

EVENTS! GUIDE

Leicestershire
Leicestershire
County Council

Exhibitions and Events
October 2011 to January 2012



Use the following colour key to find events by area:

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|  Blaby |  Melton |
|  Charnwood |  North West Leicestershire |
|  Harborough |  Oadby & Wigston |
|  Hinckley and Bosworth | |

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


Current Exhibitions

See pages 24-25 for locations and map


The Workplace until Fri 28 October

 **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland** Exhibition of photographs relating to the workplace by members of the Leicester Forest Photographic Society. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 257 1080.

Keeping The Peace: 650 Years of Magistracy until Sat 29 October

 **Harborough Museum** A fascinating exhibition that looks at the ancient role of the magistrate and the 650 years of history behind its firm foundation. Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.


Magic Lanterns until Sun 6 November

 **Charnwood Museum** A display of digital photographs taken from the Record Office's collection of historic slides. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

The Medieval Woman until Fri 30 December

 **Bosworth Battlefield** A beautifully illustrated exhibition showing the many constraints and few opportunities for women in medieval England. Usual opening times. FREE. 01455 290429.

'A Self Taught Genius' John Flower 1793-1861 until Sat 31 December

 **Melton Carnegie Museum** Exhibition of 'The Leicester Artist' John Flower who was celebrated as a 'self taught genius' whose name would live for ever as 'an illustrator of the bygone architecture of his native place'. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3860.

Compost Corner until Wed 25 April 2012


 **Snibston Discovery Museum** Interactive composting exhibition with a programme of demonstrations and talks. Usual opening times and museum admission fee. 01530 278444.

For more information on home composting and food waste digesters visit www.leics.gov.uk/waste

*Offer only available to Leicestershire residents excluding Leicester city.



Support And Seduction until Sun 13 May 2012

 **Snibston Discovery Museum** 300 years of practical, fashionable and seductive underwear for men and women. Usual opening times and museum admission fee. 01530 278444.

Events throughout the year at **SNIBSTON**

Train Rides

Take a train ride along the historic Snibston Colliery Railway. Visit www.snibston.com for running dates during school holidays. Adults £1.50, Children 95p (in addition to museum admission). 01530 278444.

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. Every Saturday and Sunday, call ahead for details. Adults £1.95, Children £1.20 (in addition to museum admission). 01530 278444.

Events

Until Sun 2 October

Active Ageing Week:

UK Older Persons Day

At various locations throughout Leicestershire. A week of activities to help you 'Get and Stay Active in Later Life'. Visit www.lrsport.org.uk/activeageing for details. 01509 564870.

Sat 1 October

ArtZone: Art & Craft Workshop - Painted Pots

■ **Charnwood Museum** Go potty in this art workshop with designer, Chris Holt! Decorate a terracotta pot with your own design using acrylic paints. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Drawing With A Difference!

■ **Harborough Museum**

Big Draw activity. Taking inspiration from museum objects, experiment with

unusual ways to make your drawing mark! 11am-4pm. Contact museum for details. 01858 821085.

Dad's Day: Farmyard Friends

■ **Newbold Verdon Library**

Dad's Day offers dads and granddads themed stories, songs, rhymes and crafts to enjoy with their 0-4 year olds. Why not relax with your kids and other dads whilst mum puts her feet up? 10.30-11.30am. 0-4 years. FREE. 0116 305 3661.

Sat 1 & Sat 8 October

ArtZone: In the Open - Family Raku Workshop

■ **Loughborough University**

Join local potter, Bridget McVey for a special two part workshop making Japanese style Raku pottery tiles. Runs on two consecutive Saturday afternoons. Suitable for adults and children aged 8 plus. 2.30-4.40pm. £20 for two Saturday workshops. 01509 233754.

Sat 1 - Sat 29 October

I Remember That!

■ **Harborough Museum**

Hands-on objects from the museum collection for all ages, but especially for 'full of life' folk! Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sat 1 - Sun 30 October

Brightsparks Art Show

■ **Charnwood Museum**

An art exhibition to celebrate World Mental Health Month in October. Brightsparks is a voluntary organisation promoting the arts in Mental Health. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sat 1 - Mon 31 October

A History Of Great Glen

■ **Great Glen Library** Discover Who's Who in Leicestershire and some of the history of Great Glen. Includes an exhibition of some of the discoveries from the recent archaeological

excavations in the village. Various times. FREE. 0116 305 8763 / 0116 305 3597.

Soar Navigation

■ **Loughborough Library**

A local history display about the Soar River. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Sat 1 October - Sat 31 December

Lost Landscapes: Noel Brannan And Art In The Coal Fields

■ **Snibston Discovery**

Museum Images of coal miners and local collieries featuring work by Noel Brannan. Also marks the contribution made to the war effort by the Bevin Boys. Usual opening times and museum admission fee. 01530 278444.

Sun 2 October

King Richard III's Birthday Party

■ **Bosworth Battlefield**

You are cordially invited to Richard III's Birthday Party, with medieval games, stories and fun for all the family. At midday the King will tour the Courtyard with his armoured guards. 11am-3pm. Adults £2, Concs £1, Family (2+2) £5. 01455 290429.

Battle Of Bosworth Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield**

A 2km (1.25m) guided walk exploring the Battle Of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2pm. Adults £3.50, Concs £2.50, Family Tickets Available. 01455 290429.



Mon 3 October

Advice Drop In: Charnwood Human Rights And Equalities

■ **Birstall Library** Advice on welfare benefits, housing, immigration, NHS, social care and other issues. Services include assistance with filling in forms, advocacy, translation and outreach visits. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 8756.

Mon 3 - Sun 9 October

National Poetry Day

■ **Loughborough Library** Celebrate National Poetry Day at Loughborough Library! To find out more please contact the Library. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Mon 3 October - Sat 31 December

Open Box: Celebrating 80 Years Of Resource Box!

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Leicestershire Open Museum's Resource Box. Usual opening times. FREE. 01530 278444.

Tue 4 October

Tabla Drumming Workshop

■ **Snibston Century Theatre** Learn how to play the Indian 'talking' drum, great for developing coordination and exploring rhythms and patterns. Instruments provided. 4pm. 6-16 years. £5. 01530 278444.

Fascinating Fungi

■ **Collections Resources Centre, Barrow upon Soar** An introduction to fungi, their role in the environment and tips about how to identify them with local expert Richard Iliffe. Plus a chance to see the Museum Collections. Pre-booking essential, limited places. 2-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Puzzled? Solve My Crossword Puzzle

■ **Oadby Library** Come to our free session which will be both fun and mentally stimulating.

See how you can solve your crossword puzzle using our online dictionaries. You will need some basic computer skills to do this course. 1.30-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

Tue 4 - Thu 13 October

World Mental Health Day

■ **Mountsorrel Library** A display of appropriate books and information. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 5892.

Wed 5 October - Fri 16 December

In Search of Leicestershire

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** An illustrated exhibition with many archaeological artefacts, which celebrates the people who have recorded the County's archaeological remains over the past four centuries. Usual opening times. FREE. 01530 831259.

Thu 6 October

Puzzled? Solve My Crossword Puzzle

■ **Loughborough Library** See how you can solve your crossword puzzle using our online dictionaries. You will need some basic computer skills to do this course. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Creative Writing: Poetry Workshop

■ **Oadby Library** 10am-12noon. 0116 305 8763.
 ■ **Market Harborough Library** 2-4pm. 0116 305 3627.
 Linking with National Poetry Day and the Royal British Legion 90 year exhibition, poet Deborah Tyler-Bennett will be encouraging participants to write poetry using familiar and less familiar images of conflict and memorial. Pre-booking required. FREE.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ Watermead Country Park



Please call before the day to confirm meeting place. See page 19 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

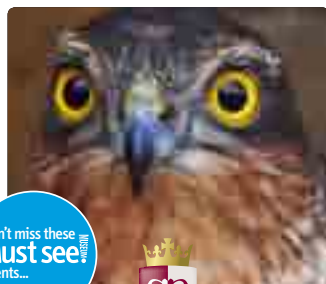
Fri 7 October

Find Your Favourite Poem

■ **Hinckley Library** Come and celebrate National Poetry Day - find your favourite poem and help build our poetry wall. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

In The Job Market?

■ **Syston Library** Make your application stand out from the crowd and learn how to present your CV in this free session. Pre-booking required. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3500.



BOSWORTH
 BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE CENTRE
 AND COUNTRY PARK

Don't miss great Hawkwise Falconry events at Bosworth Battlefield throughout the autumn and winter...

See page 18 for details.

Sat 8 October

Lord Of The Rings: Miniature Wargaming

■ **Coalville Library** Drop in to try a Lord of the Rings battle in miniature with our volunteer wargaming experts and enter a free raffle. 10am-4pm. 10 years plus. FREE. 0116 305 3565.

ArtZone: Art & Craft Workshop - The Big Draw 2011

■ **Charnwood Museum**

Join ArtZone to celebrate this year's national 'Big Draw'! Explore the 100 year old Japanese art of 'Gyotaku' which translates as 'fish' and 'press'. There will also be other drawing activities in the museum so join the fun

and start drawing! 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Street Beat!

■ **Harborough Museum**

A day of drumming and rhymes! A chance to recall playground rhymes and have a go at drumming. Two sessions: 11.30am and 2pm. Pre-booking advisable. £1. 01858 821085.

Support And Seduction:

Meet The Expert Talk 

■ **Snibston Discovery**

Museum Corset Construction Today. A visual and practical demonstration of modern corset construction. Given by Alison Smith from Ashby School of Sewing. 2-3.30pm. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes museum admission fee). 01530 278444.

Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery**

Museum See and smell Snibston Discovery Museum's stationary steam engines come to life. Various times, call ahead for details. Usual museum admission fee. 01530 278444.

Sun 9 October

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park**

Please call before the day to confirm meeting place. See page 19 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.



Hands-on Tudors

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House**

Explore life in Tudor times with hands-on crafts and games led by costumed Tudor experts. A family event of outstanding quality and a fabulous way to learn more about the Tudors. 11am-4pm. FREE. 01530 831259.

Mon 10 October

Discover Your Past!

■ **Castle Donington Library**

A fascinating short course for beginners to get involved in family history, using the internet. You will be given an introduction to our Ancestry Library Edition resource to perform simple searches using various records. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3561.



Fun With Fungi: Drawing Fungi

■ **Collections Resources Centre, Barrow upon Soar**

A drawing workshop with pencils looking at how to capture the beauty of fungi, with local artist Annabel Barrett. Pre-booking essential. 10.30am-3.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Behind The Scenes

■ **Baby Library** Want to know what goes on behind the scenes in TV and theatre? Join a Bad Girls/Eastenders extra for her insight and have a go at some improvisation. Pre-booking required. 7-8pm. £2. 0116 305 3516.

Mon 10 - Fri 14 October

World Mental Health Week: Every Object Tells A Story

■ **Oadby Library** Exhibition of creative writing. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

Tue 11 October

Need Help With Health Information?

■ **Earl Shilton Library**

10am-12.30pm. 0116 305 8392.

■ **Hinckley Library** 2-4.30pm.

0116 305 2500. Learn how to use the NHS website, online health dictionaries and find information on prescribed medical drugs and medical conditions in these health information sessions. FREE.

Family History On The Internet

■ **Ashby Library** Learn how to research your family history on the internet. There will be an opportunity to try looking for your own ancestors. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Advice Drop In: Charnwood Human Rights And Equalities

■ **Mountsorrel Library** Advice on welfare benefits, housing, immigration, NHS, social care and other issues. Services include assistance with filling in forms, advocacy, translation and outreach visits. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 5892.

Tabla Drumming Workshop

■ **Snibston Century Theatre**

Learn how to play the Indian 'talking' drum, great for developing coordination and exploring rhythms and patterns. Instruments provided. 4pm. 6-16 years. £5. 01530 278444.



Wed 12 October

Need Help With Health Information?

■ Barwell Library

10am-12.30pm. 0116 305 3547.

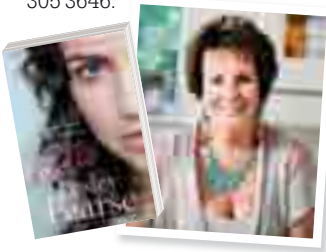
■ Newbold Verdon Library

2-4.30pm. 0116 305 3661. Learn how to use the NHS website, online health dictionaries and find information on prescribed medical drugs and medical conditions in these health information sessions. FREE.

Meet Saga Writer, Lesley Pearse

■ Melton Mowbray Library

Hugely popular author Lesley Pearse talks about her extraordinary life story, and her wonderful unforgettable books such as her latest novel, Belle. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. 7-8pm. £2.50. 0116 305 3646.



Thu 13 October

Discover Your Past!

■ Broughton Astley Library

A fascinating short course for beginners to get involved in family history, using the internet. You will be given an introduction to our Ancestry Library Edition resource to perform simple searches using various records. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 3553.

Just Desserts

■ Classics: Donington le Heath Manor House

Specially for those who like the pudding course best, this is a real treat - three courses of three themed taster-size desserts and coffee. Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £12.50. 01530 817214.



Recent Time Team Projects in Leicestershire

■ Donington le Heath Manor House

By popular demand, another chance to hear Community Archaeologist Pete Liddle's illustrated talk revealing how Channel Four's Time Team programme has shed light on several important Leicestershire sites in recent years. Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £3. 01530 831259.

Listen While You Lunch:

James Cook, Last Local Man To Be Gibbeted

■ Oadby Library

Lunchtime talk with Ben Beazley. Pre-booking essential. 12noon-1pm. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.



Fri 14 October

Need Help With Health Information?

■ Lutterworth Library Learn how to use the NHS website, online health dictionaries and find information on prescribed medical drugs and medical conditions in this health information session. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3619.

Paranormal Night

■ Snibston Discovery Museum

Guided tour of the site looking for evidence of paranormal activity. 8pm-1am. Over 18s. £35. 01530 278444.

Fri 14 - Sat 15 October

Collections Centre Open Days

■ Collections Resources Centre, Barrow upon Soar

A chance to go behind the scenes and see museum collections close-up. Pre-booking required, telephone for details. Not suitable for small children. 10.30am-3.30pm. Adults £2.50, Concs £1. 01509 815514.

Half-term



Sat 15 October

Countryside Explorer Walk: Scaford and Wycomb

■ Scaford, Recreation Ground

4 miles through attractive rolling countryside. Be ready for mud and stiles. Dogs allowed. No parking on local streets. Please park at the Recreation Ground, far end of Sandy Lane, off Church Street. Pre-booking advisable. 10am-12.30pm. £2. Under 16s FREE. 0116 305 7655.

Harborough at The Movies

■ Harborough Museum

A BBC Hands on History 'Reel History' event. Join us for a trip down memory lane! See footage covering over a 100 years of Harborough history. Sit back and enjoy a rare opportunity to view some of the unique films from the Museum archives and the Harborough Movie makers. Regular screenings of local historical films 11am-4pm. Part of BBC Hands on History, bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory

Sat 15 - Sun 23 October

Halloween Hats Gallery Trail

■ Charnwood Museum

Enjoy a spooky quest around the museum to solve a halloween puzzle. A free, fun way to explore Charnwood Museum's galleries. Usual opening times. 3 years plus. FREE. 01509 233754.

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Mon 17 October

Colour And Light Singalong

■ **Birstall Library** Colourful festive songs and rhymes for under 5s with their parents/carers. 10-10.45am. 0-5 years. FREE. 0116 305 8756.

Shopping Online

■ **Melton Library** This short course will give you an overview of shopping online and how to use price comparison websites. Know payment methods, your consumer rights and how to deal with faulty items when buying online. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3646.

Coffee Afternoon With Reminiscence Session

■ **Mountsorrel Library** Enjoy a cuppa with a biscuit over a reminiscence session. 2-4pm. Donations for coffee and biscuits. 0116 305 5892.

Half-Term Fun

■ **South Wigston Library** Half-term fun with storytelling and craft activities. 2-3.30pm. 5-10 years. FREE. 0116 305 3533.

Mon 17 - Fri 21 October

Wounds, Weapons And Warfare

■ **Bosworth Battlefield** Meet Captain Mortimer and hear the stories he has to tell about wounds, weapons and warfare. With the chance to see replica

weapons and armoury from throughout history. 11am-3pm (times may vary). £2. 01455 290429.

Museum Muse

■ **Harborough Museum** Discover your inner poet! Create a verse using our word wall. Usual opening times. Contact museum for details. 01858 821085.

Treasure Hunt

■ **Bosworth Battlefield** King Richard III's soldiers have lost their weapons around the site - can you find all ten to win a prize? Treasure Hunts can be purchased from the Ticket Office all day throughout half-term. Usual opening times. £2 per child (includes prize). 01455 290429.

Mon 17 - Sun 23 October

Colour and Light

■ **Quorn Library** 0116 305 3665.
■ **Barrow-Upon-Soar Library** 0116 305 3543. Paper activities during half-term week. Usual opening times. 5-12 years. FREE.

Mon 17 - Sat 29 October

Diwali Display

■ **Sileby Library** A display on the meaning of Diwali and the celebrations that take place during this festival. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 5892.

Mon 17 October

- Tue 1 November

Spooky Stories and Poems Competition

■ **Birstall Library** 0116 305 8756.
■ **Anstey Library** 0116 305 3536.
Can you write a spooky story or a poem? It could be a true story from Leicester, from a book you have read or entirely from your imagination. Enter to win a prize. Usual opening times. 6-12 years. FREE.

Mon 17 October

- Sat 5 November

Celebration of Light and Colour

■ **Charnwood Libraries** Activity sheets and quizzes celebrating a season of light and colour. Usual opening times. 5-10 years. FREE.

Tue 18 October

Puzzled? Solve My Crossword Puzzle

■ **Ashby Library** See how you can solve your crossword puzzle using our online dictionaries. Basic computer skills required. 2-4.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Half-Term Hullabaloo

■ **Barwell Library** Fun stories, crafts, activities and an exciting competition! 2.30-4pm. 4-10 years. FREE. 0116 305 3547.

Diwali Event

■ Birstall Library Family event and colourful activities to enjoy. 10am-12noon. 4-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 8756.

Tabla Drumming Workshop

■ Snibston Century Theatre Learn how to play the Indian 'talking' drum, great for developing coordination. Instruments provided. 4pm. 6-16 years. £5. 01530 278444.

Family Drop In Event

■ Oadby Library Books and activities. 10.30am-12noon. Suitable for all ages. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

Wed 19 October

Charnwood Museum Evening Talk



■ Charnwood Museum These illustrated evening talks cover a wide variety of interesting topics so there's something for everybody to enjoy. Come along, relax with a cuppa and learn something new! Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £2.50. 01509 233754.

Active Art Stories and Crafts Event

■ Coalville Library Join us for Family Learning Festival storytelling with an arty theme and drawing games for families. 10am-12noon. 3-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3565.

Celebration of Light and Colour

■ Loughborough Library Stories and crafts to celebrate light and colour. 2-3pm. 5-10 years. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Magic & Mayhem

■ Market Harborough Library & Museum Half-term activities and stories on a magical theme. Come to the library for the first hour and then finish in the museum. 10am-12noon & 1-3pm. 5-10 years. FREE, but booking essential. 0116 305 3628.

Half-Term Hullabaloo

■ Newbold Verdon Library Half-term fun including stories, crafts, activities and an exciting competition! 10-11.30am. 4-10 years. FREE. 0116 305 3661.

Diwali Event

■ Sileby Library Arts, crafts and competition. 10.30-11.30am. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3683.

Half-Term Fun

■ Wigston Magna Library Half-term fun with storytelling and craft activities. 10-11.30am. 5-10 years. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Thu 20 October

Colour and Light Craft Event

■ Anstey Library Family event and colourful activities to enjoy. 10.30-11.30am. 4-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3536.

In The Job Market?

■ Braunstone Town Library Make your application stand out from the crowd and learn how to present your CV in this free session. Pre-booking required. 2-4.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 5900.

Half-Term Hullabaloo

■ Burbage Library 10.30-11.30am. 0116 305 3558.
■ Desford Library 10-11.30am. 4-10 years. 0116 305 3581.
■ Earl Shilton Library 2-3.30pm. 0116 305 8392.
■ Hinckley Library 2.30-3.30pm. 0116 305 2500.
 Half-term fun including stories, crafts, activities and an exciting competition! 4-10 years. FREE.

Wacky Wellies

■ Melton Carnegie Museum It's the season for jumping in muddy puddles so join us for this wacky welly workshop. Pre-booking required. 10.15am, 11.30am & 2pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3860.

Diwali Craft Session and Stories

■ Mountsorrel Library Diwali, colour and craft activities. 2-3.30pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 5892.

Miners' Morning: George Smith of Coalville



■ Snibston Discovery Museum A talk by Denis Baker outlining the campaign of a Victorian social reformer from Coalville. 10.30am-12noon. £3.50 (includes refreshments). 01530 278444.

Colour and Light

■ Syston Library Colourful crafts and enlightening facts. Drop in session. 1.30-3.30pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3500.

Fri 21 October

Active Art Wriggles

■ Ashby Library Join us for Family Learning Festival songs and stories with an arty theme and drawing games for children under 5 and their families. 10.30-11.30am. 0-5 years. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Children's Halloween Art and Craft Workshop

■ Charnwood Museum Join in the fun and make something spooky for halloween in this half-term children's art and craft workshop. Must be booked and paid for in advance. 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm. 1.30-2.30pm. 3-12 years. £2.50. 01509 233754.

Need Help With Health Information?

■ Glenfield Library Learn how to use the NHS website, online health dictionaries and find information on prescribed medical drugs and medical conditions in this health information session. 2-4.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3591.

Puzzled? Solve My Crossword Puzzle

■ Kirby Muxloe Library See how you can solve your crossword puzzle using our online dictionaries. You will need some basic computer skills to do this course. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3714.



Meet Crime Writer, Stephen Booth

Ashby Library Stephen Booth discusses crime fiction, his Derbyshire-based series of crime novels and the characters that make his books stand out from the crowd. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. 7.15-8.15pm. £2. 0116 305 5917.



Sat 22 October

Twilight Challenge

Beaumanor Hall Grounds

Try a new sensory experience and leap into the unknown this evening using just your torchlight and imagination to help you see and overcome the challenges set before you. Pre-booking required. 6-9pm. 8 years plus. Adults £15, Children (under 16) £10. 01509 890119.

Nappuccinos

Brocks Hill Environment Centre

Informal, interactive session where you can learn about the benefits of reusable nappies for your baby and the environment. Tea and coffee included. 10am-12noon. FREE 07870 953402.

Coppice Management

Burrough Wood, Ratby

An opportunity to learn and practice the skills needed to manage a traditional coppice and gain a college certificate. Pre-booking essential. 9.30am-4pm. Adults £25, Concs £15. 0116 305 7221/7264.

Medieval Banquet

Classics: Donington le Heath Manor House

A welcome return of our Jester, Chamberlain and musician to guide you through 7 courses of medieval fare and entertainment.

Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £30. 01530 817214.

'Creepy Critters!'

Harborough Museum

Meet and handle exotic and extraordinary creatures at this special event. Pre-booking essential. Four hands-on sessions throughout the day. £3. 01858 821085.

Beam Engine Steaming

Snibston Discovery Museum

See and smell Snibston Discovery Museum's stationary steam engines come to life. Various times, call ahead for details. Usual museum entrance fee. 01530 278444.

Mon 24 October

Need Help With Health Information?

Blaby Library Learn how to use the NHS website, online health dictionaries and find information on prescribed medical drugs and medical conditions in this health information session. 10am-12.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3516.

Advice Drop In: Charnwood Human Rights and Equalities

Syston Library Advice on welfare benefits, housing, immigration, NHS, social care and other issues. Services include assistance with filling in forms, advocacy, translation and outreach visits. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 3500.

Coffee Afternoon

Mountsorrel Library

Charity coffee afternoon. 1.45-4pm. Donation welcome. 0116 305 5892.

Who's Who in Leicestershire (and beyond)

Enderby Library

Discover the life stories of men and women who shaped all aspects of the British past, from the earliest times to the year 2000. In this course you will see how you can access the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography to discover

biographies of Leicestershire people (both good and bad) who have shaped our lives today. To do this course you will need some understanding of using computers. 2-4.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3523.

Lands End to John O'Groats: British Crime Talk

Castle Donington Library

Crime fiction expert, librarian John Martin will talk on the history of British crime writing. 7-8pm. £1.50. 0116 305 3561.

Mon 24 October - Sat 5 November

Halloween and Guy Fawkes

Rothley Library

A display of fireworks and halloween. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3671.

Tue 25 October

Coffee Morning And Book Chat

Ashby Library Come and have a coffee, chat about your favourite books and find others you might enjoy. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Tabla Drumming Workshop

Century Theatre

Learn how to play the Indian 'talking' drum, great for developing coordination and exploring rhythms and patterns. Instruments provided. 4pm. 6-16 years. £5. 01530 278444.

Celebration of Light and Colour

Loughborough Library

Special stories and rhymes for under 5s and their parents/carers. 10-10.30am. 0-5 years. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Archive Film Show

Newbold Verdon Library

Newbold Verdon Library Cinema Club present a BBC Hands on History 'Reel History' event. Pete Groschl from Centre Screen will be showing archive film footage of urban and rural Leicester and Leicestershire from the 1920s to 1970s. Pre-booking required. 7.30pm. £2.50. 0116 305 3661.

In The Job Market?

■ **Wigston Library** Make your application stand out from the crowd and learn how to present your CV in this free session. Pre-booking required. 2-4.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Wed 26 October

Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum**

See and smell Snibston Discovery Museum's stationary steam engines come to life. Various times, call ahead for details. Usual museum entrance fee. 01530 278444.

Meet Saga Writer, Rosie Goodwin

■ **Coalville Library** Saga writer Rosie Goodwin follows closely in the footsteps of the great Catherine Cookson and has written official follow ups to novels such as The Mallen Trilogy and Tilly Trotter. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. 7-8pm. £1.50. 0116 305 3565.



Wed 26 - Mon 31 October

Big Book Sale

■ **Coalville Library**

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

Thu 27 October

Celebration of Light and Colour

■ **Loughborough Library**

Special stories and rhymes for under 5s and their parents/carers. 2.15-2.45pm. 0-5 years. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Baby Rhyme Time

■ **Oadby Library** Rhymes, books and chat for parents/carers. 2-2.30pm. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

An Evening Of Creepy Stories

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House**

Are you brave enough to listen to ghost stories on a dark night in a 700 year old house? Adults only - this one's scary! Pre-booking essential. 8pm. £3.50. 01530 831259.

Fri 28 October

Shopping Online

■ **Oadby Library** This short course will give you an overview of shopping online and how to use price comparison websites. Know payment methods, your consumer rights and how to deal with faulty items when buying online. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

Sat 29 October

ArtZone: Art & Craft Workshop - Book Making

■ **Charnwood Museum**

This week's ArtZone looks at the art of creating your own books! With artist Sue Clews. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Dyslexia Support Drop In

■ **Hinckley Library**

Information and advice for both adults and children affected by dyslexia. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Halloween Tales And Crafts

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House**

Get ready for the spookiness of halloween with a chance to make a mask and listen to some spooky stories in this old house. 11am-4pm. FREE but small charge for craft activities. 01530 831259.

Halloween Stories and Crafts

■ **Measham Library**

Spooky fun for families with Halloween stories and crafts. 3-4pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3709.



Support and Seduction: Meet The Expert Talk

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum**

Vanity and Virtue. A look into the many reasons why women from the 18th Century to the present day wore corsets. Given by Jill Salen author of Corsets: Historical Patterns and Techniques. 2-3.30pm. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes museum admission). 01530 278444.

Sat 29 & Sun 30 October

The Barber Surgeon's Halloween Horrors At Bosworth

■ **Bosworth Battlefield** Are you brave enough to meet the characters from 1485 who still haunt the battlefield, with stories from soldiers of battles past - just beware of the Barber Surgeon. 11am-3pm. £2. 01455 290429.

Sat 29 October - Tue 15 November

Dyslexia Awareness Display

■ **Hinckley Library** Come along and see our display as part of Dyslexia Awareness Week. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Sun 30 October

Battle Of Bosworth Evening Guided Walk 

■ **Bosworth Battlefield** A 2km (1.25m) torchlit guided evening walk to mark the anniversary of the coronation of Henry VII. Pre-booking advisable. 7pm. Adults £5, Concs £4. 01455 290429.

Mon 31 October

Halloween Pie Night

■ **Beaumanor Hall** Spooky evening with delicious pies and scary ghost stories. 6.30-8.30pm. £8.95 main courses, £3.95 deserts. 01509 890119.



Evening Guided Walk with Owl Encounter 

■ **Bosworth Battlefield** Follow in the footsteps of Richard III's army as you take a torchlit walk with a guide. On your return will you be brave enough to fly the witch's owl? Festive snacks can be purchased in the Tithe Barn Restaurant until 9pm. Limited spaces so pre-booking is essential. 7pm. Adults £8, Concession £6, Family (2+2) £25. 01455 290429.

Advice Drop In: Charnwood Human Rights And Equalities

■ **Thurmaston Library** Advice on welfare benefits, housing, immigration, NHS, social care and other issues. Services include assistance with filling in forms, advocacy, translation and outreach visits. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 3513.

Tue 1 November

Tabla Drumming Workshop
■ **Snibston Century Theatre**

Learn how to play the Indian 'talking' drum, great for developing coordination and exploring rhythms and patterns. Instruments provided. 4pm. 6-16 years. £5. 01530 278444.

Get Online Week

■ **Earl Shilton Library** Learn how to set up an email account and stay in touch with family and friends. Part of Get Online Week. 2-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 8392.

Colour and Light Wiggly Readers

■ **East Goscote** Colour and light themed stories and rhymes for 0-5year olds. 2.45-3.15pm. FREE. 0116 305 3510.

Health and Wellbeing at Melton Library

■ **Melton Library** Beat the winter blues. Drop in for a relaxing hand massage, health checks and discover the wide range of services available to help you with your health and general wellbeing. 10am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 3646.

Tue 1 & Tue 8 November

Spineless Wonders: An Introduction To Leicestershire's Invertebrates

■ **Collections Resources Centre, Barrow upon Soar** Join local enthusiasts Steve Woodward and Helen Ikin for two evening sessions as an introduction to invertebrate creepy crawlies, illustrated by the Museum Collections. Pre-booking and attendance of both evenings together is essential. 7-9pm. FREE. 0116 305 3726.

Tue 1 - Mon 21 November

Remembrance and The Royal British Legion in Coalville Exhibition

■ **Coalville Library** An exhibition from Whitwick historical society, The Royal British Legion and library staff in honour of local remembrance. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3565.

Tue 1 November - Sat 31 December

Leicestershire Calligraphers

■ **Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland** A display of work by members of the Leicestershire Calligraphers. FREE. 0116 257 1080.

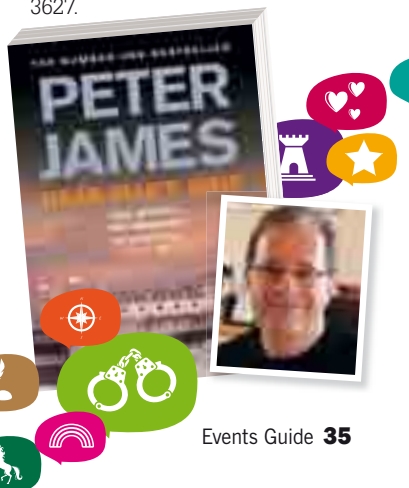
Loughborough Amateur Operatic Society Display

■ **Loughborough Library** A local history display about Loughborough's Amateur Operatic Society. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Wed 2 November

Meet Crime Writer, Peter James

■ **Market Harborough Library** International bestselling crime writer Peter James talks about his highly acclaimed series of "Roy Grace" novels and the current state of crime fiction. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. 7-8pm. £3. 0116 305 3627.



Thu 3 November

Colour and Light Singalong

■ Anstey Library

Kids singalong workshop. 2-2.45pm. 0-5 years. FREE. 0116 305 3536.

Carer's Day

■ Hinckley Library

Drop in for various activities. Contact the Library for more details. 11am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 2500.

Listen While You Lunch:

Agatha Christie, Her Life And Writing With John Martin



■ Oadby Library

Lunchtime talk. Pre-booking essential. 12noon-1pm. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ Watermead Country Park



See page 19 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Sat 5 November

ArtZone: Art & Craft Workshop - Fire, Fire!

■ Charnwood Museum

Explore how artists have depicted fire in fine art in this drawing workshop. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Let's Get Rubbing!

■ Harborough Museum

Have a go at making all sorts of impressions from unusual museum objects! 11am-4pm. £1. 01858 821085.

Dad's Day: Sparkles Galore

■ Newbold Verdon Library

Dad's Day offers dads and granddads themed stories, songs, rhymes and crafts to enjoy with their 0-4 year olds. Why not relax with your kids and other dads whilst mum puts her feet up? 10.30-11.30am. 0-4 years. FREE. 0116 305 3661.

Guided Walk on Guy Fawkes Evening



■ Bosworth Battlefield

A 2km (1.25m) torchlit guided walk exploring the Battle Of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. Pre-booking advisable. 7pm. Adults £5, Concs £4. 01455 290429.

Hallaton Treasure Conference: From Julius Caesar to Claudius, The Late Iron Age/Roman Transition



■ University of Leicester

A day conference featuring leading Iron Age and Roman academics. Find out how conservation of the Hallaton Helmet is progressing and hear the latest interpretation of this internationally significant find. Heritage Lottery Funded. 10am-4pm. £15, pre-booking required. 01858 821085.



SNIBSTON

Best of British Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday 5 November, 5pm

■ Snibston Discovery

Museum Fantastic fireworks, live entertainment and music in addition to free admission to the whole museum makes Snibston Discovery Museum Fireworks a great night out for the whole family. 5pm. Advance £4, On the gate £6. Under 3s. FREE. 01530 278444.

Sat 5 & Sun 6 November

Hurdle Making



■ Ratby, Burrough Wood

Learn the skill of making hurdle fencing from hazel and gain a college certificate. 9.30am-4pm. Adults £50, Concs £25. 0116 305 7221/7264.

Sat 5 November - Sat 24 December

The Magnificence Of Monochrome Exhibition

■ Charnwood Museum

Enjoy a display of inspiring and contemporary monochrome images in the East Midlands Monochrome Group's annual photographic exhibition. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sat 5 November - Sat 31 January

The Market Harborough Historical Society: 80 years

■ Harborough Museum

See some of the unusual objects collected by the Society. Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sun 6 November

"And their Country found them ready", The Great War Remembered

■ Donington le Heath Manor

House Explore life for Tommys and Jack Tars during the 'war to end all wars' with military displays, poems, songs, crafts and exhibitions. Plus, explore the war memorials of Leicestershire - do you have a family member recorded in the County? 11am-4pm. FREE. 01530 831259.

Mon 7 - Sun 13 November

Mental Health Exhibition

■ Loughborough Library

Creative writing exhibition in relation to mental health. Usual opening. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Tue 8 November


Advice Drop In: Charnwood Human Rights And Equalities

■ **Shepshed Library** Find out how Charnwood HRE can help with advice on welfare benefits, housing, immigration, NHS, social care and other issues. Services include assistance with filling in forms, advocacy, translation and outreach visits. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Tabla Drumming Workshop

■ **Snibston Century Theatre** Learn how to play the Indian 'talking' drum, great for developing coordination and exploring rhythms. Instruments provided. 4pm. 6-16 years. £5. 01530 278444.

The Victorian Menu

■ **Birstall Library**  A talk by Nick Marshall about the Victorian menu. Learn what new recipes graced the tables of England in the 19th century. 7.30-9pm. £3 (includes refreshments). 0116 305 8756.

Tue 8 - Sat 19 November

Shepshed Remembers' Exhibition

■ **Shepshed Library** Display of old photos entitled Shepshed Remembers by local historian Michael Wortley. Usual opening times. FREE. 0116 305 3678.

Fri 11 November

1940s Evening Dinner and Dance

■ **Beaumanor Hall** Enjoy a two course meal and dance the night away to the sounds of a bygone era. Pre-booking essential. Bar open at 7pm, meal at 8pm. Two course meal and coffee £22.95. 01509 890119.

Fri 11 November

- Sat 24 December

Keeping The Peace: 650 Years of Magistracy

■ **Charnwood Museum** An exhibition to mark the 650th anniversary of the magistracy in

England. A fascinating look at the ancient role of the magistrate and the history behind its firm foundation. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sat 12 November

ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - In Bits!

■ **Charnwood Museum** Join artist, Vanessa Rose, for this inspiring mosaic workshop. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Shadowy Treasure Tales

■ **Harborough Museum** Shadow puppet event inspired by the Hallaton treasure. Heritage Lottery funded. 11am & 2pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

Snibston Discovery Museum Beam Engine Steaming

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston Discovery Museum's stationary steam engines come to life. Various times, call ahead for details. Usual museum admission fee. 01530 278444.



Sat 12 & Sun 13 November

Hedgelaying Level 1

■ **Oadby, Venue TBC** College certificated hedgelaying course for beginners. Pre-booking essential. 9.30am-4pm. Adults £50, Concs £25. 0116 305 7221/7264.

Sun 13 November

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ **Beacon Hill Country Park**


Please call before the day to confirm meeting place. See page 19 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.

Art Deco Fair

■ **Beaumanor Hall** Art Deco - Art Nouveau - Arts and Crafts. Beautiful and interesting ceramics, glassware, jewellery, figurines, lighting, clocks, prints and furniture for sale. 10am-4pm. £3. 01509 890119.

Mon 14 November

Agatha Christie Crime Queen

■ **Mountsorrel Library**  Crime lovers will enjoy this exciting talk on the greatest crime writer. 7-8pm. Adults £3, Concs £2.50. 0116 305 5892.

Thu 17 November

Just Desserts

■ **Classics: Donington le Heath Manor House** Specially for those who like the pudding course best, this is a real treat - three courses of three themed taster-size desserts and coffee. Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £12.50. 01530 817214.

Miners' Morning:

Joseph Wilkes Of Measham

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum**  A talk by Jeff Knight on Joseph Wilkes of Measham, the 18th century industrial entrepreneur whose influence was felt both locally and nationally. 10.30am-12noon. £3.50 (includes refreshments). 01530 278444.

Fri 18 November

Paranormal Night

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Guided tour of the site looking for evidence of paranormal activity. 8pm-1am. Over 18s only. £35. 01530 278444.

Fri 18 - Sat 19 November

Transform: LifeCycle

Belvoir Shopping Centre, Coalville Another opportunity to see Snibston's film created by artist Geoff Broadway about the changing landscape of Coalville involving local businesses and residents. 11am-6pm. FREE. 01530 278444.

Sat 19 November

Nappuccinos

Brocks Hill Environment Centre Informal, interactive session where you can learn about the benefits of reusable nappies for your baby and the environment. Tea and coffee included. 10am-12noon. FREE. 07870 953402.

ArtZone: Art & Craft Workshop - Illustrated Autumn

Charnwood Museum Explore the golden season using drawing and collage techniques with illustrator Rohini Dhamelia 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

The World In A Box

Harborough Museum Be amazed by what is hidden in some of our resource boxes! 11am-4pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

Support and Seduction: Meet The Expert Talk

Snibston Discovery Museum Close Things. Exploring the history of ladies underwear through images and objects including modern underwear that would have scandalised our ancestors! Come and discover why. Given by Fiona Ure, Curator of Home & Family Life. 2-3.30pm. Advance £10, On the door £12 (includes museum admission). 01530 278444.

Sun 20 November

Wedding Open Day

Beaumanor Hall Thinking of getting married? This is a special opportunity for you to visit Beaumanor Hall and see it set up for a wedding, speak

to our wedding coordinators and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. 10am-2pm. FREE. 01509 890119.

Mon 21 November

Meet Saga Writer, Rosie Goodwin

Countesthorpe Library A second chance to meet this wonderful writer and discuss her thought provoking novels such as 'The Ribbon Weaver and A Band of Steel'. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. 7-8pm. £1.50. 0116 305 3527.

Tue 22 November

An Evening With Alison Weir

Bosworth Battlefield British Author and Historian on The Wars of the Roses. Come along and listen to Alison Weir talk about her books and research on medieval and Tudor history. Limited places, so pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £10, includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pie. 01455 290429.



Wed 23 November

Charnwood Museum Evening Talk

Charnwood Museum Why not join us for one of our illustrated evening talks? They cover a wide variety of interesting topics so there's something for everybody to enjoy. Come along, relax with a cuppa and learn something new! Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £2.50. 01509 233754.

Thu 24 November

Baby Rhyme Time

Oadby Library Rhymes, books and chat for parents and carers. 2-2.30pm. Babies. FREE. 0116 305 8763.

Fri 25 November

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Earl Shilton Library Come and get warm inside the library with Christmas crafts and fun for all as Earl Shilton celebrates the Christmas lights switch-on! 5-7pm. FREE. 0116 305 8392.

Fri 25 & Sat 26 November

Transform: LifeCycle

Belvoir Shopping Centre, Coalville Another opportunity to see Snibston's film created by artist Geoff Broadway about the changing landscape of Coalville involving local businesses and residents. 11am-6pm. FREE. 01530 278444.

Sat 26 November

Civil War Miniature Wargaming

Ashby Library Drop in to try a Civil War battle in miniature with our volunteer wargaming experts and enter a free raffle. 10am-4pm. 10 years plus. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - Fold, Tear, Draw then Wear!

Charnwood Museum Join artist Rosny Hayward in this fun workshop making paper clothes! 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Medieval Banquet

Classics: Donington le Heath Manor House A welcome return of our Jester, Chamberlain and musician to guide you through 7 courses of medieval fare and entertainment. £30. Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. 01530 817214.

Christmas Lights Switch On: Library Fun

Coalville Library Drop in for Christmas crafts, stories and songs. 10am-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 3565.

Wooden Wonders

Harborough Museum

Celebrate National Tree week and join in with our woody quiz trail around the museum! Usual opening times. 5-12 years. FREE. 01858 821085.

Beam Engine Steaming

Snibston Discovery Museum

See and smell Snibston Discovery Museum's stationary steam engines come to life. Various times, call ahead for details. Usual museum admission fee. 01530 278444.

Sat 26 & Sun 27 November

Retro Gaming Weekend

Snibston Discovery Museum



A fantastic hands-on opportunity to see and play on computers and consoles from the last 35 years - including

Acorn, Amstrad, Atari, Commodore, Nintendo, Sega and Sinclair. In partnership with the Retro Gaming Museum. Usual opening times. Includes entry to Snibston. Adult tickets: Single day - Advance £10, On the door £11.50; Adult tickets: Full weekend - Advance £15, On the door £16.50; Child tickets: Single day - Advance £4, On the door £5; Child tickets: Full weekend - Advance £5, On the door £6. 01530 278444.

Mon 28 November

- Wed 21 December

Weekday Christmas Lunches

Beaumanor Hall

Celebrate the festive season at Beaumanor. The Hall will be beautifully decorated with garlands and sparkling lights. Pre-booking required. 12noon-2pm. £14.95 for a two course lunch with coffee and all the trimmings. 01509 890119.

Thu 1 December

Sleigh Ride

Anstey Library Christmas special, stories and rhymes for 0-5 years. 2-2.45pm. FREE. 0116 305 3536.

Christmas Past



Enderby Library Join Fiona Ure for an entertaining look at Christmas Past. Pre-booking required. 2-3pm. £2. 0116 305 3523.

Christmas on Coupons

Mountsorrel Library Nick Marshall gives a talk about how people were determined to celebrate Christmas in style despite wartime restrictions. 7-8.30pm. Adults £3, Concs £2.50. 0116 305 5892.

Listen While You Lunch



Oadby Library Lunchtime talk. Pre-booking essential. 12noon-1pm. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.

Conservation Volunteer Day

Watermead Country Park

Meet at the main entrance (north), off Wanlip Road. See page 19 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.



Thu 1 - Sat 24 December

Yule Like It! Gallery Trail

Charnwood Museum Solve a festive puzzle by finding the yuletide clues hidden around the galleries! A fun way for youngsters to explore the museum. Usual opening times. 3 years plus. FREE. 01509 233754.

Fri 2 December

Pirate Murder Mystery Evening With Dinner

Beaumanor Hall Port Royal, Jamaica in the year 1680. The Governor has been stabbed to death outside the Admiral Benbow - the most notorious haunt of rogues, thieves and pirates this side of Hispaniola - but one of them is a murderer as well! Pre-booking required. 7-11pm. Entertainment and a three course meal with coffee £29.50. 01509 890119.



Galliarda Early Music Concert

Donington le Heath Manor House

Soak in the Christmas atmosphere of medieval and renaissance melodies played live on authentic instruments in the setting of Donington's beautiful great chamber bedecked with festive greenery. Festive refreshments included. 3pm. £12. 01530 831259.

Late Night Shopping

Harborough Museum Meet some costumed Victorian characters and find out about Christmas traditions from around the world. Enter our free prize draw! 6-9pm. FREE 01858 821085.

Fri 2 & Sat 3 December

Transform: LifeCycle

Belvoir Shopping Centre, Coalville Another opportunity to see Snibston's film created by artist Geoff Broadway about the changing landscape of Coalville involving local businesses and residents. 11am-6pm. FREE. 01530 278444.

Transform: InsideOut

Snibston Discovery Museum

A magnificent light and sound show illuminating the nationally-important colliery buildings at Snibston Discovery Museum. 6.30-9pm. In advance £3, On the gate £4. 01530 278444.

Sat 3 December

ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - Willow Wreaths

■ **Charnwood Museum** Get ready for the festive season in this workshop with local sculptor, Nita Rao. Make and embellish a traditional Yuletide wreath to hang on your door. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Christmas Dads Day

■ **Newbold Verdon Library** A special Christmas Dads Day - Christmas stories, songs, rhymes and crafts for dads and granddads to enjoy with their 0-4 year olds. 10.30-11.30am. FREE. 0116 305 3661.

Sun 4 December

Christmas at the Medieval Manor

■ **Donington le Heath Manor House** Experience a flavour of medieval Christmas with music and carols, games, talks and fun in the beautiful surroundings of the holly and ivy decked manor house. 11am-4pm. FREE. 01530 831259.

Tue 6 December

Carols In The Library

■ **Coalville Library** Join All Saints school for carols, coffee and mince pies. 10.30-11.30am. Donations for refreshments to Age Concern. 0116 305 3565.

Christmas on Coupons

■ **Birstall Library**  A talk by Nick Marshall about rationing and recipes from WW2. Find out about recipes that were used and the ways they got around shortages to make the festive season fun. 7.30-9pm. £3 (includes refreshments). 0116 305 8756.



Wed 7 December

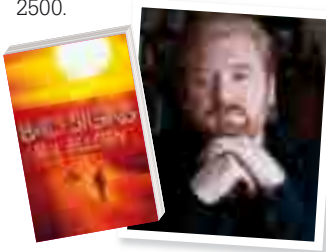
Christmas Fun

■ **Quorn Library** Christmas rhymes and stories. 2-2.45pm. Under 5s and their parents/carers. FREE. 0116 305 3665.



Meet Crime Writer, R.J. Ellory

■ **Hinckley Library** Award-winning crime novelist R. J. Ellory talks about the life of a crime writer and discusses his new book 'Bad Signs'. Pre-booking advised as places are limited. 7pm. £2.50. 0116 305 2500.



Fri 9 December

Christmas Fun

■ **Barrow-Upon-Soar Library** 0116 305 3543.
 ■ **Rothley Library** 0116 305 3671. Christmas special rhymes and stories. 10-10.45am. Under 5s and their parents/carers. FREE.

Carols In The Library

■ **Markfield Library** Join Mercenfeld School for carols, coffee and mince pies in the library. Donations for refreshments to 'Wish Upon a Star' children's charity. 10-11.30am. FREE. 0116 305 3642.

Sat 10 December

Nappuccinos

■ **Brocks Hill Environment Centre** Informal, interactive session where you can learn about the benefits of reusable nappies for your baby and the environment. Tea and coffee included. 10am-12noon. FREE. 07870 953402.

ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - Print with Clay

■ **Charnwood Museum** Innovative craft workshop with artist, Jo Sheppard. Carve and mould patterns into a clay printing block to create and print your own designs. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Ding Dong Decorations: Christmas Craft workshop

■ **Charnwood Museum** Why not drop into our fun workshop for all the family and enjoy making some festive decorations in time for Christmas! 10am-12noon, 1-2.30pm. FREE. 01509 233754.

Another kind of Christmas!

■ **Harborough Museum** Make some crafts from around the world and discover other Christmas traditions! Usual opening times. 5-12 years. £1. 01858 821085.

Carols In The Library

■ **Loughborough Library** Festive cheer in the library with carols, punch and mince pies! 10.30am. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Crafty Christmas

■ **Melton Carnegie Museum** Creative Christmas crafts with festive flair. Pre-booking required. 10.15am, 11.30am & 2pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3860.

Beam Engine Steaming

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

Sat 10 - Sun 11 December

Christmas Craft Fayre

■ **Snibston Discovery Museum** Christmas market with seasonal entertainment. Usual opening times. FREE. 01530 278444. **SNIBSTON**



Holly Wreath Workshop

Snibston Discovery Museum

Celebrate Christmas with the Country Park Rangers and friends and learn how to make your own holly wreath. Materials and decorations are provided along with mulled wine, hot and cold drinks and mince pies. Bring a pair of gloves to protect your fingers. Pre-booking required due to limited places. 11am-1pm & 2-4pm. £17. 01530 278444.

Sun 11 December

Conservation Volunteer Day



Beacon Hill Country Park

Please call before the day to confirm meeting place. See page 19 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.




Mon 12 December

Christmas Past


  **Baby Library** Join Fiona Ure for an entertaining look at Christmas Past. Pre-booking required. 10.30-11.30am. £2. 0116 305 3516.

Tue 13 December

Carols, Coffee and Book Talk

 **Ashby Library** Woodcote school choir will visit the coffee and book talk group to sing carols in the library. All welcome. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 5917.

Seasonal Readings and Carols For Adults

 **Oadby Library** Readings, carols and refreshments. 10.30-11.30am. FREE. 0116 305 8763.


Wed 14 December

Christmas Fun

 **Sileby Library** Christmas special rhymes and stories. 2.15-3pm. Under 5s and carers. FREE. 0116 305 3683.

Thu 15 December

World War 2 Murder Mystery Evening With Dinner

 **Beaumanor Hall** It is 1943 - Beaumanor Hall is a military intelligence centre. The intrepid staff are working around the clock to intercept and decipher Nazi codes - one of them is horribly murdered. The killer must be found before they strike again! Pre-booking required. 7-11pm. Entertainment and a three course meal with coffee £29.50. 01509 890119.


Just Desserts

 **Classics: Donington le Heath Manor House** Specially for those who like the pudding course best, this is a real treat - three courses of three themed taster-size desserts and coffee. Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £12.50. 01530 817214.

Medieval Christmas Banquet

 **Classics: Donington le Heath Manor House** Christmas as it once was and will never be again - celebrate the festive season in our incomparable medieval way. Pre-booking essential. 7.30pm. £35. 01530 817214.

Miners' Morning: Railways In Coalville


 **Snibston Discovery Museum** Leicestershire County Council's Nick Pell will describe the fascinating story of the historic railways of Coalville. 10.30am-12noon. £3.50 (includes refreshments). 01530 278444.

Christmas Cheer

 **Wigston Magna Library** Join us for some Christmas cheer with Christmas readings and festive refreshments. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 3689.

Fri 16 December

Christmas Fun


 **Mountsorrel Library** Christmas special rhymes and stories. 10-10.45am. Under 5s and their parents/carers. FREE. 0116 305 5892.

Carols and Coffee

 **Shepshed Library** Come and listen to Shepshed Community Band play seasonal music while you enjoy a cup of coffee. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 3678.

Sat 17 December

ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - Tree People

 **Charnwood Museum** Get into the festive spirit in this Christmas workshop and make some little crafty people to adorn your Christmas tree! 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.


Another kind of Christmas!

Harborough Museum

Make some crafts from around the world and discover other Christmas traditions! Usual opening times. 5-12 years. £1. 01858 821085.


Mon 19 December

Sleigh Ride

 **Birstall Library** Christmas special under 5s stories and rhymes. 10-11am. FREE. 0116 305 8756.

Tue 20 December

Sleigh Ride


 **Loughborough Library** Special Christmas stories and rhymes for under 5s and their parents/carers. 10-10.30am. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Carols and Coffee

 **Syston Library** Children from St Peter & St Paul's School will be singing carols at 11am and the library will be offering refreshments all morning to raise money for charity. 10am-1pm. 0116 305 3500.

Wed 21 December

Beam Engine Steaming

 **Snibston Discovery Museum** See and smell Snibston Discovery Museum's stationary steam engines come to life. Various times, call ahead for details. Usual museum admission fee. 01530 278444.

Thu 22 December

Sleigh Ride

■ Loughborough Library

Special Christmas stories and rhymes for under 5s and their parents/carers. 2.15-2.45pm. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Fri 23 December

Children's Art and Craft: The Santa Workshop

■ **Charnwood Museum** Join the festive fun in our childrens' Christmas craft workshop! Make a jolly Santa of your own and turn it into a card or a picture present to give to someone special. Must be booked and paid for in advance. 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm, 1.30-2.30pm. 3-12 years. £2.50 per child. 01509 233754.



Check opening times over the Christmas period

Mon 26 December

Battle Of Bosworth Guided Walk

■ **Bosworth Battlefield** Walk off Christmas dinner with a 2km (1.25m) guided walk exploring the Battle Of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. 11am & 2.30pm. Adults £3.50, Concs £2.50, Family Tickets Available. 01455 290429.

Wed 28 December

Beam Engine Steaming

■ Snibston Discovery Museum

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Thu 29 December

Recycled Christmas

■ Melton Carnegie Museum

Reuse your old wrapping paper and cards from Christmas to make festive items ready for Christmas 2012! Pre-booking required. 10.15am, 11.30am & 2pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 3860.

Fri 30 December

New Year Celebration!

■ Loughborough Library

Stories and crafts to celebrate the New Year for 5-10 year olds. 2-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Sat 31 December

Countryside Explorer Walk: Burrough Hill & Somerby

■ Burrough Hill Country Park

6 miles in rolling countryside with an ancient hill-fort and sweeping views. One of Leicestershire's top walks. Be ready for mud & stiles. Dogs allowed. Meet in the car park. Pre-booking advisable. 10am-1.30pm. £2, under 16s FREE (parking extra). 0116 305 7655.

Tue 3 January

- Wed 29 February

A History Of Fire In Loughborough

■ Loughborough Library

A local history display about the history of fire in Loughborough. FREE. 0116 305 2420.

Thu 5 January

Kite Making Session And Stories

■ Mountsorrel Library

Kite making and paper activities. 2-3.30pm. 5-12 years. FREE. 0116 305 5892.

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ Watermead Country Park

Meet at the main entrance (north), off Wanlip Road. See page 19 for details. 9.30am-1pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.



Sat 7 January

Dad's Day: Gruffalo Special!

■ Newbold Verdun Library

Dad's Day offers dads and granddads themed stories, songs, rhymes and crafts to enjoy with their 0-4 year olds. Why not relax with your kids and other dads whilst mum puts her feet up? 10.30-11.30am. FREE. 0116 305 3661.

Sat 7 - Sun 29 January

Holocaust Memorial Exhibition

■ Charnwood Museum

An exhibition to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sat 7 January

- Sun 25 March

Eating In Exhibition

■ Charnwood Museum

This fascinating exhibition explores cooking and eating at home from prehistory to the present day. It includes a look at the changes in the sorts of things we eat and the way we prepare, cook and serve food in the domestic setting. Usual opening times. FREE. 01509 233754.

Sun 8 January

Conservation Volunteer Day

■ Beacon Hill Country Park

Please call before day to confirm meeting place. See page 19 for details. 10am-3pm. FREE. 0116 305 5000.



Tue 10 January

Hedgerow Foods

■ Collections Resources Centre, Barrow upon Soar

Illustrated by the Museum Collections - find out how wild plants can provide free food and delicacies you may not have thought of, with Geoffrey Hall, Natural Life Curator (botany). Pre-booking essential, limited places. 2-4pm. FREE. 0116 305 3726.



Thu 12 January

Listen While You Lunch  Lunchtime talk. Pre-booking essential.

12noon-1pm. £2.50. 0116 305 8763.

Fri 13 January

Paranormal Night

 Guided tour of the site looking for evidence of paranormal activity. 8pm-1am. Over 18s.

£35. 01530 278444.

Sat 14 January


ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - What's the Point?

 ArtZone is being joined by Leicester Print Workshop for this special dry point etching workshop. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Fashion Through the Ages Show

 Be entertained by fashions of the past with this cat walk with a difference! Pre-booking required. 2pm. £2. 01858 821085.

Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 21 & Sun 22 January

Hedgelaying Level 2  A two weekend BTCV certificated hedgelaying course for people who have attained level 1 or with some experience of hedgelaying. Pre-booking essential. 9.30am-4pm. Adults £100, Concs £50. 0116 305 7221/7264.

Sat 14 January - Sun 4 March


Ibstock Art Club Annual Show

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- Sun 11 March 2012

The Blind Fiddler - Home Entertainment 1806 - 2012

 An exhibition brought together by artist Paul Conneally. Using the British masterpiece "The Blind Fiddler" painted by David Wilkie in a Coleorton farmhouse kitchen in 1806 and now held in the TATE Collection, the exhibition will explore what families do together for home entertainment in 2012. Usual opening times. Usual museum entrance fee. 01530 278444.

Tue 17 January - Wed 29 February

The Census in the 21st Century

 An exhibition about compiling the census in the past and up to the modern day. FREE. 0116 257 1080.

Thu 19 January

Healthy Hearts

 Kickstart the new year with a healthy new you. Health and Wellbeing at Earl Shilton Library invites you to find out about diet, exercise and how to keep your heart healthy. 10am-12noon. FREE. 0116 305 8392.

Sat 21 January

ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - Nature Wrapped!

 Local sculptor, Nita Rao, will be leading this workshop inspired by nature. Wrap twigs and other materials to produce your own contemporary sculptures. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Discovering Leicestershire's Lichens 

■ Collections Resources Centre, Barrow upon Soar

Find out how to identify this group and find out why they are making a big come-back in the County with local expert Tony Fletcher and Curator of Botany Geoffrey Hall. Pre-booking essential. 10.30am-3.30pm. FREE. 0116 3053726.

Sat 28 January


ArtZone: Art and Craft Workshop - Paint It Black

 Explore the colour black in this painting and drawing workshop with Charnwood Arts', Jemma Bagley. 10.30am-12.30pm. 8-15 years. £5, Concs £2.50. 01509 233754.

Story Weaving For National Story Telling Week


 Join us to celebrate the start of National Story Telling Week by creating a story in a group followed by crafts inspired by the story we make together. 10.30am-12noon. 5-12years. FREE. 0116 305 3565.

The Hallaton Helmet

 Be among the first to see this unique Roman cavalry helmet at Harborough Museum when it is reunited with the other fabulous finds from the Hallaton Treasure. Heritage Lottery Funded. 10.30am-4pm. FREE. 01858 821085.

Sat 28 January - Sat 7 July 2012

Revealing the Hallaton Helmet

 An exhibition celebrating the discovery and conservation of this internationally significant Roman cavalry helmet featuring items from the British Museum's conservation lab where it was painstakingly pieced back together. Heritage Lottery Funded. Usual opening times. FREE. 01858 821085.