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Welcome

2026 is the 20th year that the Milton Keynes area has celebrated Heritage Open Days. In 2006 there were 15 events held across MK – this year we have **301** fantastic events to showcase our distinctive and world class heritage, arts and culture – the most ever!

The national theme this year is **Everyday Histories** and this icon highlights our **73** events that explore the theme.



From the 11th to the 20th of September there are **TEN DAYS** of unmissable events taking place, including many activities for children and families. There are opportunities to come along to exhibitions, workshops, walks and tours, open days, craft events and performances. Suitable for all ages. And all events will be **FREE**.

Unfortunately, we do get cancellations and changes. For up-to-date news about the full event programme please visit **www.heritageopendays.org.uk** before setting out. You can also follow MK Heritage Open Days on Instagram and Facebook using **#MKHODS**

Cover photo: Celebrating an original Romany home at Milton Keynes Museum.

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Living Archive MK manages the Heritage Open Days programme on behalf of Milton Keynes Council and Heritage MK with support from Milton Keynes Heritage Association. In 2024 it celebrated 40 years of creative placemaking in the new city, documenting, preserving and celebrating the people's stories. **www.livingarchive.org.uk**



Arts & Heritage Alliance Milton Keynes (AHA-MK)

AHA-MK is a forum of organisations that work together to position the arts and heritage sectors as strategic contributors to the community and economy of Milton Keynes. We promote, represent and develop arts and heritage, collaboratively developing or supporting exciting activities. **www.aha-mk.org**

Energy World

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Pooleyville

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Energy World, one of Milton Keynes' most ambitious and influential sustainability projects. Opened in 1986, Energy World was the city's second innovative housing exhibition, created in response to ongoing concerns about energy efficiency, environmental sustainability, and the future of housing.

Forty years later, the challenges that inspired Energy World are more relevant than ever. As the UK works towards achieving net zero, the principles demonstrated by the pioneering homes, energy efficiency, renewable energy integration, climate-responsive design, and sustainable communities, continue to shape the way we plan and build our cities.

This anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on Energy World's legacy but also to look forward to how Milton Keynes remains at the forefront of these conversations. Through a series of events as part of Heritage Open Days 2026, and as part of MK60 in 2027, Pooleyville will bring together partners and local residents to celebrate and explore this vitally important theme.

For more information on the programme, please visit: www.mkarchive.city

Energy World: 40 Years On – Film Screening

Living Archive MK

In 1986 Milton Keynes Development Corporation organised a ground-breaking exhibition featuring houses that were at the cutting edge of energy efficiency. It attracted international architects and a visit from the then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. It was the result of a long-standing collaboration between the Development Corporation and the Open University. They had sought innovative ways to cut housing energy bills by maximising solar gain and improving insulation. They also developed software, that was piloted at Energy World, that could measure the energy efficiency of a house. *Energy World: 40 years on* tells this story and the far-reaching effects it had and the ways in which the legacy of that work is still being promoted today in Milton Keynes and elsewhere. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1730 – 1900

Location: Berrill Lecture Theatre, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/3pbywthb> www.livingarchive.org.uk

Energy World Walkabouts: Shenley Lodge

Milton Keynes Forum

The Energy World housing exhibition held in 1986, was vitally important in leading the way for changes to increase energy efficiency in housing design and was a worthy successor to HomeWorld 81. The walk will be led by Tim Skelton, who was heavily involved in the exhibition. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1330 – 1530 & Wednesday 16 September 1000 – 1200

Location: Meet in Solar Square in front of the Meeting Place, Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge MK5 7DE

Contact/Book via: www.miltonkeynesforum.org



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GOCMK =	Greek Orthodox Community MK
NPHS =	Newport Pagnell Historical Society
OU =	Open University
OUAC =	Open University Archive Cinema
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Friday 11 September

1 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

Living Archive MK

This exhibition tells the story of Hip Hop in Milton Keynes through the words of the people who contributed to this vibrant, creative culture. Exploring the worlds of DJing/Emceeing, Street Art and Breakdance, the exhibition will also showcase artworks and artefacts from MK, as well as screening the new project film, Under the Grid, co-produced by the Open University. The exhibition forms part of Living Archive's ongoing Arts Council-funded project, Celebrating MK Hip Hop.



Times: Fri 11, Tues 15, Wed 16, Thu 17 & Fri 18 September 0800 – 1700
Sats 12 & 19 September 0900 – 1600

Location: Market Hall, Glyn Square, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5JQ

Contact: Living Archive MK 01908 322568
www.livingarchive.org.uk

2 Tours of Unity Place

Unity Place

Introducing Milton Keynes' central destination to gather, dine and unwind! This sustainably designed, eight-floor venue enhances wellbeing and collaboration. Home to renowned chefs, local eateries, social enterprises, business ventures, wellness amenities, and exceptional conference and event facilities. Come join us for a tour of Unity Place! Pre-booking is required.

Times: Fridays 11 & 18 September 1000 – 1100 and 1530 – 1630

Location: Unity Place, 200 Grafton Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1UP

Contact/Book via: Please register here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/rz4apN3kxQt>
www.unityplace.co.uk

3 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

Ridgmont Parochial Church Council

A rare opportunity to see inside one of Bedfordshire's premier landmarks and places of worship. Rich in history and architectural splendour. With its tall spire and prominent position on top of the *Rouge Mont*, French for red hill, the church can be seen from miles around. Leaflets about the church and light refreshments will be available, as well as the chance to speak with knowledgeable local guides.



Times: Friday 11 – Sunday 20 September, 1000 – 1600

Location: All Saints Church, High Street, Ridgmont MK43 0TX

Contact: David Bown 07772 330070
www.facebook.com/ridgmontvillage

4 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership

An award-winning Victorian (1846) station house and booking office restoration in the Gothic Cottage Orn  style, with museum (original Victorian booking office with historical displays & temporary exhibitions), gift shop & community garden. Refreshments available. Guided tours provided.

Times: Fridays 11 & 18, Saturdays 12 & 19, Sundays 13 & 20, Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 & Friday 18 September 1000 – 1600

Location: Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre, Station Road, Ridgmont MK43 0XP

Contact: Heritage Centre Gift Shop
01525 287121
www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk

5 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



Turvey History Society

Visit our historic church to see an exhibition exploring how working life in this rural village has changed over the centuries. Discover how technology, education and social factors have shaped and transformed working life. Occupations ranging from child lace makers to Victorian doctors will be revealed.



Times: Friday 11 – Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1600,
Sundays 13 & 20 September 1330 – 1600

Location: All Saints Church, High Street, Turvey MK43 8EP

Contact: Sara Jenkins 07760 994002 or Janet Goodland 07850 406041
www.turveyhistory.org.uk

6 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

Willen Village Heritage Association

Visit this beautiful Grade I listed building, designed by Robert Hooke, with a nod to Christopher Wren. Come and sit in the wonderful Gardens of Remembrance, cared for by volunteers from the Willen community. Sit inside the church and feel the spiritual peace of the building that has had so many prayers said in it since 1668. Home grown plants for sale every day at the time of planned events.

Times: Friday 11 – Sunday 20 September 1000 – 1700

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

7 Stowe Gardens Open Days

National Trust Stowe

The scale and beauty of Stowe has attracted visitors for over 300 years. Picture-perfect views, winding paths, lakeside walks and temples create a timeless landscape, reflecting the changing seasons. Full of hidden meaning, the gardens were created as an earthly paradise and still cast their spell today. The sheer size and space is perfect for those who love the outdoors and enjoy walking.

Times: Friday 11 – Sunday 20 September 1000 – 1700

Location: Stowe Gardens, New Inn, Stowe MK18 5EQ

Contact: The Estate Office 01280 817156
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

8 Vyshyvanka: The Code Of Identity – Textile Exhibition

Ukraine Appeal CIO

Discover Vyshyvanka: The Code of Identity, a unique textile exhibition featuring handmade embroidered tapestries inspired by the regions of Ukraine, exploring memory, identity, heritage and cultural resilience through ornament and craft.



Times: Fri 11, Tues 15, Weds 16, Thur 17 & Fri 18 September 1000 – 1800,
Mon 14 September 1000 – 1600,
Sats 12 & 19 September 1000 – 1300

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Contact: Viktoriya Shtanko 0800 002 5707
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

9 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

Central Milton Keynes Town Council

See:MK is a new digital gallery on the 14th floor of Hotel La Tour, offering fantastic views over Grade II listed Campbell Park. Come visit the opening exhibition by artist Sabre Majid, to discover more about the 20th century heritage at your feet!



Times: Friday 11 – Sunday 20 September 1000 – 1700

Location: 14th Floor, Hotel La Tour, 400 Marlborough Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 3FP

Contact: Linda Inoki 07704 582393
www.cmktowncouncil.gov.uk

10 Great Linford Manor Park – History Walks

Friends Of Great Linford Manor Park

The recently restored Great Linford Manor Park is home to some of the most historic buildings and landscapes within the modern city of Milton Keynes. Join knowledgeable guides on walks around the scenic Georgian manor park gardens and learn about the people and events that shaped this historic landscape. Friday's walk includes BSL interpretation.

Times: Friday 11 September 1030 – 1200,
Saturday 12 September 1100 – 1230 & 1400 – 1530

Location: Great Linford Manor Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

Contact: John Gosling: friends.glmp@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/foglmp

11 Winslow History Walk: Shopkeepers, Innkeepers, Craftspeople

Winslow History Project

A tour of Winslow, starting from inside Keach's Meeting House (built 1695), looking at some of the buildings where people made their livings: shops, pubs, cottages, workshops. It will include the outsidings of two 16th-century inns, a blacksmith's forge, a purpose-built ironmonger's shop and a lacemaker's cottage. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 11 September 1100 – 1215 (Meeting House open from 1030)

Location: Starts from Keach's Meeting House, Bell Walk, Winslow MK18 3AH

Contact/Book via: David Noy
d.noy@btinternet.com or 07713 641238

12 Claydon House Open Days

Claydon House – National Trust

An 18th century National Trust property in Buckinghamshire, known for its beautiful rococo interiors and long connection to the Verney family. Visitors can explore richly decorated rooms and discover fascinating links to Florence Nightingale, who had close family ties to Claydon.



Photo: Hugh Mothersole

Times: Fridays 11 & 18, Saturday 12, Sundays 13 & 20 September 1100 – 1700
Monday 14 September 1300 – 1900,
Saturday 19 September 1100 – 1900

Location: Claydon House, Steeple Claydon Road, Middle Claydon MK18 2EX

Contact: Claydon House 01296 730349
www.facebook.com/Claydon.House.NT

13 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

Newport Pagnell Historical Society

The museum will be open to explore our many artefacts, and there will also be a new exhibition of the lives of working people in the town.

Times: Fridays 11 & 18, Saturdays 12 & 19, Sundays 13 & 20
September 1200 – 1600

Location: NPHS, Chandos Hall, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell MK16 0EN

Contact: Kathy Dentith 01908 210939
www.mkheritage.org.uk/nphs

14 Timber, Tannin & Tradition: The Historical Roles of Trees

The Parks Trust

Join The Parks Trust on a guided walk to discover a variety of tree species and explore their historical uses and associations with folklore. You will also discover the Great Linford Brick Kilns along the route. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 11 September 1400 – 1530
Location: Meet in Willen Lane Car Park, Willen Lane, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5QL

Contact/Book via:
www.theparkstrust.com/events/

15 Tours of Unity Place

◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

16 Petrykivka painting with Artist Agneta Shashkova

Ukraine Appeal CIO & Agneta Shashkova

Discover Petrykivka painting, a traditional Ukrainian decorative art that brings floral dreams to life through vibrant patterns and expressive brushwork. Born in the village of Petrykivka, this style has blossomed into a powerful symbol of national identity and resilience. In 2013, UNESCO recognized it as Intangible Cultural Heritage, celebrating its timeless beauty and cultural significance worldwide. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 11 September, 1700 – 1900
Location: Church Of Christ The Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES
Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/yr9p9aap>
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

17 Walk & Talk In Wolverton with Nicky Kenny

Living Archive MK & Nicky Kenny

Join Wolverton resident Nicky Kenny for a short walk around the red brick town of Wolverton, visiting some of the places that have special significance for herself and her family and along the way discussing the everyday, local histories that have shaped her life in MK. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 11 September 1800 – 1930
Location: Meet outside Craufurd Arms, Stratford Road, Wolverton MK12 5LT
Contact/Book via: Nicky Kenny 07530 349967
nicky.bernard@gmail.com
www.livingarchive.org.uk

18 Wolverton Society of Artists Exhibition

Wolverton Society of Artists

Exhibition of work by local artists with artwork in a range of styles and genres, ranging from local interest to pop and surreal.



Times: Friday 11 Sept 1915 – 2230, Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 Sept 1830 – 2200, Monday 14 September 1930 – 2130
Location: Stantonbury Gallery Bar, Stantonbury Theatre, Milton Keynes MK14 6BN
Contact: Tim Layden 07981 600223
www.facebook.com/groups/1297481006990359

Saturday 12 September

19 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆



20 St James Husborne Crawley Open Day

St James Parochial Church Council

Our beautiful medieval church will be open for visitors – uniquely built of greensand that is still GREEN – plus the Elizabethan alabaster tomb of John Thompson and his wife with their effigies – rare in a parish church. We will also be welcoming both Bike n Hike and Ride n Stride participants.

Times: Saturday 12 September 0900 – 1700
Location: St James Parish Church, School Lane, Husborne Crawley MK43 0UY
Contact: Nick Burton 07930 556012
www.hccr.space/st-james

21 Hands On The Willis Pipe Organ!



Music for All @MSG

Part of the Willis Pipe Organ Festival at St Mary & St Giles Church. Let our organ guides give you a close look at the Willis Pipe Organ. Put your hands on the keys, feet on the pedals and feel its power for yourself. Players, bring some music and we can help you register the organ for you to play it. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1200
Location: St Mary & St Giles Church, Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD
Contact/Book via:
www.musicforallmsg.org/whats-on/festival/

22 Everyday Lives In Newport Pagnell



Newport Pagnell Library & Newport Pagnell Historical Society

An exhibition on the lives of everyday working people in Newport Pagnell during the 20th & 21st centuries, with pictures and written information on a few chosen workers. A volunteer from NPHS will be on site to talk to visitors, and more information and materials will be available at their museum, which is only a short walk from the library.



Times: Saturdays 12 & 19 September 1000 – 1230
Location: Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, MK16 8HQ
Contact: Sophie Bryan-Wojcik 01908 610933
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries

23 Heritage Heroes: Community Volunteering Task

The Parks Trust

Join us for a rewarding morning of conservation volunteering, restoring this historic limestone and unique habitat to support local wildlife as part of our Heritage Open Day series. We'll be getting hands-on to help nature thrive on one of our most distinctive geological features – Blisworth Limestone bedrock. No need to book.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1230
Location: The Stone Circle, Great Linford Manor Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

Contact: Carla Boswell 01908 233600
www.theparkstrust.com/events

24 Yuliya Kharchenko: Art Is Advantage Exhibition

Ukraine Appeal CIO

Discover still-life paintings and harvest the feelings. Visit the inspiring space and dive into the creative journey with Yuliya Kharchenko, who has become one of the voices of Ukrainian art, driving other people to investigate their talents and rise from traumatic experience through self-expression.



Times: Sats 12 & 19 September 1000 – 1300,
 Mon 14 September 1000 – 1600,
 Tues 15, Weds 16, Thur 17 & Fri 18
 September 1000 – 1800

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES

Contact: Viktoriya Shtanko 0800 002 5707
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

25 Vyshyvanka: The Code Of Identity – Textile Exhibition

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

26 Threads Of Heritage: Cultural Food Tasting

Community Artist Chinwe Osaghae

A sensory journey through flavour and tradition, featuring African, Chinese and South Asian small plates. Sample delicious dishes inspired by celebrations, rituals, and everyday life alongside informal conversation exploring food heritage and cultural identity. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1430
Location: Church Of Christ The Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Contact/Book via:
<https://tinyurl.com/42dn27mh>
www.instagram.com/wearetheiroko

27 Threads Of Heritage: Hands-On Activity Corner

Community Artist Chinwe Osaghae

Visit the Stories In Fabric exhibition and then get creative and connect through making! Explore pattern design inspired by traditional motifs as you work with others on a collaborative community textile piece. Simple fabric crafts, suitable for all ages! Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1430
Location: Church Of Christ The Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Contact/Book via:
<https://tinyurl.com/42dn27mh>
www.instagram.com/wearetheiroko

28 Threads Of Heritage: Intercultural Storytelling In The Cafe

Community Artist Chinwe Osaghae

Relax in Christ The Cornerstone's café space where stories will unfold through voice, memory and imagination. Experience folktales and personal narratives inspired by textiles, short storytelling circles hosted by community members and "Story Threads", where visitors can contribute a personal memory or meaning connected to a piece of fabric or clothing.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1430
Location: Church Of Christ The Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Contact/Book via:
<https://tinyurl.com/42dn27mh>
www.instagram.com/wearetheiroko

29 Cotswold Archaeology (Milton Keynes Office) Open Day

Cotswold Archaeology

Visit Cotswold Archaeology's Milton Keynes office to find out about all the interesting archaeology and artefacts found in the local area. Come see how our staff work "behind the scenes" and take part in lots of fun hands-on family activities!



Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1500
Location: Cotswold Archaeology, 8 the IO Centre, Fingle Drive, Stonebridge, Milton Keynes MK13 0AT
Contact: Tom Brindle 07929 658293
www.cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk

30 New Bradwell Heritage & St James' Church



New Bradwell Heritage & St James' Church

New Bradwell Heritage will have a display of the sites of workplaces around New Bradwell over the years. Visitors will be able to pick up a free New Bradwell heritage trail booklet containing a map of the sites and explore the buildings on a self-guided tour. The church is open for viewing, including a display of church artefacts. Refreshments and seating available, children's area and activities.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1500
Location: St James Church, Church Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 0DA
Contact: Jennifer Cooper 07889 614379 or Irene Farr 01908 382458

31 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

32 Bow Brickhill Church & Tower Open Day

All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill

All Saints Church in Bow Brickhill is predominantly 15th century, with some parts from the 12th century. The church stands above the village upon the Greensand Ridge with outstanding views from the top of the tower across the city of Milton Keynes and beyond. The tower includes a room that was used by the Royal Observer Corps in World War 2, where the graffiti left by the observers is still readable. The church is surrounded by countryside, is very peaceful and well worth a visit. Tea and cakes available too.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1600
Location: All Saints Church, Church Road, Bow Brickhill MK17 9LQ
Contact: Andrea Spurdle 07914 056119
www.facebook.com/BowBrickhillChurch

33 From Vinyl To Digital: The Evolution of MK Hospital Radio – Studio Tour



Milton Keynes Hospital Radio

Step inside Milton Keynes Hospital Radio for an exclusive studio tour, explore our broadcasting history, and try your hand at presenting. Celebrate over four decades of community radio and see how our volunteers keep the station sounding great. Visitors are welcome to simply turn up on the day, however, for guaranteed entry and tour times, free tickets will be available to book via Eventbrite.



Times: Saturday 12 September, tours run between 1000 & 1600
Location: MK University Hospital, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes MK6 5LD
Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/4wtvtpm6>

34 Holy Trinity Church Wolverton Open Days



Alison Preston

Join us to see our beautiful church and climb the church tower, past the ringing chamber and to the roof, where you can see views of the Ouse Valley Park. As we close, there will be an illustrated talk on the Holy Land.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1600
Location: Holy Trinity Church, Old Wolverton Road, Milton Keynes MK12 5NH
Contact: Alison Preston – 07462 301853
www.wolvertonbenefice.org

35 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

36 St Lawrence Broughton Open Days



CCT & Friends Of St Lawrence

This 13th century parish church in Broughton Village is a picture gallery of 15th century wall paintings, chained books from the Reformation and Victorian stained glass by Gibbs & Kempe. A fascinating time capsule of social, political and religious history.

Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1000 – 1600
Location: St Lawrence's Church, London Road, Broughton, Milton Keynes MK10 9AA
Contact: Raymond Tetlow 07399 076442
www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStLawrence

37 St Mary's Church Shenley Church End – Open Day



The Team at St Mary's (Watling Vale Ecumenical Partnership)

We are open for HODs and the Historic Churches Ride+Stride. Come to explore over 800 years of history within our church. Allow about 30 minutes to see our displays and do a self-guided a mini tour, then soak up the atmosphere in a quiet moment. Refreshments available.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1600
Location: St Mary's Church, Dudley Hill, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes MK5 6LL
Contact: Sue Best 07833 725775
www.facebook.com/stmarysshenny

38 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

39 Westbury Arts Centre: Westbury Bee Group Display

Westbury Bee Group

Westbury Bee Group are based at Westbury Arts Centre, where we have an apiary of 30 hives on site and a wildflower meadow. We run a series of educational events to promote the importance of honeybees to the ecosystem, ranging from beekeeping courses, an annual Bee Festival, apiary tours for adults and children, and talks to all ages on bees and beekeeping. Visit us this weekend for information on honeybees, beekeeping and also sales of honey and bee-related items.

Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1000 – 1600
Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA
Contact: Westbury Arts Centre 01908 501214
www.westburyartscentre.org.uk

40 Threads Of Heritage: Stories In Fabric Exhibition

Community Artist Chinwe Osaghae

Explore a rich visual showcase of textiles from African, Chinese, and South Asian cultures. With explanations of symbolic patterns and their meanings, traditional vs modern textile interpretations and the personal stories behind selected pieces. Find out more about the pieces with our interactive "Ask Me" stations with community representatives! Visitors are encouraged to share their own stories and reflections. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 12 – Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1630 (closed Sun 13)
 – welcome & opening Saturday 12 September 1000 – 1030
Location: Church Of Christ The Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES
Contact/Book via:
<https://tinyurl.com/5bxjnhnx>
www.instagram.com/wearetheiroko

41 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

◆ Please see event 6 for full details ◆

42 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Ride+Stride

St Mary Magdalene Church

Today the church hosts Ride+Stride, a sponsored bike ride or walk between churches. It's the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts, enabling them to make grants to places of Christian worship. A wonderful way to enjoy getting out and about safely as well as raising much-needed funds.

Times: Saturdays 12 September 1000 – 1700
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB
Contact/Book via: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

43 Stowe Gardens Open Days

◆ Please see event 7 for full details ◆

44 Wolverton Scarecrow Festival

Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council

Take a walk around Wolverton's historic Conservation Area of hundreds of terraced houses this weekend and you will find that lots of scarecrows have come out to play in the front gardens and public spaces. Refreshments will be available at the Community Orchard.



Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1000 – 1700
Location: The Community Orchard (off Woburn Avenue, Wolverton MK12 5AY) is a good place to start your walk.
Contact: Chris Madeley 01908 326800
www.wolvertonandgreenleystowncouncil.gov.uk/council_events

45 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

◆ Please see event 9 for full details ◆

46 Talk & Glide: Taster Trip on MK Community Boat Electra with A Short History of MK Canals



MK Community Boat Electra

One-hour Talk & Glide Events let you find out about the first 225 years of canal history in MK – and what the future may hold. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of a short cruise on the Grand Union Canal, on all-electric MK Community Boat Electra. Pre-booking is required (booking opens 1st August).



Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September, tours at 1030, 1200 & 1330

Location: On the canal by Athlete's Bridge, Lonsdale, Wolverton MK12 5FL

Contact/Book via:
www.bmkwaterway.org/electra/
 – use promo code HODSFREE

47 St Mary The Virgin Clifton Reynes – Exhibition

Clifton Reynes Local History Association

The church is in the heart of this small rural village. See an exhibition on the history of this fine medieval church – a Grade 1 listed building – with its rare wooden medieval tombs. Stroll through the village to visit our popular village pub The Robin Hood, dating from 1577. Tea and coffee will be available in the church throughout the day.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1030 – 1600

Location: St Mary The Virgin, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes MK46 5DT

Contact: Marion Swindells 07523 949416
www.facebook.com/groups/1394905631720585

48 Westbury Arts Centre: Printmaking – A Celebration 2026

Vonnie Raw

Visitors will be able to see an exhibition of work by members of the Printmakers Mingle Group which meets regularly at Westbury Arts Centre. The exhibition will be shown on the ground floor of the house and will showcase handprinted art made using a variety of time-honoured printmaking techniques.

Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1030 – 1600

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact: Westbury Arts Centre 01908 501214
www.westburyartscentre.org.uk

49 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

The National Museum Of Computing

Follow the development of computing, from the Turing-Welchman Bombe and Colossus of the 1940s through the large systems and mainframes of the 1950s, 60s and 70s, to the rise of personal computing and the rise of mobile computing and the internet. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturdays 12 & 19, Sundays 13 & 20, Tuesday 15, Thursday 17 September 1030 – 1630

Location: The National Museum of Computing, Block H, Bletchley Park, MK3 6EB

Contact/Book via: Book via this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/TNMOC-Day-Tickets>
www.tnmoc.org

50 Tours of The Secret Garden, Wolverton

Wolverton Secret Garden Society

Come and hear the history of the site and how a group of dedicated volunteers acquired it more than 25 years ago and have transformed it into a garden for all the community to enjoy.

Times: Saturday 12 September, tours start at 1100 & 1200

Location: The Secret Garden, Stratford Road, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK13 0DY

Contact: Roger Kitchen 07951 537176
www.facebook.com/wolvertonsecretgarden

51 Exploring The Gyosei Art Trail

The Parks Trust

The Parks Trust are the proud custodians of this beautiful and unique public art trail alongside the Grand Union Canal which was created for residents to enjoy. Each of the eight pieces relates to themes of Japanese connections, canal history and local history. We will be joined by one of the artists, Melanie Seymour, who will share an insight into her creation of the stunning Autumn Splendour mosaic. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1100 – 1230

Location: Meet in Japonica Lane Car Park, off Brickhill Street, Milton Keynes MK15 9EH

Contact/Book via:
www.theparkstrust.com/events/

52 Great Linford Manor Park – History Walks

◆ Please see event 10 for full details ◆

53 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Children's Art & Crafts Workshop

St Mary Magdalene

Children's arts & crafts, with a little science thrown in for aspiring scientists of all ages. Materials provided by Val Dixon, local councillor.

Times: Saturdays 12 & 19 September 1100 – 1500

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

54 St Lawrence Church Bradwell Village Open Day

Bradwell Church

St Lawrence Church is one of the two remaining medieval churches in the Parish of Stantonbury and Willen. The building is 800+ years old, but has been added to over the centuries. Join us to see this very active and historic church and take a guided tour if you wish.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1100 – 1600

Location: St Lawrence Church, Vicarage Road, Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 9EY

Contact: Peter Lazard 07725 905172

55 Westbury Arts Centre: Artful Connections – Works In Colour

Artful Connections

A colourful exhibition of drawings, paintings and ceramics from a group of six artists and makers. Abstract and figurative artworks feature, plus there will be an opportunity to talk with the individual artists themselves and perhaps buy something distinctly unique.

Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1100 – 1600

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact: Westbury Arts Centre 01908 501214
www.westburyartscentre.org.uk

56 Wolverton Canal & Rail Festival



MK Canals

The first annual Canal and Rail Festival in Wolverton on 12th and 13th September! Visit the floating market on the canal over the weekend. On Sunday the festival expands to Wolverton Railway Sports ground with arts and crafts, stalls, music, talks, food, and sporting activities to try out.



Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1100 – 1600

Location: Wolverton Park Railway Sports Ground & Grand Union Canal, Wolverton MK12 5FL

Contact: David Wolfson 07770 571902
www.mkcanals.org

57 Wolverton Community Orchard Autumn Celebration

Wolverton Community Orchard Volunteers

A unique haven of fruit trees nestled behind terraced housing, our orchard offers music, beer and burgers, as well as stalls selling plants, produce and crafts. Being Wolverton, we also boast an old railway carriage where we serve homemade cakes, teas and coffee. Supervised activities for children too. Bring along a picnic blanket, settle down for an afternoon of joy with your family and friends!

Times: Saturday 12 September 1100 – 1700

Location: Wolverton Community Orchard, off Woburn Avenue, Wolverton MK12 5AY

Contact: www.facebook.com/pages/Wolverton-Community-Orchard/339695696184156

58 Claydon House Open Days

◆ Please see event 12 for full details ◆

59 Great Linford Manor Park Open Day



Friends of Great Linford Manor Park

Discover 1000 years of history in and around Great Linford Manor Park. Join informative walks, enjoy tea and cake in historic St. Andrew's Church, and watch illustrated talks about the history of the village and its 17th-century almshouses. Meet the village lacemakers, and there will be activities for children.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1100 – 1700

Location: Great Linford Manor Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

Contact: John Gosling: friends.glmp@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/foglmp

60 St Mary The Virgin Clifton Reynes – History Talk

Clifton Reynes Local History Association

This Grade 1 listed church is in the heart of this small rural village. The earliest part of it dates from the 12th century and the Reynes family, from which the village gets its name, added significantly to the building in later years. It contains a fascinating set of monuments, including six carved effigies of high quality, four of which are in oak – extremely rare survivors and of national significance. These tombs, and the Reynes family, will be the subject for the talk.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1130 – 1230

Location: St Mary The Virgin, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes MK46 5DT

Contact: Marion Swindells 07523 949416
www.facebook.com/groups/1394905631720585

61 Haerfest at Bradwell Windmill

Milton Keynes Arts Centre & The Bradwell Windmill Project

The Bradwell Windmill Project celebrates the heritage and history of Bradwell Windmill as a key heritage and community attraction for Milton Keynes. Today, the whole family can enjoy a mini day festival celebrating the annual wheat harvest and the heritage of Bradwell Windmill, with live music, milling demos, dancing, making, games and more!



Times: Saturday 12 September 1200 – 1600

Location: Bradwell Windmill, Nightingale Crescent, Bradville, Milton Keynes MK13 7JH

Contact: Roisin Callaghan 01908 608108
www.bradwellwindmillproject.co.uk

62 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

◆ Please see event 13 for full details ◆

63 Travels Through Time Exhibition – St Nicholas Newton Blossomville



The parish church of St Nicholas, Newton Blossomville

Visit the beautiful village church to uncover snapshots of life at the far edge of Buckinghamshire. Find out about rural life, events and pastimes from displays around the church, from the WI to weddings and local families to village traditions. Discover more about the vanished landscape of the manor, mills and pubs. Pick up a new church self-guide leaflet or join one of the tours.

Times: Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 1200 – 1800

Location: St Nicholas Church, Newton Road, Newton Blossomville MK43 8AL

Contact: Amanda Molcher 07721 454589

64 Come and Sing @MSG – rehearsal and informal concert



Music for All @MSG

Your chance to learn and sing some favourite choral classics with the Willis pipe organ and enjoy an early evening free concert. Advance booking for the rehearsal is required so we can ensure sufficient music scores are available. Further details on the website from early June 2025. The rehearsal will end at approximately 1700, followed by an informal free concert at 1830 that anyone can enjoy.



Times: Saturday 12 September, rehearsal 1230 1700, concert 1830 – 1915

Location: St Mary & St Giles Church, Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD

Contact/Book via:
www.musicforallmsg.org/whats-on/festival/

65 History Talk – Centuries of Care: Great Linford's Almshouses & Their People

Friends Of Great Linford Manor Park

The almshouses within Great Linford Manor Park were paid for by the Lord of the Manor, Sir William Pritchard, and constructed circa 1698. This talk will explain the origins and development of the almshouses, introducing you to some of the residents who called them home over the centuries and provide insights into their daily lives.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1300 – 1345

Location: St Andrew's Church, Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5AU

Contact: John Gosling: friends.glmp@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/foglmp

Sunday 13 September

74 Festal Eucharist with Choir & The Willis Pipe Organ



Music for All @SMG

Free event for choral singers who would like to join the Parish Church choir singing for a festal Eucharist on Sunday morning in St Mary & St Giles at 9:30am. Details of the music to be sung with the organ, and how to attend, will be shown on the Festival webpage from June.

Times: Sunday 13 September 0930 – 1045 (warm-up from 0900)

Location: St Mary & St Giles Church, Church Road, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD

Contact/Book via: www.musicforallsmg.org/whats-on/festival

75 Superpower Hobby Horse Mini Marathon

Ukraine Appeal CIO & The Parks Trust

Join a joyful Hobby Horse Mini Marathon where children create superhero-inspired hobby horses with special powers symbolising kindness, courage and hope. All children receive a brand-new event T-shirt. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1000 – 1130

Location: Meet at Sul Lago, Furzton Lake, Shirwell Crescent, MK4 1GA

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/ayhtw8ku> www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

76 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

77 St Lawrence Broughton Open Days



◆ Please see event 36 for full details ◆

71 Threads Of Heritage: Community Reflection & Sharing

Community Artist Chinwe Osaghae

Visit the Stories In Fabric exhibition and then share your thoughts in this open floor event where participants can share insights and experiences. Reflect on our cultural connections and shared heritage as you are invited to continue the conversation beyond the event itself.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1500 – 1600

Location: Church Of Christ The Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Contact: Chinwe Osaghae 07391 851522 www.instagram.com/wearetheiroko

72 History Talk – A Brief History Of Great Linford

Friends Of Great Linford Manor Park

Packed with historic images, this talk will introduce you to some of the Lords of the Manor and our most famous resident, the astrological doctor, the Reverend Richard Napier, but you'll also meet some of the everyday folk of the village.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1545 – 1645

Location: St Andrew's Church, Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5AU

Contact: John Gosling: friends.glmp@gmail.com www.facebook.com/groups/foglmp

73 Wolverton Society of Artists Exhibition

◆ Please see event 18 for full details ◆

66 Bradwell Village Walkabout



Milton Keynes Forum

A walk around the village looking at its particular features and how it developed, both before and after the designation of Milton Keynes as a New Town, including a visit to the Church to look at the work of Stony Stratford architect Edward Swinfen Harris. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1330 – 1530

Location: Meet outside the Prince Albert pub, Vicarage Road, Bradwell MK13 9AG

Contact/Book via: www.miltonkeynesforum.org

67 Living Museum of Ukrainian Legends and Myths

Ukraine Appeal CIO & Oksana Havrylova

Step into a living world of Ukrainian myths and legends where folklore characters, storytellers and immersive performance bring ancient tales, cultural memory and regional traditions of Ukraine to life. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1400 – 1530

Location: Sunflower School at Summerfield School, Downley Avenue, Milton Keynes MK13 8PG.

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/4wsu3uz3> www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

68 North Crawley Field Walk

North Crawley Historical Society with Chicheley

A field walk of 2 hours duration exploring some key aspects of the countryside around the village, with a commentary on the field names and historically important features. Flat shoes/trainers and long trousers are recommended. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 12 September 1400 – 1600

Location: Meet outside St Firmin's Church, High Street, North Crawley MK16 9LH

Contact/Book via: Email cs@nchs.uk or 01234 391205

69 Pilgrim Trail: Bradwell Abbey Family Friendly Walk

MK City Discovery Centre

A short, circular and family-friendly walk, starting at Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre, taking in the famous Concrete Cows and Bancroft Roman Villa. The walk will begin in the grounds of Bradwell Abbey, at the fully restored medieval chapel of St Mary. A gentle stroll, suitable for all ages and just under two miles long, taking approximately one hour, plus time to explore the historic sites. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1400 – 1600

Location: Starts from The Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, Milton Keynes MK13 9AP

Contact/Book via: Nicky Kenny: nicky.bernard@gmail.com or 07530 349967

70 Bradwell Memorial Hall Heritage Open Day

Bradwell Parish Council

The Memorial Hall is over 100 years old and was built by local people for local people. There will be old photos and items of interest on display. Other activities will include colouring pages and a jigsaw – created from the photos and items of interest – to complete. Refreshments will be available.



Times: Saturday 12 September 1400 – 1630

Location: Bradwell Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road, Bradwell Village, Milton Keynes MK13 9AG

Contact: Karen Evans 07751 015428 www.bradwell-pc.gov.uk

**78 Westbury Arts Centre:
Westbury Bee Group Display**

◆ Please see event 39 for full details ◆

**79 St Mary Magdalene Willen:
Open Days & Plant Sale**

◆ Please see event 6 for full details ◆

80 Stowe Gardens Open Days

◆ Please see event 7 for full details ◆

**81 Wolverton Scarecrow
Festival**

◆ Please see event 44 for full details ◆

**82 All Saints Church Ridgmont
Open Days**

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

**83 The Luxury of Space:
Architecture in Central
Milton Keynes**

◆ Please see event 9 for full details ◆

**84 Talk & Glide: Taster Trip on
MK Community Boat
Electra with A Short History
of MK Canals**

◆ Please see event 46 for full details ◆

**85 Westbury Arts Centre:
Printmaking –
A Celebration 2026**

◆ Please see event 48 for full details ◆

**86 The National Museum Of
Computing Open Days**

◆ Please see event 49 for full details ◆

**87 Discover The
Buckingham Canal**

Buckingham Canal Society

Discover the Buckingham Canal, its heritage, history, architecture and restoration plans. Speak with our volunteers who will be working on site to find out more about the Society's plan to restore the canal, and then take a self-guided walk along part of the canal following the Ouse Valley Way footpath.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1100 – 1300

Location: Park in Burleigh Piece, Buckingham MK18 7HX and follow signs for the Buckingham Canal

Contact: Athina Beckett
athina.beckett@buckinghamcanal.org.uk
www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk

**88 Heritage Bike Ride with
The Parks Trust**

The Parks Trust

Join The Parks Trust for a fantastic ride around heritage sites in north Milton Keynes. Starting at Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve, this fun, family-friendly event takes you on a scenic cycling tour through north MK. The pace will be gentle and beginner-friendly, making it ideal for families and those looking for a relaxed group cycle. The total distance is approximately 12km and will take 90–120 minutes to complete.



Times: Sunday 13 Sept. 1100 – 1300 (approx.)

Location: Starts from Manor Farm Court, off Old Wolverton Road, MK12 5NN

Contact: David Lewis 07778 632551
www.theparkstrust.com

**89 The Stables Theatre
Building Tours**

The Stables Theatre

You've enjoyed the music in the Jim Marshall Auditorium, but have you ever wondered how The Stables works as a building? Led by The Stables' original architect Peter Hall, these Heritage Open Days tours will give you a unique opportunity to visit backstage areas and gain a better understanding of why The Stables is widely regarded as one of the UK's finest music venues. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 13 September, tours at 1100, 1200 & 1300

Location: The Stables, Stockwell Lane, Wavendon, Milton Keynes MK17 8LU

Contact/Book via: The Stables Box Office
01908 280800
www.stables.org

**90 Bradwell Abbey
Medieval Fayre**

MK City Discovery Centre

Find medieval merriment and fun for all the family at our annual event celebrating Heritage Open Days. Explore the medieval encampment with musical delights, herbalists and re-enactors. Mythical creatures will prowl the grounds and there'll be a chance to test your mettle in our sword school and have-a-go-archery.

Times: Sunday 13 September 1100 – 1500

Location: MK City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, Milton Keynes MK13 9AP

Contact: Richard Gregory 07951 997337
www.mkcdc.org.uk

**91 Castlethorpe Church
Open Day**

Parochial Parish Council of Ss Simon & Jude, Castlethorpe

The renovated medieval church of Ss Simon & Jude in Castlethorpe has late Norman architecture, an impressive 17th century monument to Sir Thomas Tyrrell and an environmentally friendly churchyard. We invite you to look around, ask questions and join us for refreshments.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1100 – 1600

Location: Ss Simon & Jude Church, 13-15 North Street, Castlethorpe MK19 7EW

Contact: Judi Leon 07533 773023
www.castlethorpechurch.org

**92 Westbury Arts Centre:
Artful Connections –
Works In Colour**

◆ Please see event 55 for full details ◆

**93 Wolverton Canal & Rail
Festival**

◆ Please see event 56 for full details ◆

94 Claydon House Open Days

◆ Please see event 12 for full details ◆

**95 Newport Pagnell Historical
Society Museum Open Days**

◆ Please see event 13 for full details ◆

96 St George The Martyr Wolverton Open Day

Alison Preston

Explore the history of St George's, uncovering stories of the local community. Many were connected to this church through weddings, baptisms and life events. Apprentices from the railway works made many of the fixtures and fittings of the church. Discover the intriguing lives of this community.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1200 – 1600
Location: St George The Martyr, St George's Way, Wolverton MK12 5EX
Contact: Alison Preston 07462 301853
www.wolvertonbenefice.org

97 Travels Through Time Exhibition – St Nicholas Newton Blossomville

◆ Please see event 63 for full details ◆

98 St Mary Magdalene Willen: MK Classical Guitar Society Concert

St Mary Magdalene Church

Listen to the classical guitar concert from MK Classical Guitar Society in this acoustic gem of a church.

Times: Sunday 13 September 1230 – 1330
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB
Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

99 Energy World Walkabouts: Shenley Lodge



Milton Keynes Forum

The Energy World housing exhibition held in 1986, was vitally important in leading the way for changes to increase energy efficiency in housing design and was a worthy successor to HomeWorld 81. The walk will be led by Tim Skelton, who was heavily involved in the exhibition. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1330 – 1530 & Wednesday 16 September 1000 – 1200
Location: Meet in Solar Square in front of the Meeting Place, Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge MK5 7DE
Contact/Book via: www.miltonkeynesforum.org

100 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

101 Greek Orthodox Community MK – A 1400 Years Bridge

Greek Orthodox Community MK

Both the Greek Orthodox Church and Swinfen Harris Church Hall will be open to commemorate the anniversary of a historical, cultural and religious event that occurred in 626AD in Istanbul (then Constantinople). Visitors will be able to explore both buildings and hear about the Community's customs and traditions and its connection – the "bridge" – to this event 1400 years ago.

Times: Sunday 13 September 1330 – 1630
Location: The Greek Orthodox Church and The Swinfen Harris Church Hall London Road, Stony Stratford MK11 1JA
Contact: Greek Orthodox Community
 MK 01280 820710

102 Guided Tour of The MK Rose



Milton Keynes Rose Trust

Guides will share information about the MK Rose's origins and growth, leading visitors around the site to highlight pillars with dates significant to MK's heritage, and provide brief historical context for each date.

Times: Sunday 13 September 1400 – 1500
Location: Milton Keynes Rose, Campbell Park, Central Milton Keynes
Contact: John Moffoot 07831 581199
www.miltonkeynesrose.org.uk

103 In Conversation with Roy Nevitt: Stantonbury Theatre – The Early Years



Stantonbury Gallery, Roy Nevitt, Shahnaz Hussain, James Tearle, Ryan Truscott

Shahnaz Hussain engages in conversation with Roy Nevitt as he regales a captive audience with tales of the beginnings of Stantonbury Theatre and the early productions that inspired its future development and its 50-year longevity in the community. Limited Spaces available. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 13 September 1400 – 1530
Location: Stantonbury Gallery, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN
Contact/Book via: www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk

104 St James The Great Hanslope Open Day

Hanslope & District Historical Society

Guided tours every hour, refreshments available. The church tower will be open for you to climb the tallest steeple in Buckinghamshire!

Times: Sunday 13 September 1400 – 1700
Location: St James The Great, Church End, off Market Square, Hanslope MK19 7LR
Contact: www.mkheritage.org.uk/hdhs
www.facebook.com/groups/StJamesHanslope

105 Pipe Organ Festival Celebrity Recital



Music for All @SMSG

A concert on the Willis organ. The organist and a full programme of the music to be played will be available nearer the time on the Organ festival page of the Music for All @ SMSG website.

Times: Sunday 13 September, concert 1500 – 1600, refreshments from 1430
Location: St Mary & St Giles Church, Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD
Contact: www.musicforallsmg.org/whats-on/festival/

106 Wolverton Society of Artists Exhibition

◆ Please see event 18 for full details ◆

Monday 14 September

107 "Stressed at Work? Blame the Clay!" Pottery Wheel Workshop at KeKo Club

Ukraine Appeal CIO & KeKo Club

Take a break from the daily grind and try pottery wheel tasters at KeKo Club. Discover the calming, playful side of ceramics through hands-on clay experiences inspired by creativity, wellbeing and traditional craft. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Monday 14 September 1000 – 1400
Location: Keko Club, 67B Union St, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8ET
Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/4aj2yu6u>
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

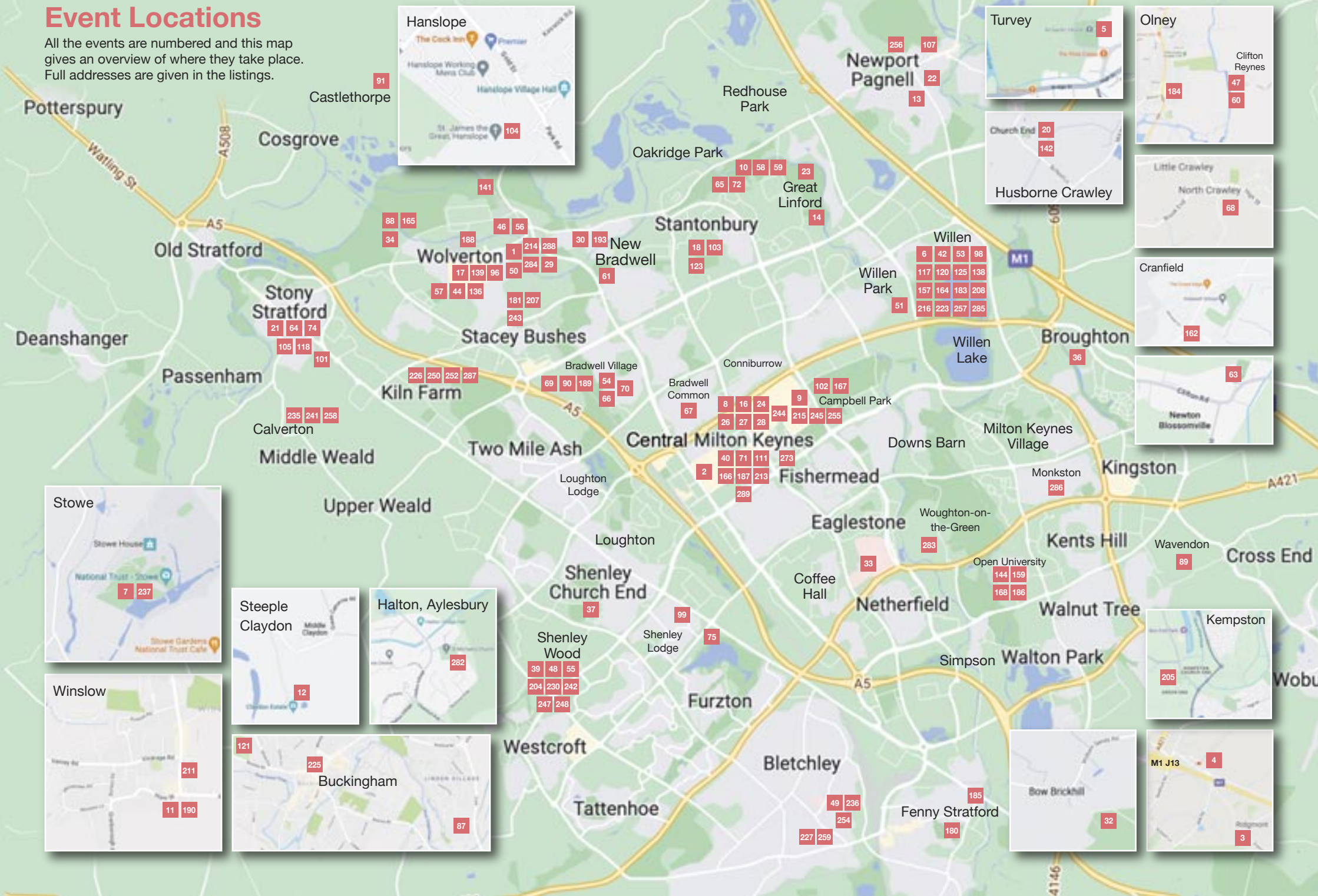
108 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

109 Yuliya Kharchenko: Art Is Advantage Exhibition

◆ Please see event 24 for full details ◆

All the events are numbered and this map gives an overview of where they take place. Full addresses are given in the listings.



110 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

111 Threads of Home, Memory and Heritage – A Living Ukrainian Home Installation

Ukraine Appeal CIO

Step inside a traditional Ukrainian home through an immersive installation exploring women's heritage, handmade textiles and everyday family life, preserved through generations of craft and memory. The project explores domestic culture and women's invisible contribution to preserving heritage through everyday life and handmade craft.

Times: Mon 14 September 1000 – 1600,
Tues 15, Wed 16, Thur 17 & Fri 18
September 1000 – 1800,
Sat 19 September 1000 – 1300

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300
Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES

Contact: Viktoriya Shtanko 0800 002 5707
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

112 Vyshyvanka: The Code Of Identity – Textile Exhibition

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

113 Threads Of Heritage: Hands-On Activity Corner

◆ Please see event 27 for full details ◆

114 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

◆ Please see event 6 for full details ◆

115 Stowe Gardens Open Days

◆ Please see event 7 for full details ◆

116 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

◆ Please see event 9 for full details ◆

117 Willen Walkabout

**St Mary Magdalene Willen &
Milton Keynes Forum**

Tim Skelton will lead a walk around the village looking at the buildings that pre-dated the development of the new city and, in particular, at the extent of the Conservation Area and the buildings that have been listed for protection by Historic England. Tea, cakes and plants available at the church afterwards! Pre-booking is required.

Times: Monday 14 September 1030 – 1200

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton
Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact/Book via: www.miltonkeynesforum.org

118 Robert Hooke & His Willen Church – As If He Didn't Have Enough To Do!

Friends of Stony Stratford Library

An inquisitive exploration of Robert Hooke's life and science. It will hypothesise how genius, timing and context may have converged to create Willen church which is one of Milton Keynes' most significant historic gems. It will take place upstairs in the Stony Stratford Library. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Monday 14 September 1245 – 1430

Location: Stony Stratford Library, 5-7 Church
Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD

Contact/Book via: Please email info@fossil.org.uk
www.fossil.org.uk

119 Claydon House Open Days

◆ Please see event 12 for full details ◆

120 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Willen Hospice Singers

Willen Village Historical Association

Enjoy an afternoon in this beautiful church being entertained by Willen Hospice Choir during their regular weekly practice.

Times: Monday 14 September 1330 – 1430

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton
Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

121 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Tour – Buckingham (Brackley Road) Cemetery

**Commonwealth War Graves
Commission (CWGC)**

Brackley Road Cemetery, Buckingham is the final resting place of 10 soldiers and airmen who died for their country during WW1 and WW2. Join us for this tour to hear their stories and find out about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's history. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Monday 14 September 1400 – 1500

Location: Brackley Road Cemetery, Brackley
Road, Buckingham MK18 1JA

Contact/Book via:
www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/

122 Palyanytsya Radio Show: Everyday Stories at Stony Radio



Ukraine Appeal CIO & Oksana Havrylova

A live community radio and storytelling experience exploring memory, identity and everyday life through voices, music and personal stories from the Ukrainian community in Milton Keynes. The project invites listeners to discover how radio can preserve cultural memory, create connection and give space to ordinary people's experiences during times of change and displacement. Listen online.



Times: Monday 14 September 1700 – 1800

Location: <https://www.stonyradio.com/listenlive>

Contact: Viktoriya Shtanko 0800 002 5707
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

123 Black Sheep Acting Skills Session

**Black Sheep Collective CIC &
Stantonbury Theatre**

For ages 18 and over, dive into your passion to be creative with an open session for our weekly drama classes hosted by Black Sheep Theatre! A safe inclusive space where everyone is welcome to be creative, learn new skills and connect with others. No experience required, just a passion for performing arts and a willingness to participate. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Monday 14 September 1800 – 1930

Location: Stantonbury Theatre, Stantonbury,
Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN

Contact/Book via: Georgia Tillery
georgia@blacksheepcollective.co.uk
www.blaacksheepcollective.co.uk

124 Wolverton Society of Artists Exhibition

◆ Please see event 18 for full details ◆

125 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Quorum Open Rehearsal

St Mary Magdalene Willen

Quorum is a chamber choir based at St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen who specialise in singing unaccompanied renaissance and contemporary sacred music. The choir is known for its innovative programming that showcases wonderful pieces which are not often performed. Enjoy listening to them tonight at their open rehearsal.

Times: Monday 14 September 2000 – 2130

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton
Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

Tuesday 15 September

126 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

127 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

128 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition

◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

129 Threads Of Heritage: Stories In Fabric Exhibition

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

130 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

◆ Please see event 6 for full details ◆

131 Stowe Gardens Open Days

◆ Please see event 7 for full details ◆

132 Yuliya Kharchenko: Art Is Advantage Exhibition

◆ Please see event 24 for full details ◆

133 Threads of Home, Memory and Heritage – A Living Ukrainian Home Installation

◆ Please see event 111 for full details ◆

134 Vyshyvanka: The Code Of Identity – Textile Exhibition

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

135 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

◆ Please see event 9 for full details ◆

136 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Tours – Wolverton Cemetery

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

Were you aware that Wolverton Cemetery contains the graves of 9 WW1 and WW2 casualties under the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission? On this tour you will be able to hear their stories and find out about the history of the CWGC. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Tuesday 15 September 1030 – 1130
Location: Wolverton Cemetery, Woburn Avenue, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5AZ

Contact/Book via:
www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/

137 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 49 for full details ◆

138 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Saxophrenia in Concert

Willen Village Historical Association

Lunch time Concert with Saxophrenia, a Sax Quartet playing classics, pop and more. Concert for 45 minutes and there will be refreshments after.

Times: Tuesday 15 September 1230 – 1330
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

139 Wolverton Trails Guided Walk



Wolverton Society for Arts & Heritage

A guided walk around Wolverton following the route of one of the trails on the MK Trails Wolverton phone app. Includes historical descriptions, photos and audio recordings of local residents. There is no need to possess a smartphone or download the app to enjoy this walk.

Times: Tuesday 15 September 1330 – 1430

Location: Meet in the foyer of the Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton MK12 5LY

Contact: Roger Kitchen 07951 537176

140 The First University of Eastern Europe – Online Lecture

Ukraine Appeal CIO & Nataliia Niekrasa

Discover the story of the Ostroh Academy – the first higher education institution in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Explore 450 years of education, printing, culture and intellectual heritage through an online talk. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Tuesday 15 September 1800 – 1900

Location: Online

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2p8p6h>
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

141 Woven Wetlands Wander: Wolverton



The Parks Trust & Milton Keynes Arts Centre

Join The Parks Trust and Milton Keynes Arts Centre for a wetlands wander, where you will learn about the history of heritage craft along the River Great Ouse, the plants and animals that can be found in these vital habitats and have a go at creating your very own mini cordage craft. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Tuesday 15 September 1800 – 1930

Location: Meet in Haversham Road Car Park, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK19 7AU

Contact/Book via:
www.facebook.com/theparkstrust/

142 Bedford Geological Society Presentation at St James Parish Church

St James Parochial Church Council

An explanation of how our area evolved geologically over the last 170 million years – and the influence that this geological history has had on today's landscape and why it is such an important part of our local heritage, including St James unique "green" Greensand.

Times: Tuesday 15 September 1930 – 2100

Location: St James Parish Church, School Lane, Husborne Crawley MK43 0UY

Contact: Nick Burton 07930 556012
www.hcrr.space/st-james

Wednesday 16 September

143 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

144 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings

The Open University

Throughout the day, OU Archive Cinema will be screening collected compilations of extracts from Open University programmes of the past. Each compilation runs for approximately 45 minutes. No booking required, but use the link in the Contact section for more details on how to attend.

Times: Wednesday 16 September
OU Historical Events: screenings at 0930 & 1245
MK In OU Programmes: screenings at 1030 & 1345
OU Teaching: screenings at 1130 & 1435

Location: Betty Boothroyd Library, Walton Hall Campus, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

Contact: www.university.open.ac.uk/library/library-resources/heritage-open-days

145 Energy World Walkabouts: Shenley Lodge

◆ Please see event 99 for full details ◆

146 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

147 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

148 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



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149 Threads Of Heritage: Stories In Fabric Exhibition

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

150 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

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155 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

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156 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings
MK In OU Programmes

◆ Please see event 144 for full details ◆

157 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Robert Hooke & His Willen Church Talk

St Mary Magdalene Church

Description: An inquisitive exploration of Robert Hooke's life and science, hypothesising how genius, timing, and context may have converged to create Willen church, one of Milton Keynes' most significant heritage gems.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1100 – 1200

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

158 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings
OU Teaching

◆ Please see event 144 for full details ◆

159 Open University – Campus Tours & Historical Display



The Open University

Visit the OU Library on the Open University campus to find out more about the history of the University and the Walton Hall estate. In-person historical campus tours & displays of archive materials and information about the university and estate.



Times: Wednesday 16 September,
Tours start 1200 & 1330
Display open 0900 – 1600

Location: Betty Boothroyd Library, Walton Hall Campus, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

Contact: www.university.open.ac.uk/library/library-resources/heritage-open-days

160 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings
OU Historical Events

◆ Please see event 144 for full details ◆

161 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings
MK In OU Programmes

◆ Please see event 144 for full details ◆

162 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Tours – St Peter & St Paul Church, Cranfield

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for the graves of 4 First World War and 11

Second World War casualties in the St Peter & St Paul

Churchyard in Cranfield. Join this tour to hear their stories and learn about the history of the CWGC. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1400 – 1500

Location: St Peter & St Paul Church, Court Road, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0DR

Contact/Book via:
www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/



163 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings
OU Teaching

◆ Please see event 144 for full details ◆

164 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Learn Sea Shanty Songs

Willen Village Historical Association

When school's out come and learn to sing Shanty Songs. Wear your stripey shirt and join the crew for an hour, whether you're 5 or 75. The Rolling Home band will lead this workshop and there will be refreshments.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1530 – 1630

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

165 Discover Old Wolverton Village & The Wetland Arc



The Parks Trust

Take a guided walk to find out about the heritage of this Scheduled Ancient Monument, which includes the site of a motte and bailey castle. Find out what the lumps and bumps in the landscape might be. You will also get the chance to learn more about the Wetland Arc project. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1700 – 1830

Location: Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, Milton Keynes MK12 5NN

Contact/Book via:
www.theparkstrust.com/events

166 Making Prypynda – Traditional Ukrainian Macramé and Textile Adornment Workshop

Ukraine Appeal CIO & Dana Heorhichuk

Discover the art of making Prypynda – a traditional-inspired Ukrainian macramé garment adornment. Learn knotting and decorative textile techniques through a hands-on heritage craft workshop. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1700 – 1830

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/nhshypmh>
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

167 Urban Narratives: CMK Photography Walk



Living Archive MK & Sabre Majid

Join artist and photographer Sabre Majid for a guided photo walk exploring the unique architecture of Central Milton Keynes. He will share insights into landmarks and lead mini photography activities. Bring your camera or smartphone, and enjoy a relaxed stroll while seeing the city from a new perspective. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Wednesday 16 September 1700 – 1900

Location: Meet at the Light Pyramid, Campbell Park, Milton Keynes MK9 3FZ

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/344shd43>
www.sabremajid.com

168 Energy World: 40 Years On – Film Screening



Living Archive MK

The premiere of Living Archive MK's film celebrating the 40th anniversary of the 1986 Energy World exhibition, featuring houses that were at the cutting edge of energy efficiency, the result of a collaboration between the Development Corporation and the Open University, seeking innovative ways to cut energy bills by maximising solar gain and improving insulation. Energy World: 40 years On tells this story and how the legacy of that work continues in Milton Keynes and elsewhere. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Wednesday 16 September 1730 – 1900
Location: Berrill Lecture Theatre, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA
Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/3pbywthb>
www.livingarchive.org.uk

Wednesday 16 September

169 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

170 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

171 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

172 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



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173 Threads Of Heritage: Stories In Fabric Exhibition

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

174 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

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175 Stowe Gardens Open Days

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179 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

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Thursday 17 September

180 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Tour – Manor Road Cemetery, Fenny Stratford

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

Manor Road Cemetery is the final resting place of 22 WW1 and WW2 casualties who are under the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Join this tour to hear their stories and find out about the history of the CWGC. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Thursday 17 September 1030 – 1200
Location: Bletchley (Manor Road) Cemetery, Manor Road, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes MK2 2HW

Contact/Book via:
www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/

181 MK Museum Open Days and Beer & Gin Festival

MK Museum volunteers

Milton Keynes Museum is where history comes to life – fascinating stories, exhibits we encourage you to touch, and loads to see for every age.



Browse our Street of Shops, explore toys from another age, call your friends in the Connected Earth gallery, experience a WWII air raid in our Anderson shelter, make hot buttered toast in the Farmhouse Kitchen and much, much more. All for free!

Times: Thursday 17, Friday 18, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 1030 – 1630
Location: MK Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL
Contact: Bill Griffiths 01908 316222
www.miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk

182 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 49 for full details ◆

183 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Go With The Flow – Willen Hospice Garden Tour

St Mary Magdalene Willen & Willen Hospice

Tour of Willen Hospice gardens, including the award-winning pocket garden (Silver Medal at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2025) at The Well. Led by Hospice Groundsperson Tom Burchmore.

Times: Thursday 17 September 1100 – 1200
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB
Contact: Sharon Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

184 Cowper & Newton Museum Heritage Open Day



Cowper & Newton Museum

Step back in time at Orchard Side, the home of poet and letter writer William Cowper. He took pleasure in nature, his garden and his friendship with John Newton. Find out more about these two significant 18th century characters through the Cowper & Newton Story. Historic house, gardens, gallery, and gift shop with refreshments available.



Times: Thursday 17 September 1100 – 1600
Location: Cowper & Newton Museum, Orchard Side, Market Place, Olney MK46 4AJ
Contact: House Manager 01234 711516
www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

185 Talk & Glide: Taster Trip on MK Community Boat Electra with A Short History of MK Canals – Fenny Stratford

MK Community Boat Electra

One-hour Talk & Glide Events let you find out about the first 225 years of canal history in MK – and what the future may hold. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of a short cruise on the Grand Union Canal, on all-electric MK Community Boat Electra. Pre-booking is required (booking opens 1st August).

Times: Thursday 17 & Saturday 19 September, tours at 1200, 1330 & 1500

Location: Fenny Stratford Bollard adjacent to Watling Street Bridge, approximate postcode: MK1 2AU

Contact/Book via: www.bmkwaterway.org/electra/ – use promo code HODSFREE

186 Celebrating the first public statue of the politician Jennie Lee (1904-1988)

The Open University

Join us for a special evening to celebrate the first public statue of trailblazing politician Jennie Lee, unveiled in 2026 by Milton Keynes City Council. With a range of speakers including sculptor Andy Edwards, all with an interest in Jennie Lee are warmly invited. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Thursday 17 September 1700 – 1800

Location: The Berrill Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/2vuehya5> www.university.open.ac.uk/library/library-resources

187 Reconnect to You: Stories, Reflection and Creative Recovery

Ukraine Appeal CIO & Iryna Kokhanovska

A creative journaling session inspired by the wellbeing course Telling My Story. Explore reflection, creativity and personal storytelling through guided exercises supporting resilience and self-expression. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Thursday 17 September 1700 – 1900

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/49837ydt> www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

188 A Celebration of the Wolverton Royal Train

Living Archive MK

With the Royal Train due to be decommissioned in early 2027, this presentation celebrates 150 plus years of association with Wolverton Works via its builds, maintenance and operation, and specifically highlights the unique duties of generations of Wolverton's skilled staff and their relationship with the Royal Family whilst travelling with the Royal Train. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Thursday 17 September 1830 – 1930

Location: The Old Bath House, 205 Stratford Road, Wolverton MK12 5RL

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/2tr5kvx8> www.livingarchive.org.uk

189 Digging In A New Town – Archaeology In Milton Keynes

Living Archive MK

The premiere of Living Archive MK's film to celebrate the work of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation's Archaeological Unit, centred around a roundtable discussion with former members of the Unit who discussed their work and some of their key finds. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Thursday 17 September 1900 – 2100

Location: MK City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, Milton Keynes MK13 9AP

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/2tr5kvx8> www.livingarchive.org.uk

190 Buckinghamshire's First Feminist Poet: The Life of Sarah Fyge Egerton (1668–1723) and her Death at Winslow

Winslow History Project & Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

A talk by David Noy, the author of a newly published book about the life of a remarkable woman from an old Winslow family. She also lived at Shenley and Adstock, and her last poem was once on display in Winslow Church, which still has a silver salver she donated.

Times: Thursday 17 September 1930 – 2030

Location: St Laurence Church, High Street, Winslow MK18 3AB

Contact: David Noy 07713 641238

Friday 18 September

191 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

192 Tours of Unity Place

◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

193 Railway Cottages Talk & Tours

Rainbow Housing Co-Operative

Railway Cottages, Spencer Street was one of the streets built by the LNWR to house rail workers in the 1860s. It fell into disrepair and the surrounding streets were demolished, but MKDC decided to keep Spencer Street for heritage purposes. This coincided with a request from a group looking to set up a Housing Co-operative. Rainbow Housing Co-Op was set up in 1978 and is still going strong forty plus years later. Learn the history of the cottages and take a walk around the exterior.



Times: Friday 18 & Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1200

Location: Meet at 9 Spencer Street, New Bradwell MK13 0DW

Contact: rainbowhousingcoop@gmail.com

194 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

195 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆



**196 Work In Progress:
The Working Life Of Turvey
Over Time – Exhibition**



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

**197 Threads Of Heritage:
Stories In Fabric Exhibition**

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

**198 St Mary Magdalene Willen:
Open Days & Plant Sale**

◆ Please see event 6 for full details ◆

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and Heritage – A Living
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**203 The Luxury of Space:
Architecture in Central
Milton Keynes**

◆ Please see event 9 for full details ◆

**204 Ancient Woodland Wander:
Shenley Wood**



The Parks Trust & Westbury Arts Centre

Join The Parks Trust for a wander around Shenley Wood, one of MK's ancient woodlands where you will explore the heritage of the area. This walk will start and finish at Westbury Arts Centre, where you will be able to use the facilities and find yourself some tasty refreshments. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 18 September 1030 – 1200

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact/Book via:
www.theparkstrust.com/events/

**205 Commonwealth War Graves
Commission Tours –
Kempston Cemetery**

**Commonwealth War Graves
Commission (CWGC)**

Kempston Cemetery is the final resting place of 28 casualties from the First World War and 36 from the Second. Join this tour to hear some of their stories and find out about the history of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and its work today. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Friday 18 September 1030 – 1200

Location: Kempston Cemetery, Green End Road, Kempston MK43 8RJ

Contact/Book via:
www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/

**206 MK Museum Open Days
and Beer & Gin Festival**

◆ Please see event 181 for full details ◆

**207 World War 1 Exhibition
by The Western Front
Association**

**Milton Keynes Branch of the
Western Front Association**

See what life was like in the trenches in WW1 and the worst, and best, aspects of living in one. Listen to songs from the era. Find out about WW1 artists, poets, composers and writers, local boy soldiers, women in the war, how children helped the war effort and the inventions that came out of the war. Handle genuine and replica WW1 artefacts. There will also be displays related to tracing your World War 1 ancestor.



Times: Friday 18, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 1030 – 1630

Location: MK Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton MK12 5EL

Contact: Anne McIntyre 07956 625722

**208 St Mary Magdalene Willen:
Living Archive MK Talk**

**Willen Village Historical Association &
St Mary Magdalene Church**

Who or what is Living Archive MK? Come and discover what LAMK means to Milton Keynes as LAMK Chair Roger Kitchen discusses its 40+ years of preserving, sharing and celebrating MK's stories and its pioneering creative work within the local community.

Times: Friday 18 September 1100 – 1200

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

209 Claydon House Open Days

◆ Please see event 12 for full details ◆

**210 Newport Pagnell Historical
Society Museum Open Days**

◆ Please see event 13 for full details ◆

**211 Winslow History Walk:
Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers**

Winslow History Project

A tour of Winslow starting from 28 High Street (Town Council offices), looking at some of the houses built or altered by doctors and lawyers, and some of the buildings which have been used as schools, with stories of the people who lived there. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 18 September 1400 – 1515 (28 High St open from 1345)

Location: Starts from 28 High Street, Winslow MK18 3HF

Contact/Book via: David Noy
d.noy@btinternet.com or 07713 641238

212 Tours of Unity Place

◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

**213 The Taste of Ukrainian
Tradition at Sweet Dreams**

Ukraine Appeal CIO & Sweet Dreams

Join Iryna Kirianenko from Sweet Dreams pastry shop for a hands-on varenyky (Eng: dumplings) workshop and discover Ukrainian baking traditions. Visitors can learn family recipes, explore dessert culture and enjoy a buffet of handcrafted sweet treats. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Friday 18 September 1700 – 1900

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/ybkavwyh>
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

214 Life In Wolverton's Railway Works with Philip Marsh



Living Archive MK & Philip Marsh

What was it like to have worked in Wolverton's railway Works throughout its 188 year history? What jobs were there and what were the conditions like? How safe was it? A collation of memories and stories of employment 'back in the day' drawn from a wide range of conversations and archives will be discussed at this event. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Friday 18 September 1845 – 1945

Location: Market Hall, Glyn Square, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5JQ

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/myzeh5zh>
www.livingarchive.org.uk

215 The MK Hip Hop Project: Documentary Film Premiere

Living Archive MK

Join Living Archive MK as we screen our latest documentary that tells the story of the hip hop scene in Milton Keynes, from its earliest days in the 1980s to the present. Our friends from Break To The Beat will be DJing too so come and join the party! Pre-booking is required.



Times: Friday 18 September 1900 – 2100

Location: The Sky Room, MK Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/4vu35e24>
www.livingarchive.org.uk

216 St Mary Magdalene Willen: MK Films Double Bill

Willen Village Historical Association

Join us tonight as we screen two documentary films from Living Archive MK. The first, Milton Keynes: Energy Capital UK, looks at the city's contribution to how we understand energy efficiency; the second, The Last Harvest, follows life at Heritage Farm in Moulsoe for the family who farmed there in the final year before the land was sold for development. Popcorn & wine available.

Times: Friday 18 September 1930 – 2130

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

Saturday 19 September

217 Under The Grid – Celebrating MK Hip Hop Culture

◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

218 Railway Cottages Talk & Tours

◆ Please see event 193 for full details ◆

219 Everyday Lives In Newport Pagnell

◆ Please see event 22 for full details ◆

220 Yuliya Kharchenko: Art Is Advantage Exhibition

◆ Please see event 24 for full details ◆

221 Threads Of Heritage: Stories In Fabric Exhibition

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

222 Vyshyvanka: The Code Of Identity – Textile Exhibition

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

223 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Heritage Cuppa & Cake with Quorum

St Mary Magdalene Willen

Enjoy cake and a cuppa in our beautiful church and its gardens that are maintained by a group of volunteers from Willen community. Quorum will be singing from 1000 – 1200. Homegrown plants for sale too.

Times: Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1500

Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

224 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

225 Buckingham Old Gaol: Everyday Lives



Old Gaol Trustees & Volunteers

Main focus on local author Flora Thompson, and local businesses.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1600

Location: Buckingham Old Gaol, Market Hill, Buckingham MK18 1JX

Contact: Angela Brock 07811 084660
www.buckinghamoldgaol.org.uk

226 Men In Sheds MK Heritage Weekend

Men In Sheds MK

Men in Sheds MK welcomes everyone to see our wood and metal workshops, and laser and 3D printers. Enjoy a barbeque and our woodworking and other crafts all on display. Refreshments available and a great model railway. Raffle and tombola and lots of friendly members to chat to and find out more about us.



Photo: Claire Naylor

Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 1000 – 1600

Location: Men In Sheds MK, 30 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm MK11 3HB

Contact: Victoria Amos 07462 115754
www.meninsheds.mk.org.uk

227 St Mary's Bletchley – Eco Art Exhibition

St Mary's Church

Our Planet. Our Voices. Our Future. An eco-art exhibition showcasing our local community's creativity, to inspire environmental action. You can also explore St Mary's Church; a Grade 1 listed building with architectural features from many centuries including a Norman archway, medieval tomb and 19th century-stained glass windows. See if you can find the medieval graffiti and the stonemason marks. Refreshments served on both days.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1600, Sunday 20 September 1300 – 1600

Location: St Mary's Church, Church Green Road, Bletchley MK3 6BJ

Contact: Deborah Snook 07866 699295
www.stmarysbletchley.org

228 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

229 Work In Progress: The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

230 Westbury Arts Centre: Inspired By The Garden – Mini Makers Sculpture Trail & Guided Walks



Westbury Arts Centre

Inspired by the Garden: Mini Makers Sculpture Trail leads families through Westbury Arts Centre's sculpture garden to explore shape, pattern, and texture. Using artist designed prompts, art cupboard supplies, and natural materials, families create their own mini sculptures in a relaxed drop in session encouraging curiosity and imaginative making. RSVP via booking link.



Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September
Drop-in making sessions 1000 – 1600
Guided walks at 1100 & 1300

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact/Book via: www.westburyartscentre.org.uk/heritage-open-days

231 Threads Of Heritage: Stories In Fabric Exhibition

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

232 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

◆ Please see event 6 for full details ◆

233 Stowe Gardens Open Days

◆ Please see event 7 for full details ◆

234 The Luxury of Space: Architecture in Central Milton Keynes

◆ Please see event 9 for full details ◆

235 Calverton All Saints Church Open Day



Calverton Records Project

Calverton All Saints Church and Bell Tower will be open all day with heritage exhibition displays in both the Church itself and the ringing room of the bell tower. Teas and refreshments will be available from inside the Church. Tables and seating will be provided inside and out.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1000 – 1700

Location: All Saints Church, Church Hill, Calverton, MK19 6EE

Contact: David Muston 07980 009246
www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton

236 Bletchley Park: Bed and Board – The Everyday Lives Of The Codebreakers



Bletchley Park

The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park faced more than the formidable challenge of encrypted enemy messages. They also navigated the realities of working on a country estate, while living in an area ill-equipped for the sudden arrival of nearly 9,000 newcomers. This talk brings their experiences to life in their own words. Includes free entry to explore the Park after the talk. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 19 September 1030 – 1130

Location: Bletchley Park's Fellowship Auditorium, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, MK3 6EB

Contact/Book via: www.bletchleypark.org.uk

237 Gothic Temple (Stowe) Open Days

The Landmark Trust

On Saturday 19 September and Sunday 20 September, in addition to exploring Stowe's 250 acres of landscape gardens for free, you'll be able to see inside the Gothic Temple – usually an exclusive holiday cottage for the Landmark Trust. Pre-booking is required for this part of your visit to Stowe.

Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September
1030 – 1630

Location: The Gothic Temple, Stowe Gardens, Stowe, MK18 5EQ

Contact/Book via: www.landmarktrust.org.uk

238 MK Museum Open Days and Beer & Gin Festival

◆ Please see event 181 for full details ◆

239 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 49 for full details ◆

240 World War 1 Exhibition by The Western Front Association

◆ Please see event 207 for full details ◆

241 Calverton History Walk



Calverton Records Project

The 1½ mile Guided Walk starts from

Calverton All Saints Church front porch and features the everyday histories of working lives from around the village and its farms. Although mostly agricultural, it takes in lacemaking, quarrying, brick and pit-prop making, baking and brewing before returning to ploughing and modern sheep farming. Pre-booking is advised.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1100 – 1230

Location: All Saints Church, Church Hill, Calverton, MK19 6EE

Contact/Book via: David Muston 07980 009246
www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton

242 Westbury Arts Centre: A Quick 2000 Year Tour



Westbury Arts Centre

Westbury has been an occupied site since pre-history and has a history that pre-dates the Norman Conquest. Come and let us take you through this fascinating history that encompasses more than two millennia! Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September,
tours at 1100 & 1300

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact/Book via: www.westburyartscentre.org.uk

243 Discover Bancroft Roman Villa



The Parks Trust & Milton Keynes Museum

On this circular walk starting from MK Museum we will explore the villa, identifying the rooms and discussing who may have lived there, and will walk past the site of the Roman mausoleum. We will then walk back to MK Museum to see some of the finds – including a Roman mosaic, fresco, coins, and jewellery. The event is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in your local Roman culture! Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1100 – 1300

Location: Starts from the car park, MK Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton MK12 5EL

Contact/Book via: www.theparkstrust.com/events

244 MK LGBTQ+ Heritage Walk (CMK)



Q:alliance

Would you like to find out about the LGBTQ+ heritage of MK over the last 50 years, and the spaces where the LGBTQ+ community has come together to meet up in safe spaces? Come along to our relaxed heritage walk to find out more. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1100 – 1300

Location: Meet by The Whisperer statue, MK Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL

Contact/Book via: www.qalliance.org.uk/events

245 Meet The Artist – The Luxury Of Space: Architecture in CMK

Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Join us for the launch of See:MK, a new digital gallery on the 14th floor of Hotel La Tour. The opening exhibition is a chance to meet artist, Sabre Majid, and discover more about the city's 20th century heritage. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1100 – 1400

Location: 14th Floor, Hotel La Tour, 400 Marlborough Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 3FP

Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/3ss4jcx2>

246 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Children's Art & Crafts Workshop

◆ Please see event 53 for full details ◆

247 Westbury Arts Centre: Legacy – an exhibition of artworks from Westbury's archives & private collections



The Artist Collective at Westbury

The exhibition is designed to provoke memories of the art created at Westbury from the early 1990s to the present day, offering visitors a chance to contribute their personal reminiscences to research being carried out by Yvonne and Frances.

Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 1100 – 1600

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact: Westbury Arts Centre 01908 501214 www.westburyartscentre.org.uk

248 Westbury Arts Centre: We Made This – Student Art Exhibition

Westbury Arts Centre Students

The Barn Gallery at Westbury Arts Centre will be taken over by our creative learning students in an exhibition celebrating their imagination, dedication, and artistic growth. This special event offers students on our courses and art clubs the chance to share their achievements with family and friends, transforming the gallery into a space filled with personal stories, new skills, and creative confidence.



Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 1100 – 1600

Location: Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA

Contact: Westbury Arts Centre 01908 501214 www.westburyartscentre.org.uk

249 Claydon House Open Days

◆ Please see event 12 for full details ◆

250 Arts Central Studios: Studio Tours

Arts Central Studios

Hidden inside one of Milton Keynes' original warehouse buildings, Arts Central is the city's largest community of artists with over eighty studios. Usually not open to the public, Arts Central Studios brings this rare, behind the scenes peek with a tour by one of our resident artists. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September, tours at 1200, 1330 & 1500

Location: Arts Central Studios, 18-20 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK11 3HB

Contact/Book via: www.tickettailor.com/events/artscentralstudios www.artscentralstudios.co.uk

251 Talk & Glide: Taster Trip on MK Community Boat Electra with A Short History of MK Canals – Fenny Stratford



◆ Please see event 185 for full details ◆

252 Arts Central Studios: (Sub)Urban – Art Exhibition

Arts Central Studios

Arts Central Studios, Milton Keynes' largest community of artists, presents (Sub)Urban – an art exhibition from the hidden art scene at the heart of one of the city's oldest industrial estates. The exhibition is an eclectic mix of genres highlighting the diverse local talents working out of Arts Central Studios.



Times: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 1200 – 1600

Location: Arts Central Studios, 18-20 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK11 3HB

Contact: Arts Central Studios 01908 635903 www.artscentralstudios.co.uk

253 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

◆ Please see event 13 for full details ◆

254 Bletchley Park: Family Fun Activity Trail – Become A Bletchley Park Recruit



Bletchley Park

Uncover the remarkable stories of the people who worked at Bletchley Park with an interactive family activity trail. At different spots around the site, stop at a hands-on activity station and have a go at some of the jobs that kept Bletchley running. From the famous Huts to the iconic Mansion, explore the real locations across the site where different people worked, and discover why every single role mattered. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 19 September 1230 – 1700

Location: Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, MK3 6EB

Contact/Book via: www.bletchleypark.org.uk

255 MK Gallery Architecture Tour – Celebrating The Spirit Of Early MK

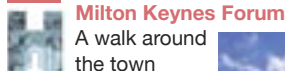
MK Gallery

Join us for a tour of MK Gallery's buildings with our brilliant volunteer tour guides including Rebuild and Expansion Consultant Project Manager Steve. Together, we will take a unique look at the building's architecture and discuss its evolution following the 2019 redevelopment. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1300 – 1400
Location: MK Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA
Contact/Book via: www.mkgallery.org

256 Newport Pagnell Walkabout



Milton Keynes Forum

A walk around the town looking in particular at the work of two prominent local Victorian architects – Edward Swinfen Harris and Richard Sheppard. We will look in particular at the house built for Frederick Taylor (of mustard fame) and visit the family tomb in the churchyard. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Saturday 19 September 1330 – 1530
Location: Meet outside the Newport Pagnell Medical Centre (Queen's Avenue/High Street), MK16 8QT
Contact/Book via: www.miltonkeynesforum.org

257 St Mary Magdalene Willen: The Cryers In Concert

Willen Village Historical Association

The Cryers Concert – Madrigals.

Times: Saturday 19 September 1430 – 1600
Location: St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB
Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

258 Calverton Church History Talk



Calverton Records Project

The talk, by David Muston, covers the construction, rebuilding and adornment of this Grade II* listed building through a series of phases, from the late Middle Ages to the mid-Victorian period. It delves into the history and identifies the key personalities responsible for the many changes and embellishments including the respected local architect and designer Edward Swinfen-Harris.

Times: Saturday 19 September 1600 – 1700
Location: All Saints Church, Church Hill, Calverton MK19 6EE
Contact: David Muston 07980 009246
www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton

259 Tales Tattled & Told at The Rectory Cottages



Tales Tattled & Told

Who are the faces on the ceiling of the Rectory Cottages? What is Bletchley's connection to the suffragette movement? Are there yet more secrets of Bletchley Park to be revealed? What of the de Grey family and Lady Jane Grey, the Nine Days Queen? Local history and tall tales from Bletchley's best storytellers, including Stella Girvin, Lynette Hill, Stephen Hobbs, Pete Boyce and a special appearance by local history expert Terrie Howey-Moore. Pre-booking is required.

Times: Saturday 19 September, 1900 for a 1930 start
Location: Rectory Cottages, 49 Church Green Road, Bletchley MK3 6BJ
Contact: Lynette Hill 07788 374082

Sunday 20 September

260 All Saints Church Ridgmont Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

261 Men In Sheds MK Heritage Weekend

◆ Please see event 226 for full details ◆

262 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

263 Westbury Arts Centre: Inspired By The Garden – Mini Makers Sculpture Trail & Guided Walks



◆ Please see event 230 for full details ◆

264 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Open Days & Plant Sale

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265 Stowe Gardens Open Days

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◆ Please see event 12 for full details ◆

268 Gothic Temple (Stowe) Open Days

◆ Please see event 237 for full details ◆

269 MK Museum Open Days and Beer & Gin Festival

◆ Please see event 181 for full details ◆

270 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 49 for full details ◆

271 World War 1 Exhibition by The Western Front Association

◆ Please see event 207 for full details ◆

272 Westbury Arts Centre: A Quick 2000 Year Tour

◆ Please see event 242 for full details ◆

273 MK Caribbean Carnival Experience: Mini Carnival Village



Carnival Arts Development MK (CADMK)

Experience a vibrant Caribbean carnival village with free workshops, music and activities including headdress making, steelbands and facepainting. A fun, family-friendly introduction to carnival culture in Milton Keynes, celebrating the heritage and traditions of Caribbean carnival, highlighting its roots in community, creativity, and storytelling.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1100 – 1600
Location: Midsummer Place Shopping Centre, 67 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3GB
Contact: Ian Nicholas 07488 261531
www.carnivalartsmk.co.uk

274 Westbury Arts Centre:
Legacy – an exhibition of artworks from Westbury's archives & private collections
 ♦ Please see event 247 for full details ♦

275 Westbury Arts Centre:
We Made This – Student Art Exhibition
 ♦ Please see event 248 for full details ♦

276 Claydon House Open Days
 ♦ Please see event 12 for full details ♦

277 Arts Central Studios:
Studio Tours
 ♦ Please see event 250 for full details ♦

278 Arts Central Studios:
(Sub)Urban – Art Exhibition
 ♦ Please see event 252 for full details ♦

279 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days
 ♦ Please see event 13 for full details ♦

280 St Mary's Bletchley – Eco Art Exhibition
 ♦ Please see event 227 for full details ♦

281 Work In Progress:
The Working Life Of Turvey Over Time – Exhibition
 ♦ Please see event 5 for full details ♦

282 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Tours – Halton Churchyard
Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)

St Michael & All Angels churchyard, Halton (near Aylesbury) is the final resting place for 104 WW1 and WW2 casualties. Join this tour to hear the stories of some of the fallen and learn about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's history. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1400 – 1530
Location: St Michael & All Angels Church, Church View, Halton, Aylesbury HP22 5PA
Contact/Book via:
www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/

283 Community Orchard Foraging Walk

The Parks Trust
 Join the Mid

Shires Orchard Group and The Parks Trust on an amble through the Woughton on the Green Community Orchard to learn about the apple varieties growing there and discover some helpful foraging tips! Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1400 – 1530
Location: Woughton on the Green Community Orchard, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green MK6 3BS
Contact/Book via:
www.theparkstrust.com/events/

284 Market Hall, Wolverton – Come & Explore
Future Wolverton Ltd
 Come and explore Wolverton's original Market Hall, built in 1887 and recently acquired by Future Wolverton. Find out about the history of the building, share stories of its many uses over time and hear about Future Wolverton's plans to create a vibrant arts and cultural space for the whole of Milton Keynes.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1400 – 1600
Location: Market Hall, Glyn Square, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5JQ
Contact: Marie Osborne – 07967 059423
www.futurewolverton.org/hod26

285 St Mary Magdalene Willen: Tree Cathedral Service

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Service for all at the Tree Cathedral, familiar music and hymns. Led by the Ministers of Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1500 – 1600
Location: The Tree Cathedral, Newlands, Milton Keynes MK15 0DL
Contact: Sharron Marland
smarland8@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

286 Maharashtra: Living Heritage Experience
KalaSanskriti UK

A welcoming cultural journey celebrating the everyday lives, traditions, skills, and communities that shaped Maharashtra — the culturally rich state of western India that is home to Mumbai. Inspired by the HODs 2026 theme of Everyday Histories, the event explores how ordinary people and working communities helped preserve traditions across generations, with exhibitions, storytelling, live performances, interactive displays, music and crafts.

Times: Sunday 20 September 1500 – 1800
Location: Monkston Community Centre St Bartholomews, Monkston, Milton Keynes MK10 9FJ
Contact: KalaSanskriti UK 07721 930872

287 Arts Central Studios: Ugly By Design – Architect Talk

Arts Central Studios

Arts Central Studios, Milton Keynes' largest community of artists, is housed in one of the city's original industrial buildings. Join us for a conversation with local architects and former city planners, to discuss the way the building and others like it have contributed to the new city as it developed. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1600 – 1800
Location: Arts Central Studios, 18-20 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK11 3HB
Contact/Book via:
www.tickettailor.com/events/artscentralstudios
www.artscentralstudios.co.uk

Future Wolverton Ltd & Sustainable MK
Tea dances were held in the Veteran's Social Club at the Market Hall throughout its life as part of the Wolverton Works. Today Future Wolverton & Sustainable MK revive that tradition this afternoon with a family tea dance, with ballroom and social dancing with afternoon tea, cakes, and light refreshments. Tickets must be booked in advance for the Tea Dance via Future Wolverton's website.



The image shows the 'Get Around MK' logo at the top, with 'MK' in large, stylized blue and green letters. Below the logo is a row of six icons, each with a corresponding label: a red bicycle for 'Get Cycling', a green walking figure for 'Get Walking', a purple bus for 'Get on Board', an orange car for 'Get Sharing', two yellow mobile phones for 'Get Smart', and a purple house with a person icon for 'Get Connected'.

Ukraine Appeal CIO

Enjoy a humorous theatre performance exploring the chaos, creativity and invisible work of volunteers through relatable stories, community humour and everyday moments that keep people and events together. Pre-booking is required.



Times: Sunday 20 September 1800 – 2000
Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300
 Saxon Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES
Contact/Book via: <https://tinyurl.com/57s64e37>
www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

290 Campbell Park Trail

Campbell Park was 40 years old in 2024 so The Parks Trust, together with Living Archive MK, Milton Keynes City Council and MK Community Foundation have created a trail for visitors to discover more about Milton Keynes' central park. The trail includes interviews with some of its designers and those who look after the park today, as well as plans and drawings from the archives that show the incredible vision of Milton Keynes Development Corporation – the organisation that created Milton Keynes.

Find out more: www.theparkstrust.com/our-work/heritage/campbell-park-trail/

291 Cultural Trail Bike Rides

Get Cycling Team MKCC

Milton Keynes has five different cultural trails all mapped and signposted along the Redways and leisure paths which allow you to explore different cultural venues, public art, and points of heritage interest. Whilst you're visiting various different events and venues arranged for Heritage Open Days, why not cycle or walk? Our cultural trails are an excellent way to discover MK whilst going between venues. The trails can either go hand in hand with events or they can be cycled individually. Each route offers a different outlook on Milton Keynes, from lakes to dinosaurs.



Times: Maps available online 11 – 20 September inclusive

Location: <http://getaroundmk.org.uk/cycling/where-to-ride/cultural-routes>
<http://www.twitter.com/GetAroundMK>
<http://www.facebook.com/GetAroundMK>

Contact: cycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Walks and virtual tours of Milton Keynes' villages, towns, churches and historic buildings.
Download from:
www.mkheritage.org.uk/topics/tours-and-trails/

A walk designed by Willen Primary School children. Approximately 45 minutes long and wheelchair friendly. It explains the history of the buildings and how newer areas came into being. Leaflet available to download from: www.mkheritage.org.uk/topics/tours-and-trails/ (click on the Willen Lake PDF).



Via the MK Trails app

The MK Trails app is available to download free from Google Play and the Apple Store

294 Homeworld 40 Trail

Homeworld '81 was the first of three international housing exhibitions held in Milton Keynes. The others were EnergyWorld in 1986 and FutureWorld in 1994. It was organised by Milton Keynes Development Corporation – the Government agency responsible for developing the New City between 1967-92. This walk takes you around the exhibition site to see what we can now see of the thirty-six homes which were part of the original exhibition. There are a number of other homes on the site which were built after the exhibition – some of which are mentioned on the walk.

295 MK Skate Trail

The MK Skate Trail takes you through Central Milton Keynes, from MK Gallery downhill to The Buszy and Station Square. Primarily focussed on the skateboarding heritage of the city, the route also demonstrates how the architecture and design of Central Milton Keynes has resulted in skaters from far and wide visiting to enjoy the many ledges and rails on offer. The route is approximately two miles and is suitable for walking, cycling and skateboarding.



296 MK Trails Wolverton, Soulbury & Olney Trail apps

These apps will guide you around some of the landmarks and histories of the local area. More trails are being added.

297 Netherfield Heritage Trail

Netherfield, one of MK's earliest housing projects, was designed by four architects who went on to design opera houses, galleries and city halls. The Netherfield Heritage Trail is found on the MK Trails phone app (Apple or Android) and takes you around the estate, looking out for different housing styles, landscape features and community landmarks, putting them into the wider context of the early history of Milton Keynes.



298 Pilgrim Trail

This trail runs along the western edge of Milton Keynes, taking in medieval sites along an imagined pilgrimage route through the city. It takes us from Tattenhoe Church (which has many stones from the original Snelshall Priory site) to the chapel of St Mary at Bradwell Abbey. As well as walking, most of the route can be cycled and is accessible, apart from some rough ground on the bridleway and a stepped railway bridge which can be avoided. The trail is never far from Milton Keynes grid roads and redways so can easily be broken up into shorter sections or loops if 8 miles is too far for one day.



299 Station to Station: Bletchley & Fenny Stratford

This trail takes you from the nineteenth century railway town of Bletchley to the ancient market town of Fenny Stratford. Starting at Bletchley Railway Station we follow the development of the township through the history of its transport links, its shops, its industries, and its residents. The walk is suitable for all abilities, is approximately 2 miles long and should take between 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Trains run every hour from Fenny Stratford back to Bletchley Station.



MK New City Archive

Milton Keynes City
Archive

Milton Keynes has a rich heritage to be proud of. From historic market towns and ancient villages to the pioneering delivery of the largest post-war new town. Milton Keynes' archives capture the story of new town to new city. Using archival material to engage new and existing communities, an exciting and engagement programme of tours and trails, film screenings, events and discussions has been developed for everyone to enjoy. Find out more: www.mkarchive.city

300 Look Again

Design Heritage Trail

More things to see and do with the Look Again trail!

Come and discover our amazing architecture, public art, heritage and green spaces in central Milton Keynes. Tell us via the feedback button how we can grow and improve the trail in future www.lookagainmk.city

Times: Anytime, self-guided
Location: See website for details of Special events



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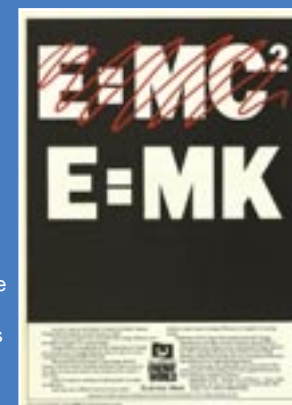
Pooleyville

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Energy World, one of Milton Keynes' most ambitious and influential sustainability projects. Opened in 1986, Energy World was the city's second innovative housing exhibition, created in response to ongoing concerns about energy efficiency, environmental sustainability, and the future of housing.

Forty years later, the challenges that inspired Energy World are more relevant than ever. As the UK works towards achieving net zero, the principles demonstrated by the pioneering homes, energy efficiency, renewable energy integration, climate-responsive design, and sustainable communities, continue to shape the way we plan and build our cities.

This anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on Energy World's legacy but also to look forward to how Milton Keynes remains at the forefront of these conversations. Through a series of events as part of Heritage Open Days 2026, and as part of MK60 in 2027, Pooleyville will bring together partners and local residents to celebrate and explore this vitally important theme.

For more information on the programme, please visit: www.mkarchive.city





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Culture MK

The Culture Team sits in Planning and Placemaking and is the Council team responsible for the Strategic delivery of MK Heritage Open Days, the Creative and Cultural Strategy 2018 – 2027 and for developing cultural provision in the New City.

For more information see: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/culture

Get Involved

We value your thoughts and comments on Heritage Open Days including any ideas for future events. To tell us more, contact the Council:

Email: culture@milton-keynes.gov.uk

www.heritageopendays.org.uk



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