HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2018

Free to Explore!

Thursday 13 to Sunday 16 September 2018

What’s on YOUR doorstep?

heritage open days

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Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It’s your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it’s all FREE. This year in Wyre we have a number of walks, talks and tours and the chance to go inside some of our beautiful buildings.

Rossall Point Observation Tower, Fleetwood

Tower Tours
Thursday 13 – Sunday 16,
11am – 4pm
National Coastwatch Institution Tours (second floor)
Saturday 15 - Sunday 16,
11am - 4pm

Take a look at one of Fleetwood’s newest buildings and find out about the heritage of Fleetwood’s Coast and Morecambe Bay. Enjoy spectacular views, meet the Wyre Coast and Countryside volunteers and take a short walk up the steps to top of the tower.

Marine Hall

Thursday 13 – Sunday 16,
11am – 3pm
Marine Hall, The Esplanade,
Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 6HF

Enjoy a trip to the seaside and call into our beautiful art deco theatre. Our doors will be open for you to come and have a look around our magnificent ballroom with its stunning glass domed ceiling. See how the venue retains the charm and character of its 1930s art deco heritage and find out what’s on as we continue to entertain audiences over 80 years on from when we first opened.

Fleetwood Cemetery History Walk

Thursday 13, 10am – noon
A chance to find out about the heritage of the cemetery, and those buried here that shaped the town and its culture. To name a few boat builders, fishermen, architects and investors. Meet at the main entrance gate.
The walk can take up to 2hrs. Suitable for families.
Grade: Easy
500 years of Garstang’s History through its Buildings
Thursday 13, 10.30am – 2pm
Meet at the Visit Garstang Centre
A guided walk around Garstang and beyond on paths and tracks, to discover the history of its history through buildings and structures.
Grade: Moderate, 5 miles

Poulton Town Centre History Walk
Thursday 13, 2pm - 3.30pm
Market Place, Poulton town centre
A guided walk around the centre of Poulton to discover the history of the town from medieval times to the present day.
Grade: Easy, 1 mile

Bleasdale Remembers Centenary 1918
Friday 14, walks 10am and noon
Two short self guided walks looking at the local history of Bleasdale during the Great War years.
Booking preferred – call 01995 602125 or email garstangtic@wyre.gov.uk
Grade: Easy

History of the Memorial Park and Surrounding Area
Friday 14, 10.30am – 11.30am
Memorial Park, Fleetwood
A walk with Dick Gillingham looking at the history and origins of Fleetwood’s Memorial Park.
Free walk but donations to Fleetwood Museum welcome, 2 miles

Civic Centre Guided Tour
Friday 14, 2pm - 3pm
Wyre Civic Centre, Poulton
A tour of the Civic Centre explaining the history of the building, the history of the council, and how the two came together. Please note this is a guided tour beginning at 2pm - no access at other times. Booking essential - 01995 602125
Bleasdale - the lives of local people during the early 20th Century
Friday 14, 10am - 4pm
Exhibition of local history at Bleasdale Parish Hall and Heritage Room. Self guided walk leaflet available from parish hall. Tea and homemade cakes at extra cost. Tinderbox (folk and country music) will also be performing.

The Lower Lighthouse
Saturday 15 - Sunday 16, 10am - 4pm
The Esplanade, Fleetwood
A rare chance to see inside and witness the amazing views from the balcony of the Lower Lighthouse. Discover the history of the lighthouses and how they work together to bring sailors, trawlermen and ships safely into port.

The Mount
Saturday 15 - Sunday 16, 10am - 4.30pm
The Mount, Esplanade, Fleetwood
A chance to admire fantastic views of Morecambe Bay and Pennine Hills from the balcony and the Isle of Man on a clear day. See what you can pick out from the direction finder. The clock on top of the building was presented to Fleetwood in memory of those who lost their lives in the First World War. The internal workings of the clock are on view upstairs and the mechanism can be seen as it strikes every quarter of the hour.

Marsh Mill in Wyre
Saturday 15 – Sunday 16, 11am to 3pm (last tour at 2.15pm)
Children under 5 years of age cannot do a tour. Marsh Mill Museum, Marsh Mill Village, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 4JZ
Marsh Mill (Grade II*) was built by Ralph Slater in 1794, a Fylde millwright. The mill is one of the tallest in Europe, and stands at a height of 70ft (21.5m). Marsh Mill is typical of Fylde windmills, being broad with tapered sails and the top is tarred and shaped like an upturned boat. Join us for tours and children’s crafting activities.
01253 887445 or discoverwyre.co.uk for information.
Euston Park Gardens

Saturday 15, 11.30am & 1.30pm, Sunday 1.30pm
The Esplanade, Fleetwood
The seafront area around the landmark North Euston Hotel is steeped in history as the place where growth of the town began in the past history of Fleetwood.

Find out more about the interesting history of this park and its contents, including the new statue of Sir Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood. (Pictured on the rear panel).

Heritage of the Wyre Estuary at Skippool

Saturday 15, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Skippool Picnic Area, Thornton
Discover tales from times past about the wyre estuary and surrounding area with the rangers.
Grade: Easy, 3 miles, 2 hours

Visit Garstang Quaker Meeting House and Walk

Saturday 15, 2pm - 4pm
Drop in any time between 2pm and 4pm. Come and have a look round, chat over a tea and cake. Find out about the history of Quakers in the area and how our Meeting House fits into that.

There’s also an optional guided walk, taking in local places with historical connections to Quakers. The walk sets off at 2pm and returns 3.30pm for tea and cake and a chat about what you’ve seen. Optional donations to St John’s Hospice will be welcomed.

Book through Garstang Tourist Information Centre
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Autumn Birdwatch

Sunday 16, 9am – 10am
Rossall Point Picnic Area and car park
Join the Rangers as they watch the last of our summer and first wintering birds migrate over Rossall Point. We will walk to Rossall Point and watch from the observation tower.
Photo - Fylde Bird Club.
Grade: Easy, 1 mile, bring along binoculars if possible

Rossall Point Heritage Walk

Sunday 16, 1pm – 2pm
Rossall Point Picnic Area and car park
Learn about the history of Rossall Point.
Grade: Easy, 1 mile, bring binoculars if possible

Other events

Take a look at the national website to find out what other events are taking place across the country
heritageopendays.org.uk

Fleetwood Heritage Guide

It’s full of all the events taking place in Fleetwood this year.
Copies are available in local Tourist Information Offices, at Wyre Council’s Civic Centre and local libraries.

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