

Skipton Civic Society Events 2025-'26

Walks and talks in September and October and proposals for next summer.

Talks on the first Wednesday, October to May: 7.30pm in The Craven Arts House, Otley Street

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September 12.13.14	Heritage Open Days [Yorkshire Churches Day]	Walks by Claire Nash, Sue Wrathmell, Sheila Clark.
October 6 th - November 16 th	‘TRACES’ – an art exhibition at The Craven Arts House. Work by about thirty artists based on Skipton’s rich history. The Skipton Civic Society has supported the exhibition with advice and there will be walks and Thursday lunchtime talks	See Craven Arts website full details and programme to follow Sue Wrathmell [Datestones; Ancient Routeways], Sheila Clark [The Wilderness], Alex Wild [The String of Beads]
Speaker meetings	October 2025 to May 2026	7.30pm at the Craven Arts House, Otley Street
1st Oct 2025	Steve Wilton: ‘Skipton – a thousand years of history in sixty minutes’. Illustrated	On May 13 th , on behalf of the Civic Society, Steve gave the Yorkshire Society an account of our town’s unique history. Tonight he will give us his account of people and events that have shaped Skipton.
5th Nov	Anne Buckley: ‘From Tsingtao to Skipton’ Illustrated	Anne is Associate Professor in German and translation studies at the University of Leeds, She will recount the escape story of two German naval officers at the Skipton camp. They had spent a year on the run covering an astonishing five thousand miles.
3rd Dec	Claire Nash: ‘Twenty is Plenty’ – a close look	Claire will bring expert knowledge to the challenge being taken up by many towns and villages, including Wales and the whole of Oxfordshire. What is Skipton’s view?

7th Jan 2026	Social evening with York University’s ‘town future’ game, and a light-hearted quiz about Skipton’s Heritage pubs	York University’s questionnaire about the town’s future How much do you know about our historic pubs and inns?
4th Feb	Helenne Jordan: ‘The Library Life Cycle’	Helenne is a librarian with the role of Community Development Officer at Skipton Public Library. The building has recently been listed for its heritage significance and her talk will confirm the vital services available there.
4th March	Steve Wilton and Amy Robinson: ‘Adult education in Skipton and the transformation of the former Skipton School of Science and Art’	Steve will talk about adult education opportunities from early days. Amy will talk about the new uses for the building behind the Public Library.
1 st April	Lyndon Marquis: The work of the Yorkshire Peat Partnership,	The Peat Communications and Engagement Manager at the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will talk about this vital aspect of the Trust’s work.
6th May AGM at 7pm	The Annual meeting with reports, followed by a short talk by Chloe Thwaites tbc	<i>We hope to have a visit from the Skipton Youth Council, responding to our invitation to tell us what they want in the town. Nb membership for under 25s is free</i>
	SUMMER 2026 EVENTS	
June tbc	A walk through the Broughton Hall trees, from Lane Head Croft, Carleton to The Bull at Broughton	<i>Discussed at our February meeting. A summer walk with transport to be arranged.</i>
July 2026 tbc	A summer visit to Morecambe, the Winter Gardens and information about the Eden Project works.	A day out by train, with a guided tour of the ‘Victoria Hall’ – a splendid theatre and music hall being restored by the Winter Gardens Trust.