

September 14 - 15  2013

## Abingdon-on-Thames heritage open days



### 14-15 SEPTEMBER 2013

Heritage Open Days are unique opportunities to look around heritage properties that are normally closed to the public. Abingdon's wealth of listed buildings and interesting architecture makes this a very special weekend, with over 20 properties to visit and guided tours and walks, river cruises\*, dancing in the Market Place and folk music playing in the pubs.

Photographic Exhibition revealing some of the lost buildings and much-changed views of the town from local archives and collections will be running in the **Choose Abingdon** Community Shop for a full week leading up to Heritage Weekend (7-14 Sep). This will also be a base to find out more about the work of our local historians in compiling the Buildings & People web resource on the [www.abingdon.gov.uk](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk) website.



New addition to Heritage Weekend this year... **Ruby's Retro Fair** at the Guildhall Sat 10.00-15.00.

Find out more at:

[www.abingdonheritage.co.uk](http://www.abingdonheritage.co.uk)

\*advance booking required

### FRENCH MARKET

26-28 September

### LOCAL EXCELLENCE MARKETS

Saturday 31 August &  
Saturday 23 November

### FARMERS' MARKETS

20 September, 18 October  
15 November & 20 December

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 7 December

### WEEKLY MARKETS

Monday in the Market Place  
Friday am Country Market  
in the Roysse Room

### Abingdon Crafts for Christmas Show (Abingdon Craft Fair)



17th-20th October  
& 24th -27th October



in the beautiful medieval  
Abbey Buildings  
[www.accraftfairs.com](http://www.accraftfairs.com)

## OUT OF BOUNDS Comedy Night

AT THE GUILDHALL

26 September, 31 October, 28 November

More information at

[www.abingdon.gov.uk/guildhall/buy-tickets-here](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk/guildhall/buy-tickets-here)



Abingdon Town Council  
Vale of White Horse District Council  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Abingdon on Thames Chamber of Commerce  
Abingdon Business Alliance

For further visitor and community information visit:

Abingdon Visitor & Community Information Centre,  
Old Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3JD  
Tel 01235 522711 [www.abingdon.gov.uk](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk)

# What's On in Abingdon on-Thames

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SEPTEMBER -  
DECEMBER 2013

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## SEPTEMBER 2013

Saturday 7	Flower, Plant and Crafts Show	Horticultural Society	14.00 - 16.00	Northcourt Centre	www.abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk	01235 203873
Saturday 7 - Saturday 14	Abingdon Heritage Photo Exhibition	Abingdon Heritage Groups	10.00 - 15.00	Community Shop - Bury Street	www.abingdonheritage.co.uk	
Sunday 8	Dragon Boats Day	Rotary Club of Abingdon Vesper	from 10.00	Riverside	www.abingdondragonboats.org.uk	
Sunday 8 - Tuesday 10	Bordeaux wine tasting while you shop	Added Ingredients	all day	Added Ingredients, Stert Street	www.addedingredients.co.uk	01235 537405
Monday 9	<i>Extrasolar planets</i> - Dr. Chris Lintott	Abingdon Astronomical Society	20.00	All Saint's Methodist Church Hall	www.abingdonastro.org.uk	#
Wednesday 11 - Saturday 14	<i>The Nightingales</i> by Peter Quilter	Breakaleg Productions	19.30	Unicorn Theatre	www.breakalegproductions.co.uk	01235 821351 *
Thursday 12	<i>Exploring Cubism</i> - workshop with Clova Stuart Hamilton	Abingdon Artists	19.30	Northcourt Centre	Dawn.Wright444@gmail.com	01235 526252 #
Saturday 14 - Sunday 15	Heritage Weekend - historic buildings, walks and displays	The Friends of Abingdon	10.30 - 16.00	start from Market Place	www.abingdonheritage.co.uk	
Monday 16 - Saturday 28	Photography Competition - Exhibition of winning entries	Abingdon Camera Club		Community Shop - Bury Street	www.abingdoncameraclub.org.uk	01235 200793
Wednesday 18	<i>Edward Lear, Landscape Painter &amp; Poet</i> - Dennis Moriarty	Decorative and Fine Arts Society	14.00	Guildhall	www.adfas.org.uk	01235 522898 #
Thursday 19	<i>The History of Salter's Steamers</i> - Dr Simon Wenham	AAAHs	19.45	Northcourt Centre	www.aaahs.org.uk	#
Saturday 21	Local Business Showcase - come and sample their wares	Chamber of Commerce	09.30 - 14.30	Market Place	www.abingdonchamber.co.uk	
Wednesday 25 - Saturday 28	<i>William Tell</i> - based on the play by Friedrich Schiller	Abingdon Drama Club	19.30	Unicorn Theatre	www.abingdon-drama-club.com	0845 4636638 *
Friday 27	Dine with Bordeaux	Added Ingredients	see website or phone for details		www.addedingredients.co.uk	01235 537405 *

## OCTOBER 2013

Mon 30 Sept - Saturday 12	Community Apple Pressing - free - bring your own apples	Abingdon Carbon Cutters	10.00 - 15.00	Community Shop - Bury Street	www.abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk	
Saturday 5	Fish & Chip Supper Quiz	Abingdon Museum Friends	19.30	St Helens Church Centre	www.abingdonmuseumfriends.org.uk	01235 524119
Sunday 6	John Haworth Violin & Marcus Andrews Piano	Abbey Chamber Concerts	15.00	St Nicolas Church	www.abbeychamberconcerts.org	07775 904626 #
Mon 7/Tues 8 & Mon 14	Michaelmas Fair & Runaway Fair	Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council		Town Centre and Ock Street	information@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 522711
Monday 14	<i>Exploring the Shapes of Planetary Nebula</i> - Dr. Nick Hewitt	Abingdon Astronomical Society	20.00	All Saint's Methodist Church Hall	www.abingdonastro.org.uk	#
Monday 14 - Saturday 19	Woodcarving Exhibition and Demonstrations	Oxon and Bucks Woodcarvers	10.00 - 16.00	Community Shop - Bury Street		01235 203626
Wednesday 16	<i>The Legend of Wayland the Smith</i> - Dr Sam Newton.	Decorative and Fine Arts Society	14.00	Guildhall	www.adfas.org.uk	01235 522898 #
Wednesday 16	<i>Famous Belgians</i> - talk by Tony Hadland	Abingdon Twin Towns Society	19.45	Preston Road Community Centre	www.abingdonandvaletwinning.org.uk	#
Thurs-Sun 17- 20 & 24-27	Abingdon Crafts for Christmas Show	ACF Craft Fairs	10.00 - 17.00	Abbey Buildings	www.abingdoncraftfair.com	01785 245312
Saturday 19	Local Business Showcase - come and sample their wares	Chamber of Commerce	09.30 - 14.30	Market Place	www.abingdonchamber.co.uk	
Sunday 20	Fungus Foray in Bagley Woods	Abingdon Naturalists' Society	14.00	Contact organisers for details	www.abnats.org.uk	
Monday 21 - Saturday 26	Abingdon Artists Autumn Exhibition 2013	Abingdon Artists	10.00 - 17.00	St Nicolas Church	Dawn.Wright444@gmail.com	01235 526252
Saturday 26	Splash of Pink Day - fun activities and fund-raising	Against Breast Cancer	10.00 - 16.00	Market Place and Town Centre	emily@againstbreastcancer.org.uk	01235 534211
Saturday 26	Eco Fair	Mayor of Abingdon/Carbon Cutters	tbc	Guildhall	sue.aldington@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 468341

## NOVEMBER 2013

Friday 1	Mayor's Halloween Disco	Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames	19.00	Guildhall	sue.aldington@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 468341
Saturday 2	Boldwood	Folk at the Unicorn	19.30	Unicorn Theatre	www.folkattheunicorn.co.uk	01235 555670 *
Thursday 7	Wine tasting - OldWorld v NewWorld with Charles Hawkins	Added Ingredients	19.30	Added Ingredients, Stert Street	www.addedingredients.co.uk	01235 537405 *
Thursday 7	<i>The Mary Rose</i> - talk by Colin Fox, a diver on the project	Abingdon Museum Friends	19.30	St Helens Church Centre	www.abingdonmuseumfriends.org.uk	01235 524119 #
Friday 8	Mayor's Charity Quiz	Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames	19.00	Guildhall	sue.aldington@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 468341 *
Sunday 10	Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony	Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council	from 10.00	Town Centre	information@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 522711
Wednesday 20	<i>Tracking the Ocean's Wanderers</i> - Manx Shearwaters	Abingdon Naturalists' Society	19.30	Abingdon School - room tbc	www.abnats.org.uk	#
Wednesday 20	Wines from our Twin Towns - tasting evening	Abingdon Twin Towns Society	19.45	Preston Road Community Centre	www.abingdonandvaletwinning.org.uk	#
Thursday 21	<i>Petticoats and Partlets; clothes of a 17thC woman</i>	AAAHs	19.45	Northcourt Centre	www.aaahs.org.uk	#
Saturday 23	ADMS Concert - Vaughan Williams, Britten and others	Abingdon & District Musical Society	19.30	to be confirmed	www.adms.org.uk/concerts	01235 521392
Tuesday 26 - Saturday 30	<i>The Rince Cycle</i> by Terry Pratchett	Studio Theatre Club	19.30	Unicorn Theatre	www.studiotheatreclub.com	01865 778105 *
Saturday 30	Christmas Extravaganza - Cinderella theme	Chamber, ChAP and Town Council	11.45 - 17.30	Town Centre	www.abingdonchamber.co.uk	07568 564109

## DECEMBER 2013

Thursday 5	Tyde	Folk at the Unicorn	19.30	Unicorn Theatre	www.folkattheunicorn.co.uk	01235 555670 *
Friday 6	Mayor's Over 70's Tea Party	Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames	15.00 - 17.00	Guildhall	sue.aldington@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 468341 *
Saturday 7	Christmas Craft Fair	Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council	09.00 - 17.00	Market Place	information@abingdon.gov.uk	01235 522711
Monday 9	<i>Planetary Imaging</i> - talk by Mr Chris Hooker	Abingdon Astronomical Society	20.00	All Saint's Methodist Church Hall	www.abingdonastro.org.uk	#
Wednesday 11	<i>'O Yes It Is' - A History of Pantomime</i> - Jane Tapley	Decorative and Fine Arts Society	14.00	Guildhall	www.adfas.org.uk	01235 522898 #
Thursday 12	An Evening with Danny Byrne - Cartoonist	Abingdon Artists	19.30	Northcourt Centre	Dawn.Wright444@gmail.com	01235 526252 #
Saturday 14 & Saturday 21	Chamber of Commerce Christmas events	Chamber of Commerce	10.00 - 14.00	Market Place	www.abingdonchamber.co.uk	
Saturday 14	ADMS Charity Concert with seasonal music and carols	Abingdon & District Musical Society	19.30	to be confirmed	www.adms.org.uk/concerts	01235 521392
Sunday 15	Pavlova Wind Quintet - Christmas Concert	Pavlova Wind Quintet	15.00	St Nicolas Church	www.abbeychamberconcerts.org	07775 904626

Events marked with # are part of a series - we do not have room to display all of the series here but you can find out more on town events calendar at [www.abingdon.gov.uk](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk) or by contacting the organisers

Events marked with a \* require booking

**LOCAL EXCELLENCE MARKETS**

**SATURDAY 31 AUGUST &**

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

[www.abingdon.gov.uk/events](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk/events)

**FARMERS' MARKET - 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**COUNTRY MARKET EVERY FRIDAY (ROYSE ROOM)**

**WEEKLY MARKET EVERY MONDAY**