Stoke-on-Trent
12–15 SEPTEMBER 2013

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Explore and discover for free the inspiring places, spaces, history and culture that make our city so special!

Between Thursday 12 and Sunday 15 September 2013 you can have free access to events and properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Watch a flypast, take a boat trip, visit a museum or go on a tour of a pottery, mine or brewery!

Historic Open Days have been running for nearly 20 years and are a free national annual celebration of England's architecture and culture. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors. It is a once-a-year chance to discover fantastic architecture and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities that bring local history and culture to life.

Historic Open Days is organised by a huge network of people who share a passion for places, history and culture. Locally, over 1,400 organisations and some 40,000 volunteers organise thousands of site openings and events, jointly attracting over 1 million visitors. They make Historic Open Days England's biggest voluntary cultural event.

On a national level, the programme is managed by the Historic Open Days National Partnership and funded by English Heritage.

To search the online directory of events go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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1. Arnold Bennett at the Middleport Pottery
   14 September 10am - 2pm
   15 September 10am - 2pm

2. Bethesda Methodist Chapel
   14 September 12pm - 3pm

3. Brass Band at Hanley Park
   15 September 10am - 2pm

4. Burslem Park Fun
   14 September 3pm - 5pm

5. Burslem Park Tour
   14 September 2pm - 3pm

6. Chatterley Whitfield Colliery Tour
   14 September Pre-booked tours between 10am - 3pm

7. Emma Bridgewater Factory Tours
   12 September tours
   10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm
   13 September tours
   10am, 11.30am

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To book: www.chatwithods.eventbrite.co.uk

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Visit the Stop Press! stand on the Pavilion for leaflets on all our events - and for special offers!

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Enson Works @ CoRE Open Weekend

Enson Works @ CoRE, Normacot Road, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 1PR
13 September: remembrance themed day 12pm - 4.30pm
14 September: family day 10am - 4.30pm
There will be tours of the building, history walks around Longton, an open mic poetry event, historic film screenings and family friendly art and craft activities. There will also be a final tea party in the cafe/balcony where people can share their memories of Longton past and present.

Etruria Industrial Museum

Lower Bedford Street, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4RB
14 September: military vehicles rally 11am - 5pm; Steam demonstrations 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
15 September: Classic car rally 11am - 5pm; Steam demonstrations 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
Our 1820s beam engine “Princess” will be in steam and we are hosting a vintage vehicle weekend and our tea room will be open. Family trails, interactive exhibits and exciting ‘make and take’ activities.

Ford Green Hall

Ford Green Hall, Ford Green Road, Smallthorne, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 1NG
15 September 11am - 4pm
Craft demonstrations, Music, Mrs Ford will be in the kitchen plus much more!

Gladstone Pottery Museum

Gladstone Pottery Museum, Uttoxeter Road, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 1PQ
15 September 10am - 5pm
Experience for yourself what conditions were like for the men, women and children who worked at the centre of the world’s pottery industry. Please allow 2 to 3 hours for your visit. There is also the chance to have a go at throwing a pot, making a bone china flower or decorating pottery for a small charge.

Hanley Park tour

Hanley Park, Cleveland Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4DX
15 September, tour 1pm
Join the ‘People’s Park Tours’ project to share your memories of the park for a new audio tour of the park, and find out about the proposed park restoration project with Park Liaison Officer Tom Pine. Meet at the Top Lodge at 1pm.

Hartshill Heritage Trail

North Staffordshire Medical Institute, Hartshill Road, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7NY
14 September 2pm - 3.30pm
A walk to highlight some of Hartshill’s rich heritage. Meet at the North Staffordshire Medical Institute car park. The walk is around 2.5 miles long.

Historic Narrowboat Trips

Etruria Industrial Museum, Lower Bedford Street, Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7AF
14 September: departure times: 11am (Etruria), 12pm (Burleigh), 2pm (Etruria), 3pm (Burleigh)
15 September: departure times: 11am (Etruria), 12pm (Burleigh), 2pm (Etruria), 3pm (Burleigh)
Historic Narrowboat (45 min) trip between Etruria Industrial Museum and Burleigh Pottery. Members of the Arnold Bennett Society will read from the famous local author’s works while you have a cuppa and eat homemade cake! Tickets are one way but you can book a return boat, use public transport or walk along the canal (about 45 minutes walk) back to your starting point.
To book: www.etruianiaboattrips.eventbrite.co.uk

Historic Tour of the Leopard Hotel and Open Mic

The Leopard Hotel, 21, Market Place, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3AA
15 September, tour 7pm
Sometimes known as the ‘Savoy of the Midlands’ the Leopard Hotel in Burslem certainly holds a lot of hidden secrets. Historic Tour of the Leopard Hotel followed by an open mic event.

Kilnworx Climbing Centre

Wycleff Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3ET
13 September 12pm - 10pm
Exhibition on the history of the building and the conversion of the church to a climbing centre. Take a look around and (for a small fee) have a go at climbing!

Lost Pubs of St John’s Square

St John’s Square, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3AJ
12 September, tour 10am
Fred Hughes, Historian, Sentinel columnist and Burslem resident, leads a tour of St John’s Square, starting at the fountain and finishing with a tour of the Duke William Pub

Middleport Pottery

Middleport Pottery, Port Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3PE
14 September: 11am - 4pm Tour 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm
15 September: 11am - 4pm Tour 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm
Guided tours of the factory and demonstrations of ceramic techniques. Children can take part in our 2000KILNS project and help us by making a miniature clay kiln to form part of our opening exhibition in 2014.

Spode Works Visitor Centre

Spode Works Visitor Centre, Former Spode Works, Elenora Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 1QD
13 September 10.30am - 4pm
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15 September 10.30am - 4pm
The centre tells the stories of the Spode factory, the workers, the everyday and amazing things they made, and showcases a selection of items from the Spode Museum Trust. There are films, images, interactive displays and activities. Also heritage skills demonstrations and short tours round the exterior of the historic buildings on the site.

The Naked Wall

Dudson Centre, Hope Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5DD
14 September 10.00am - 4pm
15 September 10.00am - 4pm
We want your help to produce a mural with a local theme, made from ceramic tiles. This invitation is open to all ages, but we especially hope to engage with young people. All materials will be provided. Just bring along your enthusiasm! The museum is also open free of charge.

Tour of Titanic Brewery

Find out more about our heritage and history (and why we’re named after the world’s most famous liner) during a tour of the brewery. Tours last approx. 75 minutes. Once finished at the brewery you will move on to our brewery tap “The Bulls Head” in Burslem town centre for a free Burger and have the opportunity to sample many other Titanic ales at reasonable prices. This event is for over 21s only.
Book during office hours (Mon - Fri: 9am-5pm) 01782 233929
Celebrate our city’s fantastic local architecture and culture with Heritage Open Days 2013

Key

H Event specially put on for HOD
D Assistance dogs welcome
P Disabled parking
I Full wheelchair access

Not usually open to the public
Parking
Toilets on-site
Partial wheelchair access

Baby changing / breast feeding area
Children/family activities available
On-site accessible toilets
Off-site wheelchair accessible toilets

Pushchair/pram friendly
Refreshments available
Usual admission fee waived