

The third
Devizes Heritage Open Day
Saturday 12th September 2015



The Trust For Devizes
Presents an opportunity to visit some of the town's
historic buildings
"Up close and personal"

St Peter's Church

Bath Rd, Devizes SN10 2AP

The church was dedicated in 1866 to serve the bargees and their families working on the adjacent Kennet and Avon Canal, the families employed by the Devizes Brick and Tile Company housed along Bath Road and the men of the Royal Wiltshire Militia - the barracks stood on the present High Lawns site.

The interior of the church is enhanced by many stained glass windows, a font set in an impressive tiled wall surround and a beautiful Rood Screen.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00.

The Masonic Hall

Morris Lane, Devizes SN10 1NU

The building has been used for lodge meetings since 1882.

The Hall will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00. Lodge members will be on hand to answer questions.

The Parish Church Of St John the Baptist **Long St, Devizes SN10 1NS**

St. John's Church was built in the early 12th Century by the Bishops of Salisbury. It was initially the Church for the Castle, its governor and garrison. The Church is built of ashlar and has a chancel with north and south chapels, a crossing tower, transepts, an aisled nave, and north and south porches.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00.

St Mary The Virgin

New Park St, Devizes SN10 1DS

Built during the early Norman occupation of Devizes in the mid 12th century outside the Castle walls for the townspeople. It is built of ashlar and has a chancel, aisled and clerestoried nave, south porch, and west tower. The present chancel is of the later 12th century and has two bays with quadripartite vaulting and intersecting arcading decorating the internal walls.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00.

Wiltshire Museum

Long St, Devizes SN10 1NS

The Museum moved to the site in 1873 when they purchased the Victorian Grammar School building. A new entrance built of stone from Seend was designed by Henry Weaver and opened in 1874. Since then the museum has expanded to include two Georgian town houses and a 1980's steel-framed gallery. Now the museum is the home of Britain's best Bronze Age archaeology collection, featuring gold from the time of Stonehenge in award-winning new galleries.

There is normally a charge for visiting the museum, but admission will be free for Heritage Open Day.

The Museum will be open from 10:00 until 17:00.

St James' Church

Church Walk, Devizes SN10 3AA

The church is first mentioned in 1461 as being on the Green and was sometimes called the Green Church. The Tower is the only part of the original Church to have survived. Action during the Civil War resulted in cannonballs and shot hitting the church, the marks of which can still be seen on the tower. In 1878, Le Marchant Barracks on the London Road was completed and St. James' became the garrison church of the Wiltshire Regiment. In 2008, the interior of the Church was refurbished. The old pews were removed and modern seats, a kitchen and servery were installed.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 12:00.

The Town Hall

St John's Street SN10 1BT

"Surely the gem among the buildings of Devizes" - Alec Clifton-Taylor

Redesigned in 1806 by Thomas Baldwin, the City Architect of Bath, the building used part of an earlier 17th century structure that included the town lock-up which can be seen at the rear. The Assembly Room, with its fine Adam-style ceiling, was restored a few years ago to its original Georgian appearance. The Cheese Hall has a display of historic local photographs.

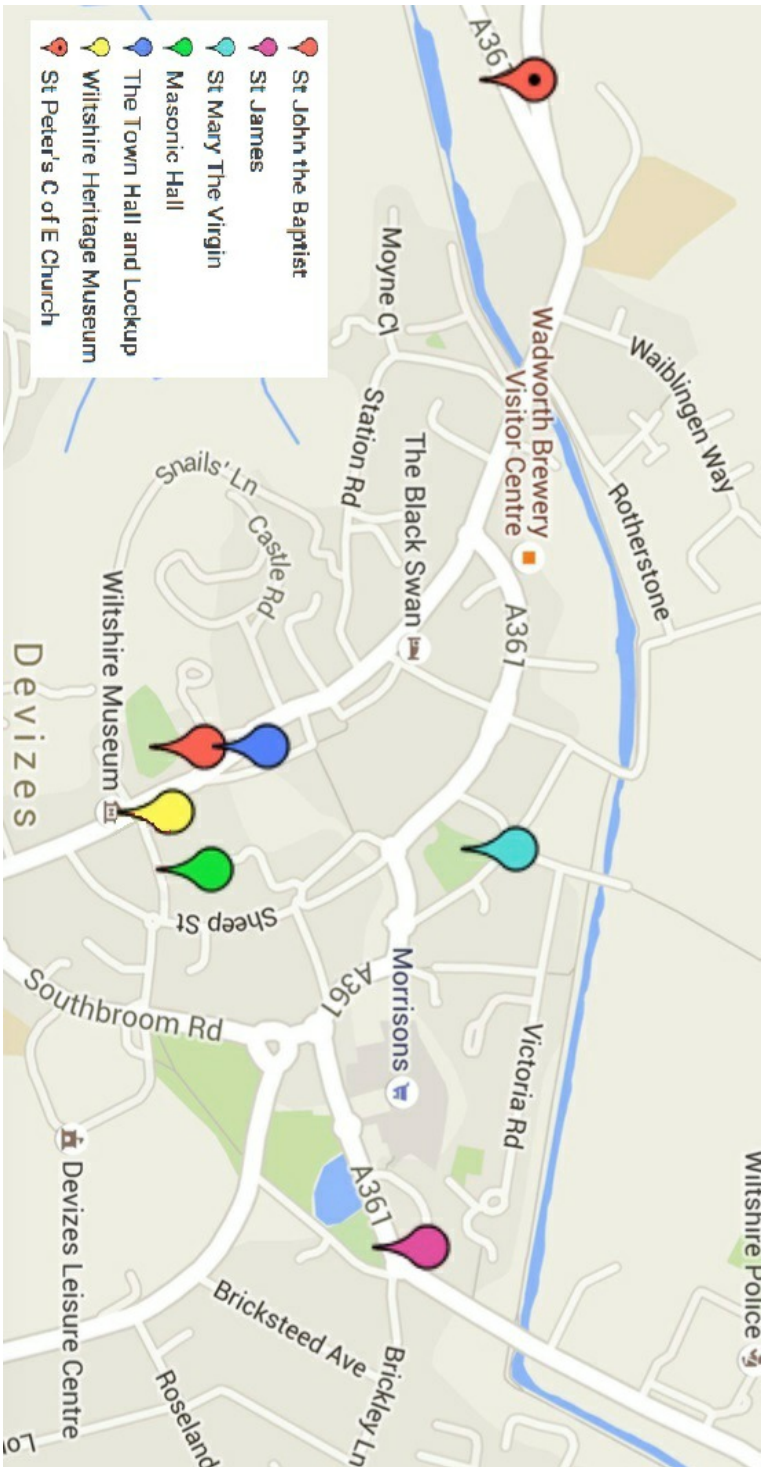
Visitors will be able to explore parts of the building which are not normally open to the public.

The Lockup

St John's Street SN10 1BT

The lock up is situated at the rear of the Town Hall, and dates from 1806. It was used to imprison troublemakers overnight.

Local historian John Girvan will conduct guided tours between 11:00 and 15:00.



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- The Parish of St John the Baptist and St Mary the Virgin
- Devizes Town Council
- Devizes Masonic Association
- Wiltshire Museum

The Trust for Devizes

aims to protect and maintain the character and amenities of the Devizes area. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and we hold regular social events.

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