

Explore Newbury

Walking Tours 2018

Churches & Chapels, Past & Present

March 30th (Good Friday)

A guided walk on level ground to some of Newbury's town-centre places of worship, both past and present. As well as a brief history of the denominations and their association with Newbury, we shall look at the architecture of the existing buildings. Please note, the walk will extend southwards beyond the pedestrian area, but will remain north of the railway station.

YOUR GUIDE:

Jane Burrell is a former curator of West Berkshire Museum. She divides her time between local history research, poetry of the Great War, and theology.

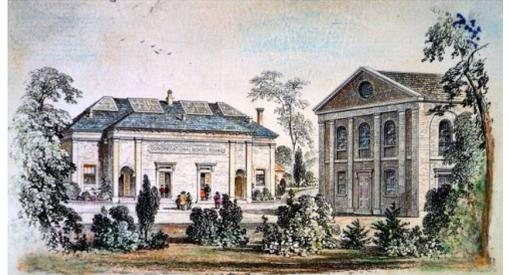
Central Newbury History Walk

April 2nd (Easter Monday)

A circular walk led by Phil Wood, taking in the Market Place, Newbury Wharf, Victoria Park, Newbury Lock, West Mills and St Nicolas Church during which we cover Newbury's history from the Domesday Book to the modern day. Pubs, breweries, almshouses, non-conformity, trade and, of course, the church and canal.

YOUR GUIDE:

Phil researches, writes and lectures on the history of Newbury and family history. He is President of the Newbury District Field Club (the town's local history society); his particular interests are the pubs and breweries of Newbury and the war memorials of West Berkshire.



Wash Common History Walk

May 7th (Bank Holiday Mon)

A 2 hour ramble through 4500 years of human occupation of Wash Common, from Neolithic through enclosure, local industry & turnpike roads to housing estates. Mostly pavements & footpaths. NB – there is little provision for seating / rest stops for less mobile participants on this walk.

YOUR GUIDE:

Dave Stubbs was for many years the 'local bobby' at Wash Common – his interest in local history awakened by digging up a civil war musket ball in his back garden. He has accumulated a wealth of local lore which he loves sharing through talks and guided walks.



Northbrook Street & Speenhamland

May 28th (Bank Holiday Mon)

A walk along Northbrook Street to the Clock Tower, to talk about Newbury during the coaching era, and the Speenhamland System. Along the way it takes in a range of historic buildings, including Camp Hopson and Jack of Newbury's house.

YOUR GUIDE:

David Peacock researches, writes and lectures on the history of the Newbury area. He is the author of *The Story of Newbury* (2011), has written for local newspapers, taught evening classes, and given talks to many clubs and societies.

Wartime Newbury

July 6th (Fri)

A guided walk within the largely pedestrian town centre to see the sites which played a part in the two World Wars. We shall see where the film 'The Battle of the Somme' was shown in 1916, where the Lord Mayor's coach was stored during WWII, and why the Emergency Bridge was constructed. Buildings, street corners and river banks have a story to tell.

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Bartholomew Street & The City

July 15th (Sunday)

A walk through Newbury's past led by Phil Wood, taking in Bartholomew Street on the way to The City. Almshouses and breweries, churches and pubs, bombs and burial grounds: tales from the middle ages to the modern day.

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Walking Tours Information

All Friday walks are at 11.30am except Good Friday which is 2.30pm and all Sunday and Monday walks are at 2.30pm.

Cost: £5 per adult, £4 concessions.
Each walk lasts about 1½ hours (except Dave Stubbs') and has limited spaces.
Bespoke walks can be arranged.

Note: Walks start at the Corn Exchange, except for the Wash Common walks

Tickets are available from:
Newbury Corn Exchange, Market Place,
Newbury, RG14 5BD

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