

Rediscover Ruskin in Sheffield



Walks, Talks and Events
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Welcome to Ruskin in Sheffield, a programme of events and activities throughout 2015. The name John Ruskin rings a bell for many people, but exactly what did he have to do with Sheffield? And why rediscover him now?

John Ruskin was a renowned thinker, writer, artist and social reformer. He founded the Guild of St George in 1871 to help make the world a better place to live in.

140 years ago, John Ruskin chose Walkley as the location for St George's Museum to house a remarkable collection of paintings, drawings, architectural casts, books and minerals. Its purpose was to educate and inspire the metal-workers of Sheffield, whose skill he declared the best in the world. A radical venture. A year later, he bought a farm in Totley for a group of Sheffield working men to live and work on. Equally radical.

Ruskin in Sheffield reveals the highs and lows of Ruskin's Victorian ventures in Sheffield, offers a modern taste of what he meant by striving for 'better lives', and draws on his ideas about wealth to inform discussion of today's big issues.

These events and activities (most of which are free) have been created through the collective enthusiasm of many volunteers, community groups and cultural organisations in Sheffield. They have been working together with the Guild of St George, which owns and supports the Ruskin Collection at the Millennium Gallery. We are grateful for an award from the Heritage Lottery Fund which has made this project possible.

Rediscover Ruskin in Walkley, Rivelin Valley, Stannington, Totley, the city centre and beyond. Come and see how Ruskin's legacy continues to shape the story of Sheffield.

Clive Wilmer
Master of the Guild of St George

Ruth Nutter
Producer, Ruskin in Sheffield



Ruskin at the Millennium Gallery

Open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday and Bank Holidays 11am-4pm

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The Millennium Gallery, Arundel Gate, S1 2PP. Free. No booking unless indicated

Tuesday 19 May 6pm

Wealthy Cities: Re-Thinking Sheffield's Parks and Public Spaces

"The measure of any great civilisation is its cities and a measure of a city's greatness is to be found in the quality of its public spaces, its parks and squares."

A panel of speakers, followed by audience discussion. The panel includes **Angie Hobbs**, University of Sheffield; **Clive Wilmer**, Master of the Guild of St George; **Simon Ogden**, Head of City Regeneration for Sheffield City Council; **Victoria Bradford-Keegan**, National Trust; **Kate Genever**, artist, Poly-Technic.

John Ruskin

A collaboration with the University of Sheffield Festival of Arts & Humanities. Free. Please book at wealthycity.eventbrite.co.uk



From Saturday 1 August Ruskin Collection

The Ruskin Collection's summer redisplay explores its origins at St George's Museum in Walkley, and its influence in the succeeding years. Some of the Collection's most popular pieces will be displayed alongside exhibits evoking the lives of its 19th-century visitors, new artworks, and items from Ruskin in Sheffield's community projects.

Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November 2pm daily Wealthy City Walks: Start and end at the Ruskin Collection

Guided city centre walks revealing the city's richness of history, environment and spirit. Students from Sheffield University's School of Architecture bring to life connections between the city's buildings, geology, art, communities and history.

Saturday 31 October to Sunday 8 November Ruskin Re-Viewed

A celebratory exhibition of research, displays and creative work from Ruskin in Sheffield's community projects. The collective heritage of Ruskin in Walkley, Totley, Rivelin Valley, Stannington, the city centre and beyond. Special events on Sun 8 Nov.

May to November

The simple stories they tell us don't make sense any more.

Polymath artists Poly-Technic curate a series of new exhibitions, interventions and social gatherings which draw on Ruskin's social thinking, cultural ambitions and his work as a political agitator. Sites include the Ruskin Collection, Ruskin Re-Viewed, Abbeyfield Park in Pitsmoor, and the Pop-Up Ruskin Museum in Walkley. Funded by Arts Council England. www.poly-technic.co.uk



Ruskin in Walkley

PopUp
RUSKIN
MUSEUM

Your local treasure trove of collectables, curiosities and creations
381 South Road, Walkley, S6 3TD

Saturday 16 May to Saturday 24 October
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 11am-4pm

What can you make? What do you collect? Would you like to draw? Find out about the heritage of Ruskin in Sheffield and add your own exhibits to this temporary neighbourhood museum inspired by the Ruskin Collection. Drop-in activities, workshops, and special events. You can also visit an online version of the Pop-Up Museum at www.ruskininsheffield.com from 16 May. **FREE.**

Saturday 16 May 2pm

Launch event to celebrate the opening of the Pop-Up Ruskin Museum.
Be the first to make some exhibits and taste the all-new Ruskin loaf. **FREE.**



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Cafe
Masala

From Saturday 16 May Gerry's Ruskin Loaf

Available at Gerry's bakery, South Road, Walkley

Try this wholemeal honey Ruskin loaf to mark Ruskin in Sheffield.

**"Bread of flour is good, but there is bread sweet as honey,
if we could eat it, in a good book."** *John Ruskin*



Friday 22 May 7pm

Curator and Curatress:

The Swans and St George's Museum - talk

Ruskin Hall, Walkley Community Centre, 7a Fir St, S6 3TG

A talk by Dr Mark Frost on the role of maverick inventor Henry Swan, and his wife Emily, curators of St George's Museum 1875-1890.

FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK.

Saturday 18 July 11am

Ruskin Ramble

Start: Pop-Up Ruskin Museum, 381 South Road, Walkley, S6 3TD

**End: Freeman College Bio-Dynamic Garden,
Riggs High Road, Stannington S6 6DA**

Bill Bevan leads a 6 mile walk from Walkley to Stannington via Rivelin Valley. Find out about the artistic, natural and industrial heritage of this beautiful route - and its connections with Ruskin. The walk ends at Freeman College Bio-Dynamic Garden during their first Public Open Day. Some very steep gradients. Wear good walking shoes and waterproofs. Bring refreshments and water. Frequent Bus no. 95 to start. Nearest bus stop at end: Bus 81 from Uppergate Road. Car park at Bio-Dynamic Garden (next to Crow Royds Farm).

FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. bill@inheritage.co.uk or 01629 825252.



Sunday 27 September

Cabaret Boom Boom

Some of Sheffield's best street theatre artists celebrate the history of Ruskin in Walkley. St George's Museum, its visitors, and maverick curators, Henry and Emily Swan, are entertainingly brought life in this specially commissioned promenade performance.

Suitable for all the family. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

Times and tickets available in the summer on

www.cabaretboomboom.co.uk



Ruskin at Walkley Festival

20 June to 5 July

Ruskin's Reach - exhibition

Beeches of Walkley, 290 South Road, Walkley, S6 3TE

An exhibition about the lives of some of the Walkley visitors to St George's Museum. On display in Beeches window throughout Walkley Festival.

Ruskin's Reach - self-guided trail

Make your own way around Walkley to discover who visited St George's Museum and where they lived with this trail leaflet. Copies available throughout the festival from the Pop-Up Ruskin Museum, Walkley Library, Beeches and Gerry's bakery, or **download a PDF version from www.ruskininsheffield.com from 20 June.**

Saturday 27 June 12 noon & 4pm

Ruskin's Reach - guided walk

Start: Ruskin Park opposite The Blake pub, S6 3JQ

End: Ruskin House, Bole Hill Road, S6 5EE

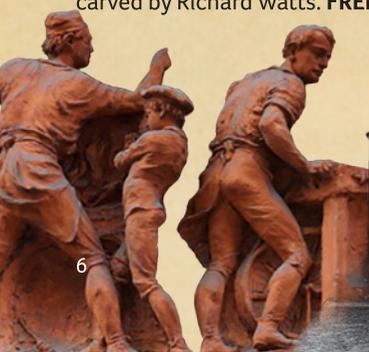
Find out about the lives of some of the visitors to St George's Museum. Who were they, what did they do and where did they live? What impact did the museum have on their lives? Led by Bill Bevan, the tour will take approximately two hours. It involves walking up and down Walkley's pavements. The 12 noon tour will arrive at Ruskin House in time for the 2pm launch of the new plaque. **FREE. ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL at bill@inheritage.co.uk or 01629 825252.**

Saturday 27 June 2pm

St George's Museum plaque and Henry Swan memorial launch

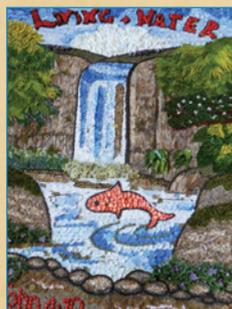
Start: Ruskin House, Bole Hill Road (Rivelin St junction), S6 5EE

Celebration of a new plaque commissioned by the Guild of St George, to mark the site of St George's Museum 1875-1890, led by Clive Wilmer, Master of the Guild. Please assemble on the pavement as this is a private house. Followed by ½ mile walk down to Walkley Cemetery to see the Guild's new memorial to Henry Swan, curator of St George's Museum, at his gravestone. Walkley Cemetery entrance is on Nichols Road, off Waller Road, S6 5DP. Both memorials designed and carved by Richard Watts. **FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK.**



Ruskin-themed events including:

- Walkley Festival Launch Sat 20 June 10am – 12 noon, Walkley Green, opp. Asda
- **Pop-Up Ruskin Museum fabric printing 27 June 11am-2pm, 381 South Road**
- Walkley Festival Art Show, Sun 21 – Sun 28 June, St Mary's Church, South Road
- **Walkley Treasure Hunt to spot local historical, natural and Ruskinian treasures**
- Victorian Kitchen Trail for children in shop windows in Crookes
- **Arts Trail of paintings by local amateur artists in shops in Crookes**
- Ruskin Well-Dressing at St Mary's Church, South Road, Sat 27 June 10am - 2pm
- **Mr Turner film screening at Walkley Community Centre, Sat 4 July 7.30pm**
- Tea-Tasting at Gerties Café, South Road
- **Japanese Star Festival featuring poems and stories by Ruskin-inspired Kenji Miyazawa, exhibitions, activities and food, Sun 5 July 11.30am-3pm, Walkley Community Centre**
- Walkley Cemetery Tours - Sun 5 July from 2pm, includes Henry Swan's grave. Nichols Rd, off Waller Road, S6 5DU



Saturday 4 July 1pm-6pm

Ruskin Park Fun Day

Ruskin Park, S6 3JQ

- Displays about visitors to St George's Museum who lived where Ruskin Park is today
- **Finds from an archaeological dig at Ruskin House (site of St George's Museum)**
- Best Ruskin Beard competition
- **Craft activities run by Ignite Imaginations**

Ruskin in the Rivelin Valley

Sunday 3 May 5am (meet 4.30am)

Rivelin Valley Dawn Chorus Walk

Start: Rivelin Park Café, Rivelin Park Road, S6 5GE

Chris Baines, founder of International Dawn Chorus Day, and Roger Kite, lead this dawn chorus walk. All abilities welcome. The terrain is mostly level, uneven underfoot. **FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK.**

Saturday 20 June 11am-4pm

Rivelin Valley Artists' Colony-for-a-day

Come and draw, paint or write in the Rivelin Valley - no experience needed. Bring your own materials or get free paper, pencils, and charcoals from the artists' colony tent at Rivelin Park Café or the car park off Rails Road. Look out for scenes along the valley painted by artists based at an artists colony at Rivelin Corn Mill between the wars. Take your own creations home or hand them in at one of the tents for display in the Pop-Up Ruskin Museum.

FREE. NO BOOKING.

Saturday 20 June 2pm

Contra Flow - poetry walk

Start: Rivelin Park Café, Rivelin Park Road, S6 5GE

End: Rails Road car park, S6 6GF

Fay Musselwhite leads us through the tree-lined Rivelin Valley, from Rivelin Glen to the edge of the Peak District via her own and other people's poems. Join us as we trace the river's industrial legacy, its unique ecology, and its relationship to Ruskin and the city. The 2 mile walk is moderately paced, mostly level terrain, uneven underfoot.

FREE. ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL - ruskininsheffield@gmail.com or 07951 578208

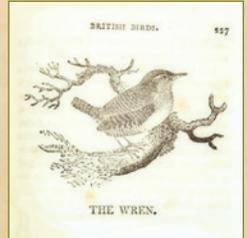
From Saturday 18 July

Rivelin Valley Trail - new interpretation

Look out for new signs and QR codes along the Rivelin Valley Trail which reveal the river's industrial, natural and artistic heritage. New interpretation at Rivelin Corn Mill, Nether Cut Wheel and Mousehole Forge. A collaboration with Rivelin Valley Conservation Group. **FREE.**

Access to the Rivelin Valley

Rivelin Park Café: Buses 81 and 82 stop 10 mins walk away on Stannington Road (Barlow Rd stop). Malin Bridge tram stop, c. 1 mile away. Parking on Rivelin Valley Road outside cafe. **Rails Road:** Car Park, and Bus 273/274 stops on Manchester Rd next to the car park.



the rivelin valley
conservation group



Ruskin in Stannington

Free outdoor workshops and events at a beautiful horticultural and woodland site at **FREEMAN BIO-DYNAMIC GARDEN** at **High Riggs, Riggs High Road, Stannington S6 6DA**



Monday 13 to Friday 17 July Crafting the Land: Seed to Table - workshops

Free one-day workshops for individuals, families, schools, young people and community growers. Experts **Freeman College** and **Growtheatre** lead a broad range of creative activities, linking craft activities to food growing and healthy land management.

A fantastic opportunity to try your hand at:

Making a copper trowel using hand forging and green wood-work techniques ● Environmental games ● Drawing and poetry ● Learning about the growing cycle ● Seasonal land tasks ● Prepare a light lunch from freshly picked produce ● Help make your own organic bread in our outdoor bread oven. **FREE. ADVANCE BOOKING FOR YOUR ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ESSENTIAL.** Info and booking - sophie@growtheatre.org.uk



Saturday 18 July 12.30pm Ruskin, Land and Livelihoods - talks

Find out about the relationships between the approaches to sustainable land use at St George's Farm, Totle, in the late 19th-century; Freeman College, part of Ruskin Mill Trust; and Ruskin Land, the Guild of St George's woodland in the Wyre Forest. **FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK.**

2-5pm Public Open Day

Come and explore Freeman Bio-Dynamic Garden's wonderful rural site. Creative activities, seasonal land tasks, games, outdoor bread oven - bring a picnic! **FREE.**

Access to Freeman Bio-Dynamic Garden site

Limited free parking on site. Site is located next to Crow Royds Farm on Riggs High Road. Nearest bus: Bus 81 (Uppergate Road bus stop) is ½ mile walk. Contact 07975 793193 for other parking options.



Ruskin in Totley

Wednesday 20 May 7.30pm

Ruskin, Totley and St George's Farm - talk

Totley Library, 205 Baslow Road, S17 4DT

A talk by Dr Mark Frost about the Guild of St George's attempt to turn St George's Farm into a sustainable community of growers and makers. And how they all fell out. Hosted by Totley History Group. **FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK.**



Saturday 13 June 2.30pm & Sunday 14 June 10.30am & 2.30pm
Boots, Fresh Air & Ginger Beer - a walking performance

Written by Sally Goldsmith

Performed by Totley people and local actors

Start outside Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane, Totley, S17 4HE

We meet in 1877 in Totley - a place of utopian dreams, and squabbling would-be farmers and bootmakers. Why did John Ruskin buy a farm here? How did it inspire other simple-lifers and land reformers eager to escape the smoke and dirt of the city?

This is a rural walk through time, near to St George's Farm. On the way we encounter loud-mouthed communist Mrs Maloy, sing to the sexy sage of Holmesfield Edward Carpenter, walk with King of the Ramblers Bert Ward, meet fruit-growing farmer George Pearson - and link hands with Ethel Haythornthwaite who dreamed the Peak District National Park.

If you've booked, meet 15 minutes before the start of the performance outside Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane, Totley, S17 4HE. The performance takes you on a 2.5 mile round walk up to Woodthorpe Hall (where drinks will be provided) which lasts about 2 hours. It ends at Totley Library for tea and cakes. Walking boots or shoes are essential as the path is steep and muddy in places. Some stiles. Bring waterproof clothing and a stick if you need one. No dogs please.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.

Tickets £5/£3 on sale from 5 May in person from Totley Library or 07479 665814 (phone for ticket-booking ONLY and is not a Library phone number). All proceeds go to Totley Library.

Thursday 29 October 7.30pm
Boots, Fresh Air & Ginger Beer
- film and talk

An edited film screening of the performance that takes place in Totley on 13 and 14 June. Presented by its writer Sally Goldsmith. Expect a live song or two, and maybe a meeting with some of its bohemian characters.

TICKETS £5/£3 on THE DOOR. NO NEED TO BOOK.
All proceeds to Totley Library.

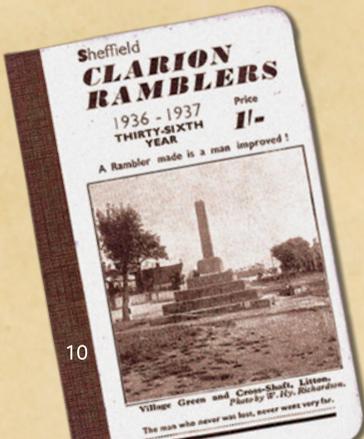


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Ruskin in Sheffield

recommends other events...

Open Up 2 to 10 May

Free entry to artists' studios and workspaces across Sheffield and South Yorkshire.

www.openupsheffield.co.uk

13 May

The Ruskin Museum: A Journey Through Sheffield - Millennium Gallery

MA in Public Humanities students from the University of Sheffield present a picture of the changing impact of the Ruskin Collection in its various homes across Sheffield. **Booking essential at ruskinmuseumsproject@gmail.com**

Castlegate Festival 20 and 21 June, S3 8LE

Various venues - Castlegate bursts into life for a two-day festival of activities, performances, art and design. Celebrating the past and present vibrancy of Castlegate and dreaming of the future.

Sheffield University's School of Architecture Summer Exhibition

22 June to 17 July

10am - 5pm weekdays, Arts Tower, Western Bank, Floor 16

Architectural proposals from degree and masters students for sites across Sheffield and beyond. Includes proposals re-imagining Castlegate, drawing on John Ruskin's and Richard Sennett's thinking and ideas.

Heritage Open Days 10 to 13 September

Open doors at venues including Freeman College, Portland Works, Rivelin Valley Conservation Group, and a Bustle Walk in Crookes (12 Sept). Bustle Walk details 07942 967463. www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Off The Shelf 10 to 31 October

Sheffield's renowned festival of words. Look out for Ruskin-themed events.

www.offtheshelf.org.uk

Walkley History Is Here talks 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec 7pm

Free history talks at Walkley Community Centre. No need to book.

Look out for the Walkley History book and DVD launch in November.

Yorkshire Artspace Open Studios Friday 20 to Sunday 22 Nov

Over 100 professional artists and makers open their Sheffield studios to the public.

www.artspace.org.uk



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FROM 19 JANUARY 2016

A new Ruskin-inspired craftsmanship exhibition at the Millennium Gallery, sponsored by the Guild of St George