

St Ives

Heritage Open Day 2021



Saturday 18th September

The Civic Society of St Ives invites residents and visitors to a day of history, music, fresh local food and our Eco future.

There is the opportunity to see inside some of our historic buildings and visit the award winning Farmers Market between 8.30 and 2 pm. The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival provides music from 11am. St Ives Eco Action has activities for children and families in the Methodist Church.

For easy access, the frequent Guided buses from Cambridge and Peterborough bring you into the centre of St Ives, where the action is.

The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival
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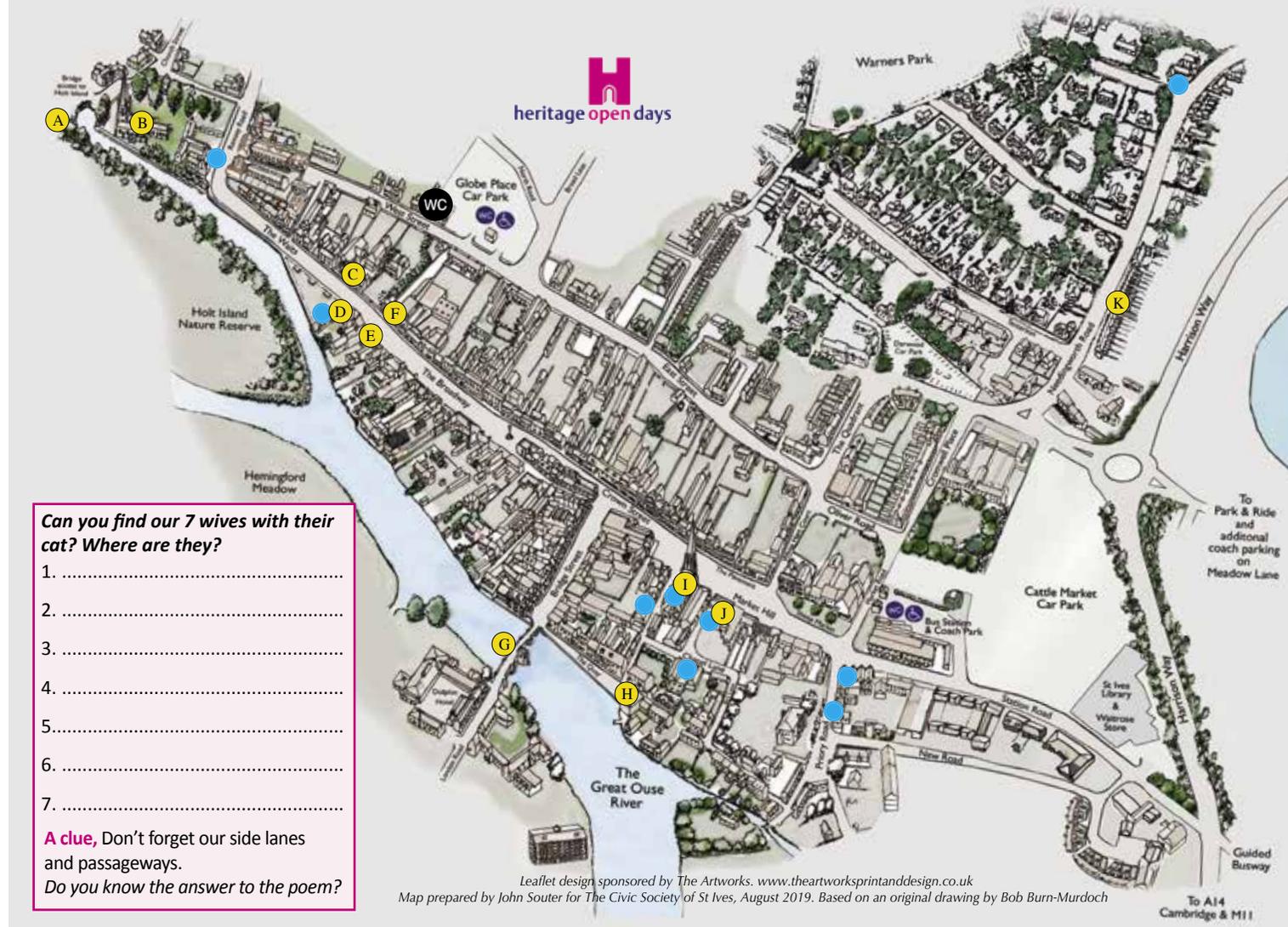
Civic Society of St Ives - www.stivescivic.org.uk
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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THE NORRIS
LIBRARY
AND MUSEUM



heritage open days



Can you find our 7 wives with their cat? Where are they?

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A clue, Don't forget our side lanes and passageways.
Do you know the answer to the poem?

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A. Holt Island Nature Reserve

At the west end of town PE27 5BY
Open 10.00 – 16.00

B. All Saints Church

Church Street PE27 6DG
Open 10.00 – 16.00

C. Methodist Church

On the Waits PE27 5BY
Open 10.00 – 16.00

D. Norris Museum

The Broadway PE27 5BX
Open 10.00 – 16.00

E. Fellmonger House garden

39 The Broadway PE27 5BX
Open 10.00 – 16.00

F. Prayer & Education Centre of St Ives and Huntingdon

38 The Broadway PE27 5BN
Open 10.00 – 16.00

G. Bridge Chapel (Chapel of St Ledger)

Bridge Street. PE27 5UW
Open 10.00 – 16.00

H. St Ives Masonic Hall

Wellington Street, PE27 5AZ
Open 10.00 – 16.00

I. Free Church

Market Hill PE27 5AL
Open 10.00 – 16.00

J. Town Hall

Market Hill. PE27 5AL
Open 10.00 – 16.00

K. Jamia Masjid Mosque

22 Needingworth Road, PE27 5JN
Open 10.00 – 16.00

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stivescivic.org.uk and go to projects

For full information on these locations please visit: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Other things to see in St Ives

Starting from the east end Guided Bus Park & Ride there are many things of interest to see. There is no need to rush as all can be seen at any time. If you are short of time we hope you will visit St Ives again to complete the list, and join us for more in 2022.

Where the incoming Cambridge bus stops, there is a simple brick and cement structure on the bank of the flooded gravel pit. It is a WWII Pillbox from late 1940, one of four constructed in St Ives to form part of the Waterbeach to Huntingdon Stop Line; an element of Britain's WWII Invasion Defences. The primary purpose was probably to defend the railway lines and goods yards in the area at that time.

Before going into town, walk up Needingworth Road. On your left is the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The

site is not open this year, however it has an interesting story. The church was designed by Augustus Pugin and originally built in Cambridge in 1843; but by 1902 it was too

small for the congregation. In the same year George Pauling, a local businessman and civil engineer, donated £1,000 to purchase the church, have it dismantled, transported by barge, and rebuilt here. The whole process was completed in less than five months and it opened on 9th July 1902. A perfect example of recycling on a grand scale!

In the town, before 2pm, you can enjoy produce and products from our award winning Farmers Market.

You can't miss Oliver Cromwell in Market Hill. He was born, schooled and lived in Huntingdon for many years, but they couldn't raise the money for his statue; so St Ives did by public subscription! The statue was erected here in 1901.



In the main part of town there are many Victorian boot scrapers, two are damaged but still recognisable.

On Oliver Cromwell's left is a red brick house. In 1719 it was The Bell, one of St Ives' many pubs. A bell can be seen in the brickwork of the top storey. Easier to see and possibly more interesting is the item above the right hand door to M&Co. It is a carved medieval oak beam with the arms of the



Bishop of Ramsey. St Ives was owned by Ramsey Abbey from 986 to 1628 when it was given to the Earl of Manchester.

Cross to the Free Church and walk down Free Church Passage to the river. On your right is the old bridge and Chapel, the altar of which was consecrated in 1426. Notice the two different styles of bridge arches. Across the river is a 7 storey building, the old Steam Mill, with an interesting history. Here in 1961 Sir Clive Sinclair founded Sinclair Radionics and in 1972 produced the first slim-line electronic pocket calculator.



Along the Quay and over the bridge, turn down into the large car park on your right. On the left is a 55 arch bridge "The New Bridges".

A Grade II listed, 220 yards-long brick causeway built in 1822. The bricks came from The How brickyards about

half a mile upstream: it was calculated 1.2 million were used.

Returning to town, whilst on the bridge, you will see that the houses on The Quay have a definite Dutch influence. Other examples are on Market Hill and The Waits: the result of sea trade with Europe.

On your left is a view of Hemingford Meadow which is about 50 hectares and shows evidence of medieval ridge and furrow.

Follow Bridge Street almost to the T junction, turning left into Merryland and the Broadway. For 700 years the cattle market was held here until 1889 when it was relocated to the east end of town.

Ahead is the Victoria Jubilee Memorial, in 1901 it was connected to the town water supply. In 1939 the 4 small basins still had buttons to activate the water jets, providing safe drinking water for all.

Continue down the Broadway, past the Norris Museum to the relaxing grass area by the river. Here you will find information about The Ouse Valley Way. In it's 142 miles it passes many interesting, historical and picturesque places, St Ives being one of them.

Members of the Civic Society of St Ives, wearing a bright pink sash, will be in town to assist you.

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