



Free events in
Bracknell Forest
8th to 17th Sept 2023



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The Bracknell Forest Society

safeguarding heritage, environment, community and future development

AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR BRACKNELL FOREST

Friday 8th to Sunday 17th Sept

South Hill Park Arts Centre

Anytime during opening hours

Ringmead, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7PA

Go back in time and learn about South Hill Park's rich history. From prestigious house to BBC studio and even a hospital South Hill Park is so much more than an arts centre. *A variety of self-directed activities and interactive exhibitions open every day. Please visit their website for details: www.southhillpark.org.uk.*

Friday 8th September

The Elms Evening Heritage Walk to the William Mitchell Mural

18.30 – 20.00 Circular Heritage walk

Meet at the Park Road entrance and car park RG12 2LU



A walk around the park and under the underpasses to the illuminated William Mitchell Mural. Discover the history behind the places of interest on this heritage walk. *Bring a torch.*

Saturday 9th September

All Saints Church, Binfield

10.00-16.00 Church Hill, Binfield, RG42 5NS





The church dates back to the 12th century. It was originally one of the chapels of the Royal Manor of Cookham, which covered an area as far away as Sunninghill, that was given to the Abbey of Cirencester by Henry I. Of special interest: the 14th century carved wooden porch, an hourglass made in 1628, a 15th-century window and a half-effigy brass memorial in the chancel to Walter de Annefordehe dated 1361, which is the oldest in Berkshire. *Church will be open with stewards and information brochures. Toilet and refreshments available.*

Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell

10.00-15.00 *The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD*



This Victorian church was consecrated in 1851 at the time of the creation of the parish of Bracknell to meet the needs of the expanding town. *Church will be open with guided tours, information sheets available and stewards on hand. Toilet and refreshments available.*

St. Michael and All Angels Church and Pastoral Centre, Sandhurst

10.00-17.00 Guided tour at 14.00

Lower Church Road, Sandhurst, GU47 8HN

There will be a range of displays and interactive options to explore some of the multitude different aspects of creativity that has been used and continues to be used at St. Michael and All Angels Church. *There will be a tour of the church and churchyard for all ages. Refreshments available.*



St Mary's Church, Winkfield

10.00-16.00 *Church Road, Winkfield, SL4 4SF*



The ancient church building has stood on its present site in the heart of Winkfield for at least 700 years. It is famous for its unusual oak pillars along the centre of the aisle, one given to the Church by Elizabeth 1. *Guided*

tours around the church – booklets and leaflets available. Trips up the Tower and Hand Bell Ringers. Refreshments.

Sunday 10th September

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Sandhurst

13.00-17.00 Guided tour at 14.00

See Saturday 9th Sept for details

St Michael the Archangel Church, Warfield, *Church Lane, Warfield, Berkshire, RG42 6EE*

From 13.00-15.00 there will be a guided tour of the inside and outside of the church.



Rob Entwistle will give an excellent, informative tour inside and out of this amazingly interesting church that charts its origins back to 1016 AD when Queen Emma was granted permission for an old Saxon chapel to be built. The North Aisle is the oldest part of the

present church, probably built in the 12th century. It still retains the old 'Devil's Door', kept open during christenings to let out the banished evil spirits. *Grass may be wet.*



Wednesday 13th September

St Michael & St Mary Magdalene Church, Easthampstead

10.00-16.00 : Crowthorne Road, Easthampstead, Bracknell, RG12 7ER



This prominent site has been associated with worship since at least 1159 and the present church was built in 1867. There are many beautiful features including windows by most of the significant Victorian stained-glass designers including five important windows by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and made by William Morris; other windows by Wailes, Westlake and Kempe (i.a); opus sectile work by Powells of London; memorial poems by Ruskin and Pope. We will be providing church trails and giving led tours of the church and churchyard on demand each day. The tower will be open to the ringing chamber on Thursday. The churchyard is a registered Living Churchyard and is maintained for its biodiversity. There are a number of significant graves including Arctic explorer Frederick George Jackson, The Times editor John Thaddeus Delane. *Church and churchyard tours on request (Tower not open).*

Walk to Woodhurst Park, Warfield, to hear about the history of the area

17.30 – 19.00 Circular Heritage walk

Meet at the Larks Hill Car Park, RG42 2QD
Parking also in the adjacent Sopwith Road



Hugh Fitzwilliams will lead this walk and tell us about the history of Woodhurst Park.

Thursday 14th September

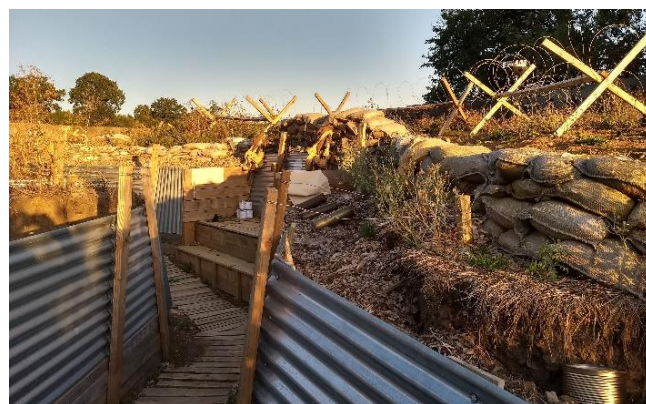
St Michael & St Mary Magdalene Church, Easthampstead

11.00-16.00 : See Wednesday 13th Sept for details. *Church and churchyard tours on request (Tower open to ringing chamber).*

Friday 15th September

World War 1 Trench Experience

17.30-19.30 : Garth Hill College, Bull Lane, Bracknell, RG42 2AD



This is a wonderful opportunity to make a strong connection with the past and engage in remembrance of the First World War. Visitors will have a guided walk through a realistic trench to gain an understanding of a soldier's life at the front. *Information boards. Wear stout footwear. All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.*

Saturday 16th September

All Saints' Church, Ascot Heath

10.30-16.30 : London Road, Ascot, SL5 8DQ





This beautiful church was designed by T H Rushforth and built in 1864 of red brick and Portland stone. Internally one's eye is taken by the splendid wall and chancel ceiling paintings (Heaton, Bayne and Butler) and many other original Victorian features including stunning stained-glass windows. *Tours of the church, refreshments and toilet facilities are available.*

Eagle House School, Crowthorne

1400 – 16.00 tour - late comers will not be able to join the group. Crowthorne Road, Sandhurst, GU47 8PH



The walk around the School's estate will take you to a Tudor House, the location of a 1944 bomber air crash, the location of where Edgebarrow Manor was located, the Eagle House chapel and world war memorials, the history of the house. The main building was originally built by Dr James Russell, a prominent character in Sandhurst, and taken over by Eagle House in 1886. The fine decor and structure illustrate why the owner could not afford to keep it. The estate has a replica Tudor House built in the early 2000s, and now, in its grounds, the remnants of Edgebarrow Manor. The school's chapel has an interesting history and the house is the main feature of the estate. *Stout shoes required.*

St Mary's Church, Winkfield

10.00-16.00 : See Saturday 10th for details (No Tower Tours or Hand Bells)

St Michael the Archangel Church, Warfield

10.00-16.00 Church Lane, Warfield, Berkshire, RG42 6EE See Saturday 10th for details.

There will be information sheets for individual tours of the church. Everyone is very welcome to this social occasion – 'lovely refreshments' will be served.

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