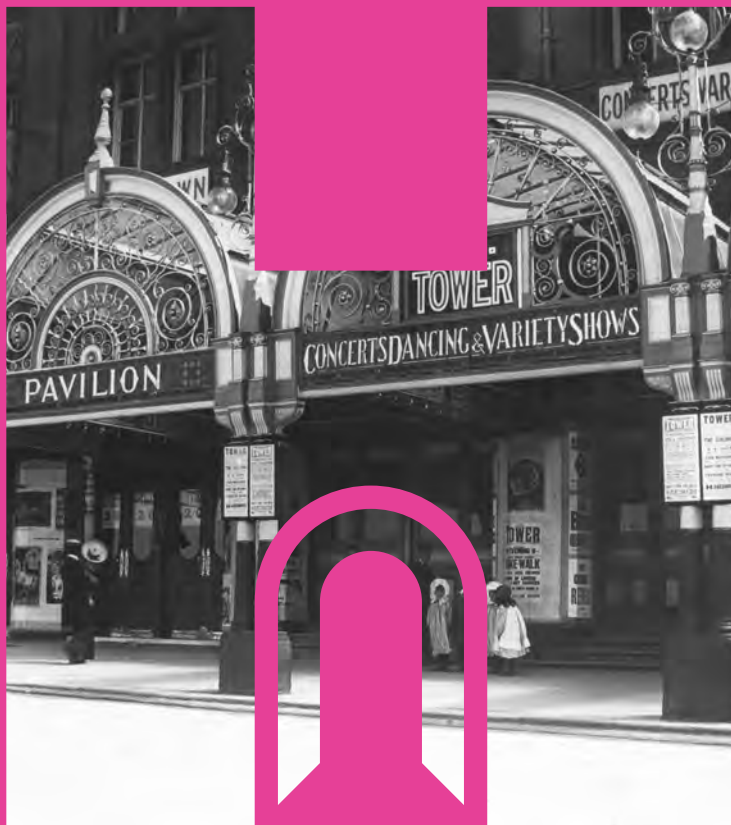


# Heritage Open Days

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Blackpool and the Fylde Coast

# Welcome to Heritage Open Days 2022

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of heritage and culture. Across the country, thousands of heritage venues take part, opening their doors and providing a variety of heritage events, free of charge.

This year as Heritage Blackpool joins the Showtown family it's an exciting opportunity for us to explore and showcase the town's extraordinary and eclectic history together, uncovering unique local stories and hidden treasures as well as providing free activities for the whole family to enjoy.

More information can be found on [www.showtownblackpool.co.uk](http://www.showtownblackpool.co.uk) and [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk).

Please note: all event information is correct at time of print and is subject to change. Any changes will be clearly displayed on our website and on social media.

## How to book tickets

Our Heritage Open Days phone line will be open weekdays from Friday 15 July to Friday 16 September, 2022, between 9:30am and 5:00pm. During the Heritage Open Days weekend, phone lines will be open on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September, 2022 between 9:30am and 3:00pm. Please call 01253 478624 to book your tickets.

To book online, please go to [www.showtownblackpool.co.uk](http://www.showtownblackpool.co.uk). Tickets are on a first come, first served basis.

## Symbols key



Parking



Toilets



Refreshments



Child friendly/activities



Assistance dogs welcome



Full wheelchair access



Partial wheelchair access



Baby changing/Breastfeeding area



Disabled parking



Accessible toilets



Hearing loop



Sign language interpretation



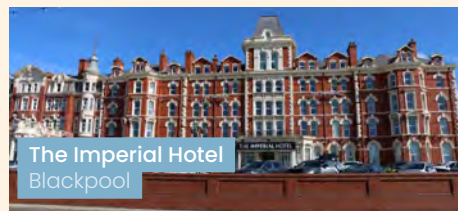
Family activity

# Blackpool

Pre-book events

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Proms & Piers  
Thrills & Spills  
Fun & Games



## THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

North Promenade, Blackpool, FY1 2HB

The Imperial Hotel has been wowing its visitors since 1867. Notable guests have ranged from royalty and politicians, to stars of the screen and stage. Take a behind-the-scenes look at this hotel on a guided tour which includes the Turkish Baths.

**Thur 15 Sep, 11:00am & 3:00pm (60 mins)**

**Fri 16 Sep, 11:00am & 3:00pm (60 mins)**

Organised by The Imperial Hotel.



## LAYTON CEMETERY

Cemetery Lodge, Tailbot Road

Founded in 1871, Layton Cemetery is an atmospheric resting place with a captivating history. Discover the stories behind the graves of some of Blackpool's most famous residents.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** – to book, phone 01253 399982

**Thur 15 Sep – Sun 18 Sep, 11:00am – 2:00pm**

Organised by Friends of Layton Cemetery.



## CENTRAL LIBRARY

Queen Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PX

Come and have a look around our beautiful Carnegie library. Find out why it's here, who it was gifted by, and about the inventions which made it possible.

**Thur 15 Sep, 10:30am & 2:30pm**

**Sat 17 Sep, 10:30am & 2:30pm**

Organised by Blackpool Libraries.



## CINEMA HERITAGE TOUR

Meeting point: Old Imperial Picture Palace on the corner of Dickson Rd and Lansdowne Place

Discover the history of Blackpool cinemas on this enjoyable guided walking tour. Visit the sites of some of the iconic cinemas of the past whilst learning the history of cinema in Blackpool.

**Fri 16 Sep, 11:00am (90 mins)**

Organised by Showtown Blackpool.

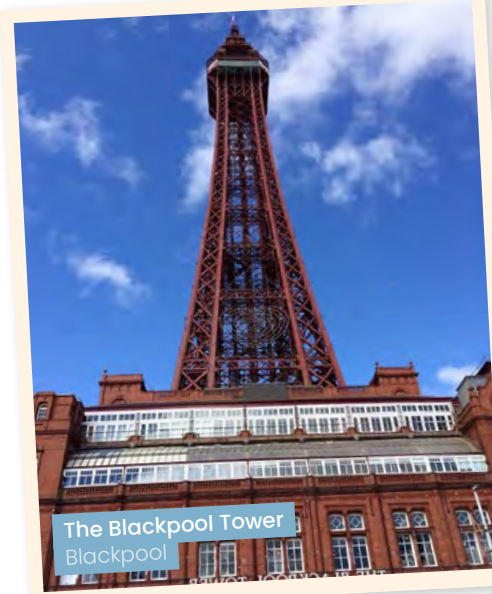


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## THE BLACKPOOL TOWER

Central Promenade, Blackpool, FY1 4BJ

Opened on 14th May 1894, this iconic Blackpool landmark has enticed, impressed and entertained visitors for over 125 years! Join us for a tour and explore the fascinating history that lies within this stunning building.

**Sat 17 Sep, 10:00am (90 mins)**

**Sun 18 Sep, 10:00am (90 mins)**

Organised by The Blackpool Tower and Showtown Blackpool.



## TRAMTOWN TALK WITH BRYAN LINDOP

The Imperial Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool, FY1 2HB

Tramtown – find out more about what the future holds for Rigby Road tram depot in this talk by Bryan Lindop.

**Thur 15 Sep, 1:30pm (60 mins)**

Organised by Heritage Trams and Showtown Blackpool.



## WAR MEMORIAL WALK

Meeting Point: Blackpool Cenotaph (by The Metropole Hotel and North Pier)

Did you know there are 182 war memorials in the town and just beyond? Some hidden from public view for many years; others often passed unrecognised. This walk provides an insight into the contribution and sacrifice made by Blackpool citizens and organisations during both wars.

**Fri 16 Sep, 2:00pm (90 mins)**

Organised by Mike Coyle.



## WHITEGATE DRIVE HERITAGE TOUR

Number 3 Pub, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool

Walk down Whitegate Drive on a guided tour of its heritage, houses and iconic pubs. Discover the histories and stories of its residents and some of its lesser-known tales.

**Fri 16 Sep, 1:00pm (60 mins)**

Organised by Stella Siddall.

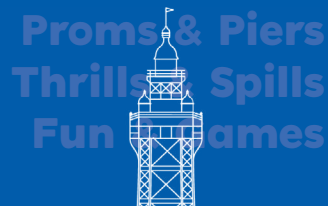




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## Drop-in events

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## THE GRAND THEATRE, BLACKPOOL

33 Church Street, Blackpool, FY1 1HT

Fancy a peek behind the theatre curtain? Indulge your passion for amazing architecture and theatrical history with this Theatre Heritage Tour. Blackpool's hidden gem will open its doors from 9.30am for three FREE 30-minute tours. Delve into the Blackpool Grand Theatre Grade II\* listed building, one of the resort's most iconic landmarks and learn about its flamboyant architect Frank Matcham. Then relax with a delicious Afternoon Tea at 12.30pm in the Dress Circle bar. (Charge applicable see website for details).

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** – to book, visit [www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/get-involved/hot](http://www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/get-involved/hot) or phone 01253 290190.

**Sat 17 Sep, 9:45am, 10:45am & 11:45am (20 places available per tour)**

Organised by The Grand Theatre.

**Accessibility:** Unfortunately, due to the history of the building, many parts of the tour are not accessible via wheelchair or for people with mobility issues.



## THE GRUNDY ART GALLERY

Queen Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PU

Built to show the best art of the day – find out more about the history of Grundy Art Gallery, which celebrated its 110th birthday in October 2021. Please note this event takes place outdoors, outside the front of Grundy Art Gallery on our forecourt.

**Thur 15 Sep, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Fri 16 Sep, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Sat 17 Sep, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

Organised by Grundy Art Gallery & Blackpool Council.



## HISTORY AND HAUNTS TOUR

Meeting Point: Blackpool Town Hall Steps, Talbot Road, FY1 1AD

A guided tour of some of the thirty-five sites within Blackpool that are alleged to be haunted by spectres, spooks and spirits that link with this unique town. Tour will include some history of the buildings and areas visited.

**Sat 17 Sep, 3:00pm (90 mins)**

Organised by David Evans.



## PROMENADE HISTORY WALK

Meeting Point: Wilton Parade tram shelter, opposite The Imperial Hotel, North Promenade, FY1 2HB

This guided walk uncovers the history of twenty-three historic landmarks of pleasure, leisure and architecture from the Victorian era to the present day. Beginning opposite The Imperial Hotel and concluding at the Comedy Carpet.

**Sun 18 Sep, 1:00pm (90 mins)**

Organised by Showtown Blackpool.



## HERITAGE & MEMORIES OF NORTH PIER

Showtown Activity Hub, 65 Victoria Street, Blackpool

Opening on 21st May 1863, North Pier attracted 275,000 people in its first year and around 400,000 in the following year. Its seaside charm has attracted holiday makers and day trippers for over a century. Come and find out more of the pier's fascinating heritage and hear tales and memories from speaker, Wendy Stevenson. Seats will be on a first come, first served basis.

**Thur 15 Sep, 11:00am (30–40 mins)**

Organised by Wendy Stevenson and Showtown Blackpool.



## ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

All Hallows Road, Bispham, FY2 0AY

Join us for a short historical talk and an opportunity to look around this magnificent ecclesiastical building. Known as the Mother Church of Blackpool, the site of All Hallows was the only place of worship in Blackpool until 1821. A church building is believed to have been on the site since at least 1189, rebuilt in 1773. The current building dates from 1883.

**Thur 15 – Sun 18 Sep, 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Organised by All Hallows Church.



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Dean Street, South Shore, FY4 1BP

A grade II listed building with stunning stained-glass windows. The church has stood proud on the South Shore skyline for over 120 years.

As well as beautiful architecture and stained glass, the church offers space for peace and contemplation in our bustling town of Blackpool.

**Thur 15 Sep, 11:30am – 1:30pm**

**Fri 16 Sep, 10:30am – 2:00pm**

**Sat 17 Sep, 10:30am – 2:00pm**

**Sun 18 Sep, 12:15pm – 2:00pm**

Organised by Holy Trinity Church.



### ★ Family Activity

An indoor treasure hunt using the features of a church, colouring pages and activity sheets.

## ST PAUL'S NORTH SHORE

Egerton Road, FY1 2NP

An exhibition of memorabilia, photos, documents and furniture made by Robert Thompson (mouse man). Also 2 chairs made from the wreckage of Nelson's flagship 'The Foundroyant'. This is a history and hands on experience of St Paul's Church and the Claremont area from 1898 to the present day.

**Fri 16 Sep, 10:30am – 3:00pm**

**Sat 17 Sep, 10:30am – 3:00pm**

Organised by Hazel Nicholls, St Paul's Worship Centre.



### ★ Family Activity

An interactive quiz for all ages.



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Proms & Piers  
Thrills & Spills  
Fun & Games



World Healing Centre  
Blackpool

## WORLD HEALING CENTRE

476 Lytham Road, FY4 1JF

A beautiful Edwardian building built in 1911. The building is a unique surprise in urban Blackpool, with stunning and original character.

**Fri 16 Sep, 10:00am – 4:00pm**

Organised by World Healing Centre.



Town Hall  
Blackpool

## TOWN HALL

Talbot Square, Blackpool, FY1 1AD

Discover the heritage of this grade II listed building, including the Council Chamber and Committee Rooms and learn about its development and current uses.

**Sat 17 Sep, 9:30am – 4:00pm**

Organised by Joan Humble, Chair, Blackpool Civic Trust.



## THE OLD ELECTRIC

Springfield Road, Blackpool, FY1 1QW

Discover The Old Electric is a family Arts Award adventure. Encouraging you through a self-guided tour to explore the rich history of the building as a place for cultural entertainment. Discover the people involved past and present. A chance to celebrate 100 years of this creative building and space.

**Fri 16 Sep & Sat 17 Sep, 1:00pm – 7:00pm**

Organised by The Electric Sunshine Project and The Old Electric.



**Family Activity**  
Young people will get the chance to create a shadow puppet theatre.

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Proms & Piers  
Thrills & Spills  
Fun & Games



Little Marton Windmill  
Blackpool

## LITTLE MARTON WINDMILL

Preston New Road, Marton, FY4 4SS

Close to the M55 motorway, Little Marton Windmill is often the first heritage site seen by visitors coming to Blackpool. Enjoy a guided tour around this grade II listed building.

**Sun 18 Sep, 11:00am – 4:00pm (last tour 3:30pm)**

Organised by Friends of Little Marton Mill.



## SHOWTOWN ACTIVITY HUB

65, Victoria Street, Blackpool

Join us at our Heritage Open Days HQ for a fun family activity and/or a short heritage walking tour. We will also have information on all events/opportunities during the HODs weekend.

**Sat 17 Sep, 11:00am – 3:00pm**

**Sun 18 Sep, 11:00am – 3:00pm**

Organised by Showtown Blackpool.



## LANCASHIRE MEMORIES

Central Library, Queen Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PX

Join Jimmy O'Donnell as he takes you on a trip down 'Reminiscence Lane', encouraging happy memories from the past. Jimmy will be doing short, drop in sessions at Central Library using objects and memorabilia, music, film, songs & stories. All are welcome!

Bring a smile, watch, listen, engage & enjoy. The sessions are 'Dementia Friendly'.

**Sat 17 Sep, 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

Organised by Jimmy O'Donnell.



# Cleveleys

## Pre-book events

Events in this section are ticketed and must be booked in advance.

### 1906 CLEVELEYS COTTAGE WALK

Meeting Point: Corner of West Drive and Cleveleys Avenue, FY5 2BL

A guided walk around the houses built for the 'Cleveleys Cottage Exhibition of 1906'. A very early example of ideal home exhibition, including examples from Lutyens as well as many renowned architects and builders. All 42 buildings survive and visitors will receive a replica map of the site.

**Thur 15 Sep, 11:00am (90 mins)**

**Fri 16 Sep, 11:00am (90 mins)**

Organised by David Evans.



Family & Friends  
Camera & Action  
Fish & Chips



Cleveleys Cottage  
Cleveleys

# Cleveleys

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Family & Friends  
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Fish & Chips

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Rossall Road, Cleveleys, FY5 1DX

Uncover the story of the Abana bell and its journey from Canada to Cleveleys. 128 years after the Abana, a sailing barque, was shipwrecked off the Fylde coast, see the bell itself and hear its story at St. Andrew's Church, Cleveleys.

**Thur 16 Sep, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Sat 17 Sep, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Organised by St Andrew's Church, Cleveleys.



#### Family Activity

Make a clay bell to take away and a colouring sheet or word search to enjoy. If there are 2 children or more, there will be a fun rescue activity. All children will get the opportunity to ring the bell itself!

### MARSH MILL

Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 4JZ

Guided tours, providing an insight into the history and engineering of Marsh Mill which was built by Ralph Slater in 1794. Please note, children under 5 years old cannot ascend the mill.

**Sat 17 Sep, 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**Sun 18 Sep, 11:00am - 3:00pm**

Organised by Wyre Council and its volunteers.



(not wheelchair accessible)



#### Family Activity

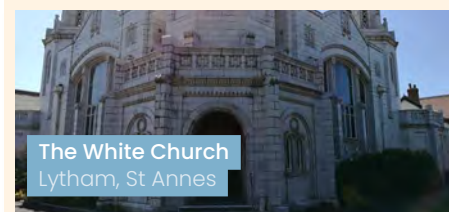
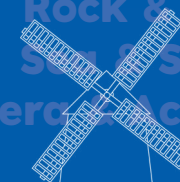
Crafting table on the ground floor.

# Lytham

## Drop-in events

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Rock & Roll  
Sea & Sand  
Camera & Action



The White Church  
Lytham, St Annes

### THE WHITE CHURCH

22a, Clifton Drive, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1AX

This grade II listed church will be open for visitors to view the interior and the Dawson Hall. The stained glass windows are of particular interest and beauty, showing historical and biblical scenes.

**Thur 15 Sep, 11:00am - 3:30pm. Fri 16 Sep, 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Sat 17 Sep, 11:00am - 4:00pm. Sun 18 Sep, 10:45am - 3:30pm.**

Organised by The White Church (Fairhaven United Reformed Church).



### LYTHAM HERITAGE CENTRE

2 Henry Street, Lytham, St Annes, FY8 5LE

"Autumn Exhibition" by Lytham St Annes Art Society. Mixed media art by talented local amateur artists.

**Thur 15, Fri 16, Sat 17 & Sun 18 Sep, 10:00am - 4:00pm**

Organised by Lytham Heritage Group and Lytham St Annes Art Society.



Lytham Heritage Centre  
Lytham, St Annes

### ST ANNES PARISH CHURCH

St Annes Road East, FY8 3BB

An opportunity to view our fine church with its WWI Memorial Chapel and famous St Annes Heritage Mural. There will be regular tours of the bell tower.

**Sat 17 Sep, 11:00am - 4:30pm**

Organised by St Annes Parish Church, St Annes on the Sea.



St Annes Parish Church  
Lytham, St Annes



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