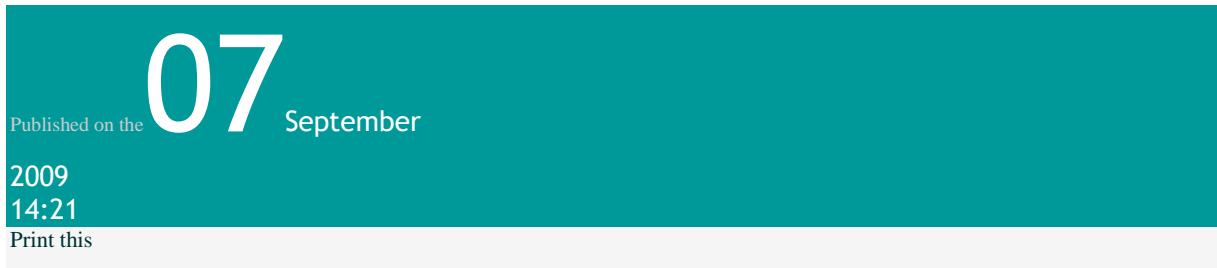


# Free tours of historical treasures



**The public will be able to discover the top historical hotspots in Berkhamsted through a series of free guided tours this weekend.**

From the oldest motte and bailey castle to the second largest parish church in the country, historians and heritage enthusiasts will be touring around the town's most fascinating sites.

The free guided tours have been arranged by the Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society.

Stops will include Claire Lloyd Properties at 173, High Street- which is home to the oldest known urban timber framed building in the country.

In Northchurch there will be a visit to the church of Berkhamsted St. Mary where the 18th century Peter the Wild Boy- a feral boy brought to England by the Royal Court after being found wandering in Germany- is buried.

Another highlight will be a trip into the crypt at Ashlyns School.

The school was the last Foundling Hospital. Tours will be led by two ex-foundlings.

Schedule:

September 12:

Dacorum Hermitage Trust Museum Store, Clarence Road. Tours at 10.00 and 14.00 Booking Essential. Call 01442 879525.

September 13:

Ashlyns School. Open from 14.00-17.00

St. Mary's Church, Northchurch. Tours at 14.30 and 15.30.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Bourne End. Open 14.30-16.00.

CLaire Lloyd Properties, 173 High Street, Berkhamsted. Open 10.30-16.00 Small Group Tours at Regular Intervals.

St. Peter's Church, Berkhamsted. Tour at 15.00

Old Hall and Chapel, Berkhamsted School, Castle Street. Tours at 10.30 and 14.30.

St. Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside. Tours 14.00-16.00.

Berkhamsted Baptist Church. Open 14.00-16.30.

The Town Hall. Tour at 11.30.

The Castle. Tours at 10.00 12.00 and 14.00.

For more information visit [www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org). Alternatively call Jenny Sherwood on 01442 865158 or email here [Ksherw9100@aol.com](mailto:Ksherw9100@aol.com)