

### [St Nicholas' Church, Dereham](#)

The Grade I building is the oldest in Dereham. The north transept is memorial to the 18th century poet William Cowper and there will be a Cowper exhibition in church all week.

Visit the detached bell tower: for a while the tower was used to house French prisoners of war. One prisoner, Jean de Narde, escaped and was shot. Try and find his grave in the churchyard.



Friday 8 September: 1000-1300; Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600;  
 Friday 15 September: 1000-1500; Saturday 16 September: 1000-1600;  
 The church is fully accessible. Access to the ringing chamber and bell chamber is via a wooden spiral staircase which is narrow in a few places. Access to St Withburga's Well is across an uneven churchyard. There is a step into the well area and two steps down.  
 St Nicholas' Church, Church Street, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DN

### [Mid Norfolk Family History Society](#)

We can help you to research your family history both in Mid Norfolk and beyond.

Drop in for tips and advice from our members, and explore the local records that we have collected and published about Mid Norfolk family history. Come along and meet our helpful volunteers and, if you have any items of local historical interest, please bring them along



Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600; Saturday 16 September: 1000-1600  
 No booking required. Parking on street and in the Guildhall car park or Market Place.  
 Church House, Church Street, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DN

### [Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse](#)

Come and explore Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, set in 50 acres of Norfolk countryside. Take part in activities across the site.

Learn about the lives and treatment of some of the poorest people in Victorian society in our Voices of the Workhouse exhibition. Visit our museum gift shop and the Mardlers Rest Cafe for hot and cold refreshments.



Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600 No booking required. Ample parking on site.  
 Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse, Gressenhall, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4DR

# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

*free entry to sites in Dereham*



## Friday 8 September

St Nicholas' Church	10am to 1pm
Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum	10am to 1pm
Dereham Windmill	10am to 3pm

## Saturday 9 September

St Nicholas' Church	10am to 4pm
Mid Norfolk Family History Society	10am to 4pm
Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum	10am to 4pm
Dereham Windmill	10am to 3pm
Sites of Dereham Walk	9.30am to 12 noon
Trinity Methodist Church	10am to 1pm

## Sunday 10 September

Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse	10am to 4pm
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## Friday 15 September

St Nicholas' Church	10am to 3pm
Dereham Windmill	10am to 3pm
Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum	10am to 1pm

## Saturday 16 September

St Nicholas' Church	10am to 4pm
Mid Norfolk Family History Society	10am to 4pm
Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum	10am to 4pm
Dereham Windmill	10am to 3pm
Dereham's Fiery Dragon	9.30am to 4pm

## Sunday 17 September

County School Station	11am to 3pm
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### [County School Station ~ A hidden gem](#)

Explore this classic Great Eastern Railway junction station and find out what we do to continue to develop it.

Meet the volunteer Stationmaster, as tour guide, and explore areas of the station not normally open to the public. Hear stories of lives lived on and around the railway at this special place. Ride on the Wensum Valley Miniature Railway.



**Sunday 17 September: 1130-1500 No booking required**  
Tours last 20-30 minutes. Parking and refreshments available  
County School, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 5LE

### [Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum](#)

A little gem of a museum in Dereham's oldest domestic building, a row of three thatched cottages that survived town fires in 1581 and 1679 and a Zeppelin raid in 1915.

Displays on living and working in Dereham in the early C20th: what a labourer and his family earned and spent and ate, and Dereham's manufacturing, retail, and other industries.



**Friday 8 September: 1000-1300; Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600;**  
**Friday 15 September: 1000-1300; Saturday 16 September: 1000-1600**  
No booking required. Limited wheelchair access to two rooms on the ground floor.  
Narrow corridors and steep staircases. Parking and refreshments available nearby.  
Bishop Bonner's Cottages Museum, St. Withburga Lane, Dereham, NR19 1ED

### [Dereham's Fiery Dragon - and Railway Relics](#)

Talks, tours, steam train action and more... something for everyone, including crafty kids!

Watch our 'fiery dragon' as it arrives and departs and get a close look at the loco from the station platform. Join a station tour, or come to a short illustrated talk on either the history of the line or real-life experiences of working on the railways of old. Train rides require ticket purchase.



**Saturday 16 September: 0930-1600 Talks timings - see website**  
Free entry to talks and tours lasting 20-30 minutes. Parking and refreshments available  
The Railway Station, Station Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DF

### [Dereham Windmill](#)

Dereham Windmill is a Grade II listed windmill set in extensive grounds with a picnic area. On each floor there are illustrated explanations on what happened in each area, when the mill was full of noise and floor dust.

In 2013, after several years of fundraising, the mill was restored and reopened to visitors.



**Friday 8 September: 1000-1500; Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500**  
**Friday 15 September: 1000-1500; Saturday 16 September: 1000-1500**  
No booking required. There are five floors that are connected by steps that are steep but have good handrails. The ground floor is fully accessible and is where videos telling the story of the windmill and how flour is milled may be viewed. Fully disabled facilities are available within the tearoom and grounds, including a specially adapted picnic bench.  
Dereham Windmill, Greenfields Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 3TE

### [Sites of Dereham - guided walk of c4.5 miles](#)

A walk past places of interest including Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum, Scarning Water Meadows, the Railway Station, the Windmill, the Neatherd, the old cemetery and a chance to visit the Explosives Store.

At the windmill, there will be an opportunity to have coffee and cake (and use the toilets) and the windmill itself will be open.



**Saturday 9 September: 0930-1200 approx. Booking essential**  
Contact Ken Hawkins, 07561 813243 or by email to: ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk

### [Trinity Methodist Church, Dereham](#)

This is a great opportunity to take time to look carefully around our buildings. Enjoy hearing our magnificent organ being played by local church organists from 10.30am to 12 noon.

There will be a display of the church's Wesleyan history in the hall, where you will find refreshments available, with worksheets and colouring activities for younger visitors.



**Saturday 9 September: 1000-1300 No booking required**  
Free entry and volunteers on hand to show you round. Parking and refreshments available  
Trinity Methodist Church, Theatre Street, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 2ER