



Canal &
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Events on the Pocklington Canal March to August 2017

The celebrations are starting early with loads of events taking place in the run up to the bi-centenary of the Pocklington Canal in 2018. The Canal & River Trust, the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society and Natural England have put together a varied events programme, and many of these events have been made possible thanks to players of the National Lottery through the 'A Gem in the Landscape' project.

All events taking place as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund project are marked with the HLF logo, and are free to attend. Many of these require booking in advance via the website. If you have any questions, please email the HLF Project Officer on lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk. For more information please search for the "Pocklington Canal" at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.

Fishing in the Easter Holidays

Friday 21st April, 10:00am to 3:00pm at Canal Head (30 minute sessions)

Coaches from the Angling Trust will be on hand to show first timers the basics of this popular pastime. This event is open to all – children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event. Booking essential.



Geophysics Workshop

Sunday 7th May, 10:00am to 4:00pm at Melbourne Arm, then Canal Head

Join archaeologist Jon Kenny for an indoor session to learn the basics of geophysics, then use your newfound knowledge to help carry out a survey at Canal Head in preparation for the dig taking place later in the year. Free event. Booking essential.



Freshwater Wildlife ID Workshop

Saturday 13th May, 10:30am – 4:00pm at Coates Bridge, then University of York

Join Geoff Oxford to collect samples from the Pocklington Canal, before heading to the University of York to take a look at the huge variety of freshwater invertebrates that can be found in the Pocklington Canal. A fascinating insight into the hidden world of the canal. Free event. Booking essential.



Pocklington Canal Amenity Society Spring Fete!

Sunday 21st May, 10:00am – 4:00pm at Melbourne Arm

(Please park in the village and follow the signs)

Fun for all the family at this free drop in event. There will be activities and stalls, as well as trips aboard the New Horizon narrowboat. During the fete, there will be a couple of Heritage Lottery Fund events – you could have a go at weaving a willow basket (places limited, booking essential) or try your hand at fishing (booking essential).



Wildflowers and Meadows ID Walk

Saturday 10th June, 2:00pm – 4:00pm starting at Melbourne Arm

(Please park in the village and follow the signs)

Join staff from Natural England for a guided walk along the canal and through the wildflower rich meadows of the Melbourne and Thornton Ings Site of Special Scientific Interest. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event. Booking essential.



Book online: www.pocklingtoncanal.eventbrite.com

Archaeology Workshop: Getting started

Sunday 11th June, 10:00am – 4:00pm at location TBC (see website)

Join archaeologist Jon Kenny as he explains what needs to be done in advance of a dig, and gives us a clue as to what we might find later on this month. This workshop will also reveal the results from the geophysics workshop. Free event. Booking essential.



Weekend Archaeological Dig Drop In Days

Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th June & Saturday 1st/Sunday 2nd July at Canal Head

On each of the weekends during the dig, there is the opportunity to drop in and have a look at proceedings or to have a go. Just turn up, although there may be a wait to ensure a safe number of people working. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event. If you would like to volunteer on weekdays during the dig (21st June – 4th July), please email lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk.



Wildflowers and Meadows ID Walk

Sunday 2nd July, 2:00pm – 4:00pm starting at Melbourne Arm

(Please park in the village and follow the signs)

Another chance to enjoy a guided walk with staff from Natural England as part of National Meadows Day. Hear about the management of the internationally important hay meadows and see some of the special species that thrive here. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event. Booking essential.



Barn Dance

Friday 14th July, 7:00pm – 11:00pm at Melbourne Village Hall

Come join the fun and help raise funds for the Bi-centenary Restoration Appeal with an evening of dancing, music and fun! See the PCAS website for more details and how to buy tickets.



Archaeology Workshop: After the dig

Sunday 18th July, timings and location TBC (see website)

Archaeologist Jon Kenny will explain what happens after the trench closes, and show how finds are cleaned up and processed. Free event. Booking essential.



Small Mammal Workshop

Sunday July 23rd July, 9:30am – 11:30am starting at Melbourne Arm

(Please park in the village and follow the signs)

The Yorkshire Mammal group will be leading a session to see what's hiding along the towpath, with an opportunity to see voles, shrews and mice up close before they are released back into the wild. Places limited, children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event. Booking essential.



The New Horizons trip boat will be running as usual throughout the season.

Short trips lasting about 30 minutes run from Melbourne Arm on Sundays and Bank Holidays from the start of April until the end of October. Trips start at 12 noon and the last trip is around 4.15 pm. No booking is required. There is no timetable; there are 12 seats in the trip boat. These trips are organised by PCAS.

Barn Owl Afternoon

Sunday July 23rd July, 12:30pm – 4:30pm at Melbourne Arm (please park in the village and follow the signs)

Come along for an afternoon of family fun – help build some barn owl boxes, dissect barn owl pellets and make your own barn owl badge. This is a drop in event, with no need to book.



Willow Weaving – Community Sculpture Weekend

**Friday 11th August to Monday 14th August
10:30am – 3:30pm**

Come along and take part in a community willow sculpture reflecting the heritage of the canal. A local willow weaver will teach you the skills required so that you can contribute to a sculpture which will be on display at Canal Head. Free event. Booking essential.

