

Tours

Heritage Bus Tour

Meet at Dartford Borough Council Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford DA1 1DR

Friday 9 September

Tours available at 9.30am and 1.30pm



A guided coach tour of Dartford 'old & new'. Join us on our 'classic bus' ride and discover the hidden heritage gems and new ventures within the Borough. *Booking essential – see details below.*

Churches

St Mary's Church, Stone

Church Road, Stone DA9 9BE
www.stmarystone.org

Sunday 11 September, 2pm-4.30pm

Come and find out about St Mary's Church and its new bells at the tower open afternoon. There will also be an opportunity to take in the panoramic view from the tower roof for a small fee.



Exhibitions

Hang out the Bunting

Dartford Borough Museum, Market Street, Dartford DA1 1EU

www.dartford.gov.uk/museum

Exhibition runs until

Saturday 29 October 2011

Admission is FREE. See website for opening times

Taking its inspiration from the 75th anniversary of Dartford's first Carnival, Dartford Borough Museum's current exhibition explores the variety of outdoor celebrations and special events which have taken place in Dartford over the years.



'Explore Your Past' Week

Dartford Library, Market Street, Dartford DA1 1EU

A series of events running from Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September inclusive.



Family History Research Day

Tuesday 13 September, 10.30am-3.30pm

Book a free one hour session, and we will help you find out more about your own Family History and the resources available.

Please book at Dartford Library or call 08458 247 200

After a Fashion

Wednesday 14 September, 10.00am-12 noon

A guided walk exploring the history of clothing and fashion shops in Dartford's Town Centre, led by Chris Baker, Manager of Dartford Borough Museum. The walk will last approximately two hours and will finish with refreshments in Dartford Library.

Places are limited so please book at Dartford Library or call 08458 247 200. Tickets are priced £1.



Hang out the Bunting

Thursday 15 September, 6.30pm

An illustrated talk by Chris Baker, Manager of Dartford Borough Museum, based on the Museum's current exhibition which takes its inspiration from the 75th anniversary of Dartford's first carnival and explores the variety of outdoor celebrations and special events which have taken place in Dartford over the years. To be held in the Peter Blake Gallery at Dartford Library. *Places are limited so please book at Dartford Library, or call 08458 247 200. Tickets are priced £2.*

For more information about Kent Libraries & Archives and events taking place, look on the website at www.kent.gov.uk/lib



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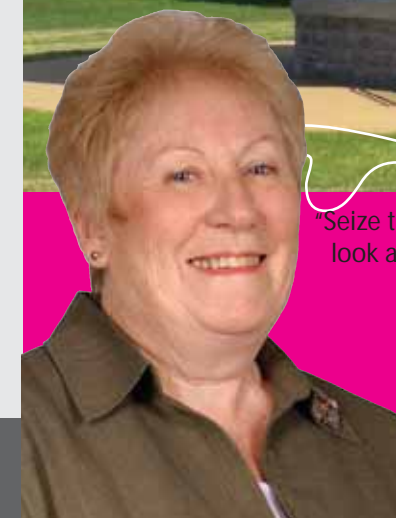
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On the cover: Sir Henry Wellcome Bandstand

Dartford Heritage Open Days

8-11 September 2011



"Seize the opportunity to take a closer look at the charming attractions that make Dartford so distinctive."
*Councillor Patsy Thurlow
Portfolio Holder for Environment, Leisure & Events*

To book or for more information, e-mail heritageopendays@dartford.gov.uk or phone 01322 343244 (unless stated otherwise)

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Buildings

Princes Park Community Stadium

Grassbanks, Dartford DA1 1RT
www.dartfordonline.com

Thursday 8 September
Tours start at 10am and 1pm

Princes Park is a unique, award winning, environmentally friendly stadium. When the stadium opened to a capacity 4097 crowd on 11 November 2006, a new era was begun. The stadium is now home, after 14 years of exile, to The Darts of Dartford Football Club.

The tour will last approximately 1½ hours. Refreshments will be provided. Booking essential – see details below



Manor Gatehouse

Priory Road, Dartford DA1 2BJ

Thursday 8 September and Friday 9 September
Tours start at 10.30am

The Manor Gatehouse was constructed in the 16th Century as part of a Manor House for Henry VIII. Anne of Cleves was given it as part of her divorce settlement and lived there between 1553 and 1557. The building is currently used as a registry office and offices.

Booking essential – see details below



The Orchard Theatre

Home Gardens, Dartford DA1 1ED

www.orchardtheatre.co.uk
Thursday 8 September
Tours start at 11am and 1pm

Come and enjoy a backstage tour of the Orchard Theatre. Find out how plays, musicals and concerts all happen. From the orchestra pit to the star dressing rooms, experience life in a working theatre.



The tour will last approximately one hour. Refreshments will be provided. Please note that the tour will involve stairs. Booking essential – call the Theatre directly on 01322 220000.

Orchard Theatre Open Day

Sunday 11 September, 11am-3pm
Tours available every hour

In a fun-filled day for the whole family, we lift the curtain on the exciting world of theatre. With free admission to various activities, workshops and other events. The Orchard team is delighted to share some theatrical magic with you!

No need to book just turn up

Bluewater

Greenhithe, Kent DA9 9ST
www.bluewater.co.uk

Friday 9 September and Monday 12 September
Tours start at 10.30am

Enjoy 330 of the best UK and International brands, over 50 restaurants, cafés and bars, a 13-screen multiplex cinema, 50 acres of parkland, seven lakes and a Pirate Cove Adventure Golf Park at Bluewater, the leading fashion, leisure and events destination. With an Events Venue opening in late 2011, Bluewater is set to become the UK's focal point for leisure and retailer led events.

Booking essential – see details below



Dartford Judo Club

Cotton Lane, Dartford DA2 6PD

www.dartfordjudoclub.com
Friday 9 September
Tours start at 10am and 1pm

Opened by HRH The Princess Royal on Thursday 23 March 2006, the Dartford Judo Club is the first purpose-built, state-of-the-art world class Judo facility in the UK.



The facility is home to the thriving world renowned Dartford Judo Club and the facility is currently being used by the British Judo Association in preparation for the London 2012 Olympics.

The tour will last approximately 1½ hours. Refreshments will be provided. Booking essential – see details below

Twisleton Almshouses

West Hill, Dartford DA1 2EP

Thursday 8 September and Friday 9 September
Access is available at 10am and 4pm – please ring the doorbell upon arrival.

A rare opportunity to look around the Almshouses which were rebuilt in their present form in 1704. The well tended garden to the rear is perfect for moments of quiet reflection.

No need to book just turn up



Walks

History of Darenth Country Park

Meet at Darenth Country Park main car park (off Gore Road), DA2 6PU

Saturday 10 September
Walk starts at 11am

A guided walk with local historian Francine Payne through Darenth Country Park, to find out about its past and present, whilst sampling its natural beauty and enjoying the countryside.

The tour will last approximately two hours. Sturdy waterproof footwear suggested. The walk is not suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. No need to book just turn up.



Mills and Boom!

Meet at Dartford Museum, Market Street, Dartford DA1 1EU

Thursday 8 September
Walk starts at 1pm

Discover the hidden, and sometimes explosive, history of Dartford's flour and gunpowder mills on this walk which follows the River Darent to explore these industries of the past as well as the story of Central Park. The walk will be led by Dr Mike Still of Dartford Borough Museum.
The tour will last approximately three hours. Sturdy waterproof footwear suggested. The majority of the walk is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs although there are some gradients. Booking essential – see details below



Swanscombe Heritage Park

www.swanscombeheritagepark.co.uk

Saturday 10 September
Tours available between 12 noon & 3pm from main entrance, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe DA10 0LP

Swanscombe Heritage Park is a designated National Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest and is famous across the world for its spectacular finds on early man. Fragments of the skull of the 'Swanscombe Man' found on the site date back 400,000 years. Tours will be led by the Friends of Swanscombe Heritage Park.

The walk is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. No need to book just turn up.



Discover more about Dartford...

Pick up a Town Trails booklet for £2.00 from Dartford Civic Centre cash office, Dartford Borough Museum, the Cafe in the Park and Dartford Library.

