

UPPER WHARFEDALE HERITAGE GROUP

PROGRAMME 2024

Meetings for talks are held at Skipton Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Prices: members £3; guests £5.

Meeting point and time for walks together with other information will be published nearer the dates. Members £1; guests £2.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
FEBRUARY Thursday 1 st Talk	David Turner: The Barden Moor Reservoirs and the People who built them. The Barden Moor Reservoirs were built between 1856 and 1882. This is the story of how the reservoirs were constructed and the lives of the people who built them.
MARCH Thursday 7 th Talk	Dr Keith Emerick of Historic England: Thornborough Henges. Dr Emerick will explain the history and significance of this striking neolithic monument near Ripon and describe Historic England's role in protecting it.
APRIL Thursday 4 th Talk	Kenneth Jackson: Firth & Ellerbank Mills, Skipton: An Introduction to Cotton Manufacturing. Historically, the term 'cotton manufacturing' invariably referred to weaving, but not to spinning. In this lecture Dr Jackson will explore aspects of cotton manufacturing using Firth & Ellerbank Mills as a case study.
MAY Wednesday 8 th Walk/visit	Visit to Craven Museum. Jenny Hill, curator at the refurbished Craven Museum will describe the work and collections of the museum before we have the opportunity to browse the collection. We will also be able to visit the store to see some of the collection not currently on display.
JUNE Thursday 6 th Walk	David Johnson: Landscape History of Prior Rakes and Malham Lings A walk exploring ground evidence of a multi-period landscape between Malham Tarn and Malham Cove.
JULY Thursday 4 th Walk	Sue Wrathmell: Traces of prehistoric occupation in the Aire Valley, Skipton and Carleton A walk in the Aire Valley looking at prehistoric finds and likely remains.
AUGUST Thursday 1 st Walk	Kenneth Jackson: A walk through a post-industrial landscape Following on from Dr Jackson's lecture in April, and the UWHG walk last year, we will walk around central Skipton, looking at the buildings that remain from the important textile industry and learning about their history and significance.
SEPTEMBER Thursday 5 th Walk	Embsay – from Moor to Village A stroll down Pasture Road from Embsay Reservoir, on the moorland edge, into Elm Tree Square, in the village centre. One road rich in local history. Guided walk presented by the Embsay-with-Eastby Historical Research Group.
OCTOBER Thursday 3 rd Talk	Roger Martlew Revealing the Late Prehistoric Landscape in Upper Wharfedale This talk will present the latest results from projects in which members of the UWHG played a pivotal role, and will look at the regional significance of their work.
NOVEMBER Thursday 7 th Talk	David Johnson: Heritage Aunt Sallys This talk reassesses the results of various excavations undertaken in North Craven since the 1940s and explodes some myths that over time have become 'truths'.
DECEMBER Thursday 5 th Talk	Mike Copper: Revisiting the Islets: New Finds from the Hebridean Neolithic This talk will describe the ongoing work on Neolithic on the islands of the Hebrides-and will discuss the latest ideas about the islet phenomenon in the light of work undertaken in the summer of 2023