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26 May – 3 June 2018



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Defined by the Greensand Ridge, a band of higher ground stretching from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, which rises out of the surrounding clay vales, the area contains all of Bedfordshire's remaining heathland, more than half of its woodland and more historic parkland than anywhere else in the country.

Our landscape is rich in wildlife and cultural heritage just waiting to be explored. The woods, parklands and miles of footpaths and bridleways make Greensand Country perfect for days out on foot, bike and horseback.

Greensand Country's parks and open spaces are perfect for family visits, letting the little ones play outside, walking the dog or settling down with a summer picnic.

This year we're hosting the first Greensand Country Festival, taking place across the landscape from 26 May to 3 June. This guide provides you with details of all of the events and activities taking place throughout the festival.

The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership is led by the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and local environment charity, The Greensand Trust, and is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is made possible by National Lottery players. Without them we couldn't fund the project.

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History through Word & Song Trains on the Marston Vale Line

Sat 26 May, Wed 30 May, Fri 1 & Sat 2 Jun. Depart 11:55am and again at 1:55pm

Guided train journey on the Marston Vale Line between Bedford Midland and Woburn Sands. The guides will provide an insight into the history of the Line with local musician Geraldine Pearson-Green performing her own Bedfordshire folk songs at intervals during the journey.

Free Event (Included in cost of Train Fare) – No booking required. Meet at Bedford Mainline Station 11:45am and 1.45pm



Folk Singer Geraldine

Sat 26 May, Wed 30 May, Fri 1 & Sat 2 Jun. 12:30pm – 1:10pm and again at 2:30pm – 3:10pm

On arrival at Woburn Sands, Folk Singer Geraldine will perform further songs on the platform prior to the departure of the return train to Bedford. Refreshments available at Costa and the Station Tavern adjacent to the station.

Free Event. No booking required.

Meet on the platform at Woburn Sands Railway Station



Guided walk from Woburn Sands to Ridgmont

Sat 26 May, Wed 30 May & Fri 1 Jun. Depart 1:15pm

Passengers can join a guided walk from Woburn Sands to Ridgmont on 26 May, 30 May and 1 June (11:55 train from Bedford), and then catch the return train to Bedford. Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre is open until 4pm.

Advance booking recommended for the Heritage Centre Tea Room – call 01525 287120



Photo credit: Stephen Coleman

Bedfordshire Brickworks Exhibition at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre

Sat 2 June, 10am – 4pm

Take a step back into Bedfordshire's past at a special one-day Brickworks Exhibition! Andrew Mortlock, London Brick Archivist, will be bringing an extensive collection of archives, photographs and ephemera connected with the brickworks that used to dominate the landscape along the section of the Marston Vale Line between Bedford and Ridgmont and other areas of Bedfordshire.

The Heritage Centre and Tea Room will be open as usual.

Free Entry. No booking required

For further info

Email: stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk or

Tel: 01234 832645



Walk2Fitness Woburn Nordic Walk

Sat 26 May, 12pm – 1:30pm

£6 per person – Booking is essential. Circular walk of approximately 4.5 miles from Woburn.

Meet at Woburn Public Car Park, Park Street, MK17 9PG. For further info and to book Email: elaine@walk2fitness.co.uk or Tel: 07894 791527



Walk2Fitness – Nordic Walk and History Train Ride, Millbrook to Woburn Sands and back

Wed 30 May, 11:30am – 4pm

£8 per person – Booking is essential.

Walk2Fitness will lead an 8.5 mile walk, starting at Marston Moretaine Forest Centre and catching the train at Millbrook, joining the history train at 12:12pm to Woburn Sands. The group will then walk to Ridgmont Train Station for refreshments, before taking the train back to Millbrook and walking from the station to the Forest Centre.

Meet at The Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine.

For further info and to book Email:

elaine@walk2fitness.co.uk or

Tel: 07894 791527



Walk2Fitness – Ampthill Circular to Houghton Conquest

Mon 28 May, 12pm – 3pm

£6 per person – Booking is essential.

Meeting point is Ampthill Park West Car Park.

For further info and to book Email:

elaine@walk2fitness.co.uk or Tel: 07894 791527



Walk2Fitness – Old Warden Circular Walk

Fri 1 Jun, 10am – 12:30pm

£6 per person – Booking is essential.

Meeting point is Old Warden Village Hall.

For further info and to book Email:

elaine@walk2fitness.co.uk or Tel: 07894 791527



Walk2Fitness – Centre Parcs circular walk from Ampthill Park

Sat 2 June, 11am – 1pm

£6 per person – Booking is essential.

Meeting point is Ampthill Park West Car Park.

For further info and to book Email: [elaine@](mailto:elaine@walk2fitness.co.uk)

walk2fitness.co.uk or Tel: 07894 791527



North Bedfordshire Ramblers Group walk from Lidlington

Sat 26 May, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Free Event – No booking required. A 6-mile circular walk from Lidlington.

Meet on Station Road, MK43 0RU. For further info, contact Gwen on 07840 924566

Ivel Valley Walkers - A Morning Walk from Woburn

**Sun 27 May,
10am – 12:45pm**

Free Event – No booking required. A 7-mile walk.

Meet at Woburn Car Park (Opposite the church). For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 07803 125876

Ivel Valley Walkers - An Afternoon Walk from Woburn

**Sunday 27 May,
1:30pm – 3:30pm**

Free Event – No booking required. A 5-mile walk.

Meet at Woburn Car Park (Opposite the church). For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 07803 125876



Ivel Valley Walkers – Northill

Mon 28 May, 10am – 1pm

Free Event – No booking required. A 7-mile morning walk from Northill.

Park by St Mary the Virgin Church, Northill. For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 01582 614644

Ivel Valley Walkers – A walk from Ampthill Park

Tue 29 May, 10am – 3:30pm

Free Event – No booking required. 12-miles, all day.

Meet at West Car Park, Woburn Street, Ampthill. For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 01234 315181

Ivel Valley Walkers – A Walk from Rowney Warren

Wed 30 May, 10am – 1pm

Free Event – No booking required. A Wednesday morning walk of 6-7 miles.

For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 07890 232685



Ivel Valley Walkers – A leisurely paced walk from Maulden Woods

Thu 31 May, 10am – 12pm

Free Event – No booking required. 5 miles or less.

Meet at Maulden Woods (A6 Layby). For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 01462 712462

Ivel Valley Walkers – Linear Bus Walk from Ampthill to Clophill

Fri 1 June, 9:30am – 2:40pm

Free Travel with a Bus Pass or around £8 without – No booking required.

For further info, Email: roycarter367@hotmail.com or Tel: 01234 301182

Map Awareness Course at the Working Woodland Centre, Maulden Woods

Sat 2 June, 10am – 4:30pm

£10 per person – Booking is essential

For further info and to book, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com



Leighton Buzzard Ramblers, Walking part of the Greensand Ridge

Sun 3 June, 10am – 12:30pm

Free Event – No booking required. 5-6 miles.

Meet at Rushmere Visitor Centre. For further info, Email: daviestracey51@gmail.com or Tel: 01525 374429

Ivel Valley Walkers – A Morning Walk from Sandy

Sun 3 June, 10am – 1pm

Free Event – No booking required. A 7 mile walk.

Park at Town Centre car park, Sandy. For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 01585 614644

Ivel Valley Walkers – An Afternoon Walk from Sandy

Sun 3 June, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Free Event – No booking required.

Park at Town Centre car park, Sandy. For further info, Email: bedswalkfest@gmail.com or Tel: 01585 614644



Walk4Health Beeston Green to Hatch

**Mon 28 May,
10am – 11:15am**

Free. No booking required. 3-mile circular walk incl. 1 mile of the Greensand Ridge Walk.

**For further info
Tel: 07890 232685**

Shefford Health Walk

**Tue 29 May,
10am – 11/11:30am**

Free. No booking required. A walk, usually including rural footpaths, in the Shefford area. The footpaths may be a bit muddy if there has been recent rain. The walk may include some hills.

**For further info
Tel: 01462 815672**

Sandy Health Walk

**Wed 30 May,
10am – 11am**

Free. No booking required. A beautiful one hour walk along the River Ivel between Sandy and Beeston. Features include the site of one of the oldest mills and the Riddy Local Nature Reserve.

**For further info
Tel: 01767 692182**

Forest of Marston Vale Health Walk

**Wed 30 May,
10:30am – 11:30am**

Free. No booking required.

A gentle walk around the beautiful Millennium Country Park, and the opportunity for refreshments afterwards at the Forest Centre's Lakeside Café.

**For further info
Tel: 01234 767014**

Flitwick Health Walk

**Wed 30 May,
10:15am – 11:45am**

Free. No booking required.

A circular walk around Ampthill Park, with beautiful open views to the north. Some slopes and sections of uneven ground, and possibly muddy areas.

**For further info
Tel: 01525 715730**

Ampthill Health Walk

Fri 1 Jun, 10am – 11:30am

Free. No booking required.

A walk exploring Ampthill Park and the Cooper's Hill Nature Reserve, with extensive views, woods and heathland. Some hills and uneven terrain.

**For further info
Tel: 01234 740788**





Clophill Heritage Trust Guided Walk

Sun 27 May, 12pm - 2pm

£3 per person – Booking is recommended, but not essential

Clophill Heritage Trust is hosting a 2 hour guided walk. Starting and finishing at Clophill Eco Lodges, and taking in some of the beautiful Greensand Countryside around the village. This gentle walk is suitable for all ages, with plants and wildlife of interest pointed out along the route. Please wear appropriate footwear for walking and bring wet weather gear/sun-cream depending on the weather!

To book, visit clophillecolodges.org.uk, Email: info@clophillheritage.org or Tel: 07935 911207



Guided Walk from Bow Brickhill to Woburn Sands

Wed 30 May, 2:30pm - 4:15pm

Free Event – No booking required

The Bedford to Bletchley Rail Users' Association (BBRUA) is hosting a guided walk from Bow Brickhill Station to Woburn Sands. The walk will cross the road from Bow Brickhill Rail Station and proceed over a stile onto footpaths, up a gradual and fairly steep gradient, across a field with a view of MK. Finishing by walking through woodland to Woburn Sands.

Meeting Point is Bow Brickhill Rail Station. For further info, Email: andy@bowbrickhill.com or Tel: 07778 562259



History & Heritage Walk in Ampthill Great Park

Sun 3 Jun, Walks start at 10am, 11am & 1pm

Free Event – No booking required

Learn more about the history & heritage of the park, with emphasis placed on the activities in the park during the first world war.

Meet at Ampthill Great Park, Park Lodge Council Offices, Central Car Park. For further info, Email: council@ampthilltowncouncil.org.uk or Tel: 01525 404355

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27th May EcoHub (Maddocks Hall) Gamlingay

31st May Summerfields Miniature Railway, Haynes

2nd June Rushmere Country Park (Heron View Room in Education Centre)

£5.00 each Bookable sessions run at:
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Ride Out UK Bluebell Ride

Sun 13 May, starts 9:30am to 11:30am

£15 in advance (by 4 May) or £20 on the day. Routes of 7.5 and 12 miles.

Meet at Wakes End Farm, Eversholt, MK17 9FB. Booking available: <https://tinyurl.com/bhsbluebell>, Email: bhs.beds@gmail.com



Guided Horse Ride to Greensand Ridge at Old Warden

Thu 31 May, 6pm - 8pm

Free Event (£15 refundable deposit required when booking) – Booking is essential. Guided Horse Ride (7.5 miles) to Greensand Ridge at Old Warden from Willington.

For further info & book, Email: lindsaymeasures@gmail.com or Tel: 07941 462545



Guided Horse Ride to Greensand Ridge at Lidlington

Sat 2 June, 10am - 12pm

Free Event (£15 refundable deposit required when booking) – Booking is essential. Guided Horse Ride (8 miles) to Greensand Ridge at Lidlington, starting at Marston Forest Centre.

For further info & book, Email: robina@chatham.uk.com or Tel: 07733 260158




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13 May	Ride Out UK Bluebell Ride	9:30am – 11:30am	Yes	9	25
26 May – 1 June	Royal Afternoon Tea at The Woburn Hotel	3pm – 5:30pm	Yes	14	27
26 May – 3 June	Woollen Woods at Rushmere Country Park	10am – 8pm	No	14	29
26 May – 3 June	Leighton Buzzard Camera Club – Rushmere	10am – 4pm	No	18	29
26 May	Invertebrate Day at Flitwick Moor	10am – 12:30pm	Yes	19	24
26 May	Walk2Fitness Woburn Nordic Walk	12pm – 1:30pm	Yes	5	27
26 May	North Bedfordshire Ramblers - Lidlington	1:30pm – 3:30pm	No	6	19
26 May	Kelchner Brewery Tours	11am – 1pm	Yes	14	22
26 May	Warden Abbey, Vineyard Tour & Tasting	10:30am & 2pm	Yes	14	8
26, 30 May, 1 & 2 June	History Through Word & Song Trains	Departing 11:55am and again 1:55pm	No	4	16-26
26, 30 May, 1 & 2 June	Folk Music by Geraldine Pearson-Green	12:30pm – 1:10pm and 2:30pm – 3:10pm	No	4	26
26, 30 May & 1 June	Guided Train Walk	11:55am – 4pm	No	4	26
26 – 27 May	Animal Edge Open Day with Pony Rides	10am – 2pm	Yes	14	20
27 May	Warden Abbey: A display of geophysical survey results	10am – 4pm	No	19	8
27 May	Mapping the Greensand Country at Gamlingay	10am – 4pm	No	15	1
27 May	Bedfordshire Ramblers Woburn morning walk	10am – 12:45pm	No	6	27
27 May	Bedfordshire Ramblers Woburn afternoon walk	1:30pm - 3:30pm	No	6	27
27, 28 & 30 May	Summerfields' Miniature Railway at Haynes	10:30am first train, 3:40pm last train	No	15	9
27 May	Guided Walk at Clophill Eco Lodges	12pm - 2pm	Yes	8	12
27 May	Sunday Teas, Tower Tours & Poetry Readings	2pm – 4pm	No	14	12
28 May	Walk4Health – Beeston Green to Hatch	10am - 11:15am	No	7	4
28 May	Bedfordshire Ramblers - Northill	10am – 1pm	No	6	7
28 May	Walk2Fitness – Ampt Hill	12pm – 3pm	Yes	5	15
28 May	Flitton Family Fun Runs	9am – 2pm	Yes	15	24
28 May	Pictures in the Sand , Ampt Hill Park	2pm – 4pm	No	19	21
29 May	Art Workshop at Clophill Eco Lodges	10am – 4pm	Yes	19	12
29 May	Bedfordshire Ramblers Ampt Hill Park	10am – 3:30pm	No	6	21
29 May	Bat Walk , Ampt Hill Park	9pm – 10:15pm	Yes	19	21
29 May	Walk4Health - Shefford Health Walk	10am – 11:30am	No	7	11
29 May	Nest Explorers , Maulden Wood	10am – 11:30am	Yes	19	13
30 May	Walk4Health - Sandy Health Walk	10am – 11am	No	7	3
30 May	Walk4Health - Forest of Marston Vale Health Walk	10:30am – 11:30am	No	7	18

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30 May	Walk4Health - Flitwick Health Walk	10:15am – 11:45am	No	7	23
30 May	Guided Walk from Bow Brickhill to Woburn Sands	2:30pm – 4:15pm	No	8	28
30 May	Walk2Fitness – Nordic Walk and Train Ride	11:30am – 4pm	Yes	5	19
30 May	Bedfordshire Ramblers - Rowney Warren	10am – 1pm	No	6	10
30 May	Geo 'Rocks' at RSPB	11am - 4pm	No	20	3
30 May	'Geo Trails' guided walks at RSPB	11am & 4pm	Yes	20	3
30 May	Games and Crafts - Flitwick	8:45am – 12pm	Yes	16	23
30 May	Moth Walk , Ampt Hill Park	9pm – 10:15pm	Yes	20	21
30 May & 1 June	Beginners Photography Course , Ampt Hill Park	9:30am – 12:30pm	Yes	20	21
31 May	Mapping the Greensand Country at Haynes	10am – 4pm	Yes	15	9
31 May	Guided Horse Ride - Willington	6pm – 8pm	Yes	9	5
31 May	Earth Day at Clophill Eco Lodges	1pm – 4pm	Yes	20	12
31 May	Bedfordshire Ramblers - Maulden Woods	10am – 12pm	No	6	13
1 June	Walk4Health - Ampt Hill Health Walk	10am – 11:30am	No	7	21
1 June	Family Forest School Experience	10am – 2pm	Yes	16	11
1 June	Bedfordshire Ramblers – A Bus Walk	9:30am – 2:40pm	Yes	6	21-12
1 June	Walk2Fitness – Old Warden Circular Walk	10am – 12:30pm	Yes	5	8
1 June	Art Inspired Exhibition and Creative Workshop	12pm – 3pm	No	20	17
1 June	All about Owls , Ampt Hill Park	10:30am – 12:30pm	Yes	16	21
2 June	Mapping the Greensand Country at Rushmere	10am – 4pm	Yes	15	29
2 June	Guided Horse Ride - Marston Forest Centre	10am – 12pm	Yes	9	18-19
2 June	Map Awareness Course at Maulden Woods	10am – 4:30pm	Yes	6	13
2 June	Walk2Fitness – Centre Parcs circular walk	11am – 1pm	Yes	5	21
2 June	Brickwork Exhibition – Ridgmont Station	10am – 4pm	No	4	31
2 June	Rushmere Bioblitz 2018	11am – 4pm	No	20	29
3 June	Maulden Open Gardens	12pm – 5pm	No	21	14
3 June	The Secret Garden Open Air Theatre	12pm & 2pm	Yes	21	12
3 June	Plant Fair at Moggerhanger Park	10am – 4pm	No	21	6
3 June	Child focused wildlife activities - Ampt Hill	10am -4pm	Yes	16	22
3 June	Potton's Greensand Heritage Exhibition	10am – 4pm	No	21	2
3 June	Bedfordshire Ramblers – Morning walk Sandy	10am – 1pm	No	6	3
3 June	Bedfordshire Ramblers – Afternoon walk Sandy	1:30pm – 3:30pm	No	6	3
3 June	Leighton Buzzard Ramblers – Greensand Ridge	10am – 12:30pm	No	6	30
3 June	History & Heritage Walk in Ampt Hill Park	Walks start at 10am, 11am & 1pm	No	8	21
16 June	Ampt Hill Camera Club Exhibition	10am – 4pm	No	18	22





Royal Afternoon Tea at The Woburn Hotel

Sat 26 May – Fri 1 Jun, 3pm – 5:30pm

£22.00 per person, £14.00 per child under 12. Booking is essential.

For further info and to book visit:
www.thewoburnhotel.co.uk



Woollen Woods

Help us create a knitted trail of creatures native to Bedfordshire's woodlands.

Download an entry form at:
greensandtrust.org/Event/woollen-woods
Entries to be received by 20 May

Visit the knitted trails in Rushmere Country Park from 26 May – 3 Jun or at the Working Woodlands Centre Maulden on 9 & 10 Jun.



Warden Abbey, Vineyard Tour & Tasting

Sat 26 May, 10:30am & 2pm

£10 per Adult – Booking is Essential.

For further info and to book visit:
www.wardenvineyard.org.uk/tours



Kelchner Brewery Tour

Sat 2 Jun, 11am – 1pm

Free Event, booking is advised. Tour of the brewery with explanation and tasters.

For further information and to book,
Email: kelchnerbrewery@gmail.com or
Tel: 07828 174122



Animal Edge Open Day with Pony Rides

Sat 26 & Sun 27 May, 10am – 2pm

£5 per child (accompanying adults go free) - Booking is recommended, but not essential.

For further info and to book, visit: www.animaledge.co.uk
or Email: info@animaledge.co.uk



Sunday Teas, Tower Tours & Poetry Readings at Clophill Eco Lodges

Sun 27 May, 2pm – 4pm

£3 per adult; £2 per child for Tower Tours - No booking required.

For more info and to book (for parties of 5+), Email:
info@clophillheritage.org or Tel: 07935 911207



Summerfields' Miniature Railway

Sun 27, Mon 28 & Wed 30 May, 10:30am – 4pm

£2 per person Haynes End to Hammer Hill & return; £1 per ride for the two additional rides at Hammer Hill – No booking required.

Bank Holiday Monday (28 May) is a charity day, in association with Keech Hospice Care and all fares taken on that day will be donated to this very worthy cause.

The railway is located at Summerfields Barns, High Road, Haynes MK45 3BH.

First train departs Haynes End 10:30 (approx.)

Last train departs 15:40 (approx.)



Mapping the Greensand Country

Gamlingay Eco Hub

Sun 27 May, 10am – 4pm

Summerfields' Miniature Railway, Haynes

Thu 31 May, 10am – 4pm

Heron's View, Rushmere Country Park

Sat 2 June, 10am – 4pm

50 minute sessions on the hour £5 per child (including all resources & a goody bag & map) - Booking is essential.

For further information and to book,
Email: alice@minimapmakers.co.uk or
Tel: 07470067531



Flitton Family Fun Runs

Mon 28 May, 9am – 2pm

£7 pre-entry; £10 entry on the day (open from 9am); £3 junior entry; kids go free

- 10:45am – Kids Race (under 7) 200m fun run
- 10:50am – Junior Race (8 - 12 yrs) 1 mile race
- 11am – Adult and Children Race (13+) 5k across the moors

Registration and number collection at Church Hall, Brook Lane, Flitton. Entry form available at: <http://flittongreenfield.bedsparishes.gov.uk>
For further info, Email: flittonflit@gmail.com or Tel: 01525 713917

Kelchner Brewery

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Games and Crafts with a Flit Valley and Wildlife Theme at The Rufus Centre, Flitwick

Wed 30 May, 8:45am – 12pm

£6.50 per child – Booking is essential.

Fun morning at The Rufus Centre in Flitwick, where children aged 4 – 9 years old will take part in games and crafts with a Flit Valley and Wildlife theme.

Parents/Guardians will be required to complete a simple consent form before the event.

For further info and to book,
Email: susanriley@flitwick.gov.uk
or Tel: 01525 631900



All about Owls

Fri 1 Jun, 10:30am – 12:30pm

£3 (5 – 13 year olds) – Booking is essential

Indoor workshop, run by Teaching Talons. Learn about the facts and fiction of these amazing creatures, meet Autumn and Pigwidgeon the owls and even dissect a barn owl pellet! What will you find? Minimum age of 5. Adult accompaniment required.

Meet at Ampthill Great Park, Ampthill Town Football Club, Central Car Park.

For further info and to book,
Email: council@ampthilltowncouncil.org.uk
or Tel: 01525 404355



Forest School Family Taster Session

Fri 1 Jun, 10am – 2pm

£30 per family (1 adult, 2 children); £5 charge for each extra family member (adult or child)

Acorn Early Years is running a Family Forest School Experience day. Activities will include family den building, making objects and natural crafts, hammocks and relaxation areas, bug and scavenger hunts. The session will include a hot drink, snack and lunch, cooked on a fire.

For further info and to book,
Email: alex@acornearlyyears.org.uk
or Tel: 01908 870336



Family wildlife activities and short interactive dog walk at Cooper's Hill, Ampthill with the Wildlife Trust BCN.

Sun 3 Jun, 10am – 4pm

Free Event. Booking is recommended, but not essential. Hands on wildlife activities and a short fun guided dog walk. Activities from the Rugby Club side of the reserve.

For further info, Email:
toddington@wildlifebcn.org
or Tel: 01525 874317

Poetry Competition (for under 18's)

In August 2018 the boundary wall between Old St Mary's Church and the cemetery is being historically and accurately rebuilt in traditional Greensand stone by local stone masons. As part of this renovation you have the fantastic chance to enter a poem about Greensand Country into our competition, the winner will have their entry carved into the new wall where it will stay for generations to see! The winner and runners up will also be invited to The Eco Lodges to read their poems at our Café on 27th May as part of the Greensand Country Festival.

Greensand Country is an island of distinctive, beautiful and loved countryside, based on a band of higher ground stretching from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, rising out of the surrounding clay vales. It contains all of Bedfordshire's remaining heathland, more than half of its woodland, and more surviving historic parkland than any other landscape in the country, all crossed by networks of cycle tracks and footpaths and just waiting to be discovered.

From the top of the ridge, open heaths and meadows give you spectacular views across the surrounding countryside. The beautiful patchwork of heaths, parks, historic houses and woodland means that you can visit lots of different places in a single day, and find something to keep every member of the family happy. There are also plenty of places to stop for a pub lunch or a quick coffee and good public transport links between the main towns and villages.

The Competition

Greensand Country has a literary heritage too, inspiration for the works of John Bunyan and John Clare. Create your own unique poem about any aspects of Greensand Country, what it means to you or how it makes you feel. It could be about the area as a whole or a particular place or image, it really is up to you. The poem should be 30 words or less. The competition is open to students of any age up to 18 years old.

How to enter

Once completed send to us: info@clophillheritage.org or Poetry Competition, Clophill Eco Lodges, Old Church Path, Clophill MK45 4BP

Entries need to be in by May 1st 2018.

Some websites that you might find useful in your research:
www.greensandcountry.com

Bedfordshire Local History Association (www.bedfordshire-lha.org.uk) and the local heritage societies are the perfect place to start exploring the heritage of Greensand Country.

The Bedfordshire Natural History Society (<http://www.bnhs.co.uk/>) collects records of all the wildlife in the area and produces reports and updates of interesting sightings.





Leighton Buzzard Camera Club Exhibition

**26 May – 3 Jun,
10am – 4pm**

At Rushmere Country Park Visitor Centre.

Free Event (£3 car park charge will apply) – No booking required. For enquiries about membership please Email: lbpcsec@btinternet.com



Biggleswade Camera Club Exhibitions

Biggleswade Camera Club holds regular exhibitions and events throughout the year.

For further info and enquiries about membership please visit: biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or Tel: 07787120014



Ampthill Camera Club Exhibition

16 Jun, 10am – 4pm

A celebration of what we love about Greensand Country at Parkside Hall, Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX.

£2.50 per Adult.

For further info and enquires about membership please visit: amphilldcc.com



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Invertebrate Day at Flitwick Moor

Sat 26 May, 10am – 12:30pm

Free Event – No booking required. With the Wildlife Trust BCN and Bedfordshire Natural History Society.

For more info; www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/flitwick-moorfolly-wood or Email: toddington@wildlifebcn.org or Tel: 01525 874317



Warden Abbey: A display of geophysical survey results

Sun 27 May, 10am – 4pm

By Old Warden History & Heritage Society. Free Event – No booking required.

Event will take place at St Leonard's Church, Church Lane, Old Warden, SG18 9HD



Pictures in the Sand

Mon 28 May, 2pm – 4pm

Free Event – No booking required. Using natural materials to create pictures in the park.

Meet at Ampthill Park Play Area. For further info Email: council@amphilltowncouncil.org.uk or Tel: 01525 404355



Art Workshop at Clophill Eco Lodges

Tue 29 May, 10am – 4pm

£39 per person – Booking is essential; Lunch is available at £5 per person

To book, visit clophillecolodges.org.uk, Email: info@clophillheritage.org or Tel: 07935 911207



Bat Walk

Tue 29 May, 9pm – 10:15pm

£3 – Booking is essential.

Meet at Ampthill Great Park, The Hub, Central Car Park. For further info and to book, Email: council@amphilltowncouncil.org.uk or Tel: 01525 404355



Nest Explorers, Working Woodlands Centre, Maulden Woods

Tue 29 May 2018, 10am – 11:30am

£5 per child. Booking is essential. Learn about animal nests and join us on a woodland walk to spot them.

Book via the Greensand Trust website: www.greensandtrust.org/Event/nest-explorers



Geo Rocks and Geo Walks with RSPB and Bedfordshire Geology Group

Wed 30 May, 11am – 4pm

£2 per adult; £1 per child (under 16) to join the walk – Booking is essential.

Meet at RSPB The Lodge Nature Reserve.

For further info and to book, Email:

bev.fowlston@gmail.com or Tel: 07919 158622



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Beginners Photography Course

**Wed 30 May and Fri 1 Jun,
9:30am – 12:30pm**

£8 for both sessions (min age 10) – Booking is essential.

Meet at Ampthill Park, Ampthill Football Club.

For further info and to book, Email: council@

amphilltowncouncil.org.uk or Tel: 01525 404355



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Moth Walk

Wed 30 May, 9pm – 10:15pm

£3 – Booking is essential.

Meet at Ampthill Park, Central Car Park.

For further info and to book, Email: council@

amphilltowncouncil.org.uk or Tel: 01525 404355



Earth Day at Clophill Eco Lodges

Thu 31 May, 1pm – 4pm

Have-a-go wilderness crafts.

Free Event – Booking is essential

To book, visit clophillecolodges.org.uk,

Email: info@clophillheritage.org or

Tel: 07935 911207



Art Inspired Exhibition and Creative Workshop

Fri 1 Jun, 12pm – 3pm

Free Event – No booking required.

Exhibition to be held at Youth Inspired 1

Newnham Street, Bedford, MK40 2EE. For

further info, visit: www.youthinspired.org.uk



Rushmere Bioblitz 2018

Sat 2 June, 11am – 4pm

Family-fun day of nature activities and guided walks.

Free Event (£3 car park charge will apply) –

No booking required.

For further information visit:

greensandtrust.org/Event/rushmere-bioblitz-2018



The Secret Garden Theatre at the Old Church in Clophill

Sun 3 Jun, 12pm & 2pm

£5 per person – Booking is essential.

Clophill Heritage Trust will be holding two 40 minute shows at 12pm and 2pm. The English Gardner Theatre Company presents their 2 woman show of 'The Secret Garden'; follow the action as they share Mary's story, bringing the wonder of the garden to life at Clophill's Old Church.

To book, visit clophillecolodges.org.uk,

Email: info@clophillheritage.org or

Tel: 07935 911207



Potton's Greensand Heritage Exhibition

Sun 3 Jun, 10am – 4pm

Free Event – No booking required.

Around half of Potton lies on Bedfordshire's Greensand Ridge. Potton's History Society has a rich collection of material reflecting its Greensand Heritage, including photographs, documents, maps, ironstone walls and buildings, market gardening history and the unique Emily Shore diary of life and nature on the nearby Heath.

Exhibition to be held at The Mill Lane Pavilion

Annexe, SG19 2PQ. For further info,

visit: www.pottonhistorysociety.org.uk



Maulden Open Gardens

Sun 3 June, 12pm – 5pm

£3 per adult (children go free) –

No booking required.

Maulden villagers will be opening their gardens to the public. Entry programmes will be on sale, to support the restoration of local Greensand walls, from St Mary the Virgin Church Hall and The Rectory. Cream teas will be served in the Church Hall and Greensand Country cupcakes and teas will be available outside The Bothy.

For further info Email:

rev.l.klimas@btinternet.com or

Tel: 01525 403139



Plant Heritage (Herts & Beds) Plant Fair at Moggerhanger Park

Sun 3 Jun, 10am – 4pm

£3 per adult (under 16's go free) –

No booking required.

Moggerhanger Park is holding its first plant fair in association with Plant Heritage in its Walled Garden. Plus, visit the Garden Rooms Café where you will find lots of fun, and family friendly, garden themed activities.

For further information visit:

www.facebook.com/moggerhangerpark/

Email: karenfry@moggerhangerpark.com

or Tel: 01767 641007

Delving into History Day

The History and Archaeology of Woods in Greensand Country

Date: Wednesday 25 July 2018

Description: Day-long conference with a range of speakers and optional guided walk.

Venue: Flitwick Manor

Charge: £10 per person

Do you know your saw-pits from your charcoal pits? What's the difference between coppicing and pollarding? Can you spot a boundary bank? What archaeology can you expect to be associated with woodlands? How can you investigate the history and archaeology 'hidden' under the trees?

Woodland Archaeology – which includes archaeological features directly related to the history of the woodland, as well as other monuments which are coincidental to woodland environments – is a fascinating and often overlooked subject. A range of experts will discuss the history and archaeology 'of' and 'in' woodlands focusing on the local heritage of Greensand Country. This will be an informal conference with the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of the heritage trees and wooded areas of the Grade II listed park and garden at Flitwick Manor.

Booking is essential. Tickets available from Monday 11 June, but you can request to be emailed further information and a booking reminder at the beginning of June by contacting team@greensandcountry.com NOW.

The History and Archaeology of Woods in the Greensand Country is the first of three annual 'Delving into History Days' being organised by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership. Each year we will explore a different landscape theme that makes up the distinctive 'landscape character' of the Greensand Country area. This is also an opportunity to find out more about our Community Heritage grant schemes and how you can apply to the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership for funding to investigate and promote local heritage. Have a look at our website – greensandcountry.com – to discover more about the events, activities, training courses and projects being delivered by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership over the next 3 years.



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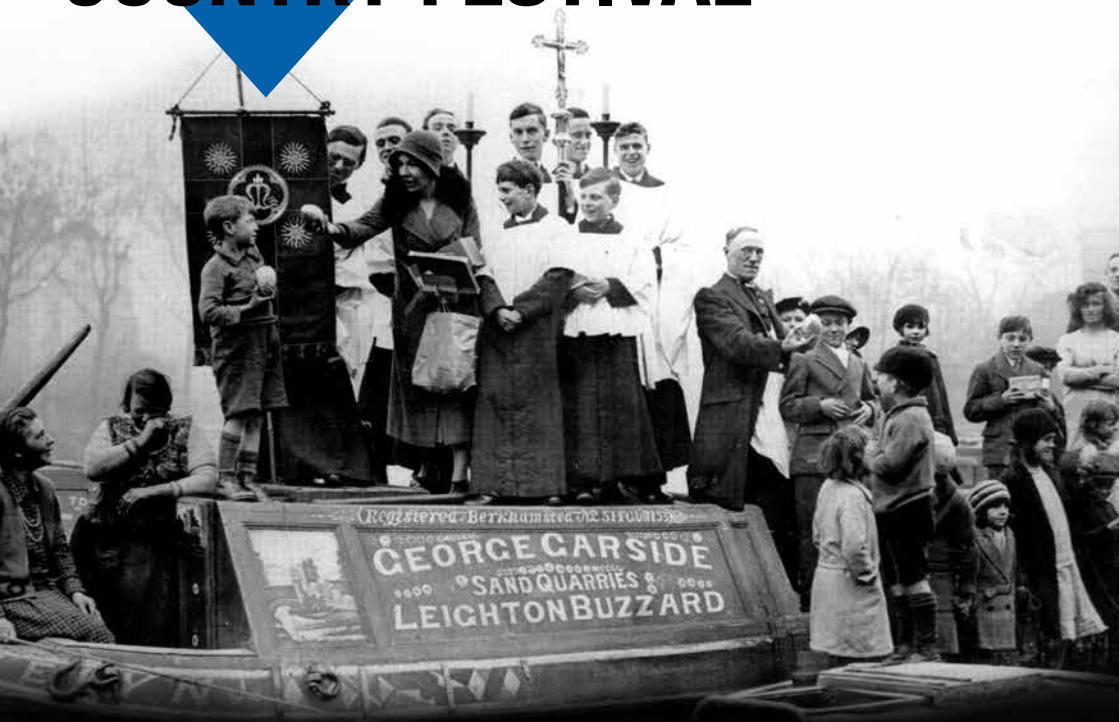
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