

# Heritage Open Days

9th - 12th  
September 2010



**St Albans**  
City & District Council

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## A Welcome from the Right Worshipful The Mayor of the City and District, Councillor Maxine Crawley



Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. This booklet highlights the local events and attractions that are open as part Heritage Open Days.

The City and District has an abundance of sites and places to visit, with something to interest young, old and the young at heart. Whatever your interest and whether you are a resident or visitor, you will not be disappointed. For example, you could go on one of the guided walks, visit some of our railway heritage, climb to the top of the clock

tower, explore some of our churches, enjoy the museums, or take in one of the exhibitions. As a Councillor for Redbourn I am particularly looking forward to the Redbourn 900 finale (See item No. 18) in which there is a series of events which brings a close to a fantastic year of celebrations to mark the 900th anniversary of St Mary's Church.

This booklet is all the information you need to make sure you get the most out of the weekend & plan your itinerary. Wherever I go or whatever I do, I always like to learn something even when I least expect it. Heritage Open Days is a great opportunity to do just that. The list of attractions and events makes me so proud to represent a district with so much on offer. I hope you will join me in taking full advantage of this excellent weekend.

### **Cllr Maxine Crawley**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City and District of St Albans.

# Welcome to Heritage Open Days

**Thursday 9th - Sunday 12th September 2010**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture & culture by allowing free access to interesting properties that are not normally open to the public, or would charge an entrance fee. Heritage Open Days also include tours, events, lectures and activities that focus on architecture and culture.

This leaflet provides the list of 'What's happening' and 'When' in this year's event. For the majority there is no need to pre-book\* and they are all FREE\*. (\*unless otherwise indicated!)

**Review** - [www.stalbansreview.co.uk/leisure/heritage](http://www.stalbansreview.co.uk/leisure/heritage)

The St Albans and Harpenden Review Website has a detailed Heritage Open Days section complete with the full listing and various articles regarding some of the attractions open this year.

More information can be found on the Heritage Open Days website for details of event taking place across the country -

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

Also an electronic version of this leaflet and timetable of events can be found on the Council Website

[www.stalbans.gov.uk](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk)

This leaflet is available in alternative formats, eg in Braille, large print, on audio tape or email by contacting the Council on Tel: 01727 836781 or by Text phone on 01727 819570.





# Walks

**PLEASE NOTE: There is no need to pre-book on any of these walks. Also unless otherwise stated, the walks below are presented by the City of St Albans Tour Guides. They can be contacted via the Tourist & Information Centre at the Town Hall on 01727 864511. Web: [www.stalbanstourguides.co.uk](http://www.stalbanstourguides.co.uk) for further details.**

## 1 Aristocrats, Paupers & Philanthropists

An enjoyable stroll around the St Peter's area featuring the great and the (sometimes!) good of St Albans. Learn about the various buildings and charitable institutions they generously gave to the city. Their stories are all quite fascinating - but then some were among the most powerful people in the Kingdom!

**Friday:** 1100

**Directions:** Meet at the front of the Old Town Hall.

**Disability Access:** Yes, level walk, dropped kerbs.

## 2 Fishpool Street

This walk explores a route dating back to Saxon times with lots of interesting buildings. A 1000-year old route - once a main coaching road - follows Fishpool Street to the picturesque St Michael's village with its elegant houses, Saxon church & Roman museum.

**Sunday:** 1500

**Directions:** Meet at the front of the Old Town Hall.

**Disability Access:** Full

## 3 Harpenden Common

This walk covers the fascinating features and buildings around the West Common in Harpenden, including the site of the Harpenden Races.

**Saturday:** 1430

**Directions:** Meet at Park Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden.

**Disability Access:** None

## 4 Historic St Albans

This walk explores the historic centre with its Regency Town Hall, unique medieval Clock Tower, Abbey Church and Abbey Gatehouse.

**Sunday:** 1100

**Directions:** Meet at the front of the Old Town Hall.

**Disability Access:** None

## 5 The Heritage Tree Walk

A 90-minute walk looking at the heritage trees planted to mark 2000 years of special people, places & events; from the pine nuts found at the Roman triangular Temple to current community victories.

**Saturday:** 1030 **Sunday:** 1030

**Directions:** The walk starts at Verulamium Museum and ends at St Peter's church at noon.

**Disability Access:** Partial

**Tel:** 01582 791912

**Web:** [www.walk-talk.co.uk](http://www.walk-talk.co.uk)

## 6 The Roman Theatre of Verulamium

**Bluehouse Hill, St Albans**

The Roman Theatre is the only complete theatre open to the public. The site also includes 3rd century town-house with underground shrine and shops fronting Watling Street. Guided tours on Saturday and Sunday.

**Saturday:** 1000 - 1700. Tours at 1430, 1515 and 1600

**Sunday:** 1000 - 1700. Tours at 1430, 1515 and 1600

**Directions:** Meet at Roman Theatre

**Other notes:** Both the Guided Tour & entrance into the Roman Theatre are FREE this weekend!

**Disability Access:** Partial - the theatre is accessible, access to the Town House and shops is by steps only.

## 7 Town, Crown and Cloisters

St Albans Abbey was founded by one king & destroyed by another nearly 750 years later and many monarchs meddled in the middle! This walk explores the uneasy relationship between the town, crown and abbey life at the monastery. Highlights in the Abbey include the wall paintings and the shrine of St Alban. This is a joint walk by the St Albans Tour Guides & the Abbey Guides.

**Sunday:** 1430

**Directions:** Meet at the front of the Old Town Hall.

**Disability Access:** Full

## 8 Verulamium in a Nutshell

This walk explores Verulamium Park - site of Britain's 3rd largest Roman town and the only complete Roman Theatre. We also explore the remains of the Roman Walls, foundations of the London Gate and a superb mosaic.

**Saturday:** 1100 **Sunday:** 1500

**Directions:** Meet outside the Verulamium Museum.

**Disability Access:** Verulamium Park & Theatre are accessible. Town House accessed by steps.

## 9 Wars of the Roses

The First Battle of St Albans was fought in and around the market place of St Albans and was the opening battle of the Wars of the Roses. Hear about the reasons why, the personalities involved and who won. There's even a Shakespearean connection! Come and join the battle - no armour needed.

**Thursday:** 1100

**Directions:** Meet at the front of the Old Town Hall.

**Disability Access:** None



# Attractions



## 10 Abbey Gateway

### St Albans School, St Albans

The most complete medieval gateway in England. Tours from 1000 to 1530 every half hour. Tours take 35-40 minutes.

**Sunday:** 1000 - 1530

**Directions:** The Gateway is adjacent to the West front of St Albans Abbey

**Other notes:** Each tour limited to 20 visitors. Some very steep steps. Parking available in St Albans School car park alongside the gateway.

**Disability Access:** No disabled access  
**Tel:** 01727 855521

**Web:** [www.st-albans.herts.sch.uk](http://www.st-albans.herts.sch.uk)

## 11 Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban

### Sumpter Yard, St Albans

From its elevated situation on the site of the execution and burial of St Alban, our first British martyr, the Cathedral has dominated its surroundings for over 900 years. It is a building of contrasting architectural styles from the Saxon period through to the great Victorian restoration and a 20th century Chapter house.

**Thursday:** 0830 - 1745;

Tours at 1130 & 1430

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**Saturday:** 0830 - 1745; Tours at 1130 & 1400. 1600 - Evensong. 1730 - Free Organ Recital. All welcome.

**Sunday:** 0830 - 1745 - At 1430 you can join in the celebrated 'Town, Crown & Cloister' guided tour, starting at the Clock Tower in St Albans before arriving at the Cathedral.

1430 - General Guided tour

1500 - Tour of Abbey's ancient graffiti

1830 - Evensong

**Other notes:** Families can pick up a Children's Trail or an Explorer Bag from the Bookshop to help discover the secrets of this magnificent building.

**Disability Access:** Disabled parking provided, Induction loop, Touch & Hearing Centre, Braille guide plan. Wheelchair access is through the West Doors or the Slype.

**Disability Access:** Full

**Tel:** 01727 860780

**Web:** [www.stalbanscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org.uk)



**Refresh yourself in the Café:** The Café at the Abbey serves lunches and refreshments Thursday & Friday 0830 - 1630, Saturday 1000 - 1600 and Sunday from 1300 - 1600.

**Join us at one of the regular**

**services:** Saturday 1600 - Evensong, a service of music sung by the Cathedral Choir, readings and prayer. Sunday 0930 - Parish Eucharist, including special provision for children. Sunday 1115 - Choral Eucharist, sung by the Cathedral Choir. Sunday 1830 - Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir.



## 12 Clock Tower

### Market Place, St Albans

Built between 1403 and 1412, the Clock Tower is the only medieval town belfry in England, and has its original bell. The tower has 94 steps to the top via a narrow spiral staircase giving fine views of the Cathedral & the City. The Tower and its fine bell have survived 600 years of use.

**Saturday & Sunday:** 1030 - 1700

**Directions:** High Street / Market Place.

**Disability Access:** None

**Web:** [www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk)

## 13 Court and Convicted Exhibition

### Town Hall, Market Place, St Albans

An exhibition on some of the trials which took place in this perfectly preserved Regency Court Room.

**Thursday - Sunday:** 1000 - 1600

**Directions:** Entrance via Tourist and Information Centre, St Peter's Street

**Disability Access:** Partial - Main display accessible by wheelchair.

**Tel:** 01727 864511

**Web:** [www.stalbanscourguides.co.uk](http://www.stalbanscourguides.co.uk)

## 14 Dagnall Street Baptist Church

### Upper Dagnall Street, St Albans

Built in 1885, the present church stands on the site first used by St Albans Baptists in 1720. There are a number of features unusual for a Victorian-era Free Church.

**Saturday:** 1000 - 1700

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1700

**Directions:** Central St Albans, Upper Dagnall Street, alongside WH Smith.

**Other notes:** Open for viewing & information. Exhibition of the Church's history. Teas and light meals available from adjoining coffee shop open 1000 - 1400 on Saturday. No parking at the Church.

**Disability Access:** Full access via Cross Street coffee shop entrance.

**Tel:** 01727 846891

**Web:** [www.dsbc.org.uk](http://www.dsbc.org.uk)





## 15 Giant Monopoly Event

Game of Giant Monopoly, taking in some of the sites and attractions of the St Albans District. Start point at the Old Town Hall, Market Place, St Albans.

**Sunday:** 1200 - 1600

**Other notes:** Event run by St Albans Arts Sport & Health. Routes will have easy access to public car parks throughout the district.

**Disability Access:** Partial - some of the heritage buildings in the District have limited/no disabled access.

**Tel:** 01727 827667

**Web:** [www.activestalbans.co.uk](http://www.activestalbans.co.uk)

## 16 Kingsbury Barn

**Branch Road, St Albans**

Kingsbury Barn was built by the Abbey in 1374 and has recently undergone a comprehensive programme of conservation. Also on display will be an exhibition including "Domestic Architecture in Fishpool Street" featuring the photography of John Bethell.

**Thursday & Friday**

1000 - 1200 & 1400 - 1600

**Saturday & Sunday:** 1000 - 1700

**Directions:** Kingsbury Barn is inside Kingsbury Mews on Branch Road.

**Other notes:** Disabled parking only - public parking at Verulamium Museum car park.

**Disability Access:** Full access

**Tel:** 01727 838965



## 17 Museum of St Albans

**9a Hatfield Road, St Albans**

The story of historic St Albans from the Romans to the present day is told through lively displays using the museum's collections. Free admission. Please note that the downstairs galleries will be closed for refurbishment.

**Thursday - Saturday:** 1000 - 1700

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1700

**Other notes:** Use city centre parking.

**Disability Access:** Disabled access to ground floor galleries only. Disabled toilet available.

**Tel:** 01727 819340

**Web:** [www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk)



## 18 Redbourn 900

Redbourn's St Mary's Church was founded in 1110. Redbourn 900 is a series of events to celebrate the 900th anniversary. The final events will take place over Heritage Open Days.

**Canticle Chamber Choir - "Music in Praise of Mary" St Mary's Church, Redbourn**

**Saturday:** 1930 - 2130

**Do I need to Pre-Book?:** Yes, see website.

**Disability Access:** Full

**Web:** [www.redbourn900.co.uk](http://www.redbourn900.co.uk)

**Patronal Festival Eucharist**

**St Mary's Church, Redbourn**

Morning Worship includes a full choral celebration of the Eucharist with a setting of Haydn's St Nicholas Mass, accompanied by an orchestra.

**Sunday:** 1030 - 1200

**Disability Access:** Full

**Redbourn 900 Village Finale Celebrations**

**Redbourn Common, Redbourn**

Celebrity cricket; dress in hats; Redbourn's heritage; hat competition; Mr Marvel; Mad Hatter's Tea Party; Hog roast; Guinness Record attempt - Hats on the Common; grand raffle draw; Finals of Redbourn's Got Talent.

**Sunday:** 1000 - 1800

**Other notes:** Parking on Redbourn Common.

**Disability Access:** Full

## 19 Redbournbury Mill

**Redbourn Road, St Albans**

Fully restored working 18th Century watermill museum producing organic stoneground flour and artisan bread. Flour & bread for sale.

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1700

**Directions:** Off A5183 - Redbourn Rd.

**Other notes:** Parking & walks nearby.

**Disability Access:** Ground floor only and toilet.

**Tel:** 01582 792874

**Web:** [www.redbournmill.co.uk](http://www.redbournmill.co.uk)

## 20 Roman Mosaic (Hypocaust Building)

**Verulamium Park, St Albans**

In Verulamium Park lies the Roman Mosaic, part of a suite of rooms in a large town house built around AD200. Beneath a fine mosaic, there is an under floor heating system, a hypocaust. It is a precursor of modern central heating!

**Thursday - Saturday:** 1000 - 1630

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1630

**Directions:** Next to St Michael's Church in St Michael's Village. (Follow brown signs for Verulamium) Follow signs from Verulamium Museum Car Park (350m) - 10 minute walk.

**Other notes:** Small Car park by museum but also use Westminster Lodge and city centre (15 min. walk). Refreshments available locally.

**Disability Access:** Full. Motorised disability cart available at Verulamium Museum.

**Tel:** 01727 751810

**Web:** [www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk)

## 21 Ryder Building

### Comfort Hotel, Holywell Hill

Now housing the Comfort Hotel, this was originally built as the headquarter offices of the Ryder Seed Company. Samuel Ryder is now best known for starting the Ryder Cup golf match, now played between America and Europe. On Saturday and Sunday there will a display by the City and District of St Albans Tour Guides in the Samuel Ryder Room, exploring the life and legacy of Samuel Ryder.

**Thursday - Sunday:** 1000 - 2100

**Other notes:** Bar is open from 1000 until 2300 for teas, coffees etc. Parking is permit only & can be obtained free from hotel reception.

**Disability Access:** Partial - listed stairwell to Samuel Ryder office, no lift access.

**Tel:** 01727 848849

## 22 Sopwell Nunnery

### Off Cottonmill Lane, St Albans

Visit the ruins of Sir Richard Lee's Tudor great house, built c1555 on the site of a 12th Century nunnery bought from Henry VIII.

**Thursday - Sunday:** Open Access

**Directions:** Cottonmill Lane, next to Old Sopwell Gardens.

**Other notes:** Car parking on the road, some restrictions apply.

**Disability Access:** Partial - on open common land, may be difficult for disabled visitors.

**Tel:** 01727 751810

**Web:** [www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk)

## 23 St Albans Market & Farmers Market

### St Peter's Street, St Albans

**Saturday:** 1000 - 1630:

The St Albans Market.

**Sunday: 1000 - 1400:**

Farmers Market (Always on 2nd Sunday of month).

**Directions:** St Peters Street

**Disability Access:** Full

## 24 St Albans Odeon / Alpha

### 166 London Road, St Albans

If you missed the first look in July, here's a second chance to see inside the old 1930's Odeon cinema, closed since 1995. Now under refurbishment, the building is being cleared. Visitors can see how work is progressing and hear about the 'dream', along with the chance to ask questions about the development.

**Sunday:** 1200 - 1400

**Directions:** The cinema is located opposite the Esso garage on London Road.

**Disability Access:** None

**Tel:** 01442 877999

**Web:** [www.allaboutstalbens.com/directory/cinema-project/1-43](http://www.allaboutstalbens.com/directory/cinema-project/1-43)



## 25 St Albans South Signal Box

### Ridgmont Rd, St Albans

The Grade II listed Midland Railway signal box built in 1892 has been restored and the operating floor will be open to the public. It is the only signal box adjacent to an operational main line railway with public access. Signalling demonstrations will run continuously, with video and slide shows. Steam traction engine rides and refreshments available.

**Saturday & Sunday:** 1000 - 1600

**Directions:** 200 yds South of City station platform 4 exit. Parking in Ridgmont Rd.

**Other notes:** Watch the trains go by with tea & cakes on the lawn.

**Disability Access:** Partial, no upstairs access.

**Web:** [www.sigbox.co.uk](http://www.sigbox.co.uk)

## 26 St Leonard's Church

### Church End, Sandridge, St Albans

Village church of Norman origin, with many features of architectural or local historical interest. Guided tours at 1430 on Saturday & Sunday. Childrens' worksheet available.

**Saturday:** 1000 - 1800

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1730

**Directions:** Off the B651 St Albans to Wheathampstead Road. Bus 304 or 620

**Other notes:** Free parking in Church End or in Village Hall car park.

**Disability Access:** Full

**Tel:** 01727 811899

**Web:** [www.achurchnearyou.com/sandridge](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/sandridge)



## 27 St Luke's Church Sharing Stories Group - Memories of World War II Exhibition

### Cell Barnes Lane, St Albans

We have collected the vivid memories of local people who lived through World War II and can remember evacuees, bombing and blackout as well as day-to-day life in school and at home. Our exhibition uses their extraordinary words and photos to show what life was like during World War II. This event is free of charge.

**Saturday:** 1000 - 1600

**Directions:** St Luke's Church is next door to Cunningham Hill Infant School.

**Disability Access:** Full access although toilets may be a little narrow.

**Tel:** 01727 865399

**Web:** [www.saint-lukes.co.uk](http://www.saint-lukes.co.uk)



## 28 St Michael's Church

### St Michael's Street, St Albans

Famous 1,000 year old church, built on the site of the basilica/forum of the Roman town of Verulamium where St Alban was tried and found guilty of not giving up his new found belief in Christianity. Church open to visitors in the afternoons.

**Thursday - Sunday:** 1300 - 1600

**Directions:** Opposite Verulamium Museum.

**Other notes:** Parking (ticket machine) in car park by Verulamium Museum.

**Disability Access:** Access into church via a ramp at the main door.

**Tel:** 01727 835037

**Web:**  
[www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk)



## 29 St Peter's Church

### St Peter's Street, St. Albans

St Peter's Church was founded in 948 AD, successive restorations have given a wholly Victorian appearance to a church containing a largely 15th century nave. Visitors will be able to ascend the tower

to see the ringing chamber & the bells where there will be explanatory displays. Depending on the weather, you will be able to go onto the tower roof, the highest point in St Albans.\*

\*(age restrictions apply).

**Saturday:** 1100 - 1700

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1700

**Directions:** North end of St Peter's St.

**Other notes:** Refreshments & Toilets.

**Disability Access:** Partial - Full access to the ground floor only.

**Tel:** 01727 855485

## 30 The Independent Chapel

### Spicer Street, St Albans

Grade II Listed non-Conformist chapel, built in 1811. There are many original features & exhibition tracing the church's history back to 1650. Famous associations with poet William Cowper, hymn writer Philip Doddridge, and Samuel Ryder of Ryder Cup fame.

**Saturday:** 1200 - 1700

**Sunday:** 1400 - 1700

**Directions:** off George Street.

**Other notes:** Nearest car parks: Russell Avenue & Gombards (Sat and Sun). Tea & Coffee available.

**Disability Access:** Partial - wheelchair access to ground floor only.

**Tel:** 01727 857044

**Web:** [www.spicerstreet.org.uk](http://www.spicerstreet.org.uk)

## 31 The Independent Chapel Lecture

For details of The Independent Chapel see entry 30.

**Lecture:** A History of our Church.

**Saturday:** 1600 **Sunday:** 1600

## 32 The Roman Theatre of Verulamium

### Bluehouse Hill, St Albans

Built in c.40AD, the Roman theatre is unique in Britain, being a theatre with a stage, rather than an amphitheatre and is the only fully excavated example of its kind in Britain. The main ruins were unearthed in 1847 and subsequent excavations have revealed shop foundations, a Roman villa and a secret shrine.

**Saturday - Sunday:** 1000 - 1700

**Directions:** Located just off Bluehouse Hill (A4147).

**Other notes:** No parking available at the Theatre. Use Verulamium Museum Car Park.

**Disability Access:** Partial

**Tel:** 01727 853035

**Web:** [www.romantheatre.co.uk](http://www.romantheatre.co.uk)

## 33 Verulamium Museum & Legion XIII

### St. Michael's, St Albans

Situated in Verulamium Park, the Museum houses the vast collection of finds excavated from the site of Verulamium, one of the largest towns in Roman Britain. Using recreated Roman rooms, hands-on discovery areas, touch screens and video presentations, the Roman town is brought to life.

**Thursday:** 1000 - 1730 (Free after 1400)

**Friday:** 1000 - 1730 (Free after 1400)

**Saturday:** 1000-1730 (Free All Day)

**Sunday:** 1400 -1730 (Free All Day)

**Legion XIII will be on parade on**

**Saturday** at 1430 & 1530, & on

**Sunday** at 1500.



**Directions:** Follow Tourist 'Brown signs'.

**Other notes:** Parking also available at Westminster Lodge and in the city centre within a 15 minute walk.

**Disability Access:** Full

**Tel:** 01727 751810

**Web:** [www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk)

## 34 Wheathampstead Old Railway Station

### Access by roundabout Station Rd

A partially restored platform and railbed which until 2009 lay overgrown by ivy & sycamore, disused & all but forgotten. Has Victorian & later features, now used as a picnic site & part of the Village Heritage Trail. Unmanned and open access. The station was on the Hatfield to Luton & Dunstable Line, 2010 marks the 150th anniversary of the opening of Wheathampstead station as a passenger line. Through volunteer help it now springs back to life.

**Thursday - Sunday:** Open Access

**Directions:** Junction of B653 & B651. Regular bus service from St Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Welwyn Garden City and surrounding villages.

**Other notes:** Free parking in East Lane. Why not follow the new Heritage Trail or take a stroll & picnic along the River Lea.

**Disability Access:** None - access via 20 wide steps with hand rail only.

**Web:** [wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk](http://wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk)

# Forthcoming Events

Please find below a selection of the main events that are taking place in and around the St Albans District over the next few months. For further information regarding these, and other event, call the Tourist Information Centre on 01727 864511 or visit the St Albans Website - [www.stalbans.gov.uk](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk)

## Herts Open Studios

**11th September - 3rd October**

Meet artists and crafts people throughout the city as they open their doors to the public. Free brochure with all details, art descriptions and times available at the Tourist Information Centre, libraries and art outlets. Taster event with a selection of work by St Albans participants at The Secret Garden café on George St from 14th August to 3rd October. Further information available on:-

**Web:** [www.hvaf.org.uk](http://www.hvaf.org.uk),

**Tel:** 07813 100651

**Email:** [openstudios@hvaf.org.uk](mailto:openstudios@hvaf.org.uk).

## The Big Project

**19th and 20th September**

The Big Project 2010 is the first major community event of Creative St Albans - a new independent forum for all the arts, which aims to be at the centre of the district's artistic community. The Old Town Hall will be abuzz with activities: music, singing, performance, visual art, film, storytelling, crafts - and there will also be opportunities to participate!

**Details:** To find out more about Creative St Albans & The Big Project contact Lyndsay Haynes on [festival@leisureconnection.co.uk](mailto:festival@leisureconnection.co.uk)

## Laughs in the Park

**Verulamium Park**

**Friday 24 - Sunday 26th September**

Each night, three of the UK's best loved comedians Eddie Izzard, Dylan Moran & Reginald D Hunter will take to the stage together in the glorious surroundings of St Albans' Verulamium Park. Strictly 15+, patrons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Details:** Further information available on [www.hmvtickets.com](http://www.hmvtickets.com)

**Tel:** 0843 221 0100

## Art Symphony

**Courtroom, Town Hall, Market Place  
25 & 26, 29 & 30 Sept, 2 & 3 October**

It may have been a while since court was held at St Albans Town Hall, but its doors are opening once again & for a limited time only as the Art Symphony group invite you to be the judge at their Open Studio (see top left of this page).

**Details:** Further information available on [www.studiosphere.com](http://www.studiosphere.com)

**Tel:** 01727 867559

## St Stephens Church

**Watling Street, St Albans Sunday  
26th September**

St. Stephen's is a historic pilgrim church, situated on the Roman road of Watling Street on the southern edge of St. Albans. The church includes a 13th century chapel, thought to be a Leper Chapel, a Tudor roof and some fine 19th century stained-glass. St Stephen's also contains the oldest Font in the city and the churchyard includes part of the Roman cemetery. Cream Teas will be served whilst the church is open from 1430 to 1700.

**Tel:** 01727 862598

**Web:** [www.parishonline.co.uk](http://www.parishonline.co.uk)

## St Albans Beer Festival

**The Alban Arena**

**29th September – 2nd October**

St Albans is the home of CAMRA - The Campaign for Real Ale - which organises the biggest Beer Festival in Hertfordshire. Up to 300 real Ales, a Foreign Beer Bar, Ciders and Perries.

**Details:** [www.stalbansbeerfestival.info](http://www.stalbansbeerfestival.info)

## St Albans Food and Drink Festival

**1st - 10th October**

Now in it's 3rd year, the St Albans Food & Drink Festival has become a popular and established event, showcasing the fantastic range of food, drink and produce available in the District. See advert on back cover.

**Tel:** 01727 864511

**Web:** [www.stalbansfoodanddrink.com](http://www.stalbansfoodanddrink.com)

## St Albans Book Fair

**Courtroom, Town Hall, Market Place  
23rd October – 2nd January**

Open Monday to Saturday 0900 - 1800, Sundays 1000 - 1700

**Details:** [www.stalbansbookfair.co.uk](http://www.stalbansbookfair.co.uk)

## St Albans Firework Display

**Verulamium Park**

**Saturday 6th November - 1930**

(Gates open from 1830) The largest Firework Display in Hertfordshire if not the country! Certainly not to be missed. All proceeds go to nominated charities.



## Christmas Market & Lights Switch-on

**St Peter's Street,**

**Sunday 21st November - From 1430**

The Market, stage show and kiddie funfair are back for an afternoon of entertainment which will include Father Christmas and the stars of the Alban Arena Pantomime, Peter Pan! The Lights are switched on at 1730.



# 1st - 10th October 2010

Rosette  
Restaurant  
Event

Gala Dinner and  
Food and Drink  
Festival Awards

Food  
& Drink  
Events

Meal  
Deals

## St Albans Food & Drink Festival is the “Talk of the Town”

Italian  
Market

Beer  
Festival

Harvest  
Festival

Nominate  
your  
favourite  
restaurant

Farmer's Market  
& Finale Event

and Much  
Much More....

Visit our website for details and nominate your favourite restaurant, pub, bar or café for a Food & Drink Festival Award. Nomination close on 9th September....then the voting begins!

ST ALBANS  
**FOOD  
& DRINK  
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