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THE MAELDUNE HERITAGE CENTRE

Open Tuesday to Saturday 11.00-4.00.

Entry is free.

Special event Saturday 12 September and
Sunday 13 September, 2020

Fully accessible

Pushchair friendly



The Maeldune Heritage Centre
St Peter's Tower, Market Hill,
Maldon CM9 4PZ

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Welcome to England's largest heritage festival, taking place 11-20 September, in thousands of places across the country. Join 46,400 volunteers in celebrating local places and stories and explore the multitude of familiar and hidden places on your doorstep, completely free of charge.

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HIDDEN NATURE THEMED EVENT

WHAT'S ON: THE MALDON EMBROIDERY, CRAFT SHOP, EXHIBITION HALL, HIDDEN NATURE THEMED EVENT, OUTDOOR DISPLAYS

THE MAELDUNE HERITAGE CENTRE HERITAGE OPEN DAY WEEKEND SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

We are open for the Festival 11.00 - 4.00 on the following days:

Friday 11th September
Saturday 12th September
Sunday 13th September

Monday 14th September
Tuesday 15th September
Wednesday 16th September
Thursday 17th September
Friday 18th September
Saturday 19th September

Our normal opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11.00 – 4.00

Entry is free!

*Visitors please note social distancing and wearing of masks guidelines at the Centre to manage Covid-19 restrictions.
Thank you!*



heritage open days Heritage weekend Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September

The Maeldune Heritage Centre will be open on Sunday 13 September for the Heritage Weekend in Maldon in addition to the normal opening hours – Tuesday to Saturday 11.00 to 4.00. Entry is free and donations are welcome.

The theme this year is Hidden Nature. Apart from the heritage inside the Centre – the Maldon Embroidery and local history displays, gazebos with displays will be outside in the grounds for visitors to come and find out more about our local heritage. This year we have invited, as special guests, other venues who are unable to open at the moment to join us to make the event even more fun. We do hope visitors come to the Centre and see the displays from:

Maeldune Heritage Centre: in addition to the craft shop, exhibition hall and local history, the Maldon Rose collage, hidden nature themed displays, quizzes and word searches will be added.

Maldon Honey: our display will consist of photographs showing the life cycle of the honeybee - along with candles and wax items and some honey taster pots. We are happy to talk to people and answer questions.

Beeleigh Abbey: is one of the foremost historic houses in the area, originally founded in the 12th century with its subsequent fate matching the course of British political and economic history since. It lies less than a mile from the town centre beside the river Chelmer and has close historic religious relations with the town, including All Saints church on the High Street and the St Giles hospice which can still be seen from Spital Road. The current owners Christopher and Catherine Foyle are the third generation of the bookshop family living there, but they more than anyone have restored and conserved the house whilst making it a comfortable home, also significantly developing the grounds around the house. Before Covid struck these three acres of beautiful gardens were regularly opened to the public during the summer months. It is not known if this will continue but meanwhile it's hoped others will like to know such an interesting building contributes to Maldon's heritage. A fully illustrated guide and history written by the owner is available for sale, orders can be taken at the Maeldune Heritage Centre or see information at: visitmaldon.co.uk/beeleigh-abbey

Maldon Society: founded over 60 years ago the Maldon Society still actively promotes the heritage of Maldon and its surroundings, adapting to new ways of doing this. We also seek to protect that heritage from unnecessary or harmful change, for example by keeping an eye on planning applications, particular in the conservation areas, and participating in local area reviews. Visitors to the Maeldune Centre are welcome to access the Society's archives which contain over thirty individual collections of photographs, videos and pen-and-ink drawings of the town and its people, ranging from the 1930's to the present day. The adjacent oral archives include a listening station. Over 50 people have now contributed with all sorts of memories of life in the town when it was starting to extend beyond its medieval size, for example boat building and sailing, childhoods spent above the High Street shops, wartime events, learning to swim in the Promenade lake etc. When Covid recedes as a threat we intend to restart our monthly talks on local buildings, people and events. These have previously always been open to the public with the intention of promoting an appreciation of our heritage as widely as possible. Meanwhile we help to maintain the vitality of the town working closely with business representatives, with all other local heritage groups and both the town and district councils. Maldon Society welcomes new members to help achieve the aims.

WORDSEARCHES

HIDDEN NATURE

QUIZZES

THE BATTLE OF MALDON

LOCAL HISTORY

EMBROIDERY TALKS

HERITAGE

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PHOTOGRAPHIC
ARCHIVES

ORAL LISTENING POST

CRAFT SHOP

THE MALDON EMBROIDERY

ART EXHIBITION