

Welcome to Heritage Open Days 2010

HODs Properties and Events in Bedfordshire

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Ailesbury Mausoleum and Crypt

Church Road, Maulden, Ampthill, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK45 2AU

Description

17th century octagonal mausoleum and crypt. The final resting place of members of the Brudenell and Bruce families.

Directions

1 m E of Ampthill to Maulden Village. L at school up to St Mary's Church in Church Rd. Park in the church car park and walk through the graveyard. Parking at St Mary's Church, Church Rd, Maulden.

Opening Times

Sun 12 Sept: **1500-1700**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Organised By

Maulden History Society

Bedford Cemetery Open Day

Foster Hill Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK41 7TD

Description

Foster Hill Road Cemetery is a 'closed' Grade II listed Victorian cemetery. We offer guided walks on both natural history (areas are nature reserves) and heritage (to see graves of special interest and to hear about the occupants' lives).

Directions

1m N of Bedford centre. The cemetery is at the N end of Foster Hill Rd (adj to Bedford Park). Meet at the chapel. Walking distance of the town, but no buses pass the cemetery. **Grid Reference:** 047510

Opening Times

Sun 12 Sept: **1400-1700**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Additional Information

PDA - some areas suitable for wheelchairs.

Organised By

Friends of Bedford Cemetery

Moggerhanger Park

Park Road, Moggerhanger, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK44 3RW

Description

Georgian historic house designed by Sir John Soane. Grounds, tearooms, visitors' centre.

Directions

On A 603, 3 m from A1 (Sandy r'about), 7 m from Bedford. Car park available. If car park is full, parking on the grass.

Opening Times

Thurs 9 Sept: **1000-1500**

Fri 10 Sept: **1000-1500**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Additional Information

Tea rooms open serving tea/coffee. sandwiches, cakes and light lunches. Licensed.

Organised By

Moggerhanger Park

Open Day in the Mayor's Parlour

Old Town Hall, St Paul's Square, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK40 1SJ

Description

The Old Town Hall houses the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber where the civic insignia, such as the Mace, chains and robes are kept. There is also a collection of historic items linked to this Borough and the people associated with it such as the prison reformer, John Howard, and Major Glenn Miller. Bedford is the second oldest Borough in England, with a charter dating from 1166. Staff will be on hand to talk about the Parlour and its contents. There will also be a display of material about the modern day council's role in relation to historic buildings in the Borough.

Directions

The Old Town Hall is next door to the Bedford Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall and Civic Theatre, all of which are signposted. It is opposite St Paul's Church, in the heart of the town centre. The entrance to the Old Town Hall is through the wooden door under the stone porch where the Borough flag flies. Local bus services including the Elstow Park and Ride Service have stops in St Paul's Square, only a few yards away. Main Bus Station about 5 minutes' walk. Bedford Midland Rd Railway Station(Thameslink and E Midlands services)about 10 minutes' walk.

Opening Times

Sat 11 Sept: **1000-1600 (Last admission 1545)**

Sun 12 Sept: **1000-1600 (Last admission 1545)**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Additional Information

The rooms on show are on the first floor of the building. There is a wheelchair accessible lift but variations in floor levels oblige wheelchair users to take a slightly longer route between rooms. The rooms are furnished, which limits turning space. We therefore regret that we are unable to accommodate large electric scooters. A toilet is available where there is room for a wheelchair user and/or a helper. The toilet and washbasin have been adapted for disabled users.

Organised By

Mayor's Office, Bedford Borough Council

Parish Church of St Paul, Bedford

St Paul's Square, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK40 1SQ

Description

On Friday, there will be the opportunity to listen to the choir rehearsing their music. On Saturday, there will be tours of church and bell ringing chamber, displays of vestments, artefacts, art work, flower arrangements. Choir and organ recitals. Church trail, brass rubbing for kids.

Directions

Bedford Town Centre, nr Town River Bridge A6 and Town Hall. RAIL - Train Station 10 min walk. BUS - Station 5 min walk.

Opening Times

Fri 10 Sept: **1800-2130**

Sat 11 Sept: **1000-1700**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Additional Information

PDA - Limited wheelchair access within the church. No wheelchair access to bell ringing chamber. To visit the bell ringing chamber children must be 12 years or over and accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments from 1000-1630 on Saturday. Limited on-site disabled parking available.

Organised By

St Paul's Church, Bedford

Cemetery Chapel, Biggleswade

Drove Road, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 0HJ

Description

A twin chapel with 90 foot drive through spire built in 1867 in 2 acres of land. Architect was Ladds & Hooker of London. The builder was Edward Twelvetrees and the stonemason was James Howe.

Directions

Town Centre, over bridge, L down the baulk. Left into Drove Rd. Chapel on R. BUS - service M3, Ivel Sprinter from Town Centre. **Grid Reference:** 519709244892

Opening Times

Sat 11 Sept: **1000-1600**

Sun 12 Sept: **1000-1600**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Full Wheelchair Access?

Yes

Organised By

Biggleswade Town Council

Keeper's Cottage

**The Warren, Shuttleworth Estate, Old Warden, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire,
SG18 9DU**

Description

Keeper's Cottage is tucked away in the pinewoods and ferns at the foot of the warren on the Shuttleworth estate. It is a model gamekeeper's establishment as might have been found in a 19th century pattern book, in the tradition of the orne but in a sturdily handsome way.

Directions

From the A1(M) travelling north, continue up the A1 after the motorway section has ended. At a large roundabout turn left onto the B658 signed 'Old Warden' (a brown sign). Go through the village and take the first left, signposted Southill. Go exactly 0.6 mile from this jct and the entrance is on your left.

Opening Times

Fri 10 Sept: **1000-1600**

Sat 11 Sept: **1000-1600**

Sun 12 Sept: **1000-1600**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Organised By

The Landmark Trust

Queen Anne's Summerhouse

**The Warren, Shuttleworth Estate, Old Warden, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire,
SG18 9EB**

Description

The outstandingly fine brickwork of this satisfyingly foursquare folly makes it likely to date from the early eighteenth century, as its name suggests. The summerhouse was later renovated by Joseph Shuttleworth earning its date stone of 1878, and continued to serve as a pavilion through the estate's golden Edwardian years.

Opening Times

Fri 10 Sept: **1000-1600**

Sat 11 Sept: **1000-1600**

Sun 12 Sept: **1000-1600**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Organised By

The Landmark Trust

Haverings

Lancing Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 8JN

Description

Haverings is Girlguiding Luton South Division's holiday and camping centre, set in approximately 8 acres of woodland which is not usually open to the general public. Come and see what Guiding offers to girls of today. Also, take a visit to our camp display to show how things have changed over the years. The event also incorporates the Annual Haverings Fayre (Saturday only) with fun and games for all ages. History of Haverings exhibition, tours of the house. Souvenirs will be available.

Directions

From Wigmore lane, Luton turn into Hayling Drive and then right into Handcross Road. Then turn left into Lancing Road and Haverings is then on the right hand side. RAIL - Luton has excellent rail links. BUS - a very good bus service operates to a nearby stop.

Opening Times

Sat 11 Sept: **1200-1600**

Sun 12 Sept: **1200-1600**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Full Wheelchair Access?

Yes

Additional Information

Cream Teas available.

Organised By

Girlguiding UK

Luton Hoo Walled Garden

Luton Hoo Estate, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 4LF

Description

FRIDAY- Research open day: Archives open, talks on history of the garden, guided tours, art trail by artists in residence. SATURDAY - Artists Open Day: Artists welcome to sketch, photograph, paint, etc. Art trail by artists in residence. SUNDAY - Garden Open Day: Heritage crafts, craft demonstrations, illustrated talks, guided talks, art trail.

Directions

A1081, between Luton & Harpenden. Take Newmill End turning, turn left after 100yds & then follow WGP signs. **THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE WALLED GARDEN FROM THE LUTON HOO HOTEL.** Parking is in a field. Disabled parking is on hard standing next to the Walled Garden. **BUS:** Take the Arriva 321 service that runs from St Albans to Luton Airport and get off at Kinsbourne Green, close to the turning for New Mill End. **RAIL:** The Luton Hoo Walled Garden is on the Thameslink route and is approximately 5 miles from Harpenden railway station and 1.5 miles from Luton Airport Parkway.

Opening Times

Fri 10 Sept: **1000-1500**

Sat 11 Sept: **1100-1700**

Sun 12 Sept: **1100-1700**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Additional Information

The paths around the garden are bumpy in places. Not all the garden is accessible by paths. Hog roast, home made cakes, tea, coffee.

Organised By

Luton Hoo Walled Garden

St Mary's Parish Church, Luton

Church Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3JF

Description

St Mary's is the town centre historical Parish Church of Luton. It occupies a magnificent Grade I listed medieval building that is the largest in Bedfordshire and is regarded as one of the finer medieval churches in England. It dates mainly from the 14th and 15th centuries. The present building was founded on a new site in 1121 by Robert, Earl of Gloucester and consecrated in 1137. It was enlarged and changed over the following centuries. The building is very well maintained thanks to major fund raising work of the "Friends of Luton Parish Church."

Directions

Drive into Luton town centre and follow signs to parking in the Mall , or Vicarage Street car park. The church is directly opposite the Church Street entrance to the Mall, and beside the University of Bedfordshire. RAIL - Luton train station, followed by a 15 min walk via Mall. BUS - A large number of buses stop on Church Street directly outside St Mary's, including the 321 from Watford and St Albans, and the long distance 757 from London.

Opening Times

Thurs 9 Sept: **1400-1700**

Fri 10 Sept: **1400-1700**

Sat 11 Sept: **1030-1230 & 1400-1700**

Sun 12 Sept: **1400-1700**

Pre-Booking Required

No

Additional Information

Certain areas (Chancel & Wenlock Chapel) of the church are not accessible to wheelchair users. Parking next to church - key available by arrangement from entrance to church. Disabled toilets in church hall - separate entrance. Tea and coffee available for a donation.

Organised By

St Mary's Parish Church, Luton

RSPB The Lodge

Potton Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL

Description

An inside look at Sandy Lodge.

Directions

From the railway station car park, turn right towards the Potton road. Turn right and cross the road bridge and proceed up the hill. There is a good footpath on the right-hand (south) side of the road. Park at The Lodge HQ for the house event. Further parking at the shop at the reserve entrance . RAIL - The nearest railway station is in Sandy, on the King's Cross to Peterborough main line, 0.9 miles (1.4 km) from the reserve entrance. BUS - The nearest bus stop is in Sandy town centre (for buses from Bedford). See directions from Sandy town centre. Local buses stop at Sandy railway station. **Grid Reference:** TL191485

Opening Times

Sun 12 Sept: **1000-1600**

Pre-Booking Required

No - To book please call 01767 680541.

Additional Information

Toilets in nearby block. Donations welcome.

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