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**Looking back
over the
last 50 years
& beyond...**

**Lancaster
Rewind
Festival 1972**



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LANCASTER REWIND FESTIVAL

Programme of Events

September 2022

Me and You in 72: A People's Exhibition

The Dukes • Thursday 1st - Friday 23rd

Square Screening (silent cinema) of 1972 hit film "Cabaret"

Sun Square • Sunday 11th

Lancaster Rewind Exhibition

Lancaster City Museum • Thursday 15th - Wednesday 28th

Kevin Keegan

The Grand Theatre • Saturday 17th

Walking Tours

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th

70s Night: Music talk from local music legend Barry Lucas, 1972 Quiz with Kris Foster and 1970s Disco with DJ Dandy Von Diamond

The Pub • Saturday 17th

Live Entertainment Market Square • Sunday 18th

11:00-11:30 Kids Ceilidh

13:15-14:00 The Howling Clowns

11:45-12:15 Lois - Classic 70s covers

14:00-14:30 Ziggy Stardust Flashmob

12:15-12:25 Laura Sandham
School of Dance

14:40-15:10 Henry "The Rocket
Man" Askew

12:25-13:00 Davie Allen

15:30-16:30 Raspberry Gla

16:50-17:30 Lois - Classic 70s covers

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Sun Square • Sunday 18th

Legacy Project with Local schools "Lancaster 2072"

Ongoing project led by Inspira

This booklet was produced as part of the Lancaster Rewind Festival to highlight over 50 businesses which have been trading in Lancaster city centre for 50 years or more.

The Festival came about following a conversation between Lancaster Business Improvement District (BID) and HPA Chartered Architects. HPA had secured access to photos taken of Lancaster for a special edition of the Architect's Journal in 1972 and were planning to produce an exhibition to highlight how the city centre has changed over the past 50 years.

Working with Lancaster BID, the idea expanded into a festival with a day of live music, a 1970s night, walks and talks exploring the history of Lancaster and a booklet and video highlighting the city's longest trading businesses and some of the people who have worked in them.

Businesses featured in this booklet have all been trading within the Lancaster BID Zone for 50 years or more and give you a flavour of the fantastic range of businesses on offer in the city centre.

We hope you enjoy reading the booklet and feel inspired to explore the city centre and try out some of the businesses for yourself.

The logo for the Lancaster Rewind Festival 1972 is located in the bottom right corner. It features the text "Lancaster Rewind Festival" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines. To the right of the word "Festival" is the year "1972" in a large, stylized, yellow font with a red outline. The entire logo is set against a dark background with a yellow and red border.

**Lancaster
Rewind
Festival 1972**

Welcome to September

2019

Edward Heath is Prime Minister, Slade are Number One with Mama We're All Crazee Now, Mastermind is broadcast for the first time and the school leaving age is raised from 15 to 16. This month also sees the birth of actor, Idris Elba and Oasis frontman, Liam Gallagher.



**But what's
happening in
Lancaster?**





Plans are afoot for a city centre ban on cars to allow some streets to be pedestrianised and a 'Canal Park' is being proposed to beautify the city.

A full scale strike at Storeys is averted and it's announced that two of Lancaster's old cotton mills - Bath and Greenfield Mills - are to close.

And if you do work at one of Lancaster's major employers, the city's annual fortnight's holiday could be changed from the traditional last week in July and first week in August to two weeks earlier in the summer.

Should you be looking for work, job ads are plentiful in the Lancaster Guardian, celebrating its 135th anniversary this year. A manageress at the city's Mothercare can expect to earn £1,500 p.a..



New homes on Abraham Heights are priced from £6,499 and a new car will cost around £1,000.

For entertainment, The Godfather and Cabaret are among films to see or there's The Importance of Being Earnest at The Dukes Playhouse or Charley's Aunt at the Grand Theatre to enjoy.

In Parliament Street, Lancaster's 'first and only' nightclub – The Rendsburg – is to open with an appearance by Jim Bowen of TV's The Comedians.

This booklet highlights a selection of over 50 of the many businesses which were around in Lancaster when all this was happening and remain here to this day. It's just a snapshot of Lancaster in 1972 – taken on a Kodak instamatic pocket camera of course.(launched in 1972)!

Some businesses have a history dating back centuries and all contribute to the rich heritage of a city which has stood the test of time.



Charter Market

EST. 1193

Lancaster's right to hold a weekly market dates back more than 800 years and now, shoppers can stroll around stalls in Market Square, Market Street and Cheapside, selling everything from food to flowers, clothing to jewellery, arts and crafts.

Every Wednesday and Saturday from 9am to 4pm (4.30pm in the summer).

www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/markets/new-charter-market



The Royal King's Arms Hotel

EST. 1645

There's been a hotel on this Market Street site for more than four centuries and among past famous guests are King Edward VII and Charles Dickens.

75 Market Street Lancaster LA1 1JG • 01524 32451

www.royalkingsarmshotel.co.uk



The Sun Hotel & Bar

EST. 1684

Built on the site of Stoop Hall, The Sun Inn was probably so named in honour of King Charles II after the Restoration. The artist, JMW Turner stayed there in 1812 and to reflect its history as one of Lancaster's oldest accommodation providers, it was renamed The Sun Hotel about 50 years ago.

63-65 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1ET • 01524 66006

www.thesunhotelandbar.co.uk



Oglethorpe Sturton & Gillibrand

EST. 1810

One of Lancaster's oldest and most well known law firms, Oglethorpe, Sturton & Gillibrand is based in the city's historic Castle Park.

16 Castle Park, Lancaster LA1 1YG • 01524 846846

www.osg.co.uk



LANCASTER GRAND

EST. 1782



Black & white portrait of Geoffrey Halsall, a member from 1923-76



(L-R) Charles Willett, Carol Williamson & David Hardy
Members of Footlights, an amateur drama group which owns
and operates Lancaster Grand Theatre.

First opened in 1782, Lancaster's Grand Theatre is not only the city's most historic entertainment venue it also has the proud boast of being the UK's third oldest theatre in continuous use outside of London.

Saved from closure in 1951 by charity organisation, Lancaster Footlights, and restored by dedicated staff and volunteers, the theatre today welcomes nationally known entertainers as well as being home to local amateur dramatic shows.

Guided tours of this fascinating palace of performance in St Leonardgate take place regularly and as part of plans for the future, Lancaster Grand Theatre has launched a £2.2 million fundraising campaign for a new foyer which will guarantee the theatre's success for years to come.



Lancaster
Grand
—
Theatre

Located on St Leonards Gate • Box Office open Mon – Sat from 10am to 3pm

01524 64695

www.lancastergrand.co.uk

The Golden Lion

EST. 1818

A pub on this Moor Lane site is thought to have been the final stopping place for the Pendle Witches and many other unfortunates on their way to the gallows. It now boasts Lancaster's longest running open mic night.

33 Moor Ln, Lancaster LA1 1QD • 01524 842198
www.thegoldenlionlancaster.wordpress.com/



The Ring O'Bells

EST. 1820

An historic listed doorway leads into this well-loved pub in King Street, originally built as a town house for Lord Hamilton before becoming a beer house in the 19th Century.

52 King St, Lancaster LA1 1RE • 01524 956378
www.facebook.com/Ring-O-BellsLancaster



Marketgate Dental Practice

EST. 1844

The longest established dental and orthodontic clinic in Lancaster has been putting a smile on Lancastrians faces for almost 180 years.

12 Spring Garden St, Lancaster LA1 1RQ • 01524 32630
www.marketgatedental.co.uk/#welcome



The Brown Cow

EST. 1849

There's been a pub on this Penny Street site since 1810 though it's been known as the Brown Cow since 1849. Following a couple of refurbishments this century, the Brown Cow has continued to serve good old fashioned Lancashire hospitality.

44 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XF • 01524 66474
www.facebook.com/browncowlancaster



ATKINSONS COFFEE

EST. 1837



The Music Room is one of Atkinsons' four unique and individual cafés (three of which are found in Lancaster)



Atkinsons' staff, Ella



The coffee shop on China Street

J Atkinson & Co. have been supplying tea & coffee to the good citizens of Lancaster and surrounding areas since a young Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837.



The business was established in 1837 as the Grasshopper Tea Warehouse and has occupied these premises on China Street since 1901.

Many things have changed since Thomas Atkinson opened the first Grasshopper Tea

Warehouse, but reassuringly some things remain very much the same – such as a good cup of tea or coffee. Stepping back in time into Atkinson's shop reminds us that some things, such as quality, never go out of style.

Located on China Street • Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm and Sun 11.00am - 4.00pm

THE SHOP

COFFEE SHOP

12 China Street,
Lancaster LA1 1EX

01524 65470

www.thecoffeehopper.com

OUR CAFES

THE HALL

10 China Street,
Lancaster LA1 1EX

THE MUSIC ROOM

Sun Square, Lancaster
LA1 1EW

THE CASTLE

Lancaster Castle,
Lancaster LA1 1YN

The George & Dragon

EST. 1851

Locals have been enjoying drinks at this pub on St George's Quay for more than 200 years when it opened in 1818 as St George's Tavern. This Grade II listed building, renamed in 1851, is next door to the crooked house which looks like it's enjoyed a pint or two!

24 St George's Quay, Lancaster LA1 1RB • 01524 388808
www.georgeanddragonlancaster.co.uk/



Lancaster Reform Club

EST. 1862

Originally built in the 1790s in Great John Street as the home of Robert Inman, a West India and timber merchant, it became the Reform Club in 1862. For many decades, it was a base for people of a liberal persuasion.

1A Great John St, Lancaster LA1 1NQ • 01524 63541



Ye Olde John O'Gaunt

EST. 1871

Live music is often heard emanating from 'the John' as locals call this popular pub in Market Street which has been entertaining and serving people for generations.

53 Market St, Lancaster LA1 1JG • 01524 65356
www.facebook.com/johnogaunt/



The Wagon and Horses

EST. 1881

Originally known as the Cart & Horses, this pub began life as a beer house, quenching the thirst of port workers, and is now a popular destination for visitors to the historic St George's Quay.

27 St George's Quay, Lancaster LA1 1RD • 01524 846094
www.wagonandhorseslancaster.co.uk



HOLDENS LAW

EST. 1847



Wood panelled board room at the offices on Castle Hill.



Members of the team (L-R) Sharon Mashiter, Jemma Higson, Kevin Bamber, Jennifer Larton, Helen Robinson.



A solicitors office, converted from a late Eighteenth Century merchant's house, was established on Castle Hill by the forefathers of Holdens in 1847. Sandwiched between the Judges Lodgings and the Crown Courts in Lancaster Castle, it was the perfect location for a legal firm.

For the past 175 years, its solicitors have provided legal services to clients in Lancashire, Cumbria and beyond, thanks to a team of experienced, friendly and dedicated professionals who offer expertise in a diverse range of legal specialisms.

For many years, a solicitor from Holden & Wilson's, as it was then known, would also preside over local inquests as the area's Coroner and their specialist lawyers continue to conduct criminal and civil cases in both the lower and higher courts in the land.

Located on Castle Hill
01524 32484
www.holdenslaw.co.uk

HORSE & FARRIER

EST. 1863



Stephen Young with customers Helen, Chris, Dave, Steptoe and Brian



There's still evidence of how the Horse and Farrier in Brock Street got its name back in Victorian times. A ring to tie up horses can still be seen behind the pub, a reminder of the days when horses, carts and carriages were still a popular mode of transport, and a smithy is known to have operated from there.

Opened in 1863, The Horse and Farrier was originally described as a beerhouse which could only sell beer, not wine and spirits, and had different licensing arrangements to public houses, putting them in direct competition. The drinks offer has changed a lot since then!

Thwaites now own the Horse and Farrier, taking over from Lancaster brewery, Yates & Jackson who owned it for many years.

The Horse and Farrier, which has been a popular city centre pub for decades, recently received a facelift to its exterior, and boasts live music every weekend, karaoke, a beer garden and a friendly Lancashire welcome.

Located on Brock Street and open Mon – Fri from 12pm to 12am.

01524 63491

www.facebook.com/Horse-and-Farrier

Boots

EST. 1898

Boots first opened what was described as a 'Stationery Branch' in Lancaster at 45-47 Penny Street in 1898, moving further along the street to 'a splendid freehold corner site' 13 years later (now Marks & Spencer). This store also accommodated a popular Booklovers Library until 1960. Boots moved to its current location in St Nicholas Arcades in 1970.

14-16 Lancaster Gate, Lancaster LA1 1NB • 01524 64547
www.boots.com/stores/1189-lancaster-st-nicholas-la1-1nb



J Mason & Son

EST. 1914

Established by James Mason in the year World War One broke out, the firm is now in the hands of its fourth generation, proud to continue as independent funeral directors based in historic Moor Lane.

19 Moor Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1QD • 01524 65304
www.jmasonandson.com



Halifax Building Society

EST. 1918

The Halifax Permanent Building Society was established in the Yorkshire town 135 years ago and arrived in Lancaster in 1918 where it set up in Church Street. It subsequently moved to Cheapside before making Penny Street its home.

29/31 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA • 0345 720 3040
branches.halifax.co.uk/lancaster/29/31-penny-street



Scott & Wilkinson

EST. 1918

Once housed in Thomas Gillow's former home in Church Street, the origins of this practice, now in Dalton Square, can be traced back to the end of World War One. In 1919, Thomas Wilkinson, grandfather of current director, Paul, established his practice which became known as Scott & Wilkinson in 1968. When its first computer arrived, it was so huge, it had to be lifted through the window!

9 Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1WD • 01524 67111
www.scott-wilkinson.com



CUNNINGHAM'S

EST. 1885



James Cunningham pocket watch, 1903



A Smiths electric clock from WW2, beside a curved mirror that belong to Mr Gregg's aunt



Anthony and Hilary Gregg, current owners and relatives of Mr Cunningham

Lancaster's oldest jewellers has been one of the city's retail gems since 1885.

The original owner, James Cunningham, ran the store in Damside Street for sixty years before it became a family business. Anthony and Hilary Gregg own the shop which was bought by Anthony's great aunt and uncle in 1945 before being taken over by his parents, Peter and Marian in 1962.

What had been a small shop was almost quadrupled in size when it was significantly extended in 1978, allowing Cunninghams to

Cunningham Jewellers
Lancasters Oldest Jewellers
EST. 1885

offer more products to suit all budgets and a friendly repairs service.

It sells a wide selection of watches and jewellery and has seen the popularity of second hand jewellery grow in recent years.

Cunninghams bring a sprinkle of sparkle to Lancaster city centre and much appreciation from customers buying a gift for that special someone in their lives.

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Located on Damside St and open Mon – Sat from 9:30am to 5pm.

01524 32126

www.cunningham-jewellers.co.uk

Lancaster City Museum

EST. 1923

Next year sees the centenary of this museum, housed in Lancaster's former town hall, in Market Square at the heart of the city whose history it tells. It is the fitting location for the Rewind Festival exhibition running from September 15-28.

Market St, Lancaster LA1 1HT • 01524 64637
www.lancaster.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/museums/city-museum



Balshaw Carpets

EST. 1923

This family run firm previously based in Thurnham Street and now Penny Street have been supplying quality carpets since the roaring Twenties and the owners have a combined 75 years of experience in sales and fitting.

97a Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XN • 01524 63711
www.facebook.com/balshawcarpets/



Fraser Stonemason

EST. 1929

Churchyards and cemeteries across the district showcase the traditional craftsmanship of this Moor Lane based monumental masons who have been supplying headstones for almost a century.

7 Moor Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1QD • 01524 65502
www.monumentalmasons.co.uk/



M&S

EST. 1933

M & S are a mainstay of most high streets and Lancaster is no exception. Look up and closely at the corner of the store in Penny Street and a plaque showing it was formerly a Boots shop can be seen.

32 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA • 01524 64712
www.marksandspencer.com



Lancaster



Church St

This booklet provides just a snapshot of the heritage and history of Lancaster city centre.

We hope it will encourage you to explore our wonderful city further.

Why not pay a visit to Lancaster Castle, Judge's Lodgings, the Maritime Museum or Lancaster City Museum to discover more on the wealth of history in the city.

To share memories of the city, why not join the Lancaster Past and Present Facebook group to hear personal stories and view historic photos including the selection kindly supplied here.



North Road



St Nicholas Arcade



Market St



Market St



Market

All images courtesy of Alister Firth

BANKS LYON SHOES

EST. 1887



100-year-old bunion stretcher and foot measure



Umberto Romagnoli shoes made in Italy. Probably from the early 1970s.



Jonathan Banks Lyon (4th generation owner)



BANKS LYON SHOES
(Est.1887)

Banks Lyon Shoes has kept in step with footwear fashions for 135 years.

Originally established in 1887 by Joseph Lyon in North Road, the business expanded and moved to its current Church Street location in 1921.

In the early years, mainly shoes and boots were sold, with items being made to order and onsite repairs available.

Over the decades, Banks Lyon Shoes has sold every type of footwear from wrinkle pickers to wedges and within their archive are a pair of Italian brown leather platforms from the Seventies!

Certain classic styles have become timeless and some of the brands like Barker and Loake are still handmade in Northampton.

Along with his team, current owner, Jonathan Banks Lyon, the fourth generation of the family to run the shop, takes pride in selecting the best brands of footwear from around the world to provide the ultimate in style and comfort.

As soon as customers walk into Banks Lyon's spacious Georgian fitting rooms, they are guaranteed of a unique shopping experience from a truly independent shoe shop, somewhat of a rarity nowadays.

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Located on Church Street and open Mon – Sat from 9am to 5pm.

01524 64011

www.bankslyonshoes.co.uk

Taylor's Opticians

EST. 1933

Next year sees this independent opticians in New Street mark 90 years of keeping an eye on local people. Traditional optometry combined with new ideas provides a service tailored to each individual's requirements.

19 New St, Lancaster LA1 1EG • 01524 32915
www.taylorsoptometry.co.uk/



The Collegian Club

EST. 1933

Situated in Gage Street, the Collegian recorded its first president in the Thirties and has been providing live entertainment and various social club facilities ever since.

1 Gage St, Lancaster LA1 1UH • 01524 66356
www.facebook.com/pages/category/Social-Club/Collegian-Club



Mawsons of Lancaster

EST. 1942

When Mawsons began selling curtains during wartime in Lancaster, blacking out windows was a necessary act. Eighty years on and Graham Mawson is the third generation of the family to run the showroom now in Common Garden Street, packed with everything required to beautifully dress windows.

31-33 Common Garden St, Lancaster LA1 1XD • 01524 61632
www.mawsonsoflancaster.co.uk/



Joseph A. Jones & Co

EST. 1949

Established on the sound principles of honesty, integrity and quality by Yorkshireman, Joseph A. Jones, this firm of solicitors based in Fenton Street remains true to those ideals. One of its partners, Gary Rycroft, is resident legal expert on BBC1 consumer programme, Rip Off Britain.

6 Fenton Street, Lancaster LA1 1TE • 01524 63371
www.jajsolicitors.co.uk



Scholl Chiropody

EST. OVER 70 YEARS

Highly qualified and experienced practitioners have helped thousands of Lancastrians put their best feet forward for more than 70 years. Originally in Church Street, Scholl's Brock Street premises now also sells footwear.

17 Brock St, Lancaster LA1 1UR • 01524 32060



Firth's Jewellers

EST. 1953

Jewels were sparkling on the Queen as she was crowned in the same year that Firths opened their first shop in North Road. Since moving to Gage Street, the shop has expanded significantly through the decades while keeping the business in the family.

12-14 Gage St, Lancaster LA1 1UH • 01524 63819
www.firthsjewellers.co.uk



Lloyds Bank

EST. 1953

Next year will see the 70th anniversary of Lloyds arrival in Lancaster, initially in Church Street. Almost three decades later, its first outdoor cashpoint was installed and the bank has been at its current Market Street location for 20 years.

49 Market St, Lancaster LA1 1JH • 0345 602 1997
branches.lloydsbank.com/lancaster/49-market-street



Maison Knowles Barbers

EST. 1961

Originally in Ffrances Passage when owned by the Knowles brothers, the salon was moved to Penny Street in 1973 by Bill and Jeanette Webster who retired in 2021. Traditionally, all barbers had a sideline and, for years, Maison Knowles sold and repaired umbrellas, hence its nickname, the Umbrella Shop.

95 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA • 01524 65322
maison-knowles.edan.io/r



GREGORY WILLIAMS BUTCHERS

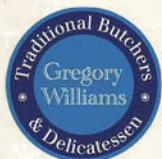
EST. 1942



Antique weighing scales (date unknown)



Jordan Alston (right) with Nelly, Andy and Tom



World War Two was well into its stride and rationing was just a way of life when Slinger & Taylor opened their butcher's shop in 1942.

They were just one of many butchers who plied their trade in Lancaster Market for decades.

In 2011, they joined forces with another of the former market's traditional butchers, D. Gregory to form the Gregory Williams shop which marked a decade in James Street last year.

Gregory Williams is now the only independent butcher left in Lancaster city centre and has been a family business for three generations.

Tastes have changed much since the Forties when shoppers favoured more fatty meats and Lancashire specialities like tripe. Nowadays, ready meals such as stir fries and marinated chicken, specially prepared by Gregory Williams, are more popular.

Located in Marketgate and open Mon – Sat from 8am to 5pm.

01524 32250

www.gregorywilliamsbutchers.co.uk

RENES

EST. 1955



Pamela Moore who started the business with her mother, Irene Newby



Amanda Parkinson and Tiffany Moore, Irene's granddaughters, who now run the shop

RENES

Renes has seen many fashions come and go since opening in 1955. Women wanted glamour after Forties austerity so there couldn't have been a better time for Irene

Newby to establish the first shop in the Fifties. Glamour had arrived and, naturally, so did Renes - the rest is history.

Irene ran the first few shops with her daughter Pamela and soon to follow, Brenda, finally residing in King Street with a store spanning three floors with a quadruple frontage.

The region's latest fashion and bridalwear adorned Renes. Ask any local girl and it's guaranteed that Renes is where they bought their wedding dress or first teen outfit. It was so popular during sale times that queues formed around the shop before it opened.

As the Swinging Sixties gave way to Seventies flares and Eighties shoulder pads, Renes was still the place to shop for any fashion conscious female.

Now based in Common Garden Street, the business is still a family run affair with Amanda and Tiffany offering the personal shopping experience which makes their customers look and feel so special.

Style isn't expensive: it is priceless!

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Located on Common Garden Street and open Mon – Sat from 10am to 5pm.

01524 32971

www.renesfashion.co.uk

Robert Deegan Harpsichords

EST. 1969

Beautifully crafted and sounding harpsichords have been produced by Robert Deegan for more than 50 years from a converted warehouse on St George's Quay.

Tonnage Warehouse St. Georges Quay, Lancaster LA1 1RB
01524 60186
www.deeganharpichords.com



Nationwide Building Society

EST. 1970

The world's largest building society, which has its Lancaster branch in Market Street, became known as the Nationwide in 1970 although its origins can be traced back to 1952 in Great John Street.

14/16 Market Street, Lancaster LA1 1HX • 0345 266 0782
www.nationwide.co.uk/branches/lancaster



NatWest

EST. 1970

This historic branch traces its origins to Lancaster Banking Company, first established in Penny Street which took over the Church Street premises of failed bank, Worswick, Sons & Company in 1837. Following various mergers, NatWest made their home in the Paley and Austen designed building in 1970.

68 Church St, Lancaster LA1 1LN • 0345 788 8444
www.natwest.com/Branch/15490-Lancaster.html



Barclays

EST. 1970

The Lancaster branch was initially opened in 1866 by Manchester and Salford Bank in temporary premises in Church Street. It soon moved to its current site, formerly the Queen's Hotel, on the corner of Market and New Streets – at a cost of £3,000. The Grade II listed building changed hands several times until Barclays amalgamated with Martin's Bank Ltd.

38 Market St, Lancaster LA1 1HS • 0345 734 5345
www.barclays.co.uk



DIGGLES

EST. 1963



Diggles' Staff, Chloe and Ellen



If there's one name synonymous with independent sandwich shops and cafes in Lancaster, it must be Diggles.

Poultry farmers John and Ann Diggle established the business in 1963, selling eggs and barbequed chicken in Lancaster Market.

The Diggles chicken logo with egg, designed by John, dates back to the 1970s, echoing those origins.

The market shop proved so popular that a barbeque shop opened in Penny Street with cooked meats production upstairs. A café followed next door around 1970.

Another shop in Market Street opened in the early Seventies and expanded next door during the Eighties when the Penny Street outlet moved to North Road. Cooked meat production transferred to Barrow where they had opened a shop.

A bakery was added to the North Road shop and all Diggles bread is baked daily in Lancaster. Cooked meats production returned to Lancaster about 15 years ago.

In addition to their Market Street and North Road outlets, Diggles also have a café in Ffrances Passage and still sell wholesale meats to the trade and public.

Diggles two cafes at Bury's famous market were established through a partnership between John Diggle, originally of Holcombe, Bury, and his best friend, Les Ratcliffe, Dunsters Farms founder.

OUR CAFES

DIGGLES FFRANCES PASSAGE

Ffrances Passage, Lancaster
LA1 1UG

Mon-Sat 8am - 4pm

01524 62060

www.diggles.co.uk

DIGGLES CAFE

Market St, Lancaster LA1 1JG

Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

DIGGLES NORTH ROAD

North Road, Lancaster LA1 1LT

Mon-Sat 8am - 4pm

Joseph & Co

EST. 1971

For more than half a century, this North Road clothing store has been keeping its customers up-to-date with the latest fashions and designer names while developing its reputation for customer service with the personal touch.

54, North Road, Lancaster LA1 1LT • 01524 63981
www.josephclothing.co.uk



Oxfam

EST. OVER 50 YEARS

2022 sees the 80th anniversary of Oxfam's foundation nationally and since 1947, their charity shops have operated in most towns including Lancaster, firstly in Church Street and for more than 40 years in Penny Street where it has been joined by its popular book and music store.

62-64 Penny Street, Lancaster LA1 1XF • 01524 68405
www.oxfam.org.uk/shops



BSG Solicitors

EST. OVER 50 YEARS

Resulting from the merger of Blackhurst, Parker & Yates who were operating in Church Street in 1972, and Yates, Swainson Son & Reynolds of Castle Hill, and Oswald Goodier & Co, this practice currently provide legal services from Aalborg Place, near Lancaster Magistrates Court

3 & 4 Aalborg Pl, Lancaster LA1 1BJ • 01524 386500
www.bsglaw.co.uk/

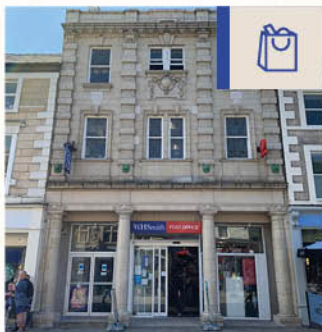


W H Smith

EST. OVER 50 YEARS

The former Palladium Cinema - Lancaster's first purpose built picture house - has been the home of this well known store for around four decades after it relocated from premises in King Street. The cinema was once managed by the father of world famous film composer, John Barry.

21 Market Street, Lancaster. LA1 1HZ • 01524 36246
www.whsmith.co.uk/stores



GILLISONS

EST. 1970



Shopping trolley bags are very popular with students in the city



Sarah Halkyard outside her shop

The Halkyard family have been in the bag business for more than 50 years.

Run by Sarah Halkyard for a decade in New Street, Gillisons originated as an outdoor market stall owned by her dad, Philip Charles Carruthers Halkyard, known to most locals as Him Wit' Beard.

His stall moved to Lancaster's indoor market in 1970, a decade when among the most popular purchases were shopping trolleys and bags as well as wicker baskets used for domestic science by Lancaster Girls Grammar School pupils.

Always on trend, the stall sold plenty of studded belts during the punk era and even umbrella hats!

Nowadays, among the most popular sellers are backpacks and phone bags as well as big luggage for longer foreign holidays which were rare in the Seventies. And once the preserve of elderly women, shopping trolleys have made a comeback thanks to Lancaster's student population.

Sarah took over her dad's stall in her twenties and also ran a separate shop, in Gillison's Lane – hence the name of her current business.

Sadly, Sarah's dad died in 2019 but the business he started continues to go from strength to strength.

Located on New Street and open Mon – Sat from 9:15am to 5:15pm Sun from 11:30am - 4pm

01524 840777

www.facebook.com/gillisonsthebagshop/

LANCASTER SCOUT & GUIDE SHOP

EST. 1971



This style of Scout hat was worn from 1908 to 1967



Trish & Jim Holland, with a local Scout and Rainbow Guide

Lonsdale Scout & Guide Shop has been prepared to supply hundreds of youngsters with their uniforms for more than 50 years.

Run by volunteers, the shop sells badges and a variety of training aids and gifts as well as uniforms.

When the first shop opened on St George's Quay in 1971, Lancaster and Morecambe were separate Scout Districts, amalgamating into Lonsdale three years later.

Since then, the shop has moved around the city from the basement of Lancaster Methodist Church and the ground floor of Owen House



in Thurnham Street to the YMCA building near the bus station and a Yates & Jackson Brewery building behind the Royal Hotel.

It's now located in Moor Street, perhaps the shop's most appropriate location, as Dick Erskine, Scoutmaster of the 1st Lancaster Troop was born there in 1889.

www.lonsdalescouts.org.uk

THE DUKES

EST. 1971



Photo by Jess Turton.



Karen O'Neill - Chief Executive Director of The Dukes Theatre

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Dukes

The Dukes is a child of the Seventies, having first opened its doors to audiences in 1971.

Since then, this professional theatre based in Moor Lane has played its part in the early careers of many actors including Dame Harriet Walter and Andy Serkis, best known as Gollum from the Lord of the Rings films, who appeared in The Dukes very first promenade theatre season in Williamson Park.

Over the past 50 years, The Dukes has presented countless productions and films as well as hosting shows by comedians, musicians, dancers and other theatre companies, and in 1995 opened up its second space as a youth theatre, encouraging the next generation of actors and backstage crews.

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Located on Moor Lane • Box Office open Tuesday - Sunday 10.30am - 6.00pm

01524 598500

www.dukeslancaster.org

Furness Building Society

EST. OVER 50 YEARS

This building society's mission hasn't changed since 1865 – to help build a brighter future for their customers, their people and their community. Lancaster's branch in Lancaster Gate currently supports St John's Hospice

2 Lancaster Gate, Lancaster LA1 1NB • 01524 66221
www.furnessbs.co.uk/find-a-branch/lancaster/

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Clarks

EST. 1971

Originally located in Lancaster Gate, the Penny Street store was rebranded from Peter Lord to Clarks after a couple of decades. Their shoes have had a place in most wardrobes from children's first school shoes to fashionable styles for adults.

16 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA • 01524 64516
www.clarks.co.uk

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The Guitar Studio

EST. 1972

David Kellett has taught thousands of people how to play classical, pop and jazz guitar over the five decades he has run his studio in Church Street.

67 Church St, Lancaster LA1 1ET • 01524 846464

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A few that didn't quite make it



Lancastrian Antiques



Single Step & The Whaletail



Etna Ristorante Italiano

Lancaster has a wealth of heritage buildings. Here is just a small sample of some of the oldest which didn't quite meet the criteria for this booklet.



Lancaster Castle



Storey Institute



Lancaster Town Hall



Lancaster Library



Lancaster Priory



Friends Meeting House



Lancaster Methodist Church



The Three Mariners



The Merchants



George Speight



St Thomas' Church



The Water Witch

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HPA Chartered Architects	www.hpa.ltd
Holdens Law	www.holdenslaw.co.uk
Lancaster City Council	www.lancaster.gov.uk
National Lottery Heritage Fund	www.heritagefund.org.uk
RIBA	www.architecture.com
Workshop Media	www.workshop-media.co.uk
Two Stories	www.twostories.studio
Louise Bryning PR	www.Facebook.com/LouiseBryningPR
Ginny Koppenhol Photography	www.gkoppenholphotography.com
Lancaster City Museum	www.Facebook.com/LancasterCityMuseum
Lancaster Walks Talks & Tours	www.lancasterwalkstalkstours.weebly.com/
The Dukes	www.dukeslancaster.org
The Pub, Lancaster	www.Facebook.com/ThePubLancaster
Inspira	www.inspira.org.uk

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Every effort has been made to identify the longest trading businesses in the city centre and to ensure the accuracy of the information. We have aimed to include all businesses which have traded under the same name in BID Zone in Lancaster city centre for 50 years or more – we hope we haven't missed anyone or got anything wrong. We were unable to source an exact date for a small number of businesses but have included all those we are confident have been trading for 50 years or more in Lancaster. For businesses which are part of a chain, the date given is for the Lancaster branch and not when the overall business was first founded.

We have focused on businesses for this booklet but could easily have included plenty of other public buildings including museums, churches, the Town Hall, Library and Railway Station which have also been in operation continuously for over 50 years. We hope this booklet has given you a snapshot of what the city has to offer and will encourage you to further explore our fantastic city centre.



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