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SO MUCH TO SEE & DO



Hey! Thanks for joining us here in Skipton for our month long, summertime tribute to all the things we love about our town and local community.

Skipton Now Festival is a culmination and celebration of all the amazing work each project has produced through Skipton High Street Heritage Action Zone, funded by Historic England and North Yorkshire Council.

Each event and activity in this programme is free unless stated otherwise. The details were correct at time of publishing, however please visit [www.welcometoskipton.com/skipton-now-festival](http://www.welcometoskipton.com/skipton-now-festival) for the most up-to-date information.

## Fresh Perspective: arts collective





**Follow the vibrant colours of Fresh Perspective's murals through the town as they tell a story of the heritage of the buildings they are painted on.**

Grab a free map from Skipton Town Hall's shop or start at the first mural at the top of Swadford Street next to The Flip Side and scan the QR code to access the map online. Each mural includes a short history of the building they are painted on and an explanation of where the inspiration for each design came from.

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## John Sherwood – artist in Residence at:





6 Happening all month

Skipton-based artist **John Sherwood** paints and draws, makes photographs and digital art, and works with text.

His objective for his three-month residency at Mill Bridge Gallery is to work on his 'Amalgams'. These are collage-like compositions, drawing together the elements of his mixed practice. He will work with various materials on paper, board, and canvas, developing different pieces simultaneously. Some will concentrate on a readily identifiable theme, for example, the historic buildings in Skipton.

John will also make 'Day Pages'; daily statements collected on small pieces of paper, which he then photographs or scans and prints.

John's fascinating work will encourage visitors to consider and record their own experiences in a visual diary, which we encourage them to share with us.

Open Thursday to Saturday 11am – 4.00pm  
**Mill Bridge Gallery, 3 Mill Bridge, Skipton BD23 1NJ**

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## of Skipton



**As seen in Skipton Library,** the Humans of Skipton photography exhibition will be on display throughout August. Venue TBC.

## **CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE: BIG YORKSHIRE MURAL**

Visit Craven Arts House to view the mural created by children of Christchurch and Greatwood Primary schools. The mural is in the Community Hall.

During August, the Otley Street Gallery is showing the work of Alfonsas Paulaskas. Refreshments available from the Honesty Cafe.

Open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am – 4pm  
**55 Otley Street, Skipton, BD23 1ET**

## **SKIPTON LIBRARY: KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

Drop-in every Wednesday from 26 July to 30 August, anytime between 2 – 4 pm. Ages 4 – 11  
**Skipton Library, High Street, BD23 1JX**

## **SKIPTON TOWN HALL: PHONE BOX ART**

Visit the two iconic red phone boxes outside the historic Skipton Town Hall, to explore installations by artists Charlotte Murray and Caitlin Mawhinney.

The recently refurbished phone boxes have stood at the main entrance to the building for over sixty years, and have been transformed by a unique art and heritage project – celebrating local history, creativity, and community!

**This project has been funded by Skipton High Street Heritage Action Zone (HAZ)**





## HAZ COMMISSIONS

Micro-commissions from four creatives **Phoebe Scott**, **Ruth Garrett**, **Beccy Durham** and **Molly Bland** will be on display in the town, throughout August.

Keep an eye on our online programme at [www.welcometoskipton.com/skipton-now-festival](http://www.welcometoskipton.com/skipton-now-festival) for venue announcements.

The extremely talented **Bethan Thorsby** (above), as recipient of the HAZ Design Commission, carried out the graphic design & illustrations created for Skipton Now Festival, including this programme, map, our logo and visual identity.

**Check out more of Bethan's creative work on Instagram: @sporadicillustration**



for your



Read on to discover listings for individual events taking place at different times in August, hosted by various venues.



**marks  
the spot**

## YORKSHIRE DAY

Join us on Tuesday August 1st, Yorkshire Day, to celebrate the magnificence of God's Own County! There will be plenty of fun activities taking place on the High Street to mark the day, from delving into our history and listening to traditional Yorkshire dialect, fun crafting activities, a celebration of Yorkshire music and dance plus a tasty choice of Yorkshire food and drink.

Skipton Civic Society will teach you key historical information about the town along with maps to guide you around.

**All day at Skipton High Street & other venues**



From the imaginative mind of Anthony Horowitz, the mastermind behind Foyle's War, the BBC's New Blood, Alex Rider, the Sherlock Holmes novels House of Silk and Moriarty, and the James Bond novel Trigger Mortis, comes a captivating psychological thriller, ***Mind Game***...

The story unfolds as Mark Styler, a renowned author of 'true crime' sensationalist novels, attempts to secure an interview with Easterman, a famed serial killer.

**1st to 5th August 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**Saturday 5th matinee: 2.30pm**  
**Skipton Little Theatre, Clifford Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 2AD**  
[www.skiptonlittletheatre.org.uk](http://www.skiptonlittletheatre.org.uk)

Little does he know the world he's stepping into. His first challenge is to navigate past Dr. Farquhar, the eccentric head of Fairfields, the institution where Easterman is housed.

However, as he delves deeper, he realises that appearances can be deceiving. Questions start to pile up: Who is the enigmatic figure known as Borson? What is the origin of the meat in the fridge? And why is the closet devoid of a skeleton?

**Tickets: £10.00, Under 16s: £5.00**  
**Booking:**  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/skiptonlittletheatre/e-bdxxov](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/skiptonlittletheatre/e-bdxxov)  
**t: 0752 714 1176**  
**e: [skipton.little.theatre@gmail.com](mailto:skipton.little.theatre@gmail.com)**



## FRESH PERSPECTIVE

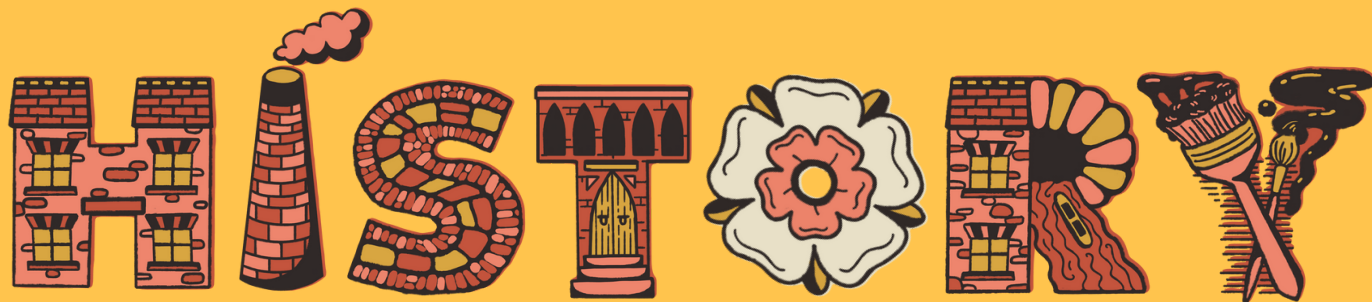
### Interactive Live Mural Painting

Join Fresh Perspective in this live interactive 'paint by numbers' mural painting as they invite members of the public to paint small sections of a mural designed by year 9 and 10 students at Skipton Academy. This mural will then be installed at Skipton Bus Station to inject some life and colour into the area and become a beacon of community spirit and creativity.

10am – 5pm | Skipton Bus Station, BD23 2NS

14 Dates for your diary





and



## CRAVEN Heritage Fair

Come along to Skipton Library's Heritage Fair where you can explore the history of Skipton and Craven as we launch our augmented reality local history trail on the What Was Here app.

The launch will premier 'Then and Now', a short film put together by students from Skipton Academy with the support of filmmaker and photographer Simon Mooney. The film records the students' experiences creating their own history trail using Skipton Library's Rowley Collection, exploring the history of various buildings on the High Street.

There will also be displays from family and local history societies from across the district and the Yorkshire Dialect Society. Plus, there will be information about the resources available at Skipton Library and North Yorkshire County Record Office.

**10am – 12.30pm | Skipton Library, High St, BD23 1JX**

## YARNDALE Craft Workshop

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**10.30am – 12pm | Skipton Library, High St, BD23 1JX**

**1.30pm – 3pm | Skipton Town Hall, High St, BD23 1AH**



## Ready Set Read!

We're celebrating the start of the nationwide Ready, Set, Read! challenge in Skipton with Craven's own double gold medal winning Paralympian and children's author Danielle Brown. Sign up to the challenge as Danielle puts us through our paces with some brilliant sport and reading activities.

Ready, Set, Read! is the title of the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge, the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for primary school aged children.

The challenge, themed around sports and games, is to read six library books during the summer holidays. Children can join free at your local library and receive a starter pack. As they read the six books, they collect exclusive prizes along the way. Once completed, children will receive a Ready, Set, Read! medal and certificate.

2pm – 4pm | Skipton Library, High St, BD23 1JX

## Happening at the



**High Street, BD23 1AH**

### **CRAVEN MUSEUM Store Tour**

Book one of our behind the scenes tours at Craven Museum and find out how we look after all our amazing collections. Visitors will be able to get up close to more items from the museum collection that currently aren't on display – covering everything from Roman archaeology through to 1900s costume!

**2pm | Tickets £2.00** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

### **SKIPTON INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL: Snip Snap! Rapunzel Retold**

Snip Snap! Rapunzel Retold – a one woman puppet play by Joy Haynes Little Chair Projects. One day a woman stood by a window looking down on the splendid garden next door. Planted with a lush green vegetable called 'Rapunzel', looking so delicious she longed to eat some...

So begins an iconic story of impossibly long hair, ties that bind, the desire to belong, of cutting loose and new beginnings. Full of humour, magic and surprising costume transformations, Snip Snap! reimagines the familiar with enchanting original imagery and playful glove puppets.

**Performances at 11am & 2pm | The Concert Hall**  
**Suitable for age 4+ and families | Tickets £8.50**  
[www.skiptontownhall.co.uk/events-calendar](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk/events-calendar)

### **Make and Take**

Join us for a relaxed, puppet themed family craft session in The Hub, suitable for children of all ages.  
**Drop-ins at 10am & 1pm | The Hub, BD23 1AH**

### **Skipton International Puppet Festival 2023**

#### **TEACH REX: Dragons**

Teach Rex are back with another large lizard adventure! This time they'll be bringing a book to life through the power of magic – and the best part is that you get to join in with the storytelling fun!

After the show there is a chance to get up close with the dragon, take any photos you might like and join in with a dragon-disco

**10.15am, 12.45pm & 3.15pm | The Concert Hall, Skipton Town Hall, High St., BD23 1AH**

**Tickets for events are available at this web address:**  
[www.skiptontownhall.co.uk/events-calendar](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk/events-calendar)

### **Skipton Civic Society Guided Walk 1 BUILDINGS AND HISTORY**

The first of four walks, this one will be focusing on the oldest buildings in Skipton.

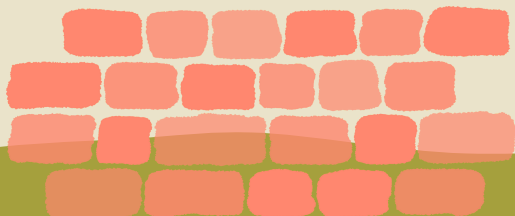
**10am – 11am | Outside Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

#### **4th August**

### **PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP by Life and Limb Puppets**

Unleash your creativity and bring enchanting characters to life! Join our puppet making workshop with Life & Limb Puppets, where you'll craft delightful rubber glove puppets, inspired by the magical show.

**12.15pm | The Concert Hall, Town Hall, High St., BD23 1AH | Tickets £3.00**





## **CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE** **Paper Flower Making** **with Sally Howarth**

Make beautiful paper flowers for summer such as sweet peas and daisies. All skill levels welcome, materials provided.

**2pm – 4pm**

**Craven Arts House, 55 Otley St, BD23 1ET**

## **DOGS DALES** **Mascot Head Making** **with Kettu Studios**

Modelmaking workshop led by internationally recognised expert modelmaker **Holly Beck**, in which you'll create large scale, oversized mascot puppet heads using specialist foam, textiles and haberdashery materials.

**11am – 4pm (with a lunch break)**

**Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**



## MILL BRIDGE GALLERY Children's Workshops

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Children can participate in other activities on the day. See if you can complete the fun trail of significant art and heritage features in and around the gallery.

Suitable for ages 6 to 16 years. Bring a parent and be prepared to take photos of and for your excellent artwork. All other materials provided.

We would love to create an exhibition based on the completed 'amalgams', so please stay in touch to show us your finished artwork.

**To book a 1 hour slot, email:**  
[contact@millbridgegallery.co.uk](mailto:contact@millbridgegallery.co.uk)

**11am – 4pm | Mill Bridge Gallery,  
3 Mill Bridge, Skipton BD23 1NJ**

## A row of six stylized, colorful letters: A, B, C, D, E, and F. Each letter is decorated with various patterns like leaves, stripes, and dots, and some have small figures or objects inside them.

## Skipton hosts one of England's largest celebrations of puppet theatre!

An illustration featuring two firefighters. On the left, a firefighter in a blue uniform and helmet is kneeling, holding a yellow hose. On the right, another firefighter in a blue sweater and yellow trousers stands with hands on hips. The date '5th August' is written in the bottom right corner. The background is a solid light blue.

## 5th August

## DOGS DALES Musical Song Making

Song making workshop with International Super Star Musician and Composer: Rich Huxley, inspired by Dogs' Dales, Dogs and the Yorkshire Dales. The workshop ends with a small parade from Skipton Town Hall to the Canal Basin to play a concert of the newly created songs.

Join in the musical fun! You get to create a song, learn an instrument and play your part in a band to play in a mini concert.

**Workshop: 11am – 1pm | The Ampitheatre,  
Museum Walk, BD23 1AH**

**Concert: 1pm | Skipton Canal Basin, BD23 1LH**

## CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE Photography Workshop

## PUPPET FESTIVAL Street Performances

A rolling programme of short outdoor puppet shows including "Red & the Wolf", "The Four Friends" (a pop up show, from a giant pop up book based on a Grimm tale) and a show performed on two bicycles. You'll even meet Zarafa, a semi life size Giraffe walking an epic journey from Marseille to Paris.

If you're lucky, you may even get to redecorate her skin before the next stage of her journey! Don't miss out on these captivating moments that will bring joy and laughter to audiences of all ages.

**Various Times | Skipton Canal Basin, BD23 1LH**

The Creative iphone with Andrew Fitzgibbon. Just bring your iphone or other smartphone for this interactive workshop on basic creative photography, using your camera phone and its apps.

**2pm – 4pm | Craven Arts House, 55 Otley St, BD23 1ET**





## Bike Health Checks

Bring your bike inside to our fantastic volunteer, who will give your bike a check over and let you know how to maintain it to keep you safe.

10am - 12pm | Skipton Library,  
High Street, BD23 1JX



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10.30 - 12pm | The Hub, Town Hall, High St, BD23 1AH



The Artisan Market is a fantastic team of dedicated, talented stallholders bringing with them some of the most amazing and very best high quality, predominantly homemade/handmade array of unique produce and products. Whether you're seeking a scrumptious, tasty treat or a beautifully crafted and unique gift, there is something at the Market to delight everyone.

**10.00am – 4.00pm | Canal Basin, Coach Street, BD23 1LH**



## SKIPTON INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL

### To Have or Not to Have by TAMTAM objektentheater



A rusty fairytale full of beautiful images, elements of the spaghetti-western, a shot of Shakespeare and a generous dose of subtle humor.

*To Have Or Not To Have* is the wild west combined with the dark middle-ages, carrying themes like: greed, jealousy, recklessness, egotism, stupidity and other very human qualities. Supported by a hypnotising soundtrack with influences from Texas to Turkey.

The actors are rusty old metal and weather-beaten wood - materials inspired by the visual art of Gérard Schiphorst and Marije van der Sande. The performance opens as a dreamy fairytale, an almost prehistoric world. With the introduction of an alien object, the story degenerates, inciting a ruthless, hilarious medieval arms-race: a duel between an impertinent pair of pliers and a tenacious mole trap, fought with all lawful and illegal means.

**12.00pm (open to all), 3.00pm (open to all) & 7:30pm (18+)**  
**The Concert Hall, Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**  
**Tickets £8.50** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

### SKIPTON INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL

## Rooster Workshop

by Swallow's Wing Puppetry

Join our puppet making workshop with Swallow's Wing Puppetry, where you'll craft delightful Rooster, inspired by the magical show. All tools and materials provided for a hands-on experience.

**11am | The Education Room, Town Hall,  
High Street, BD23 1AH**

**Tickets £3.00** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

## Sunday Film Club

The first Sunday of every month, join The Plaza Cinema for their Sunday Film Club. Created by film lovers for film lovers and previously featuring the best of world cinema alongside old classics and arthouse favourites. Keep an eye on their Facebook page to see what film it will be in August.

**Approx. 5.00pm | The Plaza Cinema,  
Sackville Street, BD23 2PB**

**Tickets: Adult £7.50/ Child & Concession £6.50**

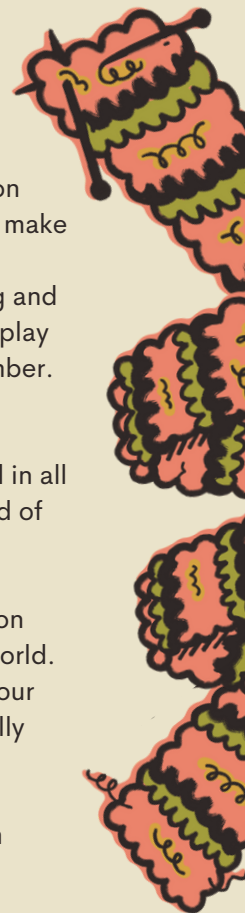
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**10.30am – 12.00pm | The Hub, Skipton  
Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**





## Art Club

### Making Nature Inspired Accessories

Join us for a Nature Craft workshop where we will be making jewellery and keyrings inspired by nature.

The workshop is aimed at young people aged 10-18 years old. Art Club is your chance to try out new art and craft techniques and make new friends!

**10.00am & 2.00pm | Education Room,  
Skipton Town Hall, High St., BD23 1AH**

**Tickets £7.50** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

## Ready Set Draw!

Ready, Set, Read! is the title of the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge, the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for primary school aged children. The challenge, themed around sports and games, is to read six library books during the summer holidays.

Join us, Loretta Schauer, and the official Summer Reading Challenge illustrator for an exclusive drawing and storytelling workshop. This is aimed at young people aged 7–11 years.

**4.00pm – 5.00pm | Skipton Library,  
High Street, BD23 1JX**

## Early Years Explorers: NATURE

Embark on a journey of discovery as your little nature enthusiasts delve into the wonders of the great outdoors through our captivating arts and crafts workshop, where tiny hands bring nature to life with every leaf and petal.

**10.00am & 1.00pm | The Education Room,  
Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

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# Make and Take: NATURE

Craven Museum Make and Take: Nature  
Join us for a relaxed, nature themed family craft session in the Concert Hall, suitable for children of all ages.

**10.00am & 1.00pm | The Concert Hall,  
Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**  
[www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)



## Family Fun Day

Skipton Family Fun Days will be taking place throughout the kids' summer holidays, every Wednesday from the 26th July to the 23rd of August.

The event will be free for all to attend and will take place in several of the Recreational Areas around the town including, Raikes Rec, The Ginnel, Pasture Close Rec, Shortbank Rec and Middle Town Rec.

There will be plenty of activities including bouncy castles, giant kids games, food and charity stalls for the whole family.

**Please visit** [www.skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
**for more details.**

An aerial photograph of Skipton, showing the town's stone buildings clustered together, a river flowing through the landscape, and rolling green hills in the background under a soft, golden light.

## Skipton Civic Society: Guided Walk 2 CANALS AND INDUSTRY

The second of four guided walks by Skipton Civic Society. This walk will focus on the canals and industry in Skipton.

**10.00am – 11.00am | Outside the Town Hall,  
High Street, BD23 1AH**

## Squirrel Walnutkins Saves the Planet

Squirrel Walnutkins is on an adventure, an adventure to stop the last tree in Evergreen Wood from being cut down, an adventure to find a new home, to make new friends and most of all, to Save the Planet! Join Squirrel and Felix the Fox as they get in touch with their animal instincts to conquer their fears and make a better future; not only for themselves but all the other creatures they meet along the way.

Full of interactive elements, and designed specifically to engage SEN audiences and primary years, this show will be fun for both adults and kids as Same Difference bring their unique energy, comedy and interactive games to a brand-new summer show. BSL Interpreted.

**11.00am & 2.00pm | The Concert Hall,  
Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**  
**Tickets £7.50** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

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## CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE

### Silk Painting and Printing Workshop

with Jane C Bellerby

Workshop exploring and experimenting with different hand-printing techniques onto hand-painted silks.

**2 – 4pm | The Education Room, Craven  
Arts House, 55 Otley St, BD23 1ET**

## CRAVEN MUSEUM

### Exploring Nature

Craven is full of interesting types of flora and fauna. Join us for a short nature tour around Craven Museum, followed by the chance to go behind-the-scenes and see some additional objects that normally aren't on display.

**11.00am & 2.00pm | Skipton Town Hall,  
High Street, BD23 1AH**



## SKIPTON SOUNDS

A long weekend of music and entertainment! The majority of Skipton's wonderful pubs and bars will be playing host to live music throughout the town centre. Find gigs across multiple venues, all in walking distance and showcasing Skipton's best outdoor spaces!

**Multiple events & venues**



## CRAVEN MUSEUM Object Handling

Have you ever wanted to get up close to the museum collection? Now's your chance!

Come along to our free object handling drop-in sessions. We have a new selection of items relating to the natural world for visitors to handle and learn about.

Drop in between 10am – 3pm  
Skipton Town Hall, High St., BD23 1AH

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## FOOD & DRINK WEEKEND

Skipton Foodie Weekend will take place on Saturday and Sunday the 12th and 13th of August. It offers a fantastic event brimming with great food and a wonderful selection of local and specialty stallholders, including some of the best producers and artisan makers in Yorkshire!

You can expect to find everything from fresh bread to organic fruit and veg, cheese, salads, cakes, pizza, seafood and sauces, plus artisan crafts such as candles, soaps, wooden crafts, jewellery and art.

**10.00am – 4.00pm | Canal Basin,  
Coach Street, Skipton, BD23 1LH**



## THE REAL FOOD MARKET

The Real Food Markets feature a wide range of local producers offering food, drink and crafts promoting speciality products and talent. Visit our fantastic traders for snacks, gifts, pantry and fridge essentials, hot food and drink, as well as wonderful gifts and treats for yourself and loved ones.

This event is free to attend, so come along and enjoy the variety!

**10.00am – 4.00pm**  
**Skipton High Street, BD23 1DT**

### ART CLUB: Discover David Hockney

All about celebrating Yorkshire Artists, in this edition of Art Club we will take a look at local lad David Hockney.

Focusing on his Land and Cityscape work, we will produce preliminary sketches from local scenes. Then, Hockney's painting techniques and use of colour will inform and influence our final paintings onto canvas.

Open to young people aged 10–18 years, Art Club is your chance to try out new arts & craft techniques and make new friends!

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### VJ Day

Victory over Japan Day, also known as Victory in the Pacific Day, is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in WW2, in effect bringing the war to an end. The 15th of August 1945 the UK declared VJ Day and joy and celebration was held around the world.

This year a gathering will take place on the Town Hall steps to commemorate those who fell throughout the Second World War. There will be a short service and wreath laying on the Cenotaph.

**11am | Skipton Town Hall, BD23 1AH**

### LEGO Code-a-Pillars

Programme Cody the Code-a-pillar to avoid your LEGO obstacles! Work in a team and be the first to avoid your LEGO builds

**10am - 12noon | Skipton Library,  
High Street, BD23 1JX**



## Early Years Explorers: ART

Introduce your budding Picassos and mini Monets to the captivating world of art with our workshop for children 5 and under inspired by famous artists.

Watch their creativity flourish as they explore and unleash their own artistic genius through vibrant colours and bold brushstrokes!

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## **CRAVEN MUSEUM** **Curator For The Day**

What does it take to curate a new museum display? In this interactive workshop, you'll get the chance to go behind the scenes at Craven Museum to create your own exhibition for the day. From archaeology to historic costume, there's plenty to inspire and surprise, plus an opportunity to share your favourite objects with the museum visitors.

**10am | The Craven Museum, Skipton Town Hall,  
High Street, BD23 1AH** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

## **CIVIC SOCIETY** **Guided Walk 3** **Buildings + Green Spaces**

The third of four walks, this one will be focusing on the buildings and green spaces in Skipton.

**10am to 11am | Outside Skipton Town Hall,  
High St, BD23 1AH**

## **CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE Paper Flower Making with Sally Howarth**

Make beautiful paper flowers for summer. All skill levels welcome, materials provided.

**2pm – 4pm**

**Craven Arts House, 55 Otley St, BD23 1ET**

## **SKIPTON TOWN HALL Activities**

Visit our website for more details.

**The Concert Hall, Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)





## Art in the Pen


One of the North's leading art events returns to Skipton for its annual showcase of creativity and craftsmanship. A great opportunity to discover emerging and established talents.

Auction Mart, 19th & 20th August

## CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE iPhone Photography with Andrew Fitzgibbon

Just bring your iPhone (other camera phones also welcome)! Interactive workshop on basic creative photography, using your camera phone and its apps.

Craven Arts House, 55 Otley St, BD23 1ET



## ART CLUB: Magic Science Toys

Magical Science inspired desk top toys. Aimed at young people 10-18yrs old, Art Club is your space to try out new art and craft techniques and make new friends!

**10.00am & 2.00pm | Education Room,  
Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

**Tickets £7.50** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

## EARLY YEARS EXPLORERS: Prehistoric

Embark on a thrilling archaeological adventure with our hands-on sensory workshop, where little explorers travel back in time to the prehistoric era. Through the magic of arts and crafts, their senses will come alive as they unearth ancient treasures, create fossils, and discover the fascinating world of dinosaurs.

**10.00am & 1.00pm | Education Room, Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

**Tickets £3.00**

[www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

## SKIPTON LIBRARY Pop-Up Cinema

Come and enjoy a film for all the family at our relaxed screening - it's a double bill!

**10.00am to 12.00pm & 1.00pm - 4.00pm |  
Skipton Library, High Street, BD23 1JX**

Costs or is it free? What film? Costs or is it free?  
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## 45 Dates for your diary

23rd August

### SKIPTON TOWN HALL Make and Take: Science

Join us for a relaxed family craft session with an exciting Science Theme! Taking place in the Concert Hall, suitable for children of all ages.

**10.00am & 1.00pm | The Concert Hall, Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

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24th August

### CIVIC SOCIETY Guided Walk 4: Buildings and History

The final walk will focus on the stories told by Skipton's historic buildings.

**10am to 11am | Outside Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

### Dig and Discover

Get hands-on with a range of archaeology-inspired activities, from digging up artefacts to handling museum objects, plus much more!

**FREE | 10.00am & 2.00pm | Craven Museum, Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**

25th August

## **CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE** **Still Life Drawing** **with Claire Braeburn**

Escape to the beach in this still-life drawing session with a soothing Sun, Sea and Sand theme. Suitable for all skill levels.

**2pm – 4pm | Craven Arts House,  
55 Otley St, BD23 1ET**

## **MAD SCIENTIST Silent Disco**

We invite you to don your lab coats, goggles, and bring your most electrifying dance moves at our Mad Scientists-themed family silent disco. Put on some headphones, choose your favourite channel, and dance like never before with your family and friends!



## **SKIPTON TOWN HALL** **Activities**

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Street, BD23 1AH** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

We'll throw in some games and challenges that are guaranteed to get you into the groove!

**10.00am to 2.00pm | The Concert Hall,  
Skipton Town Hall, High Street, BD23 1AH**  
**Tickets £5** [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

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## **CANAL BASIN** **All Aboard**

A family holiday in Skipton. What shall we do? A visit to the castle, a pint in the pub, a pork pie, an ice cream?

“A trip on a canal barge,” said Bill.

Join us, canal side, exploring exactly why on the 8th April 1773 bells were ringing, bonfires were lit and the canal quarter was filled with shrieks of merriment.

**3pm | Skipton Canal Basin BD23 1LH**





**28th August**  
**ART CLUB:**  
**Roses and Castles Canal Art**

Tickets £7.50 [www.skiptontownhall.co.uk](http://www.skiptontownhall.co.uk)

Roses & Castles is the painting technique that has been used to decorate narrowboats from the 19th Century onwards. Come along and have a go designing and painting your own sign using this most traditional Yorkshire method.

**CRAVEN ARTS HOUSE**  
**Open Studios**  
**26th – 29th August**

Come and visit our artists' open studios and meet the makers this August bank holiday weekend.

We have a fresh new show in the gallery plus several free workshops, as well as an honesty cafe and shop.

On Sunday and Monday we will host taster sessions for you to take part in. See you there!

**Open 11 – 4pm | Craven Arts House**  
**55 Otley Street, Skipton, BD23 1ET**

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## Yarndale Workshop

Celebrating the textiles heritage of Skipton, come and join these woolly workshops to make and create. No experience necessary, everyone is welcome to try simple knitting and crochet techniques to make a bunting display to welcome visitors to Yarndale in September.

Yarndale, the festival of yarn and woolly creativity celebrates the brilliance of wool in all its forms and is held over the last weekend of September at Skipton Auction Mart. Each year, visitors are welcomed to Skipton from across the country and around the world. Join in these sessions to share skills with our local community to create this year's woolly display for Skipton.

**10.30am - 12pm**  
**Skipton Library, High St., BD23 1JX**

**49 Dates for your diary**

## Sculpt Your History Family Workshop

How often do you notice Skipton's beautiful carvings? What is a wyvern? Would you love to create your own sculptures? Join us on Tuesday, 29 August, at Skipton Town Hall to explore our town's unique and intricate architectural details that we often overlook!

Learn about Skipton Library's carvings and what they represent. Sketch your own and then bring them to life with clay. Or, try your hand at making your own coat of arms. Find the wyvern on Skipton's crest and use it as inspiration to paint your own!

**Education Room, Town Hall, High St., BD23 1AH**  
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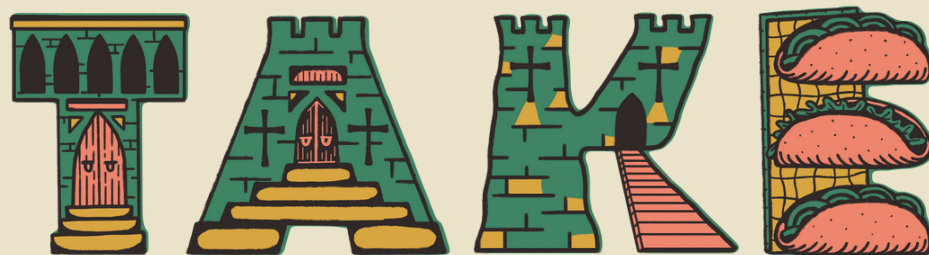


**29th August**

## CRAVEN MUSEUM



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## Local History

Join us for a relaxed family craft session in the Concert Hall, with a theme around local history. Suitable for children of all ages.

10.00am & 1.00pm

The Concert Hall, Town Hall, High St, BD23 1AH



## Meet the Filmmakers: Local Short Film Showcase

A group of award winning local young filmmakers and artists are proud to present a **Hinterlands Fringe** event at the Plaza. Grab some popcorn and immerse yourselves in some of the area's most impactful and relevant stories which showcase the rich rural and creative heritage of Skipton and the Dales.

Interspersed with **Yorkshire Film Archive** footage, the event will feature various local artists including **Billy White; Clementine Bogg-Hargroves; Dawn Feather** (Yorkshire Edit); **Juliet Klottrup** (pictured) and **Sarah Smout**. It will also launch new films commissioned for the Skipton Now Cultural Festival by **Ruth Garret** (Kittiwake Productions) and from a young people's workshop with **The Knotted Project** which will share their creative inspirations of the spaces and heritage of Skipton.

**7.45pm | The Plaza Cinema, Sackville Street, BD23 2PB**  
**FREE event, book tickets on [www.lakesanddales.org](http://www.lakesanddales.org)**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**HISTORY & NATURE**

**FUN & GAMES**

**MUSIC & DANCING**

**FOOD & DRINK**

# SKIPTON FESTIVAL

## Venue Map

→ Event Locations

STREET NAMES

-  canal
-  trail route
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-  footpath
-  railway



 Skipton  
Rail Station

 Little  
Theatre

 Bus  
Station

 Plaza  
Cinema

 Mill Bridge  
Gallery

 Town Hall

 Library

 Craven  
Arts House

the Fresh Perspective  
Mural Trail starts here

Canal  
Basin

to the Auction Mart