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A walk to Coates Bridge and back along the towpath, looking at the heritage and wildlife of the canal. This is a trial of a new regular guided walk series, and we are looking for volunteers to lead future walks.

Oral History Workshop
Tue 13th March, 2pm – 5pm at Pocklington Arts Centre
Join Canal & River Trust Archivist John Benson for a training session on the what, how and whys of oral history recording as part of our bicentenary project. All welcome, especially those wishing to volunteer on the project.

Special Easter Boat Trips
Sun 1st & Mon 2nd April, 12pm – 4pm at Melbourne Arm
Drop in during the afternoon to take on the Family Easter activity trail! Kids will enjoy building a nest to support a (chocolate!) egg, finding the clues to solve the wildlife trail and taking a boat trip aboard the New Horizons (donations for boat trip).

Guided 8 Mile Walk
Thu 26th April, 1pm – 3pm at Burnby Hall Gardens
Join Community Archaeologist Jon Kenny to help process finds from the Denison Warehouse excavation at Canal Head, learn more about archaeology and find out about the next excavation taking place in July! Suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.

Birdwatching for Beginners
Sun 13th May, 10am – 12pm at Melbourne Arm
Spring will be in the air as we go looking for the birds of the Pocklington Canal. Identifying species by both sight and sound, we will also look for signs of bird courtship and nest building. No prior knowledge is presumed, so if you can’t tell a chiffchaff from a chiffinch, this is a good place to start! Suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.

Brilliant Birds in the Hall Term
Mon 28th May, 10am – 12pm at Melbourne Arm
What’s that small bird singing in the trees? What’s that giant one on your roof? Come along to Melbourne for a session of games, activities and birdwatching to discover all about our feathered friends!

Plant and Tree Identification Walk
Sun 10th June, 10am – 12pm at Melbourne Arm
Join naturalist Phil Taylor for a guided walk to identify some of the plants and trees along the canal. Learn to identify common species from features such as flowers, leaves and bark. Discover the importance of these local species to the wider ecosystem and learn about some of their past and present uses by humans. This event is suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.

Bicentenary Exhibition
Tue 19th June to Wed 1st Aug at Pocklington Arts Centre
This free exhibition celebrates 200 years of the Pocklington Canal, following new research carried out through the Heritage Lottery Project and features the winning entries into the photo competition. Discover stories from the lives of the watermen, lock keepers, tradespeople, naturalists and the local people who saved and restored the canal. See www.pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk for details of opening times.

Canal Founders: A History Walk with the Pocklington & District Local History Group
Thu 21st June, 7pm – 9pm at All Saints Church, Pocklington
Join Phil Gilbank for a guided walk starting with the memorials of the original canal founders and a short walk around the town looking at the houses that they once lived in. This walk ends at the Pocklington Arts Centre to view the exhibit. Please see www.pocklingtonhistory.org.uk for details.

Volunteer Opportunities

Monthly Habitat Volunteering Days
Friday 23rd February, 10am – 12pm at Various Locations
Join the Friends of Pocklington Green Spaces (FoPGS) for their regular volunteer day with Canal & River Trust. The group meets weekly and rotates between different sites around Pocklington, meeting at the canal on the 4th Friday in the month: 23rd Mar, 27th Apr, 25th May, 22nd Jun. See www.friendsofpocklingtongreenspaces.co.uk for details.

New for 2018: Walk Leaders Wanted
Various Dates and Locations
Canal & River Trust and Pocklington Canal Amenity Society are looking for people who would like to lead short guided walks at Canal Head on occasional weekends throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, there is an initial walk on the 4th March. If you can’t make this event, please contact lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk for more details.

New for 2018: Oral History Volunteers Wanted
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If you have an interest in history, and enjoy talking to people, then please consider volunteering to help gather memories of Pocklington Canal from those living nearby. Ideally you will be able to attend the training session on Tuesday 13th March, but not essential. Contact lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk for more details.
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