

# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

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# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

Dix's Field

Exeter

EX1 1GF

Tel: 01392 665700

email:evit@exeter.gov.uk

www.exeter.gov.uk/touristinformation

www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

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For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

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# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

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# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

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Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

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Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

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# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

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**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

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This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

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# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

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This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

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Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

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# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

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Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

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# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

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# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

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Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

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Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

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Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

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#### Guided tour at 3pm

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To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

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# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

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## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

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Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



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The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

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A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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Exeter

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Tel: 01392 665700

email:evit@exeter.gov.uk

www.exeter.gov.uk/touristinformation

www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

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## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

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St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

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#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

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A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

Dix's Field

Exeter

EX1 1GF

Tel: 01392 665700

email:evit@exeter.gov.uk

www.exeter.gov.uk/touristinformation

www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

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#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

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# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

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**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



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This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

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Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

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# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



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# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

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#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

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# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

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# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



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For more information contact

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For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

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A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

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150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



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Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

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For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

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# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

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90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

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Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

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A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

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Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

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# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

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#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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www.exeter.gov.uk/touristinformation

www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

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For information, call 01392 412348

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Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

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# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

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# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

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Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

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St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

# Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 33. Devon Heritage Centre

# Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



# 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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Exeter

EX1 1GF

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www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

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# 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

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This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

Dix's Field

Exeter

EX1 1GF

Tel: 01392 665700

email:evit@exeter.gov.uk

www.exeter.gov.uk/touristinformation

www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

# **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

# 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

# Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

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# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

# Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

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# 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

# Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

# 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

# Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

# 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

# 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

# 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

# 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

# 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

# Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

# Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

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# 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

# Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

# 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

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## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

# Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

# 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

# Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

# Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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# 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

# 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

# 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

# Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

## 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

# Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

# Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

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# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

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#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

# 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

# Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

# 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

# 39. Exeter Blitz

# Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

# Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

# 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

# Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

# To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

**Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets** 

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Exeter

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Tel: 01392 665700

email:evit@exeter.gov.uk

www.exeter.gov.uk/touristinformation

www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

### **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

### 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

#### Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

#### Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

#### Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

#### 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

#### Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

#### 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

### 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

#### Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

#### 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

#### 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

#### 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

#### Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

#### Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

#### Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

#### 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

#### Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

#### 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

#### Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

#### Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

#### 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

## Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

## 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

#### Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

#### 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

#### Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

#### Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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#### 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

#### Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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#### 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

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#### 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 33. Devon Heritage Centre

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



#### 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

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For information email events@poltimore.org



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A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

### **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

### 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

#### Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

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# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

#### Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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#### 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

#### Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

#### 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

#### Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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#### 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

#### 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

### 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

#### Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

#### 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

#### 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

#### 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

#### Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

#### Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

#### Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

#### 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

#### Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

#### 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

#### Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

#### Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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#### 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

#### 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

## Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

## 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

#### Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

#### 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

#### Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

#### Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

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#### 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

#### Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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#### 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 33. Devon Heritage Centre

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



#### 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

### 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

#### Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

#### 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

#### 39. Exeter Blitz

#### Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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#### 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

### Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

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#### 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

### **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

Listed throughout are all the properties and events in Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018. Details of opening days and times and information about booking are given in the description.

For further information about Exeter's Heritage Open Days 2018 call 01392 265206 or visit www.exeter.gov.uk/hods

For further information about Heritage Open Days nationally call 0844 3351884 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

### 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

#### Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

#### Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

#### Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

#### 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

#### Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

#### 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

### 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

#### Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

#### 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

#### 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

#### 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

#### Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

#### Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

#### Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

#### 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

#### Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

#### 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

#### Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

#### Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

#### 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

## Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

## 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

#### Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

#### 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

#### Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

#### Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

#### Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

### 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 33. Devon Heritage Centre

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



#### 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

### 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

#### Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

#### 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

#### 39. Exeter Blitz

#### Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

### Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

### Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

#### To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



Offers a range of services including: accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets for Exeter and the rest of the region, tickets for attractions and events, souvenirs, maps and books.

For more information contact

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www.visitexeter.com

For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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# Exeter Heritage Open Days 2018 6-9 September & 13-16 September

A unique opportunity to visit, free of charge some of Exeter's most interesting and unusual historical sites and buildings.

### **About Heritage Open Days**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that usually charge for admission or are not normally open to the public. This year the event celebrates its 24<sup>th</sup> year. This year the event is happening over two weekends. It is a once a year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring local history and culture to life.

The event is managed nationally by the National Trust with financial support from the People Postcode Lottery and Historic England. It is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Last year the event attracted over 3 million visitors.

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### 1. St. Anne's Church( Orthodox Church) – Old Tiverton Road Thursday 6, Saturday 8 & Saturday 15 September 10am - 4pm

An interesting 14th century chapel, now home of the Orthodox Parish of the Holy Prophet Elias, will be opening its doors to visitors. This small chapel has been used for the past 36 years as a centre of worship for members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It has a beautiful icon Screen (iconostasis) and the walls are decorated with many icons. The congregation consists of British converts to the Orthodox faith, and nationals from many countries of Eastern Europe.

# 2. Exeter Cathedral - Where was the Library? Thursday 6 September, 11.30am

Trace the movement of the library within the Cathedral itself and find out how the books and their locations fared at key crisis points in the Cathedral's history.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



# 3. Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives - Mermen and Mangel-wurzels: Surprises from the Cathedral Library & Archives

#### Thursday 6 September, 1.30pm - 3pm

Drop in to the Cathedral Library & Archives to see some of the more surprising items from the Dean & Chapter's collections. Join us to discover why there are books in so many different languages, what the largest book in the Library is, what the oldest map in the Archives shows – and of course find out about the mermen, mangel-wurzels and much more.

Meet at the Cathedral Library entrance.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

#### Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

#### Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

#### 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

#### Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

#### 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

#### 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

#### Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

#### 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

#### 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

#### 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

#### Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

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Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

#### Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

#### Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

#### 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

#### Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

#### 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

#### Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

#### Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

#### 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

## Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

## 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

#### Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

#### 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

#### Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society

For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

#### Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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#### 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

#### Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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#### 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 33. Devon Heritage Centre

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



#### 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

### 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

#### Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

#### 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

#### 39. Exeter Blitz

#### Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

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#### 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

### Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

#### Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

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While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 <a href="www.exeter.gov.uk/passages">www.exeter.gov.uk/passages</a>

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

#### To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



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For more information contact

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# 4. Exeter Cathedral - Vision and Division - The Sylke Chantry, Pulpitum and Reformation

#### Thursday 6 September, 2.30pm

This 45minute tour focuses on the specific history of the Pulpitum and the Sylke Chantry, two significant features within the Cathedral.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 5. Exeter City Football Club - St James' Park

#### Thursday 6 September 2pm & Friday 7 September 11am

90 minute tours of St James Park, home of Exeter City Football Club. Crowds have been watching football here for over 100 years. Tour the grounds, changing rooms and behind the scenes in the sponsors' and executive suites.

Meet at the club shop

Booking essential, email reception@ecfc.co.uk.

Bookings available from 1 September (10am-4pm, Mon – Fri)

#### 6. Exeter Cathedral - The Quire in Medieval Times

#### Friday 7 September, 10.30am

Come and hear about the stories and history of the Cathedral Quire and how this part of the building was used in medieval times

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 7. St Nicholas Priory - The Mint, Fore Street

Friday 7 September 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 15 & Sunday 16, 11am-4pm On Friday 7th September, the Lord Mayor of Exeter will be presenting the Exeter Historic Buildings Trust with the key to the Priory. Originally part of Exeter's first medieval monastery, this Grade I listed building is presented as a richly furnished Tudor home. Admission is free during Heritage Open Days. 900 year old guest wing of former Benedictine Priory. Now adorned with quality replica furniture and painted with the bright colours of the Tudor period. The former home of the wealthy Hurst Family. Drop into St Nicholas Priory for free and get to know this stunning Elizabethan town house a little better as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative.

#### 8. St. Michael & All Angels Church - Dinham Road

Saturday 8 September, 8am - 6pm, talk 3pm - 'Exeter Peregrines'

Sunday 9 September, 10am - 5.30pm, Mass at 11am

Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4.30pm, Guided Tour 3pm

Sunday 16 September, 10am - 1.30pm, Mass at 11am, Pipe Organ demonstration 12.30pm

150th Celebration of this magnificent Victorian Church consecrated in 1868, intended as an alms-house chapel, but built on the scale of a cathedral at the expense of William Gibbs of Tyntesfield. Superb carvings, furnishings and stained glass. On all days we have - Refreshments - Display History of 150 years of St Michaels - Vestments and Photographs and Fundraising Stalls.



# 9. Exeter Library's Special Collections 'White Glove' Experience Saturday 8 & Friday 14 September 10am & 11am

Exeter Library has an extensive 'Special Collection' of books dating back as far as 1480. Usually, these books are available to view by appointment only, but to celebrate Heritage Open Days, we will have a selection of very special specimens out on display, where you will be given the opportunity to touch and hold these very special books. All of the items will be old and rare, and ALL are fascinating. Some even come with their own unique story! So come and enjoy a rare opportunity to have the full 'white glove experience' with some of Devon's oldest and rarest books!

Booking essential, write to: Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ

### 10. The Veitch Period Lamp-Post Trail & Mulberry Garden Tour Saturday 8, Thursday 13 & Saturday 15 September 11am & Friday 14 September, 2pm

As a celebration of St. David's industrial and horticultural heritage in St David's 17 cast-iron lamp posts were 'rescued' from demolition. Hand-painted plants on each lamp post to celebrate the famous Veitch family of plant-hunters and nurserymen. Free guided tours of this new and unique attraction includes a series of Exeter's old cast-iron lamp posts, each hand-painted with a different plant brought back to the UK by the City's famous Veitch family plant-hunters. This fascinating blend of Exeter's horticultural heritage and industrial history was created to preserve period street furniture whilst celebrating its famous gardening family. The trail lasts approx. 75 minutes and ends with refreshments after a short tour of The Mulberry Garden, St David's Hill.

Meet Exeter Community Centre, St. David's Hill

#### 11. Killerton House

#### Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm

A family home and a great estate. Glorious landscape garden surrounded by parkland with fine 18th-century house. Sir Richard Acland gave Killerton Estate in the heart of Devon, to the National Trust in 1944. Today, you'll find a friendly Georgian house set in 6,400 acres of working farmland, woods, parkland, cottages and orchards. There's plenty of calm space in the glorious garden, beautiful year-round with rhododendrons, magnolias, champion trees and formal lawns. You can explore winding paths, climb an extinct volcano, discover an Iron Age hill fort and take in distant views towards Dartmoor. This year Killerton is celebrating 100 years since the first women gained the right to vote with three exhibitions in the house; Votes for women?, Branded: Fashion, femininity and the right to vote and Faces of change; Votes for women

#### 12. St. Clements Church -- Powderham - EX6 8JJ

# Saturday 8 September, 11am-5pm, talk at 2.30pm, Sunday 9 September, 1pm - 5pm and Saturday15 September, 11am - 5pm

Built in 1259, St Clement has been the family church for the Earls of Devon for 758 years. It is a beautiful ancient building, and is usually open only for Sunday service so this is a great chance to look around. Church services at Powderham follow the traditional Book of Common Prayer. Over the weekend there will be musical interludes and a free talk on the history of the church. Cream teas will be served from 11-5pm on Saturday and from 1 – 5pm on Sunday.

#### 13. Dissenters Graveyard – Magdalen Road Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

Exeter Dissenters Graveyard Trust will open this recently cleared graveyard and display copies of recently deciphered inscriptions & of short biographies of some of the people buried there. Discover the progress made on the renovation of the graveyard and view the biographies of people buried within the graveyard. A leaflet about the Graveyard and the dissenting tradition in Exeter will be available

#### 14. Exeter Cathedral - Inspiring Women in the Cathedral

#### Saturday 8 September, 12.30pm

Notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history. Learn in more detail some of the fascinating stories behind some of the most important and notable women in the Cathedral's 900 year history.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 15. Exeter Cathedral - The Cathedral in the Blitz

#### Sunday 9 September, 12.30pm

During May 1942 the city of Exeter was subject to a major devastating bombing raid as part of the Second World War. This tour looks in detail at the preparation for enemy action and how the Cathedral became a beacon in the chaos of war.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 16. Exeter's Woollen Cloth Industry

#### Thursday 13 September, 10am

A Red Coat Guided tour that explores Exeter's Woollen Cloth Trade. Discover why Exeter became one of the country's wealthiest cities. See sites that still survive of this once important industry. Finishes at Tuckers Hall..

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 17. Exeter Guildhall - High Street

#### Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 4pm.

The Guildhall has served as the centrepiece of Exeter's civic life for more than 800 years. It remains a busy working building, still in use for civic functions and city council meetings. This fun family-friendly experience will give a chance to see behind the scenes of one of Exeter's hidden gems! As well as the normal artefacts and artwork in the Main Hall on display, further rooms will be open for you to explore. See Regalia up close and personal, also a chance to see the Mayoral robes and even more paintings and artefacts significant to the City. All with Mace Sergeants on hand to explain the Guildhall's 800 + year history!

This event focuses on World War One, to commemorate the end of the war. There will be items on display significant to the era and various exhibitions including the World War One War Hospitals Exhibition, will be on display. **For information call 01392 665500** 

#### 18. Exeter's Underground Passages – Paris Street

# Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 September, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm ,Sunday 16 September 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Guided tours of medieval vaulted passages that stretch out beneath the streets of Exeter. Built in the 14th century to bring a fresh water supply into the city. Also visit the visitor centre packed full of interactive exhibits. Tours are not suitable for sufferers of claustrophobia or the under-5s.

Meet at the entrance on Paris Street 10 minutes before the start of your tour.

Booking essential, call 01392 665832

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

## 19. Tuckers Hall - Fore Street

Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 September, 10.30am - 3pm.

#### Talks at 11am, 1pm & 2pm

A 15<sup>th</sup> century chapel converted to a meeting hall in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the only surviving trades guild in Exeter, home of Exeter's guild of 'Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen'. Inside see the oak panelled walls dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the original fine wagon roof. Visit the new heritage centre.

For information, call 01392 412348

#### 20. Exeter Cathedral - Cathedral Quirks and Oddities

#### Thursday 13 September, 12noon

Humorous and quirky details of Cathedral architecture and history. The Cathedral is full of humorous and quirky details and this tour looks at some of the more well-known ones, as well as some that even regular visitors may have missed!

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).



#### 21. Exeter Cathedral - Links to Slavery

#### Thursday13 September, 2pm

Discover the Cathedral's links to the slave trade. In the 1830s, when slavery was abolished, British slave-owners (but not those enslaved!) were awarded compensation. This tour will highlight some of the memorial plaques in the Cathedral that have a direct link to slavery.

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 22. Fursdon House, Gardens and Tea Room – Cadbury (EX5 5JS)

Thursday 13 September, 2pm-5pm

Tours 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Visitors can take a guided tour of Historic Fursdon House, where the same family has lived for over 750 years. Discover the evolution and fluctuating fortunes of the family and show rooms dating from different periods in history, all in use today. There are family anecdotes and an insight into the life and times of the squires of the manor of Fursdon including tales of a ghost and a dragon. The intimate family museum reflects this long history and some 18th and 19th century family costumes are displayed. Visitors can also walk round the attractive gardens with spectacular views out across the Devon countryside and stroll down to the pond and the meadow garden. Teas will be available in The Coach Hall Tea Room.

#### 23. Devon Wildlife Trust - Cricklepit Mill

## Friday 14 September, 10am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 2pm

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for a fun packed day at the charity's headquarters, Cricklepit Mill. Watch history come alive as we get the ancient water wheel turning. Visitors will be given the opportunity to witness the historic mill in action, as volunteer millers start the water wheel turning and grind grain into flour. Cricklepit Mill, based near Exeter Quay, serves as Devon Wildlife Trust's headquarters and is recognised as an important part of the city's history, with over 800 years of milling heritage and Exeter's only functioning watermill. Milling demonstrations will be run by the charity's expert volunteer millers. You can see the mill in action, take part in milling crafts, create wildlife homes, take a nature trail through the garden and go bug hunting.

## 24. St Sidwell's Community Centre Open Day

#### Friday 14 September, 10am - 3pm

St Sidwell's Community Centre is part of a little known ancient site, central to the legend of Exeter's St. Sidwella. Find out more about the legend and the fascinating history of the site through the recently installed displays. Also take an audio tour of our historic graveyard: learn more about some of the people buried here over the past 1000 years.

Refreshments available all day in the Community Café.

For further information call 01392 666222

#### 25. The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter

Friday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

#### Guided tour at 3pm

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum is Exeter's Cinema Museum, with artefacts covering the history of the moving image from shadow puppets and magic lanterns to the latest blockbusters. This is a public museum on the University of Exeter Streatham Campus with a unique collection of artefacts telling the story of cinema and its predecessors from the 17th century to the present day. A handling collection for children and families will be available.

To book on the guided tour please email <a href="mailto:bdc@exeter.ac.uk">bdc@exeter.ac.uk</a>

# 26. Princesshay – Over ground & Underground – Bedford Street

#### Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September, 10am, 12noon & 2pm

A tour of Princesshay, both its public areas and the parts of the centre that the public do not get to see. The tour will feature public art installations and the centres underground service areas where many of the activities which make Princesshay work take place.

Meet on Bedford Street outside Nationwide Building Society For information, call 01392 459838



#### 27. Exeter Cathedral - Corbels of the Cathedral

#### Friday 14 September, 10.30am

The fascinating images of the decorative projections at the top of the pillars of Exeter Cathedral Learn more about the highly decorative projections at the top of the pillars supporting the vault above (known as corbels). Among them are many fascinating images: kings and queens, musicians and a tumbler, green men and even a dragon! (Binoculars an advantage)

Meet at the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

# 28. Exeter Cathedral - Spearheads Fashion - Thomas of Witney & his suite of liturgical furniture Friday 14 September, 12noon

A 30 minute tour exploring the work of Thomas of Witney, who worked on the building for the last years of its construction from 1315-1342. He was responsible amongst other things for transforming the Norman towers into the Gothic transepts and for completing work on the Nave.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 29. Religious Houses of Exeter

#### Friday 14 September, 1.30pm

Exeter has its origins in a 1c Roman city. In the 7c a Christian Minster was founded within the elaborately walled city of Exeter. In the 11c the Minster became our first Cathedral. Starting at the West front of the Cathedral, learn about Exeter as a religious city. Visit some of the medieval churches and hear about the history of a variety of religious buildings including Churches, Alms Houses, Synagogue and Priory.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 30. Murder & Mayhem

#### Friday 14 September, 7pm

A special Red Coat guided tour about Exeter's shadier history. Hear Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, and hangings. Learn about Exeter's turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 31. Exeter Cathedral - History of the Chapter House

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A detailed history of the Chapter House. Explore in detail the history of the Chapter House and the crucial role it has played in the overall function of the Cathedral.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 32. St. Sidwell's - A Guided Tour

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am

A 90 minute guided heritage walk of the Sidwell Street area and beyond exploring the "Lost Treasurers of St Sidwell's" .Red Coat guide and historian Dave Luxton will be conducting a walking Heritage tour of the Sidwell Street area, where you will discover hidden or forgotten aspects of the areas local history and heritage.

#### Meet at St. Sidwell's Community Centre

Booking essential, call 01392 666222 or email bookings@stsidwells.org.uk

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 33. Devon Heritage Centre

#### Saturday 15 September, 10.30am & 2.30pm

An opportunity to see behind the scenes at the Devon Heritage Centre, the storehouse of the county's rich and wonderful history. See centuries-old documents and how they are stored, preserved and made available for future generations. Explore areas of the Centre that are not normally open to the public.

Booking essential, call 01392 888712 or email brian.carpenter@swheritage.org.uk



#### 34. Exeter Canal Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 1 hour Red Coat tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside followed by a one-way boat trip with Exeter Cruises to the Double locks with an on board commentary. Either walk back yourself or pay for the return boat trip.

Meet outside the Custom House on Exeter Quayside

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 35. County Hall & Bellair - Topsham Road

#### Saturday 15 September, 11am

This 2 hour tour will reveal one of Exeter's hidden gems: 18th century villa Bellair with its fine plaster ceilings; as well as County Hall itself, a Grade II \* listed post-war building. The tour is led by County Archaeologist, Bill Horner. For information, call 01392 382494

### 36. RAMM – A guided Tour – Queen Street

#### Saturday 15 September, 11.30am & 2pm

The Royal Albert Memorial Museum re-opened in 2011 after a major refurbishment, in 2012 it was awarded the prestigious 'Museum of the Year Award. Two guided tours available of the museum's permanent collections Event not suitable for children under the age of 5.

Booking essential, call 01392 265858 or via www.rammuseum.org.uk

#### 37. Devon & Exeter Institution - Cathedral Close

#### Saturday 15 September 12noon - 3.30pm

Guided tours of the Devon and Exeter Institution. The Devon & Exeter Institution is open to the public for tours of its Georgian library, where visitors will experience highlights of the collection in two magical galleried reading rooms with cupolas. Harry Potter's Hermione Granger would feel right at home in this atmospheric library. There is also an opportunity to visit the Courtenay Room with its 17th Century plaster ceiling.

#### 38. Exeter Northcott – Behind the Scenes tour

#### Saturday 15 September, at 1pm & 6pm

A rare insight into the operations behind the scenes of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. A special opportunity to tour behind the scenes of the theatre which are usually only seen by actors and theatre staff.

Booking essential, call 01392 726363 or via wwww.exeternothcott.co.uk

#### 39. Exeter Blitz

#### Saturday 15 September, 1.30pm

In May 1942 Exeter was suffered air raid attacks by the Luftwaffe, with much of the historic city centre being damaged or destroyed. On this 90minute Red Coat Guided tour discover how Exeter was affected and how this event shaped the city we see today.

**Meet outside Cathedral West Front** 

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Sat)

#### 40. Topsham - A Guided Tour

### Saturday 15 September, 2pm

A 90 minute guided tour with the Topsham Guides. Discover the fascinating history of Topsham. The Town was originally the Roman port for Exeter.

Meet at Holman Way car park

Booking essential, call 01392 665885

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4pm, Mon - Fri)

#### 41. Poltimore House and Grounds – Poltimore (EX40AU)

### Sunday 16 September, 11am-4pm

Poltimore House is one of the most fascinating historic estates in the South West.

The property dates back to the sixteenth century and has an interesting past, discover this by visiting the House and Grounds and learn of the history and past uses of the property and grounds. There will be displays in the Chapel to remember the end of WW1 and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS when the House was a hospital. For children we have a 'treasure hunt' around the grounds... find the animals for a sweet treat when finished. Stroll through the lime tree avenues and then enjoy a delightful light lunch or afternoon tea in the Chapel Tea Room.

For information email events@poltimore.org



# 42. Exeter Cathedral - Grandisson - 'The Man and His Chapel' Sunday 16 September, 1pm

A 45 minute guided tour to learn about our famous Bishop Grandisson who was instrumental in revising the important services of the Cathedral and completing the rebuilding in Gothic style.

Meet inside the Cathedral main entrance.

Booking essential, call 01392 285983 (leave message).

Bookings available from 1 September (10am – 4.00pm, Mon - Fri)

While in Exeter, why not visit these other heritage attractions:

Royal Albert Memorial Museum 01392 265858 www.exeter.gov.uk/ramm

Exeter Cathedral 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter's Underground Passages 01392 665887 www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Custom House Visitor Centre 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/customhouse

Red Coat Guided Tours 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/guidedtours

St. Nicholas Priory 01392 436000 www.ehbt.org.uk

#### To discover what else there is to do in Exeter



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For more information contact

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For local bus information call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33

This document is available in other formats, please contact 01392 265209.



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