

Exhibitions

In the housebody

Changing face of the Manor House

During March

Pictures of the Manor House over the last two hundred years starting with Thomas Girtin's painting of 1801 and moving through pictures of the Manor House in Victorian times up to the Twentieth Century.

The Ilkley Photo Trail - How well do you know Ilkley?

During April - Early May

The town Photo Trail is an opportunity to explore Ilkley, but with a twist. Using a specially drawn map, you have to match places on the map to photos around the town.

The exhibition explains how the map and the Trail were made. You can also pit your map-reading and observation skills against the Trail planners.

No booking required - just drop-in

Exhibitions

In the Western Gallery

Periods in Landscape Art Exhibition by Tim Forster

Friday 3 May to and including Monday 6 May | 11am - 4pm

Timothy Forster is an Ilkley based artist and ultra-runner, creating paintings during self-propelled adventures within landscape.

U3A Photographic Exhibition

**Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 May
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May
11am - 4pm**

An exhibition of selected work by members of the Ilkley & District U3A photographic groups, based around 6 themes including Hill & Dale, Reflections and Abstract. Vote for your favourite photographs!

Potters at Hive

**Friday 24 to
Monday 27 May
11am - 4pm**

An Exhibition by the Potters at Hive to show the amazing versatility of ceramicists and clay. An inspiring show of sculpture, vessels and functional ware, buttons, jewellery, decorative and ornamental pieces.

Other events

Ilkley Local History Hub

**Saturday 30 March
Saturday 27 April
Saturday 25 May**

The Ilkley Local History Hub coordinated by the Ilkley Civic Society will be open on the last Saturday of every month from 2pm-4pm just drop in and share your stories of Ilkley over the years.

Solar Art Gallery

**Weekends from 30 March
11am - 4pm**

This new art gallery will showcase local artists in ceramics, textiles, oils, pastels, jewellery, mixed media and much more.

Open every weekend and at other times, check the website for further details.



Launch and opening of Poets Corner

**Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 April
11am - 4pm**

This will be a small library of books and pamphlets, individual poets and anthologies, recently published by poets living in Wharfedale and nearby towns and villages of West and North Yorkshire. As well as copies available to read in The Manor House, they will be available for purchase

Over the launch weekend there will be a rolling programme of poets dropping in for short readings and 'meet the readers' sessions. Check website and social media for details.

Live performances at the Manor House

Leeds College of Music

Friday 15 March | 7pm

Leeds college of music is proud to present performers from the first and second years of the new Folk degree. These exciting performers are inspirational in their portrayal and enjoyment of global traditional music, including pieces from all over Europe, America and further afield. Expect performances with originality and flair from this new generation of folk and traditional musicians.

Tickets via Eventbrite £8
Includes glass of wine

Trouvere - The Marshal's Music

Thursday 21 March | 7.30pm

William Marshal was one of the great figures of medieval England - a sporting star, a warrior and a ruler. He also loved music, as a singer and a listener. Trouvere retell the story of his life, illustrated with the music that he would have known.

Tickets available via Eventbrite £15

Jazz concert with Beverley Beirne

Friday 5 April | 7.30pm

Jazz Star Beverley Beirne will perform alongside one of the UKs finest pianists Jamil Sheriff.

Together they will perform songs and arrangements from Beverley's extensive jazz repertoire; expect exquisite jazz standards, a re-imagined Bowie tune, one or two pop tunes given the jazz treatment, and also some songs featuring Beverley from The Ilkley Suite, Jamil's beautiful composition about Ilkley, its landscape and mythologies (commissioned by Ilkley Jazz Festival).

Tickets £15.00 (plus booking fee)

An evening with the Wharfedale Poets

Wednesday 10 April | 8pm

Based in Wharfedale and beyond, the acclaimed Wharfedale Poets will present some of their recent published and unpublished work. Part of the evening will be an 'open mic' session in which members of the audience who write poetry will be invited to share their own work.

Tickets information available at www.ilkleymanorhouse.org

Alan Bennett's Talking Heads

Friday 12 April | 2pm

The Library Theatre Touring Company are performing what are probably two of the most popular 'Talking Heads' by Alan Bennett 'A lady of Letters' and 'Bed Among the Lentils'.

Tea and homemade cakes served in the interval supporting a local charity 'Let's Sing Together'.

Tickets available via Eventbrite £15

Friends of the Manor House - coffee mornings

Catherine and Isobel Salt

**Friday 1 March
10.15am - 12 noon**

Pauline Ford will share her research about these remarkable women with their interest in women's education. In 1902 Catherine Salt came to live in Wharfedale at Denton Hall.

The Changing Face of Ilkley Manor House

**Friday 29 March
10.15am - 12 noon**

Gavin Edwards, an archaeologist who managed the Manor House for many years, will talk about how the building has changed over the years.

Ilkley Photo Trail

**Friday 26 April
10.15am - 12 noon**

How well do you know Ilkley? Tony Thornley will be talking about the Photo Trail, reflecting the exhibition on in the Manor House during April.

Nineteenth Century Dress

**Friday 31 May
10.15am - 12 noon**

Mary Bentham will bring examples of dress of the period and discuss them.

Easter Holiday Family Activities

Looking at maps - become geography whizz!

Wednesday 17 April | 11am - 4pm

Lots of hands-on activities to learn about maps, including map symbol Bingo and building Lego map contours!

No booking required - just drop in throughout the day

Map reading

Wednesday 24 April | 11am - 4pm

Learn how to read a map, follow a compass and test your skills with a family navigation trail around the Manor House.

No booking required - just drop in throughout the day

En Famille!

Wednesday 29 May | 11am - 4pm

Family activities to celebrate 50 years of Ilkley twinning with Coutances in France. Discover more about this Normandy town through playing traditional French games, a Trail around the Manor House and a host of fun, family-friendly activities.

No booking required - just drop in throughout the day

Family Fun

Amazing birds of prey

Saturday 9 March | 2pm - 4pm

Make a model of a bird of prey and explore balance. Can you find the mice visiting the Manor House for the Spring?

Seeds, flowers and windmills

Saturday 13 April | 2pm - 4pm

Plant seeds in the Manor House garden and in your pot to take home. Make paper flowers and windmills. Can you find the mice visiting the Manor House for the Spring?

The Romans are coming

Saturday 11 May | 2pm - 4pm

Design a shield then come out and join in the soldiers' drill in the fort.

