

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2025

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.

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EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

Judith Cain - 30 Years On

Judith was born in Yorkshire and taught fine art at Leeds Metropolitan University. This exhibition of her paintings shows the range of her work as it has developed over the years.

3 May–8 June

The Great Ilkley Flood of July 1900

See photographs of this devastating natural event, which caused buildings to collapse and streets be destroyed. Learn more about this historic moment in Ilkley's past.

14 June–27 July

Summer Makers' Fair

The Ilkley Manor House courtyard will be a hive of activity, with stallholders selling a variety of beautiful handmade goods, including jewellery, ceramics, clothing, and more!

19–20 July

Keeping Track

An exhibition to celebrate 160 years of railway history in Ilkley and its impact on the town, from its opening in 1865, to the effects of the Beeching cuts in the 1960s.

2–25 August

Poetry and Image at The Solar Gallery

The Solar Gallery is home to around 30 local artists, featuring painters, printmakers, photographers, metalworkers, sculptors, ceramicists, textile artists, and more! This summer, the artists explore how poetry and image can be incorporated into their work.

14 June–31 August

COFFEE MORNINGS

History of Theatre in Leeds

Sir Rodney Brooke CBE tells the story of the history of Leeds theatres and the famous names who appeared there: Charlie Chaplin, Houdini, Vera Lynn, Laurel & Hardy, and many more.

10:15am, 30 May

The Great Ilkley Flood of July 1900

Linking with this month's exhibition, join us to learn more about the Great Ilkley Flood of July 1900 with Alex Cockshott of the Ilkley Civic Society and Local History Hub.

10:15am, 27 June

C.H. Wood's Aerial Photos

Join Olivia Johnson, Photo Archive Assistant at Bradford Museums & Galleries, to learn about aerial photographer C.H. Wood. This talk has been rescheduled from last year.

10:15am, 25 July

Please note that all coffee mornings take place in person at Ilkley Manor House. We will inform attendees if the talk needs to take place upstairs in the Western Gallery.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

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

Jimmy Livingstone

Spoken word poet Jimmy's rapid-fire rhymes blend the personal, satirical, and political, all laced with dark, wicked humour. Expect strong language, adult themes, and sinful laughter.

7:30pm, 22 May

Iona Lane

Driven by awe and wonder of the natural world, Iona Lane delivers poetic songs with subtle musical touches and contemplative melodies.

7:30pm, 13 June

The Bookshop Band

The award-winning Bookshop Band write songs inspired by books. They have released 13 albums, working with over 100 authors including Philip Pullman & Margaret Atwood.

7:30pm, 11 July

WALKS, TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Local History Hub

The Local History Hub stores and shares information, images, and documents about Ilkley's history. They host regular walks and talks throughout the year. Find out more at civicsociety.ilkley.org.

31 May Walk around Darwin Gardens & down Mill Ghyll.

28 June Talk about the Ilkley Flood exhibition.

26 July Walk around Leeds Road east.

2:45–4pm, last Saturday of the month

Cyanotype Workshops

Zoe Platt introduces you to cyanotypes - the original 'blue print'. Book tickets for your preferred timeslot via the website.

11am–2pm, 3 May

Olicana, the Roman Fort

Local historian John Cockshott will be in the House to answer your questions about the Roman fort. FREE drop-in event.

2–3pm, 21 June

Ilkley Live

Ilkley Live connects musicians, audiences, and venues for all to enjoy live music. The Garden Music Festival comes to Ilkley Manor House's courtyard with fantastic performances.

11–12 July

Bard in the Yard

Ilkley Playhouse returns to the courtyard for the sixth year in a row! Watch shortened performances of Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* and *You Like It in the courtyard*.

2pm, 24–25 Aug

Live events may incur a charge. For all booking information, please visit our website.

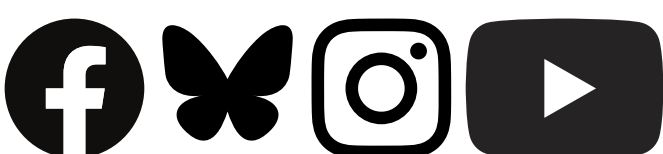
FAMILY FUN

There's plenty for children to see and do at Ilkley Manor House. They can raid the **dressing-up box**, get creative at the **drawing table**, spot **hidden animals**, or meet our resident Roman soldier, **Marcus Antonius**. If the weather is nice, play with **outdoor chalks** and **traditional toys** in the courtyard. When the House is closed on weekdays, download a **puzzle trail** from our website or try an **augmented reality trail** on the Discover Ilkley app.

FREE events every second Saturday of the month, 2–3:30pm

- 10 May** Maypole Dancing. Celebrate May and the warmer weather.
- 14 June** Traditional Toys and Games. Play in the courtyard.
- 12 July** The Ilkley Flood. Make a rain mobile inspired by the exhibition.
- 9 August** Celebrating Ilkley Railway. Make a train using recycled material.

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