PRESS RELEASE - Retford Heritage Open Day 2021 Retford Heritage Open Day takes place on 11th September, 10:00 – 16:00

Have you ever wondered what is hidden behind the scenes at some of Retford's beautiful and intriguing heritage sites? Heritage Open Day is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the places that have fascinating links to the past, as they open for the day to the public.

Retford Heritage Open Day is part of a country wide event run by the National Trust. This year, the theme is Edible England!

Many heritage venues have already signed up: Bassetlaw Museum and Pilgrims Gallery, Retford Library, the Chesterfield Canal Trust, the Majestic Theatre, Grove Street Methodist Church, The Time Machine, Trinity Hospital, The Masonic Hall, St Swithuns and St Michaels. Events at each venue differ but range from a Roman banquet set up, canal boat tours and school dinners! There will also be performances from the Retford Community Singers and a vintage bus will be giving tours.

Last year, due to COVID, the festival went online with a variety of videos, showcasing many sites. Check out Retford Heritage Open Day on Facebook or Bassetlaw Museum's Youtube channel.

This year local businesses are being encouraged to be involved. The Old Police Station will be doing cooking demos, a hog roast and a 'Taste of Britain' taster menu and in Grove Street Methodist Church (Albert Hall), there will be a small market.

Retford Heritage Open Day is working closely with North Notts Lit Fest to create some crossover events in the week following when lit fest is running, including a talk by Chris Sidwell on Sporting Great Tom Simpson, The cycling legend. There will also be Heritage Cafes at Retford and Worksop libraries.

The Civic Society, with Bassetlaw Museum, have organised Retford's HOD for many years. If you wish to be involved or require more information, please contact Retford Civic Society or laura.sercombe@bassetlaw.gov.org.uk

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