Did you know?

Last of the Summer Wine was the first comedy series to do away with the live studio audience, moving all of the filming to Holmfirth. The episodes were filmed and then shown to preview audiences, whose laughter was recorded and then mixed into each episode’s soundtrack.

Peter Salis featured in each of the 295 episodes as Clegg. Ronnie Hazlehurst produced the theme tune. He was also responsible for the Only Fools and Horses, Yes Minister and Are you being Served? theme tunes.

At the height of its success, Last of the Summer Wine attracted 18.8 million viewers. Repeats still receive ratings of up to 5 million.

Explore Holmfirth

Holmfirth is a quirky market town where boutique shops and galleries nestle side by side. Use this map to familiarise yourself with the area and to spot some of the town’s most famous Last of the Summer Wine landmarks.

1 Nora Batty’s steps
   Nora Batty’s Cottage
   Tel.: 07860 368398
   Web: www.nora-batty.co.uk
   Open: Please telephone to book your stay in this holiday cottage. The steps can be viewed from the outside.

2 TV location tour
   Summerwine Magic Tour
   Tel.: 01484 687231
   Web: www.summerwine.tv
   Open: Summer, Tues – Sun 11.00 – 16.00
   Winter, Sat - Sun 11.30–15.00
   (weather permitting)

3 Ivy’s café
   Sid’s Café
   Tel.: 07705 823855
   Web: www.sidscafe.com
   Open: Daily from 10.00

4 Bill Owen’s resting place
   St Johns Church, Upperthong
   Upperthong Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3BQ
   Bill Owen, who played Compo, died at the age of 85 on 12 July 1999.

5 Compo’s home
   Last of the Summer Wine Exhibition and Gift Shop
   Tel.: 01484 766897
   Web: www.summerwine-holmfirth.co.uk
   Exhibition open:
   April to October
   Mon – Sat 10.00 – 16.00
   Sun 11.00 – 16.00
   March, November and December
   Check website for opening times
   Closed January and February.

6 Wrinkled Stocking Tea Room
   Tel.: 01484 681408
   Web: www.holmfirthtearoom.co.uk
   Open: All year round Mon - Fri 9.30am-3.20pm,
   Sat 10am-4pm. Closed Wednesday.
   Check website for Sunday opening.

7 Summer Wine pub
   The White Horse Inn
   Scholes Road, Jackson Bridge, HD9 1LY
   Tel.: 01484 683940
   Web: www.whitehorseholmfirth.com

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Welcome to Holmfirth ‘Summer Wine’ country

Holmfirth is home to the longest ever running British TV comedy series, Last of the Summer Wine.

Broadcast by the BBC for 39 years, this iconic British sitcom written by Roy Clarke, and produced primarily by Alan Bell, first premiered on 4 January 1973. The final episode ‘How not to cry at Weddings’, was broadcast on 29 August 2010 after 31 series. Shown in over 25 countries, Last of the Summer Wine is the longest running sitcom in the world.

Filming took place in Holmfirth and across the Holme Valley. You’ll recall familiar scenes when you visit Nora Batty’s steps, Sids Café and the Last of the Summer Wine Exhibition. Located in Compo’s former home, are photographs, memorabilia and a selection of unusual inventions dreamed up by the characters.

You can even stay the night in Nora Batty’s house, now a self catering cottage decorated as a shrine to Nora with memorabilia and signed photographs of cast and crew.

Starting outside Sids Café, the Summer Wine Location Tour takes you to many of the best known locations across the Holme Valley with an interesting commentary enroute. Keen-eyed viewers may also recognise scenes from the TV series “Where the Heart Is”.

The village of Jackson Bridge, two miles away, is home to the Summer Wine Pub, the White Horse Inn. Its exterior has been featured in many episodes and its interior recreated in the TV studios. Rare behind the scenes, autographed photographs cover the walls.

Getting here
Holmfirth is 30 minutes by car from Junction 23 of the M62, and sits on the A616 from Huddersfield. The A635 from Manchester also comes into the centre of Holmfirth, and makes a pleasant 40-minute moorland drive from the city. You’ll find plenty of parking spaces; see www.kirklees.gov.uk/parking for details.

Coaches can drop off at Holmfirth Bus Station; long stay parking is available at Holmfirth Pool on the A6024 towards Huddersfield. Regular bus services run daily between Huddersfield and Holmfirth. For timetable and ticket information call Metro, 0113 245 7676 or visit www.wymetro.com

Accessibility
Steps will need to be negotiated in many of the attractions. Please contact the attraction you’d like to visit to ensure your needs can be met.

Visitor information and accommodation
For more information about Holmfirth and the wider area, to book accommodation or theatre tickets, or purchase souvenirs and postcards, contact:

Holmfirth Tourist Information Centre
49-51 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JP
Tel: 01484 222444 or 01484 221000
Email: holmfirth.tic@kirklees.gov.uk
Web: www.visitholmfirth.com
Open: Mon – Fri 09:00 – 17:00, Sat 10:00 – 17:00, Sun 11:00 – 16:00

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