



heritage open days

Rugby 2024

Visit the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber

Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR

The Mayor of Rugby, Cllr. Simon Ward, welcomes visitors to a tour of the Council Chamber on Friday 13th September, followed by tea in the Mayor's Parlour.

Booking is essential. Children are welcome but must be supervised as there are fragile and valuable items displayed in the Mayor's Parlour.

13 September, 10am to 11am

Booking essential

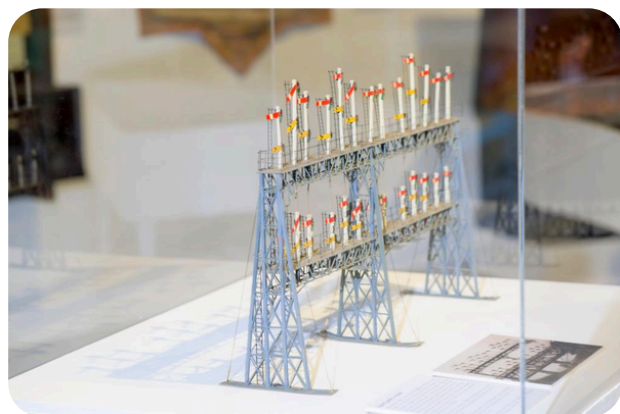
186 Years of Rugby's Railway Connections

Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ

What was and what might have been. Celebrating this year's Heritage Open Days theme Routes - Networks - Connections, join Paul Banks of Rugby Local History Group for this talk on Rugby's Railway history.

7 September, 11am to 12pm

Booking essential



Guided Walking Tour of Rugby's Public Art

Meet in Caldecott Park, Evreux Way, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2RR

A historic walk around the town led by an experienced town guide. Discover the history of the public artwork in Rugby town centre, the artists involved and the idea behind each piece, including those newly created in 2023 to mark the bicentenary of the game of rugby.

14 September, 11am and 2pm



Guided walking tour exploring the town's heritage

Meet in Caldecott Park, Evreux Way, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2RR

Discover the fascinating history of Rugby. The tour will start in Caldecott Park followed by stops around the town.

Meet by the Caldecott Park Gates, next to the Town Hall. This walking tour is fully accessible.

7 September, 11am and 2pm

Booking essential



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Coombe Abbey Park

**Coombe Abbey Park, Brinklow Road, Binley,
Coventry, West Midlands, CV3 2AB**

A self guided walk around the park exploring how different people have had an influence over the landscape. A leaflet will be available for visitors to help them explore the park..

6-15 September, 10am to 3pm

No booking required



St Marie's RC Church

Dunchurch Road, Rugby, CV22 5EL

A landmark church with a beautiful Pugin interior. All areas of the church will be open with personnel on hand to assist with information and help. Children's activities will be available, as well as refreshments by the UCM, an interactive tour of the church using QR codes, amongst other fun and informational theme oriented activities.

6-7 September, 10am to 4pm

No booking required

Cotesbach Educational Trust

**Main Street, Cotesbach, Lutterworth,
Leicestershire, LE17 4HX**

Tours of grounds and historic buildings on the Estate and St Mary's Church, family friendly activities, displays of archive documents and artefacts on this year's theme: "POSTED 1824: RECEIVED 2024" and much more.

Tours will leave at 11.00am and 1.30pm (max 20 persons, max four per party otherwise please contact in advance). Please book in with volunteers in the Glasshouse first who will operate on first come first serve basis.

The Yard Cafe will be open 9.30-3.30 in the Stable Yard, also home to O&Co Blacksmiths, Jasons Butchers and Idle Torque (please refer separately to business opening times). The Merlin Engine will be fired up at 3pm each day (weather dependent).

6, 7, 8 September, 10.45am to 3.30pm

No booking required





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Princethorpe College

Leamington Road, Princethorpe. Rugby, CV23 9PX

Built in 1832, St Mary's Priory was one of the first Catholic buildings in England after the reformation. Tour the magnificent building and discover its history, including the amazing women that made it the place it is today. Areas open include Pugin's magnificent chapel, the cloisters, nuns' cells, library (former church) and roundhouse. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available.

8 September, 2pm to 4pm. Tours meet at 2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm. No booking required

Parts of the building, such as the old church, are only accessible by stairs. Each tour takes approximately 60 minutes.



St John the Baptist church

The Locks, Hillmorton, Rugby, CV21 4PP

This beautiful church in its wonderful setting will be open for visitors, offering refreshments and a personal welcome with the opportunity for reflection. Information booklets will be available. This is a working church and visitors are welcome to join our services at 8 am and 10.30 on Sundays.

7, 14 September, 10am to 4pm

8, 15 September 12pm to 4pm

No booking required



Rugby Theatre

Central Hall, Henry Street, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2QA

Go behind the scenes at Rugby Theatre! Stand on our stage and tour the wings, or visit our backstage areas and departments - where we build and develop set designs, store costumes and props - and maybe see the technical set-up for our upcoming show!

Tours will run every hour on the hour between 11am and 3pm

7, 8 September, 11am to 4pm

Booking essential (please note only limited areas are wheelchair accessible)

Education in Rugby

Rugby Library, Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ

The library will be showing a small display about education in Rugby and the surrounding area including photographs and other material from the local studies collection.

6-15 September

No booking required



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St Anne's Catholic Church

**Wappenbury, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire,
CV33 9DW**

Discover this small Catholic church dedicated to St Anne in the tranquil hamlet of Wappenbury. A booklet of the history of the church will be available to visitors.

6-15 September, 9am to 5pm

No booking required

Vintage Midland Red Bus Tour

**Rugby Visitor Centre, Little Elborow Street,
Rugby, CV21 3BZ**

Enjoy a trip down memory lane on a No. 5905 Midland Red class S22 single-deck bus built by the Midland Red company in Birmingham in 1968. The bus will be parked outside Rugby Visitor Centre, where you can enjoy an informative chat about Rugby town or learn about the history of the bus and Midland Red. Trips will take in Hillmorton and Houlton with a stop at St Mark's for refreshments. Trips will take about an hour to an hour and a half.

11 September, 11am and 2pm.

Booking essential for the trips



St Edith's Church

Miller's Lane, Monks Kirby, Rugby, CV23 0QX

St Edith's Church is a Grade I listed building, located in Monks Kirby near to Rugby. It dates from 1077 and is the largest parish church in Warwickshire.

Open daily for visitors, no booking required

**Free guided tours on 7, 8, 14, 15 September,
2pm to 3.30pm**

**Have a go at bell ringing and climb the tower
on 8, 15 September, 2pm to 4pm**



Marton Museum of Country Bygones

Louisa Ward Close, Marton, Rugby, CV23 9SA

An eclectic mix of artefacts showing how people lived and worked in the country. This small museum is run by a group of volunteers and is open on Sunday afternoons during June, July and August. All of the exhibits were acquired locally and cover a wide variety of aspects of country life. Hands on exhibits and demonstrations of corn dolly making, spinning and other local crafts will be on show. Homemade-cakes and refreshments will be on sale in the pavilion.

14-15 September, 10.30am to 5pm

No booking required



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Rugby Family History Group in Rugby Library

Rugby Art Gallery & Museum Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ

Members will be based in the foyer of Rugby Art Gallery and Museum to tell people about the group and help with family history research.

7 September, 9am to 4pm

Art at the Alex

72-73 James Street, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 2SL

Art exhibits and talks by local artists and makers show how routes, connections and networks influence their ceramics, batik, crochet, printmaking and folk art. Programme also offers traditional story tales, singing of sea shanties and a pop-up café.

6-7 September and 13-14 September, 10am to 4pm

Rugby Distillery Tour

Home Farm, Pailton Road Rugby, CV23 0HG

Set on a beautiful farm, this tour will include a talk on how Rugby Distillery came about. Discover how Rugby Distillery was created and how craft Rugby gin is crafted, from the start of the process to the very end.

11, 13 September, 11am to 12.30pm

Booking essential



For bookings and further information, please visit:

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