

**Tewkesbury is free to explore!**

**Discover Tewkesbury during Heritage Open Days' events**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**



Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heritage Open Days with events taking place across the whole country between 13<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September

The double weekend will enable many exhibitions and displays to remain open for a longer period and give people a wider choice of places to visit on any combination of days, across one or both weekends.

Tewkesbury's 'Heritage Open Days' provides a series of free events and activities, taking place in and around the town centre. There are places of interest which aren't normally open to the public, exhibitions, guided walks and talks all on offer.

Plus once you have arrived in town, you'll find each venue is no more than a 10 minute walk away – meaning you are never far away from discovering Tewkesbury's rich history or stumbling upon one of our hidden gems.

Discover Tewkesbury's rich history with guided tours of 3 of the town's historic hotels – The Bell, Tudor House and Royal Hop Pole. Explore the beautiful architecture, stone work and stained glass at Tewkesbury Abbey, Tewkesbury Methodist Church and St Nicholas Church in Ashchurch

There will also be free tours of the three unique 15<sup>th</sup> century building covering Tewkesbury's natural, social and religious history at the John Moore museum, The Merchants house and Old Baptist Chapel.

A visit to the Tourist Information Centre will reveal a fantastic selection of leaflets for inspiration during your visit including a tour of Tewkesbury's network of medieval alleyways.

A full programme of what's on during the heritage Open days will be available from the Tourist information centre in Church Street or by ringing 01684 855040. Further information is also available from [www.visittewkesbury.info](http://www.visittewkesbury.info).

Some activities do require pre-booking so before setting off, please do check with the venue or organiser beforehand.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Programme of events</b>  <b>Heritage Open Days</b>  <b>13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</b></p>			
<b>Venue/event</b>	<b>Days &amp; times</b>	<b>Enquiries/further info</b>	<b>Additional info</b>
<p><b>"Hidden Tewkesbury"</b>  <i>Guided Tour</i>  <i>With local author and historian John Dixon</i></p>	<p>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 14.00-1600            And            Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1400-1600</p>	<p>Tel (01684) 855040             Start point: Town Hall, High Street, GL20 5AL</p>	<p>Pre-Booking essential (limited to 24 per walk)            Duration : approx. 2 hours</p>
<p><b>The Royal Hop Pole</b>            94 Church Street, GL20 5RS             Guided tours of this grade II* listed building including Medieval banqueting hall and paintings</p>	<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 1300            Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 1130 and 1300            Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 1130 and 1300            Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 1300            Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1130 and 1300            Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1130 and 1300</p>	<p>Pre booking required             Max 15 people per tour. Tel (01684) 274039</p>	<p>Access: Full ground floor access. Due to the age of the building the upper part of the hotel is unsuitable for wheelchairs.</p>
<p><b>The John Moore Museum , The merchants House &amp; Old Baptist Chapel</b>             Church Street, GL20 5SN             Natural History collection, restored Tudor Merchant's House and the Old Baptist Chapel which is one of the oldest of its kind</p>	<p>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1000-1300 &amp; 1400-1700             Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1100-1300 &amp; 1400-1700</p>	<p>Tel (01684) 297 174  <a href="http://www.johnmooremuseum.org">www.johnmooremuseum.org</a></p>	<p>Access: Due to the nature and age of the buildings the main John Moore Museum &amp; Merchants house are unsuitable for wheelchair users. The ground floor of the Old Baptist Chapel is fully accessible</p>

<p><b>Tudor House Tour</b> 51 High Street, GL20 5BH</p> <p>Guided tour of this 16<sup>th</sup> Century building. Rich in history, featuring oak beams, open fireplaces and original priest hole</p>	<p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 12.30 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 1230 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 1230</p>	<p>Tel (01684) 297755</p> <p>Pre booking required Max 8 people per tour</p>	<p>Access: Due to the nature and age of the building unfortunately the upper floors are unsuitable for wheelchair users and those with impaired mobility</p>
<p><b>Tewkesbury Methodist church</b> The Cross, Church Street, GL20 5PA</p> <p>See the beautiful non-conformist church. Photo exhibition of Victorian Tewkesbury in the 1870/1880s, loaned by Tewkesbury Historical society</p>	<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 1000-1230 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 1000-1600 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 1000-1200 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1000-1600</p>	<p>Tel (01684) 291101</p> <p>Walk around guide to the church and Children's' quiz sheet available</p>	<p>Access: Parking at rear of church in pay and display car park. Disabled visitors can be dropped off a front of church but access is limited in time</p>
<p><b>St Nicholas Church,</b> Ashchurch GL20 8JZ</p> <p>Church open for visitors to look around with extra items on display which are not normally on view.</p> <p>Building work started in 1092 and consecration followed in 1121</p> <p>Children's activities, refreshments &amp; displays</p>	<p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 1000-1600 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 1000-1600 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1000-1200</p>	<p><a href="http://www.stnicholaschurch.org.uk">www.stnicholaschurch.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Approx 2 miles east of Tewkesbury. From M5 junction 9, Take the A46 East, After 0.5km, a bridge crosses the railway line, Immediately after the bridge, the church is visible to your left Take the left turn into the church drive opposite the school</p>
<p><b>Tewkesbury Heritage – Treasure Hunt</b></p> <p>Victoria Gardens Off Mill Street, GL20 5SB</p> <p>Members of Mitton WI will be ready to arm you with a list of clues to follow around the town</p>	<p>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 1100</p>	<p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/mittonwi">www.facebook.com/mittonwi</a></p> <p>Weather permitting Victoria gardens is a perfect place to enjoy a picnic lunch afterwards and compare notes and answers</p>	<p>Non competitive Trail will take 1-2 hours to complete.</p>

<p><b>Tewkesbury Abbey</b> Church Street, GL20 5RZ</p> <p>A display of the Abbey's famous knitted monks will show you how the monastic community of Tewkesbury Abbey harnessed its knowledge to help create busy medieval market town</p>	<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 0900-1700 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 0900-1630 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 1300-1600 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 0900-1700 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 0900-1230 &amp; 1345-1700 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 0900-1700 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 0900-1700 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 0900-1700 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 0900-1630 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1300-1600</p>	<p><a href="http://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk">www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>The Bell Hotel</b> Church Street, GL20 5SA</p> <p>Originally the site of the guest house of the Monastery the hotel was rebuilt in 1696 after a disastrous fire.. A guided tour will give you an insight into the extensive history of the building and rumours of ghostly goings on.</p>	<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 1300 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 1300</p>	<p>Booking essential - Max 8 people per tour Tel 01684 293293</p> <p><a href="http://www.greenekinginns.co.uk/hotels/bell-inn-tewkesbury">www.greenekinginns.co.uk/hotels/bell-inn-tewkesbury</a></p>	<p>Due to the age of the building there may be areas difficult to access for those with lesser mobility. Part of the building include uneven floors and narrow staircases</p>
<p><b>Photographic Exhibition by James Boskett – changing face of Tewkesbury</b></p> <p>Tewkesbury Heritage Centre 100 Church Street, GL20 5AB</p>	<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 100-1600 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 1000-1600 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 1000-1600 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1000-1600</p>	<p><a href="http://www.visittewkesbury.info">www.visittewkesbury.info</a> Tel 01684 850440</p>	<p>Personal display of photographs, all taken by local photographer James Boskett during the past 40 years. Compare the changes and the evolving face of Tewkesbury.</p>
<p><b>Tewkesbury Town Museum</b> 64 Barton Street</p>	<p>Tuesday – Friday 1300-1600 Saturdays, Sunday and Monday 1300-1600</p>	<p>(01684) 292901 <a href="http://www.tewkesburymuseum.org">www.tewkesburymuseum.org</a></p>	<p>Access: The building is grade II* listed and is not accessible for people with mobility problems</p>