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# Heritage Open Days Milton Keynes

**FREE EVENTS**

12 – 21 September 2025

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# Welcome

2025 is the 19th year that the Milton Keynes area has celebrated Heritage Open Days. In 2006 there were 15 events held across MK – this year we have **250** events to showcase our distinctive and world class heritage, arts and culture.

The national theme this year is **Architecture** and this icon highlights our **109** events.



From the 12th to the 21st 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](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) before setting out. You can also follow MK Heritage Open Days on Instagram and Facebook using **#MKHODS**

Cover photo: Architectural Photography Walk in Central Milton Keynes with Sabre Majid (see event 102).



## Living Archive MK

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](http://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](http://www.aha-mk.org)

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## Key

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| CWGC =  | Commonwealth War Graves Commission    |
| NPHS =  | Newport Pagnell Historical Society    |
| OUAC =  | Open University Archive Cinema        |
| RSHC =  | Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre      |
| SCE =   | Shenley Church End                    |
| SMMW =  | St Mary Magdalene Willen              |
| TNMOC = | The National Museum Of Computing      |
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## Friday 12 September

### 1 Tours of Unity Place



#### Unity Place – Santander UK

Sustainability is at the core of Unity Place. The building employs eco-friendly measures such as rainwater harvesting and solar panels, making it a zero-carbon facility. Initiatives like repurposing surplus bread in the microbrewery, sourcing local ingredients and using green energy further reduces its environmental impact. Join us for a tour of Unity Place, where community, cuisine, and collaboration come together to create a healthier, happier future for all. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Friday 12 September 1000 – 1100 & 1300 – 1400, Friday 19 September 1000 – 1100 & 1530 – 1630

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

#### Contact/Book via:

<https://forms.office.com/r/z4apN3kxQt>  
[www.unityplace.co.uk](http://www.unityplace.co.uk)

### 2 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 orné style, with museum (original Victorian booking office with historical displays & temporary exhibitions), vintage tea room & gift shop. Guided tours provided. Bedfordshire Brickworks Exhibition on 19 September.

**Times:** Fridays 12 & 19, Saturdays 13 & 20, Sundays 14 & 21, Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 September 1000 – 1600

**Location:** Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre, Station Road, Ridgmont MK43 0PX

**Contact:** Stephen Sleight 01234 832645  
[www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk](http://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk)

### 3 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days & Plant Sale



#### St Mary Magdalene Willen

Visit this beautiful Grade 1 listed building, designed by Robert Hooke, with a nod to Christopher Wren. Come and sit in the wonderful Garden of Remembrance, cared for by volunteers from the Willen community. Learn about the history of the church, priory and hospice. 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 1100 – 1700 every day.

**Times:** Friday 12 – Sunday 21 September 1000 – 1700

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

**Contact:** Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

### 4 Faces of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

#### Ukraine Appeal CIO & Patriot All-Ukrainian Association

The exhibition explores peace through the eyes of Ukrainian children today, marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. Through the lens of their experiences and the prism of their dreams, it contrasts what peace meant to children in 1945 and now, building unseen bridges between generations. It reveals how dreams of peace and victory shape Ukraine's cultural heritage and emotional architecture, inspired by history and hope.



**Times:** Friday 12 – Sunday 21 September 1000 – 1900

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

**Contact:** Viktoriya Shtanko 0800 002 5705  
[www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

### 5 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days



#### National Trust Claydon

Claydon House, set in peaceful parkland, bears testament to the tenacity and resilience of the Verney family, who established the estate in 1620. A simple Georgian exterior hides lavish interiors containing every 18th century style imaginable; Palladian, New-Classical, Chinoiserie and Gothick fantasy. Explore this architectural gem!



**Times:** Friday 12 – Sunday 21 September 1030 – 1530

**Location:** Claydon House, Middle Claydon, Buckingham MK18 2EY

**Contact:** Charlotte Stiles 01296 730349  
[www.nationaltrust.co.uk/claydon](http://www.nationaltrust.co.uk/claydon)

### 6 Winslow History Walk: Tudor, Stuart & Georgian Buildings



#### Winslow History Project

Keach's Meeting House will be open for visitors to look round before and after the walk, which will take you around the outsides of some of Winslow's other most interesting buildings including the Old Crown (Tudor), Winslow Hall (1700) and The George (18th-century). You'll see various sorts of bricks and tiles dating from 1695 onwards, thatched roofs, timber frames, casement and sash windows, elaborate ironwork, a jettied upper storey and a wide range of different architectural styles. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 12 September 1100 – 1230, Meeting House open from 1030

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

**Contact/Book via:** David Noy 07713 641238  
[d.noy@btinternet.com](mailto:d.noy@btinternet.com)  
[www.winslow-history.org.uk](http://www.winslow-history.org.uk)

### 7 Family History Help Sessions with John Hanson – Bletchley

#### MK Libraries

Learn how to research your family history in these consultations with our family history expert John Hanson. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 12 September 1100 – 1300

**Location:** Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley MK2 2RA

#### Contact/Book via:

Email: [library.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk)  
 or call 01908 372797

### 8 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

#### Newport Pagnell Historical Society

The society currently has around 110 members who normally meet twice a month and is active in many aspects of the town and further afield, including the preservation of historic buildings, many of which have been sadly lost in the past. The Museum will be open to explore with many new artefacts not previously seen, and a new exhibition to look at.



**Times:** Fridays 12 & 19 September 1100 – 1600  
 Saturdays 13 & 20 and Sundays 14 & 21 September 1200 – 1600

**Location:** Newport Pagnell Historical Society, Chandos Hall, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell MK16 0EN

**Contact:** Barbara Evelyn 07946 683811  
[www.mkheritage.org.uk/nphs](http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/nphs)

### 9 Tours of Unity Place



◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆



## 10 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Camphill MK Talk

### St Mary Magdalene Willen

Come and listen to Tom Bridle's talk and presentation about the history and future of the Camphill Community in Willen. Tom is the Senior Officer at Camphill MK. There will be a Q&A session and refreshments afterwards.



**Times:** Friday 12 September 1430 - 1515  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
 St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact:** Sharron Marland smarland@gmail.com  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## 11 MK Q:mmunity Tales – Not Going Underground: Exhibition

### Q:alliance

Q:alliance's exhibition of LGBTQ+ life in MK from 1967 to 2025 is full of joy, heartache and many, many surprises. For the first time we're bringing together an archive of oral histories, photos and artefacts that illustrate the richness of LGBTQ+ heritage in our city.

**Times:** Fridays 12 & 19 September 1600 – 2000  
 Tuesday 16 September 1400 – 1800  
 Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 September 1800 – 2000  
 Saturday 20 September 1100 – 1600  
**Location:** The Creative Void, below The Old Bath House, 205 Stratford Road, Wolverton MK12 5RL  
**Contact:** Judy & Eden heritage@qalliance.org.uk  
[www.qalliance.org.uk/heritage](http://www.qalliance.org.uk/heritage)

## 12 Dreamscapes Collage Project – Workshop with Artist Yuliya Kharchenko

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Collage technique masterclass with artist Yuliya Kharchenko. Discover the expressive power of paper collage. In this hands-on master class, participants will explore collage as both technique and storytelling tool – using guided art therapy to create visual narratives that reflect personal dreams and global themes. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 12 September 1730 – 19450  
**Location:** Unity Place, 200 Grafton Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1UP  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

## Saturday 13 September

## 13 St James Husborne Crawley Open Day

### St James Parochial Church Council

Our beautiful medieval church will be open for visitors, including the bell tower - uniquely built of greensand that is still green – plus the Elizabethan marble 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 today.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 0900 – 1700  
**Location:** St James Parish Church, School Lane, Husborne Crawley MK43 0UY  
**Contact:** Nick Burton 07930 556012  
[www.hcrr.space/st-james](http://www.hcrr.space/st-james)

## 14 Electra Boat Taster Trips from Fenny Stratford

### MK Community Boat Electra

Join the volunteer crew on Electra at the new accessible & electric boarding point on the canal towpath by Watling St bridge. We cruise down to the winding hole at Water Eaton, under traditional canal bridges, and then turn to come back. On the way down, a volunteer speaker gives a short, illustrated history of all the canals in Milton Keynes. On the way back, enjoy the tranquillity of electric boating, and spot wildlife and canal craft as we glide quietly along. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September trips at 0930 & 1030  
 Sunday 14 September trips at 0930 & 1030  
**Location:** Fenny Stratford Mooring, adjacent to Watling Street Bridge  
 What3Words: shapes.dome.eagles  
**Contact/Book via:**  
[www.bmkwaterway.org/electra/](http://www.bmkwaterway.org/electra/)  
 using the code HODSFREE

## 15 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Gardening Workshop

### St Mary Magdalene Willen

Visit this beautiful Grade 1 listed building, designed by Robert Hooke, and join in with a gardening workshop in the Garden of Remembrance. All welcome. Home grown plants for sale 1100 – 1700 every day at the church during MK Heritage Open Days.

**Times:** Saturdays 13 & 20 September 1000 - 1200  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact:** Sharron Marland smarland@gmail.com  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## 16 Heritage Heroes: Community Volunteering

### The Parks Trust

Join us for a rewarding morning of conservation volunteering in Great Linford Manor Park, 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.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 – 1230  
**Location:** Meet at The Stone Circle, Great Linford Manor Park MK14 5AS  
 What3Words: influence.hero.sanded  
**Contact:** Kyra Turner 07770 646583  
[www.theparkstrust.com/events/community-volunteering-heritage-heroes/](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events/community-volunteering-heritage-heroes/)

## 17 St James New Bradwell Open Day

### St James's Church

A Victorian church designed in the Gothic style by the architect George Edmund Street, paid for by the shareholders of the London and North Western Railway Company. Originally built for the families who moved to New Bradwell to support the new railway works at Wolverton and still valued and enjoyed by the congregation and community today. Inside you can see the 12th century chancel arch rescued from St Peter's Church in Stanton Low, installed in 1969 to surround the west door. Refreshments & children's activities.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1500  
**Location:** St James Church, Church Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 0BP  
**Contact:** Irene Farr 01908 382458

## 18 Bow Brickhill Church & Tower Open Day



### All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill

All Saints Church in Bow Brickhill is predominantly 15th 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 church is surrounded by countryside, is very peaceful and well worth a visit. Teas and cake will be on sale.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1600

**Location:** All Saints Church, Church Road, Bow Brickhill MK17 8LQ

**Contact:** Andrea Spurdle 07914 056119  
www.facebook.com/BowBrickhillChurch

## 19 Buckingham Architecture Through The Ages



### Buckingham Old Gaol Events Team

A look at the changing architecture in Buckingham and surrounding area over the last 300 years. Local radio will be broadcasting and talking to a local historian as well as interviewing the public, with a free exhibition displaying artifacts relating to local history. Walks around local heritage sites will also be available (times TBC). Children's activities and refreshments throughout the day.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1600

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

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

## 20 Castlethorpe Church Open Days



### Parochial Parish Council of Ss Simon & Jude, Castlethorpe

The recently 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:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1600, Sunday 21 September 1100 - 1600

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

**Contact:** Judi Leon 07533 773023  
www.castlethorpechurch.org

## 21 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

## 22 St Lawrence's Church Broughton Open Days



### 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 13 & Sunday 14 September 1000 - 1600

**Location:** St Lawrence's Church, London Road, Broughton Village, Milton Keynes MK10 9AA

**Contact:** Raymond Tetlow 07399 076442  
www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStLawrence

## 23 St Mary's Church - 400 Years of Construction



### St Mary's Church

Discover the origins of this historic church and its construction over the years. This Grade 1 listed building has architectural features from many centuries including the Norman archway, medieval tomb and 19th century-stained glass windows. Find the medieval graffiti and the stonemason marks. Visit our churchyard and discover the architecture symbolism on our Victorian gravestones Take a self-guided tour of the Commonwealth War Graves memorials to local fallen servicemen. Refreshments will be served on both days.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1600 & Sunday 14 September 1300 - 1600

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

**Contact:** Deborah Snook 07866 699295  
www.stmarysbletchley.org

## 24 St Mary's Church Shenley Church End Open Day



### The Team at St Mary's Church Shenley in WVEP

A warm welcome awaits at St Mary's Church Shenley with a wealth of information about the 800+ year history of the church. A mini self-guided tour will introduce you to the many historic features of the church - how its architecture has evolved since its earliest days in the 12th century, its ancient graffiti, stained glass and memorials. Learn the stories of the village heroes who died during WW1 and are remembered in the church, in the graveyard and on the village war memorial.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1600

**Location:** St Mary's Shenley Church End, Dudley Hill, Shenley Church End MK5 6LL

**Contact:** Sue Best 07833 725775  
www.watlingvalley.org.uk

## 25 St James The Great Hanslope Open Days



### Hanslope & District Historical Society & St James The Great Hanslope

The church of St James the Great dates from the 12th Century with an interesting history. Join a tour to hear about the history and architecture of the church and its context within the village of Hanslope. On 21 September the 200ft tower will be open and can be climbed to the bell room and parapet. Then relax with tea/coffee and refreshments in the church.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1700, Sunday 21 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

## 26 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days



◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

## 27 St Mary Magdalene Willen Ride+Stride

### St Mary Magdalene Willen

Today the church hosts Ride+Stride, a sponsored bike ride or walk between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. 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:** Saturday 13 September 1000 - 1700

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

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

## 28 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 from 1100 - 1600 on both days.



**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 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

## 29 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream - Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆



### 30 St Mary Magdalene Willen Hooke Heritage Project Update & Reenactment

#### St Mary Magdalene Willen

Robert Hooke, architect of St Mary Magdalene, died in 1703 and his memorial is on a tile in Westminster Abbey. Join us for an update on our Hooke Heritage Project followed by a Q&A session. All welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1030 – 1115  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact:** Sharron Marland smarland@gmail.com  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

### 31 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days

◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

### 32 St James The Great Hanslope Church Tours

#### Hanslope & District Historical Society & St James The Great Hanslope

The church of St James the Great dates from the 12th Century with an interesting history. Join a tour to hear about the history and architecture of the church and its context within the village of Hanslope, then relax with tea/coffee and refreshments in the church.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September tours start at 1030, 1200, 1430 & 1600  
 Sunday 21 September tours start at 1400, 1500 & 1600  
**Location:** St James The Great, Church End, off Market Square, Hanslope MK19 7LR  
**Contact:** [www.mkheritage.org.uk/hdhs](http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/hdhs)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/StJamesHanslope](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StJamesHanslope)

### 33 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, mobile computing and the internet. Although based on the Bletchley Park site, TNMOC is a separate entity and you will need to book your visit separately. Pre-booking is required via the link below using the code HOD25 for free entry.



**Times:** Saturdays 13 & 20, Sundays 14 & 21, Tuesday 16, Thursday 18 September 1030 – 1630  
**Location:** The National Museum of Computing, Block H, Bletchley Park, MK3 6DS  
**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/yk6cnaxt>  
 Operations Team 01908 374708  
[www.tnmoc.org](http://www.tnmoc.org)

### 34 Tours of The Secret Garden, Wolverton

#### Wolverton Secret Garden Society

This derelict site was leased from British Rail for a peppercorn rent by Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council more than 20 years ago. With vision and hard work from a group of local volunteers, it has been transformed into a green oasis in an urban area. It is much loved as a place to relax and enjoy nature and the public art pieces sited there. Volunteers will talk about the history of the site and its development.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1100 & 1200  
**Location:** The Secret Garden, Stratford Road, Wolverton MK13 0DY  
**Contact:** Roger Kitchen 07951 537176  
[www.facebook.com/wolvertonsecretgarden](http://www.facebook.com/wolvertonsecretgarden)

### 35 Hands On The Willis Pipe Organ!

#### Music For All @MSG

Drop in and let our organ guides give you a close look at the newly-restored 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 so you can play it. An exhibition about the pipe organ and the architecture of the church will be on display.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1100 – 1400  
**Location:** St Mary & St Giles Church, Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD  
**Contact:** Anna Page [annapage.parish@gmail.com](mailto:annapage.parish@gmail.com)  
[www.musicforallmsg.org/whats-on/festival](http://www.musicforallmsg.org/whats-on/festival)

### 36 African Gourd & Pottery Art Workshop

#### We Are The Iroko CIC

Find out how gourds and clay water pots were used in African culture for utility and decoration, then paint and design some of your own! An inter-generational multicultural activity where you can learn about symbols and patterns that were used by African communities in the past, which are now in danger of extinction due to lack of usage. The heritage products created in these workshops will appear in We Are The Iroko's storytelling production Grandma's Necklace, which takes place in the same venue later during MK Heritage Open Days. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1100 – 1500  
**Location:** The Almere MK, 353 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2FF  
**Contact/Book via:**  
[Emailwearetheiroko23@gmail.com](mailto:Emailwearetheiroko23@gmail.com)  
 or text 07391 851522

### 37 Bradwell Abbey Medieval Fayre

#### Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre

Come and see Milton Keynes' medieval gem! With pilgrims, live Chaucer from our medieval wagon, medieval stalls and re-enactors, archery, mead, food and special guests, there is something for everyone! There will be chapel tours and guided talks about the history of Bradwell Abbey. Please email [Director@mkcdc.org.uk](mailto:Director@mkcdc.org.uk) for further information!

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1100 – 1500  
**Location:** MK City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, MK13 9AP  
**Contact:** Richard Gregory 01908 227229  
[www.mkcdc.org.uk](http://www.mkcdc.org.uk)

### 38 Grindley Architects – Open House

#### Grindley Architects

Grindley Architects is a family run practice based in Simpson that has been designing buildings in Milton Keynes since 1982. The open house event will include models and drawings of completed projects in and around the local area including their own office, designed and constructed by the practice in 2005. Pre-booking not required but advance notice welcome, email [info@grindleyarchitects.co.uk](mailto:info@grindleyarchitects.co.uk)



**Times:** Saturdays 13 & 20 September 1100 – 1530  
**Location:** The Office, 7 Lissel Road, Simpson, Milton Keynes MK6 3AX  
**Contact:** Grindley 01908 668919  
[www.grindleyarchitects.co.uk/projects](http://www.grindleyarchitects.co.uk/projects)



## 39 St Lawrence Bradwell Village Open Day



### Bradwell Church

St Lawrence's is a 13th Century Grade II\* listed building located next to Bradwell Castle Mound in Bradwell Village. Over its 800-year history the building has grown and undergone numerous alterations, but at its core the Romanesque/Early English Gothic architecture remains. We have some beautiful Victorian stained-glass windows and many other points of interest, including some of the oldest bells in the county. Support the building by joining us for tea and cakes as part of your visit!



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1100 – 1600

**Location:** Vicarage Road, Bradwell Village, Milton Keynes MK13 9EY

**Contact:** Peter 07725 905172  
www.bradwellchurch.com

## 40 Westbury Arts Centre - Farina Noorani: Bridges Of Time



### Westbury Arts Centre

An exhibition by Farina Noorani that explores the evolving dialogue between classical and contemporary architectural forms, where tradition meets innovation in the built environment. The theme delves into the symbiosis of historical structures and modern interventions, highlighting how architecture and engineering design adapt to cultural and technological shifts.



**Times:** Saturdays 13 & 20, Sundays 14 & 21 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

## 41 Westbury Arts Centre – Open Studios

### Westbury Arts Centre

Visitors have a rare opportunity to see some of Westbury's resident artists at work in their studios; several studios are located in the oldest part of the building. Current residents include fine artists working in charcoal, oils, watercolours, acrylics and mixed media, in addition to textile artists and sculptors. While not all studios will be open, visitors will be able to enjoy displays of all the artists' work throughout the public spaces of the house and gardens.

**Times:** Saturdays 13 & 20, Sundays 14 & 21 September 1100 - 1600

**Location & contact:** Same as event 40

## 42 Westbury Arts Centre – Printmaking: A Celebration

### Westbury Arts Centre

A collection of works by members of the Printmakers Mingle Group at Westbury Arts Centre, showcasing the art of handmade prints using a variety of time-honoured and more modern printmaking methods and genres.

**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 1100 – 1600

**Location & contact:** Same as event 40

## 43 Westbury Arts Centre – Reflections: Form & Colour

### Westbury Arts Centre

A collaborative exhibition bringing together two of Westbury's resident artists, Tatiana Orlenok and Vilma Hing, one working in visual art, the other in contemporary jewellery. Vilma draws inspiration from the natural world, using metal and texture to reflect its delicate patterns and forms. Tatiana's work focuses on nature and portraiture, using layered colour and organic shapes to capture both atmosphere and emotion. Together, their practices invite quiet reflection, encouraging visitors to see beauty in everyday details, reimagined through skilled craftsmanship and thoughtful design.

**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 1100 – 1600

**Location & contact:** Same as event 40

## 44 Westbury Arts Centre – Westbury Bee Group

### Westbury Arts Centre

Everything you ever wanted to know about honeybees and beekeeping, with a stall selling honey, honey tasting, bee-related merchandise and an observation hive.

**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 1100 – 1600

**Location & contact:** Same as event 40

## 45 Home Is Where The Heart Is – Gingerbread Decorating Workshop for Children

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

A joyful, creative masterclass where children can decorate gingerbread cookies shaped like houses and hearts. Inspired by Ukrainian children dreaming of peace and safety and the warmth of millions of Britons opening their homes and hearts, this workshop invites kids to express kindness and hope through art and sweets. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1130 – 1230

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

**Contact/Book via:** www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

## 46 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

## 47 St Guthlac's Passenham History Festival



### Friends of St Guthlac's Church

Explore this medieval treasure and learn about its history. With 17th century wall paintings, box pews, information displays, Civil War artifacts and guided tours – bell ringing and refreshments too. Learn the story of Bad Bobby Bannister – Passenham's notorious Lord of the Manor and most famous ghost!



**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 1200 – 1600

**Location:** St Guthlac's Church, Passenham Lane, Passenham MK19 6DH

**Contact:** Jennie Dott 07950 426727  
www.facebook.com/FriendsofStGuthlacsChurch/

## 48 MK Q:alliance Tales – Not Going Underground: MK Pride

### Q:alliance

Visit the Q:alliance Heritage Tent at MK Pride Festival 2025. Our mini exhibition of LGBTQ+ life in MK from 1967 to 2025 is full of joy, heartache and many surprises. Come and see a snap-shot of the people, spaces and organisations that have sustained us all over the years.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1200 - 1800

**Location:** The Q:alliance Heritage Tent, MK Pride Festival, Campbell Park, Milton Keynes MK9 4AD

**Contact:** Judy & Eden heritage@qalliance.org.uk  
www.qalliance.org.uk/heritage

## 49 North Crawley World War II Exhibition

North Crawley Historical Society  
with Chicheley

An exhibition to commemorate the service men and women from the villages who served in World War II in this 80th anniversary year. In 2014 the Historical Society put on a similar exhibition, resulting in the publication of a book containing details of all the servicemen and women who served in WW I. This will be a similar event for WW II and will include pictures, service records, stories and memorabilia from both villages. It is hoped that a similar book may be produced after this exhibition. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1200 - 1800  
**Location:** The Institute, High Street, North Crawley MK16 9LH  
**Contact/Book via:** 01234 391205 or email cs@nchs.uk www.mkheritage.org.uk/nchs/

## 50 Cultural Harmony – All Nations Meet & Greet

Making Good Better Community Services CIC

A vibrant community celebration showcasing the rich tapestry of cultures present in Milton Keynes, fostering unity and understanding through music, dance, traditional games and delicious food! Last year's event saw representatives from Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, the UK, Congo, Mali, Poland, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and South Africa coming together to share their unique heritage and traditions, so come along, join in and find out more!

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1300 - 2300  
**Location:** The Trinity Centre, Fishermead, Milton Keynes MK6 2LA  
**Contact:** Maria 07404 899731 www.mgbcommunityservice.com

## 51 Bradwell Windmill Open Days



MK Museum

One of the only remaining windmills in Buckinghamshire still producing wholemeal flour, the windmill will be open for family visits. No pre-booking is required but some queuing may be necessary to watch the Victorian engineering at work.

**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 1330 - 1630  
**Location:** Off Nightingale Crescent, Bradville, Milton Keynes MK13 7UE  
**Contact:** R Wilde 07775 608228 www.miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk/home/bradwell-windmill

## 52 Wolverton Community Orchard Autumn Celebration

Wolverton Community Orchard

Enjoy refreshments, barbecue, live music and children's crafts. Our Community Orchard was created over 20 years ago from a neglected and overgrown allotment site. Now home to over 50 productive fruit trees and native hedging, it's enjoyed by the community all year round and especially at our regular events. It's maintained by volunteers and we love to welcome new faces!

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1400 - 1700  
**Location:** Wolverton Community Orchard, off Woburn Avenue, Wolverton MK12 5AY  
**Contact:** www.facebook.com/mixedfruitorchard

## 53 Be A Chorister For The Afternoon



Music For All @SMSG

Part of the Willis Pipe Organ Festival at St Mary & St Giles Church. Your chance to learn and sing some choral music with the Willis pipe organ. During the Be a Chorister event, the church will remain open for the public to see the exhibition about this pipe organ and the architecture of the church which will be on display. Pre-booking is required - details and form available from early July on the website.

**Times:** Saturday 13 September 1400 - 1800  
**Location:** St Mary & St Giles Church, Church Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1BD  
**Contact/Book via:** www.musicforallsmg.org/whats-on/festival

## 54 Flash Bang Wallop – Edwardian Woburn Sands Photography Exhibition

Woburn Sands Collection

80 original Glass Plate Negatives of Woburn Sands and area have recently been rediscovered and have been turned into a presentation with the histories behind the scenes and events. See our High Street, churches and pubs as well as the water mains being installed and scenes from the 1911 Coronation festivities.

**Times:** Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 1500 - 1600  
**Location:** Summerlin Community Centre, 138 Station Road, Woburn Sand MK17 8SG  
**Contact:** Paul Cox 07597 373606 www.mkheritage.org.uk/wsc

## Sunday 14 September

## 55 Electra Boat Taster Trips from Fenny Stratford

◆ Please see event 14 for full details ◆

## 56 CMK Walkabout – Guided Walk



Milton Keynes Forum

A walk led by Dianne Sutton around the western half of Central Milton Keynes. While many people will be familiar with CMK through its wide boulevards, the spaces behind the buildings can often be a surprise. This walk looks particularly at these hidden squares, gardens, parks and water features with a view to opening peoples' eyes to the full range of open spaces in our city centre. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1000 - 1200  
**Location:** Meet at the Octo sculpture outside Norfolk House, Saxon Gate, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2AH  
**Contact/Book via:** www.miltonkeynesforum.org

## 57 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

## 58 St Lawrence's Church Broughton Open Days



◆ Please see event 22 for full details ◆

## 59 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days



◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

## 60 Wolverton Scarecrow Festival

◆ Please see event 28 for full details ◆

## 61 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

## 62 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

## 63 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 33 for full details ◆

## 64 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 and then take a self-guided walk along part of the canal following the Ouse Valley Way footpath.



**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1100 - 1300  
**Location:** Park in Burleigh Piece, Buckingham MK18 7HX and follow signs for Buckingham Canal  
**Contact:** Athina Beckett 07721 319404 www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk



## 65 The Stables Theatre Building Tour



### The Stables Theatre

You've enjoyed the performances in the Jim Marshall Auditorium but have you ever wondered how The Stables works as a building? Led by architect Peter Hall, who will explain how The Stables was conceived, these Heritage Open Day 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.



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**Times:** Sunday 14 September tours at 1100, 1200 & 1300

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

**Contact/Book via:** The Stables Box Office 01908 280800 [www.stables.org](http://www.stables.org)

## 66 The Parks Trust 30 Mile Challenge

### The Parks Trust

How does a cycling adventure across 30 miles of Milton Keynes' beautiful landscapes sound to you? The Parks Trust



are leading this guided cycle ride (with an experienced ride leader) to show off an amazing route that will take you around the whole of Milton Keynes using the parks that connect the city, visiting lakes, heritage sites and public art.

**Times:** Saturday 14 September 1100 - 1500

**Location:** Starts from The Observation Wheel at Willen Lake South

What3Words: informal.sport.fruitcake

**Contact:** David Lewis 07778 632551

[www.theparkstrust.com/events](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events)

## 67 St Laud's Church Sherington Open Days



### Sherington Historical Society

St Laud's Church in Sherington is the only one in England known to be dedicated to Saint Laud and dates from 1140. Take a look around with a leaflet detailing the history of the church, see the local history exhibition staged by Sherington Historical Society for their 25th Anniversary and enjoy some tea and cake.



**Times:** Sunday 14 & Saturday 20 September 1000 - 1600

**Location:** St Laud's Church, Church End, Sherington MK16 9PD

**Contact:** Rev Coralie Mansfield 07952 593769 [www.mkheritage.org.uk/sherington](http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/sherington)

## 68 Westbury Arts Centre - Farina Noorani: Bridges Of Time



◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

## 69 Westbury Arts Centre - Open Studios

◆ Please see event 41 for full details ◆

## 70 Westbury Arts Centre - Printmaking: A Celebration

◆ Please see event 42 for full details ◆

## 71 Westbury Arts Centre - Reflections: Form & Colour

◆ Please see event 43 for full details ◆

## 72 Westbury Arts Centre - Westbury Bee Group

◆ Please see event 44 for full details ◆

## 73 Architecture Of Relationships - Creative Play Workshop



### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Every child dreams of a home filled with love and understanding. In this creative interactive session, parents and children (ages 5-12) co-create their "emotional home" through playful drawing, play, and open dialogue - building trust, empathy, and deeper connection in a warm, supportive space designed to strengthen relationships and shared emotional language. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1130 - 1300

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

**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

## 74 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

## 75 St Guthlac's Passenham History Festival



◆ Please see event 47 for full details ◆

## 76 St Mary Magdalene Willen Classical Guitar Concert

### Willen Village Historical Association

Listen to a classical guitar concert by MK Classical Guitar Society as they perform in this acoustic gem of a church. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1230 - 1400

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

**Contact/Book via:** Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## 77 St Mary's Church - 400 Years of Construction



◆ Please see event 23 for full details ◆

## 78 Bradwell Windmill Open Days



◆ Please see event 51 for full details ◆

## 79 Pilgrim Trail: Bradwell Abbey Family Friendly Walk



### MK City Discovery Centre & MK City Council

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 at the fully restored medieval chapel of St Mary which will be open to the public to view the medieval paintings, as part of the Medieval open day taking place on site, so arrive early if you can! The walk is a gentle stroll, suitable for all ages and is just under two miles long, taking approximately one hour. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1400 - 1500

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

**Contact/Book via:** Nicky Bernard [nicky.bernard@gmail.com](mailto:nicky.bernard@gmail.com) or 07530 349967

## 80 Pipe Organ Festival Recital



### Music For All @SMMSG

A concert on the Willis organ making good use of the architecture of the building for a variety of tones and sounds. A full

programme will be available nearer the time on the Music for All @ SMMSG website. An exhibition about this pipe organ and the architecture of the church will be on display. Cake, coffee and tea available from 1430. The concert starts at 1500.

**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1430 - 1600

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

**Contact:** Anna Page [annacpage.parish@gmail.com](mailto:annacpage.parish@gmail.com)  
[www.musicforallsmmsg.org/whats-on/festival](http://www.musicforallsmmsg.org/whats-on/festival)

## 81 MK Greek Orthodox Community – Our History, Our Buildings



### Greek Orthodox Community of Milton Keynes & Surrounding District

Visit the buildings and gardens and learn about the history of the community, church and Greek School in Stony Stratford. The Community was created in 1986 and found a suitable site for its religious, educational and cultural needs in the former Church Of St Marys (designed by George Gilbert Scott) and its parish rooms (designed by Edward Swinfen Harris) next door. Come along and find out more!



**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1430 – 1700  
**Location:** Greek Orthodox Community, London Road, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes MK11 1JA  
**Contact:** Niki Beales 01280 820710  
[www.greek-orthodox-community-mk.org](http://www.greek-orthodox-community-mk.org)

## 82 Flash Bang Wallop – Edwardian Woburn Sands Photography Exhibition

◆ Please see event 54 for full details ◆

## 83 From Script To PR Success Masterclass

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Unlock the secrets of transforming your ideas into compelling creative projects! This masterclass explores script techniques, director's vision, and effective PR strategies. Guided by Karyna Kuraian, you'll gain hands-on experience and insights to bring theatre, film, and media projects to life—from inspiration to audience connection. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Sunday 14 September 1730 – 1845  
**Location:** Unity Place, 200 Grafton Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1UP  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

## Monday 15 September

## 84 National Trust – Stowe Gardens Open Day



### National Trust Stowe Gardens

Full of hidden meaning, classical references and visual trickery, there are picture-perfect views, temples, lakeside walks and a monumental landscape that changes with the seasons. Start your visit at the New Inn, a half-mile walk down a tree-lined avenue to the garden, following in the footsteps of 18th century tourists.

**Times:** Monday 15 September 1000 – 1700  
**Location:** Stowe Landscape Gardens, New Inn Farm, Buckingham MK18 5EQ  
**Contact:** Damian Benton 01280 817156  
[www.nationaltrust.co.uk/stowe](http://www.nationaltrust.co.uk/stowe)

## 85 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆



## 86 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

## 87 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days

◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆



## 88 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Willen Hospice Singers Sing & Chat

### Willen Village Historical Association

Enjoy an afternoon in this beautiful church being entertained by Willen Hospice Choir during their regular weekly practice. The choir is made up of Willen Hospice supporters, patients, relatives, friends, volunteers and staff who come together to sing. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Monday 15 September 1330 – 1430  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact:** Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## 89 How The Past Shapes the Present – Architecture Talk



### Ukraine Appeal CIO

With author Yuliia Niemova. This lecture explores the dual role of cultural heritage - from the Colosseum in Ancient Rome to contemporary Ukrainian landmarks - not only as a vessel of historical memory, but also as a powerful tool of influence and control used by authorities across different eras. A particular focus is placed on Ukrainian cultural heritage and its formation under historical pressures, from past to present. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Monday 15 September 1730 – 1830  
**Location:** Unity Place, 200 Grafton Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1UP  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

## 90 Emotions In Motion – Dance Workshop with Yaroslava Demutska

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Have you ever danced like nobody's watching? Emotions In Motion is an interactive workshop where movement becomes language. It's a safe, inclusive space where participants can explore emotion, connection, and British and Ukrainian cultural elements through dance and improvisation. No experience needed — just your body, an open heart, and a willingness to move. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Monday 15 September 1730 – 1900  
**Location:** Unity Place, 200 Grafton Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1UP  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

## 91 centre:mk Walkabout – Guided Walk



### Milton Keynes Forum

A guided walk around centre:mk led by Tim Skelton to mark the publication of MK Forum's guide to the building. Still looking as fresh as it did on the day that it opened 46 years ago, centre:mk is still one of the country's leading shopping centres and certainly the most distinguished from an architectural point of view. Working with centre:mk, the Forum has written a guide to the building that will be freely available for visitors following the tour. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Monday 15 September 1800 – 2000  
**Location:** Starts outside John Lewis, Middleton Hall, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EP  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.miltonkeynesforum.org](http://www.miltonkeynesforum.org)

## 92 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Quorum Choir Open Rehearsal

### Willen Village Historical Association

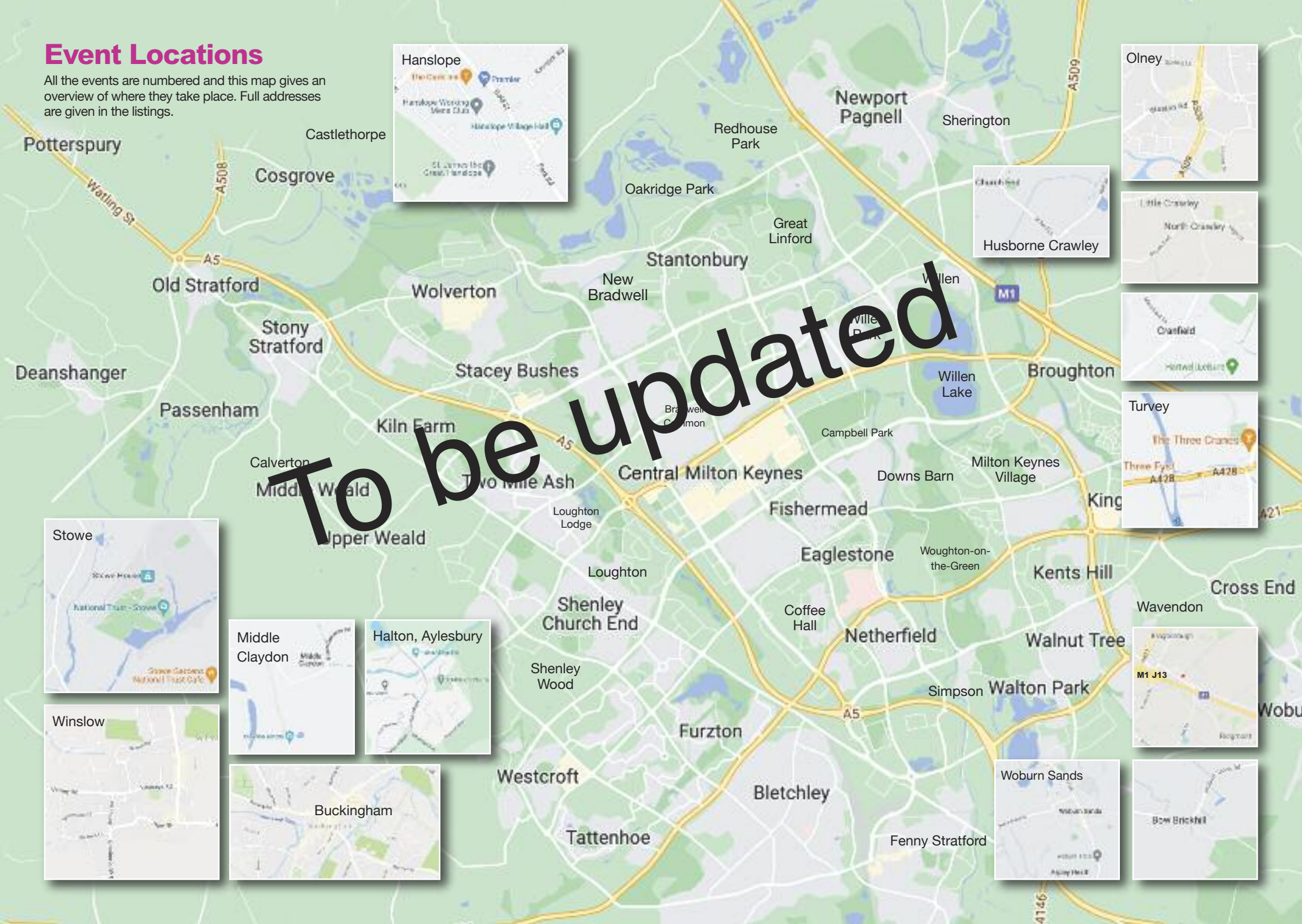
Quorum is a chamber choir based at St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen who specialise in singing unaccompanied renaissance and contemporary sacred music. The choir is known for its innovative programming of contemporary and renaissance sacred music showcasing wonderful pieces which are not often performed.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

**Times:** Monday 15 September 2000 – 2130  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact/Book via:** Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)



## Event Locations

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





## Tuesday 16 September

### 93 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

### 94 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

### 95 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days

◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

### 96 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 33 for full details ◆

### 97 Family History Help Sessions with John Hanson – Newport Pagnell

#### MK Libraries

Learn how to research your family history in these consultations with our family history expert John Hanson. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Tuesday 16 September 1100 – 1300

**Location:** Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8HQ

#### Contact/Book via:

Email [library.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or call 01908 610933

### 98 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Lunchtime Concert With Saxophrenia

#### Willen Village Historical Association

Lunchtime Concert with Saxophrenia, a Sax Quartet playing classics, pop and more. Refreshments afterwards. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Tuesday 16 September 1230 – 1315

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

#### Contact/Book via:

Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

### 99 CWGC War Graves Tour – Wolverton

#### Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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 16 September 1400 – 1500

**Location:** Wolverton Cemetery, Woburn Avenue, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5AZ

#### Contact/Book via:

[www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/](http://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/)

### 100 MK Q:mmunity Tales – Not Going Underground: Exhibition

◆ Please see event 11 for full details ◆

### 101 An Introduction To Bancroft Roman Villa



#### The Parks Trust

Come along and learn a bit about Bancroft Roman Villa and the surrounding area. This short walk will last about an hour and will give you an introduction to the history of MK, and the site as it was before MK existed! It will also include some of the findings that were made during the excavations. The walk takes place on gravelled paths and on grassland. So please wear suitable footwear and dress for the weather.



**Times:** Tuesday 16 September 1630 – 1730 & 1800 – 1900

**Location:** Meet in the car park off Constantine Way, Bancroft Park  
What3Words: shipped.enough.cycles

**Contact:** Sarah Griffiths 01908 233600  
[www.theparkstrust.com/events](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events)

### 102 Architectural Photography Walk In Central Milton Keynes



#### Sabre Majid & Living Archive MK

Join artist and professional photographer Sabre Majid on a 90-minute guided walk exploring the unique architecture of MK. As someone whose work raises awareness of MK's architectural heritage, Sabre will share insights into the design and history of key landmarks that have inspired him. Bring your camera or smartphone, as Sabre will lead mini photography activities at each stop, offering tips on lighting, composition, and capturing the architectural character of each site. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Tuesday 16 September 1715 – 1845

**Location:** Starts from Lloyds Court, 28 Secklow Gate West, Milton Keynes MK9 3EH

**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/mkk9abnn>  
[www.sabremajid.com](http://www.sabremajid.com)

### 103 Coffee Art Masterclass with Olena Ukrainka

#### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Explore your inner world through aroma, taste, and creativity in this soulful Coffee Art Masterclass. Guided by an art practitioner, you'll paint with coffee, reflect on your dreams, and unlock your imagination in a warm, supportive space. No experience needed—just a desire to create, connect, and discover what truly matters to you. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Tuesday 16 September 1730 – 1930

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

**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

### 104 Behind The Wall: An Inside View of Wolverton Works' Buildings Past And Present



#### Phil Marsh

Wolverton Works is the world's oldest and longest continuously open railway works but is hidden behind the Stratford Road wall. Philip will illustrate what lies behind that wall, including The Royal Train, the buildings that have long been demolished or left to decay into dereliction and those that are still



in use today. He will also discuss the planning application that threatened to demolish the Works' buildings, and what the future may hold. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Tuesday 16 September 1845 – 1945

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

**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/2jktjs4w>  
[www.wolvertonworksonline.co.uk](http://www.wolvertonworksonline.co.uk)

## Wednesday 17 September

### 105 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days

◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

### 106 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

### 107 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆



## 108 CWGC War Graves Tour – Buckingham (Brackley Road) Cemetery

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Brackley Road Cemetery, Buckingham is the final resting place of 10 soldiers and airmen who died for their country during WW1 + 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:** Wednesday 17 September 1030 – 1130

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

### Contact/Book via:

[www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/](http://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/)

## 109 Awe-Inspiring Architecture



### The Parks Trust

A stroll taking in the wonderful architectural history of the Iron Trunk bridge and the ecology of the Floodplain Forest, one of MK's best areas for birdwatching. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1030 – 1200

**Location:** Starts from Manor Farm Court, MK12 5NN  
What3Words: bunks.cliff.towels

**Contact/Book via:** [www.theparkstrust.com/events](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events)

## 110 Station to Station Guided Walk

### Living Archive and Bletchley and Fenny Town Council

This guided walking tour will take you through the railway town of Bletchley to the ancient market town of Fenny Stratford. Starting at Bletchley Railway Station it follows the development of the town 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 about an hour to complete. Trains run every hour from Fenny Stratford back to Bletchley Station. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1030 – 1200

**Location:** Meet at Bletchley Railway Station MK3 6DZ

**Contact/Book via:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/living-archive/t-ojgaqxv>

## 111 Willen Walkabout – Guided Walk

### Milton Keynes Forum & Willen Village Heritage Association

Tim Skelton will lead a walk around the village looking at the old field names and their boundaries and how they have been incorporated into the fabric of the development of the gridsquare. Tea and cakes at the church afterwards. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1030 – 1230

**Location:** Starts from St Mary Magdalene Willen, Milton Road, Willen, MK15 9AA

**Contact/Book via:** [www.miltonkeynesforum.org](http://www.miltonkeynesforum.org)

## 112 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days

◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

## 113 Open University Historical Displays

### The Open University

Special displays about the history of the University, created for MK Heritage Open Days. Includes a new display celebrating the life of Baroness Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the House Of Commons and Chancellor of the Open University from 1995 to 2006. Booking is not required to visit the displays, but you will need to book for the tours.

**Times:** Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 & Friday 19 September 1030 – 1530

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

**Contact:** Ruth Cammies (University Archivist)  
01908 653378 [www.open.ac.uk](http://www.open.ac.uk)

## 114 Open University Archive Cinema – Film Screenings

### The Open University

New for this year's MK Heritage Open Days events, there will be showings of historical Open University film in the lecture space in the Library atrium. Visitors are welcome to drop in to these sessions and no booking is required. Three compilations of archive footage have been created, each following a theme; Teaching & Learning At The OU, OU Historical Events and Milton Keynes & The Walton Hall Estate.

**Times:** **Teaching & Learning:** Wednesday 17 1045, Thursday 18 1345, Friday 19 1245  
**OU Historical Events:** Wednesday 17 1345, Thursday 18 1300, Friday 19 1330  
**MK & Walton Hall:** Wednesday 17 1430, Thursday 18 1430, Friday 19 1200

**Location:** Library Atrium lecture space, The Betty Boothroyd Library, Walton Hall Campus, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

**Contact:** Ruth Cammies (University Archivist)  
01908 653378 [www.open.ac.uk](http://www.open.ac.uk)

## 115 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:** Wednesday 17 September 1130 – 1245

**Location:** Starts from the Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton MK12 5LY

**Contact:** Roger Kitchen 07951 537176

## 116 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Bellringing & History Talk



### Willen Village Historical Association

Ringling of the bells with the new bell tapper donated by John Figg in memory of his wife, Roma. John will then lead a talk on the architectural history of the church, designed by Robert Hooke (a contemporary and colleague of Christopher Wren) who has been described as England's Leonardo. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1130 – 1300

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

### Contact/Book via:

Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## 117 Open University Historical Campus Tours

### The Open University

Enjoy guided tours of selected areas of the Open University campus at Walton Hall, focussing on the history of the estate and the people that the buildings are named after. The tours are all identical in content so please only book for one. Each tour lasts 90 minutes. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1200 & 1300, Thursday 18 September 1030, Friday 19 September 1030 & 1430

**Location:** Starts from The Betty Boothroyd Library, Walton Hall Campus, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA

**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/2pk2y4t3>  
[www.open.ac.uk](http://www.open.ac.uk)

## 118 Open University Archive Cinema – OU Historical Events

◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

## 119 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Sea Shanty Workshop

**Willen Village Historical Association**

Wear your stripey shirt and join the Rolling Home band crew for an hour as they lead this workshop teaching you to sing sea shanties. Refreshments provided. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1400 – 1500  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB

**Contact/Book via:**

Sharron Marland smarland@gmail.com  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## 120 Past Meets Practice: Open Studio & Architecture Q&A



**Eco Design Consultants**

Explore centuries of architectural evolution and discover sustainable design at this unique event hosted by Eco Design Consultants. Join us for a free, face-to-face Q&A session where you can ask all your architecture, renovation, and Passivhaus questions in an inspiring historic setting. Come for the architecture—stay for the conversation. Pre-booking required.



**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1400 – 1700  
**Location:** South Pavillion, MK Art Centre, Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ  
**Contact/Book via:** Email [studio@edc.eco](mailto:studio@edc.eco) or call 01908 886854  
[www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk](http://www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk)

## 121 Open University Archive Cinema – MK & Walton Hall

◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

## 122 Ukrainian Embroidery Masterclass

**Ukraine Appeal CIO**

Take part in a unique embroidery masterclass led by Ukrainian artist Lesya Kotova, where participants will collaboratively create a symbolic Tree of Life. This traditional design becomes a powerful community amulet—stitched with intention, heritage and hope. Celebrate unity, creativity, storytelling and culture through this meaningful and hands-on collective experience. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1730 – 2000  
**Location:** Unity Place, 200 Grafton Gate, Milton Keynes MK9 1UP

**Contact/Book via:** [www.ukraineappeal.org.uk](http://www.ukraineappeal.org.uk)

## 123 MK Q:mmunity Tales – Not Going Underground: Exhibition

◆ Please see event 11 for full details ◆

## 124 10 People: 10 Buildings: 10 Minutes



**MK Forum & MK City Discovery Centre**

A lively fun-filled evening devoted to the city's buildings in all their forms and types as ten local people have 10 minutes each to share their 10 favourite buildings in MK! This fun event will explore our architecture with illustrated presentations. What will they choose? Will some buildings appear more than once? Will there be a preference for new buildings or old ones? Will anybody get “gonged out”? Come and find out! Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Wednesday 17 September 1900 – 2100  
**Location:** MK City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey, Milton Keynes MK13 9AP  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.miltonkeynesforum.org](http://www.miltonkeynesforum.org)

## Thursday 18 September

### 125 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

### 126 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days



◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

### 127 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

### 128 Open University Historical Campus Tours

◆ Please see event 117 for full details ◆

### 129 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

### 130 Open University Historical Displays

◆ Please see event 113 for full details ◆

### 131 Milton Keynes Museum Beer & Gin Festival

**Milton Keynes Museum**

Milton Keynes Museum is where history comes to life: fascinating stories, memorable events, exhibits we encourage you to touch and loads to see for every age and interest. Browse our Street of Shops, explore toys from another age in our Story of Childhood exhibit, make hot buttered toast in the Farmhouse Kitchen, ride the world's largest steam tramcar in our Hall of Transport and much, much more. As part of MK HODs 2025 we will be serving a selection of real ales, ciders and local gins at our annual Beer & Gin Festival too! Museum entry is free but drinks must be paid for.

**Times:** Thursday 18, Friday 19, Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September 1030 – 1630

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

**Contact/Book via:** [www.miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk](http://www.miltonkeynesmuseum.org.uk)

## 132 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 33 for full details ◆

## 133 Brickz Museum – The Museum Dedicated To The Lego Brick



**Brickz Museum**

The recently opened Brickz Museum is dedicated to all things related to Lego. What better way to celebrate architecture than by seeing the amazing structures built by our Master Builders? Be among the first to see recreations of scenes from Star Wars, Ghostbusters, The Simpsons and much much more - free, for one day only!



**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1030 – 1700  
**Location:** Brickz Museum, Lloyds Court, 34 Secklow Gate West, Milton Keynes MK9 3AT

**Contact:** Rachel Borland 07485 091665  
[www.brickzmuseum.com](http://www.brickzmuseum.com)

## 134 Cowper & Newton Museum Open Day



**Cowper & Newton Museum**

Relive Georgian life at the beautiful home of William Cowper, renowned 18th century poet. Discover how his friend John Newton's life and personal experiences inspired him to write the world's most famous hymn, Amazing Grace, in Olney. Wander through the 18th century flower and summer house gardens. Don't miss poet William Cowper's Verse Manufactory, surrounded by medicinal plants and heritage fruit and vegetables.

**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1100 – 1600  
**Location:** Orchard Side, Market Place, Olney MK46 4AJ

**Contact:** Paula Noble (House Manager) 01234 711516  
[www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk/events/heritage-open-day](http://www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk/events/heritage-open-day)



## 135 Open Voices Choir at the OU

### The Open University

New for MK Heritage Open Days this year, we are delighted to announce that the OU's singing group Open Voices will be joining the celebrations by giving a short performance in the Library Atrium. No booking is required to come and listen to the performance.

**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1200 – 1300

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

**Contact:** Ruth Cammies (University Archivist)  
01908 653378 www.open.ac.uk

## 136 St Mary Magdalene Willen Lunchtime Concert – Backstops

### Willen Village Historical Association

Lunch time concert with Backstops, a band from Milton Keynes Village, playing 1960s music and more. Concert for 45 minutes and there will be refreshments after. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1230 – 1315

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

### Contact/Book via:

Sharron Marland smarland@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

## 137 Open University Archive Cinema – OU Historical Events

◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

## 138 Open University Archive Cinema – Teaching & Learning

◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

## 139 CWGC War Graves Tour – Cranfield Churchyard

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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:** Thursday 18 September 1400 – 1500

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

### Contact/Book via:

www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/

## 140 Electra Boat Taster Trips from Campbell Wharf

### MK Community Boat Electra

Join the volunteer shore crew in the Electra Welcome Centre for a short illustrated history of why and how the Grand Union canal – and its “arms” – came to be built through the area that is now Milton Keynes, then move onto MK Community Boat Electra to experience the peace and tranquillity of modern electric boating with a circular cruise on the canal. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Thursday 18 September trips at 1400, 1500 & 1600

Friday 19 September trips at 1630 & 1730

**Location:** Campbell Wharf, Milton Keynes MK9 4BG

**Contact/Book via:** www.bmkwaterway.org/electra/ using the code HODSFREE

## 141 MK Q:mmunity Tales – LGBTQ+ Heritage Film Showing

### Q:alliance

Q:alliance's LGBTQ+ Heritage Project presents an afternoon film showing at MK Gallery, showcasing 2 films created as part of this project: Our Queer Voices and The Trans Script, each followed by a short discussion and Q&A. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1400 – 1630

**Location:** MK Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA

**Contact/Book via:** https://tinyurl.com/tsmmnyv6  
www.qalliance.org.uk/heritage

## 142 Open University Archive Cinema – MK & Walton Hall

◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

## 143 Willen Photography Walk

### The Parks Trust

Join Nicky Kenny for a photography walk exploring the landscape and built architecture in the northern area of Willen Lake. Starting at the Tree Cathedral, the walk will explore the Medicine Wheel, the Peace Pagoda, Willen Labyrinth and the Willen Observation Wheel. No photography experience necessary. Suitable for families. Bring your camera or camera phone. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1600 – 1800

**Location:** Starts from The Tree Cathedral, off Livingstone Drive, MK15 9ED

**Contact/Book via:** Email nicky.bernard@gmail.com or call 07530 349967

## 144 Petrykivka Painting Workshop with Artist Agneta Shashkova

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

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:** Thursday 18 September 1730 – 1945

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

**Contact/Book via:** www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

## 145 MK Q:mmunity Tales – Not Going Underground: Exhibition

◆ Please see event 11 for full details ◆

## 146 Eco Talks In Historic Walls – Sustainable Architecture Talk



### Eco Design Consultants

Discover how Milton Keynes is responding to the climate challenge through innovative, sustainable architecture at this engaging evening of short talks, hosted by the MK branch of the AECB (Association for Environment Conscious Building). Taking place in the atmospheric Grade II\* listed South Pavilion—once a working barn, now home to forward-thinking design—this event brings together local professionals, designers, and enthusiasts passionate about building a more sustainable future. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1900 – 2100

**Location:** South Pavilion, MK Art Centre, Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

**Contact/Book via:** Email studio@edc.eco or call 01908 886854  
www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk

## 147 Burretti: The Lost Show

### Lee Scriven, Caz Tricks

Set in a 1970s TV television talk show format, this theatre production portrays the fascinating tale of Bletchley's Freddie Burretti, David Bowie's close friend and key early 1970s Ziggy Stardust costume designer. With a befitting musical score, the show reveals Burretti's encounters with 1970s homophobia, meeting David Bowie, and the Starman's legendary 1972 BBC Top of the Pops broadcast. Directed by Caz Tricks. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Thursday 18 September 1900 – 2200

**Location:** MK11 Live Music Venue, Keller Close, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK11 3LH

**Contact/Book via:** Email starman@icloud.com

## Friday 19 September

- 148 Tours of Unity Place**  
◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

### 149 Railway Cottages Talk & Street Tour

**Rainbow Housing Co-Operative**  
A talk by current members of the Rainbow Housing Co-operative where you can find out about the history of "the nicest street in Milton Keynes" and its present day use, followed by a tour around the outside of the buildings.

**Times:** Friday 19 & Saturday 20 September 1000 - 1200

**Location:** Start from 9 Spencer Street, New Bradwell MK13 0DW

**Contact:** Sally Brooke  
rainbowhousingcoop@gmail.com

### 150 Walk & Talk: The Tree Cathedral

**The Parks Trust**  
Explore our awe-inspiring cathedral of trees on this guided walk as part of the Heritage Open Days celebration. During the session you will learn about architecture, the natural environment and how the space is used and managed. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Friday 19 September 1000 - 1100 & 1230 - 1330

**Location:** Starts from The Tree Cathedral car park off Livingstone Drive, MK15 9ED  
What3Words: piles.grips.emptyed

**Contact/Book via:** [www.theparkstrust.com/events](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events)

- 151 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

- 152 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

- 153 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition**  
◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

- 154 Open University Historical Campus Tours**  
◆ Please see event 117 for full details ◆

- 155 CWGC War Graves Tour – Manor Road Cemetery, Fenny Stratford**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

Please join us for a guided tour of Manor Road Cemetery to hear about the lives of the twenty-two casualties from the First World War and the Second World War buried here, many of who were from the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford area. You will also hear about the history of the CWGC and their work to ensure that the men and women who died in the service of their country will be remembered for ever more. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 19 September 1030 - 1200

**Location:** Meet in the Cemetery car park off Manor Road, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes MK2 2HW

**Contact/Book via:**  
[www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/](http://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/)

- 156 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

- 157 Open University Historical Displays**  
◆ Please see event 113 for full details ◆

- 158 Milton Keynes Museum Beer & Gin Festival**  
◆ Please see event 131 for full details ◆

- 159 Western Front Association – World War 1 Exhibition**

**Western Front Association (MK Branch)**

See what life was like in the trenches in WW1 and the worst and best aspects of living in one. Learn about the devastating effects of poison gas and "The Attack of the Dead". Listen to songs from the era. Find out about WW1 artists, poets, composers and writers, local boy soldiers, women in war, how children helped the war effort and the inventions that came out of the war. There will also be displays on tracing your World War 1 ancestor.

**Times:** Friday 19, Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September 1030 - 1630

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

**Contact:** Anne McIntyre 07956 625722  
[www.westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/milton-keynes](http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/milton-keynes)

- 160 The Buildings Of Bletchley Park Talk**



**Bletchley Park**

Join Bletchley Park's historians Dr David Kenyon and Dr Thomas Cheetham for an exclusive insight into the varied architecture of Bletchley Park, from the iconic Victorian Mansion to the World War Two blocks, and how they served the work of the Codebreakers. Includes free entry to explore Bletchley Park after the talk. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Friday 19 September, Doors open 1000, talk 1100 - 1200, explore at leisure 1200 - 1700

**Location:** The Fellowship Auditorium, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Milton Keynes MK3 6DS

**Contact/Book via:** [www.bletchleypark.org.uk](http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk)

- 161 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Measuring Hooke's Monument**



**St Mary Magdalene Willen**

Presentation of an experiment originally conducted as part of the Lord Mayor of London's recent *Connect to Prosper* series, given in the only church built entirely by Robert Hooke, one of 17th-century England's greatest experimental scientists. The experiment tested Hooke's idea that if he merged his knowledge of architecture with his passion for optics and astronomy, his monument to the Great Fire of London (1666) could be built to also measure the movement of the stars; find out why this didn't work at this unique event. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Friday 19 September 1100 - 1200

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

**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/4dbwuvnr>  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

- 162 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

- 163 Open University Archive Cinema – MK & Walton Hall**  
◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

- 164 Open University Archive Cinema – Teaching & Learning**  
◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆

- 165 Open University Archive Cinema – OU Historical Events**  
◆ Please see event 114 for full details ◆



## 166 Winslow History Walk: Victorian Buildings



### Winslow History Project

A tour of Winslow looking at the outsides of some Victorian buildings: shops, pubs, chapels, school, the Bank, Workhouse Master's House. 28 High Street (Town Council Offices), built in 1885, will be open before the walk with a display of information. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 19 September 1400 – 1530, 28 High Street open from 1345

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

**Contact/Book via:** David Noy 07713 641238  
d.noy@btinternet.com  
www.winslow-history.org.uk

## 167 Tours of Unity Place



◆ Please see event 1 for full details ◆

## 168 MK Q:mmunity Tales – Not Going Underground: Exhibition

◆ Please see event 11 for full details ◆

## 169 Electra Boat Taster Trips from Campbell Wharf

◆ Please see event 140 for full details ◆

## 170 Fabulous Night – Music, Poetry & Literature Event

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Immerse yourself in the rich linguistic vibes of everlasting love, passion, and joy through sensual, multicultural poetry in English, Ukrainian and more. A fabulous night where poetry, music and literature come alive, uniting a vibrant, multicultural crowd. Dreams and stories intertwine, weaving a magical atmosphere of blossoming creativity. Voices united in celebration, inspiring hearts and minds - an unforgettable evening of art, connection and shared wonder. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1800 - 2030

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

**Contact/Book via:** www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

## 171 Cats And Bats Concert

### Ukraine Appeal CIO

Experience the enchanting sounds of Cats and Bats, a dynamic band blending Ukrainian folk, jazz, tango, and more. Featuring vocals, guitar, violin, saxophone, and percussion, their fresh, experimental sound crosses genres and borders. Members include Ukrainians and Brits, many part of the Songs For Ukraine choir performing at prestigious UK venues. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1900 – 2015

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

**Contact/Book via:** www.ukraineappeal.org.uk

## 172 Edward Swinfen Harris – Stony's Celebrated Architect



### Milton Keynes Forum

An illustrated talk by Patrick Comerford about the life and buildings of Edward Swinfen Harris, the turn of the century Arts and Crafts architect from Stony Stratford, whose distinctive buildings (including the venue of the talk) are to be found throughout the town and local area. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 19 September 1900 - 2100

**Location:** Swinfen Harris Hall, London Road, Stony Stratford MK11 1JA

**Contact/Book via:** www.miltonkeynesforum.org

## 173 St Mary Magdalene Willen The Fountainhead Film Screening



### Willen Village Historical Association

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright was the role model for the character of Howard Roark in The Fountainhead, an adaptation of the Ayn Rand novel, made in 1949. Watch the film here tonight. A talk on Wright's influence on the architecture of Milton Keynes follows at SMMW on 26th September. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Friday 19 September 1930 - 2115

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

**Contact/Book via:**

Sharon Marland smarland@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

## Saturday 20 September

## 174 Railway Cottages Talk & Street Tour



◆ Please see event 149 for full details ◆

## 175 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Gardening Workshop

◆ Please see event 15 for full details ◆

## 176 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. Those keen to tackle the spiral stair will be rewarded by a magnificent view of the local countryside from the top of the church tower of some of Buckinghamshire's best-preserved ridge and furrow in the fields surrounding the village. There will be displays in the ringing room describing the upgrading of Calverton's church bells, which can also be viewed today.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1000 – 1500

**Location:** All Saints Church, Church Hill, Calverton MK129 6EE

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

## 177 Cotswold Archaeology MK Open Day

### Cotswold Archaeology

Visit Cotswold Archaeology's Milton Keynes office to find out about archaeology and artefacts found in the local area, see what work our staff do 'behind the scenes' and take part in family activities. Family visitors to this event in 2024 loved it, so don't miss it if you're looking for plenty of hands-on fun for youngsters!



**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1000 – 1500

**Location:** 8 The IO Centre, Fingle Drive, Stonebridge, Milton Keynes MK13 0AT

**Contact:** Tom Brindle 07929 658293  
www.cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk

## 178 Men In Sheds MK Open Days

### Men In Sheds MK

Men In Sheds MK provides its members with a social and hobby space with opportunities to make marvellous things. The members are primarily, but by no means exclusively, older men who seek to pursue their interests, use their time productively and contribute to the community. Visitors can find out about woodwork, metalwork, fabric work, bookbinding, electronics projects and 3D printing and view the large model railway. Some products, surplus tools and materials will be for sale too.

**Times:** Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September 1000 - 1600

**Location:** 30 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes MK11 3HB

**Contact:** Victoria Amos 01908 267126  
www.facebook.com/groups/MenInShedsMK

## 179 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days



◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

## 180 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days



◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

## 181 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

## 182 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days



◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

## 183 Milton Keynes Museum Beer & Gin Festival

◆ Please see event 131 for full details ◆

## 184 Western Front Association – World War 1 Exhibition

◆ Please see event 159 for full details ◆

- 185 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 33 for full details ◆

**186 Westbury Arts Centre – History Tours**



**Westbury Arts Centre**

Who says Milton Keynes has no history?

Westbury was already ancient when the Normans passed through in 1066 and gave the manor house here to a Norman knight. Join us for a hour's journey through time, and - weather permitting – the grounds of this unique place. And don't forget to come back!



**Times:** Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September 1100 & 1400  
**Location:** Westbury Arts Centre, Foxcovert Road, Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes MK5 6AA  
**Contact:** Westbury Arts Centre 01908 501214  
[www.westburyartscentre.org.uk](http://www.westburyartscentre.org.uk)

**187 Calverton Architectural Guided Walk**



**Calverton Records Project**

This guided walk will compare the various architectural styles within the Calverton Conservation area from Tudor, through Georgian with Gothic detailing, via late Regency to the simpler vernacular of the earlier thatched cottages. The 1hr walk starts from the south porch of the church and is just over 1 mile with two stiles to cross. The ground is rough meadow, so sensible shoes are advised particularly if wet. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1100 – 1200  
**Location:** Starts from All Saints Church, Church Hill, Calverton MK129 6EE  
**Contact/Book via:**  
[calverton.records.project@gmail.com](mailto:calverton.records.project@gmail.com)  
[www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton](http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton)

**188 Heritage & Photography Walk – Bradwell Windmill to MK Museum**



**Living Archive MK**

This relaxed, two mile linear walk with Nicky Kenny will focus on photographing the local heritage along the route, starting at Bradwell Windmill. The walk will continue along the Grand Union Canal, through the Secret Garden in Wolverton, past the Royal Train Shed and end at Milton Keynes Museum, which will be open and free to explore. No photography experience needed. Bring your camera phones or cameras. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1100 – 1300  
**Location:** Starts from Bradwell Windmill, Nightingale Crescent, Bradville, MK13 7JH  
**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/j7zr97py>  
[www.livingarchive.org.uk](http://www.livingarchive.org.uk)

**189 Grindley Architects – Open House**  
◆ Please see event 38 for full details ◆



**190 MK Q:mmunity Tales – Not Going Underground: Exhibition**  
◆ Please see event 11 for full details ◆



**191 St Laud's Church Sherington Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 67 for full details ◆

**192 Westbury Arts Centre – Artful Connections: From The Drawing Board**

**Westbury Arts Centre**

Westbury's Barn Gallery plays host to a dynamic exhibition of drawings, paintings and ceramics from a group of six artists inspired by the constructions of people and nature. Abstract and figurative imagery feature, plus an opportunity to talk with the artists themselves and perhaps buy something distinctly unique.



**Times:** Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 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](http://www.westburyartscentre.org.uk)

**193 Westbury Arts Centre – Farina Noorani: Bridges Of Time**



◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

**194 Westbury Arts Centre – Historical Exhibition**



**Westbury Arts Centre**

Westbury has been home to lords, gentlemen, farmers and now artists in a story that has lasted for at least 1,000 years. This exhibition leads you through the centuries from before the Saxons to the present day.

**Times:** Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 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](http://www.westburyartscentre.org.uk)

**195 Westbury Arts Centre – Open Studios**  
◆ Please see event 41 for full details ◆

**196 St Mary Magdalene Willen Craft Workshop For Kids**



**Willen Village Heritage Association**

Budding architects come and build with junk modelling. Craft materials provided by Val Dixon, local Councillor. No need to bring anything. Drink and snack provided. Suitable for ages 5 – 11. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1130 – 1230  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact/Book via:**  
[Sharron Marland smarland@gmail.com](mailto:Sharron.Marland@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

**197 Sustainable MK – Launch Lunch**

**Sustainable MK & Living Archive MK**

Celebrate the launch of Sustainable MK - a new local charity dedicated to reducing waste, supporting vulnerable communities, and building local resilience - and discover The Old Bath House's rich Victorian heritage. Enjoy a free surplus lunch, learn about our mission, and explore an engaging timeline of Wolverton life and railway history, presented in partnership with Living Archive MK. All welcome!

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1130 – 1430  
**Location:** The Old Bath House, Stratford Road, Wolverton MK12 5HQ  
**Contact:** Helen Innes 07813 780125

**198 Cultural Games Workshop & Tutorial**

**We Are The Iroko CIC**

Learn how to play two ancient games; Ayo (also known as Owari) from Africa, and Mahjong from China. The Mahjong workshops will be led by the Chinese community in Milton Keynes. These workshops will promote critical thinking, cultural exchange and social interaction through hands-on play. Explore the cultural significance, history and traditional storytelling connected to these games – and have fun! Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1200 – 1500  
**Location:** The Almere MK, 353 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2FF  
**Contact/Book via:**  
[Email wearetheiroko23@gmail.com](mailto:wearetheiroko23@gmail.com)  
or text 07391 851522



**199 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days**  
◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

**200 Down Memory Lane with MK Canals – Great Linford Milton Keynes Canals**

Join us at Great Linford Heritage Celebration for a canal history display and a drop in talk in St Andrew's church. We'll also gather your memories about experiences of MK canals, so please bring photographs or newspaper cuttings if you have them. The all-electric MK Community Boat Electra will be present to view.



**Times:** MK Canals talk 1215 – 1245, history display 1200 – 1630, drop-in memory share 1430 – 1630  
**Location:** Great Linford Manor Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5AS  
**Contact:** David Wolfson 07770 571902 [www.mkcanals.org](http://www.mkcanals.org)

**201 Art Inspired By Architecture – Exhibition & Sale**



**Eco Design Consultants**

Step into a unique fusion of art and architecture at this open studio exhibition and sale, hosted by Eco Design Consultants within their inspiring Grade II\* listed pavilion. Once a working barn and now home to an award-winning sustainable architecture practice, the venue offers a fittingly historic and characterful backdrop for this curated collection of artworks, all available for purchase.

**Times:** Saturday 20 Sept 1200 – 1700  
**Location:** South Pavillion, MK Arts Centre, Parklands, Great Linford, MK14 5DZ  
**Contact:** Donna Budden, Eco Design Consultants 01908 886854 [www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk](http://www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk)

**202 Great Linford Heritage Celebration**



**The Parks Trust**

Experience the rich history and beauty of Great Linford Manor Park in a family-friendly day of guided walks, lacemaking, activities for children, talks, live music, face painting, storytelling and more! Discover the wonders of the 18th-century Manor gardens, which have been carefully restored as part of a five-year Heritage Lottery project. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply looking for a fun day out, there's something for everyone!

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1200 – 1700  
**Location:** Great Linford Manor Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5AS  
**Contact:** Julie Dawes 01908 255375 [www.theparkstrust.com/events/great-linford-heritage-celebration](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events/great-linford-heritage-celebration)

**203 St George-The-Martyr Wolverton – Britain's First Railway Church**



**Church of St George-The-Martyr, Wolverton**

St George's is one of only a handful of buildings remaining from the earliest days of the new railway town of Wolverton. This Grade 2\* listed church was built in 1843-4 in the Early English (Gothic) style. It was enlarged in the 1890s and again in the 1900s. Visitors are free to explore and there will be guided tours for those who wish to know more about this building and its history.



**Times:** Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September 1200 – 1700  
**Location:** Church of St George-The-Martyr, St George's Way, Wolverton MK12 5EX  
**Contact:** Michael Snell 07531 160721 [www.wolvertonbenefice.org](http://www.wolvertonbenefice.org)

**204 MK Lit Fest at The Parks Trust Talks Tent**

**MK Lit Fest & The Parks Trust**

Join MK Lit Fest at Great Linford Heritage Celebration for two unique events: a talk from a new community project mapping people's stories of Milton Keynes as a liminal, haunted landscape where grid squares meet ghost stories, and readings from our brilliant anthologies as fantastic local writers take a fresh look at our city.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1315 – 1415 & 1515 – 1615  
**Location:** Great Linford Manor Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5AS  
**Contact:** Julie Dawes 01908 255375 [www.theparkstrust.com/events/great-linford-heritage-celebration](http://www.theparkstrust.com/events/great-linford-heritage-celebration)

**205 CWGC War Graves Tour – Kempston**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

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:** Saturday 20 September 1400 – 1530  
**Location:** Kempston Cemetery, Green End Road, Kempston MK43 8RJ  
**Contact/Book via:** [www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/](http://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/)

**206 St Mary Magdalene Willen – The Cryers In Concert**

**Willen Village Historical Association**

Join us for an afternoon of madrigal singing in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary Magdalene Willen.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1430 – 1600  
**Location:** St Mary Magdalene Church, Milton Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB  
**Contact:** Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](http://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

**207 Calverton All Saints Architectural Talk**



**Calverton Records Project**

The rich history and beauty of the morning's guided walk around the Calverton Conservation Area will be complimented with an illustrated talk in the afternoon, concentrating on the Grade II\* listed church itself which has gone through several building phases and campaigns of improvements, including the decorative embellishments to the Chancel interior by the local architect Edward Swinfen-Harris during the early 1870s.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1500 – 1600  
**Location:** All Saints Church, Church Hill, Calverton MK12 9EE  
**Contact:** David Muston 07980 009246 [www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton](http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/calverton)

**208 MK Lit Fest at The Parks Trust Talks Tent**

◆ Please see event 204 for full details ◆

**209 Grandma's Necklace – Interactive Storytelling Performance**

**We Are The Iroko CIC**

An interactive storytelling performance where a grandmother shares the meaning of the ancient symbols of the land with her grandchildren to help them remember them and not forget.



A story of love, community and the importance of symbols and patterns in the African cultural heritage where attendees of all ages are guided to design fabric using African patterns and symbols, bringing African folklore to life in a dramatic storytelling session. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Saturday 20 September 1700 – 1900  
**Location:** The Almere MK, 353 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2FF  
**Contact/Book via:** Email [wearetheiroko23@gmail.com](mailto:wearetheiroko23@gmail.com) or text 07391 851522

## Sunday 21 September

### 210 St Mary Magdalene Willen – Taize Service

#### Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

A service for all, which will include an honouring of the 81st Anniversary of Parachute troops in Arnheim.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 0930 – 1030

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

**Contact:** Sharon Marland smarland@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847

### 211 Bletchley Park Family Fun Trails

#### Bletchley Park

Families can join a free interactive and creative trail to explore Bletchley Park and discover more about Britain's World War Two Codebreakers. Event includes free entry into Bletchley Park. Trail time slots are 1000, 1030, 1100, 1130, 1200, 1230, 1300 & 1330. Suitable for ages 3-10. Please pre-book your slot on the Trail to secure your free entry to Bletchley Park.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September, site open from 0930 – 1700

**Location:** Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Milton Keynes MK3 6DS

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

### 212 History Of Fuller's Earth Working In Woburn Sands – Guided Walk

#### Woburn Sands Town Council (Peter Skelton)

A geological walk around the Greensand Ridge at Woburn Sands, focusing on the record of fuller's earth extraction as revealed by remaining landscape clues of former workings. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 1000 – 1300 (optional extension 1400 – 1700)

**Location:** Starts from Edgwick Farm, Woodland Way, Woburn Sands MK17 8QL

**Contact/Book via:** WSTC 01908 585368 or bookings@woburnsandstowncouncil.gov.uk

### 213 Men In Sheds MK Open Days

◆ Please see event 178 for full details ◆

### 214 Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre Open Days

◆ Please see event 2 for full details ◆

### 215 St Mary Magdalene Willen Church Open Days

◆ Please see event 3 for full details ◆

### 216 Faces Of Ukrainian Dream – Children's Art Exhibition

◆ Please see event 4 for full details ◆

### 217 Claydon House – National Trust Open Days

◆ Please see event 5 for full details ◆

### 218 Milton Keynes Museum Beer & Gin Festival

◆ Please see event 131 for full details ◆

### 219 Western Front Association – World War 1 Exhibition

◆ Please see event 159 for full details ◆

### 220 The National Museum Of Computing Open Days

◆ Please see event 33 for full details ◆

### 221 Westbury Arts Centre – History Tours

◆ Please see event 186 for full details ◆

### 222 Celebration of International Day of Peace at the MK Rose

#### MK Rose Trust

Today is

International Day of Peace, and the MK Rose contains pillar inscriptions

relating to peace, such as Armistice Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and Albert French Day. You are invited to visit these pillars and hear the stories behind them. The event includes a celebration of unity, hope and peace - Flower of the Soul – performed by Ukraine Appeal and the Sunflower School. Through graceful movements and artistic expression, performers illustrate the beauty of the human soul and remind us of the light that resides within.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 1100 – 1130

**Location:** Milton Keynes Rose, Campbell Park, Central Milton Keynes

**Contact:** Viktoriya Shtanko 07894 201681  
www.miltonkeynesrose.org.uk

### 223 Castlethorpe Church Open Days

◆ Please see event 20 for full details ◆

### 224 Westbury Arts Centre – Artful Connections: From The Drawing Board

◆ Please see event 192 for full details ◆

### 225 Westbury Arts Centre – Farina Noorani: Bridges Of Time

◆ Please see event 40 for full details ◆

### 226 Westbury Arts Centre – Historical Exhibition

◆ Please see event 194 for full details ◆

### 227 Westbury Arts Centre – Open Studios

◆ Please see event 41 for full details ◆

### 228 Living The Retrofit: Parklands Passivhaus Tours



#### Eco Design Consultants

Visit Parklands Passivhaus, a 1970s family home undergoing a pioneering EnerPHit Plus retrofit. Join guided tours and hear directly from the residents about the challenges, benefits, and lessons of deep retrofit in real life. If you're a homeowner considering retrofit, a student or professional in architecture and construction, or simply passionate about sustainable living, this is an inspiring event not to be missed. Pre-booking is required.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 1200 – 1530 (tours at 1200 & 1430, talk at 1315)

**Location:** 3 Parklands, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5DZ

**Contact/Book via:** Email studio@edc.eco or call 01908 886854 www.ecodesignconsultants.co.uk

### 229 Newport Pagnell Historical Society Museum Open Days

◆ Please see event 8 for full details ◆

### 230 Down Memory Lane with MK Canals – Wolverton

#### Milton Keynes Canals

There'll be a canal history display and talks, and we'll gather your memories about experiences of MK canals. Please bring photographs or newspaper cuttings if you have them. The all-electric MK Community Boat Electra will be present to view with cruises running in the afternoon. No booking is needed for memory share and to view the display, but booking for the talks and cruises is required (opens online from 1 September).

**Times:** History display & memory share 1200 – 1630, talks at 1200 & 1300, Electra Boat trips from 1400

**Location:** Lonsdale, Wolverton Park, Milton Keynes What3Words: condition.detail.payback

**Contact/Book via:** www.bmkwaterway.org/electra David Wolfson 07770 571902

### 231 St George-The-Martyr Wolverton – Britain's First Railway Church

◆ Please see event 203 for full details ◆



## 232 Heritage Open Days Guided Bike Ride



### MK City Council Transport Team

Join MKCC's Transport team for a special bike tour exploring the architecture around Wolverton and Stony Stratford. We will meet at 1330 at MK Museum and will return around 1600. This is an easy ride, suitable for all ages and abilities and any type of bike. This is their fourth HODs bike ride they are usually very popular so book early to reserve your place!

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 1330 - 1600

**Location:** Starts from MK Museum car park, McConnell Drive, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL

**Contact/Book via:** <https://tinyurl.com/2z6xj54r>

## 233 CWGC War Graves Tour – Halton

### Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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 21 September 1400 - 1530

**Location:** St Michael & All Angels Church, Church View, Halton HP22 5PA

**Contact/Book via:** [www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/](http://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/events-tours-and-talks/)

## 234 Discovering John Newton's Church



### St Peter & St Paul, Olney

Spend an afternoon in the famous church where John Newton wrote Amazing Grace. Learn about the medieval rood screen and its mysterious lost picture, visit John Newton's tomb and see Newton's chalice and font. Take the Art Trail around the church and churchyard, celebrating 700 years of our foundation as knowledgeable guides help you discover the history and architecture of this Grade 1 listed building. Children can practise brass rubbing and stained glass window making too.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 1400 - 1630

**Location:** St Peter & St Paul's Church, Church Street, Olney MK46 4AD

**Contact:** Malcolm Jones 07399 005812 [www.olneyparish.org/hods](http://www.olneyparish.org/hods)

## 235 St James The Great Hanslope Open Days



◆ Please see event 25 for full details ◆

## 236 St James The Great Hanslope Church Tours



◆ Please see event 32 for full details ◆

## 237 Blythe Spirit – The Remarkable Life of Ronald Blythe

### StonyWords

A talk by Ian Collins about his new biography of the writer Ronald Blythe (1922-2023). Ronald is best known as the author of "Akenfield", his portrait of a Suffolk village. Ian looks at his life and work and provides an insight into his friends and family. Pre-booking is required.



**Times:** Sunday 21 September, doors at 1430, talk starts 1500

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

**Contact/Book via:** Email [info@stonywords.org.uk](mailto:info@stonywords.org.uk) or ring 01908 562025 [www.stonywords.org.uk](http://www.stonywords.org.uk)

## 238 Service With Bradwell Silver Band at The Tree Cathedral

### Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Service for all at the Tree Cathedral with Bradwell Silver Band playing familiar music and hymns, led by the Ministers of Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership.

**Times:** Sunday 21 September 1500 - 1630

**Location:** The Tree Cathedral, Newlands, Milton Keynes MK15 9ED

**Contact:** Sharron Marland [smarland@gmail.com](mailto:smarland@gmail.com) [www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847](https://www.facebook.com/groups/766393338114847)

## Self-Guided Tours & Trails

### 239 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/](http://www.theparkstrust.com/our-work/heritage/campbell-park-trail/)

### 240 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 12 - 21 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](mailto:cycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

## 241 MK Heritage Association Tours & Trails

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

Download from:

[www.mkheritage.org.uk/topics/tours-and-trails/](http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/topics/tours-and-trails/)

## 242 Willen Lake Walk – Heritage Hunters

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/](http://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

### 243 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

## 244 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.



## 245 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.

## 246 Netherfield 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 contexts of the early history of Milton Keynes.



## 247 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.



## 248 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 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' archive captures 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](http://www.mkarchive.city)**

## 249 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](http://www.lookagainmk.city)

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



## 250 New City Dreaming

### Pooleyville

Building on Archiveopia in 2022, and Futureworld in 2024, Pooleyville and Urban Fabric return to offer more FREE exciting creative events during HODs. For more details, check out [www.mkarchive.city](http://www.mkarchive.city) in August 2025.

**Times:** See website for details  
**Location:** Multiple locations.  
**Contact:** [simon@pooleyville.uk](mailto:simon@pooleyville.uk)







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## Culture MK

The Culture Team sits in the Chief Executive 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 borough.

For more information see: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/culture](http://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 in the following ways:

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[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

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