

# heritage INSPIRED!

South Yorkshire's faith tourism initiative

## Days of the week...

Although the names of the days of the week are amongst the most commonly used words in the English language, not many people are aware of the fascinating origin of these names. They go back to the earliest times, and remind us of our pagan past.

The Greeks named the days of the week after the sun, the moon and the five planets known to them: which were in turn named after their gods Ares, Hermes, Zeus, Aphrodite and Cronus. They were called by the Greeks "the days of the gods".

The Romans also used the sun and the moon, but substituted their equivalent gods for the Greek gods: Mars, Mercury, Jove (Jupiter), Venus and Saturn.

The names we use today are based on the Germanic names for roughly similar gods to those of the Romans – Tiu, Woden, Thor, and Freya. Interestingly, they retained the name "Saturn" for the seventh day of the week.

Therefore, meanings of the names of the days of the week are:

**Sunday:** the day of the sun

**Monday:** the day of the moon

**Tuesday:** Tius day – Tiu (or Tiw) was the Germanic god of war and the sky

**Wednesday:** Woden's day – Woden was the chief god, "the leader of the wild hunt"

**Thursday:** Thor's day – "thunders day" – Thor was the god of thunder, and is represented as riding a chariot drawn by goats, and wielding a hammer

**Friday:** Freya's day – Freya was the Teutonic goddess of love and beauty, identified with the Norse god of the same name, the leader of the Valkeries

**Saturday:** Saturn's day – Saturn was the Roman god of agriculture, believed to have ruled the earth during an age of happiness and virtue

So, next time you use the names of the days of the week, remember their origins back in our ancient history.



HERITAGE INSPIRED is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. We work with partner sites to promote their social, architectural and cultural heritage. We produce interpretation leaflets and publicity, organise events and activities and support volunteers. If you would like to be involved we would love to hear from you.

Would you like heritage INSPIRED! FREE to your door?

Or could you receive it by email (saving us money for other projects and activities)?

If so (or if you want to be removed from our list), please contact us.

# heritage open days

SEPTEMBER 2010

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. It is a chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history.

In South Yorkshire we are celebrating HODs in style with 57 heritage faith sites open over the weekend! The majority are also staging special events and activities, and many will be serving scrummy refreshments including home-made cakes and scones at some.

The programme is varied, with sites opening on different days and at different times. We have put together a comprehensive programme listing all heritage faith sites in South Yorkshire opening for HODs, their opening days/times, details of special events and how to get there.

For more information or to request a brochure detailing all the churches taking part, opening times, special events, accessibility information and directions please:

ring **0845 6529634**

email **info@heritageinspired.org.uk**

visit **www.heritageinspired.org.uk**

visit **www.syheritageopendays.org.uk**



## SPECIAL EVENTS

There are lots of special events taking place at our churches during HODs.

They include: Flower Festivals, a Scarecrow Festival, Exhibitions, Talks, Guided Tours and much much more. Please check the full brochure for details, request one on 0845 6529634.

# Local heritage day

Are you interested in local history and heritage? For the first time we are bringing together celebrated local experts for a South Yorkshire local heritage day:

**Professor Mel Jones:** The 'Radio Sheffield History Man' and Visiting Professor in Landscape History at Sheffield Hallam University. Mel is the author of many local history books across the South Yorkshire area, and has appeared on the BBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

**Professor David Hey:** David Hey is Emeritus Professor of Local and Family History at the University of Sheffield and the author of several books, including 'A history of Yorkshire: 'County of the Broad Acres'.

**Pat McLaughlin:** Is Local Heritage Officer with HERITAGE INSPIRED. He has a wealth of knowledge about our heritage faith sites.

Join us for a day of exploration and discovery, through the history and heritage of South Yorkshire!

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
**Time:** 9.30am - 1.30pm  
**Venue:** Conisbrough St Peter Church Rooms  
**Cost:** £10 per person (includes refreshments)

**Programme:** The Making of the South Yorkshire Landscape illustrated talk by Mel Jones  
South Yorkshire's Historic Churches illustrated talk by David Hey  
Discover: South Yorkshire's Heritage Churches introduction to our a new CD-Rom  
Tour of Conisbrough St Peter (South Yorkshire's oldest building) by Pat McLaughlin

**To Book:** Please ring 0845 6529634 to book.



## EXPLORE COACH TRIPS

Sit back, relax and enjoy the countryside!

Join Pat McLaughlin on a guided coach tour, visiting some of our fascinating and beautiful ancient churches. Pat's enthusiasm is infectious and his knowledge incredible, as the thousands of people who come to his heritage talks agree. The trip lasts a full day, so please bring a packed lunch to enjoy a 'picnic in the pews' at one of our wonderful churches.

### DEARNE VALLEY explore

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010: 9.45am - 4pm

Visiting Barnburgh St Peter, Great Houghton St Michael & All Angels, Darfield All Saints, Monk Bretton Priory and Wath All Saints.

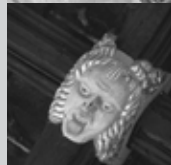
Cost: £10 per person

Pick-up Point: Mexborough Railway Station (plenty of parking)



### HOW TO BOOK

To book please send a cheque (payable to HERITAGE INSPIRED) for the full amount, with your name(s), address & phone number to: HERITAGE INSPIRED, Mexborough Resource Centre, Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough, S64 9AZ. We will send your tickets and full details by return mail.



# DISCOVER: south yorkshire's heritage churches

Would you like to know more before you visit our wonderful heritage churches? Would you like to be able to identify and interpret the features of our ancient churches?

HERITAGE INSPIRED has produced a CD-Rom, with over 350 beautiful photographs of South Yorkshire's wonderful hidden gems and explanations of the main features of a parish church, why they are there and what they mean.



Copies are just £5 and can be obtained from us, by sending a cheque for £5 (per CD) along with your name and address to: HERITAGE INSPIRED, Mexborough Resource Centre, Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough, S64 9AZ.

You can also find the CD on Amazon.co.uk (just search for 'heritage inspired')

## heritage talks

free & everyone welcome!

We would love to introduce you to some of South Yorkshire's hidden gems of architecture, carving and much more. There are little known details in each of our heritage faith sites - we will show you where to find them and what they mean! Join celebrated local heritage speaker Pat McLaughlin at one of our heritage talks:



Date	Venue	Time	Talk
15 <sup>th</sup> September	BARNBY DUN Church Hall	10:30am	Gothic Architecture in SY
13 <sup>th</sup> October	WADWORTH Community Centre	1:30pm	Gothic Architecture in SY
17 <sup>th</sup> November	ELSECAR Heritage Centre	10:30am	Gothic Architecture in SY

Each talk will last about 2 hours. There is no need to book a place, but if you would like more information about our heritage talks please give us a ring on 0845 6529634.

## FLOWER festival cantley st wilfrid

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010: 10am - 5pm

A warm welcome to everyone so please come and bring your friends to see the magnificent displays created by the ladies of St Wilfrid's Church Flower Club.

During this time, St Wilfrid's will also be participating in the Heritage Open Days organised by English Heritage with guides available to show visitors around our beautiful Medieval Church with its magnificent decorations and painting by Sir Ninian Comper. Coffee & Tea will be available throughout the day.



# making sense of the stones

september 2010

Want to know more? Why not follow up your visits with a fascinating local heritage course! Join local expert Pat McLaughlin for an in depth exploration of the history and heritage of this area, within the context of a national picture.

The course will explore how ancient beliefs contributed to the development of the major faiths. It will examine: standing stones, earthworks, burial mounds, Roman beliefs, the introduction of Christianity, the Saxon occupation of eastern England, return to paganism, the Viking effect, the Norman invasion, church and cathedral building, the renaissance, the Victorian gothic revival and modern architecture. To finish we will arrange a site visit to see the 'theory in practice'.

The courses are open to all, but places are limited so must be booked. Each course will be nine 2-hour sessions, one per week:

- "Sacred Savages?" - Prehistoric England
- "The Invaders" - Romans, Saxons, Vikings, Normans
- "Terror to Tranquillity" - Castles, Manor Houses, Stately Homes
- "I Want to be Alone" - Hermits, Monasteries, Abbeys
- "Church Architecture" - from Conqueror to Emperor
- "Poetry in Stone" - Cathedrals
- "A Treasure House of History" - Parish Churches
- "The Way to Heaven" - Church and Churchyard Monuments
- "Exploring an Ancient Church" - (site visit)

## BARNESLEY COURSE (Worsbrough)

START DATE: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Venue: Worsbrough Old School, WORSBROUGH  
(opposite The Spencer Arms)

Cost: £10 for the whole course.

## PENNINE COURSE (Penistone)

START DATE: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Venue: St John's Community Centre, Church Street, PENISTONE

Cost: £10 for the whole course.

To Book (for either course): Please ring 0845 6529634 to book. Please send a cheque (made payable to HERITAGE INSPIRED) for the amount due, with your name(s), address & phone number to HERITAGE INSPIRED, Mexborough Resource Centre, Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough, S64 9AZ



# festivals & garden parties

## Garden party

Join us at WORTLEY St Leonard for our church garden party on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 between 2pm - 4pm.

## SCARECROW festival

Come and explore FISHLAKE St Cuthbert during our wonderful annual scarecrow festival on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010. There will be a coffee morning in church on 11<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 12pm with children's activities as well as the usual stalls. There'll be a map in church of the route around the village to spot scarecrows together with voting papers for the best scarecrow.

## CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Join us at WATH All Saints for our Celebration Weekend on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010 10am - 4pm. At 7pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an illustrated slideshow about the Festival of Britain by Alex Fleming. On the 26<sup>th</sup> September 12pm - 4pm there will be group displays, old registers on view and homemade refreshments.

## autumn fair

Come along to our autumn fair at GREENHILL St Peter on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010 (11am - 3pm) with: home made crafts, refreshments, cakes, second hand books, bric a bac, raffle, tombola and side shows.

# MUSIC & CONCERTS

## wentworth music festival

Join us at WENTWORTH Holy Trinity for our annual music festival between 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Concerts include:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm: Thurnscoe Harmonic Male Voice Choir

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm: Threeway Jazz Trio

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm: Alan Cuckston – Harpsichord Recital

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm: Neil Taylor (Sheffield Cathedral) – Organ Recital

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm: Margaret Duckworth Singers

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm: Emperor String Quartet

Detailed information on the programmes will be available from mid-August. Contact: Richard Taylor, Lynwood, Hooper, Rotherham, S62 7SA, 01709 527713.

## harvest festival concert

Join us at WORTLEY St Leonard on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 AT 7.30pm for a concert by Thurlstone Brass Band.

## big band concert

Join us at WORTLEY St Leonard on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30pm for a concert by Take Two Big Band.

## handel's messiah

Join us at BULLHOUSE Chapel for our annual performance of Handel's 'Messiah' in the Chapel. The Musical Director is Miss Olive Walker. This year it will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, at 6pm. Singers are welcome. Any queries should be made to the Secretary on 01226 763353.



# CHRISTMAS fayres & festivals

Come and enjoy Christmas cheer at one of the many events taking place at our partner sites this winter. Many of our gems are organising Christmas activities and what better way to get into the festive spirit.



## CHRISTMAS fayres

**WATH All Saints**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Join us for our Christmas Fair. There will be books, bottles, cakes, preserves, presents, souvenirs, tombola, toys and refreshments. Lots of fun for everyone and entrance is free.

**WORTLEY St Leonard**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Join us at 2pm for our Christmas Fayre. Come and find some unique and beautiful Christmas presents!

**ROTHERHAM All Saints (Minster)**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Join us between 10am - 4pm for the fantastic Victorian Christmas Craft Fair in the 15<sup>th</sup> century church of All Saints, now Rotherham Minster. Craft stalls, refreshments, Whiston brass band, Santa's grotto and much more.

## CHRISTMAS tree festivals

**SHEPLEY St Paul**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Join us for a wonderful festival Christmas Tree Festival. The church will be open with a display of trees decorated by local organisations. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

**BRAMPTON BIERLOW Christ Church**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Join us for our Christmas Tree Festival, where the church will be filled with trees decorated by local people and organisations.



## CHRISTMAS

Most of our partner sites, and certainly all of our heritage churches are organising Christmas events.

There are special services, carol concerts, christingles and much more. Why not take the opportunity to touch the past by visiting your local church and enjoy its ancient atmosphere, where Christmas has been celebrated since the first stone was laid.

Please check our website for details of some of the special events taking place - [www.heritageinspired.org.uk](http://www.heritageinspired.org.uk)



## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL GUIDEBOOK

A new Guide Book of Sheffield's oldest and most historic building is now available following months of development by the Friends and volunteers of the Cathedral. The guidebook is beautifully illustrated with images of the many facets and features of the building which still hold significant historic value today.

Funding for the creation of the Guide Book came from the Heritage Lottery Fund with support from the Friends of Sheffield Cathedral. It has been designed and published by HERITAGE INSPIRED, and is available from the Cathedral Reception for just £3.50 each or via HERITAGE INSPIRED for £4 (including p&p) or on amazon.com!

The money raised from the sale of the book will enable future work of this kind to be developed and updated in the future.



We are also working on new interpretative panels and leaflets for the Cathedral, and the development of a new welcoming area for visitors - so watch this space!!

## HERITAGE INSPIRED DESIGN

We have extensive experience of designing guidebooks, leaflets, interpretative panels and publicity materials for heritage faith sites.

Unfortunately we have to charge for our design services (as part of our match funding for our HLF grant) but you can be sure that our charges are very reasonable, being much lower than many graphic designers. If you would like to talk to us about any kind of graphic design work for your site please get in touch!

## FREE LEAFLETS

Ever wanted more information about the heritage of a particular site?

59 of our partners have produced new free leaflets, highlighting the hidden gems to be seen when you visit.

They can be picked up at the site in question and used to guide you around. They can also be downloaded from our website, and perused before you go!

Make sure you look out for them next time you visit!

## can you help?

Would you like to be involved in fun activities, helping HERITAGE INSPIRED to promote your local site. From managing the project, to helping prepare for events, to making to tea for volunteers - there is a role for everyone who would like to be involved. We also offer work placements to students and anyone wanting to get back into work or just looking for an excellent addition to your CV.

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