

A range of walks, talks and lectures exploring York  
past and present, from 25-29 July 2011

# New light on old York

In a recent Rough Guide poll, York was voted the country's favourite small city or town - but how well do **you** know York?

This week of learning events, offered jointly by York Libraries, Adult Education and the University of York gives you the chance to see the city we live in with fresh eyes, and perhaps uncover a few nuggets of information you never knew about its history. All of these sessions are aimed at adult learners, and will take place at either the Explore York Library or the King's Manor - please do join us as we look at how our fair city came to be the thriving hub we see today!



## Monday 25 July

### **York's Railway Connexions - Russell Hollowood (National Railway Museum)**

A broad sweep through York's railway history from the days of George Hudson, through the city's place as a centre of railway manufacture and administration to its status as a major destination and home of the NRM. The talk will last an hour, followed by a walk around some of the city's key railway sights, weather permitting.  
**10am-12noon, Explore York Library Learning Centre, £7**

### **Philanthropy Built upon Chocolate - Bridget Morris (Rowntree Society)**

Introducing York's fascinating links with the chocolate industry, the talk will be followed by an opportunity for people to contribute their own Rowntree memories for the Rowntree Archive.  
**2-4pm, Explore York Library Learning Centre, £5**

### **A City of Chocolate - Sophie Jewett**

A chance to find out more about York's sweet history and chocolate industry covering families such as, The Tukes, Cravens, Terrys and Rowntrees. After hearing about the past, we'll get hands-on and make our own chocolate lollipops!  
**6-8pm, Explore York Library Learning Centre, £10**

## Tuesday 26 July

### **Writing from the Art - Lizzi Linklater (with York Museums Trust)**

Award-winning tutor Lizzi Linklater runs this workshop, taking in a trip to York Art Gallery, using the stimulus of specific pieces to promote your individual creative writing responses. The session is open to experienced and inexperienced writers alike and is designed to get you writing.  
**10am-12noon, King's Manor (Room K107), £7**

### **The Viking Age in York - Pragma Vohra**

We'll take a whistle-stop tour of the Viking Age, looking at why York was so important during this time, how it shows up in literary sources and what evidence we still have of their time here.

**1-3pm, Explore York Library Learning Centre, £5**

## **Wednesday 27 July**

### **Walking Tour of York - Louise Hampson**

Explore York's hidden history and walk down 'lost' streets to find out about vanished and altered buildings on this walking tour of York's past. Find out how a building's back can tell a different story from its front and how history leaves its fingerprints and its scars.

**10am-12noon, King's Manor (Room K107) meeting point, £7**

### **Receiving Royalty: Tudors in York - Jan James**

On 22 August 1485, Henry Tudor was proclaimed King of England as Henry VII. In York, this news was received with grief, consternation, and apprehension; not an auspicious beginning for the Tudors. How would Henry VII and his descendants be received when they deigned to visit this rather reluctant region?

**1-3pm, King's Manor (Room K107), £7**

## **Thursday 28 July**

### **Discovering 19th Century Hungate - Dick Hunter**

Hungate is now site of an archaeological dig and redevelopment. But what was it like at the end of the 19th century? Using a variety of sources - maps, photographs and street directories - we will attempt to recreate this district of York. No prior knowledge required - just curiosity!

**10am-12noon, King's Manor (Room K107), £7**

### **18th Century York and York Oddities - Ian Stuart**

What is the difference between a town and a city, apart from size? The first hour will look at this question and examine the development of education, health services, and leisure in York in the 18th Century. Then we will look at the oddities of architecture which contribute to the magical fabric of York.

**1-3pm, Explore York Library Learning Centre, £5**

## **Friday 29 July**

### **York's Mystery Plays - Louise Hampson**

Once a great annual cycle of drama played out on the streets of York from dawn to dusk, the Mystery Plays were where religion and commerce met. Explore how the guilds vied to produce the most elaborate wagons and what it was like to meet God face to face! Includes a visit to the City of York Archives.

**10am-12noon, Explore York Library Learning Centre, £7**

# BOOKING FORM

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Adult Education Enrolment Office, Lendal Room, York Explore Library, Museum Street, York, YO1 7DS.

Phone enquiries and payments by debit or credit card can be directed to the Enrolment Helpline on 01904 552806.

Office opening hours: Monday and Friday 10am to 2pm; Wednesday 2pm to 6pm.

**Advance booking recommended - for last-minute bookings, please check for availability.**

Please choose the event(s) you wish to register for:

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| Philanthropy and Chocolate | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Tudors in York   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Writing from the Art       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18th Century York    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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