



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS THANET

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MARGATE

HORNBY VISITOR CENTRE

Unit H1-H2 Westwood, Margate CT9 4JX
Tel: 01843 233524 Email: visitorcentre@hornby.com
www.hornby.com/uk-en/hornby-visitor-centre
Saturday 10th and Sunday 18th, 10am - 3.30pm

The Centre includes fascinating displays featuring rare vintage products including from the Scalextric, Airfix and Corgi archives. You can track the history of iconic model trains and the development of the legendary slot-car racing system together with Airfix models and much more.

Shop, cafeteria, toilets, disabled access and parking.

HARTSDOWN AND TIVOLI PARKS HERITAGE TREE WALK

Hartsdown House, Hartsdown Park, Margate, CT9 5QX
Tel: 01843 223806
Pre-booking via: ajohnpatrickn@gmail.com

Saturday 10th, 2pm - 4pm

Find out about the history of Hartsdown and Tivoli Parks. See some notable trees and learn about their history, ecological value and how to identify various tree species. Hear about the parks' past, present and future. Meet outside Hartsdown House which is found in the leisure centre/football ground area. The walk is led by Andrew Nolan.

The tour has limited accessibility. There are no toilet or refreshment facilities. Car parking (chargeable).

MARGATE CAVES

Northdown Road, Margate, CT9 1FG
Pre-booking of tours a must! Tours 30 - 45 mins long.
Call Kayleigh McMahon 01843 838048,
Email: manager@margatecaves.co.uk
or go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-tickets-335930766967

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, 10am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, 10am - 4.30pm

Explore underground to discover over 200 years of history. Under the hill of Cliftonville lies the Margate caves. From chalk mines to a rich man's playground the caves have been used in a variety of ways over the years. Open to the public on and off since Victorian times venture down the tunnel, explore the caves and chat to our friendly team who can spin tales of years gone by.

No accessibility as many steps and uneven floors. Parking nearby.

MARGATE MUSEUM

Market Place, Margate CT9 1ER
Email: fsas@intamail.com
www.visitthanet.co.uk/attractions/margate-museum-2275/

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th, 11am - 3pm. Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th, 11am - 3pm

Come and see 2,500 plus years of the history of "Meregate" (that is not a misspelling). Also included are specific displays covering the history of Dreamland, paddle steamers and the Holy Trinity Church in Cliftonville. Learn about the murder at the Hippodrome hotel and you don't want to miss our 'Police in Margate' display. Fancy being locked in a circa 1858 police cell?

Limited access. Parking nearby.

DRAPERS WINDMILL

St. Peter's Footpath, off College Road, Margate CT9 2SP
Tel: 07985 147563

Pre-booked tours via www.draperswindmill.org.uk

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th, 12pm - 4pm

This 170 year old smock mill is grinding once again following restoration. See it in operation, subject to wind conditions. Easy steps lead into the ground floor where a film and CCTV give you sight of what is happening. Higher floors are accessible to more agile visitors.

Light refreshments available. Toilet facilities. Street parking.

CLIFTONVILLE CULTURAL SPACE, THE SHUL

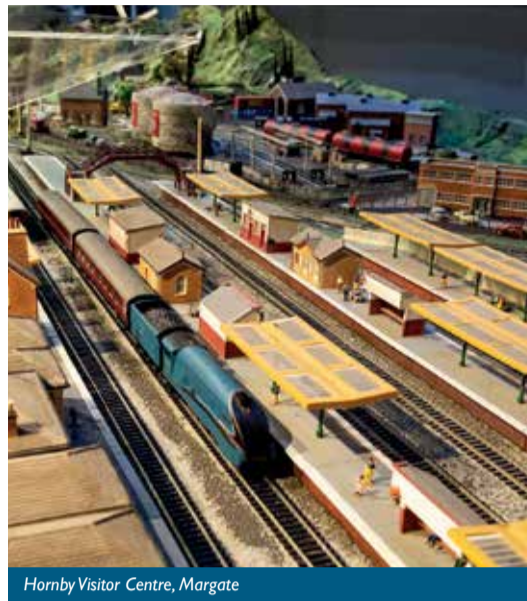
The Synagogue, Albion Road, Cliftonville, Margate, CT9 2HP
07949 154628

www.cliftonvilleculturalspace.com

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th, 11am - 4pm. Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th, 11am - 4pm

A chance to visit the Margate synagogue, The Shul. Find out how The Cliftonville Cultural Space is creating an inclusive, cross-cultural, multi-arts space reflecting the diverse communities of the area whilst retaining the building's heritage. The Shul was built in 1929 and has been deconsecrated since 2017. The building was bought at auction and is now at an early stage of the new development. It is being opened for the community and visitors to see the architectural plans and models created by the architecture students from the University of Creative Arts.

No accessibility. Street parking.



Hornby Visitor Centre, Margate



Palace Cinema, Broadstairs

BROADSTAIRS

PALACE CINEMA

Harbour Street, Broadstairs CT10 1ET

Pre-booked talks are a must! Call 01843 865726 or email info@thepalacecinema.co.uk

www.thepalacecinema.co.uk

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th, open 11am - 2pm, 30 minute talks at 1pm

See inside Broadstairs' lovely old Grade II listed cinema and enjoy wonderful archive film of the town through the eyes of home movie makers of the 1920s to the 1960s.

We welcome visitors to arrive at any time to explore the foyer and auditorium at their own pace. Illustrated talks start with a brief history of the Palace and other former Broadstairs cinemas. We then celebrate how, with the advent of home movie cameras in the 1920s, film making leapt out of the studio and into our homes. Our thanks to Screen Archive South East for their kind support.

Step-free access to auditorium (stalls) via slope at rear of building. Access to foyer and balcony via stairs at front of building.

DICKENS HOUSE MUSEUM

2 Victoria Parade, Broadstairs CT10 1QS
Avenue, CT10 2TR.
Tel: 01843 861232

www.dickensmuseumbroadstairs.com

Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th, tours from 1pm to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm)

Dickens House Museum celebrates Charles Dickens' long connection with Broadstairs (1837 - 1851). It is housed in the cottage that was Dickens' inspiration for the home of Betsey Trotwood in David Copperfield. Visitors will see items that once belonged to Dickens, including letters about Broadstairs, his writing box and mahogany sideboard, along with a fine collection of prints by H.K. Browne (Phiz), one of Dickens' principal illustrators. There are also displays of Dickensian memorabilia, Victorian costumes and Victoriana, as well as a feature on 'Our English Watering Place'. It was in 1851 that Charles Dickens wrote this affectionate record of the town and its inhabitants.

Gift shop. Ground floor only accessible. Two accessible parking bays 50 metres away. Nearby toilets.

RAMSGATE

MONTEFIORE SYNAGOGUE

Honeysuckle Road, Ramsgate CT11 8AA
www.montefioreendowment.org.uk

Sunday 11th, 10am - 3pm

A chance to see inside the synagogue built by Sir Moses Montefiore in 1833. The nearby mausoleum contains the tombs of Sir Moses and Lady Judith Montefiore. The synagogue was designed by David Mocatta and was the first synagogue to be built in England by a Jewish architect.

Limited access. No facilities. Street parking.

ST LAURENCE-IN-THANET CHURCH

High Street, St Lawrence, Ramsgate CT11 0QT

Saturday 10th, open 10am - 3pm. Church tour - 10am

Saturday 17th, open 10am - 3pm. Church tour - 10am. Church tower talk and visit to the tower and 10 bells - 2pm.

St Lawrence is a Grade I listed church, the oldest building in Ramsgate, tracing its history back to 1062. The monuments, windows and hatchments within the church have interesting stories to tell. The astounding invention of full circle bell ringing was cutting edge in its day as was the clock!

Limited street parking.

ST GEORGE THE MARTYR CHURCH

Church Hill, Off High Street, Ramsgate CT11 8RA

Saturday 10th, Church open 10am - 3pm. Church tower tour - 12pm and 3pm. Church crypt tour - 1pm and 2pm

Tower and crypt tours (weather permitting; not suitable for under 8s, and children 8 years and older to be accompanied by an adult).

View our astounding invention, the church organ, a Grade II listed organ made by William Hill, installed in 1896. View the Lantern Tower, Dunkirk Memorial Window and Henry Weigall Mural in this Grade I listed church.

Limited access. Limited street parking.

RAMSGATE TUNNELS

Marina Esplanade, Ramsgate CT11 8FH
Tel: 01843 588123
www.ramsgatetunnels.org

For dates, times and booking contact Ramsgate Tunnels directly

The original railway tunnels built in the Victorian era were expanded in 1939 and were used for shelter during World War II for the inhabitants of Ramsgate.

Cafe. No accessibility. Parking at Marina Esplanade.

MINSTER ABBEY

Church Street, Minster, Ramsgate, CT12 4HF
Pre-booked tours a must! Call 01843 821254
www.minsterabbeynuns.org

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th, tour starts at 2pm. Saturday 17th, tour starts at 11am

Tour the only surviving pre-Reformation monastery in the country still in current use as a religious house. View the medieval fishponds which provided valuable protein for the monastic orders. Wander the beautiful flower gardens and visit an exhibition and DVD in the Old Barn about the life of the monastery from 670 AD to the present day.

Tearooms. Good accessibility, accessible toilets and parking is on the abbey's driveway, near the entrance.

PUGIN AND ST AUGUSTINE: VISITOR CENTRE AND SHRINE

St. Augustine's Road, Ramsgate CT11 9NY
Tel: 01843 606756
Pre-booking via augustineshrine@rcaos.org.uk
www.augustine-pugin.org.uk

Open every day except Tuesday and Sundays - 12.30 pm - 3.30pm. Saturday 17th, workshop £5 - 11am - 4pm

Come and see Pugin's amazing encaustic tile designs and join a fun workshop making tiles in the Pugin style with Ceramic Art Dover.

Augustus Pugin, the designer of Big Ben and a famous resident of Ramsgate, helped reinvent encaustic tile making in the 1830s. Encaustic tiles are made using different colour clays which are pushed into a mould to create the pattern instead of painting a glaze on the tile. This means that the pattern remains as the tiles wear down. Pugin's designs were used all over the Palace of Westminster and in many churches including St Augustine's. They inspired designs all over the world.

Ceramic Art Dover is an inter-generational collective of East Kent ceramicists who offer activities working with clay to build community spirit.

Gift shop. Good accessibility. Toilets and street parking nearby.

THIS MUSEUM IS NOT OBSOLETE

5-7, Church Hill, Ramsgate, CT11 8RA
This-Museum-Is-Not-Obsolete@gmail.com
Sunday 11th, 1pm - 4pm

An interactive museum full of astounding inventions, revealing some of the history of science and technology. Fun and educational for all ages. Come and play with retro music machines, science equipment and games. Enjoy trying the Furby organ and the Owl organ. Be amazed by the telephone exchange and 1000 oscillator mega drone.

Disabled access. Street parking limited. Ramsgate town and beach close by.

ST. EDWARD'S PRESBYTERY

St. Augustines Road, Ramsgate CT11 9NY
The Landmark Trust - 01628 825925
Pre-booked visits via Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3yduvZi> or via www.landmarktrust.org.uk

Friday 16th and Sunday 18th, 10am - 4pm. Monday 19th, 10am - 1pm (late chance to visit outside of festival)

A rare chance to see inside St. Edward's Presbytery, built by Augustus Welby Pugin in 1850 as part of this great architect's original conception for this exceptional Gothic revival site on Ramsgate's West Cliffs.

Picnics in grounds welcome. Limited access. Toilets and street parking nearby.

THE GRANGE

St. Augustine's Rd, Ramsgate CT11 9NY
The Landmark Trust - 01628 825925
Pre-booked visits via Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3yduvZi> or via www.landmarktrust.org.uk

Friday 16th and Sunday 18th, 10am - 4pm. Monday 19th, 10am, 10am - 1pm (late chance to visit outside of festival)

The Grange was built by Augustus Pugin in 1845 and remained in the family until 1928. The building reflects Pugin's belief in the Gothic style as the only true Christian architecture and his ideal to live out his life in the Middle Ages. Pugin produced some of his finest work at The Grange, including designs for the House of Lords.

Picnics in grounds welcome. Limited access. Toilets and street parking nearby.

RAMSGATE MARITIME MUSEUM

Clockhouse, Pier Yard, Royal Harbour Ramsgate CT11 8LS
www.ramsgate-society.org.uk
Friday 16th, 11am - 4pm

At the centre of the UK's only Royal Harbour, the Maritime Museum explores the fascinating maritime history of Ramsgate. The Museum is situated within the Grade II* listed Clock House - an exhibit in its own right, built in 1817 to the design of Benjamin Wyatt and George Louch. The Clock House is also the site of the unique Ramsgate Meridian, from which our own particular Mean Time, 5 minutes 41 seconds ahead of Greenwich, was calculated.

There are four galleries of displays and exhibits telling the maritime history of the area: the Harbour, Navigation, Fishing, Lifeboats and Shipwrecks.

Limited access. Toilets and parking nearby.

THE ITALIANATE GLASSHOUSE

King George VI Memorial Park, Montefiore Avenue, Ramsgate CT11 8BD
Tel: 07868 722060

Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th and Saturday 17th, 12pm - 2.30pm

The Italianate Glasshouse, a Grade II* listed historic monument, was erected in the grounds of East Cliff Lodge, Sir Moses Montefiore's 22 acre estate in 1832. The greenhouse was originally sited at Bretton Hall, Yorkshire. This delightful glasshouse was renovated in 2005 and is home to a tea garden, the proceeds of which contribute towards the upkeep of the greenhouse.

Tea garden, open on fine weather days only. Limited access. No toilet facilities.



The Italianate Glasshouse, Ramsgate

FRIENDS OF SPENCER SQUARE - TEA AND CAKE WITH VAN GOGH

Spencer Square, Ramsgate, CT11 9LA
Email: info@friendsofspencersquare.org.uk
Sunday 18th, 12pm - 3pm

Spencer Square, a beautiful Georgian square, is the perfect place to take a break and relax with Van Gogh during your heritage trail! Find Van Gogh's former home at No. 11, where he lodged in 1876. View the bust of Vincent Van Gogh, donated by artist Antony Padgett and read the visitor information board.

Spencer Square is maintained and paid for by a group of local volunteers. Come and enjoy a cuppa and cake, your donation will help the garden to grow and be enjoyed by everyone.

Good access. Street parking nearby.

ELLINGTON PARK - HISTORY, HERITAGE AND MURDER!

Ellington Park, Park Road, Ramsgate, CT11 9TL
Tel: 07577 852797
friendsofellingtonpark@gmail.com

Saturday 10th, 12pm - 4pm

Visit the beautifully refurbished park and new cafe. Learn about the history of Ellington Park and St Lawrence parish, including the infamous Sprackling murder. A fun and informative day for the whole family with historic displays and talks, children's crafting activities and the Sprackling dog trail!

Cafe. Fully accessible, including toilets. Baby changing facilities. Street parking limited, but Loop bus stops and rail station 10 minutes walk away.