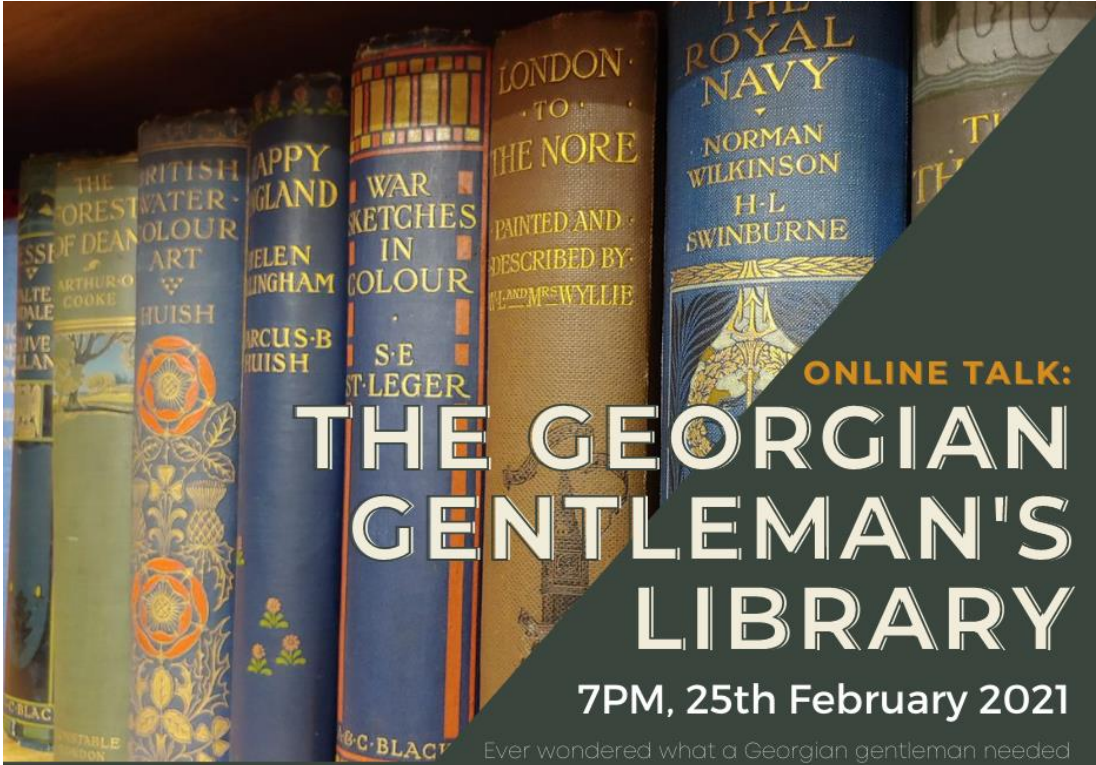


SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT'S CROMFORD MILLS



ONLINE TALK:
**THE GEORGIAN
GENTLEMAN'S
LIBRARY**

7PM, 25th February 2021

Ever wondered what a Georgian gentleman needed to furnish a respectable library? Which books were most popular in Sir Richard Arkwright's times?

**SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT'S
CROMFORD
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Tickets £5 ● Book now!

New Online Talk Series

Definitely more *Jane Austen* than *Bridgerton*, this online talk series will take you on a journey through Georgian high society, tales of engineering ingenuity, industrial espionage and inspirational art, all from the comfort of your own home!

The Georgian Gentleman's Library is the first of an online series of evening talks hosted by the Arkwright Society as part of the events highlighting the 250 years since the first cotton mill was built at Cromford.

Taking place on the last Thursday of the month throughout 2021, we will announce upcoming talks on our website and social media, so please keep an eye out. The talk for March is *Joseph Wright and the Enlightenment in the Midlands*, and tickets for this talk will also go on sale soon.

Vaillant Group support the Arkwright Society

The Vaillant Group, who are boiler and heating product specialists based in Belper, have offered generous support to the Arkwright Society.

As well as donating commercial boilers for use now, they have committed ongoing support for the Building 1 project, which is the next stage of the Society's masterplan. While the site is closed, we are installing the boilers into buildings that were previously heated by old, inefficient boilers and storage heaters.

Vaillant tweeted out about their involvement in the project (see photo below) and included a link to their blog about it, which you can read [here](https://bddy.me/2Yn5Wrl).

We are hugely grateful for Vaillant's support and look forward to working with them on our long term project to return water power to the Mill Yard.





2021: A Year of Celebration

- 250 years since Sir Richard Arkwright established his first factory in Cromford,
- 50 years since the Arkwright Society was formed and
- 20 years since the Derwent Valley Mills were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

As well as the monthly talks, there are also a range of weekend celebration events planned across the summer, from April. Our amazing volunteers are the ones who are planning our celebrations, with weekends themed around Science and Engineering, the Georgians, Theatre and the Arts.

The details of the weekend events are still being developed, so we can't give too much away at the moment, but are hoping that you will enthusiastically support these through buying tickets and attending the events. As you can imagine, the events may be subject to change, but we want this year to be memorable for more very positive reasons.



New Funded Projects

The Culture Recovery Fund support that our senior team were able to secure, is aimed at making us more resilient, both now, and in the future.

We have just taken delivery of wonderful new bins to help us recycle some of the disposable plates and cutlery that we are having to use at this time. Most of what we are using is compostable, but encouraging our visitors to help recycle our waste contributes to our long term green agenda and reducing our carbon footprint.

The plumbers are in the Cafés fixing in the new dishwashers, with fast ovens ready to be wired in next. Whilst both Cafés currently look chaotic; when the work is done it will make a really positive change to working conditions for our team, and of course it will vastly speed up the time that we are able to get your orders processed. A win-win situation!



New options for tenants

According to the BBC News there has been a record number of people starting their own business this past year, despite the impact of Covid-19. We have also seen an increase in demand for small offices, and have responded by planning changes to configure some smaller office space for hire. Check the Cromford Creative website for more information.



The recent heavy rains caused some flooding in Matlock and Belper, but only just broke over the river bank at Cromford.

Here is our chainsaw trout about to make a bid for freedom!! Fortunately for us, the trout is firmly grounded as one of our Scavengers' Scramble series of sculptures in the Beyond the Mill Walls project next to the River Derwent!