

Pontefract Castle

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September
Magazine (dungeon) tours:
11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Medieval archery, cookery and craft demonstrations
exploring life in the medieval castle 11am-3pm
Traditional building craft demonstrations on
Saturday 13: 11am-3pm.

www.wakefield.gov.uk/castles

Pontefract Museum

Friday 12: 10am-4.30pm
Saturday 13: 10.30am-4.30pm
www.wakefield.gov.uk/pontefractmuseum

Vintage Bus

Saturday 13 only
A 1948 vintage bus will run between
Cornmarket and the Castle.
Depart Pontefract Castle -
10am, 10.30am, 11am,
11.30am, 12noon, 1.30pm
2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm
Depart Cornmarket Memorial -
10.15am, 10.45am, 11.15am,
11.45am, 12.15pm, 1.45pm,
2.15pm, 2.45pm, 3.15pm, 3.45pm.
Please note, there will be no bus rides
between 12.30pm and 1.30pm

Guided Tours led by Pontefract Heritage Group

Tours start at the Museum and end at the
Friarwood Valley Gardens:
Friday 12: 10am, 11.30am and 1.30pm
Saturday 13: 10am, 11.30am and 1.30pm. Book a place to avoid disappointment:
www.eventbrite.com



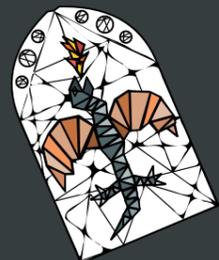
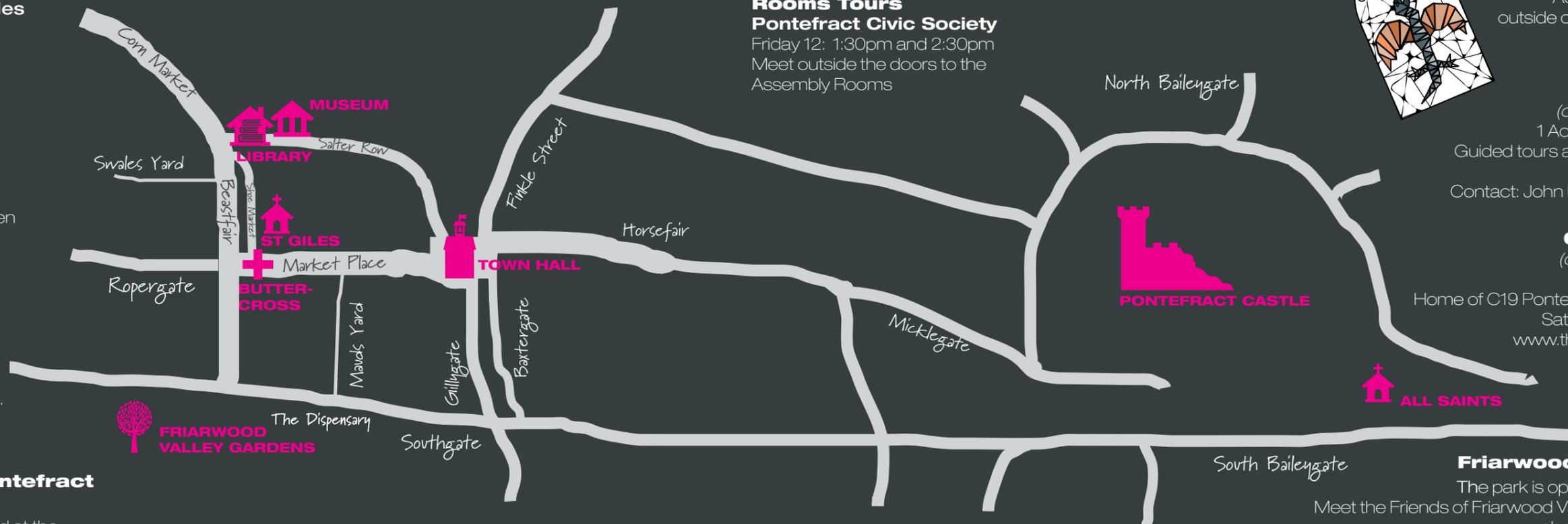
Market Stall on Pontefract Market

Saturday 13: 10am -4pm
Find out more about the Pontefract Townscape
Heritage Initiative & learn about basic maintenance
of historic buildings



Town Hall & Assembly Rooms Tours

Pontefract Civic Society
Friday 12: 1:30pm and 2:30pm
Meet outside the doors to the
Assembly Rooms



St Giles Church, Market Place

Church & Café open Saturday 13: 8.30am-4pm
Guided tour on Saturday 13 at 12.00

All Saints Church, North Baileygate

Access is restricted to the
outside of the church only, which
is open to the public.

Masonic Hall

(outside the town centre)
1 Ackworth Road, WF8 3PA
Guided tours at 2-3pm and 3-4pm on
Saturday only.
Contact: John Donnelly 01924 703610

Carleton Grange

(outside the town centre)
Carlton Road, WF8 8RJ
Home of C19 Pontefract Banker & Historian
Saturday 13: 10am-3.30pm
www.thegrangecarleton.co.uk

Friarwood Valley Gardens

The park is open to the general public.
Meet the Friends of Friarwood Valley Gardens to find out
about the history of the site:
Friday 12 & Saturday 13: 11am to 4pm
www.friendsfriarwoodvalleygardens.btck.co.uk

For more information:
visit.experiencewakefield.co.uk

Contact: jhill@wakefield.gov.uk
01924 306681

Buttercross

Watch out for hilarious antics at the Buttercross
in the market place on Saturday 13 with the
St Giles & St Mary's Pantomime Society



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PONTEFRACT HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

12-14 SEPTEMBER 2014



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VISIT PONTEFRACT CASTLE

FOR A GREAT DAY OUT!

The castle has had a long and colourful history since its beginnings following the Norman Conquest. Come and explore this fascinating site and learn about the fate of Richard II.

Take advantage of our free dungeon tours and find about life in the medieval castle with archery, cookery and craft demonstrations.

Browse in our gift shop and enjoy light refreshments.



WELCOME TO HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The Pontefract Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is delighted to welcome you to Pontefract Heritage Open Days 2014.



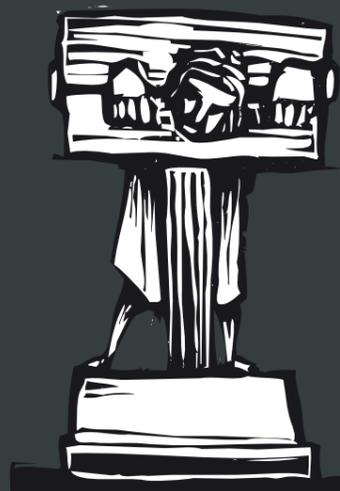
After the success of last year's Heritage Open Days, we have decided to open up the doors of Pontefract's heritage once again, thanks to the valuable contributions of the local people of Pontefract. We're very pleased to be working with so many partner organisations.

On the reverse of this leaflet is a map of the town and a list of all the attractions and activities that are happening this year. Here is a flavour of what you can enjoy: Back due to popular demand, there will be a **vintage bus** linking the market place and the castle. This year's bus dates to 1948.

The fabulous Pontefract Heritage Group will be hosting **guided walks**. This is a great opportunity to discover the hidden gems in the town centre and find out the secrets of Pontefract's past.

The beautiful **St Giles Church** in the market place will be opening its doors to visitors. This Grade II* listed building dates back to the 12th century. Throughout its long and fascinating history the church, which is at the heart of Pontefract town centre, has continuously developed to meet the changing needs of the community it serves.

The fascinating **All Saints Church** survives amongst the ruins of a much larger church. Located just behind the castle, it is well worth visiting. The church dates back to the 12th century and was badly damaged during the 17th Century Civil War.



This is your chance to visit **Friarwood Valley Gardens**, the site of St Richards Friary from 1256 to the Reformation in 1538. Subsequently it was used as orchards and gardens where liquorice was grown until a few decades ago. The land was acquired by the Council in the 1940s and Friarwood Valley Gardens were created as a public park in 1950 to celebrate the Festival of Britain in 1951.

Discover more about Pontefract's rich heritage at the **Pontefract Museum**, reaching from the tortures and imprisonments at the notorious Pontefract Castle during the Civil War, to the sweet smelling history of liquorice production in the fields of Pontefract. Housed in a stunning art nouveau building, the museum is a must see attraction.

There will be guided tours of the **Town Hall** (built in 1785) and Assembly Rooms (built behind the Town Hall in 1882). This will include the chance to see a plaster model of Nelson's death scene, which was sculptured by I E Carew and used to mould the bronze castings for Nelson's Column in London.

St Giles and St Mary's Pantomime Society will also be providing us with a comic interpretation of a true tale. Keep an eye on the **Buttercross** for an entertaining adaptation of a mad moment of history when John Nutt who sold his wife for five shillings under the roof of the Buttercross in 1763. However, the crowds were very amused to discover that Mrs Nutt was very happy to be sold and get away from her husband!

And finally, if you want to find out more about the Pontefract THI, please come and say Hello to Jo Hill at the **THI Stall** in the Market Place. If you live or work in a pre-1919 building, you can find out useful tips on building maintenance. We look forward to seeing you there!



PONTEFRACT CIVIC SOCIETY

Pontefract has a fascinating history and we hope to share this with as many people as possible through the Heritage Open Days events and activities.

Pontefract Civic Society has a keen interest in the heritage, business, civic pride, tourism and regeneration of the town. If you share our concerns and have a little time to spare, then please join us.

See our website for more information:
www.pontefractcivicsociety.org.uk

