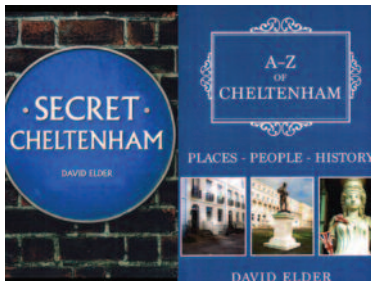


# CHELTENHAM HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

10–19 September 2021



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### KEVAN BLACKADDER

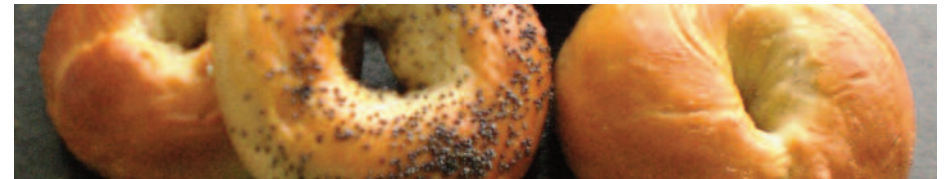
The team who put Cheltenham Heritage Open Days together lost a great supporter in Kevan Blackadder in 2021.

Kev was a well-known figure around Cheltenham and was Director of Cheltenham BID.

We will miss his support, practical help but most of all, his friendship.

Thank you Kev for all you did for us and for Cheltenham.

# Welcome to Cheltenham Heritage Open Days 2021



I think we are all desperate to return to normality and a chance to get out and about, renewing friendships, discovering new things and renewing forgotten pleasures.

Heritage Open Days 2021 gives us those opportunities. The theme this year is **Edible England** so there are plenty of opportunities to sample the town's delights. Take a self-guided walk around Edible Historic Cheltenham or Cheltenham's Lost Pubs and Breweries, visit the Francis Close Hall Edible Garden or the Holst Victorian House with four different talks about food and drink Victorian style, as well as tours of the Queens Hotel.

Explore the town and its fascinating heritage with tours of Imperial Gardens' Trees, Cheltenham Backwaters, The Prestbury You Didn't Know and many other walks and talks about Cheltenham's rich and varied history.

Make the most of opportunities to see behind the doors of our beautiful buildings and venues, including Cambrey Baptist Church, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Cheltenham Ladies' College, Dean Close School,

Normandy House and the newly refurbished Pip & Jim's Church.

As ever, our thanks go all the owners, occupiers and volunteers who have helped to lay on the amazing programme for us this year, and to Sarah Harvey and her team of volunteers who have managed it all. We hope you have a wonderful time.

**Andrew Booton**  
Chairman,  
Cheltenham Civic Society

Key for 2021 themes

**EE** Edible England  
**SP** Secret Places



**Acknowledgements** Heritage Open Days is organised by Cheltenham Civic Society, with support and sponsorship from Cheltenham Borough Council. Thank you to all walk leaders, speakers and event organisers for all their hard work in putting this programme together.

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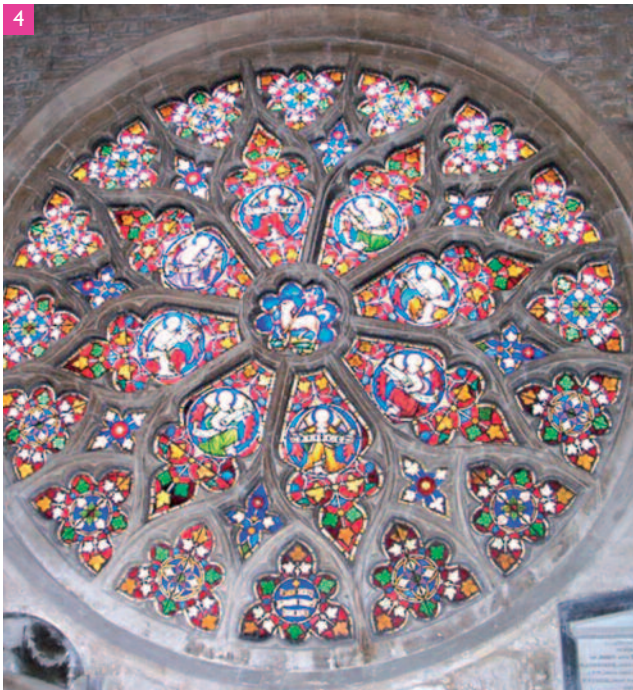
**1 Anney Gardens EE**  
 ♣ Sandford Park, High Street GL53 7PU  
 ☉ Open to the public. Dawn-dusk 7 days per week  
 ⓘ Disabled access from High Street entrance  
 Anney Gardens is a public open space within Sandford Park. Within it are a number of beds that are tended by volunteers of Vision 21, a local sustainability charity. The project was established in 2012 for people wishing to learn how to grow vegetables. Produce is free to the public.



**2 Cambray Baptist Church EE**  
 ♣ Cambray Place GL50 1JS ☉ Friday 10 & Saturday 11, 10am-3pm; Sunday 12 12noon-3pm ⓘ Refreshments/Disabled access/Toilets  
 ★ There will be regular tours throughout each day there is no need to book  
 Cambray Baptist Church is a listed building that opened in 1855. It has been refurbished several times during its 165 year history. However, many original features remain for you to see. Displays will explain something of our historic past and of our present activities. Special events on Saturday 11 including a talk by Alan Pilbeam on *The Old Vineyards of Gloucestershire* – see [www.cambray.org](http://www.cambray.org) for details.



**3 Cheltenham Croquet Club**  
 ♣ Old Bath Road GL53 7DF  
 ☉ Saturday 18 and Sunday 19, 10am, 12noon & 2pm  
 ⓘ Refreshments/Free parking (limited space)/Toilets  
 ★ Opportunity to play some croquet. Please bring flat soled shoes and shower proof top with you  
 There will be one hour tours commencing at 10am, 12noon & 2pm. 8 places are available on each tour. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology.



**4 Cheltenham Minster, St Mary's**  
 ♣ Well Walk off Clarence Street GL50 3JX  
 ☉ Friday 10, 11am-3pm; Saturday 11, 10am-4pm; Sunday 12, 1-4pm; Talk & Tour: 3pm; Monday 13–Wed 15, 11am-3pm; Thursday 16, 11am-3pm & 6.30-8.30pm. Tower open for visitors from 6.30-8pm. Talk 7pm; Friday 17, 11am-3pm; Saturday 18, 10am-4pm; Sunday 19, 1-4pm  
 ⓘ Refreshments (after events)/ Disabled access (ground floor only)/Free disabled parking/Toilets  
 ★ Bell Event: Ringing of bells from 7pm (20 minutes) plus talk on Thursday 16. Visitors not wanting to climb the tower can watch on the screen in the Minster  
 The Minster is the only medieval church in the town, with outstanding stained glass windows and interesting memorial tablets and an ancient schoolroom. See page 15 for talk details.

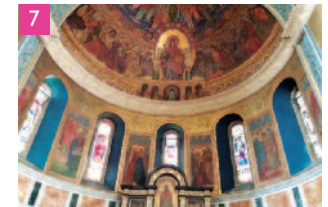
**Cheltenham Ladies' College**  
 ♣ Bayshill Road GL50 3EP  
 ☉ Saturday 11, 1-4pm  
 ⓘ Disabled access/Toilets  
 ★ Tours at 1pm, 2pm & 3pm: meet at College Main Entrance on Bayshill Road.  
 Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places per tour  
 Dating from 1873, main buildings are designed in ecclesiastical style. Interior shows influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Hour-long tour also includes History of College display room.



**Cheltenham Playhouse SP**  
 ♣ 47-53 Bath Road GL53 7HG  
 ☉ Sunday 12, 12noon-4pm  
 ⓘ Refreshments/Disabled access (partial)  
 ★ Tours every 10 minutes, lasting approximately 30 minutes.  
 Tours must be booked in advance via our box office on 01242 522852 or [www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk).  
 Maximum 6 places per tour  
 Converted to a theatre in 1945, the Playhouse has an astonishing history dating back to 1806; it has been a salts works, slipper baths, steam mill and bakery, medicinal spa, indoor cycling school, gymnasium, ARP centre and a swimming pool – which still exists under the auditorium.



**Christ Church**  
 ♣ Malvern Road GL50 2JH ☉ Sunday 19, 3pm  
 ⓘ Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking (limited)/Toilets  
 ★ Concert 3pm  
 'Sacred Chorus' - a short concert of choral and organ music by the Choir of Christ Church Cheltenham with Guest Organist Matthew Martin (Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge). Followed by homemade refreshments. Free entry, no need to pre-book.



**Church of St Michael and All Angels in Bishop's Cleeve SP**  
 ♣ Church Approach, Bishop's Cleeve GL52 8NG ☉ Saturday 11, 9am-12noon  
 ⓘ Refreshments/Disabled access (not schoolroom or oak stairs)/ Free parking (disabled only). Other parking available at St Michael's Centre car park via Churchfields GL52 8LL or at Tesco/Toilets  
 12th century building in Cotswold stone. All ground floor will be accessible, as well as ancient schoolroom over the porch. Items of interest include 2 paintings by PJ Crook, 15th century oak staircase, traces of wall paintings, weathervane designed by Anita Lafford. Guides will be on hand.



## EDIBLE ENGLAND IN CHELTENHAM

Tuck in and uncover tasty treats around Cheltenham. From Anney Gardens, tended by volunteers of Vision 21, to fascinating insights into Victorian wining and dining at the Holst Victorian House. Discover international edible delights with the Cheltenham Twinning Association, find out more about local heritage grains at Chaplais Kitchen and explore the recent orchard planting at Winston Churchill Memorial Gardens. Look out for entries marked with an **EE**.





**Dean Close School**

📍 Shelburne Road GL51 6HE  
 ☉ Wednesday 15, tour: 10am;  
 Thursday 16, tour: 10am;  
 Saturday 18, tours: 9am & 11am  
 🚻 Refreshments/Free parking  
 ★ There is very little of interest young children on the tour  
 The tours will concentrate on the Senior School buildings which date back to 1886 when Dean Close Memorial School, an evangelical educational establishment, first opened. The tour takes approximately 1 hour after which tea and cake will be served. The tour must be pre-booked through either the website at [www.deanclose.org.uk/heritage-open-days](http://www.deanclose.org.uk/heritage-open-days) or via e-mail or telephone on [aahume@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:aahume@deanclose.org.uk) 01242 258048.



**Francis Close Hall Edible Garden** EE SP

📍 FCH Campus, The University of Gloucestershire, St Paul's Road GL50 4AZ  
 ☉ Sunday 12 & Sunday 19, 11am-1pm  
 🚻 Disabled access/Free parking  
 ★ Disabled access possible, although some uneven surfaces/narrow points  
 A community garden where students and local residents grow vegetables together. The garden was designed using permaculture principles, and we use organic and biodynamic methods. The garden contains a pond, a compost area, an outdoor classroom, fruit trees and a pizza oven.



**Friends of Hatherley Park**

📍 Hatherley Park GL51 3AL  
 ☉ Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 and Saturday 18 & Sunday 19, 2-4pm  
 🚻 Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking  
 Friends of Hatherley Park will welcome you to the park on both weekends (weather permitting). Self-guided tree walk sheets will be available. Friends of Hatherley Park will be there with a display of archive material, photos and information from when the park first opened to present day. Also an opportunity to play boules.



**'Murder Most Unladylike' tours at Cheltenham Ladies' College** SP

📍 Bayshill Road GL50 3EP ☉ Saturday 11, 1-4pm 🚻 Disabled access/Toilets  
 ★ Tours for children (suggested age 8-13) at 1pm, 2pm & 3pm: meet at College Main Entrance on Bayshill Road. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places per tour  
 See the places that inspired Robin Stevens to create *Deepdean School*. The Gym, the Library Corridor, the Assembly Hall and the original Tunnel. Bun break is provided and you may even spot Daisy and Hazel.

**SHUSH – IT'S A SECRET!**

Cheltenham may be famous for secrets via a certain building to the west of the town, but this year's events let you explore more secret places and stories. Discover what secrets lie beneath the Cheltenham Playhouse or book a tour at Cheltenham Ladies' College to see the places that inspired Robin Stevens to create *Deepdean School*. For these and other secret places look out for entries marked **SP**.



Victorian kitchen at the Holst Victorian House, Richard Clerry, courtesy of the Cheltenham Camera Club

**Holst Victorian House** EE

📍 4 Clarence Road, Pittville GL52 2AY  
 ☉ Museum open 10am-4pm.  
 Book a free tour or talk with your visit.  
 Friday 10, 11am & 2pm. Talk by Laura Kinnear, Lits Philippou & Rachel Roberts: *Wining and Dining Victorian Style*  
 Saturday 11, 11am & 12noon. Talk by Carolyn S. Jones: *A Woman's Life*  
 Saturday 18, 10am & 2pm. Talk by Laura Kinnear & Lucy Moriarty: *Bake Back in Time*  
 🚻 Refreshments (for *Bake Back in Time* talk only)/Toilets  
 ★ 8 places available for each talk which includes free admission to the museum. See talk entries for details

The Holst Victorian House is celebrating a new name throughout Heritage Open Days 2021. Please see our website for our full 'Victorian' programme from drop scones on the range, Victorian wining and dining, to Punch and Judy.  
 Gustav Holst and his friend Ralph Vaughan Williams will also be out and about in Cheltenham town centre on 11 September from 2.30pm. Look out for them – they would love to have a chat!  
 There will be one free tour and two free talks as part of Heritage Open Days. Free admission will only be available to the house when booking on to one of these events. See pages 13, 14 and 15 for talks details.

**Normandy House**

📍 305-309 High Street GL50 3FB ☉ Saturday 11 (tours only), 10am & 11am  
 🚻 Disabled access (ground floor only)/Toilets  
 ★ Duration 1 hour: Tour covers three floors with no lift. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 6 places per tour  
 Built c.1813 as a gentleman's residence it became Cheltenham's first General Hospital and Dispensary and, in 1849, one of England's first women's teacher training colleges. Following a period of varied use and an award-winning restoration, it now houses offices and arts facilities.



**Queens Hotel**

📍 The Promenade GL50 1NN  
 ☉ Friday 10–Sunday 12 & Friday 17–Sunday 19, 12noon-5pm  
 🚻 Disabled access/Toilets  
 ★ Visitors report to reception for instructions and information sheet  
 Built in the 1830s, this iconic building is at the heart of the town's social life with its classical façade and original period features. Tours will take place every hour between 12noon-5pm on the dates above.



**St Andrew's United Reformed Church**

📍 Montpellier Street GL50 1SP  
 ☉ Saturday 11, 11am-4pm  
 🚻 Disabled access/Toilets  
 ★ Talk: *The House that Moved* by Dr Tony Jeans and Mrs Sandra Jeans, Saturday 11, 2.30pm  
 Grade II listed Victorian Gothic church opened in 1886, refurbished 2002. Willis Organ. Many original architectural features, including memorials relating to the building of the church. See page 13 for talk details.





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**St Lawrence's Church** **EE**

📍 Church Road, Swindon Village GL51 9RA  
 🕒 Saturday 18, 11am-5pm.  
 Talk: *The History of Swindon Village* by Barry Simon. 2pm, lasts about 1 hour.  
 Walk: *The Swindon Village Conservation Area* led by Barry Simon and Eileen Allen. 3pm, about 1 mile.  
 📌 Refreshments (all day except 2-3pm during talk)/Disabled access/Parking (free at Swindon Village Hall about a ¼ mile away on Church Road or on local streets for those who cannot walk from the village hall)/Toilet suitable for disabled  
 An historic Norman church which includes a display on local farming and market gardening. See page 13 for walk details and page 15 for talk details.

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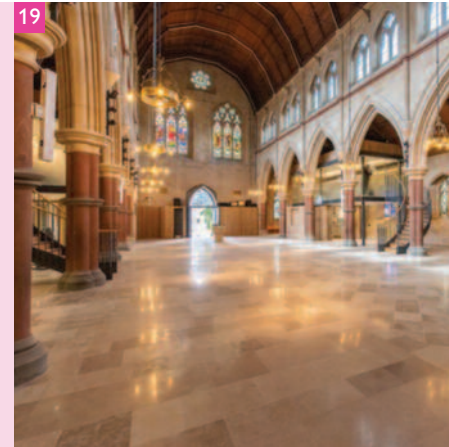
**St Luke's Church** **EE**

📍 St Luke's Road GL53 7JJ  
 🕒 Friday 10, 12noon-4pm.  
 Tour 2.15pm;  
 Saturday 11, 12noon-9pm.  
 Talks: 2.30pm & 7pm;  
 Sunday 12, 12noon-6pm, Talk: 2pm;  
 Monday 13 & Tuesday 14, 12noon-4pm;  
 Wednesday 15, 12noon-4pm.  
 Workshop 12noon-4pm;  
 Thursday 16 & Friday 17, 12noon-4pm;  
 Saturday 18, 12noon-6pm.  
 Tour 2.15pm;  
 Sunday 19, 12noon-4pm  
 📌 Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking/Toilets  
 ★ Victorian Afternoon Tea in association with the Holst Victorian House accompanied by a piano duet on Saturday 11  
 St Luke's church, designed by FW. Ordish, was consecrated in 1854 and has impressive stained glass windows, mosaics, wood carvings and relics of the demolished St John's church. View St Luke's church's many Victorian attributes on a guided tour of the

galleries and clock tower; via a hidden spiral staircase. Enjoy talks on Victorian food and drink and *Cheltenham: A Secret: A-Z*, afternoon tea, a watercolour workshop on the theme of Edible England and music. Relax with a *Victorian Afternoon Tea & Talk* on Saturday 11 at 2.30pm. The guided tour and *Watercolour*

*Workshop* must be pre-booked by contacting [sylvia@lauer22.plus.com](mailto:sylvia@lauer22.plus.com). *The Victorian Wine and Cheese tasting event* with Lits Philippou on Saturday 11, 7pm is a partner event with the Holst Victorian House. Discover more about Secret Cheltenham on Sunday 12, 2pm with David Elder. See page 14 for talks details.

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**St Philip & St James Church (Pip & Jim's)**

📍 Grafton Road GL50 2DD  
 🕒 Saturday 11, 10am-5.30pm  
 📌 Refreshments (Tea, coffee & cake)/Disabled access/Free parking (limited)/Toilets  
 ★ Lunchtime lecture *A Tale of Two Churches* by Adrian Barlow at 12noon (45 places) and a talk *Aristocrats, Admirals and an Architect* by Neela Mann at 3.30pm (45 places).  
 Organ recital 11-11.30am & 2.30-3pm (no booking required). Compline sung by P&J Choir at 5pm (no booking required)  
 One of Cheltenham's landmark churches, during the past year Pip & Jim's Victorian interior has been dramatically transformed. Informal tours throughout day; children's activities include a labyrinth and young explorers' trail; organ recitals and lectures. Display of vestments and new altar cloth. Self-guiding leaflets available; information desk and stewards on hand to answer questions. See pages 13 and 14 for talk details.

**The Cheltenham Trust**

🕒 10-19 September  
 Information on Heritage Open Days events and activities will be available at [www.cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamtrust.org.uk) and on social media.

**The New Club Cheltenham**

📍 2 Montpellier Parade GL50 1UD  
 🕒 Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 & Friday 17, 11am-3pm  
 📌 Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking/Toilets  
 ★ Duration 1 hour. 18 years plus only. Pre-book and collect ticket from The Suffolk Anthology  
 Tour of the facilities with an insight into the history of the Club plus a presentation on the Club. Tours at 11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm. Up to 20 places for each tour.

**Winston Churchill Memorial Gardens** **EE**

📍 Entrance from Lower High Street GL50 3JA, or from Market Street GL50 3NH  
 🕒 Saturday 18, 12noon-4pm  
 📌 Disabled access  
 The Friends of the Winston Churchill Memorial Gardens will have a display on the history of the park, previously a cemetery, and before that an orchard. As well as sharing their knowledge of the park, including the recent orchard planting along Market Street, they would love to hear your stories.

**Self-Guided Walk: Edible Historic Cheltenham – From an Urban Meadow to a Sober Parrot! Who lived here in the past?** **EE**

📌 Self Guided Walk 📌 Pick up the walk sheet from the venues or download from [www.turfcheltenham.co.uk](http://www.turfcheltenham.co.uk) or [www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/](http://www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/)  
 A dozen independent cafés and restaurants on the way will display who lived or worked in their buildings in the past. Pick up the walk sheet from the following venues and look for the displays there. **Rodney Road:** Urban Meadow, Purslane; **Regent Street:** The Find; Domaine 16, Woodkraft, Bar Padron; **Clarence Street area:** Lumière, L'Artisan, GL50, O'Hara's, Muse Brasserie, Sober Parrot.



**FREE SELF-GUIDED WALKS**  
 Collect from the Holst Victorian House

There are eleven walks, written by members of Cheltenham Local History Society and Friends of Pittville, which you can do at your leisure. Walk sheets can be picked up from Holst Victorian House, 4 Clarence Road, Pittville, Cheltenham GL52 2AY.





# GUIDED WALKS AND TALKS – HOW TO BOOK

It is essential to pre-book and collect your **free** tickets for all guided walks and some talks (see individual entries for details). Entry to all walks and most talks is by ticket only. Bookings can be made from **Monday 2 August** until one day before the walk itself.

Booking and collection of tickets can be made IN PERSON from:  
**The Suffolk Anthology, 17 Suffolk Parade, Cheltenham GL50 2AE**  
 Open Monday-Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm  
 @CheltAnthology



Please could you wear a mask when booking tickets in the bookshop.

When you make a booking you will be asked to give your contact phone number so, if there are any changes to Government guidance, you can be contacted with an update. Your contact details will only be held until 19 October 2021. **Please do not phone The Suffolk Anthology for bookings or queries, however, you may call 07711 631962 for assistance.**

Current Government guidance must be followed on all walks and talks and these will be listed on the reverse of the ticket. If you don't follow the guidance you will be asked to leave the walk or talk.

We are very grateful to **The Suffolk Anthology** for helping with tickets for Cheltenham Heritage Open Days 2021 and for all walk and talk leaders who are giving their own knowledge, time and enthusiasm free of charge and without them Heritage Open Days would be much poorer.

Please carefully check the entry in this brochure for the event you are interested in and ensure that you book correctly. Please note that all walks and talks finishing times are approximate.

Cheltenham Civic Society

# DISCOVER PITTVILLE – WALKS & TALKS



## Walk: The Trees of Pittville Park

**1** Rob Hyatt Williams  
 Start & Finish: Pittville Pump Room  
 Friday 10 & Sunday 19, 10.30am  
 Duration 60 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places available

Taking in the East and West areas of Pittville Park, this walk will explore the many interesting aspects of the park and its evolution over the years.

- Please bring a folding chair or blanket/cushion to sit on. For more details on this request please check our entry on [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)\*
- Wheelchairs may find grass floor difficult
- Parking behind Pittville Pump Room
- £1 payable after two hours; four hours maximum
- Toilets and an accessible toilet nearby

## Talks: These Magnificent Rooms – the Season at Pittville Spa EE

**1** Several speakers Start: Gazebo on the lawn beside the lake below Pittville Pump Room, East Approach Drive GL52 3JE  
 Saturday 18, 10am & 2pm. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 25 places available  
 Duration 2 hours

What was 'the season' at Pittville? What did 'taking the waters' involve? What was a public breakfast? What was the Pump Room used for? Who lived at the Pump Room? Find the answers to these and other questions, and sample some treats of the period. *Please bring a folding chair or blanket/cushion to sit on\**.



## Walk: Booze, Balloons and Burials

**1** Neela Mann Start & Finish: Outside Honeybourne Gate (Corner of Gloucester Road & High Street) Friday 10, 11am & 2.30pm and Tuesday 14, 2.30pm  
 Duration approximately 1 hour. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places

Stories of the development of the Lower High Street area, with special reference to the Dobell family. This walk takes in the gas works, a short way up the Gloucester Road, Winston Churchill Memorial Gardens, the Honeybourne Line and some of the streets surrounding Honeybourne Gate.



## Walk: Time Please! (Cheltenham's lost pubs & breweries) EE

**1** Phil Collins & Mike Bottomley Start: The Railway, New Street GL50 3QL Finish: Boots Corner Friday 10, 2pm & Wednesday 15, 2pm  
 Duration 90 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 15 places available

Join Phil and Mike of Cheltenham Promenaders as we explore the extraordinary stories of the myriad of lost breweries, inns and public houses around the streets of old Cheltenham. Discover tales of miraculous animals, champion prize fighters, murder most foul and much, much more.



## Walk: Skillicorne to Skillicorne

**1** Neela Mann  
 Start: Meet outside GL50 restaurant, Well Walk – a hidden gastronomic gem  
 Saturday 11 & Tuesday 14, 11am Duration approximately 1 hour.  
 Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places

Explores sites connected to the 'father of Cheltenham' who developed the spa and those of his descendants. A self-guided version of the walk is available free of charge from GL50. Look out for Captain Skillicorne himself! (Courtesy of the Cheltenham Promenaders)



## Walk: Anney Gardens EE

**1** Dave Entwistle  
 Start & Finish: Meet by notice board in Anney Gardens, High Street GL53 7PU  
 Saturday 11, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm  
 Duration 60 minutes. No pre-booking required

Come along and learn about the history of the project and aspects of the garden, which is tended by volunteers of Vision 21, a local sustainable charity.



## Walk: Naunton Park, Cheltenham's 'Garden of Eden'

**1** David Elder Start & Finish: Main entrance to Naunton Park, near the Hay Cottages, Naunton Lane GL53 7BB  
 Saturday 11, 2pm Duration 60-75 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 15 places

Known as 'The Garden of Eden' by its Victorian benefactor, Naunton Park remains one of Cheltenham's delightful green spaces. Led by local writer and historian David Elder, this walk celebrates its gardens, almshouses, recreation ground, and adjacent school (used as a WWI Red Cross Hospital).



## Walk: Cheltenham's Bath Road and The Suffolks – 200 Years of Trading History

**1** Stuart Manton Start & Finish: The Norwood Arms, Leckhampton Road GL53 0AX Sunday 12, 10am & Sunday 19, 3pm  
 Duration 90 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 12 places

This circular walk takes us along the upper Bath Road to the Suffolks and Great Norwood Street. We will hear about the history of this vibrant area, stopping to look at some of the shops, pubs and other notable buildings.





**30 Walk: Taking the Waters**  
 1 Lesley Sainty  
 2 Start: 10 Montpellier Spa Road GL50 1UL Finish: 123 High Street GL50 1DQ  
 3 Sunday 12 & Wednesday 15, 10.30am  
 4 Duration 60 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places available  
 A Walk and Talk based on the novel *Taking the Waters* by local author Lesley Sainty. Follow in the Regency footsteps of the characters, find out about historical locations featured in the book and listen to readings on location. *No children under 12.*



**31 Walk: Spas, Spats and Stories**  
 1 Neela Mann  
 2 Starts: Montpellier Wine Bar, Montpellier Street  
 3 Monday 13, 2pm & Thursday 16, 2.30pm  
 4 Duration approximately 1 hour plus. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 10 places  
 Henry Thompson and his son Pearson gave us The Rotunda and Lansdown. This walk explores the story, 1800-1850, of their paths, pitfalls and particular residents of Lansdown.



**32 Walk: The Park Campus Tours**  
 1 Louise Hughes 2 Start & Finish: Meet at Elwes Reception, University of Glos, The Park Campus GL50 2RH 3 Tuesday 14, 10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm  
 4 Duration 1 hour. Pre-booking essential via archives@glos.ac.uk or 01242 714851. Narrow pavements and uneven lakeside path. Pay and display car parking available  
 The Park Campus remains a remarkable example of the early development of Cheltenham's green spaces. Find out how its inhabitants changed from elephants to Ursuline nuns to female trainee-teachers over the years (plus a visit by the Queen Mother!).



**33 Walk: Regency Cheltenham**  
 1 Mary Moxham  
 2 Start: Outside Cheltenham Town Hall, Imperial Square  
 Finish: The Promenade  
 3 Tuesday 14, 11am  
 4 Duration 90 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 15 places available  
 Explore the development of this Regency spa town; discover architectural highlights and significant personalities in Cheltenham's history.



**34 Walk: The Prestbury You Didn't Know**  
 1 Roger Beacham and Tony Noel 2 Start & Finish: Prestbury Library, The Burgage GL52 3DN 3 Wednesday 15, 2.15pm  
 4 Duration 1 hour. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 15 places available  
 See the site of an exotic grotto where King George III and Queen Charlotte drank tea and the house associated with the artist Dora Carrington. Though no longer in situ, see the gravemarker of General Whinyates and hear about his command of the Rocket Brigade at Waterloo.



**35 Walk: Cheltenham Backwaters – Exploring the River Chelt**  
 1 Mary Moxham  
 2 Start: The Meadow Café, Old Bath Road Finish: Honeybourne/Waitrose Bridge  
 3 Thursday 16, 11am  
 4 Duration 90 minutes. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 15 places available. This is a linear walk  
 A linear walk, following part of the River Chelt from Cox's Meadow through Sandford Park and the town centre and out towards Arle.

**Walk: Imperial Gardens' Trees**  
 1 Sam Reader  
 2 Start & Finish: Gustav Holst statue, Imperial Gardens GL50 1QA  
 3 Thursday 16, 4.30pm  
 4 Duration 45 minutes (approximately).  
 Pre-book ticket at trees@cheltenham.gov.uk. 7 places  
 Walking tour of trees in Imperial Gardens with Sam Reader; Tree Officer at Cheltenham Borough Council.

**Walk: The Swindon Village Conservation Area**  
 1 Barry Simon and Eileen Allen  
 2 Start & Finish: St Lawrence's Church, Church Road, Swindon Village GL51 9RA  
 3 Saturday 18, 3pm  
 4 Duration 1 hour. Booking not required unless Covid restrictions apply in which case e-mail barry\_simon@hotmail.com at least the day before  
 Some mildly uneven paths on the route from the historic Norman church. Walk includes Swindon Hall and Manor Grounds.

**Talk: Wining and Dining Victorian Style EE**  
 1 Laura Kinnear, Lits Philippou & Rachel Roberts, Archivist Cheltenham Ladies' College  
 2 Holst Victorian House, 4 Clarence Road, Pittville GL52 2AY  
 3 Friday 10, 11am & 2pm. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 8 places available. 4 Duration 1 hour. Toilets  
 Wining and dining Victorian style: Upstairs, Downstairs & Nursery fare. Where would you choose to eat and drink if you lived in Victorian England? Learn about the diet of a Victorian child, the food and wine served upstairs and the fare 'below stairs' on this talk/tour.

**Talk: A Woman's Life**  
 1 Carolyn S. Jones  
 2 Holst Victorian House, 4 Clarence Road, Pittville GL52 2AY  
 3 Saturday 11, 11am & 12noon. 8 places available includes free admission to the museum. Pre-book a ticket by emailing curator@holstmuseum.org.uk  
 4 Duration 1 hour. Toilets  
 Free bookable talk by writer Carolyn S. Jones about her original play that was recently made into a film. The story explores the lives of Gustav's mother; Clara von Holst, and Isabella Beeton, author of the *Book of Household Management*.

**Talk: A Tale of Two Churches: the illustrated story of Pip & Jim's**  
 1 Adrian Barlow 2 St Philip & St James Church, Grafton Road GL50 2DD  
 3 Saturday 11, 12noon. Pre-booking essential, in person only, at The Suffolk Anthology. 45 places available  
 4 Refreshments (Tea, coffee & cake)/Disabled access/Free parking (limited)/Toilets  
 50 minute illustrated talk, tracing history of two churches on this site from 1837 to 2021: the building of the original church, St. Philip's, replaced in 1879-1881 by the present church, Pip & Jim's, and the recent dramatic re-ordering project, already attracting interest and admiration across the Church of England.

**Talk: The House that Moved**  
 1 Dr Tony Jeans and Mrs Sandra Jeans  
 2 St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Montpellier Street GL50 1SP  
 3 Saturday 11, 2.30pm. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 50 places available. Not suitable for young children  
 4 Duration 1 hour. Disabled access/Toilets  
 How a medieval house came to be moved from Gloucester Road to Dowdeswell.





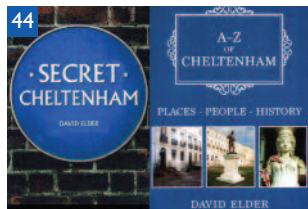


**42** **Talk: The Colourful Origins and Secrets Behind a Victorian Afternoon Tea** **EE**  
 1 Lits Philippou ☉ St Luke's Church, St Luke's Road GL53 7JJ  
 ☉ Saturday 11, 2.30pm  
 1 Duration about 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking/Toilets  
 Join us for a cuppa whilst listening to the story of the history, origins and secrets of our iconic national drink. The event is in association with the Holst Victorian House. Lits will present a 30-minute talk at 2.30pm, followed by tea and cakes accompanied by a piano duet.



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**43** **Talk: Aristocrats, Admirals and an Architect: the memorials of Pip & Jim's**  
 1 Neela Mann ☉ St Philip & St James Church, Grafton Road GL50 2DD  
 ☉ Saturday 11, 3.30pm. Pre-booking essential, in person only, at The Suffolk Anthology. 45 places available  
 1 Refreshments (Tea, coffee & cake)/Disabled access/Free parking (limited)/Toilets  
 50 minute illustrated talk tells the stories of some of the colourful, controversial and fascinating men and women commemorated in Pip & Jim's. It presents a vivid picture of social and political life in 19th century Cheltenham.



**44** **Talk: Cheltenham: A Secret A to Z** **SP**  
 1 David Elder ☉ St Luke's Church, St Luke's Road GL53 7JJ  
 ☉ Sunday 12, 2pm. Duration 1 hour. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 50 places available  
 1 Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking/Toilets  
 How well do you know Cheltenham, its places, people and history? This 45 minute talk (plus Q&A) draws on material from two recently published books, *Secret Cheltenham* and *A-Z of Cheltenham*, to reveal fascinating facts and stories about Cheltenham which are less well known or lie hidden beneath the surface.



**45** **Talk: Jack is Back! – The return of an ancient Cheltenham folk tradition**  
 1 Mike Bottomley ☉ Cheltenham Playhouse, 47-53 Bath Road GL53 7HG  
 ☉ Wednesday 15, 11am. Talk must be booked in advance via our box office on 01242 522852 or [www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk). 30 places available  
 1 Duration 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access (partial)  
 Jack in the Green was a folk custom that was flourishing in Gloucestershire from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Follow the story of this audacious attempt to bring this colourful British tradition back to the streets of Cheltenham for the first time in over 100 years.



**46** **Talk: Booze, Balloons and Burials**  
 1 Neela Mann  
 ☉ Cheltenham Playhouse, 47-53 Bath Road GL53 7HG  
 ☉ Wednesday 15, 2pm. Talk must be booked in advance via our box office on 01242 522852 or [www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk). 30 places available  
 1 Duration 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access (partial)  
 A saunter around the history of the lower High Street area. Local historian Neela Mann tells the story of the area. This illustrated talk is also a walk of the area led by Neela. See page 11 for walk details.

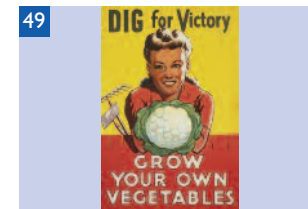


**47** **Talk: Sipton Mill – Local Heritage Grains** **EE**  
 1 John Letts ☉ Chaplais Kitchen (Maison Chaplais), Rotunda Terrace, 15 Montpellier Street GL50 1SD  
 ☉ Wednesday 15, 2pm. Pre-book and collect a ticket from The Suffolk Anthology. 15 places available  
 1 Duration 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access/Toilets  
 A talk about Heritage Grains, with a representative from Sipton Mill explaining how the flour from these grains is better for our gut, and biodiversity.

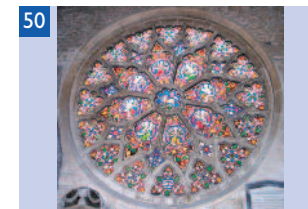
**Talk: Leckhampton Rioters: Thugs or Martyrs?**  
 1 Neela Mann ☉ Cheltenham Playhouse, 47-53 Bath Road GL53 7HG  
 ☉ Thursday 16, 11am. Talk must be booked in advance via our box office on 01242 522852 or [www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk). 30 places available  
 1 Duration 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access (partial)  
 Paths people had walked on over Leckhampton Hill for years were blocked when Henry Dale bought the hill in 1897. Thousands of people tried upholding the rights of way with demonstrations year after year but it took a group of local working men to stand up to Dale, but they paid the price. Local historian Neela Mann tells the story.



**Talk: Dig For Victory** **EE**  
 1 Fiona Warin ☉ Cheltenham Playhouse, 47-53 Bath Road GL53 7HG  
 ☉ Thursday 16, 2pm. Talk must be booked in advance via our box office on 01242 522852 or [www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk). 30 places available  
 1 Duration 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access (partial)  
 Fiona Warin, Allotment Officer for Cheltenham Borough Council, will take you through the domestic food growing campaign of WWII, as she creates a fictional gardening club to answer the call to 'Dig for Victory'. The campaign is brought to life in a highly entertaining and informative way.



**Talk: Bell Ringing**  
 1 Talk Liz Coke (Captain of Cheltenham Minster Bell Ringers)  
 ☉ Cheltenham Minster, St Mary's, Well Walk off Clarence Street GL50 3JX  
 ☉ Thursday 16, 7pm  
 1 Duration 30 minutes. Disabled access (ground floor only)  
 No need to pre-book, come along to hear the bells and stay for the talk.



**Talk: Bake Back in Time** **EE**  
 1 Laura Kinnear and Lucy Moriarty  
 ☉ Holst Victorian House, 4 Clarence Road, Pittville GL52 2AY  
 ☉ Saturday 18, 10am & 2pm. 8 places available includes free admission to the museum. Book a ticket by emailing [curator@holstmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curator@holstmuseum.org.uk)  
 1 Duration 1 hour. Toilets  
 Experience 19th century baking in our Victorian kitchen in this edible talk.



**Talk: The History of Swindon Village**  
 1 Barry Simon  
 ☉ St Lawrence's Church, Church Road, Swindon Village GL51 9RA  
 ☉ Saturday 18, 2pm. No booking required unless Covid restrictions apply in which case email [barry\\_simon@hotmail.com](mailto:barry_simon@hotmail.com) at least the day before  
 1 Duration about 1 hour. Refreshments/Disabled access/Free parking/Toilet  
 An illustrated talk about Swindon Village and its historic Norman church.



**VICTORIAN WINE TASTING: A SAMPLING OF SIX CLASSIC WINES WITH CHEESE with Lits Philippou**  
 Saturday 11 September, 7pm at St Luke's Church GL53 7JJ

Almost all of the wine drunk in Britain during the Victorian era was consumed by the upper classes as it was imported from the classic regions of Europe and was expensive. Let's sample and explore the tastes and flavours the Victorian upper classes would have enjoyed at their tables along with a plate of cheese that would make Mrs Beeton proud. • **The Victorian Wine and Cheese tasting is a partner event.** • Visit the Holst Victorian House website for ticket prices and booking details.





**Cheltenham Synagogue**  
**A Taste of Jewish Food** EE

Welcome to Jewish food. And not just chicken soup! Some reflections on how Jewish food became part of our nation's heritage.

- Find out more by viewing the pdf at [www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/](http://www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/)



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**Cheltenham Twinning Association – Online Talk** EE

Cheltenham enjoys strong cultural links with its international twin towns in today's global society. Join us for this virtual trip to Anney (France), Göttingen (Germany), Kisumu (Kenya), Sochi (Russia), Cheltenham, PA (USA), Stampersgat (The Netherlands) and Weihai (China) to discover some international edible delights!

- For an invitation link to this 1-hour online talk on Thursday 16 September at 11am, please email [Annette.Wight@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:Annette.Wight@cheltenham.gov.uk), Twinning & Events Officer, Cheltenham Borough Council.



**Francis Close Hall Campus Online Tour**

Take an online tour of the historic Francis Close Hall Campus, one of Cheltenham's finest examples of a Victorian-Gothic building. Follow our Twitter feed during the day and our Archivist will be on hand to answer your questions. No booking required.

- Tweets throughout the day on Thursday 16 September <https://twitter.com/UniGlosArchives>



**Linton House – from family home to charity headquarters**

Explore the changing fortunes of Linton House, from new build family home to headquarters of Cobalt, a local medical charity; discover the families who lived in Linton House and gain an insight into Victorian weddings, and the presents they gave.

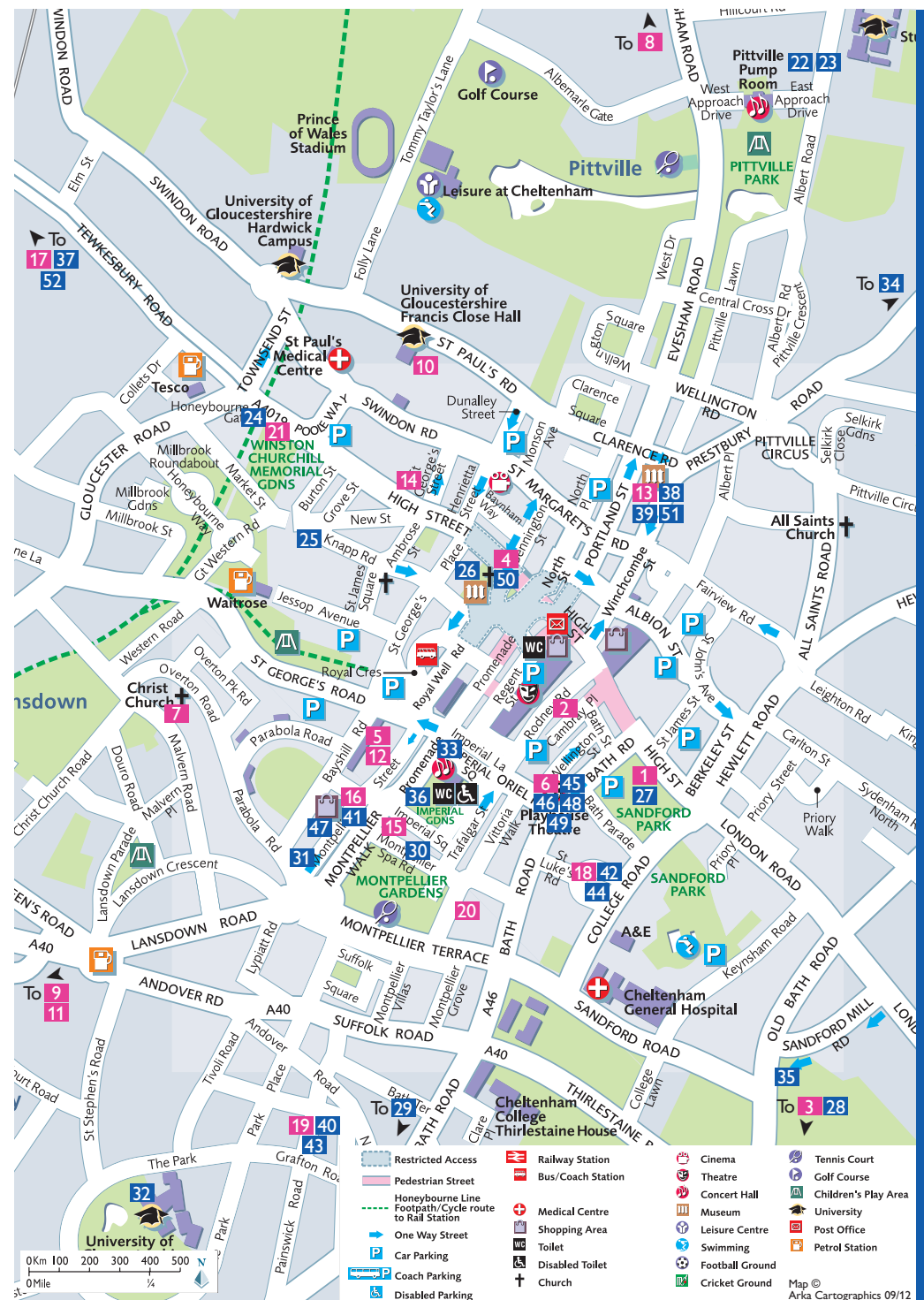
- Virtual pre recorded event with several speakers, available to download throughout the festival [www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/](http://www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/)



**The Hub Gallery, Christ Church**

- Malvern Road GL50 2JH
- Friday 10 & Monday 13–Friday 17, 10am-12noon
- Disabled access/Free parking (limited)
- PDF of 'Banners Trail'

Trail of banners with messages of Hope, EDEN Restoring Paradise, begins here and on display in various venues. Download the trail from [www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/](http://www.cheltcivicsoc.org/events/heritage-open-days/)



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Map ref	Postcode	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
1	Anney Gardens	GL53 7PU	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk	Dawn – dusk
2	Cambray Baptist Church	GL50 1JS	10-3	10-3	12-3						
3	Cheltenham Croquet Club <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7DF								10, 12 & 2	10, 12 & 2
4	Cheltenham Minster, St Mary's	GL50 3JX	11-3	10-4	1-4	11-3	11-3	11-3	11-3 & 6.30-8.30	11-3	10-4
5	Cheltenham Ladies' College <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 3EP		1-4							
6	Cheltenham Playhouse <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7HG			12-4						
7	Christ Church	GL50 2JH									3
8	Church of St Michael and All Angels in Bishop's Cleeve	GL52 8NG		9-12							
9	Dean Close School <b>BOOK</b>	GL51 6HE					10	10		9 & 11	
10	Francis Close Hall Edible Garden	GL50 4AZ			11-1						11-1
11	Friends of Hatherley Park	GL51 3AL		2-4	2-4					2-4	2-4
12	'Murder Most Unladylike' tours at Cheltenham Ladies' College <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 3EP		1-4							
13	Holst Victorian House <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 2AY	11 & 2	11 & 12						10 & 2	
14	Normandy House <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 3FB		10 & 11							
15	Queens Hotel	GL50 1NN	12-5	12-5	12-5				12-5	12-5	12-5
16	St Andrew's United Reformed Church	GL50 1SP		11-4							
17	St Lawrence's Church	GL51 9RA								11-5	
18	St Luke's Church	GL53 7JJ	12-4	12-9	12-6	12-4	12-4	12-4	12-4	12-6	12-4
19	St Philip & St James Church (Pip & Jim's)	GL50 2DD		10-5.30							
20	The New Club Cheltenham <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1UD					11-3	11-3	11-3		
21	Winston Churchill Memorial Gardens	GL50 3JA								12-4	
22	Walk: The Trees of Pittville Park <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 3JE	10.30								10.30
23	Talks: These Magnificent Rooms – the Season at Pittville Spa <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 3JE								10 & 2	
24	Walk: Booze, Balloons and Burials <b>BOOK</b>	GL51 8DW	11 & 2.30			2.30					
25	Walk: Time Please! (Cheltenham's lost pubs & breweries) <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 3QL	2				2				
26	Walk: Skillicorne to Skillicorne <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 3JX		11		11					
27	Walk: Anney Gardens	GL53 7PU		12, 1, 2 & 3							
28	Walk: Naunton Park, Cheltenham's 'Garden of Eden' <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7BB		2							
29	Walk: Cheltenham's Bath Road and The Suffolks – 200 Years of Trading History <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 0AX			10						3
30	Walk: Taking the Waters <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1UL			10.30		10.30				
31	Walk: Spas, Spats and Stories <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1SY			2			2.30			
32	Walk: The Park Campus Tours <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 2RH				10, 12, 2 & 4					
33	Walk: Regency Cheltenham <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1QA				11					
34	Walk: The Prestbury You Didn't Know <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 3DN					2.15				
35	Walk: Cheltenham Backwaters – Exploring the River Chelt <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7DF						11			
36	Walk: Imperial Gardens' Trees <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1QA						4.30			
37	Walk: The Swindon Village Conservation Area	GL51 9RA								3	
38	Talk: Wining and Dining Victorian Style <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 2AY	11 & 2								
39	Talk: A Woman's Life <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 2AY		11 & 12							
40	Talk: A Tale of Two Churches: the illustrated story of Pip & Jim's <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 2DD		12							
41	Talk: The House that Moved <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1SP		2.30							
42	Talk: The Colourful Origins and Secrets Behind a Victorian Afternoon Tea	GL53 7JJ		2.30							
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46	Talk: Booze, Balloons and Burials <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7HG					2				
47	Talk: Shipton Mill – Local Heritage Grains <b>BOOK</b>	GL50 1SD					2				
48	Talk: Leckhampton Rioters: Thugs or Martyrs? <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7HG						11			
49	Talk: Dig For Victory <b>BOOK</b>	GL53 7HG						2			
50	Talk: Bell Ringing	GL50 3JX						7			
51	Talk: Bake Back in Time <b>BOOK</b>	GL52 2AY								10 & 2	
52	Talk: The History of Swindon Village	GL51 9RA								2	





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