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April 2024 newsletter

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Celebrate World Heritage Site the [City of Bath](#)'s landscape setting with free exciting activities for all, including talks, guided walks and more.

Talks in the Aix-en-Provence Room:

- 11.15 to 12.00 Bathscape – the green setting of the World Heritage Site

- 1.15 to 2.00pm Museum of Bath at Work – How to make a local alphabet

Walks from the Guildhall:

The Mayor of Bath's Honorary Guides will lead 50-minute guided tours to see the landscape setting, celebrating Bath's amazing scenery. Setting out from the Guildhall, the tours start at 11.30am, leave regularly and the last tour will be at 2.30pm. Included is a visit to the Abbey plant room, normally closed to the public, to explore its innovative new eco-heating system, powered by the hot waste water from the Hot Spring. Join a tour on arrival or sign-up for a later slot at the Guides' stand in the Banqueting Room. Suitable for all ages.

Plus activities at Bath Abbey, Bath Medical Museum, Assembly Rooms, Cleveland Pool, the World Heritage Centre, and many more. For the full programme, click [here](#).



There's still time to book for the Spring 2024 World Heritage Workshop

Dates: **Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th April**

Venue: **Pontio Arts & Innovation Centre, Bangor University, North Wales**

Theme: **Industrial Heritage**; this will be the foundation of the workshop but the topics covered will be relevant to all cultural and natural World Heritage Sites, as well as the wider heritage sector. Topics include regeneration, sustainable tourism, event development, STEM, Intangible Cultural Heritage and more.

- £75 for digital access both days (talks only, via YouTube)
- To book your ticket, click [here](#)



Explore World Heritage Day 2024 along the Great West Way

Celebrate World Heritage Day this April with a tour of the [Great West Way's](#) breath-taking World Heritage Sites. Between London and Bristol, you will find some of the most famous landmarks and destinations. The Great West Way is a touring route based on ancient routes, following 500 miles of navigable routes, roaming through idyllic countryside, quaint villages and elegant towns.

To the west is the [City of Bath](#); to the east [Blenheim Palace](#).

In-between lies [Stonehenge and Avebury WHS](#). Centrally located along the Great West Way and possibly one of the most famous landmarks to visit on the route.

Stonehenge - Managed by English Heritage, [Stonehenge](#) dates back to around 5,000 years and continues to elude many visitors around its mystery and breath-taking display each year. Evolving between 3,000 and 1,600 BC, this prehistoric monument famously aligns with the rising and setting of the sun at both Summer and Winter Solstices.

before opening to the general public, this intimate experience allows you to walk amongst the stones within a small group.

Avebury - 40 minutes from Stonehenge is the other half of the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest stone circle in the world. [Avebury](#) was erected 4,500 years ago and consists of around 100 stones, now framing the small town. The site is open daily, and visitors are welcome to walk amongst the stones, as well as explore ancient tombs, avenues and surrounding sights including the West Kennet Long Barrow and Silbury Hill.

Learn more about Avebury's prehistoric past within two galleries at the [Alexander Keiller Museum](#). The 17th Century Barn Gallery houses interactive displays, and the Stables Gallery provides a collection of archaeological finds.

Click [here](#) for more World Heritage Sites along the Great West Way.



World Heritage UK's 2024 World Heritage webinar series

This week WHUK is hosting webinar # 4 in a series of 7 webinars, exploring the UK's Industrial Heritage.

April's webinar will focus on **The Cornwall and West Devon Mining**

The webinar is on **Thursday 4th April**, 7 to 8pm, on Zoom.

Tickets for individual webinars are £5 each. A season ticket for all 7 webinars is £25.

You can book your tickets by clicking [here](#). Past and future webinars include:

- The **Slate Landscape of NW Wales** with David Gwyn (available as a YouTube recording)
- **Forth Bridge** with Mark Watson and Karen Stewart (YouTube recording)
- **Derwent Valley Mills** with Adrian Farmer (YouTube recording)
- **Ironbridge Gorge** with Marion Blockley, Thursday 2nd May, 7 to 8pm
- **Saltaire** with Sheena Campbell and Maggie Smith, Thursday 6th June, 7 to 8pm
- **Reflecting on Industrial World Heritage in the UK**, with Prof. Ian Wray and Ironbridge's Brandi Hall-Crossgrove, Thursday 4th July, 7 to 8pm

All talks are recorded. These recordings are then uploaded to WHUK's YouTube channel. Talk attendees will be provided with a link to the webinar talk. Season ticket holders will receive all 7 links.

Image Wheel Coates - Towanroath Shaft engine house/Ainsley Cocks Cornish Mining WHS



World Heritage Day 2024 at Saltaire WHS

Saturday 27th April, 12pm to 8pm

Roberts Park, Upper Coach Road, Saltaire BD17 7LU

A celebration of World Heritage Day in [Saltaire UNESCO World Heritage Site](#). The day is based around 'Heritage, Community and Environment' and comprises events in [Roberts Park](#) and buildings/sites in Saltaire Village itself. There will be a full programme of music on the bandstand in Roberts Park, street theatre in the Park, a QR code history trail, exhibitions and displays in various buildings/sites and a finale of an after-dark lantern parade from Cecil Green Arts.

Join for a fun family event!

- Live music at the Bandstand
- Street theatre and entertainers
- Traditional fairground rides
- Heritage Stalls
- Crafts Stalls
- Food and drink

- Dance performance
- Other events around Saltaire village

Full programme will be available nearer the time. In the meantime, have a look at:

[VisitBradford](#)

[Cecil Green Arts' alpaca and camel making willow lantern workshops, 8th April](#) 6.30pm to 8.30pm (for the lantern parade on 27 April); free but book via link above

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