

POCKLINGTON CANAL

1818 – 2018



EVENTS GUIDE
MARCH - JUNE 2018

Open Days

Step Back in Time - Heritage Open Day

**Sun 20th May, 10am – 4pm
at Melbourne Arm**

Historical characters leading fun interactive walks with the help of the Rusticus theatrical company and Victorian naturalist skills sessions. Take to the water on a kayak taster session, or board the New Horizons narrowboat. Free entry, donations for boat trips.

Go Wild - Nature Open Day

**Sun 24th June, 10am – 4pm
at Melbourne Arm**

Bird ringing demonstrations with Natural England, guided wildlife walks and environmental activities including bird box making and willow weaving. The New Horizons will be running all day. Free entry, donations for boat trips.

Bicentenary Festival & Boat Rally

**Sat 28th & Sun 29th July, 10am – 4pm
at Melbourne Arm & Canal Head**

Join us to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the canal's opening, with loads of activities and the bicentenary boat rally at Melbourne Arm to celebrate the reopening of Thornton Lock. There'll be archaeology and kayaking at Canal Head too. See the next events guide, or the website, for more details.



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Key:

 Free event

 £2 per participant

 Family Event

 Booking essential via www.pocklingtoncanal.eventbrite.com (unless otherwise specified)

Melbourne Arm: for all events at Melbourne Arm, please park in the village and walk along the private road to the left of the pub which lead to the moorings.

Events

Guided 3 Mile Walk Sun 4th March, 1pm – 3pm at Canal Head

A walk to Coates Bridge and back along the towpath, looking at the heritage and wildlife of the canal. This is a trial of a new regular guided walk series, and we are looking for volunteers to lead future walks.



Oral History Workshop

Tue 13th March, 2pm – 5pm
at Pocklington Arts Centre

Join Canal & River Trust Archivist John Benson for a training session on the what, how and whys of oral history recording as part of our bicentenary project. All welcome, especially those wishing to volunteer on the project.



Special Easter Boat Trips! Sun 1st & Mon 2nd April, 12pm – 4pm at Melbourne Arm

Drop in during the afternoon to take on the Family Easter activity trail! Kids will enjoy building a nest to support a (chocolate) egg, finding the clues to solve the wildlife trail and taking a boat trip aboard the New Horizons (donations for boat trip).



Weekend Boat Trips Sundays and Bank Holidays, Starting at 12pm at Melbourne Arm Moorings

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society run short trips every Sunday and Bank Holiday from Easter until the end of October. Trips depart between 12pm and 4.15pm, and last around 20 minutes. No booking required, the boat seats 12 so there may be a short wait. Well behaved dogs allowed. Please park in the village and walk along the private road to the moorings.

Life on the Waterways Photo Competition Opens

Mon 9th April, online

Entries open for the Bicentenary Photo Competition, via the Canal & River Trust website www.canalrivertrust.org.uk. We're looking for photos that celebrate the Pocklington Canal, so dynamic landscape shots, wildlife images and people enjoying the canal all fit the bill! The winning entries will be exhibited as part of the Bicentenary Exhibition in June. Details and T&C online.

Archaeology Workshop

Sun 22nd April, 1pm – 4pm
at Burnby Community Hall

Join Community Archaeologist Jon Kenny to help process finds from the Denison Warehouse excavation at Canal Head, learn more about archaeology and find out about the next excavation taking place in July! Suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.



Guided 8 Mile Walk

Thu 26th April, 1pm - 3pm
at Burnby Hall Gardens

Join Burnby Hall Gardens and Canal & River Trust Heritage Lottery Fund Project Officers for a guided canal walk, starting from the Hall. Everyone will receive the brand-new Water Walks leaflet linking these two Pocklington landmarks.



Booking by emailing rachel@burnbyhallgardens.com

Birdwatching for Beginners

Sun 13th May, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm

Spring will be in the air as we go looking for the birds of the Pocklington Canal. Identifying species by both sight and sound, we will also look for signs of bird courtship and nest building. No prior knowledge is presumed, so if you can't tell a chiffchaff from a chaffinch, this is a good place to start! Suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.



Brilliant Birds in the Half Term

Mon 28th May, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm

What's that small bird singing in the trees? What's that giant one on your roof? Come along to Melbourne for a session of games, activities and birdwatching to discover all about our feathered friends!



Plant and Tree Identification Walk

Sun 10th June, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm

Join naturalist Phil Taylor for a guided walk to identify some of the plants and trees along the canal. Learn to identify common species from features such as flowers, leaves and bark. Discover the importance of these local species to the wider ecosystem and learn about some of their past and present uses by humans. This event is suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.



People of the Pocklington Canal: A Bicentenary Exhibition

Tue 19th June to Wed 1st Aug
at Pocklington Arts Centre

This free exhibition celebrates 200 years of the Pocklington Canal, following new research carried out through the Heritage Lottery Project and features the winning entries into the photo competition. Discover stories from the lives of the watermen, lock keepers, tradespeople, naturalists and the local people who saved and restored the canal.

See www.pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk for details of opening times.

Canal Founders: A History Walk with the Pocklington & District Local History Group

Thu 21st June, 7pm – 9pm
at All Saints Church, Pocklington

Join Phil Gilbank for a guided walk starting with the memorials of the

original canal founders and a short walk around the town looking at the houses that they once lived in. This walk ends at the Pocklington Arts Centre to view the exhibit. Please see www.pocklingtonhistory.com for details.



Volunteer Opportunities



Monthly Habitat Volunteering Days

Friday 23rd February, 10am – 12pm
at Various Locations

Join the Friends of Pocklington Green Spaces (FoPGS) for their regular volunteer day with Canal & River Trust. The group meets weekly and rotates between different sites around Pocklington, meeting at the canal on the 4th Friday in the month: 23rd Mar, 27th Apr, 25th May, 22nd Jun. See www.friendsofpocklingtongreenspaces.co.uk for details.

New for 2018: Walk Leaders Wanted

Various Dates at Canal Head

Canal & River Trust and Pocklington Canal Amenity Society are looking for people who would like to lead short guided walks at Canal Head on occasional weekends throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, there is an initial walk on the 4th March. If you can't make this event, please contact lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk for more details.

New for 2018: Oral History Volunteers Wanted

Various Dates and Locations

If you have an interest in history, and enjoy talking to people, then please consider volunteering to help gather memories of Pocklington Canal from those living nearby. Ideally you will be able to attend the training session on Tuesday 13th March, but not essential. Contact lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk for more details.



Celebrating 200 years!

Thanks to players of the National Lottery, we're inviting everyone to come and take part in events to help mark the bicentenary of the Pocklington Canal. This is part of the A Gem in the Landscape project funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and led by the Canal & River Trust, along with the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society and Natural England.



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