# 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of Charlotte Brontë's birth in 1816.

ith her sisters Anne and Emily and brother Branwell, Charlotte often crossed the border over the moors from Yorkshire, drawing ideas from Lancashire places and colourful histories.

Nine miles as the crow flies from her home in Haworth, Charlotte was inspired by the atmospheric ruin of Wycoller Hall.

She re-named the desolate manor house Ferndean Manor and made it the place of Jane's moving reconciliation with Rochester at the end of her world-famous novel

The last Squire at Wycoller Hall, the gambling, debt-ridden Squire Cunliffe with his love of cock-fighting, is thought to have influenced the character of Rochester's father. And the Cunliffe family tree shows one daughter marrying an Eyre, a surname still used in Lancashire. With Ellis as a recurrent name for boys in the Cunliffe family it is likely to have been the inspiration for Emily Brontë's pseudonym, Ellis Bell, for her novel *Wuthering Heights*.

# Walk in Charlotte Brontë's footsteps...

Cars are excluded from the village, so you can enjoy exploring Wycoller Dene, its historic bridges and the atmospheric ruins with a unique feeling of tranquillity.



Along the three mile **Ferndean Way** between Wycoller and Colne you can find out about real life stories of murder, mill riots and intrigue which may have influenced Charlotte's novel *Shirley* as well as more about the picturesque village of Wycoller by downloading the guided walk leaflet.

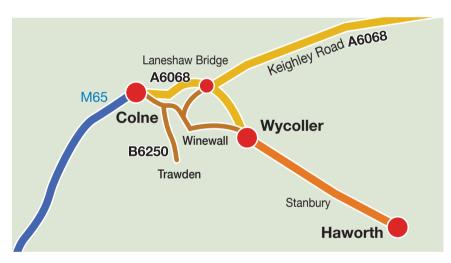
Or follow the **Brontë Way** from **Gawthorpe Hall** in Lancashire to Wycoller, then across the moors to the **Brontë Parsonage in Haworth** and nearby Brontë birthplace in **Thornton.** 

More details on walks in Pendle are on our website **www. visitpendle.com** 

In Wycoller there are public toilets and a tea room. For more information contact the Wycoller Ranger (01282) 870253.

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From Haworth park at the Haworth Road car park signed Wycoller Country Park and Atom Panoptican. The village is a short walk down the hill from the sculpture. From Colne, park in the Trawden Road car park and follow the easy path down into the village. More details on locations in the event listing inside.

There are self guided walks with Brontë themes including
The Ferndean Way on our website www.visitpendle.com
For more information on Wycoller visit www.friendsofwycoller.co.uk

### **Tourist Information Centres**

## **Discover Pendle Centre**

Boundary Mill Colne BB8 9NW Call **01282 856186** or email DiscoverPendle@pendle.gov.uk

### Pendle Heritage Centre

Barrowford Nelson BB9 6JQ Call **01282 677150** or email pendleheritagecentre@htnw.co.uk

### www.visitpendle.com

### Brontë Parsonage Museum.

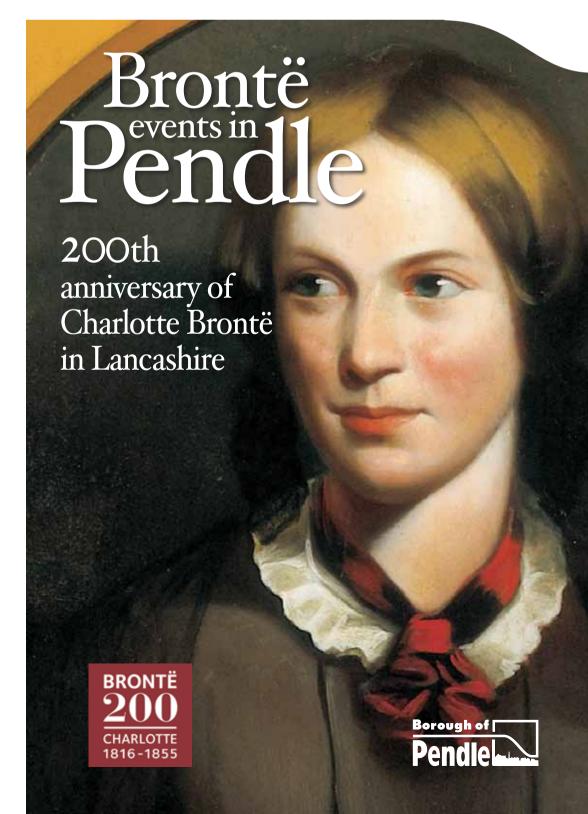
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For Bronte 200 events organised by the Brontë Parsonage visit www.bronte.org.uk/bronte-200





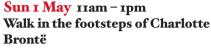




# Come and explore Pendle's Brontë connections

Most events are **FREE** but some should be booked as there is a limit on numbers – see details for each event. Some are part of the Pendle Walking Festival.

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4 mile walk exploring Wycoller's Brontë associations.

Meet leader John Crow at the Aisled Barn Wycoller, BB8 8SU **grid ref SD 933391 No need to book. Tel. 01282 870253.** 

### **Sat 7 May 10.30am**

### Charlotte & the Shuttleworths walk

8 – 9 mile walk to historic Gawthorpe Hall home of Charlotte Brontë's friends The Shuttleworths using the Brontë, Pendle and Burnley Ways. (Gawthorpe Hall is a National Trust property, entrance fee, cafe).

Meet Norman Mitchell at New Bridge in Pendle on Greenhead Lane/Barden Lane,

### Grid ref SD82354 Tel. 07549 164739 or 07704 716721 Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

### Sat 28 May 11am

### Follow in Jane Eyre's footsteps

From the Atom panoptican sculpture to Wycoller Hall, Charlotte Brontë's inspiration for Ferndean Manor. Circular 4 – 5 mile walk led by Norman Mitchell with fascinating Brontë history. Wear good walking shoes or boots & waterproof clothing & bring a drink. Refreshments available in the Wycoller Tea Rooms.

Meet Norman Mitchell at The Atom car park on the Haworth Road, BB8 7EH is the nearest postcode, **grid ref SD937393** 

# Tel. 07549 164739 or 07704 716721. Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

### Sun 19 June 11am – 2pm Explore the Gothic

### Landscape & photography workshop

Take a walk with your camera with painter A.C Telfer and photographer Matt Gartside, from Studio22B, to capture the melodramatic nature of the landscape which inspired the Brontës. Take your pictures back to Pepperhill Barn to develop into a final piece using either painting/drawing or photoshop. FREE event including materials. You will need to bring a camera with removable memory e.g SD card, compact flash and cables. **Tel Alyson Telfer art@** 

### actelfer.co.uk or mobile: 07773 583072 Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

### Weds 22 June 6.30pm - 10pm Shoot the dying light

Learn techniques to capture sunset, twilight and shadows in Wycoller at midsummer with photographer Lee Johnson. Bring a camera and a tripod if you have one.

Meet at Pepper Hill Barn, Wycoller BB8 8SY. Limited parking at Pepper Hill Barn or drive across the ford by the packhorse bridge and park alongside the Aisled Barn.

Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk
Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

### Sat 25 June 10am

# Ferndean Way, Raven Rock & Thorn Edge

A 4.5 mile walk from the beck-side to the open moors with pleasant stops along the way.

Meet Norman Mitchell at Ball Grove Country Park car park, Cottontree, Colne. BB8 7BS **grid ref SD906403** 

Tel. 07549 164739 or 07704 716721. Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.



### Sat 2 July 10am Brontë Way Forest of Trawden to Wycoller Dene

A 5 mile walk along part of the Brontë Way to the moorland below Boulsworth Hill and back along leafy Wycoller Dene to Wycoller for lunch. Dogs welcome.

Meet Norman Mitchell at Trawden Road Car-park, Top Lane. Nearest postcode BB8 8SY **Grid ref SD926395** 

Tel. 07549 164739 or 07704 716721. Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

### Sat 23 July 10am

### Brontë Way Lumb Spout & Coldwell

A 6 mile walk along the Brontë and Pendle Ways visiting Pendle's highest waterfall and on to Coldwell for a lunch spot.

Meet Norman Mitchell at the Trawden Arms, Trawden village BB8 8RU

### grid ref SD912388.

Tel. 07549 164739 or 07704 716721. Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

### Sun 31 July drop in between 1pm – 3pm Brontë crafts for families

Activities include making a tin plate Ferndean Manor garden, creating a tiny book and following a Brontë treasure map around the village (pushchair friendly paths).

Meet John Crow at the Aisled Barn, Wycoller,

# BB8 8SU **grid ref SD 933391 Tel. 07756 020992**

Event suitable for children aged 8-12 with parents/carers. Materials supplied & no need to book.

# Sun 14 August 10am

# From Higham to Ightenhill Manor and Gawthorpe Hall

A 7 mile walk including the 17th century Gawthorpe Hall where Charlotte Brontë stayed, visiting the Kay-Shuttleworth family. (Entrance fee.)

Meet Geoff Salter at the layby at the top of Higham Village BB12 9E **grid ref SD812368 Tel. 07341 283376** 

# Mon 15 August 9.30am In the footsteps of the Brontës

A tough 16 mile walk following one of Charlotte Brontë's favourite walks, via Ponden, Top Withins and Watersheddles reservoir.

Meet Keith Sutton at the Aisled Barn, Wycoller Country Park BB8 8SU

Grid ref SD933391 Tel. 07796 490361

# Mon 15 August 2 pm In the footsteps of Charlotte Brontë

An easy 4 mile history walk from windswept moors to Ferndean Manor, exploring the landscape of Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre. Dogs welcome. No need to book.

Meet leader John Crow at the Aisled Barn, Wycoller, BB8 8SU **grid ref SD 933391 Tel. 07756 020992** 

# Mon 15 August 6.30pm

**Ghosts, myths and legends** An entertaining 3 mile walk to hear about

Wycoller 's myths, legends and ghost stories including tales which inspired Charlotte Brontë.

Meet John Crow at the Aisled Barn, Wycoller

Country Park BB8 8SU **Grid ref SD933391 Tel. 07756 020992** 

No need to book, just turn up.

# Tuesday 16 Aug 11am 🔑

**Forest of Trawden & The Ferndean Way** A 7 mile walk following Colne Water and Wycoller Beck to Wycoller along the Ferndean

Way and back via the waterfall at Lumb Spout. Meet at Lakeside Café, Ball Grove Park, off Ball Grove Drive, Colne BB8 7HY

Grid ref SD908403 Leader: John Lofthouse Tel. 07827 622645

# Tuesday 16 Aug 2pm Property The Ferndean Way and Winewall

A 4 mile walk along the Ferndean Way taking in Laneshawbridge, Wycoller and Winewall. Meet at Lakeside Café, Ball Grove Park, off Ball Grove Drive, Colne BB8 7HY

Grid ref SD908403 Leader: Roger Haythornthwaite Tel. 07816 231928

# Weds 17 August 10.30am Wycoller and the Brontës

7 mile circular walk starting on the Ferndean Way, named after Ferndean Manor in Jane Eyre. The walk includes a guided tour of the historic hamlet of Wycoller and its Brontë connections.

Meet John Crow at Lakeside Cafe, Ball Grove Drive, Ball Grove Country Park, BB8 7HY. No need to book.

Grid ref SD908403 Tel. 07756 020992

# Sun 28 August 1pm & 2pm Tales around the table

Join Christine McMahon for an oral storytelling workshop suitable for people aged 11 to adult based on the kind of folk tales the Brontës heard around their kitchen table. We'll be weaving in powerful themes from their novels and stories: the wild moors, love and betrayal. Each workshop lasts 45 mins.

Meet at the Aisled Barn, Wycoller Country Park BB8 8SU

### Grid ref SD933391

Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

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### Sun 11 September 12 noon – 4pm Rosehips to Raven Rock – a foraging walk

Learn the gentle art of picking as we explore the hedgerows, woods & moors the Brontës knew on a 2 mile walk. Sample wild jams (bring some bread or crackers) and we'll brew up some of our produce and share wild food recipes.

Meet environment artists Kerry Morrison & Elly Langlois at the Panoptican Atom sculpture car park on the Haworth Road between Haworth and Laneshaw Bridge - BB8 7EH is the nearest postcode.

### Grid ref SD937393 Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk

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### Sat 3 September 1pm - 3pm Ghosts, myths & legends

An entertaining 3 mile walk to hear about Wycoller's myths, legends and ghost stories including tales which inspired Charlotte Brontë. Meet John Crow at the Aisled Barn, Wycoller

Country Park BB8 8SU **grid ref SD933391 Tel. 07756 020992** 







### Sat 1 October 10.30am From the Atom to Ferndean

A 4 – 5 mile walk around Wycoller to mark the 10th birthday of the Atom on a different route to the walk on 28th May.

Meet Norman Mitchell at the Haworth Road car park between Haworth and Laneshaw Bridge - BB8 7EH is the nearest postcode. **Grid ref SD937393 Tel. 07549 164739 or 07704 716721** 

**Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk** Use Brontë Lancashire in your search.

Sun 30 Oct 1pm – 3pm Hallowe'en crafts and spooky ghost walk for families, including stories which inspired Charlotte Brontë.

Meet John Crow at Pepper Hill Barn, Wycoller BB8 8SY. No need to book, just turn up!

Tel. 07756 020992

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Details for all events have been checked but for any updates please visit **www.visitpendle.com** or contact event leaders.