

CITY OF DONCASTER

80+ FREE HERITAGE

OPEN DAYS



heritage open days

**Celebrating 250 Years of the
St Leger Festival at Doncaster Racecourse
1776 - 2026**

PLAN YOUR VISIT

**Friday 11th September to
Sunday 20th September 2026**

**Take in free events, talks, walks and workshops
to celebrate the richness and variety of heritage
in Doncaster**

This booklet shows details about the events which are
planned for **Heritage Open Days** locally.

For more information about each event, go to **Heritage
Open Days website**, where you will find details about each
event, including location, accessibility details and if
booking is required – how to book.

80 Years
Doncaster Civic Trust
1946-2026



**Visit
Doncaster**

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each event and how to book
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heritageopendays.org.uk

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EVENTS THAT WILL RUN FOR THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL

Doncaster Heritage Art Exhibition

See Daily Index for Opening Hours Tues – Sun.

Dystopia Lounge of Doncaster Brewery Tap,
Young Street DN1 1EL

Various artists will have their work displayed including Nathan Turnbull, Will Sculthorpe and Jamie Bubb.

Nigel Hunston will also display his exhibition of “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” – Photographs of Doncaster’s historic buildings; that are of quality, those that are in poor condition and those that contribute little to the city’s architecture.

Family Heritage Quiz Walk “Become a Donny Spotter”

A self-directed treasure hunt spotting decorative and unusual features on Doncaster City centre buildings. Suitable for all ages. Pick up a quiz form at the Tourist Information Centre, 1 Priory Place, Doncaster, DN1 1BL. There is a prize for every completed entry.

William Henry Forman; Iron Master and Benefactor.

A Special Exhibition in Doncaster Minster

Open Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 3.30pm
(Sat 19th it will close at 1.30pm)

Doncaster Minster, Church Street. DN1 1RD

The Minster is one of Doncaster’s most architecturally important buildings, and the most richly decorated part of the church is the Forman Chapel sponsored by William Henry Forman, a local landowner. Find out about this major feature and the man behind it.

Doncaster Civic Trust Virtual Reality Art Gallery and Exhibition Centre

As part of its 80th Anniversary celebrations, Doncaster Civic Trust has created a Virtual Reality Art Gallery and Exhibition Centre.

The VR will feature alongside a planned real time exhibition to be held at Danum Gallery, Library and Museum (DGLAM) from September to the New Year, The VR features the history and some of the achievements of the Trust in its 80 year long history and can be viewed on a web browser, smartphone or tablet. Visitors to the VR can freely walk around the Eric Braim Heritage Centre or follow the many guided tours on offer.

[www.doncastertowntrail.co.uk/
eric-braim-heritage-centre-intro](http://www.doncastertowntrail.co.uk/eric-braim-heritage-centre-intro)

FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

Sand House History Podcast Season 2 Episode 1 – Trailer

An Online Podcast taking you through the history of Doncaster’s lost Victorian Marvel from the early 19th century to the present day.

Further full length episodes will be released during the Heritage Festival.

www.thesandhouse.podbean.com

Cantley Racecourse Walk

9.30am – 12.00 noon

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Meet near the top of Rose Hill Rise (DN4 5LE) at the junction with Rose Hill Court.



Whatcha Hiding Behind There?

Doncaster Archives Strongroom Tour

Tours 10.30am and 1.30pm

Doncaster Archives, Chequer Road DN1 2AE

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at Doncaster Archives? Do you contemplate how historical documents are stored? Learn about our service and how we care for Doncaster's Heritage.

Booking required

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/events

The Role of Mexborough in World War 2

Talk starts at 11.00am

Mexborough Library, John Street,
Mexborough S64 9HS

Join the Mexborough Heritage Group to hear how Mexborough was involved in supporting the war effort. Exhibition and displays will be available to see for the rest of the festival until Saturday 19th September.

St. Mary's Church, Kirk Bramwith

11.00am – 1.00pm

Low Lane, Kirk Bramwith, DN7 5SW

Started in 1120, St. Mary's Church remains an original Norman church. The tower was constructed in the late 13th century. Its single



bell was made in York in 1350 and is believed to be the oldest bell in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Find the 26 mouse carvings, by famous craftsman Robert Thompson "the Mouseman of Kilburn" on the wooden furniture throughout the church.

Refreshments available

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

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Lindholme Hall Heritage Day

9.30am – 4.00pm

2.00pm – 4.00pm Kinship of Faiths Gathering

Lindholme Hall, Lindholme Bank Road, Hatfield Woodhouse, DN7 6DT

What 3 Words [///yacht.composed.meaning](http://yacht.composed.meaning)

Discover a hidden island in the heart of Hatfield Moors. Enjoy woodland walks, reflections from different faith traditions, homemade cakes, and plenty of family-friendly things to see and do.

St Peter's "The White Church" Warmsworth

10.00am – 4.00pm

187 Warmsworth Road, DN4 0TW

Discover the only church in England to be built and consecrated during World War 2. Built in the Italianate style offering a very distinct architecture and painted white. Exhibition of archive records on show with textile and embroidery display. Refreshments available

St Mary Magdalene Church Campsall

10.00am – 4.00pm

The Avenue, Campsall DN6 9AG

Legend suggests Robin Hood was married here, as the village stood on the outskirts of Sherwood Forest. 12th Century construction with evidence of late Anglo Saxon and 11th Century additions. See the fortified tower and vaulted chamber above with priest's hole.



St Michael's and All Angels Church Skelbrooke

10.00am – 4.00pm



Straight Lane, Skelbrooke, Doncaster DN6 8LX

Village church built in medieval times but nearly destroyed by fire in 1870. Rebuilt in Victorian style in 1872. Display of local farming and quarrying history, reflecting local lives in the area over the last few centuries. Refreshments available

Heritage of St. Laurence's Church and the Community of Adwick Le Street Open Day

10.00am – 4.00pm



Village Street, Adwick, Doncaster, DN6 7AD

Enjoy the medieval architecture and artefacts and displays of local history. Discover local links with the Washington family who lived in Adwick Manor. Refreshments available

St. Cuthbert's Church Fishlake

10.00am – 12.30pm



Church Lane, Fishlake. DN7 5JP

Come and see inside this Grade 1 Norman Church, with the remarkable Romanesque south doorway, said to be the finest in Yorkshire. Refreshments available



St Peter's Church, Barnburgh

10.00am – 3.00pm

3 Church Lane, Barnburgh DN5 7ES

Known as the “cat and man church”.

Displays of the history of Barnburgh and Harlington. Refreshments available

Barnburgh Dovecote

10.00am – 4.00pm

Barnburgh Hall Gardens, Barnburgh DN5 7DS

See the well preserved 16th Century octagonal dovecote, with a display of the rich history of Barnburgh Hall and its connections with Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of Henry VIII.

Refreshments available

Doncaster Minster Bell Tower Tours

Tours at 10.30am, 11.30am and 1.30pm

Doncaster Minster, Church Street. DN1 1RD

The Minster Church of St. George, Doncaster stands at the heart of the city where a church has stood for over 8 centuries. It is Grade 1 listed. Tower tours will take you up 158 steps to the ringing chamber in the central tower. The tours must be prebooked and will last about 1 ½ hours. Age and mobility restrictions apply.

Email office@doncasterminster.co.uk

Doncaster Working Lives Display: contribution by City of Doncaster Archives and Local Studies to a series of 6 exhibitions at RSPB Old Moor

10.00am – 4.00pm

RSPB Old Moor Lane, Wombwell S73 0YF

Discover the working lives of Doncaster's women, shop, farm and public transport workers. Staff from Doncaster Archives will be on hand to offer advice, explain about the collections and answer any questions.



Sand House – A Song writing Workshop

10.30am – 1.30pm

Flying Scotsman Room, Danum Gallery, Library and Museum, Waterdale, DN1 3BZ

An opportunity to help preserve the memory of the Sand House, Doncaster's unique former Victorian Marvel.

Event for adults . No prior experience required. Working with experienced local songwriters as mentors.

Booking Essential

www.trybooking.com/uk/GIDB

Conisbrough Castle Open Day – Viking Themed Day

11.00am – 4.00pm

Conisbrough Castle, Castle Hill, Conisbrough DN12 3BX

Great opportunity to visit this historic Norman fortification. Standing tall for over 800 years! Climb to the top of the keep for panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. Living history and fighting displays throughout the day.

St Wilfrid's Parish Church Cantley Open Day

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Church Lane, Cantley, DN4 6QR

The medieval church was transformed by Sir Ninian Comper (perceived to be one of the last

Gothic revival architects) in 1894. His additions of altar, stained glass, rood screen and statuary forms the most complete and best examples of his work in the region.

Free Light refreshments available

Doncaster Unitarian and Free Church

1.00pm – 4.00pm Informal Tour

60a Hallgate, DN1 3PB

Learn the history of our building and congregation and its political, social and religious history. The present building goes back to 1912 but the movement much further. The first place in Doncaster to host same-sex weddings.

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Sand House History Podcast Season 2 Episode 2

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Further full length episode will be released later in the Heritage Festival

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Rossington East Heritage Walk

10.00am – 1.00pm

Starting at Brodsworth Way Pavilion, Rossington DN11 0FD

The walk will take in St Michael's Church, Rossington Hall, Mount Pleasant and Littleworth areas. Return to the pavilion approx. 1pm for refreshments and discussion and review related info and documents.



St John the Baptist Church, Wadworth

Open Day with Bell Ringing

11.00am – 4.00pm

Old School Lane, Wadworth DN11 9DW



Fantastic medieval church with 21st century facilities in the centre of the old village with its origins in Saxon Times. There will be sponsored bell-ringing (all proceeds to the roof appeal) Cream Teas will be available.

Bawtry Phoenix Theatre Open Day and Backstage Tours

Station Road, Bawtry. DN10 6PT.

10.00am – 2.00pm.

A Primitive Methodist Chapel dating from 1862 forms the core of Bawtry Phoenix Theatre. The development of the Theatre building through the years is a fascinating story; it now houses stage, auditorium, lounge, toilets, kitchen and bar.

It is the home of the Bawtry Amateur Dramatic Society which was founded in Bawtry Hall in 1932.

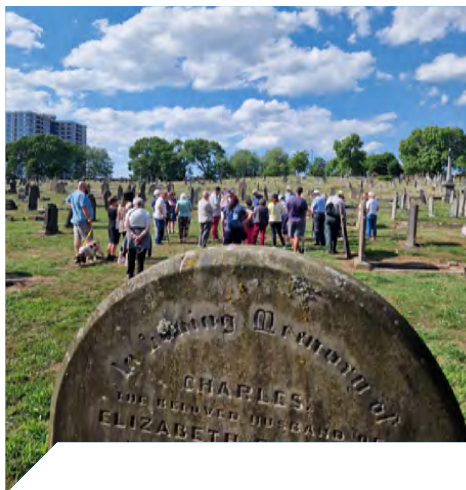
Bawtry Methodist Church Open Day

10.00am – 2.00pm

Station Road, Bawtry DN10 6RQ

Bawtry's unmissable building opened in 1904, looking south down High Street. Many spectacular features inside. Join us for a look and a chat.

Refreshments available.



Sports and Recreation Guided Walk of Hyde Park Cemetery

Starts at 3.00pm

Hyde Park Cemetery, DN4 5AA



Join the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery to discover sporting stars and popular pastimes from Doncaster's rich history.

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Rail Store Open Day

Tours at 10.00am, 11.30am, 1.45pm and 3.15pm

City of Doncaster Archives,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE

A unique opportunity to see artefacts from the extensive Doncaster Grammar School Railway Collection in a behind the scenes tour of the Rail Heritage Store. Until 2020 the collection was hidden away in the clock tower of the old Grammar School (now Hall Cross Academy). Many items are now on public display at DGLAM but the majority of the collection remains in store and not normally open to the public.

Bookings required

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/events



St Mary's Church, Wheatley

Open church 10.30am -12.00 noon

Guided tour at 11.00am

59 St Mary's Road, Wheatley, DN1 2LR

A significant Grade 2 listed building rooted in the late Victorian Perpendicular Gothic Style. St Mary's is one of the buildings designed by the Victorian lawyer, architect and clock designer Edmund Beckett, Lord Grimthorpe. It was opened in 1885 and extended just before the First World War. There is a fine stained glass window given in memory of King Edward VII and a font given by the children of Doncaster.

DRFC stadium tour and Doncaster Rovers Football Museum exhibition

Turn Up and Go Stadium tours at 11:00am, 12:30pm and 2:00pm

Club Doncaster Sports Village,
Stadium Way DN4 5JW

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Doncaster Little Theatre

3.00pm – 6.00pm

King Street, Doncaster, DN1 1JD

Looking back at the 30 year history of the Little Theatre and theatre group – Doncaster Literary Society. Come and look around back stage, at old pictures, talk to members and see how you can become involved.

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

A Morning with the Stone Masons

9.00am – 1.00pm

St Lawrence's Church, Hatfield, Station Road, Hatfield. DN7 6RX

An interactive hands on demonstration and opportunity to meet the team who have been working on 2 major repair and restoration projects at the church this summer.

Cantley Racecourse Walk

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Meet near the top of Rose Hill Rise (DN4 5LE) at the junction with Rose Hill Court.

St Catherine's House and Gardens

House tours at 11.00am and 1.30pm
(pre-booking required)

Woodfield Park, Tickhill Road DN4 8QP

Step behind the scenes at St Catherine's House to explore elegant rooms, hidden corners, and the fascinating history of this beautiful house and its stunning walled garden. Refreshments available.

Book at

www.flourishwoodfieldpark.org/tour.

The Great St Leger: 250 years of a Racing Classic, Talk and Tour

Starts at 11.00am

Flying Scotsman Room, DGLAM,
Waterdale, DN13BZ

Neil McGregor, Collections and Exhibitions Officer will talk about the exhibition of





the “Great St Leger:250 years of a Racing Classic” followed by a tour around the pictures.

Booking required

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/events

Behind the Scenes at Cast

Tours 11.00am and 2.00pm

Step beyond the curtain and explore the heart of Cast in Doncaster. Our backstage tour lets you explore the wings, dressing rooms and behind-the-scenes magic of our shows.

At Cast, we believe in the creative potential of everyone and the power of the arts to transform lives. This tour is your chance to connect with the people and spaces that make our theatre unique.

Booking required

www.castindoncaster.com/events/backstage-tour-2026

Bawtry Hall and Gardens Open Day

11.00am– 3.00pm

South Parade, Bawtry, DN10 6GH

This Grade 2* listed hall designed by local Architect William Lindley, Bawtry Hall was built between 1780 and 1785 set within acres of private grounds and extensive parkland.



Stainforth Museum Talk

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Stainforth4All Community Library,
Church Street, Stainforth. DN7 5PW

Join the Hatfield Main Heritage Trust for an interactive look at the mining artefacts held in the museum in the company of ex-Hatfield Main employees, including the first and last pieces of coal to be mined from Hatfield Main Colliery.

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Sandall Beat Woodland Walk -Past, Present and Future

10.00am – 12.00 noon

Sandall Beat Environment Centre
(opposite play area), DN2 6JP



Please park in the main car park and walk through to the Environment Centre.

Join the Countryside Rangers and Biosphere Engagement Officer for a walk around Sandall Beat. Discover the history and potential future of the site from its initial planting in the 1800s to how it fits into Doncaster's bid to become a UNESCO Biosphere.

Booking required

country@doncaster.gov.uk

Guided Walk: Railway Heritage of Potteric Carr

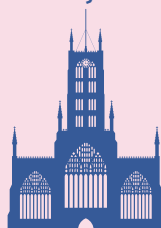
10.00am – 12.00 noon

Potteric Carr Nature Reserve, Mallard Way,
Doncaster DN4 8DB

Join us for a guided walk uncovering the hidden railway heritage of Potteric Carr. Discover how the development of the railway system in the 19th and 20th centuries directly influenced the creation of Potteric Carr Nature Reserve.

Booking required:

www.ywt.org.uk/events/2026-09-16-guided-walk-railway-heritage-potteric-carr



Hooton Pagnell Hall Open Day

11.00am – 3.00pm

Hooton Pagnell, DN5 7BW

Look around the gardens, Tithe Barn and Summer House for an insight into the history of the Hall and the working lives of those who worked on the wider estate, house and gardens. Please use the entrance gate on the B6422 by the Cricket field. Refreshments will be available.

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Tour of Danum Gallery, Museum and Library

11.00am – 12.00 noon

DGLAM, Waterdale, DN13BZ

Join one of our curators for a free guided tour of the Rail Heritage gallery, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Museum, Doncaster Museum, and the Art Gallery. Find out more about the history of Doncaster and some of our more important objects.

St Helena's Church Austerfield Open Day

12.00noon – 4.00pm

High Street, Austerfield DN10 6QU

St Helena's is an 11th Century Norman Church with strong links with the Mayflower Pilgrims who set sail to the New World in 1620. Austerfield was the home of William Bradford.

See the display of the village in years gone by and the silver award Eco Garden. Refreshments available 1-3pm.

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

National Horseracing College

9.30am for a 2 hour tour of the stables

Great North Road, DN11 0HN

Step into the heritage of British horseracing with a special behind-the-scenes visit to the National Horseracing College. Discover how generations of skilled racing professionals have begun their journey here, explore the traditions and training that support one of Britain's most historic industries, and experience the passion that keeps racing's future moving forward.

Refreshments available.





Rossington Hall – Open House

11.00am – 3.00pm

Great North Road, Doncaster DN11 0HR

A chance to look around this Grade 2 listed 19th Century stately home and country retreat set within acres of landscaped parkland with peacocks and deer.

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Ancient White Willows – a Unique Living Heritage. A Talk by Professor Ian Rotherham

Starts 2.30pm

Fishlake Village Hall, Pinfold Lane DN7 5JR

Find out about how the ancient willows of Fishlake and Sykehouse are linked to the past and now form a unique part of Doncaster and Humberland Biosphere.

“Things that Yorkshire gave to the world” An illustrated talk by Catherine Taggart

7.30pm – 9.00pm

St. Peters Church Hall Chequer Road, DN1 2AA

From the Abolition of slavery in Britain to Jelly Tots, the talk looks at another side of Yorkshire's rich heritage in a humorous and informed presentation.

The talk will be included in an open evening with the Doncaster Civic Trust. Meet the members and hear about our 80th Anniversary celebrations.

Quirky Churches Talk

7.00pm – 9.00pm

St Lawrence's Church, Station Road, Hatfield. DN7 6RX

An entertaining interactive talk focusing on the often unseen sights and unheard stories contained in the rich heritage of churches in the Diocese of Sheffield.

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Palaeography Workshop

10.00am – 12.00 noon

Doncaster Archives. Chequer Road DN1 2AE

A free workshop where an expert will guide you through how to read 16th and 17th century handwriting. No dinosaurs are involved in this event.

Booking required.

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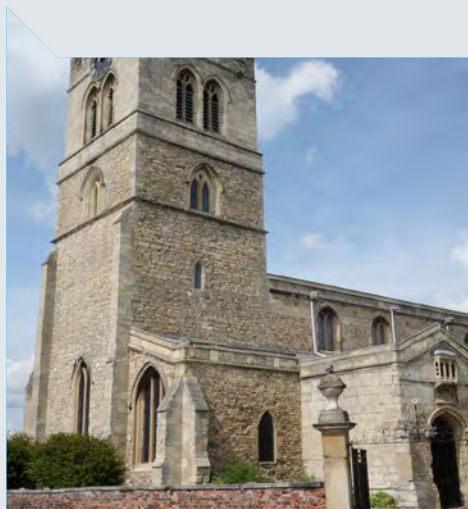
St Nicholas Church Thorne Open Day

10.00am – 4.00pm

Stonegate, Thorne, DN8 5AP

A disaster struck a funeral party crossing the mere to Hatfield Parish Church in 1326 so building commenced for a new Parish Church and grave yard in Thorne dedicated to St Nicholas. The tower has nine bells but only eight used today. The clock was placed in the tower in 1860. There are 15 beautiful, stained glass windows depicting bible stories. Across the road there was a bailey castle; only the remains of the motte and moat can be seen today.

We will, have displays and leaflets about the Church and windows.



Fishlake Walk

Starting at 10.00am



The walk leaves the Old Butcher's Café and takes a stroll around the village of Fishlake which is over a thousand years old. Learn about the Dutchman who drained the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase and see our medieval church and houses still bearing the signs of the Window Tax.

To book a place on the walk telephone Stephen Cook on **01405 815058**

Life in Fishlake during World War 2 Exhibition

11.00am – 1.00pm

Fishlake Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, DN7 5JR

An exhibition of life in a rural village during World War 2. Rationing, Blackout, make do and mend! Including recollections from villagers and how it affected daily life.

Feel Good Friday

10.30am – 12.30pm

Danum Gallery, Library & Museum, Waterdale DN1 3BZ

An opportunity to explore interests through Danum's museum and art collection, enjoying hands-on object handling and getting creative with crafts. Share stories and discover something unexpected.



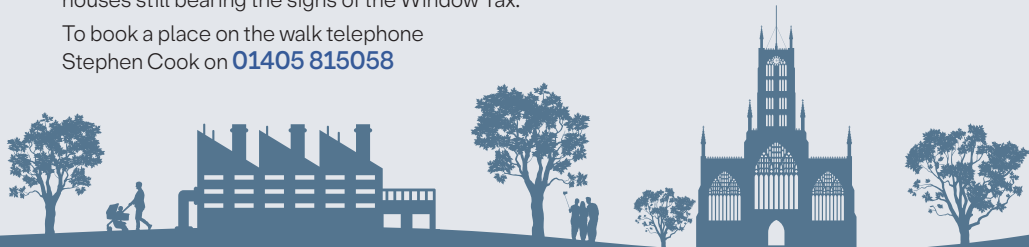
Cusworth Hall

10.30 – 12.30pm

Cusworth Hall Museum and Park, DN5 7TU

Join our Social History curator to find out more about the lives of the Cusworth Hall servants and estate staff at this drop-in session.

No booking required.





Tribute to the Beatles

Starts at 8.00pm

No 1 Bar (formally the Abbey Road Bar),
Regent Hotel, Regent Square. DN1 2DS

An evening of Beatles Classics celebrating the Fab Four's visit to Doncaster on 22nd March 1963, the day their debut album "Please Please Me" was released.

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Free Entry to Potteric Carr Nature Reserve

Open 9.30am – 5.00pm

Potteric Carr Nature Reserve, Mallard Way,
Doncaster DN4 8DB

Enjoy free admission to Potteric Carr Nature Reserve on 19th and 20th September as part of Doncaster Heritage Open Days 2026. Explore beautiful wetlands, woodlands and grasslands, discover local wildlife, and relax with refreshments in the café while visiting one of Doncaster's most treasured natural spaces.

Memoria Doncaster and South Yorkshire Open Day

10.00am – 2.00pm

Memoria Crematorium and Memorial Park,
Armthorpe Road, Barnby Dun DN3 1DL

Everyone is welcome for a tour of the facility and the memorial showcase. Join us for refreshments.

Celebrating 850 years of St Mary's Church, Sprotbrough

10.00am – 4.00pm

Main Street, Sprotbrough, DN5 7RH

There will be guided tours of the churchyard with interesting stories behind some of the people buried there. Also guided tours of the church, historic documents and photographs to view, refreshments available.

Cusworth Hall Walled Garden Tour

11.00am to 12.00 noon

Cusworth Hall Museum & Park DN5 7TU

Join our Head Gardener for a bespoke tour of the Walled Garden.

Booking Required

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/events

St Leger 250: Celebrating Doncaster's Horse Racing Heritage

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Doncaster Archives, Chequer Rd. DN1 2AE

Find out more about the National Heritage Lottery Heritage funded project to explore and celebrate the St. Leger, the world's oldest Classic horse race, during the 250th anniversary year. The race remains an integral part of Doncaster's identity to this day. This illustrated short talk will highlight what has been found in Doncaster's archive and local studies collections relating to the race.

Booking required

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St Nicholas Church Thorne Open Day

Open all day from 10.00am

Stonegate, Thorne, DN8 5AP

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Thorne Methodist Church Open Day

10.00am – 3.00pm

64 King Street, Thorne, DN8 5BA

Open day with displays to illustrate the life and history of 200 years Methodism in Thorne.

Talk at 10.30am Doncaster's Edwardian Girl Preachers who came to Thorne – Frank Carpenter.

Talk at 11.30am An illustrated talk on the history of Methodism in Thorne by Pete Chappell and Stephen Cook.

Refreshments available 10.00am – 3.00pm

Doncaster Mansion House Open Day

10.30am – 2.00pm

Doncaster Mansion House DN1 1BN

Meet the Civic Mayor and see the Mayor's Parlour. Come and discover the stories, architecture and heritage that make Doncaster's Mansion House a true local treasure. Free guided tours led by the Friends of the Mansion House.

Refreshments available.

Doncaster Masonic Hall Open Day

10.30am – 2.00pm

Priory Place, DN1 1BZ

Freemasonry in Doncaster has a long and distinguished history. A purpose built Masonic Hall, built to the designs of Bro Percy Robinson and opened on this site in 1915. Come and visit and experience much of the history of freemasonry.

St Mary's Church Tickhill Open Day

10.00am – 4.00pm

St Mary's Road, Tickhill, DN11 9LY

This Grade 1 listed church has been described as one of the finest medieval churches in Yorkshire. Displays of its history and heritage.

Light refreshments available.

St Mary's Church Tickhill Bell Tower Tour

10.00am – 2.00pm

St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road,
Tickhill, DN11 9LY

Climb the 94 uneven steps leading to the ringing chamber, where generations of ringers have





gathered to continue a tradition that stretches back hundreds of years. See the church clock and carillon mechanism up close and learn how they have helped keep time and music alive in Tickhill for many years.

Tickhill Parish Room Tours

12 noon – 4.00pm Tours at 1.00pm and 3.00pm

Tickhill Parish Room, Northgate,
Tickhill, DN11 9HZ

Tickhill Parish Room is a Grade II* listed building in the heart of the town. With a reference to a hospitale/hospice on the site over 700 years ago, the present building dates back 500 years. Completely restored and modernised between 2003–2008, the Parish Room is now a thriving community space.

Come and explore the building, history and tales behind this iconic landmark. Refreshments will be available all afternoon.

St Wilfrid's Church Hickleton

10.00am – 3.00pm

Hickleton Road, DN5 7BB

A great opportunity to explore the beautiful interior of Hickleton Parish Church and Church yard. See and hear about the fascinating history of the church and the truth about the 3 mysterious skulls on display in the lychgate. Refreshments available.



Conisbrough Castle Open Day – Medieval Themed Day

11.00am – 4.00pm

Conisbrough Castle, Castle Hill,
Conisbrough DN12 3BX

Great opportunity to visit this historic Norman fortification. Standing tall for over 800 years! Climb to the top of the keep for panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. Living history and fighting displays throughout the day.

St Peter's Church Conisbrough Open Day

11.00am – 3.00pm

Church Street, Conisbrough DN12 3HL

Look around the oldest functioning church in South Yorkshire. Evidence of Anglo-Saxon and Medieval heritage. Local archaeological displays and grave yard tours. Refreshments available.

St Nicholas Church Bawtry Open Afternoon and Bell Ringing

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Church Street, Bawtry, DN10 6HX

12th Century church with many original features. Try your hand at ringing the church bells, accessed via steep staircase so not for the faint hearted! Experienced Tower Captain and bell ringers in attendance, display board in church together with children's hand bells.

Refreshments available.

St Oswald's Church Open Day

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Pilkington Road, Kirk Sandall, DN3 1EF

This Norman church has seen the development of Kirk Sandall from a small rural community in the Middle Ages to the present village with enormous changes to the everyday lives of its residents. Visit us and see what this has meant through photographs and written accounts.



SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Sand House History Podcast Season 2 Episode 3 (see previous episodes)

The third online Podcast in a series taking you through the history of Doncaster's lost Victorian Marvel. Using first hand recordings of people and newspaper articles to tell the story of this amazing dwelling, carved from rock, and once standing near the centre of Doncaster.

www.thesandhouse.podbean.com

Free Entry to Potteric Carr Nature Reserve

Open 9.30am – 5.00pm

Potteric Carr Nature Reserve, Mallard Way,
Doncaster DN4 8DB

Enjoy free admission to Potteric Carr Nature Reserve on 19th and 20th September as part of Doncaster Heritage Open Day 2026. Explore beautiful wetlands, woodlands and grasslands, discover local wildlife, and relax with refreshments in the café while visiting one of Doncaster's most treasured natural spaces.

Rossington West Heritage Walk

10.00am – 1.00pm

Starting at Rossington Memorial Hall,
McConnell Crescent, DN11 0PL

The walk will take in Holmescarr Woods, Rossington Cemetery, the former Colliery Site and Waddy Lane. Return to the Hall approx. 1pm for refreshments and discussion and review of related info and documents.

Celebrating 850 years of St Mary's Church, Sprotbrough

12 noon – 4.00pm

Main Street, Sprotbrough, DN5 7RH

There will be guided tours of the churchyard with interesting stories behind some of the people buried there. Also guided tours of the church, historic documents and photographs to view, refreshments available.



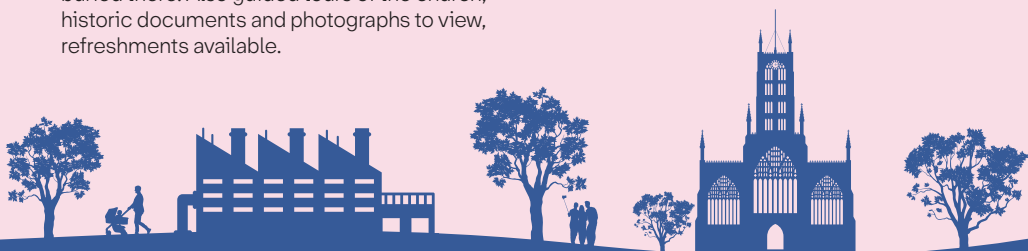
St Nicholas Church Thorne Open Day

10.00am – 4.00pm

Stonegate, Thorne, DN8 5AP

A disaster struck a funeral party crossing the mere to Hatfield Parish Church in 1326 so building commenced for a new Parish Church and grave yard in Thorne dedicated to St Nicholas. The tower has nine bells but only eight used today. The clock was placed in the tower in 1860. There are 15 beautiful, stained glass windows depicting bible stories. Across the road there was a bailey castle; only the remains of the motte and moat can be seen today.

We will, have displays and leaflets about the Church and windows.



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A Discovery Walk around Hexthorpe Flatts Park Followed by a Brass Band Concert in the Dell

Walk starts at Park Gates 1.30pm

Urban Road, Hexthorpe, DN4 0HH

A short, accessible, guided walk around the park and the Dell telling you about its history to present day. Followed by an open air Brass Band concert in the Dell performed by the Armthorpe and Elmfield Brass Band.



DAILY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following pages provide an at-a-glance guide to all the events taking place across Doncaster during Heritage Open Days, from Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September 2026. With up to 80 free activities planned, there are plenty of opportunities to discover the people, places and stories that have shaped our city and its surrounding communities.

The programme includes guided walks, talks, exhibitions, workshops, podcasts, behind-the-scenes tours and special open days. From historic churches, castles and country houses to theatres, archives, sporting venues and natural landscapes, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Use the listings to plan your visit and make the most of this year's festival. Some events require advance booking, so please check the individual details carefully. Further information, including accessibility and booking arrangements, can be found at:

heritageopendays.org.uk



Available throughout
the Festival

Become a “Donny Spotter” Family Heritage Quiz walk.
Call into Tourist Information Centre for a form : Prizes

William Henry Forman Exhibition Doncaster Minster (Mon to Sat)

Doncaster Civic Trust Virtual Reality Art Gallery and
Exhibition Centre available online

Friday 11th September

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Friday 11th September

Cantley Racecourse Walk 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Friday 11th September

Archives Strongroom Tours 10.30am and 1.30pm

Friday 11th September

Role of Mexborough in WW2 – Mexborough Library 11.00am

Friday 11th September

St Mary’s Church Kirk Bramwith 11.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 12th September

Lindholme Hall Heritage Day 9.30am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

Become a “Donny Spotter” Family Quiz – Tourist Information Centre

Saturday 12th September

St Peter’s Warmsworth (White Church) Open Day 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

Barnburgh Dovecote 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

St Peter’s Church Barnburgh 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 12th September

St Mary Magdalene Church, Campsall 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

St Laurence’s Church, Adwick 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

St Michael’s and All Angels Church, Skelbrooke 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

St. Cuthbert’s Church, Fishlake 10.00am – 12.30pm

Saturday 12th September

Doncaster Working Lives Display, RSPB Old Moor 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

Doncaster Minster Bell Tower Tours 10.30am, 11.30am and 13.30am

Saturday 12th September

Sand House Song Writing Workshop 10.30am – 1.30pm

Saturday 12th September

Conisbrough Castle Open Day 11.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 12th September

St Wilfrid’s Church Cantley Open Day 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Saturday 12th September

Doncaster Unitarian Church 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Sunday 13th September

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Sunday 13th September

Rossington East Heritage Walk starting 10.00am

Sunday 13th September

Phoenix Theatre Bawtry 10.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday 13th September

St John’s the Baptist Church Wadworth 11.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 13th September

Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 12 noon – 5.00pm

Sunday 13th September

Bawtry Methodist Church Open 10.00am – 2.00pm



DAILY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sunday 13th September	Hyde Park Cemetery Guided Walk starts at 3.00pm
Monday 14th September	Rail Store Open Day (Archives) tours, 10.00am, 11.30am, 1.45pm and 3.15pm
Monday 14th September	St Mary's Church Wheatley 10.30am – 12.00 noon
Monday 14th September	DRFC stadium Tour & Football Museum Tours 11am, 12.30pm and 2.00pm
Monday 14th September	Doncaster Little Theatre open 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday 15th September	Meet the Stone Masons – St Lawrence's Church Hatfield 9.00am – 1.00pm
Tuesday 15th September	Cantley Racecourse Walk 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Tuesday 15th September	St Catherine's House & Gardens Tours 11.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 15th September	"The Great St Leger" Talk and Gallery tour DGLAM 11.00am
Tuesday 15th September	Behind the Scenes at Cast Tours 11.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 15th September	Bawtry Hall Open Day 11.00am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 15th September	Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 5.00pm – 11.00pm
Tuesday 15th September	Stainforth Museum Talk – Community Library 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 16th September	Sandall Beat Woodland Walk 10.00am – 12 noon
Wednesday 16th September	Guided Walk: Railway Heritage of Potteric Carr 10.00am – 12 noon
Wednesday 16th September	Hooton Pagnell Hall Open Day 11.00am – 3.00pm
Wednesday 16th September	Tour of DGLAM – 11.00 am – 12 noon
Wednesday 16th September	DRFC stadium Tour & Football Museum Tours 11.00am, 12.30am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th September	St Helena's Church, Austerfield Open day 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 16th September	Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 5.00pm – 11.00pm
Thursday 17th September	National Horseracing College Tour starting 9.30am
Thursday 17th September	Rossington Hall Open Day 11.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday 17th September	DRFC stadium Tour & Football Museum Tours 11.00am, 12.30am and 2.00pm
Thursday 17th September	"Ancient White Willows" a talk Fishlake 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 17th September	Things that Yorkshire gave to the World Talk starts at 7.30pm
Thursday 17th September	Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 5.00pm – 11.00pm
Thursday 17th September	Quirky Churches Talk, St Lawrence's Church Hatfield 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 18th September	St Nicholas Church Thorne Open Day 10.00am – 4.00pm
Friday 18th September	Palaeography Workshop (Archives) 10.00am – 12 noon
Friday 18th September	Fishlake Walk starts at 10.00am
Friday 18th September	Fishlake WW2 Exhibition 11.00am – 1.00pm



Friday 18th September	Feel Good Friday, DGLAM 10.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 18th September	Cusworth Hall Open Day 10.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 18th September	Cusworth Walled Garden Tours 11.00am – 12 noon
Friday 18th September	Celebrating St Leger 250: Talk at the Archives 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday 18th September	Tribute to the Beatles – Regent Hotel starts at 8.00pm
Friday 18th September	Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 12.00 noon – 11.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Potteric Carr Nature Reserve Free Entry 9.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Become a “Donny Spotter” Family Quiz – Tourist Information Centre
Saturday 19th September	Memoria Crematorium Open Day 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Mary’s Church Sprotbrough Open Day 10.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Nicholas’ Church Thorne Open Day from 10.00am
Saturday 19th September	Thorne Methodist Church Open Day 10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Doncaster Masonic Hall Open Day 10.30am – 2.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Doncaster Mansion House Open Day 10.30am – 2.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Tickhill Bell Tower open 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Mary’s Church, Tickhill Open Day 10.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Wilfrid’s Church Hickleton 10.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Conisbrough Castle Open Day 11.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Peter’s Church, Conisbrough Open Day 11.00am – 3.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Tickhill Parish Room Tours 12 noon – 4.00pm
Saturday 19th September	Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 12 noon – 11.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Oswald’s Church Kirk Sandall Open Day 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 19th September	St Nicholas Church Bawtry Open Day 2-4pm
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Sunday 20th September	St Nicholas’ Church Thorne Open Day 10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 20th September	Heritage Arts Exhibition – Doncaster Brewery Tap 12noon – 4.00pm
Sunday 20th September	St Oswald’s Church Kirk Sandall Open Day 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Sunday 20th September	Hexthorpe Flatts Park Tour and Band Concert starts 1.30pm





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