

# SPRING PROGRAMME 2024

ILKLEY  
MANOR  
HOUSE

Ilkley Manor House is open every weekend between 11am and 4pm.

Entrance to the House, the heritage display, exhibitions and family fun activities are all FREE.

## EXHIBITIONS

### Yorkshire Doors Rag Rug

The West Riding Ruggers, a local group of textile artists who make rugs by hand using traditional methods, will be displaying their Yorkshire Doors rag rug. **24–25 Feb**

### BEAUTY: An exhibition of paintings by Dudley Edwards

Join us for a remarkable exhibition featuring the works of Dudley Edwards, an artist who emerged as a prominent figure in the vibrant Swinging Sixties alongside Douglas Binder. Responsible for the creation of Sir Paul McCartney's iconic 'Magic Piano', many say that they created 'the look' of the era.

This exhibition, presented for the very first time at Ilkley Manor House, showcases a collection that has evolved and transformed over decades, reflecting the artist's unwavering dedication to his craft. Please see the website for further information, including details about an evening in conversation with the artist. **2 Mar – 28 Apr**

## COFFEE MORNINGS

### English Longbows

Professor Callum Youngson provides a fascinating insight into the history of the English longbow in medieval Europe.

**Fri 23 Feb**  
**10:15am**

### The Old Castle

Why was Ilkley Manor House known as the 'Old Castle'? Local historian, Alex Cockshott, explains how the building has evolved.

**Fri 22 March**  
**10:15am**

### The Yorkshire Ripper

Sir Rodney Brooke talks about his time as Chief Executive of the West Yorkshire Police during the 1970s and the hunt for Peter Sutcliffe.

**Fri 26 April**  
**10:15am**

*Please note that all coffee mornings take place in person at Ilkley Manor House but recordings will be available to watch on our YouTube channel, following each talk: @ilkleymanorhouse*

## LIVE PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

### Samuel Moore

Samuel presents 'Flamenco Landscapes', his third and final concert residency performance.

**- SOLD OUT -**

**Fri 8 Mar**  
**7pm – 9:30pm**

### Dale Storr

The UK's leading exponent of New Orleans piano delivers not just intoxicating melodies but also tells stories of his piano heroes.

**Fri 12 April**  
**7pm – 9:30pm**

*Please note that live performances may incur a small charge. Tickets can be booked in advance via the website or in person during opening hours.*

## FAMILY FUN

There's always plenty for children to see and do when visiting Ilkley Manor House, with **regular heritage and art activities**. They can get into character, dressing up in **costumes**, go crazy with colour on the drawing table, or **play imaginary games** with a **train set** and our **mini Manor House**.

On Sat 9 Mar and Sat 13 Apr we will be making owls out of clay or pine cones; come along and see if you can find the hidden owls!

If the weather is fine, there are **outdoor toys and chalk for creativity** in the Courtyard. On weekdays, when the House is closed, you can always **follow a puzzle trail** or have fun with **augmented reality**. Please visit the website to download the outdoor trails.

### EXCITING NEWS! Fine Dining Pop-Up – Fri 26 and Sat 27 April

Following on from the success of last year's festive dining experience, we are very happy to announce plans for a further weekend of culinary delights from Good Food Story. Please see the website for more info...

## WALKS, TALKS AND HISTORY HUB

### Ilkley's 1860 Transformation

Ilkley Civic Society's Local History Hub delves into Ilkley's Victorian evolution.

**Sat 24 Feb**  
**2:45pm**  
**Virtual only**

### East Holmes and the New Bridge

Enjoy an informative guided walk, exploring East Holmes field and the 1906 'new' bridge.

**Sat 27 Apr 2:45pm**  
**Meet at Ilkley Manor House**

*Please note – for booking arrangements for coffee mornings, walks, talks and Ilkley Civic Society's Local History Hub, please go to the What's On page on the website. All virtual sessions will take place on Zoom.*

## SOLAR GALLERY

The Solar Gallery, named after the historic room in which it is housed, is a permanent space within the building that showcases work by a group of 30 artists who jointly explore a given theme using a variety of media.

**The Solar Gallery reopens in May 2024**

Solar gallery

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Further details about any of the activities listed above can be found on the Ilkley Manor House website. Additional events may be added throughout the season, so do keep an eye on our socials and website, or sign up for our newsletter to stay in the loop!



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