

Programme

Battle of Bamber Bridge 80th Anniversary Commemorative Weekend
hosted by Preston Black History Group and South Ribble Borough Council

24 and 25 June 2023

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Saturday 24 June 2023		
Time	Venue	Event
12:00pm	Ye Old Hob Inn, 9 Church Rd, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6EP	VIP luncheon with speakers from Preston Black History Group, South Ribble Borough Council, the University of Central Lancashire, and the US Embassy
12:00pm until 8:00pm		Main celebration festival with themed entertainment, music and dance, military vehicles, food and drink and children's activities History walk led by Professor Alan Rice, following the route that the soldiers took in 1943.
7:00pm (doors open at 6:40pm)	Methodist Church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6ED	Screening of the 2013 documentary <i>Choc'late Soldiers from the USA</i> , directed by Gregory Cooke
8:45pm		<i>'The Battle of Bamber Bridge'</i> , a dramatic re-imagination. K-Squared Productions presents the premier of this new play by Kevin Kelly, a dramatic retelling of the events that led up to the incident as well as portraying what happened this very night 80 years ago. Please note there will be extreme racist language and portrayals of violence in the drama.

Sunday 25 June 2023

Time	Venue	Event
10:30am (please arrive at 10:15)	Methodist Church, Station Road	Commemorative service with speeches by Clinton Smith, Chair of Preston Black History Group, and Chris Lomax, Mayor of South Ribble Borough Council, and footage of Eunice Byers, the last known witness of the battle.
1:30pm	Meet at Ye Olde Hob Inn	Battlefield tours by Professor Alan Rice