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**Tavistock Heritage Open Days**  
6th – 15th September 2024

**YOUR  
GUIDE TO  
30 LOCAL  
EVENTS**



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## Heritage Open Days is an annual celebration of England's history and this year it is celebrating its 30th Anniversary.

Each September thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture. AND IT'S ALL FOR FREE.

There are multiple events happening around Tavistock and as this year's national theme is Routes – Networks – Connections, there will be a rare opportunity for people to learn more about the town's maritime history thanks to the opening of a new exhibition in the Guildhall.

### Friday September 6th – Sunday September 15th

#### Rediscovering Tavistock's Maritime Legacy: The 16th Century Ship Wall Painting

Tavistock Refillery, 4 Market Street

The original wall painting is on the first floor of the building that is now home to the Refillery. As the painting is inaccessible to the public, the Refillery will be hosting a computer recreation of the ship throughout Heritage Open Days.

### Friday 6 September: 10.00 – 16.00

#### Subscription Library Open Day

Tavistock Subscription Library,  
Court Gate, Bedford Square, Tavistock

Read, learn, discover. Heritage Open Days give you a rare chance to enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of Tavistock's heritage library. Read books from 17th to 21st centuries. Learn how to use the online catalogue. Discover the authors who wrote about Dartmoor and the Tamar Valley and made it their home.

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#### Policemen On The Beat

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Special event exploring the evolution of "Policemen on the beat" in the region.

### Friday 6 September: 16.30 – 17.30

#### Talk: Discovering Tudor Ship wall paintings

The Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Abbey Place, Tavistock

Join Dr Geri Parlyb from Tavistock Heritage Trust for a talk on the re-discovery of one of the UK's best preserved Tudor ship wall paintings in Tavistock.

### Friday 6 September: 16.30 – 17.30

#### Tour of Mount Kelly - led by senior pupils

Mount Kelly School, Parkwood Road, Tavistock

Offering the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful grounds at both the Prep School, formerly Mount House and the College, to see around the historically significant buildings, meet some of the pupils, and gain an insight into the realities of life in a modern independent school.

### Saturday 7 September: 10.00 – 16.00

#### Pirate Fun Day

The Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Abbey Place, Tavistock

Celebrate the launch of the Tavistock Ship Exhibition at the Guildhall with a thrilling Pirate-themed family fun day! Enjoy puppet shows, artisan traders, kids' trails, and a host of exciting activities for all ages.

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#### Catholic Church Open for Visits

Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Mary Magdalene, Callington Road, Tavistock

The church is a Grade II\* Listed building, designed in the 1860s by the well-known architect Henry Clutton. Clutton also designed the Chapel in Plymouth Road cemetery and a similar church at Woburn, the seat of the Dukes of Bedford.

### Saturday 7 September: 10.00 – 12.00

#### Family History

Tavistock Library, Plymouth Road

Tracing your Family History support sessions.

### Saturday 7 September: 11.00 – 17.00

#### Sausages, Cider and Steam - Open Day at the Robey Trust

The Robey Trust Ltd, The Works, Parade Business Park,  
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### Tuesday 10 September: 11.00 & 15.00

#### Explore Ancient History

The Vicarage Garden, Plymouth Road, Tavistock

Join Tavistock Heritage Trust at the Vicarage Garden to view three rare 6th Century Memorial Stones and delve into their fascinating history. Numbers are limited so pre-booking is essential for this unique historical experience.

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### Thursday 12 September: 10.00 – 12.00

#### Guided Walk - Turnpikes, Canal and Railways

Meet at Duke of Bedford statue, The Guildhall,  
Guildhall Square, Abbey Place, Tavistock

A guided walk exploring the history of communications in Tavistock – starting by the statue of the Duke of Bedford near the Town Hall and seeing examples of turnpike roads, bridges, tollhouses and the remnants of the railway. (Tavistock Local History Society)

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#### Changes to Transportation In Tavistock

Butchers Hall, Market Road, Tavistock

An exhibition celebrating all things transport. Prepared by Tavistock Museum and on display in Butchers Hall.

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#### Freemasons Hall Open Day

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#### Tour of St Eustachius

St Eustachius, Plymouth Road, Tavistock

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**Guided Walk - Abbey School to Community College**

Meet at TASS, The Anchorage Centre, Chapel St, Tavistock

Tavistock children's stories and places of education. Life Stories at TASS.

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