

Heritage Open Days Milton Keynes

FREE EVENTS
8 - 11 September 2016



www.mkheritageopendays.com

Welcome

2016 is the eleventh year that the Milton Keynes area will have celebrated Heritage Open Days. In 2006 there were 15 events held across MK – this year we have over 65 events to showcase our distinctive and world class heritage, arts and culture.

From 8 – 11 September, there are many unmissable events taking place including activities for children and families. There are opportunities to come along to exhibitions, workshops, open days, craft events and performances. Suitable for all ages. And ALL events will be free.

To find out more about the full event programme visit www.mkheritageopendays.com. You can also follow MKHODs on Twitter using #MKHODs

Discover Milton Keynes

Discover Milton Keynes offers city centre exhibitions, activities, leaflets, and the latest What's On information for Heritage Open Days 2016. It is located in the Central Library on the first floor. www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk

The Milton Keynes Collection is a partnership of five museums and heritage organisations who have joined forces to:

- Raise awareness of the rich history of Milton Keynes within and beyond the 'new' city;
- Win public and commercial support for its conservation, interpretation and development;
- Share resources and expertise in areas such as volunteering, collections handling, governance and marketing; and
- Inspire more people to get involved and help to secure this unique heritage for future generations.
- The partners are Bletchley Park, City Discovery Centre, Cowper and Newton Museum, Living Archive and Milton Keynes Museum. For further information

www.mkcollection.co.uk



The Milton Keynes Collection

BLETCHLEY PARK
CITY DISCOVERY CENTRE
COWPER & NEWTON
LIVING ARCHIVE
MILTON KEYNES MUSEUM



This year, we're celebrating our fantastic buildings - look out for the Love Architecture logo next to individual events. Love Architecture is run by RIBA.

Travel Information

Travel – Go Green, Be Healthy:

Think of the environment and travel by bus, bike or on foot to activities and events. For information about transport across the borough visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking

Bus Routes to Key Venues in Milton Keynes

Central	City centre: All buses
North East	Newport Pagnell: 1, 2, 24, 25, 37, 40 & Olney: 21, 30, 297, 321
North West	Stony Stratford: 6, 30, 31, 89, 90/90A, 606 and Wolverton: 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 23, 33/33A, 37, 83, 300
South	Bletchley: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 17, 18, 18a, 19, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, 50, 70, X31, 162, 300, 608
S Midlands	Aylesbury: 150 Buckingham: 32, X5, 60, X60

Other buses serve these and other areas, check online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking

Use Milton Keynes unique redways to bike or walk to your venues of choice. More information, maps and leaflets are available from Discover Milton Keynes or www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/cycling



Open Mon-Sat
9am-5.30pm
Midsummer
Boulevard opp.
the Point

MKube is the information centre for bus, coach and train travel around Milton Keynes and beyond. Book National Express tickets. Pick up local bus service information and book tickets. Book a day out in London, including open top bus tours. Get information about MK, plus great ideas for exciting days out... and much, much more: www.arrivabus.co.uk/mkubec



Heritage Cycle Trails

Suggested starts at Willen Lake/Furzton Lake

Anytime - 4 circular trails to choose from

Maps, photos and descriptions on significant sites of historic interest. Walk/cycle to see our rich heritage across the Borough.

Leaflets at libraries or heritage venues or

www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk/What-to-do/Sports-and-Activities/Cycling-in-Milton-Keynes/Heritage-Cycle-Trails

2016 Events listings

People love their local area and so we have grouped events by four areas within Milton Keynes. Events across Milton Keynes, or those outside the borough, have their own section.

Central

1. Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery - Architectural Insight



Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery

An insight into the architectural history of Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery. The tour will be led by Andrzej Blonski.

There are limited places available (30) and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Tickets may be acquired in person from Milton Keynes Theatre Box Office – please see the website for opening times. <http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/milton-keynes-theatre/>

Date: Friday 9 September, 10.30 - 13.00

Location: Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery, Marlborough Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 3NZ

Contact: lindadavies@theambassadors.com

2. Milton Keynes Court House - Escorted Visit

Milton Keynes Magistrates in the Community Project

Find out about how our courts are run and experience real court cases in action, supported by local Magistrates. Advance booking via e-mail is essential. Numbers are limited and booking on the day either by e-mail or personally at the courthouse cannot be facilitated.

Date: 8 September, 09.30 arrival for briefing. 10.00 Court observation begins.

Location: Milton Keynes Courthouse, 301 Silbury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2AJ

Contact: Tony Lamming - MKMIC@hotmail.co.uk



Entrance to the Magistrates Court

Central

3. Self-guided Art and Heritage Trail

Milton Keynes Libraries



The Trail celebrates the listed at Grade II status of the building, following the designs of Buckinghamshire County Council's architects' department, led by Paul Markcrow, with deputy county architect John Sexton, studio architect Tse-Chiu Ng, and assisted by Graham Fenn and Jim Foster-Turner.

Date: 8 - 11 September, during Library opening hours

Location: Milton Keynes Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard MK9 3HL

Contact: Michelle Herriman 01908 254067

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries

4. Meet The Keeper, Will Phillips, and his Mystery Objects

Milton Keynes Libraries

Museum stores can be full of weird and wonderful objects from the past. Will Phillips, Keeper of Social History at Bucks County Museum, has chosen ten mystery objects from the Museum's collection that will have you scratching your head. Come along and see if you can guess what they are!

Date: Friday 9 September, 10.00 - 14.00

Location: Milton Keynes Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard MK9 3HL

Contact: Michelle Herriman 01908 254067

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries

5. Guided Tour of The MK Rose

The Milton Keynes Cenotaph Trust / The Parks Trust

The MK Rose is a public artwork and Civic Space designed by Gordon Young.

The design includes over 100 granite columns over 60 of which have now been dedicated, inscribed with a date, title and brief explanation.

Guided tours tell the

story behind the dedications, the history of Milton Keynes and what's important to local people.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.30 - 11.30, 14.00 - 15.00

Location: Campbell Park, Milton Keynes MK9 4AD. Park in the Centre:MK car parks (John Lewis end) and use the footbridge which leads into the park.

Contact: Julie Dawes, The Parks Trust 01908 255379

events@theparkstrust.com www.theparkstrust.com



The MK Rose Credit: Kelly Cooper

Central

6. Streets of the Past: Snapshots of Milton Keynes

STACcess:MK and MK City Discovery Centre



Newport Pagnell High Street © Kitchener family

A photographic exhibition of the towns and villages of Milton Keynes. Showing photographs taken by Maurice Kitchener in the 1920s and 30s with modern day shots of the same view. Come along and see if you can spot the differences!

Date: **Wednesday 7 - Thursday 29 September.**

Open normal MK Central Library opening hours

Location: The Event Space, MK Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL

Contact: Sarah Chard-Cooper, 07432 110192, holnechasemk@gmail.com

7. The Story of Housing in Milton Keynes

On The Verge and Milton Keynes Forum

Learn the complete story of New Town housing in Milton Keynes in this fascinating walk around Fishermead and Oldbrook. The walk will plot the effects of changing Government policies as well as evolving architectural styles and



the use of MKDC and

non-MKDC architects. Rent, sale, self-build, flat roofs, pitched roofs, sheltered housing and much more - all will be covered.

Date: **Saturday 10 September, 14.00 - 15.30**

Location: Starting at the Fishermead Local Park, Kernow Crescent, Fishermead (next to the pirate ship)

Please book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-story-of-housing-in-milton-keynes-tickets-25788176129>

Contact: Project Manager cc@ontheverge.org.uk
www.ontheverge.org.uk and www.miltonkeynesforum.org



Central

8. Underpasses – connecting people, connecting places

On The Verge



CMK Underpass

Join the 'Underpass' artists in a drop-in creative workshop to discover more about your local heritage and take part in informing the future artworks for the underpasses connecting Oldbrook Boulevard to Fishermead Boulevard and the Conniburrow to Downs Barn Underpass alongside

Marlborough Street. This is a free event for all the family.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.30 - 15.30

Location: Event Space, Milton Keynes Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL

Contact: Project Manager cc@ontheverge.org.uk
www.ontheverge.org.uk

9. Church of Christ the Cornerstone Open Day



Ecumenical Partnership of Christ the Cornerstone

Guided tour of the City Centre Ecumenical Church including limited access to the third level beneath the dome. Description of paintings, sculptures and stained glass. Review of the varied activities which take place to serve the community. Refreshments available. Pre-booking preferred. Contact us via website, phone or church reception.

Date: Thursday 8 September, 15.30

Location: Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2ES. Wheelchair access to ground and first floor but not to dome level.

Contact: www.publicartstrust.org, Mark Okor 01908 237777, mark.okor@cornerstonemk.co.uk

10. National Badminton Museum Open Day

National Badminton Museum

Volunteers will be present to show visitors around the Museum collection and answer questions. The Museum office will be open and it will be possible to look at badminton reference books and magazines etc. On show will be the collection of 80 old badminton rackets, recently purchased by the Museum.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 16.00

Location: National Badminton Centre, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes MK8 9LA

Contact: museum@badmintonengland.co.uk
www.badmintonengland.co.uk/museum

Central

11. On the Verge - 'Underpasses: Connecting people, connecting places' exhibition

Discover Milton Keynes

The exhibition traces the history of Milton Keynes and development of Fishermead, Oldbrook, Conniburrow and Downs Barn. Discover the culture and heritage of these four central grid squares alongside the communities that helped shape Milton Keynes.

Date: Thursday 8, 09.00 - 20.00; Friday 9, 09.00 - 18.00;

Saturday 10 September, 09.00 - 18.00

Location: Discover Milton Keynes Showcase, Milton Keynes Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL

Contact: Project Manager cc@ontheverge.org.uk

www.ontheverge.org.uk

12. Nurses Cottage - Open House

Jim Morrison/Jenny Melton/David Grindley Architects



Nurses Cottage

The Nurses Cottage dates from the 17th Century and is a Grade II listed building located in Milton Keynes Village. In 2014, the owners commissioned David Grindley Architects to design a separate building within the curtilage of the cottage. The garden room, fabricated from cross laminated timber (CLT)

and sedum roof, complements the traditional thatched roof construction of the original cottage. The cottage and the new garden room will be open to the public, a selection of glass bottles discovered during the excavation works will also be available for viewing. Wheelchair access available to garden room. Stepped access to cottage.

Date: Friday 9, 10.00 - 13.00; Sunday 11th September, 13.00 - 14.00

Location: 10-11 Walton Road, Milton Keynes Village, Milton Keynes MK10 9AG. Entrance is off Parneleys Road. Parking is available on Parneleys and Walton Road.

Contact: Emma Grindley 01908 668919

emma@davidgrindleyarchitects.co.uk

13. Sculpture Walk in Campbell Park

Public Arts Trust

A walk around Campbell Park looking at the varied sculptures, including the memorial to public art champion Edna Read.

Date: Thursday 8, 14.30; Saturday 10 September, 14.30

Location: Meet at the Campbell Park Pavilion, 1300 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 4AD

Contact: www.publicartstrust.org, Ian Michie, 07877 541627,

ian.michie@yahoo.co.uk www.publicartstrust.org

Central

14. A Walk Around EnergyWorld, Shenley Lodge Milton Keynes Forum



Energy World

EnergyWorld in 1986 was the second international housing exhibition organised by Milton Keynes Development Corporation and had a theme of energy efficiency. The houses that were built led the way in the energy

standards for new houses today. The walk will be led by Tim Skelton, Chair of Milton Keynes Forum, who was involved in the exhibition.

Date: Sunday 11 September, 14.00

Location: Meet at the sundial outside the Meeting Place on Faraday Drive. Shenley Lodge Meeting Place, Shenley Lodge, Faraday Drive, Milton Keynes MK5 7DE

Contact: Tim Skelton, 01908 604655, colesbourne@btinternet.com
website:miltonkeynesforum.org

15. All Saints Church, Loughton - Ride and Stride

All Saints Church, Loughton



Visit this 13th Century Listed Grade II* church in the heart of Milton Keynes and see how architects, Shenstone & Partners and Stern Thom Fehler, have modernised the building to respond to the needs of today. Guided tours during the day (starting on the hour), with the architect/churchwarden who ran the projects. He will explain the history and development of the church. Refreshments available. Part of Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 18.00

Location: Church Lane, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK5 8AS

Access: Wheelchair/semi ambulant access is via Church Path from the Bradwell Road, Loughton, beside Bodley's Wood Yard. Limited parking available on the Bradwell Road.

Contact: David Thom, 01908 670653

16. Milton Keynes Village Walk

Two Villages Archive Trust

A walk around Milton Keynes Village exploring its historic buildings and the people associated with them. The walk will end at All Saints Church where there will be an opportunity to see old photographs.

Date: Sunday 11 September, 14.30

Location: Meeting point - car park off Willen Road near Cricket Ground and Village Hall (turn right opposite churchyard gate), Milton Keynes MK10 9AF

Contact: Geoff Dawe, 01908 665561, twovillages@tiscali.co.uk
www.mkheritage.co.uk/tva

Central

17. St Lawrence Church, Broughton

Friends of St Lawrence

St Lawrence's Church is a redundant Anglican church in Broughton. It will be open to visitors each day during the HODS weekend. The church has magnificent medieval wall paintings and some good stained glass. Factsheets and information booklets will be available. There will also be a Children's Activity.

Date: 8, 9 10 and 11 September; 10.00 - 16.00 each day

Location: St Lawrence, Broughton Village, Milton Keynes, MK10 9AA. Accessible to wheelchairs and mobility scooters by prior arrangement with the Old Rectory (Mr John Neale, 01908 665289) as the Old Rectory drive is a hard surface and has a gate into the churchyard.

Contact: John Neale, 01908 665289, nealebroughton@aol.com

18. Woughton - A Changing Landscape

Woughton Heritage



Woughton - pre New Town

An historic and social study of Woughton (pre the New Town) set against the backcloth of a developing world. Exhibition, displays, raffle & other activities. Parking and light refreshments will be available but toilet facilities are limited.

Date: Saturday 10,
10.00 - 17.00,
Sunday 11 September
14.00 - 17.00

Location: St Mary's Church, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green, Milton Keynes MK6 3BS. Steps to entrance, portable ramp available.

Contact: The Secretary, Woughton Heritage
woughtonheritage@gmail.com

19. Bat Walk

The Parks Trust

Join The Parks Trust on a bat walk through the Ouzel Valley and discover the natural history and heritage of these amazing flying creatures. Booking of a free ticket essential. Book online at events@theparkstrust.com

Date: Thursday 8 September, 19.15

Location: Meet in the car park at Woughton Playing Fields, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green.

Contact: Julie Dawes, 01908 255379, events@theparkstrust.com
www.theparkstrust.com

North East

20. St Mary Magdelene, Willen - Church Open Day

Willen Church Council



Willen Church in spring, Paul Smith

Church open to the public and to sponsored riders and walkers as part of the Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride day.

The church was designed and construction supervised by Robert Hooke around 1678-1680, who by then was Secretary and Curator of Experiments at the Royal Society. He was also an architect: as chief assistant to Sir Christopher Wren, he played a key role in the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 16.00

Location: Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

Contact: Paul Smith 01908 606689

paul.a.smith.mk@btinternet.com

www.willenchurch.org.uk

21. North Crawley Village and Field Walk

North Crawley Historical Society

A walk around the village of North Crawley and surrounding fields highlighting points of interest and field names. Advance booking required. Max 20 people per tour/session.

Date: Saturday 10

September, 14.00 - 16.00

Location: Meet at the Village Hall, High Street, North Crawley, Milton Keynes MK16 9LH

Contact: cs@northcrawleyhistoricalsociety.co.uk, 01234 391205



High Street North Crawley Smith

22. Chandos Hall Museum Open Day

Newport Pagnell Historical Society

Visitors will be able to see an exhibition of photographs on the theme of 'Photographic Recollections of Newport Pagnell'. There will be numerous artefacts of local interest on display. Books, maps and other items of local interest will be on sale.

Date: Sunday 11 September, 14.00 - 16.00

Location: Through the short tunnel between 52 and 54 Silver Street, Newport Pagnell. MK16 0EN. Two steps to entrance but a portable ramp is available. First floor is only accessible via a staircase. Assistance dogs are welcome.

Contact: <http://mkheritage.co.uk/nphs>

North East

23. All Saints Church, Emberton

A village parish church, set in the heart of Emberton near the town of Olney. Built in what has become known as the 'Decorated Gothic Style' which was popular in the 14th Century, the Church also features interesting stained glass windows. There is also a Great War timeline on display to commemorate the centenary of WW1.

Date: Thursday 8 September, 10.00 - 16.30

Location: West Lane, Emberton MK46 5DA

Contact: Janet Gamlen, 01234 711729

24. Cowper and Newton Museum Open Days

Cowper and Newton Museum



Relive Georgian life in Olney – the home of 'Amazing Grace'. Walk back in time through the home of William Cowper, renowned 18th Century poet and letter writer. Relax in the beautiful, tranquil gardens. Learn about John Newton's famous

hymn, 'Amazing Grace' and the Abolition of Slavery. Enjoy children's trails and Georgian dressing up, as well as the story of lace making and other local history.

Date: Thursday 8 and Friday 9 September 10.30 - 16.30

Location: Cowper and Newton Museum, Orchard Side, Market Place, Olney, Buckinghamshire MK46 4AJ

Access: Full access to the gardens. Cowper's kitchen, hall and parlour accessible by 1-2 shallow steps; short films about the museum to watch in the reception area for those unable to manage the stairs. The Museum has 6 small flights of stairs.

Contact: Paula Noble, 01234 711516, house-manager@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk
www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

25. Virtual Tour of Olney Market Place

Olney & District Historical Society

The tour of the Market Place primarily covers the period 1800 to 1940 but is constantly developing to cover the period up to the mid 1970s.

Date: Anytime, self guided

Location: www.mkheritage.co.uk/odhs/mptour/tourframe.html

North East

26. Heritage Hunters - Willen Lake Walk

A walk designed by Willen Primary School children

Approximately 45 minutes long and wheelchair friendly. It explains the history of buildings and how newer areas came into being.

Leaflet available to download from

www.mkheritage.co.uk/mkha/mkha/about-us/tours-trails.html and click on Willen Lake pdf.

Date: Anytime, self guided

Location: Willen Lake, Milton Keynes MK15 0DS

Contact: www.mkheritage.co.uk/



27. A Walk Around Sherington

Sherington Historical Society with St Laud's

Come and be guided around Sherington by our new leaflet that details the history of buildings in the village.

Refreshments will be for sale in the church between 14.00 and 17.00

Date: 11 September, leaflets being distributed from the church 10.00 - 17.00

Access: There is a step at Lytch gate but ramps will be available. Parking is limited in Church End. Toilets can be used in the Church.

Location: Walk starts at St Laud's Church, Church End, Sherington MK16 9PD

Contact: Mark Vale 01908 216543 Mark.vale@getronics.com



North West

28. Young Pioneers - free family workshop

Milton Keynes Arts Centre



*Wear Your Art / Art You Wear
with artist Ibiye Camp*

Milton Keynes Arts Centre presents our Summer Programme: Set Menu; artist-led workshops and exhibition open for public engagement throughout August 2016, culminating in a collaborative exhibition in September. Young Pioneers (Saturdays throughout August) will use art and design to explore themes and narratives found in the exhibition including soft sculpture, ceramics, textile art and more.

Please phone to register your booking

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.30 -12.00

Location: Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

Contact: Milton Keynes Arts Centre 01908 608108

www.miltonkeynesartscentre.org

29. Walk around Homeworld '81 exhibition site

Bradwell Parish Heritage Group

A guided walk around the Homeworld '81 exhibition site on Bradwell Common, thirty five years after the futuristic exhibition took place.

Date: Friday 9 September 11.00

Location: Meet where the Redway crosses the northern end of Coleshill Place, Bradwell Common (near number 47), Milton Keynes MK13 8DW. Please park considerately on nearby streets.

Contact: Dianne Sutton 01908 606256

30. Linford Manor and Grand Union Canal Heritage Walk

The Parks Trust

Discover the hidden history from Linford Manor Park and along the Grand Union Canal to the Brick Kilns and Railway Walk. Walk approx. 4 miles along leisure route, Redway and tow paths. Book free ticket online at www.theparkstrust.com

Date: Thursday 8 September, 10.00

Location: Meet in the Art Centre Car Park, Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

Contact: Julie Dawes 01908 255379

North West

31. Artefacts and Pictures Associated with St. Peter's Church, Stanton Low

Save St. Peter's Church group in association with St. James' Church, New Bradwell

A display featuring the Norman Arch, wooden artefacts and Temple family gravestones from the 11th century church. Also view pictorial memories of the community at Stanton Low. Steps only up to altar area to see gravestones.

The Save St. Peter's Church Group are also running walks daily, Thursday to Sunday, around the Stanton Low Park and St Peter's Church, varying from 1-3 ½ hours duration. Please go to www.savestpeterschurch.com for information.

Light refreshments will be available.

Date: Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 15.00

Location: St. James' Church, Church Street, off Newport Road, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 5LG

Contact: Secretary of Save St. Peters group
savestpeters@hotmail.co.uk www.savestpeterschurch.com

32. St Lawrence Church, Bradwell - Open Day

St Lawrence Church, Bradwell

Visit one of the oldest buildings in Milton Keynes: St. Lawrence Church in Bradwell Village is one of two surviving medieval churches in the Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury. It was built in the early 13th century and has seen many restorations and additions



St Lawrence Church, Bradwell

over the past 800 years. There will be a 'History Tour' starting at the church gate at midday. Refreshments served from 12.30pm.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 18.00.

History tour of church 12.00

Location: Off Vicarage Road, Bradwell Village (beside Youth Hostel), Milton Keynes MK13 9AG. Parking may be limited in wet weather.

Contact: Peter Lazard peter@mk13.me
<http://stantonbury.net/wp/bradwell-church/>

33. New Bradwell Walk

Milton Keynes Heritage Association

Join us for a walk around New Bradwell, looking at places and points of interest. Walk led by Milton Keynes Heritage Association.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 12.30

Location: Meet at the entrance to St James Church, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 5LG

Contact: Dianne.Sutton@tesco.net, 01908 606256

North West

34. A Tour of the Secret Garden, Wolverton

Wolverton Secret Garden Society



Secret Garden Sign

Alongside the Grand Union Canal in the railway town of Wolverton, Milton Keynes, members of the local community have transformed a piece of derelict land into a new greenspace for the enjoyment of all - The Secret Garden. Meet the volunteers

and discover the history of Wolverton's Secret Garden, including the previous occupants of the site.

Date: **Saturday 10 September, tours at 11.00 and 12.00**

Location: Off Stratford Road, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK13 0DY. If approaching from New Bradwell, come up the hill past Wolverton Station. When on the bridge, the Secret Garden entrance is down a gravelled track beyond bus stop on the left. If you are coming by car, please park in Tesco (up to 2 hours) or Asda car park (up to 1½ hours). Wheelchair and buggy friendly. Parking on site for those bringing elderly or disabled.

Contact: Roger Kitchen 07951 537176 rogerfkitchen@gmail.com <http://www.wolvertonsecretgarden.co.uk.btck.co.uk>

35. Milton Keynes Museum, Open Days and Annual Beer Festival

Milton Keynes Museum

Victorian farmhouse and school room, street of shops, working telephones, Hall of Transport and much more in a beautiful setting of an historical Victorian Model Farm site that was once part of Dr John Radcliffe's Estate. Visitors will also be invited to the Annual BBQ and Beer Festival - a selection of real ales and cider available for purchase.

Date: **Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 September, 11.00 - 16.30 each day**

Location: Milton Keynes Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL

Contact: 01908 316222 info@mkmuseum.org.uk www.mkmuseum.org.uk

North West

36. MÓTUS steps back in time

MÓTUS



Dancers from MOTUS

MÓTUS is a celebration of all forms of dance across the city of Milton Keynes. The directors of MÓTUS have performed and created work internationally. Artistic Director, Helen Parlor, was the Assistant Choreographer for the London Paralympic Opening Ceremony 2012. The dancers have spent time at Milton Keynes Museum

physically exploring the stimuli on display to present this performance work. Integrating contemporary dance alongside site-specific stimulus, the performers will weave a physically dynamic journey to ignite your imagination.

Date: Sunday 11 September, 12.00, 14.00 and 15.30

Location: Milton Keynes Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL. 20 minutes prior to performance times, there will be impromptu small improvisations throughout the Museum. The main performance will take place on the grass near the concrete cows.

Contact: Helen Parlor, 07980 871677 www.motusdance.co.uk

37. Easy Riders

The Parks Trust

A 30 mile guided cycle ride on country lanes and tracks in the Ouse Valley. Under 14s need to be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Sunday 11 September, 10.00

Location: Meet at Wolverton Railway Station, Stratford Road, Wolverton.

Contact: Julie Dawes, 01908 255379 events@theparkstrust.com
www.theparkstrust.com

38. Festive Road Fantastical Creatures

Festive Road

A rare opportunity to visit inside the magical doors of Festive Road, Milton Keynes' very own makers of fantastical pedal powered creatures. Try making mythical creatures from recycled materials or batik a bag to take home.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 16.00

Location: 28 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK11 3BH

Contact: www.festiveroad.org.uk, carnival@festiveroad.org.uk



Festive Road

North West

39. Punk MK

Living Archive



This exhibition invites you to take a glimpse into the Punk scene in Milton Keynes in the late 70s and early 80s. In 1976 the Sex Pistols released their first single, 'Anarchy in the UK' and the Punk movement was unleashed on Britain. It influenced the music, fashion and attitudes of a generation.

At the time, Milton Keynes was a brand new city, and Punk was a brand new movement. The youth of Milton Keynes embraced the new culture and made it their own.

Date: Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 September, 11.00 - 16.30 each day

Location: Milton Keynes Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL

Contact: admin@livingarchive.org.uk, 01908 322568
www.livingarchive.org.uk

40. Rubbish and recycling through the ages

Milton Keynes Council Recycling Department

From prehistoric middens to modern day landfill sites and recycling factories, what we throw away tells us a lot about our society. Learn more about what happens to our rubbish past, present and future. Heritage tours include a presentation, video and tour of the recycling factory.

Booking is essential via the website on-line booking form.

Date: Thursday 8, 18.30 - 20.30 and Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 12.00

Location: The Materials Recycling Facility, Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5QD. The facility is accessible to wheelchairs. There is a lift to access the Education Room and gallery walkway into the factory.

Online-booking form: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mrf



Main landfill

North West

41. Bradwell Windmill Open Days

Bradwell Windmill volunteers

Come and view an early 1800s windmill, newly restored to working order. The mill will be producing flour from 14.00 - 15.00.

Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September, 13.30 - 16.30

Location: Bradwell Windmill, Nightingale Crescent, Bradville, Milton Keynes MK13 7UE. Easy access to ground floor. Upper floor accessed by steep narrow stairs.

Contact: R Wilde 07775 608228



Bradwell Windmill

42. Railway Cottages Open Morning

Rainbow Housing Co-operative

Talk about the history of the Railway Cottages, built by the Railway Company to house its workers in the 1860s. Talk about the street's current use as a Housing Co-operative. Walk round the outside of the houses.

Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September, 10.00 and 12.00

Location: Come to number 9 Spencer Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 0DW. Two steps into Community House (disability rails in place).

Contact: Ms S Brooke 01908 310494

43. St James Church, New Bradwell - Open Day

St James Church/ New Bradwell Heritage Group



Join us for a guided tour of the History of St James, including detailed information on the Stained Glass windows. Refreshments will be available.

St James Church, New Bradwell

Date: Friday 9, 10.00 - 15.00 and Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 16.00

Location: St James Church, Church Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 0DA

Contact: Mrs Jennifer Cooper, 01908319700

nbhg@buckspoint.org.uk www.stjamesnewbradwell.org.uk

North West

44. Guided tour of the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium

Adrian Morrow Architects

Guided tours of the award winning 'Oak Chapel' led by Architect Adrian Morrow.

Organised in parallel with tours of the adjacent Willow Chapel by architect Peter Hall.

Tours will allow visitors to access both

buildings, one after the other. The second tour of the Oak Chapel will

include a short walk around the grounds. Please assemble inside or outside the waiting room. Pre-booking is required via the Eventbrite website Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-tour-of-the-oak-chapel-crownhill-crematorium-tickets-24804089700>

Date: Saturday 10 September. Tours at 10.00 and 11.00

Location: Crownhill Crematorium & Cemetery, Danstead Way, Crownhill, Milton Keynes, MK8 0AH. The Oak Chapel is located to the East of the site beyond the first car park.

Contact: Adrian Morrow adrianjmorrow@btinternet.com
www.ajmarchitecture.com/crematorium/



*The Oak Chapel, view from arrivals area.
Credit- Redshift photography.*

45. Crownhill Crematorium

(Original Building)

Milton Keynes Council and Sansome Hall Architects



*Crownhill Crematorium,
the original building*

A tour of the original building and its setting from arrival through the chapel, wreath court, crematory and Chapel of Remembrance.

Pre-booking preferred.

Date: Saturday 10 September, tours at 10.00 and 11.00

Location: Crownhill Crematorium & Cemetery, Danstead Way, Crownhill, Milton Keynes MK8 0AH

Contact: Peter Hall 01908 543600
prh@sansomehall.co.uk



North West

46. Medieval Family Fun Day

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre

Join us as we step into the past and bring the historic site of Bradwell Abbey to life. So much to see and do, talk to our re-enactors, have a go at archery, falconry displays, storytelling and performance, site tours, arts & heritage crafts, face painting, and more. Refreshments include hot food, tea room and fully licensed bar. No booking required

Date: Sunday 11 September, 11.00 - 16.00

Location: Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, Milton Keynes, MK13 9AP. Main buildings are accessible, the grounds are slightly undulating and there are medieval fishponds on site therefore children must be supervised at all times.

Contact: 01908 227229 www.mkcdc.org.uk

47. Stony Stratford Willis Pipe Organ Open Day

Music for All @ SMSG

Drop in and find out more about the newly restored Willis pipe organ in the lovely grade II* listed church of St Mary and St Giles at the heart of Stony Stratford.

The Church Hall will be open for a History & Photo Exhibition. A 20 minute video of the organ history and restoration will be shown at 11.30 each day.

This event is designed to help music lovers of all ages to find out more about our wonderful pipe organ.

Refreshments will be available at all events. Donations are welcome - all funds raised will go towards the maintenance and restoration of the organ. We look forward to welcoming you during the Willis Pipe Organ Festival!

Date: Thursday 8 September: 11.00-17.00, Friday 9 September: 09.00 - 12.30

Location: St Mary and St Giles Church, High St, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD

Website: www.musicforallmsg.org/whats-on/festival/



Pipe Organ

South

48. Bletchley and the New City

Bletchley Community Heritage

In advance of its 50th anniversary, our event aims to capture the coming of Milton Keynes and its impact on the people of Bletchley. Newspaper articles and personal memories chart the hopes and fears of local people before the building started and photos illustrate the changes affecting the local area.

Date: Thursday 8, Friday 9 September, 09.00 - 17.30, Saturday 10 September, 09.00-13.00

Location: Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2RA

Contact: bchi.info@gmail.com

49. The Stables, Wavendon

The Stables and Sansome Hall Architects

A behind the scenes tour of this popular music venue with Peter Hall, architect for the Stables since 1994. Pre-booking preferred. Max 20 people per tour/session, please contact the Stables Box Office to pre-book.



The Stables

Date: Saturday 10 September, tours at 13.00, 14.00, 15.00

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

Contact: Stables Box Office 01908 280800 prh@sansomehall.co.uk

50. Howe Park Heritage Trail

Eco Design Consultants

A walking tour of the historic Howe Park Wood, probably the woodland mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086. The walk starts with a tour of the newly completed Parks Trust's Environment Education and Visitor Centre and culminates in an external tour by the Architect of Howe Park Passivhaus - the most draught-free house in the UK. Pre-booking preferred

Date: Saturday 10 September, 11.00

Location: Howe Park Wood Education & Visitor Centre, Off Chaffron Way, Tattenhoe, Milton Keynes MK4 3GG. Park in Howe Park Study Centre carpark off H7. Disabled parking is available, although the walk through the woods will include woodchip paths.

Contact: 01908 363490 donna@ecodesignconsultants.co.uk
www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk

South

51. National Museum of Computing Open Day

The National Museum of Computing

Free entry for the first 25 people per open day to register online. We will have additional activities over the weekend featuring historic and new technologies (note these will also be open to paying visitors).



Colossus (rebuild of the world's first electronic computer)

Booking required via our website www.tnmoc.org/visit

Date: **Thursday 8, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September, 12.00 - 17.00**

Location: The National Museum of Computing, Block H, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Milton Keynes MK3 6EB

Contact: Victoria Alexander 01908 374 708
victoria.alexander@tnmoc.org www.tnmoc.org

52. Rectory Cottages, Old Bletchley - Open Day

Bletchley Archaeological & Historical Society and Rectory Cottages Trust

Join us at Rectory Cottages for a display of old photographs and maps, plus other memorabilia of the Bletchley area.

Date: **Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 16.00**

Location: Rectory Cottages, 47-49 Church Green Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6BJ.

Access: Venue is wheelchair accessible. Two steps and a narrow corridor to toilets.

Contact: Roly Doggett 01908 373055

53. Family history help session with

John Hanson

Milton Keynes Libraries

Interested in finding out about your family history? Come and attend a half hour, 'one to one' session with John Hanson, our local family history expert. Pre-booking is preferred.

Date: **Friday 9 September, 11.00 - 15.00**

Location: Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2RA

Contact: Aggie Ohara 01908 254078
Aggie.ohara@milton-keynes.gov.uk
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries

South

54. Meet the Keeper, Will Phillips and his Mystery Objects

Milton Keynes Libraries

Museum stores can be full of weird and wonderful objects from the past. Will Phillips, Keeper of Social History at Bucks County museum, has chosen ten mystery objects from the Museum's collection that will have you scratching your head. Come along and see if you can guess what they are!

Date: Thursday 8 September, 10.00 - 14.00

Location: Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Milton Keynes MK2 2RA

Contact: michelle.herriman@milton-keynes.gov.uk

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries



55. Bletchley Park - Open Day

Bletchley Park Trust

Bletchley Park is offering up to 200 free tickets per day. Free tickets must be pre-booked on the website.

Immerse yourself in the stunning introductory exhibition then explore the iconic World War Two Codebreaking huts, the Victorian Mansion and the picturesque grounds. On 10-11 September there will also be a Marvellous Morse event for families.

Date: Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 September, 09.30 - 17.00

Location: The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB. Full disabled access throughout the site. A limited number of wheelchairs are available for visitors to use while on-site - pre-booking is essential (01908 640404).

Contact: 01908 640404 www.bletchleypark.org.uk/



Bletchley Park Mansion credit: Shaun Armstrong Mubsta.com

South

56. Milton Keynes through the Lens

Living Archive

A fascinating and entertaining hour long glimpse of the past, featuring archive footage from local film-makers.

Over the last few years Living Archive has been digitising local archive film. This film is a compilation spanning the last 70 years. Featuring clips such a VE day party in Wolverton; the opening of the M1; adverts selling Milton Keynes to the wider world; building of the roads and estates, and the last Aston Martin to leave the production line. Tickets must be pre booked and collected in advance from Living Archive

Date: Sunday 11th September, 12.00

Location: The Odeon Cinema, 13 Stadium Way, Milton Keynes MK1 1ST

Contact: admin@livingarchive.org.uk 01908 322568
www.livingarchive.org.uk

57. Ring of Steel

MK Dons SET (Sport and Education Trust)

A chance for the public to look at their photos on our concourse, these are individual photos and also school groups. No need to book just turn up to club reception.

Date: Friday 9 September, 08.30 - 17.30

Location: Stadiummk, Stadium Way West, MK

Contact: www.mkdonsset.com, Stefanie Duffy,
Stefanie.duffy@mkdonsset.com, 01908 622886



MK Dons Ring of Steel

58. Bow Brickhill Church and Tower Open Day

All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill

The Church and tower will be open for stunning views over the city and surrounding countryside. Old photographs, documents and extracts of church registers on display. Tea and cakes for sale.

Date: Sunday 11 September, 10.00 - 16.30

Location: All Saints Church, Church Road, Bow Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9LQ

Access: Level access into the church but steep stairs and ladders to tower.

Contact: bowbrickhillchurch@gmail.com
www.bowbrickhill.com/church.html



South

59. Open Weekend at Westbury

Westbury Arts Centre

The Open Weekend at Westbury includes an architectural interpretation board and guided walks, jointly organised with the Parks Trust, to Shenley Wood and Westbury itself. In addition, there will be the Graduate



Westbury Arts Centre

exhibition in the Barn and several Westbury artists' studios open to visitors. Tea/coffee and cake will be available.

Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September, 11.00 - 17.00

Shenley Wood walks 11.30

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

Contact: Helen denDulk, admin@westburyartscentre.co.uk
www.westburyartscentre.co.uk

60. Shakespeare on the Lawn

Westbury Arts Centre

A talented ensemble of Milton Keynes' finest actors will be reading Shakespeare's sonnets and performing monologues and extracts from the Bard's plays on the lawn at Westbury Arts Centre.

Westbury's Elizabethan house provides the perfect backdrop for this Shakespearian medley.

Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September, 15.00

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

Contact: admin@westburyartscentre.co.uk
www.westburyartscentre.co.uk

61. The Woburn Heritage Centre

Woburn Heritage Trust

There are records of a chapel in Woburn in 1245, possibly on the site of Old St. Mary's Church. The Woburn Heritage Centre is now located in the Church and contains a museum of local history and a tourist information point. Come and visit and learn all about this beautiful town which was started well over 1000 years ago.

Date: Thursday 8 and Friday 9 September, 14.00 - 16.30

Location: Woburn Heritage Centre Museum and Tourist Information, Old St. Mary's Church, Bedford Street, Woburn MK17 9QL. It is located just after Market Place and next to Woburn Lower School.

Contact: greens@woburnhc.freereserve.co.uk

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62. History of the North Field, Deanshanger

Deanshanger Village Heritage Society

Visit our exhibition event tent located in the former North Field, discover the history of this most recently developed area at the entrance to the village. Drop by to enjoy refreshments and don't forget to bring along a daffodil bulb as we're also launching our Daffodil 2016 campaign. Bulbs planted later this autumn will enhance the village and new estates.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 17.00

Location: DVHS event tent, Northfields, Deanshanger, Milton Keynes, Northamptonshire, MK19 6UZ

Contact: www.mkheritage.co.uk/dvhs

63. Claydon House Open Day

National Trust



The West Front at Claydon

In the 1750s at his family seat in Buckinghamshire, Ralph Verney set out to create a country house of extraordinary grandeur that would dazzle his wealthy neighbours and outdo his political rivals. Thirty years on he was facing financial ruin.

Discover some of the

most ambitious and lavish interiors ever created in the 18th century and 550 years of family history.

Enjoy free entry to Claydon House and the Verney family private gardens as part of Heritage Open Days. Explore the gardens and grounds and discover how the National Trust cares for this beautiful place.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 11.00 - 17.00 (last entry 16.30)

Location: National Trust, Claydon House, Middle Claydon, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, MK18 2EY

Contact: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/claydon

64. Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies Open Day

Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies

Display of selected Buckinghamshire documents; tours of archive strong rooms every half hour. Tours should be booked in advance on 01296 382587 or archives@buckscc.gov.uk

Date: Saturday 10 September, 9.30 - 15.30

Location: Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UU

Contact: 01296 382587; archives@buckscc.gov.uk
www.buckscc.gov.uk/archives

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65. Mini Summer Fete, Buckingham Old Gaol

Buckingham Old Gaol

Free entry to Buckingham Old Gaol Museum. See the temporary exhibition - "Silver and Slaughter" - the Saxons and Vikings in Buckingham and their legacy of the Lenborough Hoard. Mini Summer Fete activities for all in the courtyard. Teas/coffee will be available.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.30 - 15.30

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

Contact: Buckingham Old Gaol, 01280 823021

info@buckinghamoldgaol.org.uk

www.buckinghamoldgaol.org.uk

66. Stowe Open Day

Stowe House, National Trust Stowe, Landmark Trust, Stowe Parish Church

Join us for a delightful open day exploring Capability Brown's life at Stowe. Enjoy a walk through his inspiring landscape, enjoy a short tour of the home of this patron Viscount Cobham, see the Parish Church where he got married and delight in the magnificence of the Gothic Temple.



Stowe House credited to Stowe House

To book a National Trust mobility buggy please telephone 01280 825009.

Date: Saturday 10 September, 10.00 - 18.00

Location: Stowe, Buckingham, MK18 5EH

Contact: houseinfo@stowe.co.uk

www.nationaltrust.co.uk/stowe www.stowehouse.org

67. MK Heritage Cycle Trails

Destination MK

Milton Keynes has four Heritage Cycle Trails that allow visitors to take in a different view of the city. The Heritage Cycle Trails all start from Willen Lake but can be joined at any point on the route and explore some of the interesting outdoor areas that Milton Keynes has to offer.

Date: Anytime, self guided

Location: Various

Contact: Citywide, North East MK, Ouzel Valley and North West MK

Download: <http://www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk/What-to-do/Sports-and-Activities/Cycling-in-Milton-Keynes/Heritage-Cycle-Trails>

Across MK and South East Midlands

68. MKHA Tours and Trails on website

MK Heritage Association

Virtual tours of Milton Keynes villages, towns, churches and historic buildings.

Download from <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/mkha/mkha/about-us/tours-trails.html>

Date: Anytime, self guided

Location: various

Contact: www.mkheritage.co.uk

69. Ride and Stride - a Bicycle Ride, Horse Ride and Walk

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

Ride and Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people from all over England walk or cycle between churches exploring and enjoying the countryside.

To book any of the rides and to find out about other rides over the Heritage Open Days weekend, sign up at <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org>

Date: Saturday 10 September





In 2017 Milton Keynes will be 50 years old and we want to celebrate the past, present and future of this amazing city. Through a year-long programme of activities, we will celebrate Milton Keynes and its pioneers, creating shared memories and showing off its design, architecture, green spaces, culture and people.

MK50 will provide an inclusive programme of events and activities at all scales, enabling people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to be part of the celebrations. We want you to get thinking now about how you can be part of:

- **Birthday Weekend** (20th - 23rd January 2017) – open days in venues and communities with inclusive activities
- **Let's Party Like it's 1967** (23rd & 24th June 2017) – hold a street party, a party in the park or rent out your community centre and celebrate the city in style
- **MK50 Heritage Open Days** (7th - 10th September 2017) – with themes around architecture and design, pioneers and heritage and Milton Keynes as Tomorrow's City of innovation, what stories can you tell in your community or venue?

For more information and to keep up-to-date, see our website:

www.mk50.co.uk, follow us on

Twitter: **www.twitter.com/CultureMK**, and like us on

Facebook: **www.facebook.com/CultureMK**





We hope you have enjoyed looking at our brochure and the fantastic events on offer this September. Do you want to see and do more? Have we inspired you to run your own event in your locality?

The great news is that next year, in the run up to the 23rd January 2017, Milton Keynes' 50th birthday, we have an extra Birthday Open Weekend running over 4 days from the Friday 20th to Monday 23rd. For more information and/or to register your interest email culture@milton-keynes.gov.uk and of course HODS will be back in 2017 bigger and better than ever.

Look forward to seeing you again in 2017!



Milton Keynes Heritage Unit

The Heritage Unit is the strategic team responsible for delivering Milton Keynes Heritage Open Days, the Milton Keynes Heritage, Museums and Archives Strategy 2014-2023 and for developing museum and archive provision in the borough. For more information see:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/heritage

Get Involved

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

Tel: 01908 253884

Email: heritage@milton-keynes.gov.uk



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