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Ten years of expert, enlightening and entertaining tours in and around Manchester

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PANKHURSTS

Welcome to Manchester, the capital of the North, the world's first industrial city – *the* industrial strength city. We at New Manchester Walks have developed a unique and remarkable range of tours covering every aspect of local history.

INFORMATION

TALKS

Book a speaker for a talk on all aspects of

Marx & Engels in Manchester, the Town

Hall Murals, Jack the Ripper, L. S. Lowry,

Pankhursts, royal scandal down the ages...

We do talks at the Portico Library, Gorton

Monastery, Central Library, the St James's

Contact Ed Glinert or Sue Grimditch at New

No one wants to walk around in torrential

rain. Occasionally it might not be possible

weather. If in doubt, please see website

LAST MINUTE CHECKS

Please see website for dates and book

with eventbrite, where possible, but do

check the website before setting off.

to conduct a tour through inclement

Peterloo, industry and inventions, the

Club and at a variety of hired venues.

Manchester Walks for more details

WEATHER

before setting off.

Manchester or London history: architecture.

New Manchester Walks is an official walks, talks and tours outfit of professionallytrained and qualified Blue Badge and Green Badge guides (plus celebrity guests) with decades of experience in the tourism business in Manchester, Liverpool, London and around the world.

Most walks cost about £10. Where possible please book on eventbrite to avoid disappointment as many of our tours are now so popular. Walks tend to last up to two hours. Canal and countryside walks are usually longer.

The leaflet has been compiled by Ed Glinert, long-established Manchester, Liverpool and London journalist, tour guide and Penguin author.

Many of our tours are picture led. It all adds to the experience.

Most city walks are wheelchair accessible.

COACH TRIPS

Book an exhilarating and expertly entertaining tour for your group, club, office or society.

- Panoramic Manchester
- The Beatles' Liverpool
- Coronation Street locations
- Wild and Wuthering Yorkshire
- The Charms and Treasures of Cheshire

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2019 HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

Greeting the new year – the year of Peterloo 200 – with a full programme, including The Seven Wonders of Manchester, Alan Turing, The Hidden Gems and Angel Meadow

FEBRUARY

As winter gives way to spring, we are celebrating Manchester's Glorious Victorian Art & Architecture, Marx & Engels in Manchester, the Smiths, and our greatest writer, Anthony Burgess, born 25 February 1917.

MARCH

It's spring and it's also International Women's Day (and week) which means a packed programme of relevant tours including the Pankhursts, The Women of Peterloo and The Formidable Women of Manchester.

APRIL

Explore the back streets and hidden corners of Manchester: Ancoats, Angel Meadow, Didsbury, Knutsford, Macclesfield, the Northern Quarter, Strangeways, Victoria Park, plus all the regular favourites.

MAY

Birthdays of three major figures with huge local connections took place this month: Sylvia Pankhurst, Karl Marx and Matt Busby, all commemorated with guided tours. We are also honouring lan Curtis, our greatest local singer, on the date of his tragic suicide.

JUNE

The Histories Festival begins on 7 June and continues through the summer until mid-August. This year the theme is of course Peterloo and we are conducting a full range of historical tours with the emphasis on Manchester as a city of people protest.

JULY

Our tours are being supported by the Manchester Fringe Festival, which takes place throughout July. Discover the full

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history of Manchester this month: architecture, art, music, politics and famous people. The 17th of July marks the anniversary of the opening of the Bridgewater Canal, Britain's first, which runs through Manchester.

AUGUST

The 16th of August 2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre, one of the defining moments in English history. We are hosting various Peterloo tours, covering every aspect of the story: the build-up during the Regency period with Manchester as the hellish world's first industrial city, the dramatic and horrific events of the day itself, and the fascinating and unexpected aftermath.

SEPTEMBER

On 13 September 1877 Manchester Town Hall opened. Although the building is currently closed, we regularly celebrate Manchester's glorious Victorian architecture and heritage. On 14 September 1963 George Best made his debut. We have a host of football tours, perfect for private groups coming to the city for the match. On 15 September 1830 the world's first railway opened, linking Manchester with Liverpool. Key dates worth commemorating!

OCTOBER

This is literature month, with a full programme of literary-themed tours during the Manchester Literature Festival, commemorating Anthony Burgess, Charles Dickens, Elizabeth Gaskell, Thomas de Quincey, Shelley, Shakespeare and their connections with Manchester. At the same time is the Science Festival, with tours honouring Alan Turing, John Dalton and Ernest Rutherford.

NOVEMBER

We don't stop for autumn. As the leaves fall we remember in particular L. S. Lowry (born 1st of November 1887) and Friedrich Engels (the great activist and writer's 199th birthday, 28 November).

DECEMBER

Special festive tours, particularly in the short evenings during the Christmas markets.

THE MAIN SIGHTS

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Outside it resembles Rome's Pantheon. Inside there are touches of St Peter's Basilica. All around is one of Britain's biggest public book collections and a heroes' and heroines' gallery of the city. *Regular tours; particularly popular with private groups*

CHETHAM'S LIBRARY

Ancient 15th century cloisters and corners of a former college of priests which now holds Europe's oldest library where Marx & Engels planned communism. Monthly tours, mostly midweek, in conjunction with the Cathedral

JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY

Glorious Gothic architecture, holy texts and priceless artefacts fill one of the world's most awe-inspiring palaces of culture and greatest libraries, built out of the love of a wealthy widow for Manchester's most successful 19th century merchant. *Monthly tours*

MANCHESTER ART GALLERY

One of the greatest collections of Pre-Raphaelites' paintings housed in Charles Barry's Classical-styled former gentlemen's club. Featured in "The Great Art Treasures of Manchester", the Pre-Raphaelites, Lowry and Valette tours



Right: Chetham's Library Below: John Rylands Library



MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The heart of mediaeval Manchester and an ancient place of worship. *Monthly tours, mostly midweek, in conjunction with Chetham's*

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Okay, it's closed for vital repairs for a few years, but Ed Glinert's Town Hall book is the next best thing.

MIDLAND HOTEL

Manchester's most famous hotel has entertained Churchill, American presidents, and kings and queens. *Tours (with optional tea) one Sunday a month and Mondays for private groups*

ROYAL EXCHANGE

It was the world's biggest trading room, where top-hatted Victorian gentlemen staged cotton deals and where the nation's finest thespians now trade lines. Included on various tours such as Cotton, John Rylands Library and the 7 Wonders of Manchester

ST ANN'S CHURCH

Manchester's only city centre 18th century church features stunning stained glass windows and magnificent memorials salvaged from long lost places of worship. Included on various tours, such as the Great Art Treasures, the 7 Wonders of Manchester





Above: Midland Hotel *Left:* Royal Exchange

ARCHITECTURE

Classical styled temples, Gothic spires, Italianate palazzi, baroque banks, modernist towers, yet so many major Manchester buildings were deliberately designed to look like an existing European or American structure: the Town Hall as Ypres Cloth Hall; the Free Trade Hall, Verona's Palazzo della Gran Guardia; all explained in the tours listed below.

LE CORBUSIER'S MANCHESTER

The most influential architect of the 20th century never came to Manchester but his influence is everywhere.

MANCHESTER'S MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS

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VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE

ART & ARCHITECTURE Manchester is one of the great Victorian cities, a riot of stone in Classical, Italianate, Gothic and Baroque.

MASTERPIECES OF MANCHESTER

ART

Manchester and Salford captured in all their industrial glory by L. S. Lowry, and in strange subdued colourings of mauves and Turneresque greens by the great French impressionist Adolphe Valette. This is the home of an unrivalled collection of Pre-Raphaelites and the greatest new British religious paintings of the 20th century.

ADOLPHE VALETTE An Impression of Manchester

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L. S. LOWRY'S LONELY LIFE

Spurned, snubbed and sniggered at, Laurence Stephen Lowry (1887–1976) became Britain's most famous and best-loved 20th century painter, whose works sell for millions.

PRE-RAPHAELITE WOMEN OF MANCHESTER ART GALLERY

They dazed and dazzled. They starred and shone. They glowed and gleamed through the canvas and the frames. They were amongst the most feted women of the 19th century, captured for all time in intensely saturated luminous colour by the great artists, but their names are barely known to the public and their stories are as sad as the paintings.



FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL BABYLON Bungs, Booze, Brawls, Balotelli

FOOTBALL PUB WALK The perfect tours for after-work bonding

GEORGE BEST'S MANCHESTER The Good, the Bad and the Bubbly

Maradona good, Pele better, George *best*.

MATT BUSBY The Man Who Made Manchester *united*

THE STORY OF MANCHESTER UNITED

DID YOU KNOW?

When George Best first arrived in Manchester as a raw 15-year-old in July 1961, never having left Northern Ireland before, he asked the taxi driver outside the station to take him to Old Trafford, and was surprised to be asked "Which one?" On being told further that Old Trafford was the name of a cricket ground, Best was more confused. Growing up in Belfast, he'd never heard of cricket. *Find out more on our football walks*.

The Quality Street Gang, Manchester's 1970s villains, are honoured in song on several Thin Lizzy records, including the classic single "The Boys Are Back In Town". *Find out more on our gangland walks.*

The best book on Victorian Manchester is Friedrich Engels's *The Condition of the Working Class* in England. Published in 1845, it was written in German and unavailable in English until 1885. *Find out more on our political walks.*

The opening of the Manchester Ship Canal in 1894 allowed ocean-going liners to come within two miles of the city centre, bringing in raw materials from around the world, and taking away cotton goods and machines to the furthest reaches of the globe. *Find out more on our Salford Quays and canal walks*.

MANCHESTER IS MUSIC CITY – 10 REASONS WHY

Lisa Stansfield – All Around The World The Distractions – Time Goes By So Slow Durutti Column – Sketch for Summer 808 State – Pacific State Elbow – Mirrorball Happy Mondays – God's Cop Joy Division – Dead Souls New Order – True Faith The Smiths – Ask The Fall – The Classical



10 MANCHESTER INVENTIONS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

Manchester invented the modern world, for this was the first city of the industrial revolution, and its inhabitants have given society some of its greatest creations. These are the ones we detail on our walks.

1.

JOHN KAY'S FLY SHUTTLE, 1733 One of the great inventions that made Manchester the world centre for cotton. Kay fought for copyright in the courts but wasn't successful. He died in France ruined.

2. BRITAIN'S FIRST CANAL – THE BRIDGEWATER, 1761

Britain's first man-made waterway, with a route independent of rivers, was devised by Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, to prevent flooding in his Worsley mines. By 1765 it was built through to Castlefield, revolutionising transport and industry.

3. ATOMIC THEORY, 1803

John Dalton, a Manchester scientist working on George Street (now in Chinatown), proved that matter was made of atoms, ushering in the modern scientific age.

4. VEGETARIANISM, 1809

William Cowherd, a curate at St John's Church in the 1790s left to set up a chapel in Salford where he preached that people should "eat no more meat till the world endeth". It catalysed a new world-wide movement – vegetarianism.

5. FIRST PASSENGER RAILWAY, 1830

The Manchester-Liverpool Railway was the first passenger line in the world as well as the first with two tracks, timetables and stations. The Manchester terminus, Liverpool Road, survives as part of the Science & Industry Museum.

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THE FIRST SUBMARINE, 1878 A Moss Side vicar drew up the designs for the first submarine in his Deansgate office. He went to Rhyl to test it.

7.

COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL, 1888

At the Royal Hotel (where Primark is) in 1888 William McGregor, a Scottish draper, devised an ingenious new means of testing the best football teams, which has continued all the way to our modern, cash-rich Premier League.

8. ROLLS ROYCE, 1904

Frederick Henry Royce, a local engineer, met Charles Stewart Rolls, a wealthy London playboy, in Manchester in 1904 and made the world's first luxury cars here.

9.

THE FIRST PROGRAMMABLE COMPUTER, 1948

Tom Kilburn and Fred Williams built a machine out of war surplus materials that could perform calculations from a stored program – what is now recognised as the first computer. They first used it on 21 June 1948, running a program written by Kilburn, the world's first computer programme and the only one he ever wrote.

10. GRAPHENE, 2004

The world's thinnest material, one atom thick, soon to revolutionise computer screens and electronic technology, was created by two Manchester University scientists, Konstantin Novoselov and Andre Geim, in 2004.

Just the latest of a series of Manchester inventions that shook the world!

Find out more on our music walks.

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THE 1996 IRA BOMB

The city blasted but not beaten. The full story. 15 June 1996 revisited

AIRPORT (HISTORY OF FLIGHT)

With over a century of flight in Manchester, discover how the region brought aviation into the modern age.

CORONATION STREET LOCATIONS

An all-day excursion into deepest Weatherfield by tram (not the one that fell into the bistro) or coach.

FORMIDABLE WOMEN OF MANCHESTER

From the tarot-obsessed tea heiress to the Lord Mayor that solved the rubik's cube, via all those Pankhursts, the leader of the Jarrow marchers, and the writer who dissed Dickens. *Regular tours, mostly weekday evenings*

GANGLAND MANCHESTER "You're nicked, sunshine"

In the sun-starved shadows and cold corners where the streets have no names and angels fear to tread there is another Manchester, a grim, grey, gritty city where the long arm of the law doesn't always reach.

HIDDEN GEMS OF MANCHESTER Jewels in the Crown

You never knew there were there such treasures to behold. *Regular midweek tours*

THE HISTORY OF MANCHESTER IN 20 OBJECTS

From the so-called "Berlin Wall" to the wrongly-called "IRA" pillar box.

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IRISH MANCHESTER

Best, Behan, Mick Collins, Dublin Phil, Eamon de Valera, home rule, the Manchester Martyrs and a whiff of the Waxie's Dargle. During the Irish Festival

JEWISH MANCHESTER

Two walks chosen for the chosen people, looking for traces of the old Jewish Ghetto, including synagogues that are now (non-kosher) shops and the bacon-curing factory alongside Torah Street (yes, really).

ROMAN MANCHESTER

They came, they saw, they conquered. They brought us the clever notion of reading and writing, a new religion (worship of the God Mithras), straight roads and lasagne. And we can now see the only authentic Roman remains!

Beware the Ides of March and all those other months

SLAVERY

12 years a slave? 120 years a slaverysupporting city... until a social conscience took over. Hull gets all the credit, but Manchester had the biggest section of the petition that went to Parliament to abolish slavery. On 18 October, International Anti-Slavery Day

SOUTHERN CEMETERY

One of Europe's largest cemeteries is the final resting place of L. S. Lowry, Matt Busby, Tony Wilson, John Rylands and the forgotten victim of the Munich Air Disaster. *Monthly tours*

LITERARY MANCHESTER

Tours covering every aspect of the city's literary history, featuring the Brontes, Anthony Burgess, Lord Byron, De Quincey, Dickens, Gaskell, Ted Hughes, Shakespeare, Shelley and Howard Spring.

Especially during October, the month of the Manchester Literature Festival

MUSIC

Manchester is the city that gave the world some of its greatest groups: The Fall, New Order, The Smiths, Buzzcocks, Joy Division, Happy Mondays...

IAN CURTIS'S MANCHESTER

JOHN COOPER CLARKE The Beat and Bard of Salford

JOY DIVISION'S MACCLESFIELD Including Barton Street and Ian Curtis' headstone

MADCHESTER 24 Hour Party People

MANCHESTER IN 12 SONGS From "Bus Stop" to "God's Cop"

MANCHESTER MUSIC: THE HACIENDA YEARS

MARK E. SMITH'S MANCHESTER

THE SMITHS From the Moors Murders to Meat Is Murder

10CC'S STOCKPORT Art for art's sake

We host regular music tours covering every aspect of the city's amplified heritage – and we play the sounds at carefully chosen locations



ALDERLEY EDGE

Wizards, wells and wonderful views in verdant, woody, colourful Cheshire. From the Bronze age to 21st century celebrities, with King Arthur, the Druids, copper-mining Romans, the Jacobite army and the Spanish Armada on the striking sandstone outcrop known as "the Edge".

ANCOATS

The world's first industrial suburb, a factory hoot from the city centre, was home to some of the world's oldest mechanised mills, now modern workshops, smart apartments and beard-friendly bars.

Monthly tours at weekends

ANGEL MEADOW

The seediest and slummiest 19th century Manchester rookery, infested with cholera and criminals, described by Friedrich Engels as "hell on earth". Nice.

Monthly tours, mostly on weekday evenings

CASTLEFIELD

The Roman birthplace of Manchester became a centre of new industry in the 18th century and has now been spectacularly revived.

DIDSBURY

It's Posh Down South Manchester's most sumptuous suburb hides many a tantalising tale.

Gaskell Memorial Tower, Knutsford

KNUTSFORD

It's classy Cranford in Chi-Chi Cheshire. It's the home town of Mrs Gaskell. It's Tatton, General Patton and the maddest architecture in the North-West.

LINDOW MOSS & WILMSLOW

Sturdy footwear needed for a spot of bogtrotting around the eerie Ice Age land made famous by the discovery of "Lindow Man" in the 1980s and a host of local celebrities.

MACCLESFIELD

Meet the Maxonians in the only mill town (Silk Town) that wasn't bombed during WWII, once home to William Shakespeare and lan Curtis.

Quarterly on Treacle Market Day

NORTHERN QUARTER

Streets named in Mediterranean tiles, pavements slabbed in mosaic, cult markets and cardamom-scented curry cafes. Boho Manchester, cool Manchester, modish Manchester. It's old Manchester renewed and modish Manchester refreshed. It's good; it's modern. *Regular weekend tours*

SALFORD

Dirty old town to some or the "real North" to others, the Crescent City is packed with stories of rogues and rough diamonds, religious zealots, reformers, radicals and revolutionaries.

STOCKPORT

With a huge contribution to music, sport, science, art, culture and aviation, 'Hat Town' has it all.

POLITICS



2019 is the year of Peterloo, the 200th anniversary of the most dramatic incidents in English political history. Manchester has been a bolshie city, an angry city, a shock city, a suffragette city and even, briefly, a fascist city. It is clearly England's political city.

MARX & ENGELS IN MANCHESTER

By day they were Victorian gentlemen with sedentary lifestyles and smart boots. By night they were rabid radicals roaming the streets with revolutionary fervour. Follow in Marx's and Engels' footsteps through the same hell-holes and high-spots.

PANKHURSTS/SUFFRAGETTE CITY

Time magazine named Emmeline Pankhurst, the Moss Side-born Suffragette leader, as one of the 100 Most Important People of the 20th century.

PETERLOO MASSACRE

2019 is the year of Peterloo, the 200th anniversary of 16 August 1819, when some 60,000 Mancunians were attacked by the military at a political demonstration. Within minutes a dozen were dead and hundreds injured. We are hosting a series of walks covering every aspect of one of the defining moments of English history.

THE POLITICALLY CORRECT TOUR OF MANCHESTER

Why in this radical city are there more statues of Tories, colonialists and imperialists than socialists and achievers? And then there are the dodgy paintings in the Art Gallery...



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PUB WALKS

MANCHESTER'S HISTORIC PUBS

Far from the madding crowds are the back-street bozers, twilight alehouses and tucked-away taverns where serious thinking and occasional drinking set Manchester to rights in a sea of tall tales and taller ales.

Perfect for after hours workplace bonding

MARX & ENGELS PUB WALK

What ever happened to Leon Trotsky? Well he never came to Manchester, but Marx and Engels did, and boy did they like a drop.

PUBS OF OLD MANCHESTER

These are the pubs that time forgot, where Manchester floats on a sea of mild and bitter, and 'gastro' means Holt's rather than haute cuisine. Even more perfect for after hours workplace bonding

SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

Manchester was where atomic theory was devised, the atom first split, the computer invented and graphene isolated. Discover the appliance of science on tours featuring Alan Turing, John Dalton and the atom bomb.

ALAN TURING

He broke the Nazis' Enigma code, almost invented the computer, and was persecuted to a painful suicide by the ungrateful authorities. A tortured genius and modern martyr. *Regular weekend tours*



COTTON: THE CLOTH THAT CUT MANCHESTER

It grows in the American Deep South, was shipped to the North-West, and spun in the mills before being packed and pressed, shown off in palatial warehouses, and turned into clothes to dress the world. Cotton's legacy can be found across Manchester, from the Town Hall, topped by a golden cotton boll, to the Royal Exchange where cotton merchants traded in the world's biggest room.

THE WORLD'S FIRST RAILWAY

Adventures on the Wheels of Steel 15 September 1830: thousands gather at the edge of Manchester for the arrival of the iron horse bearing the prime minister and the president of the board of trade. It all went wrong on the day.

WATER

CANAL CRUISE

Take to the water as we cruise from Castlefield along the Bridgewater Canal, through Pomona Lock into the Manchester Ship Canal and up to the Quays. *Private bookings for groups only*

GRAND CANALS OF MANCHESTER Towpaths and Tunnels, Capstans and Cuttings

Through the old industrial heartlands (east) to Sportcity and its state of the art stadiums or west to radically regenerated Castlefield on our tours of towpath tales and lockside lore.

IN SEARCH OF THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL

LOST RIVERS OF MANCHESTER

WEIRD & WONDERFUL



HELL IS A CITY

Savile, Brady, Hindley, Shipman, the Ripper, Hangman Pierrepoint & some really bad folk.

HITLER'S PLANS FOR MANCHESTER

Swastika banners on the Town Hall, jackbooted thugs "cleaning" the streets, SSGB – it nearly happened.

SPOOKY MANCHESTER

MAPPING THE MEDLOCK The River that Manchester Forgot

Huge docks which once harboured the world's ocean-going liners. Gleaming

museums of the modern age. A world

famous canal, as deep as Suez, as powerful

as the Panama. Here a new city - Media

City - has risen, a city of glass, steel and

burnished metal, bold and brilliant.

Selected weekend safaris in spring

SALFORD QUAYS

WILDLIFE WALKS

and summer.

Tragic deaths, accidental deaths, hoax deaths, bloody deaths, death by shooting, murders, assassinations, instant death, unexplained deaths, slow tortuous death, decapitations and hangings. Watch out for the graverobbers!

STRANGEWAYS NO ESCAPE!

The dodgy prison, the edgy streets.

PETERLOO 200

2019 is the year of Peterloo commemorations, the 200th anniversary of 16 August 1819 when a crowd of 60,000 people were attacked by the military at a political demonstration. Within minutes a dozen were dead and hundreds injured.





OFFICIAL PETERLOO MASSACRE TOURS 2019, THE YEAR OF PETERLOO 200

Tours devised by Ed Glinert, the only Manchester guide who has worked with Paul Foot, author of *Red Shelley*, and Mike Leigh, director of the *Peterloo* film. *Meet Central Library, St Peter's Square*

Sat 19 January – 12 noon **THE PETERLOO MASSACRE** The Countdown to Peterloo 200

Sat 9 February – 11.30am BEFORE PETERLOO "We are on the Brink of Liberty"

Sat 9 February – 2.30pm **AFTER PETERLOO** "Remember the Foul Deeds of Peterloo"

Sat 9 March – 11am IN SEARCH OF THE FIRST PETERLOO MEMORIAL

Sat 9 March – 2.30pm THE WOMEN OF PETERLOO

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Sat 30 March– 2pm THE PETERLOO MASSACRE We Remember

Sat 6 April – 11.30am THE PETERLOO MASSACRE We Remember

Sat 11 May – 11.30am BEFORE PETERLOO "We are on the Brink of Liberty"

Sat 11 May – 2.30pm **AFTER PETERLOO** "Remember the Foul Deeds of Peterloo"

Sat 8 June – 11.30am PETERLOO: THE BUILD-UP

Sat 13 July – 11.30am BEFORE PETERLOO "We are on the Brink of Liberty"

Sat 13 July – 2.30pm **AFTER PETERLOO** "Remember the Foul Deeds of Peterloo"

Fri 16 August – times to be confirmed **PETERLOO** The Ultimate Tour on the Day of Peterloo 200

Sat 17 August – 2.30pm *FAME IS THE SPUR* The Great Peterloo Novel