# **Beyond Graffiti: Events in July 2014**

A celebration of the *Milestone Society's 'Beyond Graffiti' project*, introducing 130 young people in Kirklees to waymarking and the importance of stone in our landscape.

In the Discover Oakwell Classroom at Oakwell Hall, a fantastic Elizabethan property in a parkland setting at Birstall, there will be an exhibition of photography by Chrissie Eastwood, a film by the Kirklees College Digital media students, artworks by local artists and a soundscape by Jack Harris, as well as the waymarkers carved by students at Kirklees College for Dewsbury Country Park and Oakwell Hall; Tollkeeper Meg will host lots of fun activities:

### Sat 5th July

**A stone carving demonstration** by Dewsbury sculptor Melanie Wilks. **12noon – 4pm** 

### **Sun 6th July**

**Tollkeeper Meg** describes a Tour of the West Riding's Highways and Waymarkers **2pm** 

### Sat 12th July

**Open Mic Performance Poetry** afternoon, with a travel theme: MC Julian Jordan of WriteOutLoud, the UK's biggest live poetry resource. Bring poems or just come to listen.

12noon – 4pm

### **Sun 13 July**

### Meet a Highwayman! 11am – 4pm

John 'Swift Nicks' Nevison was a famous late 17th century Yorkshire highwayman. He reputedly rode from London to York in less than a day to gain an alibi for a robbery he'd been seen committing.

### Weds 16th July

A themed walk with Margaret Hill, "Past and Present - tracks, trails and historic houses", 5 miles, easy; bring appropriate footwear and a snack.

Starting at 1.30 from the top carpark.

### Sat 19th July

### Try geocaching!

Learn about this international 'treasure hunt', using GPS or smartphones.

**11am - 4pm,** hourly.

### Sat 19th July

Hade Edge Jazz Band entertains. 2pm – 4pm

### Sun 20th July

Stone Carving drop-in Workshop with Melanie Wilks, meet a Strolling Minstrel with a hurdy-gurdy and a Lucet!

12noon – 4pm

### Sat 26th July

**Highwayman 'Swift Nicks' Nevison** is up to his crafty tricks again.

11am - 4pm

Northowram Singers entertain 2pm – 4pm

### Sun 27th July

A Folk Dance Band in the Barn. 2pm – 4pm

**An easy walk**, 4 miles "Birstall Heritage", with Paul & Chris Horbury; meet in the Courtyard. **2pm** 

Find out about the real Dick Whittington; learn about Dry Stone Walling too!

Thanks to Hall & Rhodes for providing CCTV for the Oakwell Hall exhibition.

#### Other events

Throughout July, explore an **exhibition of paintings, woodcarvings and other artworks at the Packhorse Gallery** Huddersfield HD1 2RT, celebrating stone in our landscape, curated by students of Huddersfield University. Enjoy a cuppa while you browse!

#### **Weds 9th July**

"Meet some Milestones" - a varied guided walk with David Garside from Marsden station, HD7 6AX, Grid ref SE 047 118.

**11am** start, 5 miles, medium. Bring a packed lunch and wear walking boots or strong shoes

## Weds 23rd July

**Looking up at the Buildings of Huddersfield**, a leisurely stroll. Start from the Packhorse Gallery HD1 2RT.

