



PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS:

Aylesbury Quakers • Aylesbury Town Centre Partnership • Aylesbury Town Council
Aylesbury Waterside Theatre • Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society
Buckinghamshire County Council • Buckinghamshire County Museum
Buckinghamshire Family History Society • Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies • Chancellors
Roving Canal Traders Association • St Mary The Virgin Church
The Aylesbury Society • The King's Head (Chiltern Brewery)

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heritage open days



Aylesbury

8 – 9 September 2018

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EXPLORE

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

This list shows all of the locations in Aylesbury Town Centre that are open as part of the Heritage Open Days 2018 as well as opening times and events. **All events are free but some need to be pre-booked.**

More information on all events and accessibility is also available at:
www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory – search for Aylesbury under towns.

Saturday 8 September

The location of each event can be found on the map in the centre pages of this booklet.

1. Historic Tour of the Judges Lodgings

Judges Lodgings, off Market Square, HP20 1UA

9.30am – 1.15pm

Come and explore the history of the Judges Lodgings and the County's pictures on these special tours. Tours are at 9.30am, 10.45am, 12pm and 1.15pm and are around 45-60 minutes long. Pre-booking is required.

Max. 20 people per tour. Please call **01296 382587** to book or email **archives@buckscc.gov.uk**

A wheelchair lift is available from the entrance door to the first floor. Please advise on booking if you require any assistance getting up the stairs. The event is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

2. History Tour of Aylesbury Cemetery

Tring Road, HP20 1LF

10.30am – 12pm

Aylesbury cemetery opened in 1858. Roger King from The Aylesbury Society will be giving a tour of the cemetery which starts at the Chapel and will cover the whole of Aylesbury cemetery and the various sections within.

The tour is approx. 1¼ hours long.

The tour is not suitable for children under the age of 6. Limited parking is available at the Tring Road (HP20 1LF) and Turnfurlong (HP21 7PY) entrance.

3. Meet the Archaeologist

Bucks County Museum, 9 Church Street, HP20 2QP

Handling sessions 11.30am and 2pm only, Museum open 10am – 5pm

Brett Thorn the Keeper of Archaeology, will be offering object handling sessions, to enable you to learn about and actually touch items from the county's history. Ranging from Palaeolithic stone tools, created by the first humans in Britain, through a 3,000 year old Bronze Age sword, to Celtic gold coins, and Mediaeval jugs made not far from Aylesbury. Whilst seeing objects in a museum display, through glass, can be fascinating, the chance to actually hold something made hundreds or thousands of years ago, and feel what those people felt, is a very powerful way of connecting to the past for some people, and a chance not to be missed.

Max. 15 people per session, which is approx. 45 minutes long. This event is aimed at adults, and there may be some discussion of mature themes. The museum is free to explore but the handling session must be pre-booked by contacting **01296 331441** or email **museum@buckscountymuseum.org**





13. Aylesbury Waterside Theatre Backstage Tour

Exchange Street
Aylesbury, HP20 1UG
10am and 1pm

Discover what it feels like to stand on stage, see behind the scenes and enjoy the beautiful architecture of this landmark venue, as the guide takes you on a tour of the Aylesbury Waterside

Theatre. Limited spaces so book yours early. Tours are taking place at 10am and 1pm and must be pre-booked by calling **0844 871 7607***. Max. 20 people per tour, which is approx. 1½ hrs long

*Calls cost up to 7p per min, plus your phone company's access charge.

Some areas are restricted for wheelchair access. Visual story available – please ask the Box Office for details.

17. Floating Market

University Campus
Aylesbury Vale
59 Walton Street
HP21 7QG
10am – 5pm

Come and see an eclectic mix of items, many made on board the narrowboats by our talented traders. Our colourful floating markets feature a wide range of goods and crafts.



18. Continental Market

University Campus Aylesbury Vale, 59 Walton Street, HP21 7QG
10am – 5pm

With a large range of gifts and crafts as well as continental hot and cold food, this market offers something for everyone.



4. “Heritage Tour” of Aylesbury Old Town

Under the Old County Hall/Corn Exchange Arches
by Market Square, HP20 1XD
2pm – 3.15pm

A guided walk around the historic parts of Old Aylesbury. Hear the stories of the public hangings, the First World War tank and many others. The tour is guided by Roger King from The Aylesbury Society.

The tour is approx. 1¼ hours long and covers a distance of approx. 1.25 miles.

Some kerbs and cobbled streets to negotiate during the tour.

5. Aylesbury Quakers

Friends Meeting House
9 - 11 Rickfords Hill, HP20 2RT
10am – 4pm

Visit the cottages and meeting house in Old Aylesbury dating back to the early 1700s. Enjoy a peaceful garden, once a Quaker burial ground, near the centre of the town. Find out about Quakers, including our silent worship. You also have the opportunity to find out about other users of the meeting house.

Tea, coffee and refreshments available.



6. Town Hall Council Chamber & Mayor's Parlour Open Day

Town Hall, 5 Church Street, HP20 2QP, 10am – 4pm

The Town Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour will be open for a display of the Mayor's silverware and robes as well as fine original paintings and furniture. Pictures and information from the archives will also be on display to show the history of the Town Council and the role of the Mayor. See the silver which the Mayor received from a variety of groups and visitors who came to Aylesbury, look at the Mayoral robes and admire the fine paintings of local dignitaries and the Tindal family.

7. St Mary The Virgin Church and Tower

St Mary's Square, HP20 2JJ

10am – 4pm

Visit the oldest building and Parish Church of Aylesbury. This beautiful 13th century church in the heart of the old town will be open to explore. Guides will be on hand to answer any questions you have. The bell tower will be open as far as the ringing chamber, so come and see how the bells are rung and possibly have a go yourself. Bucks Family History Society will also be in the church for the day with a display of Parish maps and some of their books and Parish Records CDs.

The Bell Tower can only be accessed via a steep, spiral staircase. Children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult if they wish to climb the staircase to the ringing chamber.



8. The Tower Block County Hall County Hall, Walton Street, HP20 1UA

10am – 2pm

Tour the County Hall, which opened in 1966. The building of purpose built accommodation for the County Council on Walton Street commenced in 1928, resulting in the building known as Old County Offices. The expanding staff levels and responsibilities of the County Council resulted in further pressure on office space by the 1960s and the need for a new office building. Construction of the tower block with library complex opposite Old County Offices resulted, opening in 1966. The building dominates the Aylesbury skyline and is visible for miles

around the town. Its design, under the guidance of the Architect, Fred Pooley, remains controversial, constructed in a typical 1960s brutalist style that has gained accolades from architects but a mixed reaction from the public. Tours of the Tower will be taking place at 10am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1pm. Pre-booking is preferred. Max. 10 people per tour, which are approx. 30 minutes long. Please call **01296 382587** to book or email **archives@buckscc.gov.uk**



15. Waterside Festival

University Campus Aylesbury Vale
59 Walton Street, HP21 7QG

11am – 6.30pm

Celebrating Aylesbury's heritage coming together with its innovative new developments, Waterside Festival will have many different activities, including a continental market, floating market, canal boat trips, a pieces-of-eight treasure hunt, musical and theatrical performances, arts and crafts, food tasters and so much more.



Sunday 9 September

16. Tudor Fayre

Bucks County Museum, 9 Church Street, HP20 2QP

11am – 4pm

The history of the Tudors is brought to life at the Bucks County Museum in Aylesbury, with a wide range of interactive historians to submerge you into the Tudor times! Come and meet King Henry VIII, who will be wandering the grounds, you may join him as he's entertained by his comical court Jester. King Henry's second wife Anne Boleyn will be with us too, along with her spectacular falcons. Come and enjoy all that the museum has to offer with lots of free family fun.

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12. 170 Years of Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

Market Square, HP20 1TW

9am – 4pm

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society will have a stall in Market Square with a range of bits and pieces on display. Is it a fossil? A bit of Roman pot? A sheep's tooth? Is it a thousand years old or was it made yesterday? Adults and children, it's your chance to brush up on your archaeological skills! The Bucks Archaeological Society was founded 170 years ago by a Victorian gentry. Not too many of those around now, but find out what the society's up to today. Heard of HS2? You might like to know about the conference on 29th September, set up by the Society so that local people can hear from HS2 archaeologists working the route. More information available on their market stall.

The stall will be by the clock tower in the middle of Market Square.

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14. The King's Head

King's Head Passage

off Market Square, HP20 2RW

12pm – 4pm

The King's Head, a 15th century coaching inn with Royal and Civil War connections and the oldest pub in town. History and mystery in the heart of Aylesbury.

Visit different styles of pubs throughout the ages and sample food/drink of the time in each pub (each pub will be an individual room styled to the time of portrayal). Activity booklet for children.

Access to the pub is via a cobbled passage.



9. Aylesbury Well

Chancellors, 13 Market Square, HP20 1TB, 10am – 4pm

Visit the Old Well, which is under Market Square and find out the story behind it. The Aylesbury Well was discovered in the cellars of 13 Market Square many years ago. There are many speculations as to why the well is in this place and what the purpose was. Graham Webster from The Aylesbury Society will be taking visitors to see the well and providing more information and details.

Please note that access to the well is via steps and there are no lifts available. The event is not suitable for children under the age of 6 years.

10. Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies Open Day

County Hall, Walton Street, HP20 1UU

10am – 3.30pm, tour every hour

We celebrate 100 years of Suffrage with an exhibition telling the stories of eighteen women from Buckinghamshire's past. Archive Exhibition "She's got the vote" and make your own protest sign craft activity plus tours of the archive. The centre will also have a stall in Market Square with more information. Tours of the archive storeroom every 30 minutes, starting at 10am. Max. 10 people per tour, which must be pre-booked. Please call **01296 382587** or email **archives@buckscc.gov.uk**

11. Aylesbury's Waterways

Aylesbury Canal Basin, Exchange Street, outside Waitrose, HP20 1AL
3.30pm – 5pm

A guided walk along Aylesbury's Canal. The walk is led by Ken Evans from The Aylesbury Society and includes historic facts and anecdotes. The Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal was completed in 1815. The arm branches off from the Grand Union Canal at Marsworth, near the Tring reservoirs, less than a mile from the start of the Wendover Arm, and heads west for six and a quarter miles to the county town of Buckinghamshire. The walk is approximately 1¼ miles long.

The tow path on the canal can be narrow in some places.

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Heritage Walk

The Aylesbury Heritage Walk is a fascinating self guided walk that gives you an insight into the town's architectural history spanning many centuries. Packed with facts and interesting finds, the walk is an easy route that can be followed in about an hour. This collectable booklet to accompany the walk is just £1 and can be purchased from the Bucks County Museum and Town Hall.

