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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026: AMESBURY SCHOOL OPENS TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME

STEP INTO HISTORY AND DISCOVER MONTY'S SECRET D DAY HQ

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Amesbury School near Hindhead, Surrey, will be opening its doors to the public for the first time to take part in this years Heritage Open Days. This year in conjunction with Heritage Open Days, the school will be offering visitors the chance to explore Field Marshall Montgomery's secret D Day connection to the school.

Visitors can self-tour the remarkable site, explore the history and beauty of the 100+ year old Lutyens Building, see Monty's office, 'Lion Rear', all open to the public for the first time.

The School was Field Marshall Montgomery's secret rear HQ during World War II. His son, a pupil at the school during the war, was his initial reason to visit. Then Monty's home in Portsmouth was bombed out. He was kindly offered rooms when he visited the school, one of which became a secret rear HQ known as 'Lion Rear'. You can visit this room, the Summer House and cricket pavilion he loved. Take tea on the Head's lawn and imbibe the history of the Grade II Lutyens Building, built in 1903. There are some artefacts available to view.

The school is open 19 and 20 September 1100 - 1600, with a special talk at 1300 each day from local historian, Chris Harrison. He produced the detailed research which made the connection between Monty's presence at Amesbury and the planning of the D Day landings, leading to the award of a blue plaque in 2021. Monty wrote to the Head's wife, Phyllis in March 1948, 'The fact that we had a home at Amesbury was the chief fact in enabling me to do what I did towards winning the war. If I had had worries about David (his son), I could hardly have won my battles'.

Head of Marketing & Admissions, Helen Gustard said:

"This incredible story is an important part of Surrey's rich and remarkable history. We are very excited to welcome visitors to Amesbury School for the first time. Chris Harrison, is an excellent historian and storyteller, and we are honoured he is bringing to bring this story to life for our visitors over the Heritage Open weekend".

NOTES TO EDITORS:

Tickets can be booked here : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-visit-amesbury-school-tickets-1992933796634?aff=oddtcreator>

Full details here: [Step Into History: Discover Monty's Secret D-Day HQ in Surrey](#)

Or here: www.amesburyschool.co.uk/heritageopendays

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About Amesbury School

Amesbury is part of the Charterhouse Family of Schools, educating children age 9 months to 13 years. It combines the importance of traditional values with a modern, dynamic and forward-thinking approach to education. The school instils strong values in every child and encourages them to be well-mannered, considerate and kind. By the time pupils move on to their senior school, they are confident, motivated young adults, well-prepared to meet the excitements and challenges that lie ahead with a distinctive have-a-go spirit. For more information please visit www.AmesburySchool.co.uk

Amesbury School Lutyens Building



Lion Rear, Field Marshall Montgomery's Secret HQ, open to the public for the first time



Blue Plaques at Amesbury School

