**EASY TO FIND**
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Visit Cromford Mills for a Complete Day Out!

THE START OF YOUR JOURNEY EXPLORING THE DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

At Cromford Mills you will find a range of fascinating activities for all the family: discover more about this unique valley in the new visitor centre with interactive displays and film, meet Sir Richard himself in the CGI experience, take a narrow boat ride along the canal or accompany one of our guides as they bring the extraordinary history to life on a tour of the area.

There are plenty of walks, trails, shops and places to eat to keep the whole family entertained.*

* See the Cromford Mills site map overleaf

WALKING TRAILS
There is a choice of three walking trails (each approximately 30 minutes in length) providing stunning views of the Mills, the River Derwent, Willersley Castle and Cromford Canal.

EVENTS
We run a year round events programme including talks, walks, conferences, exhibitions, family fun weekends and lots more.

HAVE YOU VISITED YET?

TOURS
Discover the fascinating history of Cromford by taking one of our many themed guided tours,* audio guides, or self guide following the interpretation board trail, or download the Cromford Mills app.
* See pages 8 and 9 for further details

ARKWRIGHT’S CAFÉ
Enjoy Arkwright’s Café’s ever changing selection of unique and delicious cakes - all homemade on the premises by our friendly staff. Arkwright’s Café also serves home-cooked breakfasts and lunches every day. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options are all available.

Group Tour Bookings
Book one of our knowledgeable guides to take your group on a bespoke tour of Cromford Mills. Why not make a day of it by booking lunch or afternoon tea? French and German tours are available by prior arrangement.

GALLERY
Cromford Mills Gallery offers a lively programme of changing exhibitions.
* See page 7 for further details

WHEATCROFT’S WHARF CAFÉ
A stunning canal side café and bookshop. Relax and unwind by the water with a glass of wine or Arkwright’s Ale. Enjoy made to order paninis, homemade soup, oven baked potatoes, summer salads, fresh ground coffee and a selection of tasty homemade cakes and scones. Pizza menu available. (Summer evenings only).

Free Drink
Complete and present this coupon when making a purchase at Arkwright’s Café or Wheatcroft’s Wharf Café and you’ll receive a free coffee, tea or soft drink. Valid until 30th June 2017. One coupon per person.

Title:  
Initials:  
Surname:  
I am happy to be sent details by email of events at Cromford Mills.

Email:  
Coupon only redeemable with a valid email address.
Choose from 20 visitor attractions in and around Cromford Mills and enjoy a complete day out!

**Masson Mills**
- Sir Richard Arkwright’s 1783 showpiece. One of the finest surviving examples of an Arkwright cotton mill.
- MUSEUM DEMONSTRATIONS
- WORKING MACHINERY
- SHOPPING VILLAGE
- CAFE • CAR PARK

**Greyhound Hotel**
- The historic Greyhound Hotel forms the principal building of Cromford’s Market Place.
- BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER • DRINKS AND COFFEE

**Bear Pit**
- Water control point in a stone lined pit, part of the water system that powered the mills.

**North Street**
- North Street contains the first housing built to encourage families to come and live and work at the mills.

**Cromford Village**
- Historic workers’ village created by Sir Richard Arkwright with hotel, shops and market place.
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITY • CAFES • SHOPS

**Willersley Castle**
- Willersley Castle Hotel is the 18th century mansion of Sir Richard Arkwright situated above the River Derwent.
- BED & BREAKFAST • LUNCHES • AFTERNOON TEAS • EVENING MEALS • CONFERENCES

**St. Mary’s Church**
- The magnificent Parish Church of St Mary was built on the orders of Sir Richard Arkwright and opened in 1797.
- ARKWRIGHT GRAVES • RIVER WALK

**Scarthin Bookshop**
- A homely refuge and social hub with approximately 100,000 books in stock.
- HISTORIC BOOK SHOP • CAFE

**Cromford Railway Station**
- Catch the train to Matlock Bath or Whatstandwell and walk to Cromford.

**Canal Wharf**
- Canal boat trips between Cromford Wharf and High Peak Junction/Leawood Pump House aboard the heritage narrowboat.
- WEEKLY CANAL BOAT TRIPS • PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

**Canal Boat Trips**
- Canal boat trips between Cromford Wharf and High Peak Junction/Leawood Pump House aboard the heritage narrowboat.
- VISITOR CENTRE • LEAWOOD PUMP HOUSE • RAILWAY WORKSHOPS • AUDIO TOUR • WALKS • DRINKS • TOILETS

**More Details**
- Visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk/events
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**Map**
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- ST. MARY’S CHURCH
- WILLERSLEY CASTLE
- MASSON MILLS
- GREYHOUND HOTEL
- BEAR PIT
- NORTH STREET
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- THE CROMFORD MILLS STORY
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- CANAL BOAT TRIPS

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INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS, FILM, AND MEET SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT
Your exploration of the Derwent Valley starts here. With a fully interactive scale model of the World Heritage Site you can discover all there is to see and do in the valley. There is a film, children’s activities, interpretation, and help is on hand to assist you to plan your journey beyond Cromford Mills in our Tourist Information Area. Enter Sir Richard Arkwright’s First Mill to hear the man himself as he shares with you the story of his mill empire.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS
Our education centre offers a number of resources for school groups along with hands-on activities. For further details telephone 01629 823256 or email mledeg@arkwrightsociety.org.uk

Saturday to Thursday throughout the year
GALLERY EXHIBITIONS
Location: Gallery
Cromford Mills Gallery offers another lively programme of changing exhibitions featuring the best of local ceramics, paintings, jewellery, textiles and more. For further details of individual artists and groups exhibiting, please visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk

3rd Sun of month, 11am-4pm
ARKWRIGHT SPINSTERS
Location: Cromford Mills
The Arkwright Spinsters will be demonstrating spinning and fibre crafting and sharing their skills. Bring your own spinning wheel and learn to spin, or learn with group equipment by prior arrangement. Please contact arkwrightsspinsters@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to arrange a lesson.

CELEBRATING CROMFORD
Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th June
A multitude of weird and wonderful, big and small, fun and family events across the village all weekend. Visit Cromford Mills and discover why Cromford was so important in the industrial revolution. Find out more in the visitor centre, journey back in time to meet Sir Richard Arkwright in the CGI experience, dress in Georgian costume, and enjoy guided tours throughout the weekend. For further details visit: www.cromfordmills.org.uk & www.celebratingcromford.org

THE CROMFORD MILLS STORY
Location: Mill Yard
Discover the story of Cromford Mills, dress up in mill workers’ outfits or be part of a mill owner’s family portrait. See how the mill complex looked in the time of Arkwright and gain an understanding of waterwheels with our scale models.

DISPLAYS AND AUDIO VISUAL
Discover all there is to see and do in the World Heritage Site with our touch screen model, hands on activities and puzzles, stunning film and interpretation. Walk through into Arkwright’s First Mill and meet the man himself!

OPENING HOURS
Open all year except Christmas Day. Gateway open 10am-4pm (Summer), 11am-4pm (Winter). Cromford Mills site open 9am-5pm.

ADMISSION CHARGES
See our website for details.

NEW EXHIBITION OPENING SUMMER 2017
See our website for details.
Guided Tours

Join one of our fantastic tours to discover more about the Cromford story and life during the Industrial Revolution in the Derwent Valley, and how Sir Richard Arkwright has influenced the world we know today.

Daily Mill Tour

Step back in time to when Sir Richard Arkwright pioneered the world’s first successful water powered cotton spinning mill on this one hour introductory tour around the Cromford Mills complex. Daily from 11am. Tickets from £5

Coaches, Canals and Cotton Mills Tour

This once quiet valley changed forever with the growth of the cotton mills, but have you ever wondered how they brought the cotton here in the first place? Come with us on a journey of discovery about how local travel advanced dramatically over the last 200 years to keep up with industrial demands. Along the way we’ll tell stories about the Arkwright family, the building of the canal and the coming of the railways. 27th May, 22nd July, 11:30am-12:45pm. £5 (limited places, advance booking essential)

Water, Wheels and Wealth: Making the Mills Spin Tour

The mastery of water power was essential to Arkwright’s success. This tour explains his ingenuity and manipulation of the local water sources during the lifetime of Cromford Mills. You’ll discover where water still moves under your feet today and how the disruption to this once remarkable system led to the final demise of cotton spinning in Cromford. 22nd April, 12th August, 11:30am-12:45pm. £5 (limited places, advance booking essential)

Growing Up at the Mills Tour

Children were an essential part of the mill workforce, but what was life like for them growing up working for Sir Richard Arkwright? Discover more about family life, the jobs people did and the risks they took every day. Starting in the mill yard you will also visit Cromford village and see the street where you might have lived if you were one of Arkwright’s workers.

DAILY MILL TOUR

8th April, 24th June, 26th August, 11:30am-12:45pm. £5 (limited places, advance booking essential)

Rule and Riot Tour

Follow the footsteps of the hundreds of mill workers and explore 18th century village life as you are taken on a journey of discovery around Cromford Village. You’ll visit North Street and see the earliest industrial housing in Derbyshire as well as the state of the art water management system used to power the first cotton mill. Fridays at 11am, and May 13th, July 8th and September 23rd, 11:30am-12:45pm. £5 (limited places, advance booking essential)

Meet our mill workers for a historic tour of the yard on the third Saturday of the month. See website for more details.

Cromford Village Tour

How happened if you broke the law in the 18th century, or broke one of the rules working at the mill? Did the punishment always fit the crime? Find out more about law, order and industrial espionage during Georgian times, and just how strict working at the mills was as we explore the mill and village on this guided tour.

Lumsdale

The Arkwright Society owns the land in the upper Lumsdale Valley on which are situated the mills, ponds and nature reserve.

This area was scheduled as an ancient monument by Historic England in 2014. The Lumsdale Project is managed for the Arkwright Society by a committee of local people who also organise various fundraising events. The Project’s aim is to conserve the unique environment of ruined mills, ponds and waterfalls while maintaining the valley’s rich wildlife habitats and peaceful atmosphere.

Lumsdale Project Garden Party

Saturday 3rd June, 1pm-5pm

Location: Ivy Cottage, Upper Lumsdale

Cost: FREE ENTRY/DONATION

Come and join us at this much loved, annual event where residents and friends of the beautiful Lumsdale Valley get together to raise funds to help maintain the environment and industrial archaeology of this important site. Be part of our exciting new project to protect the remaining ruins in Lumsdale.

A Walk Down Through the Lumsdale Valley

Sundays: 26th March, 30th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th July, 27th August, 24th September, 29th October, 2-4pm

Location: Meet at the layby opposite Highfields Upper School car park entrance, Upper Lumsdale, DE4 5NA. Please park in Upper Lumsdale and not at the bottom of the Valley.

Cost: £3 – Limited places, advance booking required on 01629 823256.

A leisurely guided one mile walk down through this wooded gorge of outstanding natural beauty, exploring the stone mill ruins, ponds and waterfalls that make up this unique historical site.

Please note the route down the Valley involves some steep steps and uneven paths which can be muddy and slippery. Please wear suitable footwear with a good grip. Walking poles are also recommended.
**Family Fun**

Don’t be late…for a very important date! Follow Alice into Wonderland and enjoy a day of adventure. Hurry after the White Rabbit, sit down for a feast at the Mad Hatter’s tea party, play a selection of giant games, and join the Queen of Hearts for a game of croquet.…

**Alice in Wonderland**

**SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 10AM-5PM**

**Easter Chicks and Lambs**
Meet Larry the Lamb, cuddle the Easter chicks, and find out more about them from 11am-5pm.

**Giant Games**
Fun for all the family.

**Alice in Wonderland Crafts**
Step into Wonderland at this magical workshop. Make your own White Rabbit or Cheshire Cat and a playing card puppet to take home. **Drop in anytime between 11am-4pm. £3 per child (accompanying adults free).**

**The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party**
A special themed menu in Arkwright’s Café with plenty of treats including jam tarts, gingerbread timepieces, rice krispie cards, Bakewell tarts, Drink Me smoothie potions, and Eat Me mini Victoria sponge cakes, mini French fancies and mini lemon drizzle cakes.

**The White Rabbit Trail**
Discover where the White Rabbit has hidden the Easter eggs. Find them all and win a prize! £1.

**Once Upon a Time**

**SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH MAY 10AM-5PM**

**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Trail**
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs are playing hide and seek but she can’t find them anywhere! Can you help Snow White to find her friends and tell her where they are hiding. Find them all and win a prize! £1.

**Knights, Dragons and Other Games**
A variety of games to play that are fun for all the family.

**Alpacas**
Meet the alpacas and discover more about these fascinating animals.

**Owls**
Find out about and meet the Barn Owls, the White Faced Scops Owl, the Great Grey Owl and all their fluffy friends. Why not hold an owl for just £2?

**Once Upon A Time at the Canal**
Literacy crafts and stalls, storytelling for children including a signing workshop from Tiny Talk, and guided storytelling walks around the wharf.

**Once Upon a Time Craft Workshop**
Enter the fairy tale at this enchanting workshop. Make your own fairy or elf door and a fairy or knight puppet to take home. **Drop in anytime between 11am-4pm. £3 per child (accompanying adults free).**

**Fairytale Food**
Plenty of fairy tale treats to choose from in Arkwright’s Café including butterfly cakes, fairy cakes, strawberry cupcakes, and edible wands.

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Literacy crafts and stalls, storytelling for children including a signing workshop from Tiny Talk, and guided storytelling walks around the wharf.

**Face Painting (£3)**

**Barbeque**

**Craft Fair**

**Guided Tours**

**Arkwright Spinster** (Saturday only: 11am and 2pm – visit www.birdswood.org to book) **Guided Tours**

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**Leawood Pump House** (Sunday only: 12noon-5pm) **AND MORE!**

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**Canal Boat Trips (Sat and Sun: departs 11am and 2pm) (Horse drawn Sun only) – visit www.birdswood.org to book)**

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**Remote Control Car Racing**  Race a remote control car around the obstacle course and see how you fare against your competitors. Those with the highest scores at the end of the day win a prize! Suitable for children – and adults of all ages!

**Story Book Trail**  Find all the books and discover which character is hiding in each. Find them all and win a prize!

**Story Cauldron**  Have fun with words and create your own fantastic stories. Write them down or tell them to your family and friends.

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**Children’s Book Swap Stall**  Bring along a book you have read and would like to share with other readers and swap it for another book!

**Story Book Treats**  A special themed menu in Arkwright’s Café including gingerbread men, candied apples, toffee apples, gingerbread house cookies and four and twenty blackbirds’ pies.

**Electric Bicycles**  Find out more about Juicy Bike’s electric bicycles that make travelling up hills so much easier! Why not come along and enjoy a test ride.

**Transport of the Future Gallery**  Design your own futuristic transport (draw it or build it) then bring it along to Cromford Mills during the weekend and add it to the Transport of the Future Gallery. Prizes for the winning ones.

**World Foods**  Discover foods from around the world in Arkwright’s Café.

**Story Book Tales**  SATURDAY 22ND & SUNDAY 23RD JULY 10AM-5PM

**Travel and Adventure**  SATURDAY 29TH & SUNDAY 30TH JULY 10AM-5PM

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Scarecrow Festival
SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 10AM-5PM

Scarecrow Trail Follow the scarecrow trail and judge which of the scarecrows you think should win first prize! Free prize draw entry for everyone who completes a judging form.

Scarecrow Ball Come along and join our scarecrows barn dancing! Be guided step by step through dances suitable for complete beginners as well as those with more experience or just come and watch.

Traditional Games A variety of games that are fun for all the family.

Pony Rides Come and see the ponies and have a pony ride (£2).

Petting Zoo Handle your favourite animals and admire the scary! (£2).

Scarecrow Snacks Plenty of scarecrow themed treats to choose from including country vegetable and carrot soup, pumpkin pie, chocolate shredded wheat baskets and scarecrow cookies in Arkwright’s Café.

Games

Wizard of Oz Craft Workshop Follow the yellow brick road… Make a scarecrow, tin man, Dorothy or lion to take home amongst other fun themed activities. Drop in anytime between 11am-4pm. £3 per child (accompanying adults free).

Endangered Species Trail Follow the trail and discover which animal species are endangered. Find them all and win a prize!

Animal Magic SATURDAY 12TH & SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 10AM-5PM

Alpacas Meet the alpacas and find out more about them, and look at alpaca fleeces and yarn.

Snakes, Geckos and Other Fascinating Creatures Meet the pythons, corn snakes, geckos, lizards, frogs, hermit crabs as well as the tortoise, giant iguana and bosc monitor. There will also be the opportunity to handle some of the animals in these interactive sessions between 11am-5pm.

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Leawood Pump House (12 noon-5pm) …AND MORE!

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Cromford Mills’ Scarecrow Festival returns with fun for all the family. Meet the living scarecrows, follow the scarecrow trail and dance away the afternoon whilst enjoying games, crafts and lots more!

Join us for a weekend of animal magic. Meet the animals and find out all about a wide variety of fascinating creatures.

Owls and Parrots Meet a selection of gorgeous owls and colourful, entertaining parrots and see the mischief they can cause! Discover more about these fascinating birds with talks at 12noon and 2pm.

Games

Join in with a variety of different games that are fun for all the family.

Animal Magic Treats Enjoy a selection of animal themed biscuits and cookies in Arkwright’s Café.

PLUS • Face Painting (£3) • Barbeque • Model Railway Exhibition (11am-4pm) • Guided Tours • Canal Boat Trips (departs 11am and 2pm – visit www.birdswood.org to book) …AND MORE!

Children must be accompanied by an adult
Ahoy there! Step aboard and set sail for a weekend of pirate adventure. Meet the pirates and enjoy a day of swashbuckling adventure on the high seas!

**Pirates!**
**SATURDAY 19TH & SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 10AM-5PM**

**Treasure Trail**
Follow the map where X marks the spot and discover where the treasure is buried on Skeleton Island. Find the treasure and take home a prize. One piece of gold (£1).

**Swashbuckling Games**
Come along and join in with a variety of pirate themed games that are fun for all the family.

**Pirate Boat Trips**
All aboard for pirate adventures for all the family. Capture the crafts and play the games. Fancy dress optional, treasure hunting compulsory! (Saturday only) Departs 11am and 2pm. Visit www.birdswood.org for further details and to book.

**Pirate Crafts**
Set sail aboard the Jolly Roger and make a pirate or mermaid peg doll puppet and your own pirate hat at this fun themed workshop. Drop in anytime from 11am-4pm. Three pieces of gold (£3) per child (accompanying adults free).

**Swashbuckling Games**
Join us at the Toy Factory and enjoy a weekend filled with fun and games!

**Toys and Games**
**SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 10AM-5PM**

**Giant Games, Board Games and Puzzles**
**Toy Trail**
The toys have escaped! Discover where each of them are hiding. Find them all and win a prize! (£1).

**Sports Day Games**
Step up to the challenge and take part in sports day games for all the family! Who can skip and hula hoop for the longest or come first at the egg and spoon and bean bag races? Turn up on the hour every hour for competitive fun or turn up any time and practise your skills!

**Model Boats**
A display of radio controlled model boats on Cromford Canal (Sunday only). Departs 11am and 2pm. Visit www.birdswood.org for further details and to book.

**The Pirate Ship’s Galley**
Head to Arkwright’s Café for a bowl of shark soup or discover treasure chest cookies and chocolate coins.

**The Pirate Ship’s Galley**
Children must be accompanied by an adult

**Pirate Boat Trips**
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**Model Railway Exhibition**
Tuesday 8th - Monday 28th August, 11am-4pm
FREE ENTRY
(Open Mondays except Bank Holiday)
Location: Gothic Warehouse
A fascinating display for all ages by the Chesterfield Railway Modellers.

**Edible Toy Shop**
Plenty of themed treats in Arkwright’s Café including ‘Build Your Own Mr Potato Head’ jacket potatoes followed with rice krispie dominoes, toy soldier cupcakes and Toy Story lollipops!

**Growing up at the Mills Tour**
Find out what life was like for children working in the mills and visit Cromford village to see where you might have lived and gone to school. (See page 4 for details).

**PLUS** • Face Painting (£3) • Barbeque • Model Railway Exhibition (11am-4pm) • Guided Tours • Canal Boat Trips (departs 11am and 2pm – visit www.birdswood.org to book) • Arkwright Spinsters (Sunday only 11am-4pm) • Leawood Pump House (Sunday only: 12 noon-5pm) • AND MORE!

**MORE DETAILS VISIT** www.cromfordmills.org.uk/events
**FAMILY FUN**

Step back in time and experience life in Georgian times. Chat with the village folk and mingle with the gentry – and learn all about the traditions and customs of this period in time with three days of events for all ages. Why not come dressed in Georgian costume too!

**CROMFORD MILLS**

**Georgian Festival**

**FRIDAY 1ST - SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 10AM-4PM**

**Meet the Georgians** Come and meet the millworkers and other Georgian re-enactors who will be out and about in the mill yard. Find out first-hand what it was like to live and work in the 18th century.

**Georgian Inventions Trail** Follow the trail around Cromford Mills and discover a collection of Georgian inventions. **Find them all and win a prize! (£1)**.

**Silhouette Portraits** Create your own ‘profile’ portrait like those in Georgian times. A selection of Georgian accessories will be available to complement your period silhouette. **Suitable for all ages. Drop in anytime. (£3 per person).**

**Dress as a Georgian** Dress as a millworker and be part of a mill owner’s family portrait.

**Bracelet and Bookmark Weaving** Learn how to use a pair of weaving sticks to make your own bracelet or bookmark to take away. **Drop in anytime for family fun.**

**Owls** Find out about and meet the Barn Owls, the White Faced Scops Owl, the Great Grey Owl and all their fluffy friends. **(Sunday only)**

**Hog Roast and Georgian Fare** Experience a selection of Georgian themed food in Arkwright’s Café.

**St Mary’s Church** Visit Arkwright’s church in Cromford, originally built as a chapel for the Arkwright family. **(Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Sunday 11am-4pm).**

**Georgian Games** Join in with a selection of Georgian games suitable for all the family. Learn about the history of the games including skittles, quoits and chess.

**Health and Hygiene in Georgian Times** Discover all about health and hygiene – or rather the lack of it! – with illustrated displays.

**Meet the Georgians**

**FENCING – DEMONSTRATIONS AND TASTER SESSIONS**

**Saturday 2nd September, 11am-3pm**

**Location: Mill Yard**

In Georgian England learning to fence was an indispensable part of a gentleman’s education. Join 3 Blades Fencing Club and enjoy demonstrations of this competitive sport or why not come along and have a go yourself. **Taster sessions will introduce you to some fencing basics and are suitable for adults and children from 8 years.**

**ONE HOUR TASTER SESSIONS** at 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm

**Cost:** £5 per person (includes kit hire and equipment). **Limited places, advance booking recommended to avoid disappointment on 01629 823256. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**PLUS • Face Painting (£3) • Guided Tours • Canal Boat Trips** (departs 11am and 2pm – visit www.birdswood.org to book) …AND MORE!

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE: A VIRTUAL TOUR**

**Friday 1st September, 1:30pm-3pm**

**Location:** Gothic Warehouse (ground floor)

**Cost:** £7.50 (includes tea and cake). **Limited places, advance booking recommended**

Coalbrookdale is one of the main sites in Ironbridge Gorge Museum and is where in 1709 Abraham Darby first smelted iron using coke instead of charcoal. Using photographs and site map, Fiona Kyle’s virtual tour covers the many layers of history in the Dale including the importance of the Severn, why Darby went there, the development of the Coalbrookdale Company, the Quaker influence, the significance of the Great Exhibition and the formation of a Museum in what was, eventually, one of the largest areas of industrial dereliction in Europe.
Georgian Festival

AN EVENING OF GEORGIAN OPERA

Friday 1st September, 8pm
Location: St Mary’s Church, Cromford
Cost: £20 – includes glass of wine during the interval. Reserved seating for Arkwright Society Gold Members. (Advance booking recommended)

New Georgian Opera and Chelsea Concerts present an evening of music from the world of Georgian opera, the great classical composers and music theatre with soprano Alexandra Kennedy and countertenor Oliver Gerrish.

Described by The Daily Mail as ‘a stunning Soprano’ Alexandra has performed nationally and internationally including a recital for Prince Albert of Monaco. Oliver began his professional musical training at Lichfield Cathedral and went on to study at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He has performed all over the world and is a regular soloist with the Philharmonia Orchestra. Join us in the splendid setting of St Mary’s Church in Cromford for an evening to remember.

PRE-OPERA DINNER
Friday 1st September, 6pm-7:30pm
Cost: £25 – Limited places, advance booking essential
Dine in style and enjoy a delicious three-course pre-opera dinner at Cromford Mills.

RICHARD ARKWRIGHT’S CANDLELIGHTING FESTIVAL

Sunday 3rd September, 6pm-10pm
Cost: FREE ENTRY (includes soup and punch)

Richard Arkwright’s original Candlelighting Festival was a day of celebration for his workers when they paraded around the village before returning to the mill for a feast of buns, ale, nuts and fruit followed by an evening of music and dancing. Join us over 200 years later as we recreate Arkwright’s Candlelighting in our festival finale.

Meet outside the Greyhound in Cromford Market Place before joining the procession to Cromford Mills where there will be soup and punch to enjoy before music and dancing. Why not come dressed for the occasion in Georgian costume!

There will also be a licensed bar and food available for purchase.
Battery operated lanterns and candles only.

THE CROMFORD MILLS GEORGIAN BALL

Saturday 2nd September
Arrive from 7pm for 7.30pm, Carriages at midnight
Cost: £80 per person (£400 per table of 8)
Limited places, advance booking essential

Dress code: Black Tie (Georgian costume optional)

Join us for a very special evening at Cromford Mills’ annual Georgian Ball. A celebratory and fundraising evening this is a not to be missed event in the Cromford Mills’ calendar.

Enjoy a complimentary glass of Prosecco on arrival before dining in style with a delicious four-course dinner.

Be entertained with period music and demonstrations of Georgian dancing – and for those who wish to dance the night away there will be the chance to learn the steps and have a go yourself!

The evening will include a fundraising auction and other surprises.

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Interpretations of the Past – A Conference

Friday 21st April – Saturday 22nd April

This Archives and Artefacts Study Network (A2SN) Conference sets out to explore our understanding of the past and the ways in which we seek to interpret them to a modern audience. We will be bringing together a wide range of specialists, specialisms and interests as we seek to expand collaboration between enthusiasts, archivists, museum professionals and academics. For further details visit www.a2sn.org.uk

Industrial Revolution Conference 2017

Saturday 30th September

The Arkwright Society’s annual academic conference on the Industrial Revolution returns to Cromford Mills. Leading British experts on the Industrial Revolution will set out their views on the time when Britain changed in every way, led by a new spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Tickets and further details will be available from the summer. To register your interest please phone 01629 823256 or email conference@arkwrightsociety.org.uk

Heritage Open Days

Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September 10am-4pm

Heritage Open Days is England’s biggest heritage festival celebrating our fantastic history, architecture and culture. Step back in time with free guided tours, learn about heritage crafts, and discover more about Sir Richard Arkwright and his Cromford Mills.

The Cromford Mills Story

9am-5pm

Discover the story of Cromford Mills with this exhibition including the opportunity to dress as a millworker and be part of a mill owner’s family portrait.

A Guided Tour of Cromford Village

Thurs 7th – Sun 10th September, 1:30pm-3pm

Meet outside the Shop in the Yard. FREE but donations welcome

Follow in the footsteps of hundreds of mill workers with a walk into Cromford village to see and hear more about daily life and Sir Richard Arkwright’s entrepreneurial ideas.

St Mary’s Church

Thurs 7th and Fri 8th September, 10am-4pm
Sat 9th, 10am-12noon; Sun 10th, 11am-4pm

St Mary’s Church. FREE but donations welcome (Refreshments will be served throughout the day)

Visit St Mary’s – Arkwright’s Church in Cromford, originally built as a chapel for the Arkwright family. It was later Gothicised and contains murals by renowned Victorian artist Alfred Octavius Hemming.

Inspired Lacemakers

Sat 9th and Sun 10th September, 10am-4pm
Gothic Warehouse

FREE ENTRY

The Inspired Lacemakers will be demonstrating bobbin lace throughout the weekend. Come along and have a go making a piece of your own.

Rule and Riot Tour

Saturday 9th September, 11:30am-12:45pm

Meet outside the Shop in the Yard. FREE but donations welcome (Limited places, advance booking recommended)

What happened if you broke the law in the 18th century, or even broke one of the rules working at the mill? Did the punishment always fit the crime? Discover more about law, order and industrial espionage during Georgian times and how strict life working at the mills was as we explore the mill and village on this guided tour.

Plants Sale at Cromford Mills

Saturday 13th May, 1:30pm-4pm

FREE ENTRY

The North Derbyshire Cottage Garden Society will be holding its popular annual sale of quality plants. Come along, be inspired and find plenty of plants for your garden!
A WALK TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE’S SEAT

Sunday 22nd October, 10am-1pm
Location: Meet outside the Shop in the Yard. Cost: £5

A five mile walk from the mill, along the Cromford Canal to Lea Wood and back. In Lea Wood look at evidence of early industrial activity and rest on Florence Nightingale’s seat before returning.

A LEISURELY STROLL AROUND CROMFORD

Friday 27th October, 10am-12:30pm
Location: Meet outside the Shop in the Yard. Cost: £5

A four mile walk around some of the parts that you may not have noticed before. From the Mill we will visit Rock House, Intake Lane, North Street, Alabaster Lane, the two Corn Mills, St Mary’s and the river bridge, before returning to the Mill.

CROMFORD PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Saturday 28th October, 11am-1pm
Location: Meet outside the Shop in the Yard. Cost: £5

Bring your camera and join photographer Helen Chester LRPS on a guided walk around Cromford. Visit Cromford Mills, St Mary’s Church, the canal wharf and the village as your guide takes you off the beaten track and offers advice on getting the best shots. During the walk there will be opportunities for landscape photography and architectural shots of historic buildings. There will also be the opportunity to look inside some of the buildings.

THE NOTTINGHAM TO MELTON RAILWAY

Wednesday 25th October, 7pm (cheese and wine 7pm-7:30pm)
Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor)
Cost: £7.50 (includes cheese and wine)

The Nottingham to Melton Mowbray Railway is a section of the former Midland Main Line. Most of the line is now used as the Old Dalby Test Track, home of the 1984 nuclear flask crash, test bed for the Advanced Passenger Train (APT) and the Virgin Pendolino, and widely used by our local rolling stock manufacturer, Bombardier. This fully illustrated talk covering from 1872 to the present day, contains a wealth of local history including the iron ore industry, holidays by rail, and the communities it joined up. Colin Aldworth has been researching the history of the line for nearly thirty years and his book has been described by the British National Archives as a ‘definitive piece of research’.

A TOUR OF CROMFORD VILLAGE INCLUDING A MILLWORKER’S HOUSE

Sat 28th Oct, 2pm-3:30pm,
Sun 29th Oct, 11:30am-1pm
Location: Meet outside the Shop in the Yard.
Cost: £5

Join Jill Banks and follow in the footsteps of hundreds of mill workers with a walk into Cromford village to see and hear more about daily life and Sir Richard Arkwright’s entrepreneurial ideas. There will be the opportunity to visit one of Arkwright’s original houses on North Street and to take a look inside, as well as finding out more about the bear-pit, lock-up, allotments, and the Greyhound pond.

FROM SMALL SPA TO INLAND RESORT – A WALK

Tuesday 17th October, 7pm
(includes cheese and wine 7pm-7:30pm)
Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor). Cost: £7.50

In 1755 the spa at Matlock Bath was described as “…between the gay Flutter and Extravagance of Bath and Tunbridge and the dull, dirty lifeless Aspect of Buxton and Epsom; abounding with every thing which leads to Health and rational Pleasure”. 150 years later J B Firth lamented ‘the debasing influence of the day tripper is everywhere visible…It is a wanton outrage’. Trace Matlock Bath’s story in this illustrated talk by Doreen Buxton.

FROM SMALL SPA TO INLAND RESORT – A TOUR

Saturday 21st October, 10:30am-1pm
Location: Meet at the Shop in the Yard. Cost: £5

Enjoy a walk around Matlock Bath with Doreen Buxton to find traces of its story. The outward journey is mainly along pavements. The return will be beside the river along Lover’s Walk and via Willersley Castle to Cromford.

LOCATION: Meet at the Shop in the Yard. Cost: £5

RESORT – A WALK FROM SMALL SPA TO INLAND RESORT – A TALK

Tuesday 17th October, 7pm
(includes cheese and wine 7pm-7:30pm)
Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor). Cost: £7.50

Discover the history of the knitting industry from earliest times up to the present day. This talk by Colin Moss shows how the East Midlands played a pivotal role in the industry and how today’s worldwide knitting industry has its foundations in technology developed in the East Midlands. The talk uses as examples historic buildings, some of the knitting machines on show at various museums together with some very modern machines in use in today’s knitting industry. Colin also describes the related social history of the “stockingers” who were the foundation of the knitting industry up until mid-Victorian times.

A HISTORY OF THE EAST MIDLANDS KNITTING INDUSTRY

Thursday 19th October, 7pm (cheese and wine 7pm-7:30pm)
Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor)
Cost: £7.50 (includes cheese and wine)

Advance booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

DISCOVERY WALKS AND TALKS

Places are limited for all these walks and talks.

THE LUMSDALE VALLEY THROUGH THE WOODED GORGE

Sunday 29th October, 2-4pm
Location: Meet at the layby opposite Highfields Upper School car park entrance, Upper Lumsdale, DE4 5NA.
Please park in Upper Lumsdale and not at the bottom of the Valley.
Cost: £3

A leisurely guided one mile walk down through this wooded gorge of outstanding natural beauty, exploring the stone mill ruins, ponds and waterfalls that make up this unique historical site.

Please note the route down the Valley involves some steep steps and uneven paths which can be muddy and slippery. Please wear suitable footwear with a good grip. Walking poles are also recommended.
Dragons, Geckos and Other Fantastic Creatures

Meet an unusual collection of animals from Bearded Dragons and Leopard Geckos to snakes including a Royal Python and a Bosc Monitor, Chincillas, a Giant Sulcata Tortoise, White Tree Frogs, an African Pygmy Hedgehog, and more! There will also be the opportunity to handle some of the animals in these interactive sessions.

Traditional Games

Join in with a variety of different games including some spooky ones.

Witches, Wizards and Goosebumps

SATURDAY 28TH & SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 10AM-4PM

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Traditional Games

Join in with a variety of different games including some spooky ones.

Spooky Trail

Find where all the spooky characters are hiding...if you dare! Find them all and win a prize.

Spooky Snacks

Lots of spooky treats to choose from in Arkwright's Café including cauldron broth soup, magic candied wands, witch's hat cookies and spooky witches' fingers.

Lantern Making Workshop

Make your own colourful lantern to keep the ghosts and ghouls at bay. Drop in anytime between 11am-3pm. £3 per child (accompanying adults free).

PLUS • Face Painting (£3) • Barbeque • Guided Tours • Georgian Re-enactors (Sun only) • Model Boats • Celebrating the Cromford Canal Stalls and Demonstrations • Leawood Pump House (11am-4pm) • Horse Drawn Canal Boat Trips (departs 11am and 2pm – visit www.birdswood.org to book) • St Mary’s Church Open Weekend (see website for details) …AND MORE!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Christmas at Cromford Mills

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Friday 8th December, 6pm
Location: Mill Yard
FREE ENTRY
Follow the Christmas Tree Trail around Cromford Mills and see them all decorated for the festive season. Join us for carol singing in the mill yard whilst keeping warm with roast chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine, which can be purchased on the evening. Bring a lantern to light the way! (Battery operated lanterns only). If you would like to decorate a Christmas tree for the trail either as an individual or as a group, phone 01629 823256 or visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk for details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN ARKWRIGHT’S CAFE
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 1st-21st December.
Seating between 6pm-7:30pm
Cost: £21.50 (limited places, advance booking essential) – booking open from mid-September.
Enjoy a delicious four course festive dinner with all the trimmings in Arkwright’s Cafe.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY’S CHURCH
Fri 22nd December, 7:15pm-8:30pm
Location: Meet in the mill yard
FREE ENTRY (donations welcome)
Wassail by lantern light to St Mary’s Church for a carol concert and selection of readings at 7:30pm. The service will be followed by refreshments including festive punch and cake. Bring a torch or battery operated lantern and come along in Georgian costume if you wish. Why not enjoy a delicious four course festive dinner from 5.30pm-7:15pm in Arkwright’s Cafe. £21.50 (Limited places, advance booking essential).

FAMILY FUN
Follow the jingle of sleigh bells to Cromford Mills where Father Christmas and his elves are spreading their festive cheer in this Christmas weekend for all the family.

Meet Father Christmas
Father Christmas will be making a special pre-Christmas Eve visit to Cromford Mills between 1pm-3pm this weekend. Tell him how good you’ve been this year and what you would like for Christmas.

Donkey Rides
Visit the Christmas donkeys between 11am-4pm. There will also be donkey rides during the day around the mill yard (£3).

Christmas Games
Join in with a variety of fun themed games for all the family.

Make Your Own Christmas Crafts
Have festive fun making a selection of Christmas themed crafts. Drop in anytime between 11am-3pm.

Christmas Craft Fayre
Browse a variety of arts and crafts handmade by local craftspeople to find gifts with a difference to ensure Christmas is all wrapped up!

Festive Food
Choose from a selection of Christmassy treats including roast chestnuts, mince pies, chocolate yule logs, holly and ivy cookies and mulled wine.

Owls and Parrots
Meet a selection of gorgeous owls and colourful entertaining parrots and discover more about these fascinating birds.

Face Painting (£3) • Guided Tours • Canal Boat Trips (departs 12noon and 2pm, prior booking only – visit www.birdswood.org to book) …AND MORE!

Children must be accompanied by an adult
BEHIND THE FACADE: RENISHAW HALL AND THE SITWELLS

Thursday 9th March

The stark North Front of Renishaw Hall, perched on a hill in Eckington, gives no hint of the delights which lie behind its austere facade.

Through Renishaw’s 400 years of Sitwell occupancy, Chris Beevers, archivist, curator and tour guide at Renishaw Hall, reveals the rich history of this most unusual house and its remarkable occupants. Once described by the artist Rex Whistler as “the most exciting place I know”, it is still a private family home.

Public booking opens on 23rd February.

A guided tour of Renishaw Hall and Gardens will take place on Thursday 17th August for Arkwright Society members. See page 35 for details.

MELBOURNE HALL

Thursday 13th April

Discover more about Melbourne Hall and its estate with Philip Heath. Still very much a lived-in family home, Melbourne Hall was a secondary home of Queen Victoria’s first Prime Minister, William Lamb who as second Viscount Melbourne gave his name to the Australian city of Melbourne in the 1830s.

Public booking opens on 20th March.

LEA HURST, THE HOME OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Thursday 11th May

Lea Hurst in the Derbyshire Peak District was the winter home of the Nightingale family, bought and refurbished by Florence’s father William. Now restored and in sympathetic private hands, it retains more of the character and atmosphere of Florence Nightingale’s time than any other building with which she was associated. Adam White, former Curator of Lotherton Hall, Leeds, explains the history and significance of the house.

Public booking opens on 27th April.

FROM CROMWELL TO CRITCHLOW: THE STORY OF WINGFIELD MANOR

Thursday 12th October

Join Gregory Monks from English Heritage as he tells the fascinating story of Wingfield Manor and the people who lived there - starting with the builder, Ralph de Cromwell, a key minister in the government of Henry VI in the period leading up to the Wars of the Roses. It was home to Bess of Hardwick and Arbella Stuart and prison to Mary, Queen of Scots. It was fought over in the Civil War, slighted by Parliament, and declined in its latter days to a romantic ruin. It has been sketched and painted by Turner, visited by Dickens and long since been home to a family of tenant farmers who are the present owners of the property.

Public booking opens on 28th September.

REVOLUTION HOUSE: A SMALL HOUSE WITH A BIG STORY

Thursday 8th June

In 1688, three local noblemen, the Earl of Devonshire, the Earl of Danby and Mr John D’Arcy met at Whittington disguised as a hunting party to begin planning their part in the overthrow of James II. A rainstorm sent them seeking shelter to the Cock and Pynot alehouse. It is now known as Revolution House, a free public museum which remains as a memorial to events that changed the history of our nation. This illustrated talk by Peter Hall from Chesterfield Museums gives an insight into the fascinating history of the house.

Public booking opens on 25th May.

THE STRUTT FAMILY HOMES

Thursday 14th September

The Strutt family were key players in the development of the factory system in the Derwent Valley. As the family grew, they created a number of grand houses close to Belper and Milford. Adrian Farmer and Mary Smedley take a look at some of these houses, and what has happened to them.

Public booking opens on 31st August.

SUTTON SCARSDALE HALL AND THE ARKWRIGHTS

Thursday 9th November

Sutton Scarsdale estate was bought by the younger Richard Arkwright of Willersley Castle in 1824 for his son Robert, who had married Frances Crawford Kemble of the famous Newcastle acting family. Frances became the centre of a social circle which included the 6th Duke of Devonshire. Paul Halksworth discusses the social life of Robert and Frances, as well as successive inheritors of the estate. The last owner of the Sutton Scarsdale estate, William Arkwright, sold it in 1919, the Hall being reduced to a roofless shell. The Hall, saved from total destruction by Sir Osbert Sitwell, is now owned by English Heritage.

Public booking opens on 26th October.

THE LESSER KNOWN HOUSES OF DERBYSHIRE

The Arkwright Society’s lecture series returns with a programme of talks about the lesser known houses of Derbyshire, revealing some hidden gems along the way.

Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor), Cromford Mills (except for 11th May which will be in the River Room – we regret there is no lift access to the 2nd floor)

Time: 7pm (cheese and wine), 7:30pm (lecture)

Cost: £7.50 (includes cheese and wine)

Places are limited and advance booking is recommended - public booking opens a fortnight prior to the lectures.
Off-site Visits

The Arkwright Society presents another programme of fundraising visits, both locally and further afield.

Places for all these events are limited and advance booking is essential on 01629 823256.

**PRIORIT Y BOOKING FOR ARKWRIGHT SOCIETY MEMBERS**

**TOUR OF BUXTON OPERA HOUSE**

Tuesday 28th March, 2pm-4pm

**Location:** Meet at Buxton Opera House

**Cost:** £15 (includes tea and coffee on arrival)

Take a look behind the scenes at one of the country’s finest examples of a Frank Matcham theatre. Discover the fascinating history of this iconic building, from its Edwardian beginning right up to the present day. Starting from the Dress Circle bar, the tour will take you through to the auditorium and backstage where you will get a glimpse of the inner workings of the theatre.

**VISIT TO HOPE CEMENT WORKS**

Tuesday 16th May, 1:30pm-3:30pm

**Location:** Meet at the Social Club, Hope Cement Works

**Cost:** £15 (includes tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival)

Hope Works, which has been in operation within the Peak District National Park for over 86 years, is Britain’s only independent cement manufacturer and one of the best performing plants in the world. Join us for a fascinating guided tour of the works beginning with a safety induction and short film on the process of making cement. The visit will continue to the Quarry Viewing Platform, followed with a look at the laboratories and control room situated within the main works.

**WINDMILL HILL ARCHIVE AND AFTERNOON IN THE COTSWOLDS**

Wednesday 14th June, 7am-7pm

**Location:** Meet at Cromford Mills for coach travel to Windmill Hill and the Cotswolds

**Cost:** £45

Taking full advantage of the views that attracted Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild (1839-1898) to this part of Buckinghamshire, The Rothschild Foundation at Windmill Hill on the Waddesdon estate has been conceived as a place to enjoy both art and architecture and its hilltop location is the perfect setting for contemporary art, sculpture and design. On arrival, tea and coffee will be served at Waddesdon Manor then enjoy a guided tour of the new Archive, Reading Room and philanthropic centre at Windmill Hill before spending a free afternoon in the picturesque Cotswold town of Burford.

**THE BELLFOUNDRY MUSEUM AND WORKS TOUR**

Thursday 28th September, 1:30pm-3pm

**Location:** Meet at The Bellfoundry Museum, Loughborough, LE11 1AR

**Cost:** £15

The John Taylor Bellfoundry in Loughborough is now one of only two bellfoundries still in production in the UK. Follow the development of the art of English bell founding, over at least 600 years, in the museum and enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the factory including the engineering works, the foundry, and the tuning shop.

**THE ROLLS-ROYCE HERITAGE TRUST: TOUR OF THE LIGHT ALLOY FOUNDRY SITE**

Friday 20th October, 9:30-11:15am

(Provisional date – to register your interest please contact 01629 823256)

**Location:** Rolls-Royce Light Alloy Foundry Site

**Cost:** £15

See the largest collection of aero engines in the country, ranging from World War I era piston engines, the famous Merlin, right up to modern day jet engines in this tour of Rolls-Royce’s Light Alloy Foundry site on Osmaston Road. The collection also includes examples across Rolls-Royce’s product range including marine and industrial applications as well as a small number of vintage cars. There are also examples of engines and motor cars from distinguished names such as Armstrong Siddeley and Napier, whose companies became part of the Rolls-Royce group in their latter years.

**GLASSBLOWING AT LUMSDALE GLASS STUDIO**

Friday 17th November, 9am-11am or 11am-1pm or 1pm-3pm or 3pm-5pm

**Location:** Meet at Unit 18, Lower Lumsdale Mills, Matlock, DE4 5EX

**Cost:** £30 (includes tea and coffee)

A rare opportunity to discover the art of glass blowing at Lumsdale Glass Studio. You’ll be able to watch a demonstration of the fascinating and skilled craft of hand blown glass that has changed little in hundreds of years. You’ll then have the chance to make your very own whisky tumbler. This small working studio also houses an exhibition and shop.

**CHRISTMAS IN YORK**

Thursday 30th November, 8am-8pm

**Location:** Meet at Cromford Mills for coach travel to York

**Cost:** £28

Discover what York has to offer with its must see attractions including York Minster, Clifford’s Tower, the Railway Museum, the Castle Museum, as well as some of its hidden gems. Visit St Nicholas’ Fair with its snug wooden chalets and twinkling lights lining the streets and wander along The Shambles as you experience Christmas in York. A perfect day out whether sightseeing or Christmas shopping.
Exclusive Events for Members

Join the Arkwright Society and benefit from a series of exclusive events...

THE GARDENS AT CHATSWORTH

Wednesday 3rd May, 7pm
(includes tea, coffee and cake 7pm-7.30pm)

Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor)
Cost: £7.50 (Limited places, advance booking essential)

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ANNUAL MEMBERS’ EVENT

IMAGES OF THE MILL, AN ILLUSTRATED TALK

Tuesday 27th June, 7pm
(includes tea, coffee and cake 7pm-7.30pm)

Location: Gothic Warehouse (ground floor)
Cost: Free (Limited places, advance booking essential)

Join us for tea, coffee and cake at our annual event for Arkwright Society members and enjoy an illustrated talk by Doreen Buxton entitled “Images of the Mill”. We rely on several eighteenth century artists’ images as evidence in interpreting the development of Cromford Mill. Can we stand where they stood to check the view, and if not, why not? This illustrated talk will pose the questions and offer answers. The evening will also include an update on the work of the Arkwright Society by CEO Sarah McLeod.

IMAGES OF THE MILL, AN ILLUSTRATED WALK

Sunday 2nd July, 2pm-3:30pm

Location: Meet outside the Shop in the Yard
Cost: Free (Limited places, advance booking essential)

Follow the illustrated talk with this slow short walk in the village led by Doreen Buxton to consider the early artists’ viewpoints and how the changes, above and below ground, which have been made since Richard Arkwright came to Cromford, would affect their sight lines today.

Society members will also include the latest exciting plans for the first ever RHS Chatsworth Flower Show in June.

Arkwright Society Membership

Join the Arkwright Society and benefit from exclusive and priority booking on selected events, free car parking*, the exclusive Members’ News bi-annual newsletter and more – whilst supporting Cromford Mills, a Grade I listed site and historical industrial gem.

Upgrade to Gold membership and you will also benefit from free admission to one Arkwright Society lecture during the year; discount dates in the Shop in the Yard, unlimited free entry to the CGI experience in the visitor centre, and a free personalised tour for up to four people.

For further details please phone 01629 823256, email membership@arkwrightsociety.org.uk or visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk

*Free car parking except between 9am-11am and 4pm-5pm (Monday-Friday).
Unlimited free parking all other times including weekends.

EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF RENISHAW HALL AND GARDENS

Thursday 17th August, 2pm-4:30pm

Location: Meet at Renishaw Hall
Cost: £15 per person (Limited places, advance booking essential)

Enjoy a tour of the 400 year old historic home of the Sitwell family and look at the family’s extensive art collection, including one of the finest collections of John Piper artwork. Then tour the award winning gardens at Renishaw (winners of the HHA/Christie’s Garden of the Year in 2015 and home to many exotic plant and flower species, including the National Collection of Yuccas) with the Head Gardener. Tea and coffee will follow the tour at 4pm, enjoyed in the stylish café at Renishaw Hall.

EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF RENISHAW HALL AND GARDENS (EXCLUSIVE TO ARKWRIGHT SOCIETY GOLD MEMBERS)

Wednesday 1st March
Tuesday 20th June
Thursday 21st September
Monday 4th December

Enjoy 20% off your purchases at the Shop in the Yard at Cromford Mills – exclusively for Gold members.

Please note your membership card must be presented to obtain the discount. Discount excludes charity Christmas cards and postage stamps.

ARKWRIGHT SOCIETY MEMBERS’ PRIZE DRAW

Thursday 1st June, Friday 1st December

Free bi-annual prize draw for Arkwright Society members. All members are automatically entered into the prize draw and the lucky winner notified.

More details visit www.cromfordmills.org.uk/events

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