





Gloucester Heritage Open Days 2021 Friday 10th to Monday 13th September

Last year we were limited in what we could do due to the Covid pandemic. This year we have more to offer but have still been restricted with Government regulations reducing our planning time and are not quite back to our normal offerings. Nevertheless we hope you will be able to enjoy what we have arranged..

All you will find in this brochure at <u>www.gloucestercivictrust.org</u> you can also see on the Gloucester History Festival website <u>www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk</u> and the National HOD website <u>www.heritageopendays.org.uk</u> Each version is in a somewhat different order and format. Where booking is required it MUST be made through the Gloucester History Festival website.

All activities are free of charge. Some you can just turn up for but if booking is required then when you do book you will be given an e-ticket which must be presented at the event either in electronic form or a printed paper copy.

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Guided Walks

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Booking required for all walks <u>www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk</u> Maximum of 15 per walk

Alney Island Sun 12th Sept 11.00



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Meet at the bridge over the river by the lock into the docks

Alney Island has been part of Gloucester's life for hundreds of years, a place for play, practise for war and of punishment. The walk will look at what Alney has been used for, the natural features of the river and agriculture and Alney's role in English History. The walk will take about 2 hrs. Good walking shoes required.

Beatrix Potter

Sat 11th Sept 11.00 and 14.30. Sun 12th 14.30. Meet at the Beatrix Potter Museum, 9 College Court

In 1903 Beatrix Potter published one of her most loved tales, The Tailor of Gloucester. It was inspired by a visit she made to the city. This guided walk takes in the places of Gloucester which are closely connected with Beatrix Potter. The walk lasts about 45 mins.

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Black & White Buildings Fri 10th Sept 11.15. Sat 11th 11.15 Meet at St Michael's Tower



A walking tour of 15th Century timber framed buildings in the city centre, pointing out structure, architecture and brief historical background. Are they really black and white? The walk lasts about 1 hour.

Blackfriars Priory Sat 11th 10.00

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Meeting point: Entrance off Ladybellegate Street

A chance to explore Britain's most complete Dominican Priory, owned by English Heritage and managed by Gloucester City. Most of the 13th century church remains, including a rare scissor-braced roof. Guided tours last about 1 hour.

Cathedral Precincts Tour Sat 11th Sept 14.00. Mon 13th 14.00 Meet at Cathedral South Porch

A history of the area surrounding the cathedral from the earliest Minster church up to the most recent developments. Tour lasts 1 hour.

Children's Walk

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Sat 11th Sept 14.00

Meet at St Michael's Tower

Children must be accompanied by an adult

A guided walk around Gloucester aimed specifically for children aged 9 -12. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

Christian Heritage Sun 12 Sept 14.15

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Meet at St Michael's Tower There is an old saying 'As sure as God's in Gloucester'. Both Christianity

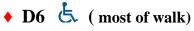
and Gloucester have 2,000 years of history. This walk traces Gloucester's rich Christian heritage over those years as reflected in its people, places and events. The tour lasts about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Gloucester City Fri 10th Sept to Mon 13th 11.00 and 14.00 Meet at St Michael's Tower

Discover fascinating hidden treasures on a guided walk through the heart of one of Britain's oldest cities, where history has truly left its mark. The walk lasts about 1¼ hours.

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The Story of Gloucester's Pubs Fri 10th Sept 11.45. Sun 12th 11.45 Meet at St Michael's Tower



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A tour of some of the fine historical pubs in the City centre. The walk lasts about 1 hour

Gloucester Statues



Sat 11th Sept 14.00. Sun 12th 11.00 Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross

Explore the history of Gloucester through the medium of public statues. Learn about the people and events that made Gloucester the city it is today. The walk lasts about $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

Historic Docks

Fri 10th Sept 1100, Sat 11th 11.00 & 14.30, Sun 12th 1430, Mon 13th 1100 Meet outside the Waterways Museum in Gloucester Docks. Take a guided walk around Britain's most inland port. The

walk lasts about 1 hour.

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Historic Characters • D6 Fri 10th Sept 14.00 Sat 11th 1100 & Sun 12th 11.00 Meet at St Michael's Tower

This tour brings alive some of the famous and influential people and colourful characters who were born in Gloucester. Their fame and achievements extended far and wide but we remember their local origins. The walk lasts about 45 mins

Ł **Llanthony Secunda Priory** ♦ H2 Sat 11th Sept 11.30 & 14.00 Sun 12th 11.30 & 14.00 Meet by the panorama viewing point, near the towpath gate

This guided walk explores the priory which was founded in 1136, which by the end of the 15th century, was the richest Augustinian house in England entertaining the court of Henry VII in 1500 and 1501. The tour lasts about 1 hour.



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Medieval Churches Fri 10th Sept 10.30. Sat 11th 10.30

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Meet at St Oswald's Priory, Archdeacon Street

Gloucester was an important centre of religion in mediaeval times. This guided walk describes the history of the churches that remain from that time. The walk lasts about 1 hour

Monks, Canons & Friars ♦ A5 Fri 10th Sept 11.00, Sat 11th 11.00 & Sun 12th 11.00 Meet at St Oswald's Priory

Discover the Abbey and Priories of Gloucester and learn how the Monks, Canons and Friars lived and worked. The walk will take about 1 hour.

North Atlantic Slave Trade **Mon 13th Sept 11.00**

Meet at the steps at entrance to the Docks on Southgate Street

This walk looks at both sides of the story, slavery and abolition. The walk takes about 1 ¹/₄ hours

Railways History ♦ E5 Sat 11th Sept 11.00 Meet at Blackfriars Priory off Ladybellgate Street

A two and a half mile walk round the key spots of Gloucester's railway history. Start at Blackfriars, walk through the docks to Llanthony Bridge then via Park Road to Barton Gates and via Bruton way to the railway station looking at what remains on site and how it fits into the story. The walk lasts about 1 ¹/₂ hours.

Rhymes & Reasons Sat 11th Sept 14.00



Famous locally born poets are brought to life and the origins of old Gloucester rhymes are vividly described in this fascinating walk through the centre of the city. The walk lasts about 1 hour

Richard III

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Fri 10th Sept 14.00 Sat 11th 14.00, Sun 12th 11.00 Meet at St Michael's Tower

This tour tells of Richard III's important 3 day visit to Gloucester in 1483, as part of his Royal Progress and explains the granting of the significant Charter to the city. You will hear how he spent his time here and be shown some of the buildings he would have seen. The walk lasts about 1hour.



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Robert Raikes

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Fri 10th Sept 14.30, Sun 12th 12.00 & 14.30, Mon 13th 12.00 & 14.30 Meet at St Michaels Tower

This walk tells the story of Robert Raikes, newspaper publisher, prison reformer and promoter of the Sunday School movement and shows some of the buildings in Gloucester connected with him.

Roman Times

Fri 10 Sept 10.30, Sat 11th 10.30, Mon 13th 10.30 Meet at Museum, Brunswick Road **Pre-booking required**

From your guide, hear how the Romans came to Gloucester (Glevum). See the walls they built. Tread through the Forum (market place) and meet the Emperor Nerva. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

Royal Gloucester Fri 10th Sept 14.15. Sun 12th 11.15 Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross

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For over 1100 years Gloucester's history has been shaped in no small part by the interest, patronage and occasional displeasure of the reigning monarch. Down the centuries, kings and queens of England have come to Gloucester to hold parliament, equip armies, grant charters, go hunting, be crowned, and be buried. This tour will take a look at some of buildings and places in Gloucester at the heart of this extraordinary royal history and reveal some of the fascinating stories connected with them. The walk lasts approximately 11/2 hours.

Saxon

Fri 10th Sept 14.00, Sat 11th 11.00, Mon 13th 11.00 Meet at St Michael's Tower

Discover the traces of Gloucester's Saxon history. Hear the story of Aethelflaed, Lady of the Mercians who died in 918 and was buried in Gloucester, and learn about the role she played in shaping the city. The walk will last around 1¹/₄ hours.

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5 Siege of Gloucester ♦ D6 Fri 10th Sept 11.15, Sat 11th 11.15 & 14.00, Sun 12th 14.00 Mon 13th 14.00 Meet at St Michael's Tower

This guided walk visits some of the places of interest connected with the siege of Gloucester which took place during the English Civil War. The siege was arguably Gloucester's finest hour when the small garrison of parliamentarians held out against the might of the Royal Army led by the King himself. The walk lasts about 1¹/₂ hours.

Gloucester Spa

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Sun 12th Sept 14.15, Mon 13th 14.15 Meet outside Christ Church, Brunswick Road

In the early 1800s, Gloucester had a thriving spa. This guided walk traces the history of The Spa



and takes in some of the fine buildings that it generated. The walk lasts about 1 hour.

That's Entertainment Fri 10th Sept 11.30

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Meet at St. Michael's Tower, the Cross

A walk down Westgate St to see buildings, including the locations of former cinemas and theatres where Gloucester citizens indulged in their pleasures and pastimes. The walk lasts about 30 minutes

River Twyver Walk

Fri 10th Sept 10.30

Meet on the footbridge between Abbeydale Community Centre (GL4 4BL) and the children's play area. There is ample car parking. A walk along the Twyver where it forms the boundary between Abbeydale and Abbeymead to see the sites of some of the now dismantled mills, the likely places where the Romans started the canal into the city and the Royalists cut off the water supply during the Siege of Gloucester. The walk takes about 2 hours. Stout shoes required

Historic Places

Booking required for all events except where stated Max numbers as indicated

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 \mathbf{E} = wheelchair friendly

Bearland House Friday 10th Sept and Monday 13th Tours at: 11.00, 11.30 and 12.00 each day **Longsmith Street**

(Max number per tour 10)

Bearland House is an impressive 18th century building with an ornamental façade, forecourt, and fine wrought iron railings and gates. The interior boasts a carved wooden staircase and decorated ceilings. It was purchased by a high county Sheriff in 1764, and the ghost of his daughter is said to appear at the staircase window.

Blackfriars Priory Sat 11th Sept 10.00

Guided Tour only (Max number per tour 15)

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Brockworth Court • F10 \rightarrow Sun 12th Sept 14.30 - 16.00

Guided Tours at 14.30 and 15.30 lasting 45 mins per tour (max 15 per tour)

Court Road, Brockworth GL3 4QU

Brockworth Court was initially the residence for the Priors of Llanthony Priory. Following the dissolution of 1540 Henry VIII granted it to the Guise family until the late 19th Century when it passed to the Wiltshires, the present generation of whom have lovingly restored the property and gardens.

Interesting features include the tithe barn and a priest hole in the house. More information at: www.historichouses.org and

www.greatbritishgardens.co.uk

The Dick Whittington (St Nicholas House) B4 Sat 11th Sept 12,00, 13.00 and 14.00 **100 Westgate Street**

Take a guided tour of this superb 15th century building with a splendid Georgian facade, once a town house of the Whittington family. View the elaborate Elizabethan wall painting on the first floor. Max of 6 per tour.

♦E7 Eastgate Viewing Chamber Fri 10th Sept, Sat 11th and Mon 13th Tours at 11.00, 11.45 and 14.00 (Max number per tour 10) By Boots, chamber entrance in Queens Walk (wait outside until collected) Come and walk in the footsteps of the Romans at their street level and see the remains of the Roman Eastgate Fort





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Fri 10th Sept to Mon 13th Times: 11.00am – 3.00pm Westgate Street Guided tours throughout the day No booking required Note: steep and ancient steps making it only suitable for the able bodied. A 12th century tunnel vaulted undercroft, which it thought to be the



best example in Europe of a rich merchant's warehouse. Known locally as the "Monks Retreat" it was a lively and much loved bar when the Fleece was last open

Gloucester Cathedral

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Formerly the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter, founded in the 11th century, the Cathedral features Norman pillars in the nave, the elaborate tomb of Edward II, exquisite 14th century fan vaulting, the 15th century tower and the magnificent Great East Window.

Our activities and events listed below bring this remarkable and sacred place to life for all. It is free to visit the Cathedral and on Heritage Open Days we are delighted to offer additional free activities to visitors.

ACCESS STATEMENT:

The Cathedral is wheelchair accessible however the Parliament Rooms, Crypt and Tower Tours are not. Wheelchair users are able to access our Pitt Street Stonemasons Yard and the Chapter House.

Highlights from the Medieval Library Fri 10th Sept. 11am – 3.00pm Gloucester Cathedral

Drop in, no booking required

Come along to the Chapter House to see a display of original items chosen by our library volunteers from the Cathedral Library archives

Parliament Rooms Sat 11th Sept. Time: 11am – 4.00pm Gloucester Cathedral Drop In, no booking required

Visit three historic rooms in Church House, the former Abbots' lodgings which are the site of Richard II's parliament in 1378 and are the place where Henry III and Anne Boleyn stayed in their royal progress of 1535.

The Stonemasons Yard Sat 11th Sept.

Times: 10am – 3.00pm Workshop of St Peter, Pitt Street Drop in, no booking required Gloucester is one of only a few

Cathedrals that still has its own onsite Stonemasons' workshop. Enjoy carving demonstrations and find out more about the work that



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this team do to conserve and restore an extraordinary building.

Pre Booking is required for the following guided tours. Tickets can be reserved online via the Cathedral website or in person at the Welcome Desk from Monday 23rd August. Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If booking tickets in person, please check the Cathedral open times. Visit <u>www.gloucestecathedral.org.uk</u> for more information.

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Guided Highlights Tours Sat 11th September Times: 10.30, 11.00, 12.00, 13.30 and 14.00 Tours last for 1 hour The Cathedral

Booking is essential

Enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral including the tomb of Edward II, the Lady Chapel and the Cloisters where Harry Potter was filmed.

Guided Tower Tours Sat 11th Sept. 13.30 and 14.30 Booking essential

Climb 269 steps to the top of the tower to enjoy breath-taking views 40miles across Gloucestershire. On the way up visit the bell chamber which houses Great Peter, the largest medieval bell still in use in Britain.

Suitable for all ages over 6 years.

Must be able to walk up 269 steps (enclosed, mainly spiral staircase)

Guided Crypt Tour

Sat 11th September 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30 and 15.30 Tours last 30minutes Booking essential

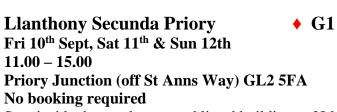
Descend into the Crypt to discover the earliest part of the Cathedral, see the chapels and passages used by the monks as well as the central chamber where bones were once stored. Suitable for all ages but must be able to manage a small flight of stairs.

09.30 – 16.30 Southgate Street No booking required

Gloucester Furniture Exhibition Centre + F5

A historic Roman wall inside the store is on public view. The lower level of the wall is part of a Roman Colonia dating back to 97AD. At street level it is a medieval building.

Fri 10th Sept & Sat 11th





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Step inside the newly restored listed buildings of Llanthony Secunda Priory. Founded in 1136, the history of this former Augustinian priory is told throughout 5 acres of grounds. Marvel at the magnificent medieval timber roof and late 15th – early 16th century brickwork. A surprising survival of a monastic precinct at the heart of Gloucester Docks.

Little Cloister House Sat 11th Sept and Sun 12th Sat.10.00 to 12.30 Sun. 10.00 to 14.30pm Tours lasting 25mins on the hour and half-hour No booking required Pitt Street

A 17th century timber-fronted property next to Gloucester Cathedral, built over a medieval undercroft. The herb garden and remains of a monastic infirmary are close-by.

Meeks' Shoe-shop Fri 10 Sept, Sat 11th and Mon 13th 10.00 – 16.00 14 Westgate Street No booking required This Elizabethan building has a Georgian façade and on the first floor has a

fine plaster ceiling dating from around 1600.

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Mercers' Hall (Masonic Lodge) Sat 11th Sept 10.00 – 16.00 Mercers Lane No booking required Drobably built in the second half of the 19

Probably built in the second half of the 18th century this building has been occupied by a Perfumer, a Cider merchant and Brewer and been used as a bonded warehouse and dance

hall. Presently occupied by the Gloucester Freemasons as their Masonic Lodge

Old Bishop's Palace ♦ B6 Dates: Sat 11th and Sun 12th September Times: Saturday 10.00am to 2.30pm Sunday 10.00am to 3.00pm Tours to last 25 minutes on the hour and half hour. Pitt Street

The 19th century residence of the Bishops of Gloucester built on the site of the medieval abbot's lodging. Now used by the King's School. Short guided tours of the palace, gardens, yard, Bishop's Private Chapel and Abbot's Dining Hall.

St Michael's Bell Tower, now the admin centre of Gloucester Civic Trust, dates back to 1465. It has interesting heritage displays on the history of the church that once stood on the site, and 2 heritage bells made in Gloucester in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall . Refreshments are available. knocker, squints, coat of arms. There will be a permanent exhibition of photographs of Blue Plaques that can be seen around the City.

The New Antiques Centre

Fri 10th Sept to Mon 13th



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10.00 – 15.00 Guided tours to be held on Fri 11.00, 14.00 and Sat 11.00 and 14.00 26 Westgate Street

(Max number per tour 10) Believed to be Britain's finest example of a timber framed town house. Built in 1560, it was once the hall of the Grocers' Guild, the mansion house of a Mayor of Gloucester and, in the 19th century, a lodging for assize judges. Meet outside on



Westgate Street. Tours last about an hour.

Cultural Venues

No booking required except where indicated

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Beatrix Potter Museum Fri 10th Sept to Mon 13th 10.00 to 16.00 **9** College Court

In 1903 Beatrix Potter published one of her most loved tales, The Tailor of Gloucester, inspired by a visit she made to the city. See the building she based her story on and meet the Tailor, Simpkin the cat and a host of other characters. In the kitchen there is playing a Peter Rabbit DVD where you can sit and watch at your leisure.

A guided walk around places of Gloucester connected with Beatrix Potter is available (See Guided Walks page 1)

Gloucester Guildhall Sat 11th Sept and Sun 12th 10.30 for guided tour

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23 Eastgate Street

The Guildhall was constructed in 1892, designed by George Hunt. Built on the site formerly occupied by the Blue Coat School founded by Sir Thomas Rich.

The Guildhall is back and ready to host some more amazing events. It contains a thriving venue with cafe, cinema and concert hall.

Join Alex the Guildhall Team Leader for an access all areas back stage tour. The tour will last approx. 1 hour.

No need to book but please be prompt. The Guildhall has quite a few steps. Please contact us separately if you would like a more accessible tour.

partial 5 Folk of Gloucester) ♦ C4 Fri 10th Sept, Sat 11th & Mon 13th 10.00 - 16.00 Sun 12th 11.00-15.00 **99-103 Westgate Street**

The Folk of Gloucester is a community heritage centre with exhibition and event spaces and is housed in some of the oldest buildings in the City of Gloucester, This unique row of half-timbered buildings is made up of two

early 16th century Tudor houses and a mid 17th-century town house. Together they are called Bishop Hooper House. Unfortunately, due to Fire Regulations we are only able to open the ground floor of The Folk of Gloucester to visitors as the other floors have restricted access. However, if you book a Guided Tour you will see the whole building, hear the stories



of the people who lived and worked there and also what the future plans are for Bishop Hooper House.

Tours are at 10.30am and 2pm on Friday, Saturday and Monday and 11.30am on Sunday and are limited to 10 people. Bookings for these must be made via the Gloucester History Festival website.

Our café will be open offering a great range of teas and coffees and local delights.

On Saturday we will be holding a food market highlighting the fantastic produce available in Gloucester and beyond,

There will be a display of work by 'Shadowed Eyes' as part of the History Festival. Also an exhibition of Gloucester Notables.

Heritage talks will be held in the Ed Shed at various times over the weekend.

Jet Age Museum



Sat 11th and Sun 12th 10.00 - 16.00 Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham Road East, Staverton Free parking

Jet Age Museum exists to promote and preserve the history of Gloucestershire's contribution to world aviation from the early days of flight. The collection includes a replica of the 1920s Gloster Gamecock biplane fighter, a 1930s Gloster Gladiator fighter undergoing restoration, a replica of Britain's first jet powered aircraft, the Gloster E28/39, which first left the ground at Brockworth airfield in 1941 and other aircraft including original Gloster-built Meteor and Javelin fighters. The Museum's Vulcan bomber cockpit and Trident airliner cockpit and cabin will be open subject to availability



Museum of Gloucester Fri 10th Sept to Mon 13th 10.00 - 17.00 (11.00 - 16:00 on Sunday) Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1HP Free entry for all four days…

Your support makes a huge difference! We are proud to offer FREE admission to our Museum, but rely on your donations to allow us to continue to preserve and display our historical sites and collections for generations to come...



Found within the city of Gloucester is an internationally important collection of treasures of over 750,000 objects...come and explore the interactive history at the Museum of Gloucester this Heritage Open Weekend!

Events

Join the Museum of Gloucester for tours with Lucius the Roman soldier, finding Roman architecture behind the scenes and learning about Roman objects in their discovery sessions...

For further information and how to book all tours and sessions at the museum, please visit <u>museumofgloucester.co.uk/events</u>.

Dates for your diary...

- Saturday 11 September 2-3pm and 3-4pm | Glorious Glevum! Tours with a Roman soldier at the Museum of Gloucester and Eastgate Chamber
- Saturday 11 September 2-3pm | Behind the Scenes tour at the Museum of Gloucester
- Sunday 12 September 1-3pm | Roman loans boxes for schools Discovery sessions (drop-in) at the Museum of Gloucester

Further information about all activities, including additional dates and how to book are available on the museums' website and social media

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The Docks

Visit the Waterways Museum to uncover the story of the local waterways and the history behind Gloucester Docks. The Museum has displays and activities for all the family to learn about our waterways heritage. See the fine stationary steam engine, manufactured by the well-known engineering company 'Fielding and Platt'.

Mariners Church Fri 10th, Sat 11th, Mon 13th 10.00 – 16.00 Sun 12th 12.00-16.00 Gloucester Docks

Mariners Church opened in 1849 and became popular with the townspeople as well as the mariners visiting the port. The Chaplain was responsible for visiting every ship that arrived. The church features fine stained glass windows. An active church continues to meet in the building.

Tommi Nielsen's Dry Docks Gloucester Docks



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See the original graving (dry) docks now used by Tommi Nielsen's traditional shipbuilding and rigging company. This is one of the few remaining shipyards with the skills to work on traditional wooden vessels. The workshop is not open to the public.

Upstairs, Downstairs Antiques Fri 10th and Mon 13th Sept 10.00 - 16.00, Sat 11th and Sun 12th 10.00 - 17.00 Severn Road

The building is over 200 years old. Dating back to 1815 and was originally used for the manufacture of rope and sails for the tall ships and those powered by steam.

Sula Lightship

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Fri 10th Sept 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 & 12.15 Sat 11th Sept 10.00, 10.45, 11.30, 12.15, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00 & 15.45 Sun 12th Sept 10.00, 10.45, 11.30, 12.15, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00 & 15.45 Mon 13th Sept 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 & 12.15 Llanthony Wharf GL2 5HH Booking essential through Gloucester History Festival website (maximum numbers 4 per group)

LV14 Sula is a privately owned Historic Light vessel, located in Gloucester Harbour. Constructed in 1958 and in service off the Humber Estuary in the North Sea until 1985. It unsuitable for any visitor with mobility problems, as the tour involves sloping decks, and steep external ladders.



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Children are welcome but must be supervised at all times. The tour is to the external areas only and will last approximately 45 minutes

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Churches

No booking required

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Friends Meeting House ◆ E5 Sat 11th Sept 10.00 - 16.00 & Sun 12th 12.00 - 16.00 Greyfriars

The Quakers Meeting House is a Grade II listed building, built in 1834 and designed by Samuel Daukes. In 1878 a large portico was added, with a schoolroom above. A unique feature is the large wooden screen between the two main rooms which can be wound up and down to make one large space. Quakers were first known to be in Gloucester by 1655 and the first Meeting House was established in the city in 1678

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Gloucester Cathedral Fri 10th Sept and Sat 11th 10.00 – 17.00

Formerly the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter, founded in the 11th century, the Cathedral features Norman pillars in the nave, the elaborate tomb of Edward II, exquisite 14th century fan vaulting, the 15th century tower and the magnificent Great East Window.

(For tours and other activities at the Cathedral see Historic Places pages)

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Holy Innocents Church

Sun 12 Sept 12.00 - 17.00 Highnam

Visit this Victorian Church with its unique Spirit Fresco wall paintings. The church was built and painted by Thomas Gambier Parry, whose son Hubert Parry composed the music to Jerusalem.

Holy Trinity Church ◆ B10 / Fri 10th Sept and Sat 11th 10.00-16.00 Sun 12th 14.00 – 16.00 Mon 13th 13.00 – 15.00 Church Road Longlevens This church is an interesting Grade 2-listed 1930s structure design

This church is an interesting Grade 2-listed 1930s structure designed by Harold Stratton-Davis in a 15th century style.

Southgate Evangelical Church + G4 Sat 11th Sept 10.00 - 16.00.

Sun 12th 10.30-12.00 (incorporating a family service)

146 Southgate Street

The church is over 100 years old and was also home church to the famous Dr Hadwen.

There will be refreshments available and a power point presentation about the History of the Church.



St Catharine's Church	♦ B10	Ŀ.
Sat 11th Sept		
10.00 - 15.00		
London Road		

Although established in part of St Oswald's Priory in 1540, the current church building is only 103 years old. It has been partially re-ordered to make it fit for 21st century church use. Light refreshments will be available. An opportunity for interactive or quiet prayer/reflection in the church building.

All are very welcome.







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St John's Northgate Methodist Church 🔸 C6 🛛 💪

Fri 10th Sept and Sat 11th

11.00 - 14.00

Northgate Street

Classical grade 2* Georgian church, opened in 1734. Only the tower, spire

and font survive from the earlier medieval building. Several important worthies were connected with St John's including Col. Thomas Price (English Civil War), Rev Thomas Stocks and Robert Raikes (founders of the Sunday School Movement), Sir Thomas Rich (founder of the Bluecoat Hospital), and the Rudhall family, the world- famous bell founders whose bells can be found in Cathedrals and Churches throughout the



world. The East Window was installed in 1880 to commemorate the centenary of the Sunday School Movement.

Sunday 12th 10.30

For more than a year the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that people have experienced grief and loss in all kinds of ways, and have been unable to attend the usual kind of funeral and thanksgiving services. So on Sunday 12th at 10.30 am, we shall be holding a Memorial Service to remember those who have died, to which all are invited.

St Margaret's Chapel Sat 11 and Sun 13 Sept 10.00 – 15.00 London Road



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The Chapel was part of a monastic institution set up outside the medieval city boundary for the benefit of those suffering from the then incurable disease of leprosy. The present Chapel building is thought to date from the early 1400's but incorporates earlier masonry in the west wall. The Chapel is now under the patronage of St Margaret of Scotland (died 1083), an English princess who became Queen of Scotland.

St Mary de Crypt and the Old Crypt School Rooms 5. Fri 10th Sept. Sat 11th & Sun 12 1100 – 1500 + E5

Fri 10th Sept, Sat 11th & Sun 12 1100 – 1500 Church and Tower tours Fri 10th Sept 1400 and Sat 11th & Sun 12th 1330

Explore the medieval church and Tudor schoolrooms. Use our app and talking pens to discover stories from Gloucester's past, Raikes, Whitefield, and Jemmy Wood and more. Refreshments available.

St Mary Magdalene's Chapel B10 Sat 11th Sept 14.00-16.00 and Sun 12th 10.00-12.00 Hillfield Gardens, London Road

The Friends of Hillfield Gardens will open the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene, the remains of a 12th century leper chapel. It contains a stone recumbent figure which some people believe to be the effigy of St Kyneburgh.

St Nicholas's Church Fri 10th Sept to Mon 13th 11.00 - 15.00 Lower Westgate Street





A beautiful, medieval church with many interesting features and sympathetic Victorian restoration - Walton tomb, leaning tower, sanctuary knocker, squints, coat of arms. The church will host musical events. (*See Music pages*)

St Peter's Catholic Church + B8 Fri 10th Sept 1100 - 1600 London Road

The church, built in 1859, was designed by Gilbert Blount in the Gothic Style and was recently restored to its Victorian splendour. The church has an exquisitely carved triptych dating from 1856. The organ was erected in 1937 and completely restored by Nicholsons of Malvern. This is the 150th Anniversary of consecration.

Events

Music

All events to be booked through Gloucester History Festival website except where indicated

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Ypotryll Fri 10 Sept 11.00 (for 30 - 45 mins) St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate St

Ypotryll's three members present mediaeval music - song and instrumental, dating from around the 13th to the 15th centuries.

The Jonathan Hope Organ Recital Fri 10 Sept 12 noon (for 30-45 mins) St John's Northgate Church, Northgate Street Jonathan Hope, Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral

returns to give a recital of music on the excellent organ of St John's.

Gloucester Salvation Army Band Sat 11 Sept From 10.45 Westgate St (Near Betfred's) No need to book A rousing programme for Heritage Open Days.





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Town Crier of Gloucester Fri 10 & Mon 13 Sept Various times **Gloucester City Centre**

Come and hear the world's loudest town crier, Alan Myatt, promoting the heritage Open Days. Alan has been a crier for over twenty years, and at 112.8 decibels, Alan's cry of 'Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!' is the undisputed world record.



Gloucester Notables Exhibition

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Learn about some of the less well-known people who were either born in Gloucester or have lived here who have made a notable contribution to society.



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Roy Cansdale

Sat 11 Sept 11.30 (for 30-45 mins) St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate St

Roy accompanies himself on tenor guitar in a variety of swing and jazz favourites.

Ukelele Band

Sat 11 September From 12.00 Westgate St No need to book A lively performance to make you smile



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Newent String Quartet Sun 12 Sept 11.00 (for a couple of hours) St Nicholas Church, Westgate Street

The quartet will be rehearsing pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Borodin taking advantage of the perfect acoustic for a string chamber group. Members of the quartet will be happy to entertain visitors while they browse around the historic building and will be pleased to chat with anyone about their music.

Ġ. **Gloucester Brass** ♦ E5 Sun 12 Sept 11.30 (for 90 mins) St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate St This fine local band returns to perform with a range of music for brass instruments.

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Bygonz Perform Mon 13 Sept 11.30 (for 30 – 45 mins) **St Nicholas Church Westgate Street**

Come and hear instruments, such as pipe and tabor, hurdy-gurdy and bagpipes, which have been part of the popular musical life of this country for centuries, played by musicians wearing the dress of the time.



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Talks

These talks bring to life some of the characters and events that have shaped Gloucester's fascinating 2,000 years of history. All talks will be held in the Ed Shed, The Folk, Quay St Entrance.

Booking required for all talks via www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk Max number 45 per talk

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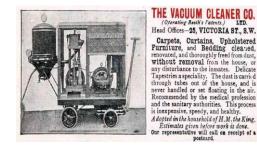
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Gloucester and the Vacuum Cleaner \diamond C4 Fri 10th Sept 14.30-15.30 The Ed Shed at The Folk, Westgate St

Paul Drinkwater will tell the story of the invention of the vacuum cleaner by a Gloucester born man. the Gloucester manufacturing company who built the proto type and the history of vacuum cleaners up to the present time.



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Edward Elgar

Sat 11th Sept 14.30 - 15.30

The Ed Shed (1st Floor) at The Folk, Quay St

Dr John Harcup gives a popular talk about Edward Elgar - inspired by 8 subjects beginning with the letter 'P'

William Marshall Sun 12th Sept 14.30-15.30 The Ed Shed at The Folk, Westgate St

William Marshall was described by the then archbishop of Canterbury as the greatest knight who ever lived. He was certainly a remarkable warrior, but also a great statesman. He served four kings and ruled England as regent.

As Sheriff of Gloucester, he had Henry III crowned in Gloucester Cathedral and reinstated Magna Carta, but arguably this influence on history was even greater as warden of the Forest of Dean.

Find out a little about his fascinating life and his legacy in this talk by John Jones

Lost Schools

Mon 13th Sept 11.00 – 12.00 The Ed Shed at The Folk, Westgate St



Did you know that there were once many schools in and around the centre of Gloucester? Debbie Vass, city guide and retired teacher, will give a power point talk to discover some of Gloucester's lost schools

Ł A Victorian Walk round Gloucester Docks C4

Mon 13th Sept 14.30 – 15.30

The Ed Shed at The Folk, Westgate St Entirely illustrated by old photographs this talk by Tony Condor will bring together stories from behind the scenes. Docks life was busy, visiting narrow boats came from the Midlands to mix with local Craft. Sailing ships came up the canal to unload. On the docks gangs



of men worked to move the cargoes into warehouses and the businessmen sold on the grain and timber. From this mass of people come the stories of every day life, special events, and the tragedies that life throws up.

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