



GODMANCHESTER 2012 CELEBRATIONS



This year Godmanchester is celebrating the 800th Anniversary of receiving its charter from King John in 1212. Although there was a Roman town, *Durovigutum*, at Godmanchester, it was King John's charter that made it a self-governing manor, a fitting forerunner to the thriving community it is today.

The following gives a taster of events to be held across Godmanchester in 2012 to celebrate (www.gmc800.org)

FRIDAY 22nd - SUNDAY 24th JUNE

CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN GODMANCHESTER

FLOWER FESTIVAL. This is the first flower festival for many years, so something special is promised. Admission charge for the Church Roof Fund; refreshments in the Church Hall on Saturday.

Friday 12-4pm. Saturday 10am-5pm. Sunday 11am-4pm.

SATURDAY 23rd & SUNDAY 24th JUNE: 1.30-5.30

GODMANCHESTER IN BLOOM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

"Open Gardens 2012" will be over two afternoons. Over 20 gardens will be on view, plus the Community Nursery, some Roman Road and a few other special things. To round the afternoon off enjoy afternoon tea in a variety of locations around the town. Map showing all gardens including those where refreshments are on sale, available outside the Town Hall, any of the gardens or in advance from Ethnic Origins: £4.

SATURDAY 30th JUNE: 7-30 pm

RYTHM IN BLUE - RAF BAND CONCERT- ST MARY'S CHURCH

The RAF Voluntary Band is welcomed for an evening of music from the 40's, 50's and 60's - Miller to McCartney. Tickets £12 for the Church Fabric Fund: 01480 493901 or 01480 382144.

SATURDAY 30th JUNE & SUNDAY 1st JULY: 10am - 5pm

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTORS HISTORIC MARKET

Two-day market with 40 stalls selling Antiques, Historic Artefacts & Memorabilia

Stalls in Mill Yard car park and along the path to the recreation ground to the refreshment/picnic area by the play equipment.

Interested potential stallholders contact Gordon Allgood on 07877 658410, allgoodgmc@hotmail.co.uk or info@godmanchestercommunityassociation.org

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LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

GODMANCHESTER RECREATION GROUND

(Ample FREE parking by the War Memorial)

Centuries ago we were invaded by Romans and Danes. The Romans built a Fort and the Mill Lade (river at the Causeway) was excavated by the Danes, using Godmanchester as a major base with much of Godmanchester's road system dating from before the Norman Conquest.



The **Roman military encampment** will re-create training and battle tactics, with the civilian encampment demonstrating cooking, craft skills, writing, medicine and other interesting things to get involved in.

The **Viking encampment** can be inspected by visitors who can try on clothing, watch demonstrations of weaving, leatherwork, jewellery making and cooking and listen to Viking storytelling. Arena events will include a skirmish, with Viking boats returning to the river.

The **Medieval encampment** will host singing, dancing and demonstrations of squire training showing fighting techniques and armour requirements. As well as the many demonstrations, the Knights will involve themselves in the **Grand M  l  e** (fight to the death) - twice daily!

As part of our history involved resisting potential invaders more successfully, there will also be outlines of **World War II** activities through military demonstrations and features on activities on the Home Front – especially about Wash Days. We will also discover what happens when a German bomb is discovered on the Recreation Ground.