

Retford Heritage Day



Welcome to the 11th Annual Retford Victorian themed Heritage Open Day! We have a full programme of events and buildings for you to explore.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time freely to this event and Bassetlaw District Council for their support.

Heritage Open Day is your once-a-year chance to explore the world on your doorstep, unlocked and completely free of charge - what will you discover?

Derek Turner

Chairman: Retford Civic Society

Collect your FREE copy of the new Heritage Guide to Retford

From The Hub Tourist Centre, Cannon Square & the Civic Society stalls outside the Museum and on Carolgate.

TIMETABLE

10:00am • Quarter Peal of Bells - [St Swithun's Church](#)
• Seth Ellis Canal Trips - [Town Lock](#)
• Parent & Child Craft Class - [The Hub](#)
• Heritage Bus Tour - [Bassetlaw Museum](#)
• Queen Victoria and Prince Albert arrive by carriage - [Market Square](#)

11:00am • Seth Ellis Canal Trips - [Town Lock](#)
• Talk on the Pilgrims and the Mayflower 400 celebrations. - [The Hub](#)
• Heritage Bus Tour - [Bassetlaw Museum](#)

11:15am • The Community Choir will be singing Victorian Music Hall songs - [Town Hall](#)

12:00pm • Little Theatre Youth Group will perform 'The Gates of Retford' - [Town Hall](#)

1:00pm • Seth Ellis Canal Trips - [Town Lock](#)

2:00pm • Seth Ellis Canal Trips - [Town Lock](#)
• Heritage Bus Tour - [Bassetlaw Museum](#)
• Victorian High Tea & Tasting - [The Hub](#)

2:30pm • Illustrated talk about 'Victorian Retford' by Harry Foxley. - [Denman Library](#)

3:00pm • Seth Ellis Canal Trips - [Town Lock](#)
• Heritage Bus Tour - [Bassetlaw Museum](#)

Watch out for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert on their walkabout around the town

Heritage Open Day

Map Key

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| Public Car Park | 8 Majestic Theatre* |
| Public Convenience | 9 Retford Little Theatre* |
| Shopmobility | 10 Denman Library* |
| Pedestrian Route | 11 St. Swithun's Church* |
| Information - The Hub | 12 St. Michael's Church* |
| 1 Market Square | 13 Grove Street Methodist Church* |
| 2 Town Hall* | 14 Masonic Hall* |
| 3 Trinity Hospital* | 15 Chesterfield Canal - Seth Ellis |
| 4 Bus Station | 16 Clark's of Retford Mural |
| 5 Train Station | 17 All Saints' Church, Babworth |
| 6 Taxi Rank | 18 Goodwin Hall* |
| 7 Bassetlaw Museum* | |

*Buildings freely open Saturday 9th September



Thursday & Saturday
General Retail & Provisions

Friday
Antiques & Collectables
Every Saturday
Craft Fair

Third Saturday each Month
Farmers Market



Retford Town Centre



For Google Maps use:



Retford Heritage Day

Saturday 8th September 2018



Celebrate the great buildings, history & heritage of our Georgian town:

- Open Buildings
- Canal Trips
- Vintage Vehicles
- Talks and Tours

A Great Day out for all the Family



Heritage Buildings Open

Saturday 8th September 2018



BASSETLAW MUSEUM

[Grove Street](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

Visit the museum for a special 'Suffragettes' display, tours of the building plus children's crafts and activities all throughout the day.

Vintage Vehicles & Bus Rides

A range of vintage vehicles will be on display outside the museum throughout the day.

Also, don't forget to take a ride on a vintage bus, departing hourly from outside the museum priced at £1. Note, the bus journeys will be suspended between 12:00 and 2:00pm due to the Tour of Britain cycle race passing through the town.



CHESTERFIELD CANAL - Town Lock

Trips on the Seth Ellis will take place, from the Town Lock, every hour on the hour from 10am until 4pm. Each trip will last approx. 45 minutes.

Please note: The cost of the trip is £5.00 each or £18.00 for family tickets. Advance bookings can be made by phoning: 07925 851 569.



GROVE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

[Grove Street](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

The church foyer will be open throughout the day and refreshments will be on sale. Also featuring a cake stall and the R.N.L.I. charity stall.



RETFORD TOWN HALL

[The Square](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

Public access to the Ballroom, Butter Market, Chairman's Room and Council Chamber.

Join us for Victorian music hall songs performed by the Community Choir at 11:15am, and then a performance of 'The Gates of Retford' by the Little Theatre Youth Group in the Town Hall Ballroom, starting at 12:00pm.



ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH

[Cannon Square](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

There will be displays in the church by local businesses Hair Kabin, Flower Boutique and Handbags by Linda, and a second hand book stall. Refreshments will be available. The annual Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' will be visiting the church during the day. There will also be a 'Victoria Sponge' competition too.

The church bells will ring from 10:00am to 11:00am.



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

[Bridgegate](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

The church will be open throughout the day and refreshments will be available to purchase.

The annual Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' will be visiting the church throughout the day.



TRINITY HOSPITAL

[Hospital Road](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

Visitors will be able to tour the alms houses building and the gardens. Talks on the history of the building and the charity will be given throughout the day by members of staff.

Refreshments will be available in the Darrel Room and copies of a book on the history of Trinity Hospital will be on sale.



THE HUB - Tourist Information, Churchgate

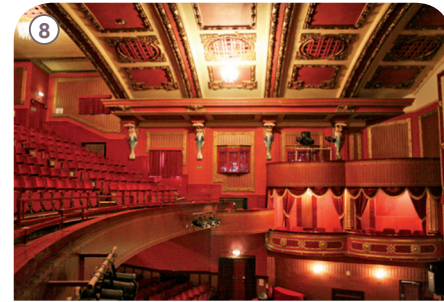
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Visit us at 10:00am for a Parent & Child Craft Class. Booking is essential, please tel Louise on 07880 948 941

Join us at 2:00pm when Retford Mayflower WI will be serving traditional Victorian high tea, plus tea tasting with different blends including some of The Queens favourites.

Also showing a Victorian art exhibition and an exhibition by Pippins Art Group, plus activities for children and a Victorian themed quiz.

The Mayflower Pilgrim Visitor Centre will be open on the day - there is a charge for entry. Please note there is no disabled access to the Mayflower Pilgrim Centre



MAJESTIC THEATRE

[Coronation Street](#) 10:00am - 2:00pm

Whilst you will be able to turn up on the day and enjoy a theatre tour, you can also book your place on a tour in advance by calling the Box Office on 01777 706 866

The Box Office will also be open for you to book shows.



DENMAN LIBRARY

[Cannon Square](#) 9:30am - 4:00pm

The Denman Library will be open as usual during the day.

Traditional toys and games for children to try, as well as Victorian dressing up clothes.

Join us from 2.30pm for an illustrated talk about Victorian Retford by local researcher and author Harry Foxley. Entry is free, but there are only limited places available - please telephone the library on 01777 708 724 or send an email to retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk to confirm your place.



KINGS' PARK

Award winning park in the heart of Retford. This year sees the 80th anniversary of the park's opening. Formal gardens, children's splash park, bowling green, rose garden, new performance space and tennis courts.



GOODWIN HALL

[Chancery Lane](#) 9:30am - 12:00pm

Refreshments will be served throughout the day.



MASONIC HALL

[Carolgate Bridge](#) 10:00am - 4:00pm

Throughout the day, stewards will be available to answer questions, and there will be tours of the Lodge Room and talks on the history of Freemasonry in Retford.