

All events  
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**FREE**



  
= great for  
families

# Chippenham

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## SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**Pewsham Locks with Free Shuttle Bus from town** ★  
**Site open 9am - 3.30pm, bus every 30 minutes from the Buttercross 10am - 2pm** Meet the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust volunteers restoring Pewsham Locks, enjoy the Pop Up Café and a trip on the water on the Mary Archard.

**St Nicholas Church Open Afternoon 2pm - 4pm**  
The only Grade II listed Georgian church in Wiltshire, considered to be a gem of its period. View the crypt, church records and war graves, refreshments available.

## SAT 14 & SUN 15 SEPTEMBER

**Sevington Victorian School SN14 7LD, 2pm - 5pm** ★  
Visit the perfectly preserved schoolroom and meet school teacher Miss Squire. Enjoy tea and cakes in the parlour and see the Victorian garden and wash house.

## FRI 13 - THURS 26 SEPTEMBER

**Never Mind the Heritage Here's the Art Show**  
**Yelde Hall, 10am - 4pm, closed Sundays**  
An exhibition in the medieval Yelde Hall showcasing the eclectic mix of styles of three of Chippenham's most original artists: Emma Sally, Mike Long and Si Griffiths.

## SAT 14 - SAT 21 SEPTEMBER

**Brunel & Chippenham, Display & Trail Chippenham Library, library opening hours, closed Sunday** ★  
Learn about Brunel, his legacy in Chippenham and contribution to the town's heritage with this informative display and a trail around the library for children.

## WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

**Talk: 40 Years of CLOGS**  
**Chippenham Museum, 2pm, no need to book**  
A talk by David Powell, founding Chairman of Chippenham Light Operatic Group, reflecting on performances and stories on their 40th Anniversary.

## THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

**Curator Talk: Dame Florence Hancock Waterford Place, 7pm, booking essential via museum**  
Join Chippenham Museum Curator Melissa Barnett to discover the national impact of a woman born on Westmead Lane who went on to be President of the Trades Union Congress. A Blue Plaque dedicated to Dame Florence Hancock is being unveiled later this year.

## SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER ★ Town Centre Open Doors Day

**Look Up! Trail** ★  
**Chippenham Museum, 10am - 4pm**  
Search for things you might normally miss whilst you are walking between Heritage Open Days venues. Enjoyable for adults as well as children!

**Object Handling at Chippenham Museum** ★  
**10am - 4pm** Hold history in your hands and learn about the museum's collection, all ages welcome.

**Tour inside Chippenham's Nestlé Building**  
**10am, 11am & 12pm, no need to book**  
A distinctive building from Chippenham's industrial past, join walking tours inside Avonbridge House - once home to Nestlé in Chippenham.

**Atelier Nursery Emery Lane, 10am - 12.30pm** ★  
See how this former Tabernacle URC Church has been respectfully converted into a nursery, with garden and story boat open for children to play.

**Story Explorer Session: Wave the Flag and Blow The Whistle Chippenham Library** ★  
**11am - 11.45am, no need to book**  
Whisk your child away to a world of whistling trains with storytelling and craft activities for ages 3 - 7 before trying the library's Brunel themed trail.

**St Andrew's Church Open Day 11am - 4pm**  
Drop in or enjoy a talk at 11am and 1pm. A church has stood on this site since Anglo-Saxon times, learn about its fascinating history and features.

**Open Day at Tanner's Cottage**  
**26 Westmead Lane, 11am - 4pm**  
This intriguing property dates back to the mid 18 century. The cottage is now home to artist April Fool and the site of Chippenham's soon to be unveiled new Blue Plaque.

**Jubilee Building & Chippenham Borough Lands Charity Market Place, 12pm - 4pm**  
Discover the history behind this former literary and scientific institute and the valuable work of Chippenham Borough Lands Charity.

**Design Your Own Blue Plaque** ★  
**Jubilee Building, 12pm - 4pm**  
Chippenham Civic Society are unveiling a new Blue Plaque this year. Learn about Chippenham's 15 Blue Plaques and make your own to take home.

**The Cause Open Afternoon, with Live Jazz from 2pm 12pm - 4pm**  
The Cause dates back to 1700, when it was a Quaker meeting house, and is now a music and arts venue. View the First World War memorial unveiled this year for the 26 soldiers who were part of the Causeway Brotherhood and enjoy jazz by local group Maiden Voyage.