

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2024



Wharf Wide Web

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A video series exploring how one small place in England was the nexus to a global network for over 200 years, and how it helped shape the industrial revolution.

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Saturday 7th September

St Mary's Church Open Day

**St Mary's Church, Great Sankey.
1000-1400**

Visit our 18th century grade II listed church building and learn more about this place of worship and its people over the years. A wonderful mix of old and new elements, the building underwent a major restoration in 2008.

Take a Journey into Padgate and Fearnhead's Past

Padgate Library. 1030-1230

Find out more about Padgate and Fearnhead through photographs and maps or bring along your own photographs and memories to share in the group's project to record the changing face of the district.

Old Billy's Homecoming Parade

**Westy Community Centre,
Latchford. 1230 (craft) and
1330 (parade)**

Take part in a very special homecoming parade and workshop for the oldest horse in the big wide world! To celebrate the return of Old Billy's head to Warrington, Mooncup Theatre invite you to promenade through Latchford Carnival of Creativity, singing and dancing along the way, while learning about Old Billy's life in 1800s Warrington. The pre-parade workshop involves customising your very own party hat and learning a song and dance for the parade. All ages welcome!

Hobby Horses

**Warrington Museum & Art Gallery.
1300-1500**

In honour of the return of Old Billy - the oldest horse in the big, wide world - to his home town join us to make a hobby horse in our fabulous crafternoon activity.

Battle of Winwick Re- enactment

**St Oswald's Church, Winwick.
1100-1600 (introductory talk at
12 noon)**

Dressed in authentic Civil War costume the Battle of Winwick Society members will give a dramatic and accurate re-enactment of the lifestyle and conditions endured by the defeated Royalist prisoners after the Battle of Winwick in 1648.

Sunday 8th September

Guided Walk to Warrington Transporter Bridge

**Meet at 47 Old Liverpool Road.
1000, 1130, 1300, 1430 & 1600**

Find out all about Warrington Transporter, what's it for, why is it there and what is its future as members of Friends of Warrington Transporter Bridge take you to the bridge via an interesting route involving a railway line, two signal boxes, a chemical works and the river Mersey.

Walton Hall Open Day

Walton Hall. 1100-1600

Walton Hall will be open for visitors to look around the Hall and view an exhibition showing the history of the Hall and Gardens with Volunteers available to answer any questions. Guided tours and activity packs available on request.

Battle of Winwick Re-enactment

**St Oswald's Church, Winwick.
1200 - 1500 (re-enactment only,
no talk)**

See Saturday 7th September for details



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St Mary's



Padgate and Fearnhead



Transporter Bridge



Walton Hall



Orford Park

St Mary's Church Open Day

St Mary's Church, Great Sankey
1000-1400

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Monday 9th September

Gallivant Around Orford Park

Meet at Orford Library. 1200

Join us for a heritage walk around Orford Park and its environs to discover more about the history of this important town centre green space. Learn about the prehistoric Orford axe and the true story of John Blackburne's ghostly pineapple!

Saturday 14th September

Guided Walk to Warrington Transporter Bridge

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1000, 1130, 1300, 1430 & 1600

See Sunday 8th September for details.

St John The Evangelist Open Day

St John The Evangelist, Walton.
1030-1600

Located in the conservation village of Walton, Warrington, described as a mini cathedral, the church was built by Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart. for the Walton estate workers. The church is in gothic style built in 1885 of Cheshire sandstone.

Warrington Museum of Freemasonry

Masonic Hall, Warrington.
1000-1700

The Warrington Museum of Freemasonry is housed in Warrington Masonic Hall, guided tour of the building including the Lodge rooms. An opportunity to find out the truth about Freemasonry and dispel the myths.

St Matthews, Stretton Open Day

St Matthews, Stretton. 1000-1600

Explore St. Matthew's Church heritage and local history with visits to the tower to learn about bell ringing.

Open Day - Museum of Policing in Cheshire

Museum of Policing in Cheshire.
1000-1600

Experience a Victorian cell, dress up in a police uniform. Learn about the many investigations that have taken place in Cheshire over the years. Visit and speak to our firearms officers, Drone unit officers and public order officers ... and much, much more.

Wire 2 Wolves Warrington Wolves Rugby League Heritage Event

Halliwell Stadium. 1000-1400

The Warrington Wolves will open the South Stand of the Stadium for the public to view the heritage timeline of Town and Club. Past Players will support with tours and talks.

Warrington Town Hall

Warrington Town Hall. 1000 -1300

Warrington Town Hall will be open for visitors to look around as part of the national Heritage Open Days. Free and everyone welcome to drop. Volunteers will be on hand throughout the visit to speak with guests. No booking required.

Cairo Street Chapel Open Day

Cairo Street Chapel. 1000-1600

An oasis of calm, peace and beauty in the centre of Warrington. The attractive gardens are often called the hidden gem of Warrington. Discover 300 years of Warrington's history and how the chapel was instrumental in the Cultural development of the town

Latchford Local History Day

St James Church, Latchford
1100-1500

Take a peek into Latchford's heritage with photographs, maps, books and displays.

Doodle Maps

Warrington Museum & Art Gallery
1300-1500

In honour of this year's Heritage Open Day them of routes, networks and connections learn to make your own doodle map in our museum crafternoon activity.

Sunday 15th September

Warrington Museum of Freemasonry

Masonic Hall, Warrington.
1000-1700

See Saturday 14th September for details.

Cairo Street Chapel Open Day

Cairo Street Chapel. 1000-1600

See Saturday 14th September for details

Warrington Mela

Palmyra Square. 1100-1700

Music, dance, food and traditional arts and crafts bring sights, sounds and spicy aromas from around the globe to Warrington town centre Join us to celebrate Warrington's diverse heritage and help us develop community cohesion.



St John's



Freemasonry



St Matthew's



Museum of Policing



Warrington Wolves



Town Hall



Cairo Street Chapel