looking at a fine residence of yesteryear, associated with both Ann Walker and Anne Lister, which is normally out of sight in its private grounds. We'll look at the house exterior, its grounds and the immediate environs.

Meet John Brooke at 2.15pm by the Sun Inn on Wakefield Road (A 649) in Lightcliffe. HX3 8TH

Sunday 29th September

LUDDENDEN

A walk around this delightful village looking at the history and changes that have shaped this community.

Meet David Cant 2.15pm at the car park at the Luddendenfoot end of the village. HX2 6PE

Sunday 6th October

4 ROUTES FROM HALIFAX TO WAKEFIELD.

...but we're only going to west Hipperholme from Beacon Hill. We'll look at the transport links from the middle ages to the present with views of Halifax, two major construction projects of their time, down the old Dark Lane also known as the Magna Via & into Hipperholme & returning by Mytholm to Shibden Park. There are 2 gentle climbs and a long descent.

Meet Ian Philp at 2.15pm by the upper car park of Shibden Hall on the Shibden Hall Road / Halifax Old Road.

Sunday 20th October **KING CROSS & QUEENS ROAD**

We will look at the industrial, housing, transport and education expansion here from 1850 to World War I and some further changes which came in the 60 years which followed.

Meet David Nortcliffe at 2.15pm by King Cross old Churchyard, opposite the William IV Public House. HX1 3BG

PRE-BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Halifax Visitor Centre, The Piece Hall, Halifax HX1 1RE. The Centre is open 7 days a week 10.30 to 5.30 Bookings can be made in person, by phone on 01422 368725 (phone bookings will incur a p&p fee), or by post to the Halifax Visitor Centre, The Piece Hall, Halifax HX1 1RE. with full payment and a reply paid envelope (cheques to 'Calderdale MBC').

COUNTRY WALKS

Our friends at Calderdale Countryside Service have a programme of rural walks throughout the summer. Full details are in their walks leaflet available free from Tourist Information Centres and larger libraries in Calderdale.

PRIVATE PARTY WALKS

We have around 100 walks in our collective repertoire covering much of Calderdale and can provide Guides to lead walks for private parties and societies. For more details email us at: CdaleHeritageWks@gmail.com

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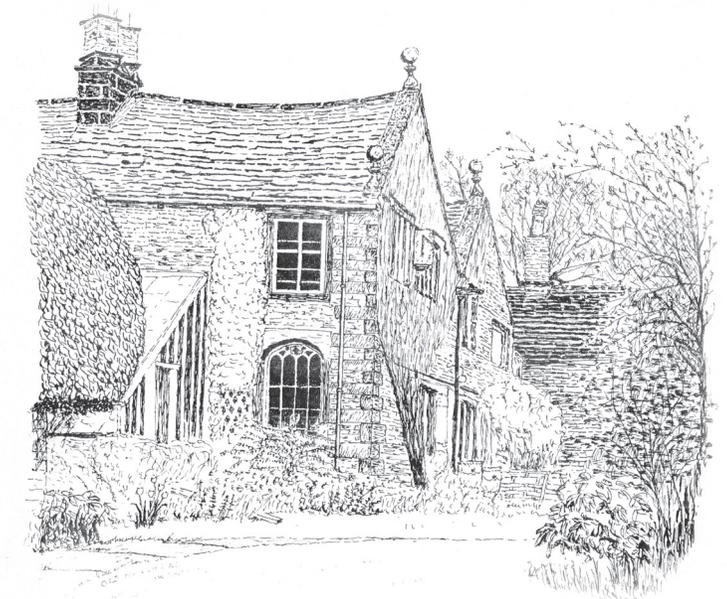
SYMBOLS USED IN THE PROGRAMME

-  = No dogs on this walk
-  = Extended walk of 2½ - 3½ hours
-  = New walk
-  = Wheelchair accessible

HERITAGE WALKS in Calderdale

April to October 2019

2 to 4 hour Guided Walks exploring
the heritage of this rather special
area with our experienced Guides.



Old Haugh End, Sowerby Bridge,
Jim Murphy, Lesser Known Treasures of Calderdale

CONTACT US

To be added to our e.mailing list for programmes and newsletters, or to contact us on other matters, please email us at: CdaleHeritageWks@gmail.com

Sunday 6th April

TRANSPORT LINKS IN SOWERBY BRIDGE

The impact of the first trans-Pennine turnpike, canal and railway on Sowerby Bridge.

Meet David Cant at 2.15pm outside the railway station refreshment rooms. HX6 3AF

Sunday 21st April

HEPTONSTALL SHADOWS

You can expect a mediaeval village to hold memories that you might not find in standard local histories. With John Billingsley you'll meet wart-curiers, protective charms, rural gangsters, ghosts, mummified cats and more.

Churchyard may be slippery.

Meet John Billingsley at Heptonstall Bowling Club Car Park, 2.15pm HX7 7LT

MONDAY 22nd April

HEPTONSTALL'S EDGES ⇄

A longer walk (2.5mils/3 hrs) circles above Colden Valley to Popples and Slack and back into Heptonstall, with memories of the Industrial Revolution, Nonconformist era, witch mania, pestilence, folklore and famous and (not so famous) poets.

Steep drops and uneven woodland terrain challenging to those unsure of footing. Walking shoes recommended.

Meet John Billingsley at Heptonstall Bowling Club Car Park, 2.15pm HX7 7LT

Sunday 28th April

HOVE EDGE

Now (almost) a Brighthouse suburb but was an isolated hamlet in earlier times. The special features of the walk include a former private railway system, stone mines & quarries, WW2 sites, a house from the 1500s and a General buried in Westminster Abbey.

Meet Ian Philp at 2.15pm by the Dusty Miller on A644 in Hove Edge. HD6 2PB

MONDAY 6th May

LUMBUTTS & MANKINHOLES

A walk through these picturesque twin villages on the moorland edge looking at their history and particularly the 500 years of textiles here. But much more happened here too!

Meet David Nortcliffe 2.15pm at the former Lumbutts Chapel on the road linking the two villages. OLI4 6JA

Sunday 19th May

ANNE LISTER'S HALIFAX: HER PUBLIC FACE 🌐 🌟

A 2-hour walk, recreating the town in 1832 that Anne Lister knew so well. She used Halifax for certain key functions: business transactions with her lawyer, shopping and catching up on political news, plus visits to the homes of the few families she saw as social equals. The walk includes short readings from *Nature's Domain* and ends at 4.30 with Q&A plus tea & biscuits. Timing and meeting point details are issued with the tickets. The Guide is Jill Liddington.

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL and it will **not** be possible to just turn up on the day. This walk is £4 per head. Booking opens on Monday 8th April. See details in panel at end of the programme. www.jliddington.org.uk

MONDAY 27th May

WALSDEN

A walk at one of our western extremities. Looking at the area and local transport systems back to pack horse tracks and toll roads. Plus the stories of local chapels, mills, and a Nobel prize winner.

Meet Anne Mealia at 2.15pm outside Walsden railway station. OLI4 7QQ

SATURDAY 1st June

CATTLE MARKET, DEBTORS' GAOL & LISTER LANE CEMETERY

Rediscovering vanished facilities and buildings including the Halifax Fairground, 'St Helena' Debtors' Gaol, St Augustine's Church, and The Workhouse. Concludes with a 90 minute tour of Lister Lane Cemetery – now a European Cemetery of Significance - where thousands of noted local residents lie buried.

Meet David Glover at Victoria Road HX1 5PT at 2.15pm. **A linear walk** ending at Lister Lane Cemetery HX1 5JL Cemetery section not very suitable for wheelchairs / prams.

Sunday 2nd June

WHEN PANIC SEIZED THE TOWN

A major outbreak of smallpox hit the Brighthouse area in 1892. We'll visit the key sights in Clifton to re-tell the story.

Meet John Brooke at 2.15pm by the war memorial in the centre of Clifton. HD6 4HP

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Sunday 16th June

ANNE LISTER'S SHIBDEN: HER PRIVATE FACE 🌐 🌟 ⇄

A four hour walk from Halifax climbing slowly up Old Bank to Shibden, to recreate Anne Lister's estate in 1832. On 7th May, she returned home from her travels despondent, betrayed by yet one more woman's marriage plans. Then re-acquaintance with neighbouring heiress Ann Walker of Lightcliffe changed her life forever. Anne Lister deployed all her considerable skills to enthrall and seduce this wealthy young woman ~ all out of sight of Halifax's prying eyes.

Meet Jill Liddington at 11.30am in the Piece Hall, by the Book Corner, HX1 1RE. Walking boots/shoes are advised, & bring packed lunch/snacks. The walk includes short readings from *Nature's Domain*, and ends at 3.30pm with Q&A plus tea and cake at the Meerside Cafe. Bus back to Halifax. So this is a **linear walk**.

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL and it will **not** be possible to just turn up on the day. This walk is £4 per head. Booking opens on Monday 29th April. See details in panel at end of the programme. www.jliddington.org.uk

SATURDAY 29th & Sunday 30th June

OUTLAWS & NUNS 🌐

These walks are on the private Kirklees Estate near Clifton, by kind permission of the owners. They include the former Nunnery site, Gate House, 15th to 18th century farm buildings, the Robin Hood connection and his grave there, plus other features of the estate.

The Guides are Margaret & David Nortcliffe. The walk is 1½ miles, partly on woodland paths and strong shoes are advised. The walk will be repeated several times over the 2 days. There are no buses to the Estate on Sundays.

These walks are £5 per head. **PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** and it will not be possible to just turn up on the day! Booking opens on 8th May. See details in panel at end of the programme.

Please specify the day and am or pm preference. Details and directions are sent out with the tickets.

Sunday 7th July

SKIRTING THE MOOR

A journey through some of the people, buildings and events around Skircoat Moor which have made history in Savile Park.

Meet Anne Kirker at 2.15pm at St Jude's Church on Free School Lane HX1 2XE. Suitable for dogs.

Sunday 21st July

MIDGLEY MEANDER

Walk around the centre of the old village of Midgley and up to the edge of the moor to see old quarries and wonderful views.

Meet David Cant at 2.15pm at the school car park. HX2 6TU

Sunday 28th July

DOBROYD CASTLE 🌐

By kind permission of the owners, this afternoon walk goes to, around and inside the striking 'Brass Castle' built above Todmorden by John Fielden in 1869. It includes the house, walled garden and stable block with details of their history and the family. Timing and meeting point details are issued with the tickets. The Guide is Anne Mealia.

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL and it will not be possible to just turn up on the day. This walk is £4 per head. Booking opens on Monday 17th June. See details in panel at end of the programme.

This walk is 1½ miles, part on woodland paths and strong shoes are advised. Ticket-holders should meet the Guide in Todmorden at 2.15pm (full details supplied with tickets) for a ½ mile walk up the wooded hillside to the Castle.

Access to the Castle by car is difficult but if you need to go by car, route information will be supplied when booking.

Sunday 4th August

BLANKETS, CHICKS & DOCK PUDDING

A look at the history of Mytholmroyd.

Meet David Cant at 2.15pm in the Community Centre Car Park, Caldene Avenue. HX7 5AF

Sunday 18th August

FIELDENTOWN 🌐

The Fielden family left its mark on Todmorden in many ways including work, religion, education and leisure. This walk around Todmorden explores the story of the Fieldens looking at many of the fine buildings they left us and some of the places where they lived and worked.

Meet Anne Mealia at 2.15pm Start point Town Hall OLI4 5AQ. Suitable for dogs.

Sunday 25th August

ALONG BURDOCK WAY

You'll be surprised how much Halifax history lies along this route. We'll see buildings of varying ages telling us a surprising amount about the town, its people, its industries and more from the last 2½ centuries.

Meet David Nortcliffe at 2.15pm in the car park behind Halifax Playhouse (off Hopwood Lane). HX1 2SH is closest post code.