

A fascinating day in Holbeck, just south of Leeds City Centre organised by Brenda Jones May 2023. This area became world famous as a powerhouse of the industrial revolution in the 19th century.

Images show our base for the day at the Working Men's Club, the old chapel music studios where the Kaiser Chiefs made their first recordings and a memorial to Matthew Murray, inventor of the first steam powered railway engine. The Salamanca was built to serve nearby Middleton Colliery in 1812.



HOLBECK WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Originally established in 1871, these purpose-built premises officially opened on Easter Monday 1878.

Built at a cost of £1,172, the club included rooms for refreshment, billiards and bagatelle and a lecture hall for 300 people.

No other working men's club has been in continuous operation for so long.







