

heritage INSPIRED!

South Yorkshire's faith tourism initiative

MINING MEMORIALS

Given the importance of the mining industry to this area, it is not surprising that many of our churches have memorials to the industry, and to the many hundreds of miners who were killed in what was a highly dangerous occupation.

In a shady corner of the churchyard at Darfield stands an obelisk. This reminds us of the awful explosion which took place at Lundhill Colliery on the 19th February 1857, in which 189 men and boys were killed, with 146 of them being buried in the churchyard.

In front of the porch at St Thomas's, Worsborough, is the memorial to the 143 men and boys killed in an explosion at Swaithe Main colliery in 1875. This tragedy was reported far and wide, and the New York Times claimed it was caused by 'careless blasting operations'.

In the churchyard at Silkstone stands the memorial to the 26 children, who were tragically drowned in the Huskar Pit disaster of 1838. A rain storm put the shaft lift boiler out of action. A group of around 40 children decided to walk out of the mine, using a ventilation drift, and entered the tunnel via an air door. As they made their way upward, a stream, burst its banks and water rushed down trapping them against the air door. A beautiful memorial window, designed and made by volunteers, has been placed in the church.

At the Old Oaks colliery in Barnsley, a terrible explosion in 1866 killed 334 miners – the day after a further explosion killed 27 members of the rescue party. One of them, Parkin Jeffcock, was a partner in the company. Parkin Jeffcock was buried in Ecclesfield but he had spoken of his concern that a church should be built in Mortomley, a trust fund was established and in 1872, St Saviours church was consecrated.

In the church of St Leonard in Dinnington is to be found the wonderful memorial to mark the closure of Dinnington Colliery (opened 1902, closed 1991), and to remember all those who worked there and those who lost their lives there. This beautifully designed and etched wall of timber and glass separates the nave of the church from the narthex.

Denaby All Saints church contains the Denaby & Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel. This unique chapel contains part of the winding wheel used at Cadeby. Under the altar is a one ton piece of coal from Manvers Main – the side panels are engraved with poems and the front panel has an etched design. The tower represents a miners safety lamp.



HERITAGE INSPIRED is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the East Peak Innovation Partnership and other funders. 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 talks

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 our heritage talks:



Date	Venue	Time	Talk
23 rd February	BARNSLEY St Edward	1.30pm	Elizabeth I - Elizabeth II Architecture
23 rd March	BLYTH Barnby Memorial Hall	1.30pm	Gothic Architecture
27 th April	CONISBROUGH Castle (places are very limited at this venue please book on the number below)	1.30pm	Saxon & Norman Architecture
25 th May	STAINFORTH St Mary	1.30pm	Green Men & Gargoyles

Each talk will last about 2 hours, and is **just £1 per person**.

If you would like more information please give us a ring on 0845 6529634.

making sense of the stones

april 2011

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.

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.

west yorkshire course (Kirkburton)

START DATE: Tuesday 12th April 2011

Time: 10am - 12pm

Venue: Burton Village Hall, Highburton, HD8 0QT

Cost: £15 for the whole course.

sheffield course (Millhouses)

START DATE: Thursday 14th April 2011

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Venue: Millhouses Methodist Church, Millhouses Lane, S7 2HA

Cost: £15 for the whole course.



To Book (for either course):

Please ring 0845 6529634.

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



SPRING fayre

Cantley St Wilfrid

Saturday 2nd April 2011

Join us for our spring fayre. Refreshments available throughout including delicious hot lunches. Stalls include craft, cakes, books and more. All welcome!



art festival

wentworth holy trinity

Sunday 29th May 2011 at 2pm-6pm

Join us for a spectacular art festival, with over 80 artists exhibiting up to 600 paintings, all for sale.

Refreshments available either in church or in the village school and Craft Fair in the Mechanics Institute on Main Street.

Open weekends

throapham St John the Baptist

Ancient past co-exists with modern development in St John's and its churchyard, set by fields at the end of a street running south from Laughton to Dinnington. The church is mostly early 13th century but windows, clerestory, tower, font and screen are from the 15th century. Its great treasure is a beautifully carved stone coffin lid of around 1300. There are also interesting memorials.

Throapham will be opening the last weekend in every month starting in May through to September (five months in all).

There will be special weekends throughout the year. We will open 10-4 on the Saturday and 1-5 on the Sunday. Refreshments will be available and we hope to have a toilet available for every weekend as well.

The open weekends are organised by the Friends of Throapham Church.

MUSIC & CONCERTS

Doncaster Schools Orchestra Concert

Join us at BARNBY DUN St Peter & St Paul for a concert by 40+ young musicians giving a very varied programme. They have visited our church over recent years and are very popular.

Join us on Saturday 19th February, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 including refreshments. For further information please ring Tom on 01302 883948.

Organ Recital

Join us at GREENHILL St Peter on 9th April at 3pm for an organ recital by David Oldfield to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the installation of the organ at St Peter's. The organ was originally built in 1922 by Sweetland of Bath, a rare maker in this part of the world.

Sheffield Folk Choral Concert

Join us at GREENHILL St Peter At 7.30 pm on Friday 20th May for a concert by the popular Sheffield Folk Chorale. It will feature newly written songs and carols (strongly influenced by folk music) as well as songs from other countries, times and cultures. For more information please ring John Child on 0114 237 6577.



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')!

MULLED WINE & MUSIC

This years Mulled Wine & Music at Roche Abbey was a great success.

A big thankyou to everyone who braved the snow and rain and came along, we hope you enjoyed it.

We raised £468.78 for Bluebell Wood Hospice.



a special year at talbot lane

July 1761 in Rotherham was a ground-breaking time. It was in this month that the first ever purpose built Methodist Church was completed, (soon to be known as the Octagon because of its shape).

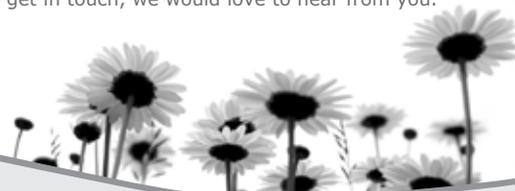
The current Church is a mere 108 years old in 2011, being completed in 1903.

30th July 2011 will be the 250th anniversary of the start of worship on this site and it is the church's intention to hold various events throughout the year.

We wish to extend to all an invitation to join us in as many of the events as possible. Welcome also would be anyone who was married at Talbot Lane, or who took part in any of the activities at the adjoining Friendship House, such as Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs, Youth Clubs both senior & junior and Young People's Fellowship, to name but a few.

Visit www.friendsotalbotlane.co.uk to keep up to date with plans for an activity and event filled year!

If there is anything you can help us with please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.



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