

EVENTS 2023-2024

25th November 3pm-7.30pm
Light Switch On Victorian Circus at the Town Centre
3rd December 9am-4pm
Christmas Street Market in Earsham Street
8th December 7pm
Seasonal Poetry and Music St Marys
9th December 7.30pm
Castle Singers Christmas Concert St Mary's
22nd December 7pm
A 'Will Power Christmas' St Marys
26th December 10.30am
Groggy Doggy Race Outney Common
27th January
Holocaust Memorial Day at the Fisher Theatre
17th March 10.45am
Mayor's Civic Service at the Emmanuel Church
6th May
Annis Hill Green Opening Day
13th May
Annual Town Meeting – Fisher Theatre
1st June
Bungay Pride-Town Centre
1st-2nd June
Bungay Open Gardens
7th June
D-DAY commemorations
28th-30th June
The Dog-Eared Children's Book Festival
6th July
Bungay Music festival:Pubs and Performance Venues
3rd-4th August
Black Shuck festival - Town Centre
6th-8th September
Bungay Folk Festival - Town Centre
8th-17th September
Heritage Open days – Town Centre venues
For more information visit:

www.bungaytowncouncil.gov.uk

Event dates are subject to change or cancellation.



Welcome to this new leaflet for Bungay.

In it you will find a useful map, an events calendar for 2023-2024, and plenty of information about what is happening in the town.

2023 has been a busy year for events and entertainment in the town and many of these and more will be happening next year.

But first off we have our great Christmas Lights switch on. This year it is on Saturday 25th November and is themed as Victorian Circus. There will be plenty of activities for young and old, an artisan market and many food and drink stalls. Come in fancy dress with a chance to win a prize!

In the New Year you can look forward to music festivals, the Black Shuck weekend, street markets and the 80 year commemoration of D Day. Take a look at the events calendar.

Bungay is fortunate to have a wide variety of independent shops and we believe in "Shop Local". They range from a delicatessen, florist and interiors shop to clothing, antiques and books. We have an excellent selection of pubs, coffee shops and cafes where you can take a break.

I hope you enjoy this leaflet and it helps make your visit to Bungay pleasurable.



Frances Betts
Mayor of Bungay 2023-24



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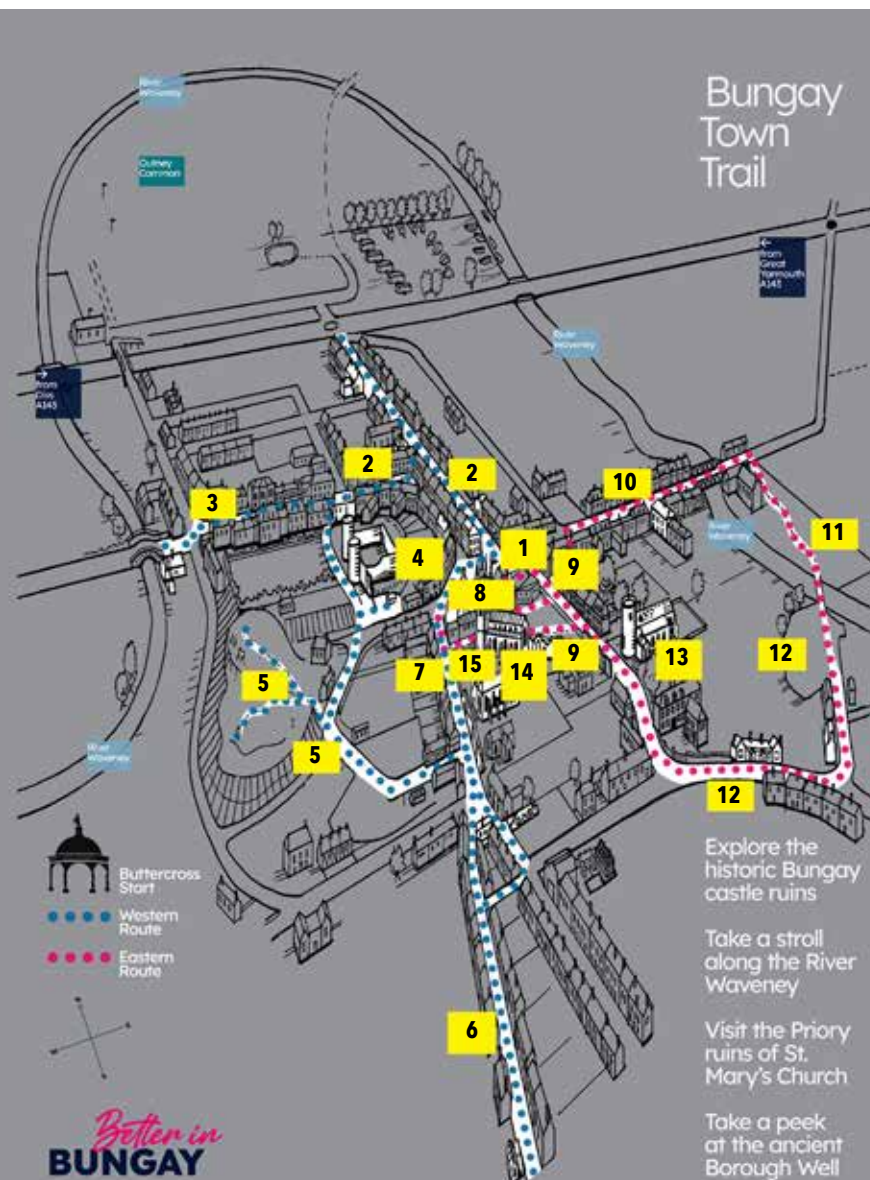
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BUNGAY STREET MAPS

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Town Trail – Western Route

1 The Market Place This is dominated by two old coaching inns, the Kings Head and the Three Tuns. Wightmans is one of the oldest department stores in the UK, and is still in family-owned hands. The Corn Cross stood where the Black Dog weathervane is now, until 1810. It was where cereal crops were traded and the Lords of the Manor held their courts.

2 Broad Street & Cork Bricks Broad Street is home to the Fisher Theatre, which was opened in 1828. On the opposite side is the Bungay Museum and Council offices and further down that side The Green Dragon. Turn back from the pub and pass through Cork Bricks (next to the Council offices) a charming alleyway, to enter the North side of Earsham Street.

3 Earsham Street Lots of independent shops here. Walk to the end and cross to see Scott House, next to Cock Bridge and a terrace of fine 17th century cottages. Walk back to the 17th Century Castle Inn and pass through the yard to find the footpath to Bungay Castle.

4 Bungay Castle & Bigod's Kitchen Cafe and Visitor Centre – This was built as a motte and bailey castle after the Norman Conquest and was held by the Bigod family, the Earls of Norfolk, for over two hundred years. The castle was rebuilt with a stone keep and defences in the late 12th century, which provided the famous twin towers of the gate house which remain today. Access to the castle is through the cafe, where

you can also find a model of medieval Bungay. On leaving the cafe turn right and follow the lane to Castle Hills,

5 Castle Hills These are medieval earth works associated with the Outer Bailey of the castle. Climb up to the bench at the top to see some fine views across the Waveney valley. On leaving continue along Priory Lane to St. Mary's Street and turn right.

6 Upper Olland Street At the junction of Upper and Lower Olland Streets is one of the oldest buildings in Bungay, now a motor accessory shop. Look up to see a charming window with a medieval sill and Victorian Gothic window. Further along is Emmanuel Church, a Congregational Chapel dating from 1518. Turn back and cross the road, passing through Turnstile Lane and over the road to Dinky's Garden for a little rest before turning right and back into the centre of town along St. Mary's Street.

7 St. Mary's Street On the Eastern side you will find St. Edmunds Roman Catholic church, in all its Victorian Gothic glory, next to St. Mary's. Opposite you can see the fine carved sills of the old Merchants House (c.1500AD) which illustrate the Slaughter of the Philistines by Samson, a man wrestling with two dragons, and three shields supported by mermaids. There are many medieval buildings to see, now with Georgian or mock Tudor facades, including the Fleece, an old coaching inn.

Town Trail – Eastern Route

8 Buttercross The Buttercross was an ancient trading place and was rebuilt after the Great Fire in the 1680s. It still hosts a market each Thursday. Look up at the Statue of Justice – unusually it is not blindfolded – and then try to find the ancient hand-irons on one of the pillars. The Butter Cross was also once used as a gaol.

9 The Borough Well (via Cross Street and over Trinity Street) You will go down some steps on Borough Well Lane where you can peek through the railings to see the well that used to bring water to Bungay from Outney Common.

10 Bridge Street This was a busy commercial area in Victorian times with numerous shops and pubs, now a pretty residential street. Look out for the plaque at no. 34 (the Music House) which records where the French aristocrat Chateaubriand stayed after fleeing the French Revolution in 1795.

11 Falcon Meadow Riverside Walk Cross the Waveney at the end of Bridge Street and turn right through a kissing gate onto the water meadows where you can see St. Mary's and Holy Trinity churches picturesquely framed across the water.

12 Bungay Staithe Follow the path to the Staithe, the main river trading industrial area in Bungay until navigation ceased in 1934. Pass by the Mill House, now a private residence, into Staithe Road. Turn right and walk by the Eliza Dreyer almshouses, built in 1848. As the road

bends round to Trinity Church, pass by the fine Queen Anne architecture of Trinity Hall.

13 Holy Trinity Church The Saxon round tower predates the Castle and is the oldest complete structure in Bungay. Look for the herringbone flint work in the tower. See the brass plate on the door which commemorates the church's escape from the Great Fire of Bungay in 1688.

14 St. Mary's Church & Priory ruins A left turn through St. Mary's Churchyard passes the ruins of the Benedictine Priory founded by Countess Gundreda, wife of Hugh Bigod, first Earl of Norfolk, in the late 1100s. St. Mary's Church, with its prominent tower, dominates the local landscape. The Church dates from the 12th century. It was damaged in the Great Fire of 1688 and you can see the plaque commemorating the fire outside the baker's shop on Market Place.

15 The Black Dog & The Druid Stone Bungay is famous for the legend of the Black Dog, the hellhound that terrorised St. Mary's congregation during a violent storm in 1577. Look out for images of the Black Dog which can be seen all around Bungay. Look too at the huge lump of granite rock just in front of the church. Is it a Druid's stone – or a glacial erratic?

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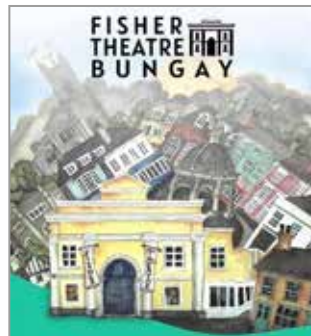
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