

## WELCOME to HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2016

Heritage Open Days celebrates our architecture and culture by allowing FREE access to interesting properties, many of which are not normally open to the public, as well as free tours, events, and other activities. It is organised by a partnership of Chester Civic Trust & Cheshire West and Chester Council, in association with other local societies. It would not be possible without the help of many building owners and local volunteers.

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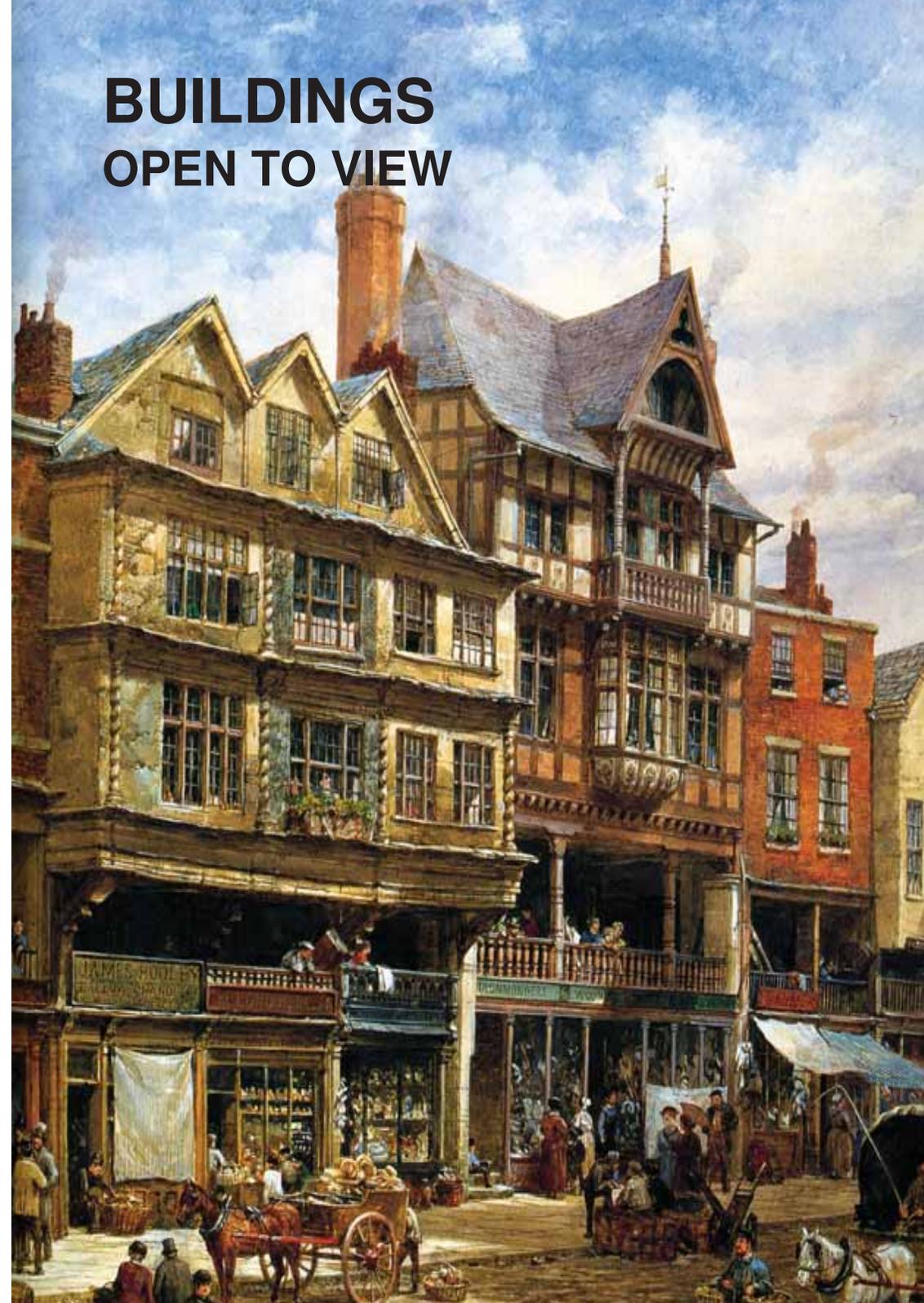
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## CHESTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2016

On the reverse of this brochure you will find details of Chester Heritage Festival events. These run from Saturday 3 - Sunday 11 September 2016 and includes many interesting activities for you to enjoy.

***Unlike Heritage Open Days which is totally free, some of these events carry a charge - and so are listed separately.  
Details are given beside the events***

## BUILDINGS OPEN TO VIEW



### **1. Bishop Lloyd's Palace, 51-53 Watergate Row**

Two early C17th town houses reconstructed above medieval undercrofts. The western gable is dated 1615. There are ornate plaster ceilings and elaborate carvings on the front gable. It is now home to Chester Civic Trust. Take 27 will be demonstrating computer modelling of Roman Chester from 12noon on Saturday and Sunday.

*Fri 9 & Sat 10 10am to 4pm, Sun 11th 10am - 3pm. No parking. No wheelchair access. Refreshments.*

### **2. Stanley Palace, Lower Watergate Street**

Timber-framed house, dating from 1591. Interior has a long oak-beamed hall with a great oak stair leading to a gallery.

*Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. At other times subject to occupation by other users. Ring the doorbell for admission. No parking. Partial wheelchair access.*

### **3. Watergate House, Lower Watergate Street**

This fine Grade II\* listed building was designed as a town house by Thomas Harrison for his friend Thomas Potts, Clerk of the Peace, in 1820.

*Sat 10 10am to 4pm. No parking.*

### **4. Chester Health Store Bridge Street Row, East**

The current facade encases an altered C17th timber framed building, galleried & open to a Georgian roof. The over-row chamber has remains of timber studwork in the south wall. Commended by Chester Civic Trust 2015 for building renovation. *Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 9.30am to 5.00pm, Sun 11 - 11am to 4pm. Free samples/tasting during open hours. Access to Row level.*

### **5. St. Peter's Church, The Cross**

Located at the heart of the city. Founded in AD907, & rebuilt in the 14th century with later alterations by Thomas Harrison and John Douglas. Interesting galleries & fragment of medieval fresco.

*Thurs 8 to Fri 9 -10am to 3.30pm. Sat 10 10.30am to 2pm. Night Church on Sat 9.30pm - 2.30am - Safe space, refreshments, prayer, music & discussion. Sun 11 service at 10.30pm. Toilets. Wheelchair access. Quiet room. refreshments. Activities to include a children's self guided trail.*

### **6. Castle Galleries, 18 St. Michael's Row**

An in-situ section of black and white Roman mosaic flooring can be seen in the basement, which once decorated part of *Deva's* large bathhouse complex.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 9am to 5.30pm, Sun 11 - 11am to 5pm. Public visiting to look at the Roman remains please notify a member of staff. No wheelchair access, steep steps.*

### **7. Spud-U-Like, 39 Bridge Street**

In the basement are the remains of an in-situ Roman hypocaust which heated part of the massive Legionary bathhouse complex. Also a medieval rock-cut cellar.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 9am to 6pm, Sun 11 -10am to 5pm. Public visiting to look at Roman remains please notify a member of staff on entering premises. No wheelchair access.Refreshments.*

### **8. Chester History and Heritage, St. Michael's Church, Bridge Street**

Medieval church rebuilt 1849-1851 by James Harrison.

Features include 15th century carved oak chancel ceiling, and Victorian stained glass.

*Sat 10 - 11am to 4pm. Family and local history service. Current local history exhibitions. No*

*parking. No wheelchair access.*

### **9. Funky Aardvark Bridge Street Row East**

Chester's oldest purpose built art gallery. The Sherratt family extended the original form in 1889 to create the amazing two story high upper room to house the beautiful Art of the Victorian Era and compliment their antique and art business. They also added the stunning mock Tudor frontage and detailed sign.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11 -10am to 5pm, No disabled access.*

### **10. Mad Hatters Tearoom St. Michael's Rectory, Bridge Street Row**

Listed Grade II\* building (C1650), originally the rectory of St. Michael's Church, has many 17th century features including a front wall, galleried great hall, moulded ceilings.Perfect for lunch or tea.

*Thurs 8 & Fri 9 - 10am to 4.30pm, Sat 10 and Sun 11 - 11am to 4.30pm. Access to row level, disabled WC on this level. Galleried hall only viewable using stairs, no lift. Some of front wall visible from row level.*

### **11. Sally's Secret Garden The Dutch Houses, Bridge St. Row West**

A Grade II listed building erected C1670 with timber framing and brickwork dating from the C 17th. Ornate Carolean ceiling, open fireplaces and exposed beams. Walled courtyard to rear.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 10.00am to 5.30pm, Sun 11 -11am to 5pm. Refreshments available. Garden seating area. Partial wheelchair access to ground floor only. Ramp access to Rows.*

### **12. The Falcon, Grosvenor Street**

Built in the C13th, purchased in 1602 by Sir Richard Grosvenor as his town house, and in family ownership until the C20th. This building once had a Row, which was enclosed in 1643. Clues to its existence are visible inside at the first floor level. The Falcon was an inn from 1778 until 1878. Following repairs by John Douglas in 1879 it became a temperance cocoa house. Restored as a public house in the 1980s.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 11am to 11pm, Sun 11 - 12 noon to 10.30pm. No parking. No wheelchair access.*

### **13. Grosvenor Museum, 27 Grosvenor Street**

Designed by Thomas M. Lockwood & opened in 1886 to hold the collections of Chester Archaeological Society, Charles Kingsley, & the Chester Society of Natural Science, Literature and Art. Enjoy a free tour during the 130th birthday celebrations for the Grosvenor Museum.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 10.30am to 5pm, Sun 11 - 1pm to 4pm. Special museum tours on Sat 12 noon-12.45pm & 2-2.45pm also Sunday 2pm to 2.45pm. Free drop in - 15 spaces per tour. Limited disabled parking wheelchair access to ground floor only. Accessible toilet facilities.*



### **14. Cheshire Military Museum, Chester Castle**

Free entry to the museum for the weekend. Discover what army life was like for Cheshire soldiers from 1689 to the present day.  
*Sat 10 to Sun 11 - Museum open*

*from 10am to 5pm. (Last entry 4pm) Disabled access.*

### **15. Brewery Tap at Gamul House, 52 Lower Bridge Street**

This pub was once a late medieval town house. It has a spectacular great hall, refronted with brick in the C18th. The great hall has a C17th plaster ceiling and a massive carved sandstone fireplace. King Charles I was entertained here when he visited the besieged city in 1645.  
*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 12 noon to 11pm, Sun 11 - 12 noon to 10.30pm. No wheelchair access - steep stairs. Food served until 9.30pm, and 9pm on Sunday.*

### **16. Oddfellows, 20 Lower Bridge Street**

Built in 1676, Oddfellows (then Bridge House), marked a radical departure from the half timbered tradition characterised by the Bear & Billet (built only 12 years earlier). Renovated & refurbished in 2012, the building is now a stylish & unusual boutique hotel, bar & restaurant, plus rear extension and spectacular walled garden.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11 - 12 noon to 11pm. For info please visit [www.oddfellowschester.com](http://www.oddfellowschester.com) Wheelchair access from rear via Grosvenor Place.*

### **17. St. Mary's - A Creative Space, St. Mary's Hill**

Formerly the church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill. Commissioned C1350, partly to serve the growing needs of the garrison at Chester Castle, and restored by the Victorians. Several notable monuments. Display of photos by Chester History and Heritage. Centre staffed by Heritage Volunteers of Chester DFAS who will be happy to talk about the Society's activities in Chester.  
*Fri 9 - 10am to 4pm, Sat 10 10am to 4pm. Full wheelchair access. No parking.*

### **18. Cheshire Record Office, Duke Street**

In 1816 George Ormerod issued the first part of his 'History of Cheshire' - 200 years later this major work is still in use! Exhibition of original notes and papers. Behind the scenes tour to discover the history of the Record Office, short talk by conservator.  
*Sat 10 - 11am to 3.30pm, please pre-book for timed tour & talk on 01244 972559. Disabled access for exhibition. Toilets. No parking.*

### **19. Bear and Billet, 94 Lower Bridge Street**

Built in 1664, the last major timber-framed house to be constructed in Chester. Owned by the Earls of Shrewsbury (who

controlled the Bridgegate) it was a merchant house at the head of the port. It is now a popular pub taking its name from the Earl's heraldic device of a bear shackled to a stake (or billet)

*Thurs 8 - 12 noon to 11.30pm, Fri 9 and Sat 10 12 noon to midnight. Sun 11 -12 noon to 11pm. Limited wheelchair access (with one step) to the ground floor.*

### **20. Three Kings Tea Rooms, Lower Bridge St.**

Grade II listed building was the property of the Earls of Shrewsbury & dates from the mid C17th. A stairwell timber has recently been dated as early as the C12th. Throughout the premises the timber frames and roof trusses are exposed with many of the panels retaining original wattle and daub.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11 - 10am to 5pm. Tearooms menu contains a more detailed history of the building. Partial disabled access.*

### **21. Greek Orthodox Church of St. Barbara the Great Martyr, Overleigh Road.**

The Eastern Orthodox Christian Church serving Cheshire & North Wales. Grade II listed. Recently installed Iconostasis & Altar.

Many fine icons.

*Sat 10 - 11am to 4pm, Sun 11*

*2pm to 4pm. Wheelchair access, refreshments available. Overleigh Road off the A483 entrance next to Blackwell's stonemasons.*



### **22. Off the Wall, Base of Roman Curtain Wall 12 St. John Street**

Built for Post Office Telephones in 1908 & incorporating a section of the base & plinth of the Roman Fortress wall. A plaque explains its significance. When the exchange transferred in 1950 to the neo-Georgian building opposite the Amphitheatre an additional floor was added to convert the building to a coffee shop/bar. Next door (over the fence) are the remains of the Roman SE Angle Tower. Refreshments available.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11, from 11am to 10.30pm. Wheelchair access suitable for most users.*

### **23. Wesley Methodist Church, 8 St. John Street**

Built in 1811 and designed by Thomas Harrison. Major alterations in the 1920s and more recently. Impressive stained glass and Binns organ. Active worship and community centre with art exhibitions, installations and concerts throughout the year.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. Wheelchair access. Toilets, coffee bar with fairtrade drinks, hot and cold snacks and cakes. Child friendly. Disabled parking on street.*

### **24. St. John the Baptist Parish Church & Chapter House, Vicar's Lane**

One of the finest examples in Europe of the transition from Romanesque to Gothic Architecture. Founded in AD689 by Æthelred King of Mercia it is the oldest Norman building in the city. St. John's was the Cathedral Collegiate Church of the city from 1075 until 1541. It has the largest collection of Saxon/Viking crosses in the UK and a collection of Randle Holme heraldic paintings. *Open Thurs 8 to Sun 11, 10am to 5pm. The Chapter House is open from 10am to 12noon and in the afternoons, subject to staffing. Guided tours will be available. Wheelchair access & toilets. No parking.*

### **25. Welsh Presbyterian Church, St John Street**

This year is the 150th anniversary of the church, designed by W & G Audsley of Liverpool, built in 1866 of brick with an elaborate stone front in a C13th French Gothic style. "Tracker" organ (1902) by Alexander Young, still in excellent working condition. Either side of the organ are two stained glass windows rescued from the Welsh Anglican Church. In 1990 the building was renovated and the gallery turned into a vestry comprising a small theatre/meeting room and kitchen. Preview of bi-lingual display on history of church.

*Thurs 8 & Fri 9 10am to 2pm. Tea coffee & Welsh cake on sale. Side door & lift for disabled access.*

### **26. Miss Selfridge, Roman Hypocaust, 14 - 16 Northgate Street**

At the rear of the store is an in-situ Roman hypocaust, which may have been part of the heating system for the Legionary Commander's quarters.

*Thurs 8, Fri 9 & Sat 10 - 9.30am to 12 noon, then from 4pm to 5pm. Public visiting the Roman remains please notify staff. No wheelchair access.*

## 27. Chester Town Hall Northgate Street

An imposing Victorian civic building in the Gothic style which dominates Chester's main square. Designed by Lynn of Belfast, it was inspired by the medieval Cloth Hall at Ypres, Belgium.  
*Thursday 8 - 10am to 4pm. Lift available. Wheel chair access via intercom on Princess St. side of building. Main entrance on Town Hall Square facing Cathedral.*



## 28. Commercial Hotel, St. Peter's Churchyard Off Northgate Street

This early C19th inn by Thomas Harrison won a Civic Trust award for its recent refurbishment. Enjoy lunch in an historic setting.

*Thurs 8 to Saturday 12 noon to 2am, Sunday 11 - 12 noon to midnight. Disabled access at rear via Goss Street.*

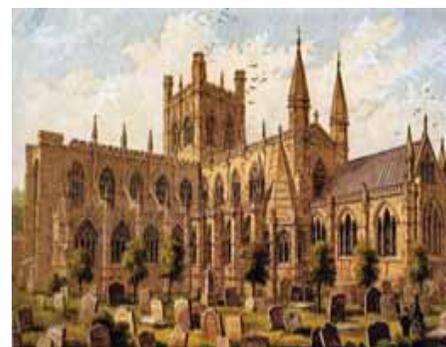
## 29. The Blue Bell, Northgate Street

Grade 1 listed originally two houses built sometime between 1250 & 1400, joined together in the C.18th - possibly the oldest surviving medieval house in Chester - granted a licence to serve ale in 1494, now a restaurant. Timber framed, with braced king-post roof, on a sandstone plinth. At ground level is an arcade open to the street with a separate chamber erected in 1684 'without consent' for a barber's shop, & also used as a stage-coach ticket office C.18th.  
*Thurs 8 to Sun 11th 12 noon to 11pm. Visitors welcome, please make staff aware you have come to tour building.*

## 30. Chester Cathedral, Abbey Square

Chester Cathedral has a history spanning almost two thousand years. See our medieval Quire Stalls, C.13th Refectory, Consistory Court, the shrine of St Werburgh & the Chester Imp. Don't miss the scale model of the building under construction entirely from Lego bricks in the South Transept. Free ground floor tours with an expert guide on

Sat at 11am, 1.30pm & 3pm. Also Free Falconry Family Fun Days Sat & Sun plus sack races, face painting & a bouncy castle. Bell ringing in the Addleshaw Tower on Sat between 10.30am-12 & 1-2.30pm. Learn more on bell ringing and hear a short talk on the history of bell ringing.  
*Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 9am to 5pm. Sun 11 - pm to 3pm. Lunches in the Refectory. Cathedral Gift Shop. Enter via the Visitors' entrance on St. Werburgh Street, opposite the Town Hall. Further details available on [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com) or [www.chestercathedral.com/falconry-nature-gardens](http://www.chestercathedral.com/falconry-nature-gardens)*



## 31. King Charles Tower, City Walls

Discover this medieval tower, once used as a meeting place for the Chester Guilds. Stand where King Charles I was said to have watched the skirmishes at the Battle of Rowton Moor.  
*Sat 10 & Sunday 11 - 10am to*

*4pm. No parking, no disabled access.*

## 32. Water Tower and Bonewaldesthorpe's Tower

John de Helpston built the Water Tower for £100, between 1322 and 1325 as a defence on the Dee at Chester. The original contract between him and the city says Bonewaldesthorpe's Tower (*turrus de Benewaldestham*), through which the Water Tower is reached, was already in existence. The original Anglo Saxon Tower was made of timber, and the later stone tower dates to the C13th. Steep steps in building. Explore this unique building and the new 'Sick to Death' history of medicine exhibit housed within it. Tour also includes a talk on the diseases & cures brought to Chester via trade links.  
*Sat 10 - Evening opening 6.30pm-8.30pm. No parking, no disabled access, no toilets. Booking via email [info@bigheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@bigheritage.co.uk) places are limited.*

## 33. Telford's Warehouse, Canal Wharf

Substantial brick warehouse built in the 1790s and attributed to the famous engineer Thomas Telford. Restored in the 1980s now used as a bar, restaurant and music/ arts venue. Superb views across Chester's former canal port. Constructed partly over the canal

to assist with loading & unloading of boats on the water.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11 - 12 noon to 6pm (open all day). Bar and restaurant open midday until late. An entrance fee is charged later in the evening for musical events. No wheelchair access.*

### **34. University of Chester Chapel**

The chapel was built between 1844 and 1847. The decorative stonework, carved interior woodwork, the organ case and some of the stained glass were produced by the students. An explanatory leaflet is also available in the chapel. There will also be maps of the campus. *Thurs 8 to Sun 11 - 11am to 4pm. Disabled access.*

### **35. Chester Bluecoat Primary School, Walpole Rd.**

Modern timber framed primary school, newly designed & built. *Fri 9 - open 9.30am to 11.30am. Small group tours by staff & children whilst school is in session. Tours start at 9.30am & 10.30am, lasting about 45 minutes, with time for questions and refreshments. Visitors need to book in advance, sign in and be supervised during their visit. Disabled access, toilets & lift. Off Parkgate Rd. near the University. To book ring 01244 981098.*

### **36. Queen's School City Walls Road**

Independent day school for girls est. 1878, built on the site of the old city jail. Exterior richly detailed in the vernacular revival style, with mullioned windows, shaped chimneys and an ornate steepled belfry. Visit inside the original school building, not usually open to the public. *Sat 10 - 10.30am to 1.30pm. Wheelchair access and toilets. No parking.*

### **37. St. Oswald's Church, Backford (CH2 4BE)**

Grade II\* listed dating from C13th with restorations. Contains a reredos by John Douglas. *Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. Disabled access & toilets. Drive north out of Chester on A41 turn right into Church Lane at sign for Backford Village.*

### **38. St. Werburgh Roman Catholic Church, Grosvenor Park Road**

Completed in 1875. This city centre church is a fine example by Edmund Kirby in the style of C13th early English architecture. The church was refurbished in 2002. Stained glass windows. Acclaimed 3 manual Binns/Sixsmith organ installed in 2004. *Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm, Sun 11 - 8.30am to 7pm. Mass*

*at 9am, 10.45am, 6pm. Wheelchair access. Parking near church or in city centre.*

### **39. Christ Church, Gloucester Street, Newtown**

Completed in 1900, by local architect John Douglas in Arts and Crafts style with 'Oxford Movement' interior, Kempe windows, a Brindley and Foster organ, and fascinating furniture and artefacts. *Thurs 8, Fri 9 and Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. Sun 11 - 12.30pm to 6.30pm. One low step on entry, otherwise level. Car parking nearby at Brook Street car park. (Free after 3pm).*

### **40. Farndon Parish Church Church Lane, Farndon**

Rebuilt in 1658, the church features a Civil War window that details types of weapons and clothing used by the Cheshire gentry in the service of the Royalist cause. *Thurs 8 to Sun 11 - 10am to 4pm. Full wheelchair access & toilets. Light refreshments on Saturday. Public parking in centre of village and at nearby Memorial Hall. From Chester, turn left in village centre then first right to Church.*

### **41. Stretton Watermill, Near Farndon**

Historic working watermill site dating from 1351. The present building dates from 1630, with alterations in 1770 and 1819. A rare survival of a rural mill with original machinery still in use. Milling process is demonstrated with two waterwheels, sluices, hoist & sifter. Free guided tours in the afternoons to see the ancient machinery. *Sat 10 and Sun 11 - 1pm to 5pm. Last tour 4.30pm. Ten miles south of Chester, off A534 between Farndon and Broxton roundabout. Wheelchair access. Small shop & exhibition. Parking, toilets, refreshments, picnic area.*



### **42. Walk Mill, Waverton**

A working flour mill, Walk Mill was mentioned in the Domesday Book, but was demolished in 1965. Recently rebuilt it is now open to the public. The mill has a cafe and shop with products

baked on the premises using stone ground flour made from wheat grown in fields around the mill. The mill is powered by the River Gowy. Closed Mondays. *Thurs 8 to Fri 9 - 10am to 4pm, and Sat 10 & Sun 11 - 10am to 5pm. Take the A41 Whitchurch Road out of Chester. After 2 miles turn left, following the brown signs for Walk Mill. The Mill is on the right down Walk Mill Lane after a further 2 miles. Accessible parking & wheelchair access to building. Toilet facilities.*

#### **43. St. Andrew's Church, Church Street, Tarvin**

Grade I listed C14th parish church, of particular interest: C14th oak screen, C14th roof to south aisle and C17th roof to nave, rebuilt following the Civil War. Victorian stained glass by Kempe and Bryans. Modern stained glass in west window. History exhibition with remains of Saxon cross. *Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. In centre of village. Grade II listed Parish Tearoom with local art exhibition, once the C17th Tarvin Grammar School. Simple refreshments, church guide booklets and trail leaflets are available. Wheelchair access. On street parking.*

#### **44. St. Edith's Church, Shocklach, Malpas**

This tiny parish church is just in Cheshire. Continuing worship and welcome assured at this treasured church dedicated to St. Edith. Interesting doorway (early C12th) and an C18th ceiling. Also a statue of a horse and rider, probably Viking. *Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. Visitors welcome to use picnic area in the grounds. Toilets. Partial wheelchair access. Parking available. North of Shocklach Village on west side of road.*

#### **45. Weaver Hall Museum Northwich**

Museum displays explore the site's workhouse history also local history & archaeology. Visitors can see the Board of Guardians meeting room, which is not always open to the public. No booking required. *Sat 10 - 11-5pm. Fully accessible, lift to first floor, free parking, small shop, tea and coffee available. London Road, follow brown signs from A556 or Northwich Town.*

#### **46. Lion Salt Works**

The Lion Salt Works has undergone an astonishing restoration funded by the Heritage Lottery, and is delighted to be telling the stories of brine salt production, the people who

worked in the area and the impact of salt on Northwich. As part of Northwich Heritage Week, we are offering free admission as well as 'taster tours' at regular intervals throughout Saturday to entice you back for the events, tours and activities which take place throughout the year. Booking recommended for larger groups. *Sat 10 - 10.30-5pm. Taster Tours from 12pm. 20 people per tour. Parking & wheelchair access all areas. Accessible toilets, refreshments, please book for group lunches. Gift shop, picnic & play area & butterfly garden. Ring 01606275040 or further details on [www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk](http://www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk)*



#### **47. St. Cuthbert by the Forest, Mouldsworth CH3 8AJ**

Designed by F.X. Velarde this rural church was built in the 1950's. The campanile is a local landmark and a characteristic design of the Liverpool based architect, as are the stone 'Angel'

mullions inside and out, the interior is in the Arts & Crafts style. Recently listed Grade II. *Thurs 8 to Sat 10 - 10am to 4pm. Partial wheelchair access.*

#### **48. St. Peter's Church, Plemstall, Mickle Trafford**

There has been a church on this site since 700AD. Some parts of the present church date from 1200. Substantial rebuilding in the C15th and in the reign of Henry VII (1485-1509). Some interesting carvings made by Reverend Toogood in 1907. *Sat 10 - 10am to 3pm. Disabled access, parking and toilet facilities. Take A56 through Mickle Trafford. Church signposted on right. Follow lane to the end.*

#### **49. Neston Church High St, Neston**

Rebuilt in the gothic revival style between 1874 and 1875 on the site of a C12th Norman church. A worship site from much earlier times is indicated by the remains of grave marker crosses, dating from 930AD. Arts & Craft display and display of 'Ecclesiastical Robes'. Guided tours of the church available on request. *Thurs 8 - Sat 10 - 10am to 3.30pm, Sun 12 noon - 3.30pm. 12 people per tour. Refreshments available. Disabled access.*

## 50. St Helen's Church, Northwich

The oldest building in Northwich listed grade 1. The fabric dates back 650 yrs. Between 1450-1520 the height of both church & tower were increased and a new apsidal chancel was constructed. Magnificent oak panelled roof with carved & gilded bosses. Also newly discovered 500 yr old Easter carving. St Helen's has excellent C.19th & 20th stained glass including work by Kempe, Wailes & Gibbs.

*Fri 9 2pm to 8pm, Sat 10 9am to 11.30am & 3pm to 5pm, Sun 11 9.30am only Morning service, all welcome. Volunteers on hand with information. Disabled access to Church, toilets available but not fully accessible.*

## 51. Northwich Library

Grade II listed the library was donated to the town by Sir John Brunner, former MP for Northwich in the late 1800s & early 1900s. Current building dates to 1909. It once housed the town's salt museum. There is a special display of original photos & books on the salt heritage of the town.

*Fri 9 9am - 7pm, Sat 10 9am - 1pm. Activities each day. For details of guided tours ring 01606 44221. Parking in town car parks & wheelchair access all areas.*

## 52. The Plaza Cinema, Northwich

A rare chance to see inside this listed neoclassical style cinema/ bingo hall. Built in 1928 it closed as a cinema in the 1960s and became a bingo hall. The Plaza finally closed its doors in 2011. Visitors are restricted to foyer and bar area but there is a fine view of the ornate auditorium and stage. There will be a small art exhibition with works for sale. Also demonstrations of encaustic art (hot wax painting) - you may even want to have a go yourself. *Sat 10 & Sun 11 11am-4pm both days. Refreshments available. Steps to front entrance but assistance can be provided for wheelchairs. No booking required.*



## 53. Winsford Church Trail

There are three trails that can take you to explore these delightful churches, St Chads Church Over CW7 4DA, United Reformed Church CW7 1JE, St. John the Evangelist Church, CW7 2LY, and Christ Church Wharton

CW7 3DR. A road route, a street walk and across country with a little street connecting.

*Sat 10 - 10am-3pm .A map with route & details of access (including disabled access) to the churches & cemeteries is available from Winsford Library, High St. Winsford CW7 2AS (open 9-1pm on Sat)*

## 54. Frodsham - Various The Bear's Paw Hotel, Main Street, WA6 7AF

Grade II listed building dated 1632. It displays the coat of arms of Earl Rivers of the Savage family – the Lord of the Manor of Frodsham. A panel of wattle and daub survives internally. Formerly a coaching inn and posting house. In 1903-4 stone mullion windows were reinstated by Douglas and Minshall.

*Thurs 8 to Sat 10, 11am to late evening, Sun 11 noon to 11pm. Disabled access. Food & drink available. Dog friendly. Further heritage details from the bar staff.*



## Queen's Head Hotel, Main Street, Frodsham WA6 7AR

Built C1580 and grade II listed. Frodsham's oldest coaching inn was given a new façade in the early C 19<sup>th</sup>. There are moulded oak beams in the bar. The attached coach-house to the right of the rear-yard has an upper storey which is said to have been the meeting-place of the manorial court before it became a Quaker Meeting House in 1813. The stable to the left of the yard is grade II listed.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11, 10.30am to late evening. Disabled access to rear. Dog friendly. Food & drink available. Further heritage details from bar staff.*

## Old Hall Hotel and Tide-stones, Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AB

Grade II listed building, probably pre -C 17<sup>th</sup>. Two oak-framed cottages were transformed into 'Ty Gwyn' (White House) in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Became a hotel in the C 20<sup>th</sup> and greatly extended. Wattle & daub in the dining room marks the back wall of the cottages. The garden goes down to the Marshes where two listed Tide-stones mark high water points in 1802 and 1862.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11, 9am to late evening. Disabled access to hotel. Food & drink available. Further*

*details from main reception.*

### **Castle Park Arts Centre, Off Fountain Lane, Frodsham WA6 6SE**

The Arts Centre occupies the refurbished Victorian coach house and stables of the former Castle Park estate. Free entrance to three exhibition rooms see [www.castleparkarts.co.uk](http://www.castleparkarts.co.uk) for details. *Thurs 8 to Sun 11 - 10am to 4pm. Disabled access. Café. Toilets.*



### **Church of St Laurence, Church Road, Overton**

Grade I listed sandstone building of Norman origin, Perpendicular and late medieval features.

Victorian restoration raised the height of the nave roof and altered the interior. Restoration work, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, was completed in early 2015.

*Thurs 8 & Fri 9 9.30am to 5pm. On Sat 10 10am to noon & 3pm to 5pm. **Please note** the church &*

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*grounds will be closed for a wedding from noon-3pm on Sat 10th. Sun 11th 12noon to 3pm & 3-4pm. Guided tours may be booked from Friday 9th - Leaflets for a short self guided walk around historic Overton will be available from the Ring O'Bells on Sat 10 between noon and 3pm. Sun 11 noon to 3pm guided tours on demand. Musical Finale with afternoon tea - tickets for the Friday tours and Sunday tea bookable from [frodshamevents@gmail.com](mailto:frodshamevents@gmail.com). For details of church services see [www.stlaurencefrodsham.org/](http://www.stlaurencefrodsham.org/) Disabled access and toilets.*



### **Ring O'Bells Inn, opposite the Church, Frodsham**

Grade II listed building, probably C17th. It retains some small rooms typical of a true 'public house', low ceilings & altered inglenook. Bar has original timber framing & wattle and daub.

*Thurs 8 to Sun 11, 10am to late evening. Disabled access. Food & drink available. Dog Friendly.*

*Further details from bar staff. Opposite Church.*



### **55.St. Mary's Church of England Parish Church, Cinderhill, Whitegate, Cheshire**

A beautiful parish church in a rural setting.

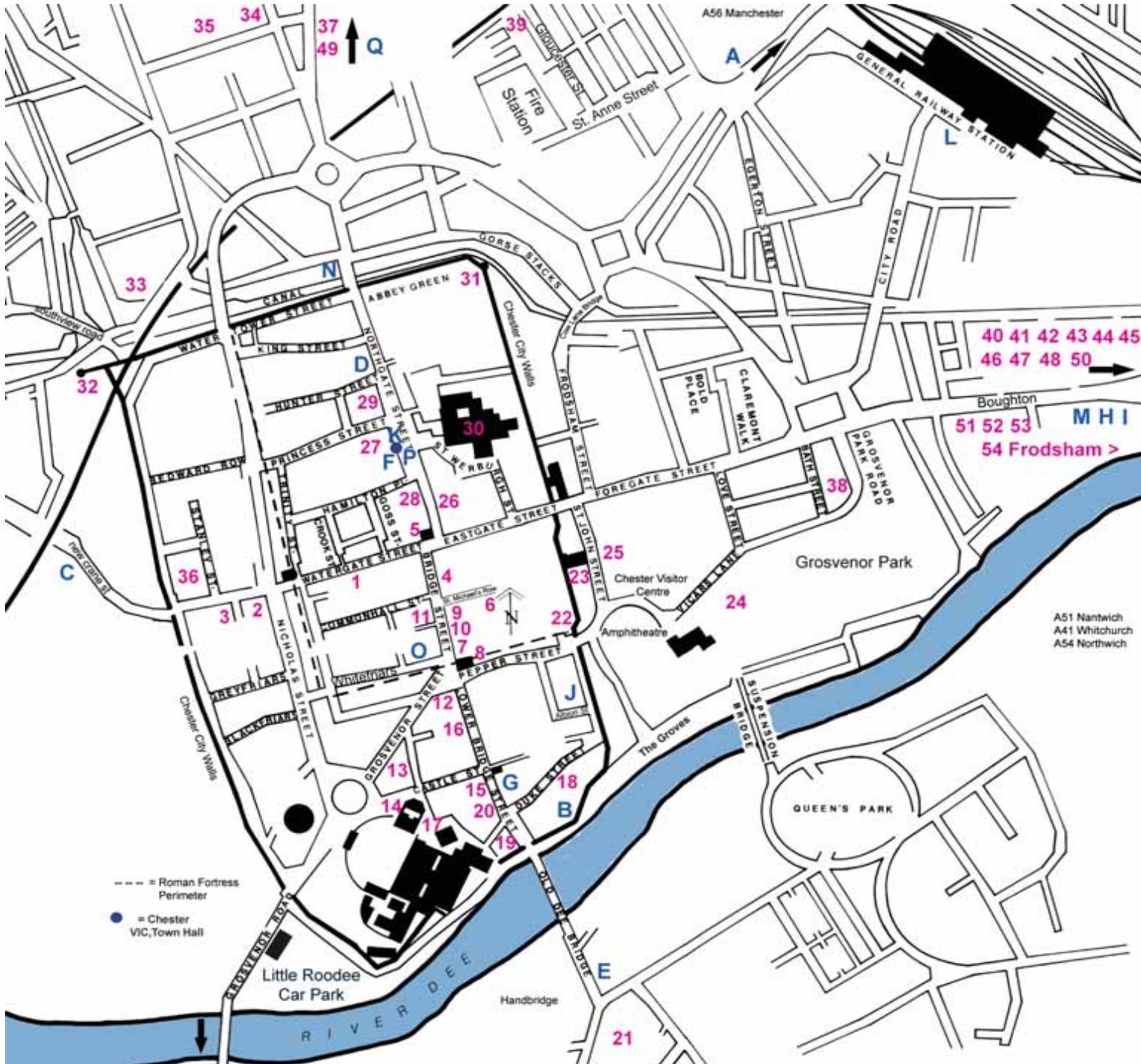
*Sat 10 - 10am-4pm. Church open and refreshments available.*

*Toilets.*



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## CHESTER ON FOOT

(Entries in *italics* are public houses)  
 OPEN EVERY DAY (\*Times Vary)

- 5. St. Peter's Church (T, F 10-3.30, Sat 10.30-3.30)
- 6. Castle Galleries (Thur-Sat 9-5.30, Sun 11-3.30)
- 7. Spud-U-Like (9-6, Sun 10-5)
- 9. Funky Aardvark (Tues - Sun 10-5pm)
- 10. Mad Hatters Tearoom (T, F 10-4.30, S&S 11-4.30)
- 11. Sally's Secret Garden (T-S 9.30-5.30, Sun 11-5)
- 12. *The Falcon* (T-Sat 11-11, Sun 12-10.30)\*
- 13. Grosvenor Museum (T-Sat 10.30-5, Sun 1-4)
- 15. *Brewery Tap / Gamul House* (12-11)\*
- 16. *Oddfellows* (Thurs - Sun 12-11)\*
- 19. *Bear & Billet* (12-11)\*
- 20. Three Kings Tearoom (Thurs-Sun 10-5)
- 21. St Barbaras (Sat 11-4, Sun 2-4)
- 22. *Off The Wall* (Thurs-Sun 11-10.30)
- 24. St. John the Baptist (Thurs - Sun 10-5)
- 28. *The Commercial* (12- midnight)
- 30. Chester Cathedral (T-S 9-5, Sun 1-3)\*
- 33. *Telford's Warehouse* (12-6)
- 34. Uni of Chester Chapel (11-4)
- 38. St. Werburgh's Church (T-S 10-4, Sun 8.30-7)
- 39. Christ Church (10-4, Sun 12.30-6.30)

## Selected Days Only

(Check times & dates in directory)

- 1. Bishop Lloyd's Palace (Fri, Sat & Sun)
- 2. Stanley Palace (Sat only)
- 3. Watergate House (Sat only)
- 8. Chester Hist & Heritage (Sat only)
- 14. Chesh. Military Mus (Sat & Sun)
- 16. *Oddfellows* (12-11 Thurs-Sun)
- 17. St Mary's Centre (Fri & Sat only)
- 18. Cheshire Record Office (Sat only)
- 23. Wesley Church (Thurs, Fri & Sat)
- 26. Miss Selfridge (Thurs, Fri & Sat)
- 27. The Town Hall (Thurs only)
- 31. King Charles Tower (Sat & Sun only)
- 32. The Water Tower (Sat only)
- 35. Chester Bluecoat PS (Friday only)
- 36. The Queen's School (Sat only)

<b>Heritage Open Days at a Glance</b> <b>BUILDINGS</b>	<b>Thurs</b> <b>8</b>	<b>Fri</b> <b>9</b>	<b>Sat</b> <b>10</b>	<b>Sun</b> <b>11</b>
1. Bishop Lloyd's Palace		✓	✓	✓
2. Stanley Palace			✓	
3. Watergate House			✓	
4. Chester Health Store	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. St Peters Church at the Cross	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Castle Galleries, St Michael's Row	✓	✓	✓	✓
7. Spud U Like Roman Hypocaust	✓	✓	✓	✓
8. Chester History & Heritage			✓	
9. CC, Viyella	✓	✓	✓	✓
10. Mad Hatters Tea Room	✓	✓	✓	✓
11. Sally's Secret Garden, Dutch Houses	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. The Falcon	✓	✓	✓	✓
13. Grosvenor Museum	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Cheshire Military Museum			✓	✓
15. Brewery Tap at Gamul House	✓	✓	✓	✓
16. Oddfellows	✓	✓	✓	✓
17. St Mary's Centre - A Creative Space		✓	✓	
18. Cheshire Record Office			✓	
19. Bear & Billet, Lower Bridge Street	✓	✓	✓	✓
20. Three Kings Tearooms	✓	✓	✓	✓
21. St Barbara Greek Orthodox Church			✓	✓
22. Off the Wall (Base of Curtain Wall)	✓	✓	✓	✓
23. Wesley Methodist Church	✓	✓	✓	✓
24. St John the Baptist Church		✓	✓	
25. Welsh Presbyterian Church	✓	✓		
26 Roman Hypocaust, Miss Selfridge	✓	✓	✓	
27. Chester Town Hall, Northgate Street	✓			

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28. Commercial Hotel, Northgate Street	✓	✓	✓	✓
29. The Blue Bell, Northgate Street	✓	✓	✓	✓
30. Cathedral	✓	✓	✓	✓
31. King Charles Tower			✓	✓
32. Water Tower			✓	
33. Telford's Warehouse	✓	✓	✓	✓
34. University of Chester Chapel	✓	✓	✓	✓
35. Chester Bluecoat CE Primary School		✓		
36. The Queen's School, Chester			✓	
37. St Oswald's Church, Backford			✓	
38. St Werburgh RC Church	✓	✓	✓	✓
39. Christ Church, Newtown	✓	✓	✓	✓
40. Farndon Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓
41. Stretton Watermill, Nr Farndon			✓	✓
42. Walk Mill, Waverton	✓	✓	✓	✓
43. St. Andrew's Parish Church, Tarvin			✓	
44. St. Edith's Church, Shocklach			✓	
45. Weaver Hall Museum, Northwich			✓	
46. Lion Saltworks, Marston			✓	
47. St. Cuthbert by the Forest, Mouldsworth	✓	✓	✓	
48. St. Peter's Parish Church, Plemstall			✓	
49. Neston Parish Church, Neston	✓	✓	✓	✓
50. St Helen's Church, Northwich		✓	✓	
51. Northwich Library		✓	✓	
52. The Plaza, Northwich			✓	✓
53. Winsford Church Trail			✓	
54. Frodsham (Various)	✓	✓	✓	✓

# EVENTS -Tours ,Talks & Activities

**BOOKING OPENS MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016.**

**Booking essential for all events.**

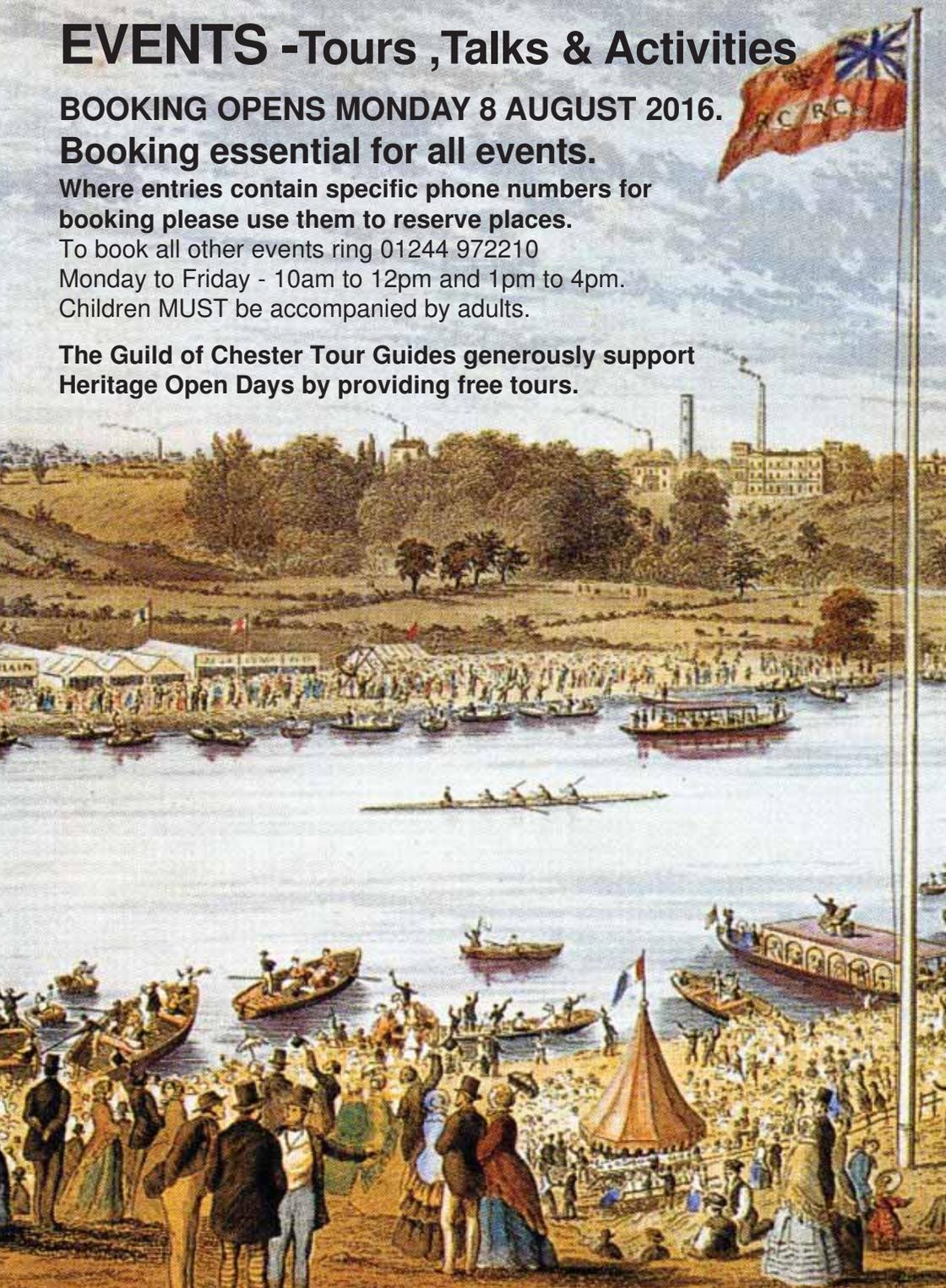
Where entries contain specific phone numbers for booking please use them to reserve places.

To book all other events ring 01244 972210

Monday to Friday - 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.

Children MUST be accompanied by adults.

**The Guild of Chester Tour Guides generously support Heritage Open Days by providing free tours.**



## THURSDAY 8

### **A. Mickle Trafford Watermill & the Grange Stewardship Farm Tour (CH2 4JR)**

Mickle Trafford Water Mill dates from 1768 & was built at the behest of the Earl of Shrewsbury. Written evidence exists of milling having taken place here since 1303. The building is Grade II listed & not currently open to the public. Following river improvement works it now stands aside rather than astride the River Gowy. "Trafford Mill" is now part of a newly formed building preservation trust. The tour encompasses the Mill & its environs & community kitchen garden. Enjoy an 'amooosing' tour of the Grange Farm, home of the Rowlands rare breed Red Poll cattle and the former 'Tyre Farm' where much refurbishment has taken place to the original building dating from 1790.

*Guided tours of the Mill are on Thurs 8 & Fri 9 starting at 10am, Sat 10 & Sun 11 tour starts at 3pm & will last approx. 90 mins. Guided Tours of Grange Farm are on Thurs 8 & Fri 9 start at 2.30pm, and Sun 11 at 12.30pm & will last approx 2 hours. Places limited for safety reasons. Booking essential. For Trafford Mill booking ring Ceris Timms on*

*07587 189776, or email ceris@wildarea.org. For Grange Farm ring Huw Rowlands on mobile 07950 963526, or email huw.rowlands145@btinternet.com No disabled access. Free parking & toilets at the Grange Farm where all tours begin. Wear suitable footwear & clothing for walking over fields. The nearby Shrewsbury Arms will be offering guided tours of old framed maps and prints of the area on Thurs & Fri at 12.30pm, Sat & Sun at 5.30pm & will last approx one hour. The pub is open all day from 11am, and from 12pm on Sunday. For Farm & Mill Tours please meet at the Grange Farm, 4 miles north east of Chester on the opposite side of the A56 between Beesley & Fildes & Meadow Fishery. Look for the Red Poll Beef signs. Sat Nav use CH2 4JR.*



## B. Riverside Museum, University of Chester

The Riverside Museum houses a selection of curiosities from the world of medicine including an original letter from Florence Nightingale. This will also be an opportunity to see the *First World War: Returning Home* exhibition, focusing on the effects of the war on health & social care, including medical advances, home & rural life and the role of volunteers. *Thurs 8 and Saturday 10 - 1pm to 4pm. No need to book, look around & volunteers will help with any queries. Disabled access can be arranged, ring Roger Whiteley on 01244 511619. Public access is via the Castle Drive entrance of the Riverside building. Ask at reception & wait to be shown to the Museum. Cafe open for light refreshments on Thursday. Nearest parking Little Roodee (pay car park).*



## C. Chester Racecourse Walking Tour

The first official records of horse racing taking place at Chester date back to the early 16th century, making this the country's oldest racecourse. Over the centuries it has evolved, and continues to excite with its varied programme of events and activities.

*Thurs 8 at 2pm. Tour and talk led by Chris Clayton between 90 & 120 minutes. He explains the history of the racecourse site since Roman times up to recent projects including the grandstand extensions and 1539 restaurant, & new Parade Ring projects. Also the Old Port site plus new stables & railway arches with associated developments and the riverside path. Assemble at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel on New Crane Street, CH1 2LY, to start the tour. Parking at the hotel, & toilets are available on the tour. Steep steps to the City Walls tour so not suitable for the disabled, or those with walking difficulties. Booking essential, 35 places.*



## D. The Pied Bull, 57 Northgate Street

The Pied Bull is Chester's oldest coaching inn. The building dates back to the C.11th when it was the official residence of the Recorder of Chester. Has had a continuous licence since 1533. Back then it was called Bulls Mansion. This was later changed to the Pied Bull, which means a black & white bull. Interior crammed with original features such as Jacobean panelling and wall beams that were removed from ships up to 700 years ago. *Thurs 8 at 4.00pm on site-brewery tour. Ten places. Ramp can be placed at side entrance to Pied Bull for disabled access. Booking essential*

## FRIDAY 9

### E. Poulton Research Project

This is a community excavation which has revealed evidence of continuous activity over the past 12000 years. Of special significance is an Iron Age settlement. Roman field systems and individual remains & the foundations of a medieval Chapel and associated graveyard. *Fri 9 - Tour at 12noon finishes at 2.30pm. Visitors meet in the Milking Parlour for a talk on the project & tour of the excavations. Site situated 3/4 of a mile from the Milking Parlour and visitors*

*are advised to wear sturdy footwear as ground uneven. No disabled access. Type CH49EQ into sat nav which will take you to the Straight Mile - further signage will be on display. Toilets on site. Booking essential (Max 20 people) Ring 01244 972210.*

## F. Walking Tour of Chester's Northgate Area

Steve Kirkham of The Guild of Chester Tour Guides will lead you on a walk around Chester's Northgate Area during which you will discover the sometimes torrid history of sites past and present such as the Northgate Gaol, the Bridge of Sighs, Little Ease, The House of Correction, The King Charles Tower and more. *Friday 9 - Tour starts 1.30pm. Tour lasts 60-90 minutes. 25 spaces on tour. Book in advance. Meet at the Town Hall Visitor Info Centre on Northgate Street. No disabled access - many steps.*

## G. Bridgegate House, 5 Bridge Place, Lower Bridge Street

A fine Georgian house and key historic building, now the offices of award winning conservation architects, Donald Insall Associates. Contains a very fine staircase. Take a guided tour of the building with a small exhibition of Donald Insall Associates projects.

*Fri 9 - Tours at 10am and 3pm.  
Booking essential on 01244  
350063 in office hours Mon to Fri.  
No disabled access to the upper  
floors. Toilets.*

## **SATURDAY 10**

### **Poulton Research Project**

*Repeat of entry E.(see details for E)*

### **H. Northwich Town Centre Conservation Area Tour**

This one hour town centre tour will provide information on national & locally listed buildings.

*Sat 10 - 11am & 2pm Meet at Waitrose car park for a 40 minute tour of the town. 20 places per tour. Bookings for disability scooters are available from VRDS at Northwich TIC on 01606 888400.Booking essential ring 01606 833434.*

### **I. Murgatroyd's Brine Pumps, Middlewich**

A special tour of Middlewich telling the story of salt making from the Iron Age to present day. Walking from the town centre to the Trent & Mersey Canal & the Murgatroyd's Brine Pump site. Learn about salt-working history & the transport network that keeps it going. You will see the Brine Pumps restoration project & volunteers & members of Middlewich Heritage Trust will show you around the site, and tell

more about the future project.  
*Sat 10 & Sun 11- 1-4pm site opening, also on both days 1pm - 3pm a guided walk. Partial disabled access, due to uneven ground. Parking for guided walk on Civic Way Car park off Lewin Street, CW10 9AS. Meet at front of Victoria Building for 1pm start of walk. Parking for site tour is on Middlewich Community Church Car Park, Brooks Lane, CW10 OJG. Follow signs to site.Booking required for guided walk ring 01606 833434.*

### **J. Albion Inn, Albion Street**

Built in the late C19 century, The Albion is Chester's last unspoilt Victorian public house dedicated to the Great War. Many items of memorabilia are housed in the bar including a 1928 Pianola Steck, which can be played on request. The Albion is a short walk from the Drill Hall, built by James Harrison in 1868. Building was converted to flats in 1983, you can view the Grade II listed facade which has been retained.



*Sat 10 - Tours at 3pm and 4.30pm. Tours conducted by Mike Mercer, the oldest serving licensee in Chester. 10 places on each tour. Booking essential. No parking, no disabled access.*

### **K. Walking Tour of Chester**

Margaret Osborn of The Guild of Chester Tour Guides takes us on a tour taking in 2000 Years of history. Hear the stories behind those landmarks & discover new hidden gems

*Sat 10 - Tour starts 10.30am from the Town Hall VIC.2 5 places per tour. Booking essential.*

*Accessible for all.*

### **L. Chester Railway Station**

Guided tour and updates on this historic station, where the foundation stone was laid on 1st August 1847. Tour will include a fascinating historic timeline stretching from its original builder Thomas Brassey up to the present day, with the massive investments that have been required to make it a key transport interchange for Chester and surrounding areas.

*Sat 10 Tour at 2pm. Booking essential. 30 places. Tour by John Whittingham. Full disabled access to platforms. Assemble on the concourse at front of station.*

### **M. Tarvin Village Historical Walking Tour**

Guided tour by Tarvin Local History Group of the historic centre of Tarvin township. Its history begins in Roman times and the centre contains an imposing Parish Church, half-timbered cottages and fine Georgian buildings.

*Sat 10 - Tour starts at 1.30pm and finishes outside St. Andrew's Church in the centre of the village. No booking required. No wheelchair access. Toilets in parish room adjacent.*

### **N. Northgate House Upper Northgate Street**

Northgate House, Grade II listed private residence was built in three separate eras. Erected in the 1730s the original building was used as stables by the Fire Dept. Other trades taking place at the time were coffin making and ink production. The Toll House was built C1815, along with the present North Gate, after the House of Correction and the previous North Gate were demolished. The Toll House and the original building were linked by the third building in the late C19th. This part of the building housed a school from 1916 to 1957.

*Sat 10 - Tours at 11am and 2pm. Six people max on each tour due*

to buildings' small size. Booking is essential. No parking. No disabled access.

### O. 8 White Friars

Grade II listed private residence built C16th, of timber framed construction, thought to have been owned by Richard Harrison, a brewer, Alderman & Sheriff of Chester (1661-2) and Mayor (1667-8). His portrait hangs in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall. The Georgian facade was similar to No 1 - with a projecting first floor. Many original Jacobean features remain, wattle & daub infilling, oak trusses, and what is believed to be the oldest brick smoke hood in the city. An important feature of the building is the heraldic over-mantel, displaying the arms of the Worshipful Company of Brewers, a London Livery company. Also featured is the drawing room panelling.  
Sat 10 & Sun 11 - Tours 11am



and 2pm booking essential. 10 people maximum per tour. No parking, no disabled access.

## SUNDAY 11

### P. Walking Tour of Chester

Lyn Hand of The Guild of Chester Tour Guides gives an Introductory walking tour of Chester's 2000 years of history. Discover things you never knew about Chester's hidden gems.  
Sun 11 - Tour starts 10.30am lasts 60-90 minutes. Leaves from the Town Hall VIC on Northgate Street. 25 places per tour. Booking essential. Accessible for all.

### Q. Upton by Chester Historical Walking Tour Village Hall, Heath Road

Tour by Upton Local History Group around some old parts of the northern half of the village - Upton Heath and Upton Cross. Mainly Victorian but pointing out features from earlier and later times.  
Sun 11 at 2.00pm. Tour starts and finishes at Upton Village Hall open 2 to 5pm. Parking, & tea available (CH2 1HX).  
Booking essential - ring Barbara Smith on 01244 383742. (12 people max) Hall has disabled access and toilets, Walk is over uneven ground.

### Mugatroyd's Brine Pumps Middlewich

Repeat of entry I. All contact details and timings the same.

Heritage Open Days at a Glance EVENTS	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
A. Mickle Trafford Watermill	✓	✓	✓	✓
A The Grange Farm Tour	✓	✓		✓
B. Riverside Museum, Uni. of Chester	✓		✓	
C. Chester Racecourse Tour	✓			
D. The Pied Bull, Northgate Street	✓			
E. Poulton Research Project		✓	✓	
F. Walking Tour of Northgate Area		✓		
G Bridgegate House		✓		
H. Northwich Town Centre Conservation Area Tour			✓	
I. Murgatroyd's Brine Pumps, Middlewich			✓	✓
J. The Albion Inn, Albion Street			✓	
K. Walking Tour of Chester			✓	
L. Chester Railway Station Tour			✓	
M. Tarvin Village Walking Tour			✓	
N. Northgate House, Upper Northgate Street			✓	
O. No 8 White Friars			✓	✓
P. Walking Tour of Chester				✓
Q. Upton by Chester Walking Tour				✓

# CHESTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL INTRODUCTION

The Festival has evolved from Chester Heritage Week last year, and is intended to run alongside and complement Heritage Open Days. The programme includes some walks and talks similar to the 'Events' section of Heritage Open Days but, in addition, we have tried to introduce a variety of different opportunities, from Lego house-building to traditional pub games.

Many of the events have a limited capacity and need to be booked in advance via Chester History & Heritage (tel: 01244 972210 ) unless otherwise shown.

Nearly all of the events are free but some, such as the Heritage Quiz and Film Night have a charge.

In some other cases a donation to the organising group would be most welcome (e.g. Canal Tours).

The principal organisers of the Festival are:

Cheshire West and Chester Council  
The Chester Civic Trust

in association with Big Heritage and other groups such as the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), Chester Canal Heritage Trust, Cheshire Archives, the Guild of Tour Guides, the Cheshire Society of Architects and Funky Aardvark. ENJOY ! .....

## Chester Heritage Festival

### EVENTS THROUGH THE WEEK



### **Revealing Cheshire's Past Exhibition, Chester Library**

Display at Chester Library featuring an introduction to the Archaeology of Cheshire, accompanied by factsheets. Exhibition runs throughout the Festival. *Sat 3 to Sunday 11 9-5pm.*

### **In Good Humour: Disease, Doctors & Dying in the Roman World.**

9 July - 6 November 2016 Exhibition Gallery One, Grosvenor Museum. Explore the fascinating world of Roman medicine using the most up to date scientific methods. Sponsored by the Wellcome Institute & working with local experts Big Heritage.

*Mon - Sat 10.30-5pm, Sunday 1-4pm*

### **Minted: Making Money and Meaning**

23 July - 16 October 2016 Exhibition Gallery Two, Grosvenor Museum. The museum has an amazing Money collection, with coins, tokens, jettons & paper money. This exhibition looks at how money was made and used by those who created it, and what it meant to the people who owned it.

*Mon - Sat 10.30-5pm, Sunday 1-4pm*

## SATURDAY 3

### Revealing Cheshire's Past Exhibition, Chester Library

Display at Chester Library featuring an introduction to the Archaeology of Cheshire, accompanied by factsheets. Exhibition runs throughout the Festival.

Sat 3 to Sunday 11 9-5pm.

### The Rows Revealed, The Rows Chester

Runs throughout the Festival - Joanna Morgan details

### Understanding and Maintaining your listed building

Presentation on maintaining old properties, advice on practical elements eg: Lime Mortar. Runs throughout the Festival Dan Jones details - Grosvenor Park ??

### Life of a Legionary, Grosvenor Museum

What was it like to be a Roman soldier in Britain? Come along and meet one of Chester's legionary soldiers from Roman Tours Ltd; he will tell you all about his armour and equipment, bringing to life his experiences as a soldier in Roman Britain and share his pride in being part of the Roman Empire.

Sat 3 - 3-4pm. Grosvenor

Museum Roman Stones Gallery. Disabled access to ground floor of museum. Accessible toilets.

### A New House in Tudor House, 29 Lower Bridge Street



A family focused event using Lego to encourage people to think about the design of old and new houses. Designs for a house will be reviewed by architects and prizes awarded for the best children's, teenagers and adults designs.

Sat 3 - 10am-4pm. No disabled access. No booking required.

## SUNDAY 4

### Chester 's Roman Amphitheatre: The Last Word? Grosvenor Museum LT

Chester's Amphitheatre excavation ran from 2004-2006. In the last ten years over 20 specialists have worked on the excavated structures and finds.

Their conclusions will be published next year, so this talk will present a summary of what we now know about Chester's most iconic Roman monument. Talk by Archaeologist Tony Wilmot from 'Historic England'.

Sun 4 at 2 - 3pm. Disabled access to ground floor. 125 seats plus eight accessible seats. Accessible toilet. Free.

### Historic Pub Tour starts from The Pied Bull, Northgate St.

A walking tour of Chester's most interesting historic pubs.

Sun 4 at 7.00pm - 9.30pm. 25 places. Book on 01244 972210.



### Chester Canal - Links with the City and its Boatbuilding Heritage

Free walking tour of the canal. Starts from Cow Lane Bridge - Frodsham Street, and goes to Tower Wharf, Dee Basin and Taylor's Boatyard.

Sun 4 & Wed 7 2-4pm. 25 places each tour. No disabled access. Book on 01244 972210.

### Pottery Class, Funky Aardvark

Try your hand at traditional pottery techniques in the style of the Romans.

Sun 4 - 10am-12noon. 14 places. No disabled access. Book on 01244 630202.

## MONDAY 5

### Heritage Quiz & Hot Pot at Stanley Palace

Come along and enjoy a fascinating heritage quiz & supper. For quiz teams up to six people. Mon 5 at 7.00pm to 10.00pm Tickets £12 per person, ring 01244 972210 to book. No disabled access.

### Yesterday's Chester: How we lived, played & worked, Chester History & Heritage

This double bill film show looks at Chester throughout the 20th C. Our newly obtained second volume of Chester Memories shows trams, buses and steam trains alongside people and familiar streets, & a nostalgic look around the city in 1976. Following this film we are also showing 'The Conservation Game' which was made about what was happening in Chester in those pioneering times.

Mon 5 & Thurs 8 2-3.30pm. Free. Booking on 01244 972210.

## TUESDAY 6

### Chester Racecourse Walking Tour

The first official records of horse racing taking place at Chester date back to the early 16th century, making this the country's oldest racecourse. Over the

centuries it has evolved, and continues to excite with a varied programme of events & activities. *Tues 6 at 10am. Tour and talk led by Chris Clayton between 90 & 120 minutes. He explains the history of the racecourse site since Roman times up to recent projects including the grandstand extensions and 1539 restaurant, and new Parade Ring projects. Also the Old Port site plus new stables & railway arches with associated developments and the riverside path. Assemble at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel on New Crane Street, CH1 2LY, to start the tour. Parking at the hotel, & toilets are available on the tour. Steep steps to the City Walls tour so not suitable for the disabled, or those with walking difficulties. Booking essential, 35 places*

### **Walking Tour of Chester's Groves and the Riverside**

Peter Allman of The Guild of Chester Tour Guides will lead you on a walk along Chester's beautiful riverside and Groves, bringing to life the vital role the River Dee has played in the 2000 year history of Chester. *Tues 6 at 1.30pm. Tour lasts approx 60 mins. Meet outside the Bear and Billet on Lower Bridge Street. Book in advance on 01244 972210. Accessible to all.*

### **Traditional Pub Games Night, The Old Cottage, Brook St.**

Come and enjoy traditional pub games with the Campaign for Real Ale. We all know about darts & dominoes but games such as bagatelle still survive in some Chester pubs. Come along & enjoy *Tues 6 at 7.30pm till late. Disabled access to ground floor. Accessible toilets.*

### **Maintaining your building with the Lime Chef, The Pavilion, Grosvenor Park**

A question & answer session with a lime expert. Armed with the right knowledge you can carry out much of your own practical work using traditional building skills. We can teach you the essential skills & techniques for working with traditional materials. We will also provide practical advice on when you need to apply for listed building consent. *Tues 6 at 10am-12noon & 2pm-4pm. Two talks 30 places per talk) Disabled access. Booking on 01244 972829.*

### **Build a Timber Framed House, The Pavilion, Grosvenor Park**

An event for children between 7-10 years. Explore how to make your own real timber framed house with the experts! *Tues 6 - 10am - 4pm. Disabled access.*



## **WEDNESDAY 7**

### **An Afternoon of Poetry of the First World War & Recollections of Chester**

Gerry Tighe of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides leads an afternoon of readings from some of the poems written during the First World War, combined with recollections of what life in Chester was like then. *Wed 7 at 2pm. No parking, no wheelchair access. Booking on 01244 972210.*

### **'A Production of Genius: George Ormerod & his History of Cheshire', Cheshire Record Office**

It is 200 years since historian George Ormerod published the first part of his History of Cheshire. This major work is still used as a standard history of the County, and this is a chance to discover more about him and his life. You will have a chance to see his own copy, complete with amendments, notes and photographs from the mid C.19th. *Wed 7 at 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Disabled access, toilets. No parking. 25 places, please book on 01244 972559.*



### **A Beginners Guide to Chester's Buildings**

A free walking tour led by Stephen Langtree, co-editor of '2000 Years of Building - Chester's Architectural Legacy'. Starts from Bishop Lloyd's Palace. *Wed 7 10.30am to 12 noon. No disabled access. Booking on 01244 972210. 15 places on tour.*

### **Roman Finds from Chester Amphitheatre, Grosvenor Museum Newstead Gallery**

Visit the Grosvenor Museum to take a closer look at some of the Roman finds that were uncovered from Chester's amphitheatre excavation which ran from 2004-2006. These are not currently on display, so take this opportunity to view what was once lost but is now found. Specialists will be on hand to help you learn more and give a glimpse of the past lives of Roman Chester. *Wed 7 - 11.30am - 3.30pm. Disabled access to ground floor, accessible toilets.*

## Chester Canal - Links with the City and its Boatbuilding Heritage

Free walking tour of the canal. Starts from Cow Lane Bridge - Frodsham Street, and goes to Tower Wharf, Dee Basin and Taylor's Boatyard.

Sun 4 & **Wed 7** 2-4pm. 25 places each tour. No disabled access. Book on 01244 972210.

## THURSDAY 8

### Chez Jules Supper & Film, 71 Northgate Street

Join Chester Civic Trust for a showing of a unique film on Chester's heritage, whilst dining in one of the city's beautiful historic buildings. A glass of house wine, a main course & an dessert plate *or* cheese board plus a film screening (film starts at 8pm).

Thurs 8 - 7pm - 9.30pm. £20 per person. Booking via *Chez Jules* 01244 400014. Or email [bonjour@chezjules.com](mailto:bonjour@chezjules.com).



## A Beginners Guide to Chester's Buildings

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Thurs 8 10.30am to 12 noon. No disabled access. Booking on 01244 972210. 15 places on tour.

## Inspired by the Past - A Drawing Workshop, Funky Aardvark



Using Chester's historic buildings as a reference come & develop your drawing skills.

Thurs 8 - 6.30pm-8.30pm. No disabled access. 14 places. Book on 01244 630202.

## FRIDAY 9 - No events

## SATURDAY 10



### Minecraft Chester Hackathon

This event is at Watergate Chambers, Watergate Row, Chester. The walls of Chester were breached by cannon fire in 1645. Bring your mini Minecraft architects to help the Big Heritage Team rebuild the walls digitally.

Sat 10 - 11am - 4pm. 20 places. Booking on 01244 515 567.

## Explore the Muniment Room, Chester Cathedral

A muniment room is traditionally a storage or display room where

historical documents/muniments are kept. The Cathedral's muniment room is not normally open to the public, but you will be able to join a free behind the scenes tour, climbing the stone spiral staircase to explore the room & learn how it was used. Sat 10 - 10am-4pm. Groups of 10 visitors every half hour. No disabled access, very tight spiral staircase.

## SUNDAY 11



### Inspired by Stained Glass - A Textile Workshop, Funky Aardvark

Create a textile piece using hand stitch and applique based on the mock Tudor stained glass windows at the Funky Aardvark building. Use a variety of fabrics and stitches to create a piece that captures the motifs & translucency of the windows. Suitable for all levers ages 11+.

Sun 11 - 1pm - 4pm. No disabled access - 12 places. Book on 01244630202.

