

February - May '12

EVENTS GUIDE

What's on in Leicestershire Museums, Country Parks and Libraries

Events - February

Until Sat 4 February

Children's Readathon

■ **Hinckley Library** Celebrate National Storytelling Week with our readathon! Come along everyday (not Sunday and Friday) for serialised readings from a popular children's book. The final reading will take place on National Library Day. Sat 3-3.30pm, Mon-Thu 3.30-4pm, repeated at 6-6.30pm. 7-12 years. Pre-booking advisable. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Wed 1 February

Stress Down Day

■ **Wigston Library** A variety of activities throughout the morning to promote health and wellbeing services with a focus on managing stress and relaxation. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Wed 1 - Tue 28 February

War Memorial Project Exhibition

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** An exhibition celebrating the work of the Leicestershire and Rutland War Memorials Project, which records, researches and helps to conserve a wide range of monuments, buildings and fittings around the two counties. Commemorates the fallen from conflicts of the Battle of Bosworth to current operations in Afghanistan. 10am-4pm. FREE. 01455 290429.

Thu 2 February

Roman Medicine

■ **Birstall Library** The Roman Empire had the best medical services until the 19th century. This talk covers the theory and practise of the healing arts and looks at links with religion and magic. There will also be an opportunity to examine reproduction Roman surgical tools. 7.30-9pm. Pre-booking essential. Adults £3, Concs £2.50. 0116 305 8756.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Fri 3 February

How Healthy are You?

■ **Market Harborough Library** Experience the library's health and wellbeing collection. 10am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 3627.

Sat 4 February

Free Library Day

■ All Leicestershire Libraries

Hire a CD, DVD or talking book (Maximum one per person) and much, more all for FREE! (Excludes shop items and photocopies). See page 21 for details.

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Natural Born Artist'

■ **Charnwood Museum** Celebrate 'Go Green Week' with ArtZone! Make a sketchbook and paint from natural materials and then enjoy a drawing adventure around the park. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking essential. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Hearts and Kisses

■ **Harborough Museum**

Make a love token for someone you care for. 11am-3pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 01858 821085.

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual museum admission. 01530 278444.

Sat 4 February - Sun 25 March

Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society Exhibition

■ **Charnwood Museum**

An inspirational exhibition of captivating images created by members of the Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Tue 7 February

Meet the Expert Talk

■ **Harborough Museum** Discover more about some of the museum's fascinating objects with one of the County's experts! 2-3pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sat 11 February

Family History Day Course

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** An introduction to family history. Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 10am-4.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £15. 0116 257 1080.

A Brief History of Men's Underwear

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Shaun Cole from the London College of Fashion will introduce the history, design, development and advertising of men's underwear. 2-3.30pm. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes entry to the Fashion Gallery. 01530 278444.

Sat 11 - Sat 18 February

Half-term Helmets

■ **Harborough Museum**

See our fantastic Roman helmet in the Hallaton Treasure Gallery. Make and decorate your own helmet to take home. Heritage lottery funded. Drop-in event. 11am-3pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sat 11 - Sun 19 February

Love is in the Air! Gallery Trail

■ [Charnwood Museum](#)

Follow your heart to find clues hidden around the galleries and solve a Valentine mystery! Our Gallery Trails are a great way for younger visitors to explore the museum. Usual opening times. 3 years plus. 01509 233754.

Sat 11 February - Wed 28 March

A Bit of Rough and Tumble Exhibition

■ [Donington le Heath Manor House](#) A beautifully illustrated exhibition exploring the many aspects of the medieval sporting world, from jousting to tennis, with a few nasty bits along the way! Usual opening times. 01530 831259.

Sun 12 February

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ [Beacon Hill Country Park](#) Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Mon 13 February

Half-term Family Fun

■ [Blaby Library](#)

Join us for fun stories and activities during half-term. 2-3pm. 4-11 years. FREE. 0116 305 3516.

Mon 13 - Fri 17 February

Healthy Hearts and Minds

■ [Charnwood Libraries](#)

Fun paper activities and facts for the whole family to enjoy. Visit your local library to find out more. Usual opening times. 5-12 years. FREE.

Tue 14 February

Children's Art & Craft Workshop: Valentine Cards

■ [Charnwood Museum](#)

Why not come along and make a Valentine card, and maybe give it to someone special? 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm & 1.30-2.30pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.

Alternative Valentines Coffee Morning

■ [Ashby Library](#) Celebrate Valentines day the alternative way with discussion of quirky books. 10.30am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Telling Tales: Family Drop-in Event

■ [Oadby Library](#)

Activities and storytelling for families with Tom the Tale Teller 10.30am-12noon. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential.

50p per person. 0116 305 8763.

Healthy Hearts and Minds

■ [Birstall Library](#) Half-term event for children focussing on healthy living. 10.30-11.30am. 5-12 years. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 8756.

Working the Land

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** Lunch time talk about agricultural labourers and the records they left behind.

Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. Adults £3.50. 0116 257 1080.

Half-term Family Fun

■ **Glenfield Library** Join us for fun stories and activities during half-term. 2-3pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 0116 305 3591.

Plants and Health

■ **Collections Resources Centre** Over the centuries plants have been used for good and for bad. Find out more about the medicinal properties of plants with Dr. Geoffrey Hall, Natural Life Curator (botany). 2-4pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Kick Up a Stink Half-term Event

■ **Earl Shilton Library** Activities, crafts and stories of all things smelly! 2.30-4pm. 5-12 years. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 8392.

Valentines Day at BEAUMANOR HALL

Woodhouse, Leicestershire, LE12 8TX

Tuesday 14 February

Relax and enjoy a delicious three course meal set in the beautiful and romantic ambience of Beaumanor Hall. Hall and bar will open at 7pm and dinner will be served at 8pm. Pre-booking essential. £54 per couple. 01509 890119.

Wed 15 February

Kick Up A Stink Half-term Event

■ **Market Bosworth Library** Activities, crafts and stories of all things smelly! 10-11.30am. 5-11 years. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3624.

Half-term Family Fun

■ **Melton Library** Drop in for family friendly activities. 10am-12noon. 3 years plus. FREE. 0116 305 3646.

Costumed Guided Walk for Children

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre**

Children and adults alike can enjoy the magic and mystery behind the history of Bosworth Battlefield in this fascinating walk led by costumed guides in full character. 1¹/₂ hours. Suitable for under 9s accompanied by an adult. 11am. Adults £4, Concs £3. 01455 290429.

Goofy Geography

■ **Coalville Library**

10.30am-12noon. 0116 305 3565.

■ **Ibstock Library**

2.30-4pm. 0116 305 3608.

Half-term fun with a geography theme. 3 years plus. FREE.

Meet the Experts: Coins up Close!

■ **Charnwood Museum**

A unique opportunity to see and handle some of the beautiful Iron Age and Roman coins from the Hallaton Treasure. Learn more about this significant hoard with our expert workshop leaders. Places are limited so early booking is recommended! 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm & 1.30-2.30pm. 8 years plus. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 01509 233754.

Meet the Experts: Bon Appetite!

■ **Charnwood Museum** Meet Brenda Featherstone, a farmer who's passionate about producing healthy foods.

Drop in for this informative talk for those with a truly healthy appetite! 1.30-2.30pm. 8 years plus. FREE. 01509 233754.

Healthy Hearts and Minds

■ **Loughborough Library** Health inspired stories and crafts to keep hearts and minds active. 2-3pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 503 2420.

Events throughout the year at Snibston

Colliery Tours

Join one of our former miners on a guided tour of the colliery buildings. Hear what it was like to work underground and enjoy stories of their personal experiences as one of Leicestershire's miners.

Train Rides

Take a train ride along the historic Snibston colliery railway.

Visit www.snibston.com or call 01530 278444 for running dates, times and prices.

Wed 15 - Thu 16 February

King Arthur Half-term Craft Activities and Trail

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** Come and hunt for clues around the 700 year old manor house with our Arthurian Trail and have a go at a variety of themed craft activities. 11am-4pm. 3 years plus. 20p per trail, small charge for crafts. 01530 831259.

Wed 15 - Mon 20 February

Big Book Sale

■ **Coalville Library** Surplus books, CDs and DVDs will be on sale daily at discounted prices. Usual opening times. 0116 305 3565.

Thu 16 February

Kick Up a Stink

Half-term Events

■ **Burbage Library**

10.30am-12noon. 0116 305 3558.

■ **Groby Library**

2-3.30pm. 0116 305 3601.

■ **Hinckley Library**

2.30-4pm. 0116 305 2500.

■ **Ratby Library**

10-11.30am. 0116 305 3668.

Activities, crafts and stories of all things smelly! 5-11 years.

Pre-booking essential. FREE.

Children's Art & Craft Workshop: Superheroes!

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Join the fun in our 'superheroes' art and craft workshop! Find out what keeps your superhero healthy too - it's Healthy Eating Week at Charnwood Museum! 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm & 1.30-2.30pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.

Who Dunnit?

■ **Melton Carnegie Museum** Unravel the clues to solve the crime. 10.15am, 11.30am, 1.15pm & 2.30pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 0116 305 3860.

Miners' Morning:

Technology in Mining, by Stephen Flook

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Stephen Flook will talk about mining equipment manufacturing in the UK. There will be a short history of mining companies followed by a study of the development of mining equipment technology and the application and performance of modern day equipment and systems. 10.30am-12noon. Pre-booking advisable. £3.50 plus refreshments. 01530 278444.

Healthy Hearts and Minds

■ **Anstey Library** Half-term event for children focussing on healthy living. 2.30-3.30pm. 5-12 years. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3536.

Silly Science

■ **Kegworth Library**

11am-12noon. 0116 305 3609.

■ **Castle Donington Library** 3-4pm. 0116 305 3561.

Half-term fun with a science theme. 3 years plus. Pre-booking advisable. FREE.

Fri 17 February

Riotous Romans

■ **Market Harborough Library & Museum** Stories and activities to celebrate the return of the Hallaton Helmet to Harborough Museum. Heritage lottery funded. 10am-12noon & 1-3pm. 5-10 years. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3627.

Children's Art & Craft Workshop: Get Crafty, Get Healthy!

■ **Charnwood Museum**

There's fantastic fun food in this art and craft workshop! Use different materials to create plates of 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' foods. 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm & 1.30-2.30pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.

Families Welcome at Wriggly Readers

■ **Ashby Library**

Stories and songs for children, mums, dads, grandparents and carers to enjoy together. 10.30-11.30am. Pre-school age. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Sat 18 February

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times. Standard museum admission. 01530 278444.

Silly Science

■ **Measham Library**

Half-term fun with a science theme. 3-4pm. 3 years plus.

Pre-booking advisable. FREE. 0116 305 3709.

Sat 18 - Sun 19 February

Dry Stone Walling

■ **Billa Barra near Markfield** An experienced dry stone waller will take you through all you need to know to get you started and gain an NCFE accredited qualification in this fascinating and important rural skill. 9.30am-4pm. Pre-booking essential. £50 per person. Reduced rate of £25 for those living in Stepping Stones project area, students, senior citizens and those in receipt of benefits. 0116 305 7221.

Sun 19 February

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Wedding Open Day

■ **Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse** Thinking of getting married! Come along and see Beaumanor set up for a wedding. Meet our wedding coordinators and enjoy complimentary refreshments. 10am-2pm. FREE. 01509 890119.

Mon 20 - Sun 26 February

Healthy Hearts and Minds

■ **Loughborough Library** Events and activities to encourage healthy living. Borrow an item from our health and wellbeing collection for a free raffle entry to win a hamper. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Tue 21 February

Healthy Hearts and Minds Wiggly Readers Special

■ **Loughborough Library** Active stories and songs for under 5s and their parents/carers. 10-10.30am. 0116 305 2420.

All Human Life is Here

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** Lunch time talk about the records of the Court of Quarter Sessions. Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. Adults £3.50. 0116 257 1080.

Behind the Scenes Tour

■ **Collections Resources Centre** A chance to see all aspects of the collections and the work of the Natural Life curatorial team. 2-4pm & 7-9pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Wed 22 February

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times. Standard museum admission. 01530 278444.

Thu 23 February

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Healthy Hearts and Minds Wiggly Readers Special

■ **Loughborough Library** Active stories and songs for under 5s and their parents/carers. 2.15-2.45pm. 0116 305 2420.

Rough and Tumble - Sports in Medieval England

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** A fascinating illustrated talk by Richard Knox, Curator of Donington le Heath Manor House, about a wide range of sports enjoyed by our medieval ancestors! 7.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £3.

Sat 25 February

Weddings & Ceremonies Open Day

■ **Atkins Building, Hinckley Registration Service**

An opportunity to view the newly opened wedding ceremony venue and meet the registration staff. 10am-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 6565.

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop:

'Stick it in Your Pocket'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Make yourself a phone

pocket out of recycled materials using stick weaving. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Tue 28 February

Sources for Local History

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** Lunch time talk about the maps at the County Record Office. Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. Adults £3.50. 0116 257 1080.

Wed 29 February

Family History on the Internet

■ **Melton Library**

Find out how to use the internet to help with your family history research. Includes FREE access to Ancestry library edition.

9.30-10.30am & 11am-12noon. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3646.

March

Thu 1 March

World Book Day Wrigglies

■ **Coalville Library**

10.30am.

0116 305 3565.

■ **Ilstock Library**

10am. 0116 305 3608.

Stories and songs from around the world for World Book Day.

Pre-school age. FREE.

Syston Library 50th Anniversary Coffee Morning

■ **Syston Library**

Celebrate 50 years of Syston Library on World Book Day 2012. The library will be reminiscing about the last 50 years and remembering life in the 1960s with a coffee morning. 10am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 3500.

Bedtime Stories at Your Library

■ **Hinckley Library**

Celebrate World Book Day with bedtime stories and make a dreamcatcher too! Refreshments available. 6-7pm. 4-11 years. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks.

Please call to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Thu 1 - Sat 31 March

Syston Library 50th Anniversary Display

■ **Syston Library** In February local people will be asked to share their memories of the 1960s and the last 50 years of life in Syston. The information and photographs gathered will be displayed in the library throughout March. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3500.

Fri 2 March

World Book Day Wrigglies

■ **Ashby Library** Stories and songs from around the world for World Book Day. 10.30-11.30am. Pre-school age. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

The Urban Botanist

■ **Collections Resources Centre**

Former industrial sites, towns and cities often have more wild flowers than the countryside. Discover urban botany with Dr. Geoffrey Hall, Natural Life Curator (botany) using materials from the Museum collections. 2-4pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Friday 2 March

Guided tour of the site looking for evidence of paranormal activity.

8pm-1.30am. Over 18s.

Pre-booking essential. £35. 01530 278444.

Fri 2 March - Fri 31 August

A Self Taught Genius - John Flower Exhibition

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre**

An exhibition exploring the life and prolific work of artist

John Flower who provided us with an unparalleled visual

record of early 19th century Leicestershire. Includes views of Leicester's Blue Boar Inn and Bow Bridge with their strong associations with Richard III. FREE. 01455 290429.

Sat 3 March

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Weddings & Ceremonies Open Day

■ **Parkside, Melton Registration Service**

Visit the newly opened wedding ceremony venue and meet the registration staff. 10am-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 6565.

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Get Stuffed'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Create your own Jon Burgerman graffiti style character out of felted jumpers and other textiles.

Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists.

10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking essential. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

An Afternoon Visit

to the Corset Factory

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Philip Warren, Principal Curator of Leicestershire County Council Museum collections will take you on a virtual tour of the Symington factory. The talk will focus on working practices and social life between 1900 and 1940. 2-3.30pm. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes entry to the Fashion Gallery). 01530 278444.

Sun 4 March

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Mon 5 March - Thu 26 April

Captain Scott and the Titanic

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland**

An exhibition marking one hundred years since Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole in March 1912 and the sinking of the Titanic in April 1912. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 257 1080.

Tue 6 March

Fairtrade Fortnight: Special Wriggly Readers

■ **Hinckley Library**

A special wriggly readers to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with stories, rhymes and free bananas too! 9.45-10.15am & 10.45-11.15am. Pre-school age. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Health Morning: Take Time Out

■ **Oadby Library**

Relaxation, health checks, talk, advice and refreshments. 10am-1pm. Pre-booking advisable. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

The Happiest Days of Our Lives?

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland**

Lunchtime talk about Victorian and Edwardian school records. Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. £3.50. 0116 257 1080.

Introduction to the

Botany of Leicestershire

■ **Collections Resources Centre** Come and see some of the County's rich botanical heritage held at the Collections Resources Centre with Dr. Geoffrey Hall, Natural Life Curator (Botany). Some special items, not normally on show, will be available for viewing. 2-4pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Health Check

■ **Thurmaston Library**

A member of the Active Together Team will be in the library conducting health checks which include measuring body fat percentage, weight and blood pressure. 2-5pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3513.

Lost Birstall

■ **Birstall Library**

Come and see a slide show of people and places of old Birstall village that no longer exists. 7.30-8.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £1. 0116 305 8756.

Thu 8 March

Listen While You Lunch

■ **Oadby Library**

Lunchtime talk with Fairtrade light refreshments but you are welcome to bring your lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.

Health Check

■ **Syston Library** A member of the Active Together Team will be in the library conducting health checks which include measuring body fat percentage, weight and blood pressure. 1.30-4pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3500.

Evening Talk: Six Wives

■ **Wigston Library**

Sally Henshaw offers a fascinating insight into the six wives of Henry VIII with her lively and entertaining talk. 7-8pm. Pre-booking essential. £2. 0116 305 3689.

Thu 8 - Thu 22 March

King Edward VII College Annual Art Show

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Annual display of art created by students from King Edward VII College. Usual opening times. FREE. 01530 278444.

Fri 9 - Sun 18 March

Celebrate National Science and Engineering Week at our libraries and museums

Fri 9 - Sat 17 March

Science and Engineering Week Activities

■ **Hinckley Library** Exhibitions, activities and lots more! Call the library for more details. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Sat 10 March

Family History Day Course

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** A course for the more advanced family historian.

Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 10am-4.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £15. 0116 257 1080.

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Frankenstein Bugs'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Study some mini beasts and then design your own in this drawing session to mark National Science and Engineering Week. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Railway Roundabout

■ **Harborough Museum**

A Science and Engineering Week event for families. Meet some railway enthusiasts and get to play station masters!

11am-3pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

New Age of Discovery

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Come and join us for an exploration into the future story of Snibston. This interactive performance will get you imagining what the future will be like in the year 2100.

Call 01530 278444 or visit www.snibston.com for details.

Sun 11 March

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Falcons and Ferrets at the Manor

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** Get hands-on with a range of impressive and beautiful birds of prey with Hawkwise Falconry and take part in a ferret race! 11am-4pm. 01530 831259.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Mon 12 March

Health Day

■ **Blaby Library**

Activities and information on health and wellbeing. Check with the library for specific activity times. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3516.

Tue 13 March

The Forlorn Hope

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** An awkward squad of military puzzles, oddities and curiosities. Lunch time talk about military records. Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. £3.50. 0116 257 1080.

Meet the Expert Talk

■ **Harborough Museum** Discover more about some of the museum's fascinating objects with one of the County's experts! 2-3pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

Wed 14 March

Family History Online

■ **Wigston Library**

An introduction to using the internet for tracing your family tree online. Suitable for those new to family history. 10-11am & 11.30am-12.30pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Thu 15 March

Miners' Morning:

From Coal Mining to Heritage, the Case of Snibston by Professor Chris Wrigley

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Professor Chris Wrigley will describe how Leicestershire County Council, already planning for the steady decline of coal, decided to preserve the Snibston site. What should be preserved, what story should be told and to what extent should former miners and local people be involved? 10.30am-12noon. Pre-booking advisable. £3.50 plus refreshments. 01530 278444.

Sat 17 March

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Weddings & Ceremonies Open Day

■ **Loughborough Registration Service, Southfield Road**

An opportunity to view the newly opened wedding ceremony venue and meet the registration staff. 10am-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 6565.

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'The Greatest Show On Earth'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Explore the circus using objects, pictures and a 'Big Top of Words' with Lindsey Warnes Carroll. Have a go at writing pieces for National Poetry Week! The results will be published on the Charnwood Arts website. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Marvellous Mum!

■ **Harborough Museum**

Make something special for that special lady! Drop in event. 11am-3pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 01858 821085.

Hidden Secrets

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** An insight into the construction of corsets and their hidden secrets by Jill Salen, author of books on historic corsetry and vintage lingerie and Sarah Nicol from the museum's fashion collection. 2-3.30pm. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes entry to the Fashion Gallery). 01530 278444.

Sun 18 March

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Mothers Go Free on Mothering Sunday

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** Treat your mum to a fun day out at Bosworth's award-winning exhibition. 10am-4pm. Mums go FREE when a child's exhibition ticket is purchased. 01455 290429.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

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Mon 19 March

Eggciting Easter Competition

■ **Anstey Library** 0116 305 3536.

■ **Birstall Library** 0116 305 8756.

Colouring competition and activities for children 3 years plus. Usual opening times. FREE.

Tue 20 March

Death, Disease and Data Protection

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland** Lunch time talk about hospital and asylum records. Tea and coffee included. Bring your own lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. £3.50. 0116 257 1080.

Get Gardening Talk

■ **Ashby Library** Share your expertise and find out more about successful gardening. 6.45-7.45pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 3055917.

Wed 21 March

Focus on Families:

Health & Wellbeing Event

■ **Hinckley Library** Family health event with information available from various agencies. Call the library for details. 10.30am -2.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Rough and Tumble -

Sports in Medieval England

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A fascinating illustrated talk by Richard Knox, Curator of Bosworth Battlefield, about a wide range of sports enjoyed by our medieval ancestors! Early evening supper at 6.45pm followed by the talk at 7.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £8.50. 01455 290429.

Evening Talk:

Hedgerow Foods

■ **Charnwood Museum** Find out how wild plants can provide free food and delicacies you may not have thought of in this illustrated talk with Geoffrey Hall, Curator of Natural Life (botany). 7.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £2.50. 01509 233754.

Thu 22 March

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Sat 24 March

Family Art & Craft Workshop: March Madness!

■ **Charnwood Museum**

There's fun for all ages in our free craft session! Why not drop in and enjoy making some fun, spring crafts with the family. 10am-12noon, 1-2.30pm. FREE. 01509 233754.

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Clock On!'

■ **Charnwood Museum** ArtZone meets time zone in

this workshop! Make your

own clock in time for when the clocks go forward. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking essential. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Sat 24 March - Sun 10 June

Drawn To Danger

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Images created by official war artists including works from the Artworks Collection. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Sun 25 March

History Fair

■ [Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse](#)

Many local history stalls and history mini talks, tours of servants cellars, children's activities and coffee shop. 10am-4pm. £3 per person.

07982 845112.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ [Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre](#)

A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Tue 27 March

Getting the Best out of your Digital Camera

■ [Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland](#) Lunch time talk about photographing and scanning old documents. 12noon-2pm. Pre-booking essential. £5. 0116 257 1080.

Fri 30 March

Health Checks

■ [Shepshed Library](#)

A comprehensive health check which includes weight, blood pressure and bone mass. Checks last about 15 mins. 10am-1pm. Pre-booking advisable. FREE. 0116 305 3678.

Easter Egg-stravaganza Wrigglies

■ [Ashby Library](#)

Stories, songs and Easter bonnet making. 10.30-11.30am. Pre-school age. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Sat 31 March - Sat 14 April

Funny Bones

■ [Harborough Museum](#)

See the Hallaton Treasure dog and pig bone remains and pick over some other interesting skeletons! Heritage lottery funded. Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.

Half-term Easter Paper Activities

■ [Barrow-upon-Soar Library](#)

0116 305 3543.

■ [Loughborough Library](#)

0116 305 2420.

■ [Mountsorrel Library](#)

0116 305 5892.

■ [Rothley Library](#)

0116 305 3671.

■ [Sileby Library](#)

0116 305 3683.

■ [Quorn Library](#)

0116 305 3665.

Easter Competition. Usual opening times. 4-11 years.

Sat 31 March - Sun 15 April

Easter Egg Competition

■ **East Goscote Library**

0116 305 3510.

■ **Syston Library**

0116 305 3500.

■ **Thurmaston Library**

0116 305 3513.

Children are invited to decorate an Easter egg for a display in the library and there is a small prize for the best effort. Usual opening times. 3 years plus. FREE.

Chicken Snap! Gallery Trail

■ **Charnwood Museum** Can you pair up our puzzled chickens who are scattered around the museum in our Easter game of snap? A fun, free way for youngsters to explore Charnwood Museum's galleries. Usual opening times. 3 years plus. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sat 31 March - Wed 16 May

Ashby Guild of Artists Exhibition

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** A fantastic exhibition of work by a co-operative of local artists who aim to make a positive contribution to the cultural development of art in the area. Usual opening times. FREE. 01530 278444.

Sat 31 March - Sun 27 May

Leicestershire 60 Years Ago Exhibition

■ **Charnwood Museum**

An exhibition looking back to the start of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrating both national and local events and achievements. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sat 31 March - Tue 29 May

The Leicestershire Calligrapher's Annual Exhibition

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** See how art and writing combine in this collection of beautiful creations which blend flavours of the medieval age and contemporary art. 11am-4pm. 01530 831259.

April

Sun 1 April

The Wider Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre**

Experienced walkers with a penchant for history can join our expert guides and enjoy Bosworth Battlefield's extended 7.5 mile (12k) walk. Providing all aspects of the environment surrounding this pivotal battle of the Wars of the Roses. No dogs. Please provide your own lunch and refreshments. For experienced walkers over 12 years only. 9.30am-5pm. Adults £15, Concs £10. Pre-booking essential. 01455 290429.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre**

A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Mon 2 April

Spring Time Wiggles

■ **Castle Donington Library** Stories and songs for spring. 2-2.30pm. Pre-school. FREE. 0116 305 3561.

Mon 2 - Sat 14 April

Easter Holiday Fun!

■ **Hinckley Library** Treasure hunt and puzzles available in the children's area. Usual opening times. 4-11 years. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Mon 2 April - Tue 1 May

The Knights' Challenge

■ **Coalville Library** Help your knight's team to win by reading as many books as you can in April. Usual opening times. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3565.

Tue 3 April

Egg-cellent Easter!

■ **Desford Library**
10-11.30am. 0116 305 3581.

■ **Barwell Library**
2-3.30pm. 0116 305 3547.

Easter fun including crafts, activities and stories. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. FREE.

Children's Art & Craft Workshop: Easter Cards

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Make and decorate an Easter card to give to someone on Easter Sunday! 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm, 1.30-2.30pm & 3-4pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.

Spring Time Wiggles

■ **Measham Library**

Stories and songs for spring. 10.30-11am. Pre-school age. FREE. 0116 305 3709.

Medieval Tournaments

■ **Birstall Library** Medieval tournaments were great sporting occasions and the winners were great celebrities. Talent scouts looked out for the best fighters and Kings ran their own teams to gain prizes and glory. 7.30-9pm. Pre-booking essential. Adults £3, Concs £2.50. 0116 305 8756.

Wed 4 April

Funny Bones

■ **Market Harborough Library & Museum** Join in the 'Funny Bones' fun with stories and activities at the library and museum. Heritage lottery funded. 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm. 5-10 years. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3627.

Thu 5 April

Children's Art & Craft Workshop: Make a Mask

■ **Charnwood Museum** Design and make yourself a seasonal spring mask in this Easter holiday workshop. 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm, 1.30-2.30pm & 3-4pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.

Get a Hat, Get Ahead!

■ **Melton Carnegie Museum** Make a variety of hats for an Easter Bonnet parade. 10.15am, 11.30am, 1.15pm & 2.30pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 0116 305 3860.

Egg-cellent Easter!

■ **Earl Shilton Library**

10-11.30am. 0116 305 8392.

■ **Newbold Verdon Library** 2-3.30pm. 0116 305 3661.

Easter fun including crafts, activities and stories. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. FREE.

Spring Time Wiggles

■ **Coalville Library**

10.30-11am. 0116 305 3565.

■ **Kegworth Library**

10.30-11am. 0116 305 3609.

Stories and songs for spring.

Pre-school. FREE.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks.

Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm.

FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Sat 7 & Sun 8 April

Easter Egg Hunt

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** King Richard III's soldiers have lost their weapons around the site - can you find all ten to win an Easter Egg? 10am-5pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 01455 290429.

Sat 7 - Mon 9 April

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 2pm (Sat), 11am & 2pm (Sun & Mon). Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Sat 7 April - Sat 30 June

Leicestershire 60 Years Ago

■ **Melton Carnegie Museum** Examining the way of life in the county during Coronation Year. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3860.

Sun 8 April

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Afternoon Tea

■ **Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse**

What a treat! Have afternoon tea at Beaumanor Hall with freshly made sandwiches, home-made cakes, scones and pastries, together with a lovely choice of traditional and fruit teas. Served at 2pm & 4pm. Pre-booking essential. £14.95 per person. 01509 890119.

Sun 8 & Mon 9 April

A Medieval Camp with Les Routiers de Rouen

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** History is brought to life by re-enactors with cooking demonstrations, medieval crafts, and the chance to talk to characters from the past. 11am-3.30pm. Adults £2, Concs £1, Family (2+2) £5. 01455 290429.

Mon 9 - Sun 15 April

Tales from the Titanic

■ **Oadby Library** Display, talk and children's activity sheets. 0116 305 8763.

Tue 10 April

Meet the Expert Talk

■ **Harborough Museum** Discover more about some of the museum's fascinating objects with one of the County's experts! 2-3pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

Easter Eggs-travaganza

■ **South Wigston Library** Stories and activities for families during the Easter holidays. 2-3.30pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 0116 305 3533.

Wed 11 April

Easter Eggs-travaganza

■ **Wigston Library** Stories and activities for families during the Easter holidays. 10-11.30am. 3 years plus. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Children's Art & Craft Workshop: Bugs and Butterflies

■ **Charnwood Museum** Spring is in the air! Join the fun and make some bugs and butterflies. 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm, 1.30-2.30pm & 3-4pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.

Costumed Guided Walk for Children

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** Children and adults alike can enjoy the magic and mystery behind the history of Bosworth Battlefield in this fascinating walk led by costumed guides in full character. 1½ hours. Suitable for under 9s accompanied by an adult. 11am. Adults £4, Concs £3. 01455 290429.

Thu 12 April

Jubilee Jamboree!

■ **Melton Carnegie Museum** Make bunting, flags, crowns and anything else you need to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. 10.15am, 11.30am, 1.15pm & 2.30pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per child. 0116 305 3860.

Listen While You Lunch: Tales from the Titanic with Jenny Moran

■ **Oadby Library** Lunchtime talk. Light refreshments but you are welcome to bring your lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.

Spring Time Wrigglies

■ **Markfield Library**

Stories and songs for spring. 2.15-2.45pm. Pre-school age. FREE. 0116 305 3642.

Fri 13 April

Children's Animal Handling Workshop: 'Deadly 60' with Animals in Hands

■ **Charnwood Museum** Animals in Hands return to Charnwood Museum with their popular Animal Handling workshop, providing an opportunity to learn about animals and meet some face to face! Book early to avoid disappointment. 10.15-11am, 11.15am-12noon, 12.15-1pm, 1.30-2.15pm, 2.30-3.15pm, 3.30-4.15pm. 3 years plus. Pre-booking essential. £2.50 per person. 01509 233754.

Collectors and Collecting

■ Collections

Resources Centre

Find out about Leicestershire's ancient and modern collectors with Dr. Geoffrey Hall, Natural Life Curator (botany) using materials from the museum's collections. 2-4pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Paranormal Night

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Guided tour of the site looking for evidence of paranormal activity. 8pm-1.30am. Over 18s. Pre-booking essential. £35. 01530 278444.

Sat 14 April

Head to Head Helmets

■ **Harborough Museum**

See the unique Hallaton Roman helmet and compare it to other helmets through time. Try on helmets and see how they measure up! Heritage lottery funded. Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Sun 15 April

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

From the Tudor Lady's Bed Chamber

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** Join the Friends of Donington in an exploration of a Tudor lady's daily routine in this lovely old house. 11am-4pm. FREE. 01530 831259.

Thu 19 April

Miners' Morning:

Memories of the Coal Queens by Anne Bradley

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Curator Anne Bradley from the National Coal Mining Museum will talk about their recent exhibition looking at the national coal queen competitions of the late twentieth century. 10.30am-12noon. Pre-booking advisable. £3.50 plus refreshments. 01530 278444.

Sat 21 April

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Edible Art'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

An innovative workshop fusing art and food to make explosions of colour that look as good as they taste! Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking essential. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Street Beat!

■ **Harborough Museum**

A day of drumming and rhymes. Join in and make some great sounds. 11.30am & 2pm. Pre-booking advisable. £1. 01858 821085.

Sat 21 & Sun 22 April

A Medieval Camp with Les Routiers de Rouen

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** History is brought to life by re-enactors with cooking demonstrations, medieval crafts, and the chance to talk to characters from the past. 11am-3.30pm. Adults £2, Concs £1, Family (2+2) £5. 01455 290429.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm (2pm only on Sat 21 April). Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Sun 22 April

Bowmen of Bosworth - Have a Go Archery

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** Test your skills as an archer with the Bowmen of Bosworth's "Have a Go" archery event. 12noon-3pm. 7 years plus. £1 for 5 arrows. 01455 290429.

Cream Teas

■ **Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse** Try our fabulous homemade scones with fresh cream, preserves, strawberries and a pot of tea. 2-5pm. £4.50. 01509 890119.

Thu 26 April

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Down to Earth

■ **Wigston Library**

Be part of the audience for BBC Radio Leicester's Down to Earth programme where an expert panel will be offering entertaining and informative gardening advice. 7.15-8.45pm. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Sat 28 April

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop:

'Stencils and Screens'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

The Leicester Print Workshop joins ArtZone for this special printing workshop! Use stencils to screen print work with an abstract theme. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

The Body Transformed

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Throughout the 20th Century designers have re-invented corsets and undergarments as outer fashion. Michele Danjoux from De Montfort University will explore the phenomenon of fashion body wear. 2-3.30pm. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes entry to the Fashion Gallery). 01530 278444.

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Sun 29 April

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Gothic Calligraphy Workshop

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** Explore your talents as a calligrapher with a hands-on workshop on the Gothic style.

2-4pm. Pre-booking essential. £2. 01509 842188.

May

Tue 1 May

Local History Month

■ **Oadby Library** Contact the library for event details. 0116 305 8763.

Thu 3 May

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Life in the Trenches in World War I

■ **Birstall Library** A chance to see the uniforms and equipment of the fighting Tommies of the Great War. Learn more about the daily routine for soldiers (and sailors!) on the front line. A talk by Nick Marshall. 7.30-9pm.

Pre-booking essential. Adults £3, Concs £2.50. 0116 305 8756.

Sat 5 May

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Living Art'

■ **Charnwood Museum** Join in this innovative workshop creating life size art where you'll be in your own painting! Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

The Real Treasure Up Close

■ **Harborough Museum** Get to handle the real Hallaton Treasure, don't miss this unique experience. Celebrating museums and galleries month. Sessions throughout the day. Heritage lottery funded. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sat 5 - Mon 7 May

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 2pm (Sat), 11am & 2pm (Sun & Mon). Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Sun 6 - Mon 7 May

Wounds, Weapons and Warfare with Les Routiers de Rouen

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** See characters from history come alive as you meet medieval soldiers from King Richard's army and hear gruesome stories of the weapons of war they used and

the wicked wounds they inflicted! 11am-3.30pm. Adults £2, Concs £1, Family (2+2) £5. 01455 290429.

Tue 8 May

Meet the Expert Talk

■ **Harborough Museum** Discover more about some of the museum's fascinating objects with one of the County's experts! Time TBC. FREE. 01858 821085.

Thu 10 May

Listen While You Lunch

■ **Oadby Library** Lunchtime Talk. Light refreshments but you are welcome to bring your lunch. 12noon-1pm. Pre-booking essential. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.

Fri 11 May

Internet Taster Session

■ **Melton Library**

New to computers? Learn how to find your way around the internet. 9.30-10.30am & 11am-12noon. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3646.

Sat 12 May

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Get Inky'

■ **Charnwood Museum** Mysteries of the deep are the inspiration for this workshop! Draw squid and other sea creatures and colour with an inky wash. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Scalford's Saxon Treasure

■ **Melton Carnegie Museum** The Scalford Bracteate and its place in the archaeology of Saxon Melton - this talk will describe the object and its importance, and highlight other Saxon finds and sites from the Melton area. 11am-12noon. Pre-booking essential. £2 includes refreshments. 0116 305 3860.

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Sat 12 - Mon 28 May

Hands-On!

■ **Harborough Museum**

Get to interact with real museum objects. Celebrating Museums and Galleries Month. Drop-in. Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sun 13 May

Transport Festival

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** A fabulous fun filled celebration of transport through the ages featuring vintage cars and vehicles plus family activities. 10am-5pm. Standard museum admission. 01530 278444.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile)

guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Country Capers at the Manor

■ **Donington le Heath**

Manor House A celebration of traditional country life with heavy horse displays, a wide range of crafts and English country music and dance displays. 11am-4pm. FREE, plus a small charge for crafts.

01530 831259.

Afternoon Tea

■ **Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse**

What a treat! Have Afternoon Tea at Beaumanor Hall with freshly made sandwiches, home-made cakes, scones and pastries, together with a lovely choice of traditional and fruit teas.

Served at 2pm & 4pm. Pre-booking essential. £14.95 person. 01509 890119.

Mon 14 - Sat 26 May

The Changing Face of Shepshed

■ **Shepshed Library**

A display of photographs collected by Local Historian

M. Wortley showing Shepshed then and now. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3678.

Thu 17 May

Dame Fortune's Wheel - Tales of Medieval Misfortune

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** Join the Storyteller of Norwich, Master Tonge. A fabulous mix of moral, sometimes scary and often very silly tales! 7.30pm. Pre-booking essential. £4. 01530 831259.

Miners' Morning:

The Transform Project, Celebrating Snibston

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Maurice Maguire will show and discuss images from the Transform Arts Vision. 10.30am-12noon. Pre-booking advisable. £3.50 plus refreshments. 01530 278444.

Fri 18 May

Silver Surfers' Day:

Family History on the Internet

■ **Melton Library** Find out how to use the internet to help with your family history research. Including FREE access to Ancestry Library edition.

9.30-10.30am & 11am-12noon. Pre-booking essential. FREE. 0116 305 3646.

Sat 19 May

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'Building Bridges'

■ **Charnwood Museum**

A workshop exploring bridges! Have a go at designing your own bridge and create it using card and other materials. Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Sat 19 - Sun 20 May

Meet the Knights Templar with Les Routiers de Rouen

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre**

Surround yourself with mystery and intrigue as Bosworth's

re-enactors bring to life the history of the Knights Templar. Hear stories of chivalry and treachery from

knights afresh from the crusades. 11am-3.30pm.
Adults £2, Concs £1, Family (2+2) £5. 01455 290429.

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre** A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 2pm (Sat), 11am & 2pm (Sun). Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Sun 20 May

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Thu 24 May

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Watermead Country Park** Work with the Rangers on a variety of habitat conservation tasks. Please call before the day to confirm meeting place and task. See page 17 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Fri 25 May

Paranormal Night

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Guided tour of the site looking for evidence of paranormal activity. 8pm-1.30am. Over 18s. Pre-booking essential. £35. 01530 278444.

Sat 26 May

ArtZone Art & Craft Workshop: 'It's a Set Up!'

■ **Charnwood Museum** Join ArtZone to transform Charnwood Museum's Education Room into a stage set, then pose for photos like actors in a play! Artzone workshops are run in partnership with Charnwood Arts and professional local artists. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. Pre-booking required. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Diamond Jubilee Walk

■ **From Normanton le Heath Parish Church**

A 12 mile

(19 km) walk for the National Forest Walking Festival, exploring a wood planned to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, plus other transformed landscapes and a historic house. Are you ready for the challenge? You'll need a packed lunch, enough water, waterproofs and suitable boots. Pre-booking essential. 10am- 6.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 7655.

Jubilee Jamboree

■ **Harborough Museum** Get ready for the Queen's big celebrations next weekend and make yourself something fun to wear. Drop-in crafts event. 11am-3pm. 3 years plus. FREE. 01858 821085.

Snibston Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston's stationary steam engines come to life. Usual opening times and museum admission. 01530 278444.

Sat 26 May

- Wed 1 May 2013

Utility Clothing 1942-1949

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Board of Trade's utility collection. Usual opening times. 01530 278444.

Sun 27 May

Bosworth Battlefield Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre**

A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £4, Concs £3, Family tickets available. 01455 290429.

Cream Teas

■ **Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse** Try our fabulous homemade scones with fresh cream, preserves, strawberries and a pot of tea. 2-5pm. £4.50. 01509 890119.

Sun 27 May - Sun 22 July

Coalville Photographers

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Annual exhibition by Coalville Photographers Society. Usual opening times. FREE. 01530 278444.

Tue 29 May

Fit Family Focus:

Health and Wellbeing Event

■ **Earl Shilton Library**

Come along to our special

family health event - information available from various agencies. Call the library for more details. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 8392.

All details are correct at time of going to press. However, please check details prior to travel to avoid disappointment.

Century Theatre at Snibston

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The Century Theatre is the largest item in the museum collections of Leicestershire County Council. Built between 1948 and 1952 in Hinckley, the Century was used as a travelling theatre, boasting links to many famous actors, playwrights and authors. Today the theatre still offers a unique historic home for the arts for the people of Leicestershire.

For full details of events at the Century Theatre this spring pick up a programme from any of these locations; Ashby or Swadlincote TIC, Ashby, Coalville or Measham Library, Hermitage FM, Snibston Discovery Museum, Donington le Heath Manor House or download a copy from www.CenturyTheatre.co.uk

For booking information call 01530 278444 or visit www.centurytheatre.co.uk

Please note: All times stated are performance times. Doors open 30 minutes before.

Films on Fridays

Fri 3 Feb, Fri 2 March, Fri 6 April & Fri 4 May

Century Theatre screens handpicked films on the first Friday of each month, films TBC, see www.centurytheatre.co.uk for more information.

Dance4 presents:

A Double Bill: *Badlands*, *A Love Story* by Robert Clark and *30 Cecil Street* by Dan Canham

Wed 8 February, 7.30pm

Badlands: Accompanied by a selection of love songs, Robert Clark has created a new work of contemporary dance. In a world reminiscent of 50s America, two performers undertake to resolve a love story not of their choosing.

30 Cecil Street: An original piece of dance-theatre as tribute for a lost and ruined theatre. A performance of fragments of memories, of wild nights and long disappeared communities.

Suitable for people aged 14 and above.

Adults £8, under 16s £5.

Bon Jovi UK

Sat 18 February, 7.30pm

Top quality tribute act for legendary rockers. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £13, On the door £15.

The Supernatural Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Sat 25 Feb, 8pm

Experience a dash of Baker Street nostalgia with this detective caper. With adaptations of three of Conan Doyle's lesser-known stories, *The Adventures of the Sussex Vampire*, *The Creeping Man* and *The Devil's Foot*. Advance £8, On the door £10.

Some Like it Hotter

Thu 15 March, 7.30pm

This fast moving fantasy comedy whisks three screen icons back to their most fabulous and hilarious selves as they once again don heels and stockings for the making of one of the best loved classic Hollywood comedies. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £6, On the door £8.

Tony Stockwell

Sat 24 March, 2pm & 7.30pm

The TV psychic returns by popular demand! Pre-booking advisable. £18.50.

An Evening of Drama Presented by Cahoots Theatre Company

Fri 30 & Sat 31 March, 7pm

An exciting evening of new drama, written and performed by talented artists in the Midlands. Watch five 15 minute plays and vote for your favourite when the final curtain falls! After the showcase, the prize will be awarded followed by drinks in the bar with the Cahoots troupes. Advance £7, On the door £9.

The Ugly Duckling

Sun 1 April, 1pm & 4pm

Easter fun for all the family with this high quality professional adaptation based on the well-loved tale by Hans Andersen. This captivating show includes colourful costumes, comedy, music and surprises. Families, 3 years plus. Pre-booking advisable. Adults £9.50, Concs £7.50, Family of 4 £30.

The Snail and the Whale

Mon 9 April, 12noon & 2.30pm

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's magic is brought to life. Created in Tall Stories' unique style, The Snail and the Whale combines physical storytelling, live music and lots of laughs. Families, 3 years plus. Pre-booking advisable. Adults £8, Concs £6, Family of 4 £24.

An Evening with Charles Dickens

Sat 21 April, 7.30pm

A virtuoso performance of the greatest scenes from some of Dickens' best stories. Performed by Charles Dickens' great great grandson Gerald Dickens. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £12, On the door £10.

The Stones

Sat 28 April, 7.30pm

The Stones bring to the stage all the energy and excitement of a live Rolling Stones concert. The greatest tribute band in the world pays tribute to the greatest rock n roll band in the world. Pre-booking advisable. Advance £15, On the door £17.

Local Band Night

Fri 11 May, 7pm

Accoustic and plugged in, talented musicians from the local area will showcase their talents in this varied and exciting programme. £5.

Discover Festival

Fri 18 - Sun 20 May

A weekend of science-fiction, fantasy and horror. Includes author readings, writing workshops, film screenings and special events throughout the weekend. Visit www.discover.org for full details. Adults £45, under 16s £40.

Nick Toczek

Sat 26 May, 1pm & 3pm

Back by popular demand, writer and entertainer, Nick Toczek, presents his wonderful one-man show with jokes, magic, poems, puppets and tricks. Whether you are 3 or 103 you will love this show. 3 years plus. Adults £3.50, Children £2.50, Family of four £10.