

SPRING PROGRAMME 2025

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

Faces of Bradford: Then and Now

As part of the Bradford 2025 City of Culture initiative, this compelling exhibition celebrates Bradford's rich cultural heritage and diversity through the art of portrait photography.

1–23 March

Ilkley Art Club

Founded in 1909, Ilkley Art Club is a welcoming and inclusive community of artists. This exhibition showcases the varying styles and creativity of its members.

29 March–6 April

ACE Bogs

This exhibition explores the intersection of art, science, and community engagement in peatland restoration. Part of the ACE Bogs project, led by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

12–27 April

Spring Fair 2025

The Ilkley Manor House Spring Fair returns for 2025! Enjoy nature stalls, advice from specialist nurseries, musical entertainment, lovely drinks, & hands-on fun for kids.

26 April

COFFEE MORNINGS

Vedica, Tribeswoman of the Cornovii

In the Heritage Room, discover the Vedica tombstone—the largest of its kind in Roman Britain. Learn about her and other female tombstones from that period with Charlotte Bell.

10:15am, 28 March

Tales of the Dales

Join us to hear Lucia Smith's lively story of her quest to paint all the Yorkshire Dales and what she discovered along the way!

10:15am, 25 April

Dale Storr

Dale Storr, one of the UK's leading exponents of New Orleans piano, returns in 2025. He wows audiences with intoxicating piano mastery and vast knowledge of the Crescent City.

7:30pm, 14 March

The Breath

Experience the evocative melodies of The Breath, made up of guitarist Stuart McCallum and singer/flautist Ríoghnach Connolly.

7:30pm, 4 April

Please note that all coffee mornings take place in person at Ilkley Manor House.

WALKS AND TALKS

Local History Hub

Ilkley Civic Society's Local History Hub provides a centre for storing and sharing information, images, and documents about Ilkley's history. They host regular walks and talks throughout the year. For more information keep an eye on our website or visit civicsociety.ilkley.org

2:45pm, last Saturday of the month

Olicana, the Roman Fort

Local historian John Cockshott will be in the House to answer your questions about the Roman fort of Olicana. No booking required - just drop in!

2-3pm, 22 March

Kim Edgar

Join us for an intimate concert with Edinburgh-based pianist and songwriter Kim Edgar. Emotion & connection are at the heart of her work as she ponders what it is to be human.

7:30pm, 9 May

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

Please note these walks and talks are free and no booking is required, unless otherwise stated.

SOLAR GALLERY

Landscape, Lace, and Luminosity

The Solar Gallery features local painters, printmakers, photographers, sculptors, and textile, ceramic, and glass artists. This spring, the artists explore unusual viewpoints, varied weather, and unique colour combinations in works ranging from realism to pure imagination.

Upstairs in Ilkley Manor House, open on weekends from 11am to 4pm.

Still Life Daffodils

Make a daffodil. Be inspired by the beautiful flowers growing in the garden!

2pm, 8 March

Still Life Collage

Make a still-life collage. Inspired by the Judith Cain exhibition coming up in May.

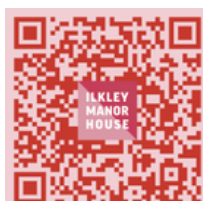
2pm, 12 April

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 keep an eye on our socials and website, or sign up for our newsletter to stay in the loop!

Please note that all family fun events are free unless otherwise stated and there is no need to book. Family fun activities run on the second Saturday of the month from 2–3:30pm.



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