



Summer of Rewind

1973-99



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LANCASTER REWIND FESTIVAL

Programme of Events

16TH JULY	23RD JULY	30TH JULY
<u>Rewind to the 70's</u>	<u>Rewind to the 70's</u>	<u>Rewind to the 70's</u>
Laura Sandham School Of Dance Hannah Carousel Ali Bee Bush Rush	Funk Club Rocket Queen	Matt Appleton Jason Mcloughlin The Beets
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6TH AUGUST	13TH AUGUST	20TH AUGUST
<u>Rewind to the 80's</u>	<u>Rewind to the 80's</u>	<u>Rewind to the 80's</u>
Roses and Thorns The Dreamers Totally Blonde C and C Jukebox	David Frederick Fay Marie The Beets	Sam Copner Alice and the glasses
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27TH AUGUST	3RD SEPTEMBER	10TH SEPTEMBER
<u>Rewind to the 80's</u>	<u>Rewind to the 90's</u>	<u>Rewind to the 90's</u>
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LINEUP SUBJECT TO CHANGE

After the fantastic success of the Rewind Festival in 2022 we wanted to build on that with "Summer of Rewind" in 2023. This booklet highlights over 60 businesses that opened their doors in Lancaster between 1973 and 1999.

Last year through our research for The Rewind Festival we found out that 51 businesses were at least 50 years old, if you add these we have over 110 businesses in Lancaster that have been trading for 25 years or more. This to us is an amazing statistic and shows in spades the brilliant, unique businesses we have in the city, it also highlights the resilience of all those companies as I'm sure they've all had their ups and downs!

To make more of "Summer of Rewind" we are bringing you a 10 week (every Sunday) entertainment programme featuring local performers. July 16th, 23rd and 30th will all be 70's themed. August 6th, 13th and 20th will all be 80's themed and August 27th, September 3rd and 10th will be 90's themed. We will finish "Summer of Rewind" with a screening of 1999 film Knotting Hill in Sun Square on September 17th. A special thank you to EDF for being the headline sponsor of Summer of Rewind.

We'd like to take this opportunity to also thank HPA Chartered Architects for their continued support with all things "Rewind" and we look forward to launching a brand new "Lancaster Rewind Heritage Trail" with them in August - Watch this space.

We'd also like to thank the following for making this booklet possible:

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- EDF
- Two Stories
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- Andrew Riley - Lancaster Past and Present

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 from 1973 to 1999 – 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.

1973-99

To prepare you for a summer like no other, Rewind back to the Seventies, Eighties, and Nineties with some of the events hitting the national and local headlines.



1973

The UK joined the EEC.
The average house price was £9,900.
Queen played live at Lancaster University.

1975

Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party.
The Birmingham Six were tried at the Crown Court in Lancaster Castle.

1977

Elvis Presley died.
Star Wars opened in cinemas.
Queen Elizabeth II visited Lancaster during her Silver Jubilee year.

1979

Margaret Thatcher was elected the UK's first female Prime Minister.
Sony launched the Walkman.

1981

Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer.
The Ashton Memorial in Williamson Park was closed for safety reasons.

1983

Breakfast TV began with BBC Breakfast Time and TV-AM.
U2 played a concert at Lancaster University.

1985

The first mobile phone call was made in the UK by comedian, Ernie Wise.
Lancaster Maritime Museum opened.

1987

Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy in Lebanon, was kidnapped in Beirut.
Work began on the Channel Tunnel joining UK and France.

1989

After 30 years, the Cold War between East and West ended and the Berlin Wall came down.

1991

Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as president of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union officially ceased to exist.

1993

The World Wide Web was born at CERN.
Prince Charles received the Freedom of the City during a visit to Lancaster.

1995

The UK's oldest investment banking firm, Barings Bank, collapsed.
Toy Story, the first ever wholly computer generated film, was released.

1997

Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris.
Hilton Dawson was elected Lancaster's first Labour MP in 27 years during Labour's national landslide.

1999

Queen Elizabeth II attended a service at Lancaster Priory to mark the 600th anniversary of the association between the Crown and the Duchy of Lancaster.

1974

Abba won the Eurovision Song Contest with Waterloo.
Lancaster City Council was formed from five former district councils.

1976

The Judges Lodgings Museum opened.

1978

Princess Alexandra presented a Citizen of the Year award to Pat Seed, pioneering cancer appeal fundraiser, at Lancaster Town Hall.

1980

John Lennon was shot and killed in New York.
The Rubik's Cube went on sale.
The average house price in the UK was £23,288.

1982

Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, provoking the Falklands War.
Channel 4 was launched.
Reebok moved into a former Storeys mill in Moor Lane.

1984

UK pop stars formed Band Aid to record Do They Know It's Christmas to raise money for victims of the Ethiopian famine.
Lancaster's Market Hall was wrecked by fire.

1986

A nuclear reactor at Chernobyl exploded.
The first case of BSE, more commonly known as Mad Cow Disease, was found in the UK.

1988

A terrorist bomb exploded on a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie in Scotland killing all 259 on board and 11 on the ground.

1990

Nelson Mandela was released from prison in South Africa and became the leader of the ANC.

1992

Lancaster Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and Lancaster Priority Services NHS Trust took on the running of local hospitals and community services.

1994

The Eurostar rail service carrying passengers between London, Paris and Brussels was launched.

1996

The Spice Girls had their first number one single, Wannabe.
Lancaster's Royal Albert Hospital closed after more than 120 years.

1998

Google, the search engine, is founded.



Welbourne Opticians

EST. 1974

King Street became the home of Lancaster's first independent optometrist when a Mr Cox opened the doors to his practice in 1933. Welbourne joined Cox 41 years later, and 2023 marks three decades since the practice became known as Welbourne Opticians. Welbourne Opticians remains proudly independent, committed to delivering exceptional quality eye care with personal, friendly service.

3 King Street, Lancaster LA1 1JN
welbourneopticians.co.uk

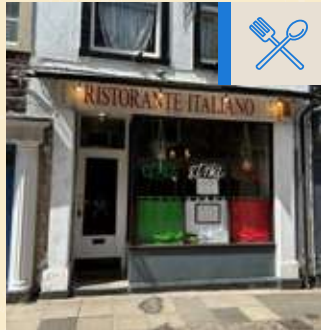


Etna

EST. 1975

Thought to be Lancaster's first Italian restaurant, Etna Ristorante Italiano is based in New Street. It is a family run business with a Sicilian owner, which has been serving an authentic Italian menu for almost 50 years and has a loyal clientele.

22 New Street, Lancaster LA1 1EG
etnalancaster.co.uk



Single Step

EST. 1976

Single Step in Penny Street is inspired by an ancient Chinese philosophy: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Established in 1976 and run by a co-operative, Single Step was at the forefront of the zero-waste, vegetarian revolution and remains proudly independent. Its specialities are wholefoods with a low environmental impact and environmentally friendly cosmetics

78A Penny Street, Lancaster LA1 1XN
singlestep.org.uk



The Judges' Lodgings Museum

EST. 1976

Lancaster's oldest town house built nearly 400 years ago, has been home to a museum since 1976. Once providing luxury lodgings for judges presiding at Lancaster Castle's Assizes Courts, its most renowned resident was Castle Keeper, Thomas Covell, who imprisoned the Pendle Witches. The museum now displays Gillow furniture, elegant rooms and the Museum of Childhood

Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1YS
lancasterjudgeslodgings.org.uk



Pizza Margherita

EST. 1979



Chef, Matt Simmons making pizzas



Waitress, Rachel Mole has an opportunity to enjoy the food



Ana Czerniawska (Manager) with Mrs Clementine Ellis (formerly Allen) owner since the restaurant opened in 1979

Walk into Pizza Margherita now and very little has changed since it opened, almost 44 years ago – and that's the way owner Clementine Ellis and customers like it.

The restaurant in Moor Lane was one of only two in the city to serve pizzas in 1979 and many of the customers who enjoyed the rare treat then, have returned over the years and introduced new generations to its delights.

When Clementine bought the old lino warehouse, dating back to 1790, and began selling pizzas there, she was following in the footsteps of her brother, Peter Boizot, who founded Pizza Express.

In the early days, Clementine made the pizzas herself and the dough was provided by a bakery across the street.

Now a loyal team of staff make fresh pizza daily and the restaurant has built a reputation for great quality food, good service in a friendly atmosphere – a recipe for success as Pizza Margherita is a past winner of the award for Best Pizza Restaurant in the country.

2 Moor Lane, Lancaster LA1 1QD

01524 36333

pizza-margherita.co.uk

Hangin Basket

EST. 1977

Hangin Basket customers have been saying it with flowers for almost fifty years. The Brock Street shop which originally sold only dried and silk flowers, progressed into fresh flowers in 1980 and became an Interflora member six years later. Hangin Basket prides itself in keeping ahead of the trends and providing first class personal service.

3 Brock Street, Lancaster LA1 1UR
hangin-basket.co.uk



Stable End Curios

EST. 1977

Established in Silver Jubilee year, Stable End Curios adds sparkle to Frances Passage with its wide range of jewellery and watches. The family run business also offers additional services including repairs, alterations, re-sizing and can provide complete insurance valuations for old and new jewellery too. Stable End Curios is also one of the city's pawnbrokers.

11 Frances Passage, Lancaster LA1 1UG
stableendcurios.co.uk



Seville Hairdressing

EST. 1979

More than 40 years of cutting edge experience is provided to customers of Seville Hairdressing in King Street. Stylists at the unisex salon, which particularly specialises in student hairdressing, keep up-to-date with hair fashions and run regular promotions on new products and services. Seville Hairdressing is also Lancaster's premier specialists in TIGI products.

5B King St, Lancaster LA1 1JN
01524 33229



Fox and Medcalfe

EST. 1980

Pharmacy services have changed significantly in the four decades since Fox and Medcalfe opened its doors. The King Street pharmacy is well placed for city centre practices and in addition to providing a private consultation room, its services include: prescription collection and delivery, appliance dispensing, seasonal flu vaccinations, needle and syringe exchange, emergency contraception and pregnancy testing.

36 King St, Lancaster LA1 1RE
www.nhs.uk/services/pharmacy/fox-and-medcalfe/FJJ38



HPA Chartered Architects

EST. 1979



Zoe Hootson (Director) & Andrew Walters (Associate Director) review plans

Massive changes have happened in the architectural world since HPA Architects was first established as Harrison Pitt Architects.

Today there's more value in conserving rather than demolishing historic buildings and sustainability is key. HPA now boast an inhouse Passivhaus designer prioritising low energy, high quality designs and have established WooHoo Planning and Heritage, a sister company specialising in heritage and sustainability.

Recently, HPA have been involved with renovating and refitting several shops in Damside Street as part of Lancaster's High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ).

They also work nationwide, as far away as Cornwall, mainly on leisure and commercial projects.

This year, HPA have achieved the coveted national title for Best Medium Volume New Housing Development for Warton Grange Farm at the LABC Building Excellence Awards and are working with the same developer on 25 new houses in Cockerham.

29 Castle Hill, Lancaster LA1 1YN

01524 32479

hpa.ltd

Quality Plus Furniture

EST. 1981

Originally the site of a carriage showroom, furniture is now on display at this family business in St Leonard's Gate. Quality Plus Furniture, established more than 40 years ago, offers a range of divan beds, wood and metal frames, memory foam mattresses, divans, pillows and mattress toppers as well as waterproof beds and mattresses, bedroom and living room furniture.

113 St Leonard's Gate, Lancaster LA1 1NL
qualityplus-lancaster.co.uk



David Kneale Financial Management Ltd

EST. 1981

David Kneale Financial Management has provided independent financial advice for more than forty years. Advisers at the Aalborg Place office work with investment providers from the entire market. They have particular expertise in pensions, investments and retirement planning and are one of the North West's only independent defined benefit pension transfer advisers.

1 Aalborg Pl, Lancaster LA1 1BJ
dkfm.co.uk



Waterwitch

EST. 1981

Trot along to the Waterwitch and you'll find a pub converted from canalside stables. More than 70% of the Waterwitch's ales come from breweries less than 50 miles away and are among a large array of drinks. The pub's restaurant also aims to use products from local suppliers and offers dishes from Great British classics to continental cuisine.

Canal Tow Path, Aldcliffe Rd, Lancaster LA1 1SU
waterwitchlancaster.co.uk



Luneside Studios

EST. 1983

Celebrating 40 years this year, Luneside Studios Ltd is Lancaster's oldest running artist led organisation. Based next to the entrance to The Storey gardens on Castle Hill, they are keen on promoting a supportive, enriching environment providing inclusive studio spaces for thirteen artists. They will be marking 40 years with an exhibition at The Storey focusing on their history as a studio.

26 Castle Park, Lancaster, LA1 1YQ
lunesidestudios.org



Silvertree

EST. 1982



The Pandora range is a popular recent re-addition to the shop



Katie Foxcroft, Silver Tree Director



Owners Oliver and Hannah Gibson in the Diamond Room

From humble beginnings 41 years ago, Silver Tree Jewellery has branched out to become Lancaster's designer jewellery boutique.

A glittering mainstay of Penny Street, it's the place to go for jewellery and watches by some of the world's most renowned and affordable designers including Thomas Sabo, Swarovski, ChloBo Jewellery and Clogau Gold.

It also boasts a Diamond Room, a special place where couples may choose their engagement and wedding rings. Silver Tree Jewellery has been a family business since 1982 when it was run by the late Patricia Gibson. Her son, Oliver, now owns the shop supported by his wife Hannah, and their expert team.

It was Oliver who recognised the potential of the Pandora brand in its early days and developed the business around it. This year, Pandora has returned to Silver Tree Jewellery.

Also new for 2023 are trendy gold layering pieces by PD Paola. And if you want to follow the fashion of personalised jewellery, look no further than Silver Tree which has its own instore free engraving service.

67 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XF

01524 847100

silvertreejewellery.co.uk

Sugarhouse

EST. 1982



Sarah Gray (General Manager) & Tracey Swindlehurst (Building Manager)

The Sugarhouse nightclub might be more than 40-years-old but it's still young at heart thanks to the new generations of students who pour through its doors.

Based in a building in Sugarhouse Alley, once at the heart of Lancaster's sugar trade in the 18th Century, the Sugarhouse has changed dramatically since its opening night as a club when lobster was on the menu!

Run by Lancaster University Students Union, The Sugarhouse has grown into the city's biggest nightclub serving the vast majority of Lancaster's student population and also hosts special events which are open to the public.

Among the live bands who've graced The Sugarhouse stage in recent years are Rudimental, Bastille, and Scouting For Girls and the club has also welcomed local and celebrity DJs including Marvin Humes.

Student nights on Wednesdays and Fridays are often themed and Bongo's Bingo has become a popular event, visiting three times a term.

Sugar House Alley, Lancaster LA1 1NW

01524 63508

sugarhouse.lancastersu.co.uk

The Traveller

EST. 1984

The Traveller has stayed put in Lancaster for almost four decades, seeing thousands of passengers off on their holidays. As an independent travel agent, The Traveller, in Sir Simon's Arcade, isn't tied to any parent tour operator and helps customers to find the holiday best suited to individual requirements. Long haul and independent travel is The Traveller's speciality.

10 Sir Simon's Arcade, Lancaster LA1 1JL
thetravelleruk.com



Assembly Rooms

EST. 1984

The Assembly Rooms Emporium in King Street occupies an 18th Century Grade II listed building and is a must for anyone looking for something a little different. It's an Aladdin's cave of everything from vintage and upcycled clothing, pre-loved books, cards and games to fancy dress, hats for hire, jewellery, Asian arts and crafts, candles, and spiritual and pagan items.

Assembly Rooms Emporium, King St, Lancaster LA1 1JN
lancaster.gov.uk/sites/markets/new-assembly-rooms



Next

EST. 1984

Three years after Next was launched nationally, the Lancaster store became one of more than 70 branches around the UK. Originally located in Horseshoe Corner, Next is now a mainstay of St Nicholas Arcades and boasts a homewear department as well as still being a popular place to find the latest fashions for all ages.

St Nicholas Arcades, 6 Perpignan Way, Lancaster LA1 1NB
facebook.com/Next-1988239601484113



Merchants 1688

EST. 1984

Situated within a former wine merchant's cellars, Merchants 1688 is one of Lancaster's most unusually located pubs. The Castle Hill pub serves a wide selection of alcoholic and soft drinks and even offers a unique blend of fresh ground coffee produced by Atkinson's of Lancaster. And diners can enjoy freshly prepared meals using locally sourced ingredients.

29 Castle Hill, Lancaster LA1 1YN
merchants1688.co.uk



Banks Lyon Jewellers

EST. 1985



Rodney Banks Lyon – Owner



Watches are a speciality of the shop

Banks Lyon Jewellers pride themselves on being destination jewellers aiming to outshine the competition.

One of the first jewellers to go online, their customers travel from afar to visit a shop where watch brands including Cartier, Breitling, Hublot, and Tag-Heuer can be seen, all under one roof.

Omega watches, their lead brand since the jewellers opened in 1985, is so important to the business that there are plans to open one of the North West's largest in-store salerooms of the brand. Omega is famed as James Bond's watch of choice so when the latest 007 film was released, Banks Lyon Jewellers had a special screening for customers at the nearby Vue cinema.

Also a jewellery specialist, Banks Lyon provide a luxurious range of rings, bracelets, necklaces and ear-rings for the discerning customer and bespoke designs are increasingly popular.

Diamonds will always be a girl's best friend and now they can be grown in a laboratory, just one of the new developments which have taken place since owner, Rodney Banks Lyon opened the Church Street business almost 40 years ago.

36-40 Church St, Lancaster LA1 1LH

01524 381020
bankslyon.co.uk

Sainsbury's

EST. 1985

Where once Lancastrians took a bath stands Sainsbury's, a supermarket full of food, drink, clothes, gifts and homeware. Six years before the first Sainsbury's store opened in London, Lancaster's MP, Samuel Gregson, donated public baths to the people of his home town and the façade remains to this day. The Cable Street site was also once home to Green Ayre railway station.

Cable St, Lancaster LA1 1HH • stores.sainsburys.co.uk



Lune Properties

EST. 1985

From its office in Spring Garden Street, this family run business finds homes for the hundreds of students who come to the city's two universities. The student accommodation they provide is conveniently situated close to the city centre in High Street, Lindow Street, Penny Street and Queen Street.

1 Spring Garden St, Lancaster LA1 1RQ • luneproperties.co.uk



Concept Hair & Beauty

EST. 1987

When it comes to hair and beauty, this China Street salon takes an holistic approach. Staff there eat, sleep and breathe beauty in their aim to ensure their salon stands out from the crowd. Joico products are sold and used at the salon which has an environmentally friendly ethos and also fundraises for charity.

41 China St, Lancaster LA1 1EX • concept-hair.co.uk



Clarkson Hirst Solicitors

EST. 1987

For more than 35 years, Clarkson Hirst Solicitors have been serving the community. From their office in Church Street, solicitors offer legal advice on issues from crime and conveyancing to family and employment law, personal injury, will and probate. This law firm also has offices in Kendal and Barrow.

73 Church St, Lancaster LA1 1ET • clarksonhirst.co.uk



Sue Bridges Estate Agents

EST. 1988

Finding the perfect home can be challenging so it's wise to have an experienced estate agency as a guide. Step forward, Sue Bridges Estate Agents which celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2023. Based in China Street, Sue Bridges, which is also a lettings agency, can advise on both properties to buy and rent.

Susan Bridges Estate Agent, 43 China St, Lancaster LA1 1EX
suebridges.co.uk



The Three Mariners

EST. 1986



Landlord, Dan Taylor



Thought to be Lancaster's oldest pub, The Three Mariners is also one of only two sites in Britain with an original gravity-fed cellar, upstairs.

Dating back to the 15th Century, it was originally called the Red Lion and then became the Carpenter's Arms before settling for its current name, reflecting its location on Bridge Lane, leading onto St George's Quay.

The Three Mariners is also thought to be one of the Lancaster pubs where doomed criminals drank their last pint before execution at the nearby Castle.

The Grade 2 listed building is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, providing a wide range of cask ales and craft beers for which The Three Mariners has won a CAMRA award. Its food is all homemade and includes sharing Sunday roast dinners and barbecues outside in the summer.

Live music is presented on the last Tuesday and Thursday of every month and the pub hosts a quiz night every Sunday.

Bridge Ln, Lancaster LA1 1EE

01524 388957

[facebook.com/thethreemarinerslancaster](https://www.facebook.com/thethreemarinerslancaster)

Fabrix

EST. 1988

Fabrix has been a colourful addition to New Street since its relocation from North Road in 2021. The shop is a haven for anyone searching for dressmaking fabric, craft and quilting materials, patterns and haberdashery. Little wonder then that Fabrix was rated as one of the top five independent fabric shops in the North by Sew Magazine readers in 2021.

26 New St, Lancaster LA1 1EG
[fabrixlancaster.uk](https://www.fabrixlancaster.uk)



Lapel Menswear

EST. 1988

A family business for three generations, Lapel owes its success to providing great quality and customer service. Its menswear ranges include casual wear, jeans, suits, shoes and leather jackets. Constant deliveries of new stock to its store in Kings Arcade ensures followers of fashion can keep up-to-date whilst bargain hunters can always find older lines on the sale rails.

1 Kings Arcade, Lancaster LA1 1LE
[lapelmenswear.com](https://www.lapelmenswear.com)



The Market Cobbler

EST. 1989

As its name suggests, this shop's original location was in Lancaster's former Market but customers are now happy to hoof it to New Street. As well as providing shoe repairs for more than 30 years, The Market Cobbler also supplies engraving and key cutting services as well as selling watch straps and batteries and shoe care products.

30 New St, Lancaster LA1 1EG
[facebook.com/themarketcobbler](https://www.facebook.com/themarketcobbler)



JDG Estate Agents

EST. 1989

Officially ranked as the UK's Best Estate Agent in the UK for the second year running, JDG have helped more than 8,000 families move home in the past 34 years. John Gallagher built the business on trust, ethics and transparency and these values ensure that generations return to JDG to sell their homes and landlords use them for investment advice.

66 Market St, Lancaster LA1 1HP
[jdg.co.uk](https://www.jdg.co.uk)



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Church St



Market 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



Market St



St Nicholas Arcade



Market

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The White Cross

EST. 1987



Landlord, Tim Tomlinson



Tim is proud of the range of real ales served at the pub

Once a hive of industry, The White Cross is now a popular place to spend leisure time.

Situated in a refurbished former Storey's Mill warehouse, its main attraction is the peaceful canalside location, on Quarry Road, just a stone's throw from the city centre.

As such, the clientele varies from boaters and walkers to students and older residents who enjoy the safe and welcoming atmosphere of a pub run by Tim Tomlinson since 2004.

The man behind the microphone of the popular quiz every Tuesday, also runs two other city pubs – The Merchants 1688 and The Stonewell Tap – as well as chairing Lancaster Pubwatch.

Hardly surprising then that The White Cross takes pride in offering the widest choice of real ales in Lancaster (some brewed by Tim's own brother), with customers describing its range as like having a beer festival every day.

Over the years, The White Cross has also expanded its food offering with a high quality menu developed by head chef, Ewan Lawrenson, a Young Chef of the Year finalist.

Quarry Rd, Lancaster LA1 4XT
01524 33999
thewhitecross.co.uk

Mark Leigh Kitchens

EST. 1990

One of the UK's longest established Siematic dealerships, Mark Leigh Kitchens has designed and installed bespoke kitchens locally and internationally for 33 years. This family owned and run company with its Lancaster showroom in Common Garden Street has experienced nearly every design trend and keeps up-to-date with the latest styles by undertaking design courses and qualifications each year.

11 Common Garden St, Lancaster LA1 1XD
markleigh.co.uk



Whale Tail

EST. 1990

Vegetarian food has been on the Whale Tail's menu for more than 30 years. Based on the first floor of an old Penny Street cheese warehouse, menus now also include vegan and gluten free dishes created from seasonal local produce, Fair Trade and organic ingredients where possible. Home-cooked meals, snacks and cakes are available in the cosy restaurant or the secluded patio garden.

78a Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XN
whaletailcafe.co.uk



St Nicholas Arcades

EST. 1991

This popular shopping centre is named after the street which was demolished in the Sixties and has long been the home of Lancaster's Boots store. Over the decades, it has been joined by other well known High Street names including Next, which re-located from Horseshoe Corner, Superdrug, Iceland and HMV

12 Lancaster Gate, Lancaster LA1 1NB
stnicholasarcades.co.uk



The Body Shop

EST. 1991

The Body Shop has been a mainstay of Market Street for more than 30 years. It remains true to the values of its founder, Anita Roddick, who began a beauty revolution from a little green shop in Brighton in 1976. She created a cosmetics company whose products weren't tested on animals and didn't exploit anyone in making them.

4-6 Market St, Lancaster LA1 1HT
thebodyshop.com



Promotional Gods

EST. 1991

Founded by Lancaster University graduate, Alex Phillips, and originally focused on supplying t-shirts and sweatshirts to students and local businesses, Promotional Gods moved to its Thurnham Street premises in 1994. For the past decade, the company has supplied promotional goods and clothing to universities and colleges nationwide, and in 2019 was rebranded to Promotional Gods.

26 Thurnham St, Lancaster LA1 1XU
promotionalgods.co.uk



The Penny Bank

EST. 1991

As its name suggests, the pub on the corner of Penny Street and Brock Street, had a former life – as a bank. Money still exchanges hands here but now it pays for a range of drinks on offer at reasonable prices. The Penny Bank also broadcasts live sports events and has a beer garden to enjoy when the weather permits.

51 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA
facebook.com/pennybankpub



Max Spielmann

EST. 1992

The Max Spielmann chain was founded 40 years before the Lancaster branch opened its doors in Penny Street. Now owned by the Timpson Group, investment in high quality digital technology has introduced new services. Max Spielmann aims to fulfil all customers photo printing needs from creating personalised gifts and wall art to taking passport photos.

3 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA
maxphoto.co.uk/photo-store-locator/lancaster-penny-st

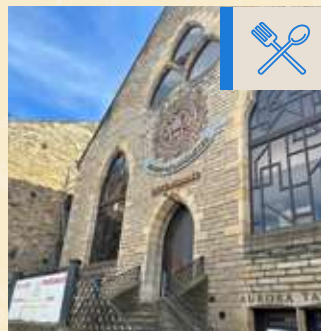


The Sultan of Lancaster

EST. 1992

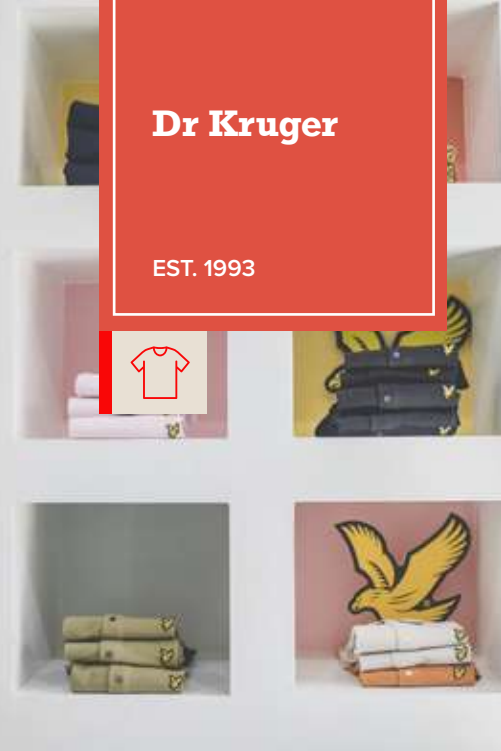
Original features from its former life as a Methodist Church can be enjoyed while dining at The Sultan in Brock Street. The Sultan's authentic home-style cooking uses only natural spices and ingredients and any customers new to Indian food can be assisted by staff who will guide them through the range of spices and meal variations on offer.

Brock St, Lancaster LA1 1UU
sultanoflancaster.com



Dr Kruger

EST. 1993



Owner, Asif Patel



The shop is known for its range of formalwear

2023 marks 30 years since Dr Kruger opened in Lancaster, selling a wide range of male denim, casual and formal wear.

This family-run business owned by brothers Asif and Mustaq Patel has always had a home in North Road and its split level modern store complements its urban fashion brands.

After three decades as an independent retailer, Dr Kruger now welcomes the sons of original customers and continues to offer expertise on all the latest trends particularly in denim and supplies respected brands such as Diesel and Replay among others.

In recent years, Dr Kruger has diversified into also offering more formal wear and as suits become particularly popular in the summer wedding, graduation and prom seasons, the store has a floor dedicated to everything the modern man might need for that special occasion from suits to shirts, ties and brogues.

Fittings are all part of the personalised service which customers appreciate and which have made Dr Kruger the place to go for men who want to dress for success.

58 North Rd, Lancaster LA1 1LT
01524 848540
facebook.com/dr.kruger

The Carpetman

EST. 1993



Roll out the red carpet for a business which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

In 1993, The Carpetman launched in premises on Moor Street when heavily patterned carpets and print were the fashion for home interiors.

A move to the Town Hall Garage followed before owners Daryl and Lindsay Butcher finally settled on a shop in King Street where they specialise in carpets, vinyls, luxury vinyl tiles, Sisal, contract flooring, engineered woods and laminates.

Nowadays, plain carpets tend to be most popular particularly in beige and grey while laminates are being replaced with luxury vinyl tiles, engineered woods and waterproof laminates which are harder wearing.

The shop stocks hundreds of rolls of carpets and vinyls and a huge range of samples so customers are spoilt for choice but there's always friendly and helpful advice on hand to ensure you make the right choice for your home.

The Carpetman takes pride in offering good customer service, a free measuring service and after sales support. Its highly skilled fitters undertake fitting and floor preparation so satisfaction is guaranteed.

63 King St, Lancaster LA1 1RE
01524 842885
thecarpetmanltd.co.uk

Farrell Heyworth

EST. 1994

This New Street based estate agency has been helping people to buy, sell, rent or let properties for almost 30 years. The Lancaster branch provides properties for all budgets ranging from student let investment opportunities to luxury homes in rural areas and new build developments. Farrell Heyworth also offers valuations, lettings and property management, independent mortgage advice and conveyancing.

18 New St, Lancaster LA1 1EG
farrellheyworth.co.uk/branches/lancaster



Fisher Wrathall

EST. 1994

A Grade 2 listed building in Market Street is the home of Fisher Wrathall, an estate agency whose partners began practising in the area during the early 1970s. Although based in Lancaster, Fisher Wrathall work across the surrounding area including Morecambe and Carnforth. They deal with sales, lettings, block management and are specialists in providing Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs).

22 Market St, Lancaster LA1 1HT
fisherwrathall.co.uk



Thomas Consulting

EST. 1994

Although based in Lancaster for almost three decades, Thomas Consulting's roots go back to 1979. Thomas Consulting offer a wide range of structural engineering technical services and capabilities. By combining the latest technology, construction techniques and innovative ideas they provide unique solutions to complex projects. Since 1998, the Lancaster office in China Street has provided consulting engineering services to Heysham Power Station.

21 China St, Lancaster LA1 1EX
thomasconsulting.co.uk

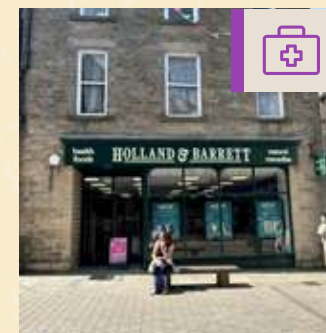


Holland and Barrett

EST. 1994

With a heritage dating back more than 150 years, Holland and Barrett first opened its doors in Penny Street in 1994. The company is described as one of the world's leading health and wellness retailers supplying customers with a wide range of vitamins, minerals, health supplements, specialist foods and natural beauty products.

26 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA
hollandandbarrett.com/stores/lancaster-3170



Supreme Dry Cleaners

EST. 1995



Julie Danson. Julie co-owns the business with brother Peter (not pictured)



Supreme Dry Cleaners is built on almost 70 years of experience in the laundry business.

Original owner, Norman Danson established the independent shop in Penny Street in 1995 although his first job, aged 14 in 1956, was at Lakeland Laundry.

His daughter, Julie, used to work at Supreme Dry Cleaners voluntarily before joining her dad in the business and now she is the owner of what has become a well known fixture in Lancaster.

Supreme Dry Cleaners offer a reliable, friendly service that cleans anything from trousers and jackets to duvets, curtains and wedding gowns.

One of the biggest changes to trade in recent years has been the effect of the Covid pandemic which has led to more home working and fewer office staff needing to have their suits cleaned.

However, Supreme Dry Cleaners has risen to the challenge and now provide a pick up and delivery service four times a week to towns and villages as far away as Cockermouth and Great Eccleston for customers who don't have the advantage of living in Lancaster.

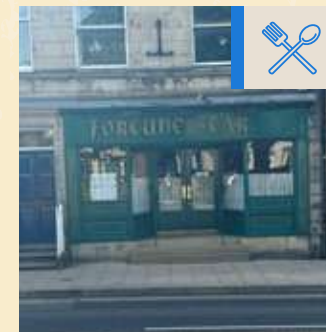
73 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XF
01524 388818
supreme-drycleaners.co.uk

Fortune Star

EST. 1994

A taste of China arrived in Lancaster's Dalton Square almost 30 years ago and The Fortune Star has been serving customers with Chinese cuisine ever since. Menus include seafood, chicken, duckling, Ho Fan, pork, beef, fried rice, noodle and sizzling dishes, soups and curries. Set meals and special banquets can be ordered too. The restaurant also provides takeaway food.

16 Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PL
fortunestarrestaurant.co.uk



Marketgate Shopping Centre

EST. 1995

Named after Lancaster's old Market Hall where it's located, Marketgate throngs with shoppers. Its High Street names include Primark, Marks & Spencer, New Look and Waterstones alongside independent shops such as Gregory Williams butchers, Meet the Makers and Expressions. Marketgate's also home to Vincenzo's Café Bar, a Ping Pong Parlour and hosts year-round family events.

Marketgate, Lancaster LA1 1JF
marketgatelancaster.co.uk



The Works

EST. 1996

If you want The Works, there's only one place in Lancaster to visit and that's Marketgate Shopping Centre. The Lancaster branch of the UK's leading family friendly retailer of value books, gifts, arts, crafts, toys and stationery has been a Marketgate mainstay since 1996.

7 Cornmarket, Lancaster LA1 1AL
facebook.com/TheWorksLancaster



The Insurance Centre

EST. 1996

This expert insurance team are proud of their Lancaster roots which were first planted in Bowerham before settling into their current China Street premises. Committed to serving the local community and beyond, The Insurance Centre, which also has a base in Knott End, can arrange personal or commercial cover tailored to individual requirements.

8 China St, Lancaster LA1 1EX
tic-insurance.co.uk



Jo and Cass

EST. 1996



Graham Cass. Graham co-owns the salons with Jo Ireland (not pictured)



Since opening their first salon, Jo and Cass has grown, just like the hair they've styled for 27 years.

Originally in King Street, where they quickly expanded from one to three salons, owners Graham Cass and Jo Ireland moved to larger premises in Great John Street about 21 years ago where now 65 stylists and beauticians make their clients look and feel good.

Jo and Cass also branched out into traditional barbering and now run The Men's Room in Dalton Square and The Temperance Club in Morecambe. They have salons in Morecambe, Preston and Kendal too.

Hair trends constantly change and where once perms were popular, now hair extensions are big business and beauty techniques including non-surgical facelifts are the norm.

And for those who like to follow hair fashions, the word from the salon is that the bob is back for summer!

9-12 Great John St, Lancaster LA1 1NQ
01524 62013
joandcass.com/lancaster

Room 12

EST. 1997

Last year, Room 12 celebrated its 25th anniversary as an independent boutique. Situated on the corner of Dalton Square, the shop's eye-catching window displays show just a fraction of the fashions available inside. Customers can find on trend and affordable clothes ranges for every occasion and age including exclusive brands such as Kevan, Jon, Diva and Forever Unique.

21 Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PL
[facebook.com/room12lancasterltd](https://www.facebook.com/room12lancasterltd)

Ultimate Outdoors

EST. 1997

Originally founded as Harry Robinson's, a small family-owned outdoor shop, it was acquired, relocated and rebranded in the mid-Nineties. Now, as well as its store in New Street, Ultimate Outdoors also has branches in Skipton and Preston providing everything required to explore and enjoy the great outdoors, whether you're an experienced mountain climber or setting out on your first camping trip.

17 New St, Lancaster LA1 1EG
ultimateoutdoors.com

Vision Express

EST. 1998

It's 25 years now since Vision Express opened its Lancaster store, one of more than 550 across the UK and Ireland. As well as providing eye tests and the very latest optical testing technology, the Penny Street branch sells a wide range of designer and exclusive glasses, sunglasses and contact lenses. Eye care products and accessories are also available in store and online.

13-15 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA
visionexpress.com

Heaton Hair

EST. 1998

Trends in hairstyles come and go but Heaton Hair has remained a constant on the Lancaster salon scene for the past 25 years. The Chapel Street salon's stylists are fully trained in all aspects of hairdressing and particularly colouring which can totally enhance a style. They use a range of quality products and remain open minded towards new and up-and-coming products and ideas.

1 Chapel St, Lancaster LA1 1NZ
heatonhair.co.uk



Quite Simply French

EST. 1996



QSF chefs with managers Tracey & Sammi and MD & Owner, Robert Mason



MD & Owner, Robert Mason

Viva Interiors

EST. 1997



Owner, Vikki Clarke



Vikki creates bespoke, colourful lampshades

Lancaster's award-winning restaurant Quite Simply French, or QSF as it is fondly known in the city, was established by Robert Mason and French chef Sebastien Woeffle in 1996.

Since then, QSF has never looked back and is a testament to hard work and passion. Stick to your values, understand your customers and always aim higher than you ever thought possible.

In 2019, QSF opened four glamorous guest bedrooms and joined the ranks of 'Restaurant with Rooms'.

Quite Simply French soon became a firm favourite with diners looking for fine dining in beautiful surroundings.

QSF managing director and owner, Robert believes its appeal is the combination of a wonderfully relaxed vibe, an emphasis on great, local ingredients together with charm and stylish panache. QSF want guests to feel spoiled and very special.

The restaurant has 100 covers and employs about 36 staff. It champions low food miles and Lancashire produce with great weekly offers, making it accessible for customers from all walks of life as well as being the go-to venue for important celebrations, from marriage proposals to retirement parties.

Viva was founded by Vikki Clarke, who has a passion for home interiors and a keen eye for design.

The shop initially specialised in bespoke painted and decoupaged furniture, but soon expanded to include gifts, home interiors and beautiful Spanish children's clothing.

Viva has weathered many storms since opening, including the recent COVID-19 pandemic. However, it has come out stronger. Vikki and her team are committed to providing excellent service and offering a wide range of high quality products, resulting in loyal customers who can always find the perfect piece for their homes or a special children's outfit.

Viva Interiors is a treasure trove of unique and stylish items that will add a touch of personality to any home and it's more than just a shop – it's a community.

Vikki and her team are passionate about helping their customers create beautiful and functional homes, offering advice and going the extra mile to ensure customer satisfaction.

27A St George's Quay, Lancaster LA1 1RD
01524 843199
quitesimplyfrench.co.uk

12a Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PL
01524 843000
facebook.com/viva.interiors



848848 taxis

EST. 1999

From their base in Mary Street, 848848 taxis take their customers on journeys near and far. Always there whether you just want a lift home with your heavy shopping or after a great night out or are heading off to the airport for a holiday in the sun, 848848 taxis have been the firm to call since 1999.

3 Mary St, Lancaster LA1 1UW
01524 848848

Businesses founded between 1973-1999

Specific opening date unknown

McDonalds

Lancaster's branch of McDonald's in Cheapside is one of more than 1,270 of their UK restaurants. By the Eighties, as Lancastrians were tucking into their first Big Macs, Chicken McNuggets and Happy Meals were being introduced. Plans were also in motion for the company's first drive-thru restaurants including the two in Caton Road, Lancaster and Morecambe Road, Morecambe.

10/14 Cheapside, Lancaster LA1 1LZ
mcdonalds.com

KFC

Lancashire was the first place in the UK to open a KFC restaurant when finger lickin' chicken came to Preston in 1965. The Lancaster branch followed some years later and now serves hundreds of customers every week in its Penny Street restaurant. It also provides a takeaway and delivery service.

110 Penny Street, Lancaster LA1 1XN
kfc.co.uk/kfc-near-me/lancaster-penny-street

Golden Dragon Restaurant

Serving Chinese food that's not only tasty but also a work of art has been a recipe for success for the Golden Dragon. Chefs at the George Street restaurant are experts in choosing the colour, aroma, flavour and taste of dishes which customers can have as mild or hot as they wish. The Golden Dragon also provides takeaway dishes.

11 George Street, Lancaster LA1 1XQ
goldendragonrestaurantonline.co.uk

Argos

This year marks half a century since Argos first appeared on the UK High Street. In Lancaster, its home for decades was in St Nicholas Arcades but it is now part of the city's Sainsbury's store in Cable Street. From there, customers can order anything from technology goods to home and garden, toys, clothing and jewellery.

Cable St, Lancaster LA1 1HH
argos.co.uk/stores/4879-lancaster-argos-in-sainsburys

Car Audio

In-car entertainment and equipment has developed significantly since Car Audio opened for business. Nowadays, the Church Street shop specialises in everything from digital radio and Bluetooth handsfree kits to LED lighting, reversing sensors and cameras, headrest screens and more. They can also fit customers own equipment.

14 Church St, Lancaster LA1 1NP
facebook.com/caraudiolancaster/?locale=en_GB

Clintons

Cards to mark any occasion as well as gifts, gift wrap and stationery items are provided by Clintons in Penny Street. The national business was founded in 1968 and by 1994 had grown to 270 stores before further acquisitions led to 397 stores being bought by American Greetings in 2012 when all stores were refurbished. Clintons current owners are Esquire Retail Limited.

9-11 Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1UA
clintonsretail.com

Expressions

EST. 1999



The second and newer Lancaster shop at Sir Simons Arcade



Owners Linda & Jeff Thomas outside their Marketgate shop



Linda Thomas and her husband Jeff, have owned Expressions since 2001

Thanks to their loyal customers and dedicated staff they've seen their business grow to include two shops in Barrow-in-Furness as well as their second shop in Lancaster, Expressions & Co in Sir Simons Arcade, which they opened as lockdown finished.

The Marketgate shop, which has won awards for its eye-catching window displays, also boasts Lancaster's longest established piercing studio and young people book months ahead to ensure an appointment during the school holidays.

13-15 Marketgate, Lancaster LA1 1JF
01524 748333
expressionsoflancaster.co.uk

Expressions piercing studio is above the shop which is well known for selling beautiful gifts, jewellery and cards.

The second shop, Expressions & Co, mainly focuses on their best selling lines, Joma Jewellery and Katie Loxton, but has this year added a summer shop upstairs selling beach hats and bags along with sandals and cover-ups perfect for the holiday season. It also has a piercing studio to accommodate any overflow from the Marketgate studio.

Expressions currently employs 17 members of staff, 11 of which are licensed piercers.



Heysham Power Stations

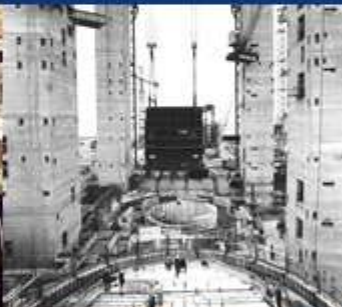
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