

## SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

### Captain's Garden 10:00–14:30

Opposite Deal Castle, Victoria Road, Deal CT14 7BA  
Historically this was an ornamental and a kitchen garden for the Captain of Deal Castle. For years neglected, it is now being brought back into use by members of Deal Hop Farms who will be on hand to tell you about their work. English Heritage volunteers will also be there to explain the history of the site.

### Sandown Castle 10:00–13:00

North end of Sandown Road, Deal  
One of the three castles built to guard the Deal coast Sandown suffered sea damage in 1785, was garrisoned during the Napoleonic Wars, and demolished in 1863. The area is now maintained by Sandown Castle Community Garden Group.

## MEMORIAL UNVEILING

### 509 Port Battalion US Transportation Corps 13:00

Walmer Railway Station CT14 7RN

**Sunday 12 September 13:00** This unveiling ceremony of a memorial is to commemorate four African American soldiers who were killed at the station on the 12th of September 1945, transporting petrol from the wrecked SS *James Harrod*.

## WALKS

### History Project 10:00

**Saturday 18 September** Start and finish: Deal Promenade  
The History Project are known for their entertaining and informative approach to our history. This walk of about 1½ hours through the historic centre of Deal will untangle myth from fact in its fascinating story.

### Royal Marines Heritage Trail 10:00

**Sunday 19 September** Start and finish: Captain's Garden  
This two-hour guided walk will recount the history of Royal Marines in Deal from 1665 to 1996. It will include many historic buildings, some of which the public cannot usually access.

## CYCLE RIDES

### Cycle September

Self-guided cycle rides with a heritage theme are part of this programme. Some rides can be tailored to your fitness and time available, and most will be suitable for families and electric bicycles. Details will be available to download or from the Deal Tourist Information Office.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY

Come and explore the surprising history of Deal. There are important connections to be discovered with the 17th to 19th century Navy, shipping, the Royal Marines, Samuel Pepys, Horatio Nelson and smuggling! Major clues to the past are the three castles at Walmer, Deal and Sandown constructed by Henry VIII from 1538, and the appearance of St. George's Church, a huge edifice in the High Street, built 1706-16. There are many stories to be learned – the Royal Borough status from 1699 – that this was the third largest port in the land, yet with no harbour – and the archbishop who owned the beach on which Lower Deal was built. There are many buildings that open for the Heritage Days in the Deal area. Please take advantage of what is on offer and bring along your friends.

Deal and Walmer Heritage Open Days are organised by the Addelam History Research Group and The Deal Society in conjunction with Deal Town Council and Walmer Parish Council. The programme extends over two weekends and this year includes over 20 venues, walks and cycle rides.

There will be free entry to all the venues and walks. However please note that admission charges may apply on days and times other than those listed here. Please also note that walks will begin promptly at 10:00

Updated information on opening dates and times, accessibility details, and interactive maps are online at [www.dealheritage.org.uk](http://www.dealheritage.org.uk). Please check before you travel.

Details of events throughout the country can be found at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

📍 New venue 🚶 Walk 🍽 Refreshments 🚲 Cycle ride

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## DEAL AND WALMER, KENT

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2021

Saturday and  
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11-12 and  
18-19 September

Cover illustration. The winding machinery at the former Tilmanstone Colliery

FREE TO  
EXPLORE

## SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

### **Blessed Mary of Walmer 10:00–16:00**

Church Street, Walmer CT14 7RX  
Walmer's original parish church was built around 1120. It has significant 12th-century and later medieval features, and contains six funerary hatchments, including that of The Duke of Wellington who worshipped there.

Also Sunday 12, Saturday and Sunday 18-19 September  
11:00-16:00

### **Catholic Church of St. John the Evangelist 10:00–16:00**

149 St Richard's Road, Deal CT14 9LD  
This unusual design in a free version of the Romanesque style was originally intended as a combined church and social centre, built in 1934, to serve the mainly Scottish community of miners who came to work the newly-opened Kent coalfield.

### **St. Andrew's Church 10:00–16:00**

West Street, Deal CT14 6DY  
Ambrose Poynter designed this chapel of ease for the boatmen of North Deal. The church, which opened in 1850, has several interesting features, such as a lantern on the roof apex lit as a beacon for mariners, and a chancel arch resembling the upturned prow of a ship.

### **St. George's Church 10:00–16:00**

High Street, Deal CT14 6BA  
This elegant Queen Anne structure built as a chapel of ease to St. Leonard's was completed in 1716 with monies raised by a tax on coals brought into the port. There is a memorial to Elizabeth Carter, a tomb to Captain Edward Parker, who died in 1801, and a monument to Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Tisdall VC, who died at Gallipoli in 1916.

### **St. John the Evangelist Church 10:00–15:00**

Upper Street, Kingsdown CT14 8BJ  
Completed in 1850 and funded by William Curling who also built the local school. Several members of the Curling family are either buried or are remembered on memorials in the church.

### **St. John's Villiage Hall, Kingsdown 10:00–16:00**

Upper Street, Kingsdown CT14 8BJ  
Built in 1843 by William and Elizabeth Curling as a school to educate the poor children of the village, it remained a school until 1938; the present village hall opened in 1952. An exhibit will show the story of the hall using a wide range of sources, including memories of local residents. 🗺

### **St. Leonard's Churchyard 10:00–16:00**

Rectory Road, Deal CT14 9LU  
The Grade II\* listed parish church for Deal, dating back to at least 1180. In the churchyard headstones date back to 1650, many with skull and cross-bone imagery. It also contains the vault of Sir Francis Samuel Drake.

### **St. Mary's Church 10:00–16:00**

St. Mary's Road, Walmer CT14 7QA  
Walmer's new parish church was designed by Arthur Blomfield and completed in 1888. The reredos, in painted glass mosaic, is a fine example of late Victorian craftsmanship. Most windows are by James Powell and Sons, exponents of the 19th-century Gothic Revival.

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### **St. Nicholas' Church, Ringwould 10:00–16:00**

Church Lane, Ringwould CT14 8HR  
Grade I listed 12th-century church with 14th century additions and a tower from 1628, much altered in the 19th century. Monuments date from the early 1500s, and include those of the Monins family. The churchyard contains two ancient yew trees, one of which is over 1,300 years old.

### **St. Saviour's Church 10:00–16:00**

The Strand, Walmer CT14 7EG  
A Victorian chapel of ease built 1848-49 in the Neo-Gothic architectural style, for the town's boatmen, and to help serve the growing congregation of Blessed Mary of Walmer.  
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## SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

### 🏠 **Elvington & Eythorne Heritage Centre 11:00–16:00**

St. Johns Road, Elvington, CT15 4DZ  
The heritage centre contains many different exhibits explaining the heritage of Waldershare, Eythorne, Elvington and Tilmanstone Colliery. The main hall will feature a mining art display and entertainments. Other events include a heritage walk. 🗺

## SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

### **Astor Community Theatre 13:00–16:00**

Stanhope Road, Deal CT14 6AB  
In May 1945, John Jacob Astor (Deal's MP) gave the building to the people of Deal for their 'courage and fortitude' during WW2. In recognition of this exceptional gift, the theatre was renamed The Astor Hall. 🗺

### **Convent of our Lady of the Mission 13:00–16:00**

Beech Court, 86 Rectory Road, Deal, CT14 9NB  
Catherine Boys founded an orphanage which was taken over in 1860 by Euphrasie Barbier. The sisters later opened St Ethelburga's and St. Mary's schools. The Convent will have an exhibition on their history with the opportunity to see the beautifully panelled chapel. 🗺

### 🏠 **Deal Cemetery Chapel 10:00–16:00**

Hamilton Road, Deal CT14 9BH  
Deal Cemetery was constructed in 1856 on farmland. Originally built as two chapels - Episcopal and Dissenters - the building has recently been refurbished. Deal's public cemetery is notable for Commonwealth war graves from both world wars, civilian burials from World War II, and those of the Royal Marines killed in the Walmer barracks bombing of 1989.

### **Deal Museum 13:00–16:00**

22 St. Georges Road, Deal CT14 6BA  
The museum portrays the changing history of Deal, Walmer and the surrounding area and is packed with fascinating glimpses into the past. There is a permanent exhibition about the Royal Marines and Deal, which includes films, recorded memories of Marines, Wrens and others. Also Sunday 19 September. 🗺

### **Town Hall 10:00–15:00**

High Street, Deal CT14 6TR  
The Town Hall is an elegant Georgian Grade II listed building dating from 1803. This year's event will focus on the art collection at the Town Hall and the past mayors of Deal. Visitors can view the Council Chamber.

