

# Heritage Open Days 2010



Thursday, September 9 – Sunday, September 12

## About Heritage Open Days

Presented to you by the Beeston and District Civic Society Days, Heritage Open Days 2010!

New events for 2010 have been added to the well-established favourites. These include St Helen's Church at Stapleford, a tour of the Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service Fire Station at Hassocks Lane, and a special event at Barton's Garage on High Road, Chilwell, to celebrate the unveiling of a blue plaque to commemorate the life of T H Barton.

## Churches

### St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Church Lane, Attenborough

St Mary's at Attenborough is believed to stand on the site of a timber Saxon church. The oldest parts of the fabric of the current church date from the 12th century. These include a blocked doorway (visible only from the outside), the remarkable oak door with its iron scrollwork in the south porch and fragments of medieval glass in the chancel windows.

In the grounds is a mass grave from the First World War and the Railwaymen's Memorial Tablet.

*Heritage Open Days 2010: Tours of the church and some interesting gravestones, music.*

### Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston

*Heritage Open Days 2010: Beeston and District Local History Society have prepared a new exhibition featuring the history of Beeston and Chilwell.*

### St John the Baptist Parish Church, High Road, Beeston

*Heritage Open Days 2010: Visitors are invited to look round the reordered and completely transformed interior of the parish church of Beeston. There will also be a special exhibition.*

### St John the Baptist Parish Church – Bell Tower, High Road Road, Beeston

*Heritage Open Days 2010: An opportunity to visit the bell tower of the parish church and have a look at the bell chamber and bells for an insight into the life of a bell ringer.*

*The bell tower will only be open on Saturday, September 11, between 10am and 12 noon.*

### Bramcote Old Church Tower ('The Sunken Church'), Moss Drive, Bramcote

The Old Church Tower, known locally as 'The Sunken Church', contains features from the 14th and 15th centuries. The chapel was abandoned in 1861 in favour of the newly-built St Michael and All Angels on Church Street, Bramcote, and the nave and chancel were demolished a year later.

Visitors will be able to see the renovations, part of a project jointly run by Bramcote Conservation Society and Bramcote History Society, which have taken place to ensure that the local community can continue to enjoy this splendid setting. These include a stained glass window, delightful stone seats sculptured by local stonemason Andy Smith, and the most recent achievement, renovation of the church tower's solid wood door.

*Heritage Open Days 2010: All visitors are welcome for a free and fascinating tour of the tower and grounds.*

### St Michael and All Angels Church, Church Street, Bramcote

*Heritage Open Days 2010: The Bramcote History Group has prepared presentations about the church as well as displays of Bramcote village history.*

### St Helen's Church, Church Street, Stapleford

St Helen's Church is the parish church of Stapleford. Grade II listed, it is a mainly medieval church, heavily restored in 1878, and contains a stone cross dating from around AD1000. The cross may be the origin of the name 'Stapleford', which means a crossing near a post.

*Heritage Open Days 2010: St Helen's Church at Stapleford is a new addition to the list of venues open this year.*

## Heritage Open Days 2010 Venue Opening Times and Special Events

### Thursday, September 9

#### Notts Fire & Rescue Service

Hassocks Lane, Beeston  
10am

#### St John The Baptist Church

(Beeston Parish Church)  
High Road, Chilwell  
11.30am – 1.30pm

#### Girlguiding Headquarters

West End, Beeston  
10am – 4pm

#### Inham Nook Allotments

Pearson Avenue, Chilwell  
10am – 12 noon

#### St Helen's Church

Church Street, Stapleford  
10am – 4.30pm

### Friday, September 10

#### Beeston Library

Foster Avenue, Beeston  
10.30am and 2.30pm

#### St John The Baptist Church

(Beeston Parish Church)  
High Road, Chilwell  
11.30am – 1.30pm

#### Chilwell Depot

Chetwynd Barracks  
(Tour of the Chilwell depot –  
fully booked)

#### St Mary the Virgin

Church Lane, Attenborough  
10am – 6pm

#### Wollaton Road Allotments

Beeston  
12 noon – 4pm

#### Morris\* and Sword Dancing

Beeston Square  
2.30pm

#### Morris\* and Sword Dancing

Hop Pole, Chilwell Road  
The Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane  
1.30pm and 4.30pm

#### \* The Maids of Clifton - Traditional Morris Dancing

*Please note that, at the time of going to press, there was some uncertainty as to whether the Maids of Clifton would have enough dancers available to make a team. If enough dancers do become available as they return from holidays, etc, they will perform.*

### Saturday, September 11

#### Barton's Transport Ltd

61 High Road, Chilwell  
9am – 1pm

#### G H Hurt & Son

(The Shawl Factory)  
65 High Road, Chilwell  
9am – 1pm

#### St John The Baptist Church

(Beeston Parish Church)  
High Road, Chilwell  
10am – 4pm

#### Beeston Parish Church Bell Tower

10am – 12 noon

#### Bramcote Old Church Tower

('The Sunken Church')  
Moss Drive, Bramcote  
Noon – 4pm

#### John Clifford Primary School

Nether Street, Beeston  
10am – 12 noon

#### Chilwell Road Methodist Church

10am – 3pm

### Sunday, September 12

#### Heritage Trail Guided Walk

Meet at the Beeston Square podium  
2.30pm

#### Bramcote Old Church Tower

('The Sunken Church')  
Moss Drive, Bramcote  
Noon – 4pm

#### St Michael & All Angels

Church Street, Bramcote  
2pm – 5pm

#### St Mary the Virgin

Church Lane, Attenborough  
2.30pm – 4.30pm

#### St Helen's Church

Church Street, Stapleford  
2.30pm – 4.30pm

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