

LANCASHIRE COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE

WALKPAST 2009

Welcome to this year's *WalkPast* Programme – a series of free guided walks organised by Lancashire County Council's Archaeology Service.

Places are free and can be reserved by telephoning (01772) 533404 – places will be allocated on a first come first served basis so early booking is advised.

If you are unable to attend a walk you have reserved places on please telephone so we can reallocate the places.

Participants are asked to bear the following in mind:

- car parking charges may apply
- suitable outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended
- some walks may encounter obstacles

Sunday 28 June

BATTLE OF PRESTON 1715

Walk leader: Peter McCrone

On 9th November 1715 a Jacobite Army marched into Preston. Before they could press on to Manchester they were surprised by Government forces and fierce fighting raged across the barricades and entrenchments around the town. Brave but poorly commanded, the Jacobites inflicted heavy casualties before laying down their arms. In the aftermath, local volunteers were executed and the local Jacobites had to bide their time for another 30 years. This walk will explore the 'battlefield' through the heart of the old town of Preston.

Please meet by the statue of Sir Robert Peel on the eastern side of Winckley Square PR1 3JJ (SD 5388 2908). Parking restricted locally but plenty is available in Preston City Centre and it is easily accessible by public transport.

Start time: 2.00pm

Saturday 4 July

HIGHERFORD MILL

Walk leader: Frank Walsh

The walk starts at Pendle Heritage Centre and takes the short distance via Pendle Water to the historic Higherford Mill, which was featured in the BBC2 'Restoration' programme. This walk takes you past the remains of the Malt Kiln with its link to the Grimshaw family who built the Mill in 1824. We also cross the old Pack Horse Bridge which was listed as an Ancient Monument in 1926. At Higherford Mill the walk looks at the remains of the water leats which took the water to the water wheel, and in 1824 were the only power source which powered the spinning machines. Inside the Mill we will hear about its history and plans for the future. Approximately 1.5 hours.

Please meet at Pendle Heritage Centre, Park Hill, Colne Road, Barrowford BB9 6JQ

Start time: 10.30am



Sunday 5 July
SCARISBRICK HALL

Walk leader: John Champness

Scarisbrick Hall (now Kingswood College) – originally designed by Augustus and Edward Pugin – was in the ownership of the Scarisbrick family until 1948.

The tour of this very impressive building reveals a host of ornate and finely carved works.

Please meet at the car park near the entrance to Scarisbrick Hall, off Southport Road,
Scarisbrick L40 9RQ (SD 3834 1244)

Tours at 10.00am and 12 noon

PLEASE NOTE – AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRINT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE
SCARISBRICK TOURS MAY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED.
PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Sunday 12 July
ART DECO IN MORECAMBE

Walk leader: Peter Wade

An exploration of the 1930s revival of Morecambe which began with the iconic seafront
Midland Hotel now a restored and re-opened Grade II* listed building.

The walk will be for approximately 2 hours.

There is plenty of pay-and-display parking nearby and the starting point is only a short
distance from Morecambe's bus and railway stations.

Please meet under the canopy of The Platform (opposite the Midland Hotel) LA4 4BZ
Start time: 2.00pm

Saturday 18 July
ROMAN RIBCHESTER

Walk leader: Patrick Tostevin

Ribchester was an important military and civilian settlement in Roman times. The tour will
explore the fascinating archaeology of the site, with visits to the Roman Museum and
remains of *Bremetennacum Veteranorum*.

Sturdy footwear is advisable.

Please meet at Ribchester Roman Museum, Riverside, Ribchester PR3 3XS
(parking available on the pay and display car park 200m from the Museum)

Start time: 10.30am



Sunday 19 July
BANK HALL

Walk leaders: Bank Hall Action Group

A guided tour of the impressive Bank Hall site featured in the BBC 'Restoration' programme.

Earliest parts of the building date from the 17th Century, and although the building has deteriorated over time, it maintains an air of distinction.

Members of the Bank Hall Action Group will conduct the tour around this fascinating site.

Please meet at Bank Hall Entrance, off A59 Liverpool Road PR26 9AT (SD 4624 2021).

Start time: 10.00am

Saturday 25 July
BLACKPOOL TOWER

Walk leader: Geoff Sage

A tour of the world famous Grade I Listed Building with an opportunity to follow the tower heritage trail at the end of the tour.

Please meet at the Bank Hey Street entrance.

Start time: 12.00 noon

Sunday 26 July
HOGHTON TOWER

Hoghton Tower has been the home of the de Hoghton family since the Norman Conquest. Standing on a hill (650ft above sea level) the Tower occupies a commanding position with magnificent views of Lancashire, Cumbria and North Wales. The guided tour takes you around one of England's most atmospheric stately homes.

'Have a go Archery' with the Bowmen of Pendle and Samlesbury included.

Gift shop and café are available.

Please meet at the Stables shop - through main gate, turn left, through the iron gates and left again which brings you to the stables. (SD 6225 2643)

Tours at: 11.00am and 1.00pm

Sunday 2 August
WITHNELL FOLD & OLLERTON FOLD

Walk leader: Boyd Harris

Withnell Fold is a Victorian colony village and Ollerton Fold a 13th Century hamlet. The scenes of several historical events are seen including a Civil War skirmish, the Brindle Steeplechases and Manor disputes of the 17th century.

A circular route of just over 2 miles - walking boots recommended in wet weather.

Please meet at Withnell Fold Methodist Church, Withnell Fold, Withnell, Chorley, PR6 8AZ.

Withnell Fold is located off the A674 between Chorley and Blackburn. 3.5miles NE of J8 (Hartwood) off the M61 and 1mile SE of J3 (Hoghton) off the M65.

There is no parking in the village (due to congestion) but space is available outside the Methodist Church on the right as you drive down the lane (SD 6153 2306)

Start time: 2.00pm



**Sunday 9 August
LONGRIDGE**

Walk leaders: Longridge Heritage Committee

A guided walk around the town looking at the buildings and remains of the origins of Longridge - a small industrial town.

Longridge Heritage Committee have produced two free leaflets detailing the tour ('Quarrying and Textiles' and 'Religion and Commerce') which will be available at the end of the walk. The walk will be on pavements which are suitable for prams or wheelchairs although some parts are uphill.

Longridge lies about 8 miles NE of Preston and 10 miles west of Clitheroe on the B6243.

Buses run regularly from Preston and there is car parking in the centre of the town.

Please meet at Millennium Cross, Berry Lane, Longridge PR3 3JL

Start time: 2.00pm

**Sunday 16 August
LATHOM**

Walk leader: Paul Kenyon, Lathom Park Trust

The walk includes part of the old Lathom estates, the West Wing of the former house, the chapel and other features and also includes a potted history of Lathom from Saxon times to the present. The talk will, of course, cover the civil war period and the famous siege of Lathom.

Please meet at the layby at Lathom Park entrance, Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UN
(SD 4539 0913)

Please note: no dogs allowed.

Start time: 1.00pm

**Sunday 23 August
BAMBER BRIDGE**

Walk leader: Dr David Hunt

Birthplace of the Industrial revolution this moss-side community has a fascinating past, complete with revolting handloom weavers, interesting buildings and one of the Second World War's lesser known 'incidents'. The walk covers approximately 3 miles.

Please meet outside the Ye Olde Hob Inn, Station Road, Bamber Bridge PR5 6EQ
(SD 565 253).

Start time: 2.00pm

**Sunday 30 August
ARKHOLME**

Walk leader: Dr Andrew White

A walk of about two hours taking in the historic village of Arkholme, the former market place and the Norman castle mound, with a riverside walk if weather permits.

Please meet at Arkholme Village Hall car park LA6 1AS (SD 5840 7220)

Start time: 2.00pm



**Sunday 6 September
WALTON-LE-DALE**

Walk leader: Dr David Hunt

Though famed for its fine church, Mock Corporation and the battle of 1648, recent excavations on the Roman site have pushed the origins of settlement here into the Mesolithic and Neolithic. The juxtaposition of the rivers Darwen and Ribble with the mass of Walton Law makes for a rather unique situation in Lancashire. Against this the locals have duly lived through some interesting times! The walk covers approximately 3 miles. Please meet at the Health Centre, Victoria Road PR5 4AY (SD 557 282).

Start time: 2.00pm

**Sunday 13 September
BURROW**

Walk leader: Dr Andrew White

A two hour riverside walk including the Roman fort at Burrow and a stroll along part of the Roman road between Manchester and Carlisle.

Please meet at the bridge, Cowan Bridge, on the A65, LA6 2HS (SD 6345 7660)

Start time: 2.00pm

**Lancashire County Archaeology Service
3rd annual Archaeology Day School - in conjunction with the
University of Central Lancashire, Preston**

To be held early November 2009 – date to be confirmed

The Day School is open to all and the price will be around £8.00 (including tea and coffee). Free parking will also be available.

Speakers include:

Garry Miller - 'Houses of the Douglas Valley'
Stephen Rowland - 'Redearth Triangle'
Richard Newman - 'Workers Housing'
Stephen Bull - 'The Loos Trenches, Blackpool'

If you are on our mailing list, details will be sent out nearer the time. Please contact us for further information or if you would like to be added to the mailing list – tel. 01772 533404

