

# SUMMER 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 AND FAIRS

### Fran's Life Drawing Group

The artists return to exhibit new work, including life studies, sculpture, still-life, landscapes, and interpretive art. There will be original artworks available for sale.



4-19 May

### The Ben Rhydding Hydro

Find out about the first English purpose-built hydro pathic hotel opened in 1844 and dive into the world of the water treatments offered to clients.



25 May - 7 July

### Spring Fair

The courtyard will be a home for all things gardening, with specialist plant stalls, a plant swap, activities for young gardeners, refreshments, and music!



10am-5pm, 11 May

### Summer Makers' Fair

The beautiful courtyard will once again be full of stalls offering a wide range of artisan makers selling cards, paintings, jewellery, & more. **FREE ADMISSION**



29-30 June

**Please note** – during summer, a changing exhibition will show the development of Ilkley Manor House, from its early days to the museum and art gallery that stands today.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

### Ben Rhydding Hydro

Discover the rigours of the 'cold water cure' and the ancillary treatments practised at one of the UK's largest hydro pathic hotels with local historian Mike Dixon.



10:15am, 31 May

### Creating the Medieval Garden

Keith Appleyard and Ben Cooper, Head Gardener at East Riddlesden Hall, explore the research and design of the medieval garden at the House.



10:15am, 28 June

### Homes of the Gascoignes

Stephanie Davies, Assistant Curator at Lotherton Hall, examines family connections, including oral histories, across homes in England, Ireland, and Scotland.



10:15am, 26 July

**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

## Walks, Talks and Workshops

### Local History Hub

Join Ilkley Civic Society in exploring the history of Ilkley and sharing your memories. Visit our website for details about each talk and how to get involved.



Sat 25 May, 15 June, & 27 July

### Wellbeing Workshops

**Ilkley Complementary Therapies**  
*Sleep Well* - learn tips and techniques for good quality sleep.



*Increase Calm* - learn tips and techniques for reducing stress and anxiety.

Dates TBC

### Medieval Embroidery Workshops

Tanya Bentham returns to the House to deliver a series of embroidery workshops, showcasing 'laid and couching' and 'underside couching' stitches.



**One-day workshops:**  
Wed 29 May, Sat 22 June, Sat 20 July

**Two-day workshop:**  
Wed 18 to Thurs 19 Sept

All booking details and prices on the website.

**Please note** – for booking arrangements for all events, please visit the What's On page at [ilkleymanorhouse.org](http://ilkleymanorhouse.org).

## FAMILY FUN



There is always plenty for children to see and do when visiting Ilkley Manor House, with regular **heritage and art fun**. They can raid the **dressing-up box** and get into character, **go crazy with colour** at the drawing table, **find the owls** hiding downstairs, or play imaginary games with the **train set** and our **mini Manor House**.

If the weather is fine, there are **outdoor toys and chinks** 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**. Visit the website to download the outdoor activities.

### Maypole Dancing

Join us for maypole dancing and nature fun for all the family at the Spring Gardening Fair.



2-3pm, Sat 11 May

### Courtyard Games

Soak up the sun in the courtyard - play traditional games or draw amazing designs with chalk.



2-3:30pm, Sat 8 June

### IMH Olympics

Participate in the Ilkley Manor House Olympic games! Gear up for an energetic afternoon!



2-3:30pm, Sat 10 Aug

**Please note** – family fun sessions are free to attend, no booking required.

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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