

# FESTIVAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY

Part of **THE CBA FESTIVAL OF BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY**  
**Saturday 29th June – Sunday 28th July 2019**

We invite you to take part in the 2019 Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology. For the first time a month long chance to discover more about the rich and diverse heritage of the two counties. The Festival has a fascinating range of events, talks and guided tours from some of the county's archaeological and historical experts. Local groups will show you their own discoveries and invite you to become involved in making the next great discovery!

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CBA Festival website for national events <https://festival.archaeology.org.uk/>



## Bradgate Park Excavation Open Day and Festival Launch

*Saturday 29th June: 11am – 4pm*  
Bradgate Park, Newtown Linford car  
park, LE6 0HB

Visit the University of Leicester excavations at Bradgate House. Guided tours of the excavations and Bradgate House will go on throughout the day along with many other activities for all the family, including demonstrations, archaeological material to handle, re-enactors, exhibitors and bookstall.

**FREE.** Car parking £4.00 (all day).

[www2.le.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/research/projects/bradgate-park](http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/research/projects/bradgate-park)



## Guided Walks & Tours

### RICHARD III TOUR

*Monday to Saturday throughout the  
festival*

*Leicester Cathedral, 2 Peacock Lane,  
Leicester LE1 5FQ*

Join one of the very popular daily scheduled Richard III tours which run at 11.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm Monday to Saturday.

Tours last for 30 minutes and cost £3.50 per adult with accompanied children under 16 FREE. A Short Guide to Leicester Cathedral is offered as part of the price. PRE-BOOKING NOT ESSENTIAL. Tours are subject to availability so visitors should check at the welcome desk on arrival.

### BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD GUIDED WALK

*Every Saturday and Sunday :11.30am  
& 2pm*

*Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre,  
Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD*

1¼ mile (2km) walk with one of Bosworth's knowledgeable and experienced guides, bringing the

events of the Battle of Bosworth to life. Suitable for all ages.

Adults £4.50; concession £4; children £3, Family Tickets available. 01455 290429, [www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk)

### ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL LEICESTER

Sunday 30th June & Sunday 28th July:  
11.30 – 3.30pm (& every last Sunday of  
the month to September)

St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas Circle,  
Leicester, LE1 4LB

Travel back in time with the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum and enjoy a day of guided tours, including St Nicholas Church, the Jewry Wall and a walking tour of Roman Leicester. Light refreshments available.

FREE. Enquiries: [jewry.wall@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:jewry.wall@leicester.gov.uk)

### HERITAGE SUNDAYS – The Magazine, Castle Hall, Trinity Hospital Chapel and DMU Heritage Centre

*Sunday 30th June & Sunday 28th July:  
11am – 3pm*

*The Magazine, The Newarke and  
Castle Yard, Leicester, LE1 5WH*

Freely explore The Magazine, Leicester Castle Great Hall, Trinity Hospital Chapel and the DMU Heritage Centre and enjoy the tranquillity of two beautiful secret gardens.

FREE. No booking required. <https://www.visitleicester.info/whats-on/heritage-sundays-p722301>

In addition, one hour guided tours are available of The Magazine (11.00 am) and Leicester Castle Great Hall (12.30pm), costing £2.50 per building or £4 for tours of both on the same day. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** via Visit Leicester 0116 299 4444, or Visit Leicester shop, 51 Gallowtree Gate, Leicester, LE1 5AD.

### BRADGATE PARK ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR

*Monday 1st July: 2pm. Meet Newtown  
Linford car park, Bradgate Park, LE6  
0HB*

Join Peter Liddle to visit the sites of 5 years of excavation in the park by the University of Leicester and see the current excavations in the house at the end of the 2019 excavation season.

Adults £4, Children FREE. Car parking £3 (al day). [www2.le.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/research/projects/bradgate-park](http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/archaeology/research/projects/bradgate-park)

### NAILSTONE – A HISTORY WALK AND TALK

*Tuesdays 2nd July & 16th July: 7pm*  
Meet at All Saints Church porch, Church  
Road, Nailstone, CV13 0QH

Join Kathy Elkin for an archaeology and local history talk and walk whilst looking at the buildings in this small west-Leicestershire agricultural village near Ibstock. c1½ hours. Ends in the church with refreshments and toilet.

£3 per person to church funds/Festival. To book email [KathyLmaf@btinternet.com](mailto:KathyLmaf@btinternet.com) or 01530 263988.

### LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR

*Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th  
July: 2.30pm Leicester Cathedral, 2  
Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5FQ*

Learn about the stained glass windows, including a First World War memorial, the Richard III Redemption windows, the John Sarson Memorial Window telling the story of St Martin.

The 30-minute tour costs £3.50 per adult, children FREE. A 'Windows of Leicester Cathedral' guide book is part of the price. PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact Rebecca Hale on 0116 261 5362 or [Rebecca.hale@leccofe.org](mailto:Rebecca.hale@leccofe.org). Please report to the welcome desk on arrival.

## **PREHISTORIC EARTHWORKS AT BEACON HILL**

*Friday 5th July: 2pm*

*Meet in the Upper Car Park, Beacon Hill Country Park, Beacon Road, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8SP*

Join Peter Liddle for a stroll around the earthworks of a hill fort thought to be Late Bronze Age.

Adults £4, children free. No booking required. Stout footwear recommended. Car park charge of £3 for up to 3 hours.

## **WALKABOUT IN STEPHENSON'S GLENFIELD TUNNEL (1832)**

*Saturdays and Sundays 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th, 20th & 21st, 27th & 28th July: Four timed & pre-booked limited access visits at 10am, 11.30am, 2pm & 3.30pm.*

*Meet Glenfield Co-op car park, Station Road, LE3 8BR, NORTH END ONLY where you will be met by an experienced guide*

Walk for 400 yards into the Glenfield tunnel, built in 1832 as part of the Leicester and Swannington Railway and finally closed in 1966. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Trips c1 hour. FREE. PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Bookings: [lihsvisitgt@virginmedia.com](mailto:lihsvisitgt@virginmedia.com) or 0116 2415153

## **CALIFAT COAL MINE EXCAVATION, SWANNINGTON**

*Saturday 6th and Sunday 21st July: 2pm & 3pm*

*Meet at Califat coal mine, near Hough Mill, off St George's Hill, Swannington, LE67 8HX. (Follow the sign for Hough Mill and Gorse Field).*

Join Leicestershire Industrial History Society and Swannington Heritage Trust for a tour of the 1855-1873 Califat coal mine. Explore two engine house complexes & learn about the two fatal

accidents from a costumed guide. The tour includes the miners' cottages and an 18th century haystack boiler and the latest finds from the excavation.

FREE. No need to book but please turn up on time. <https://swannington-heritage.co.uk>

## **A WALK ROUND CLAYBROOKE**

*Sunday 7th July: 2 - 4.30pm  
Claybrooke St Peter's Church, Main Rd, Claybrooke Parva, LE17 5AE*

The Church will be open for teas from 2.30pm. Local history walk leaflets will be available at the church from 1pm, the walk distance is approx. 2 miles around the village. Members of the history group will be in the church for talks on the history of the building between 2.30 and 4.30pm. Church History Quiz for children in church and churchyard.

## **HISTORIC MAIN STREET, SWANNINGTON**

*Tuesday 9th July: 7pm.*

*Meet outside Swannington School, Main Street, Swannington, LE67 8QJ*

Find out about former farms, the poverty of the Tan Yard, the life of Lady Beaumont (the first Swannington resident to be born in India?) and the lost public houses.

FREE booking via Eventbrite ESSENTIAL. Full information at <https://swannington-heritage.co.uk/visits-events/visits-and-events-diary/>

## **TWO TOURS OF CHURCH LANGTON CHURCH**

*Wednesday 10th July: 11am & 2pm  
St. Peter's, Church Langton, Market Harborough LE16 7SZ*

A Norman church with so much to see – a naked medieval figure, 17th-century font canopy and offertory box, Pre Raphaelite windows, alabaster reredos of the Last Supper. Famous rectors,

Victorian renovations and the first performance of Handel's Messiah in a parish church.

FREE, but donations welcome. No booking required. Enquiries Ros 01858 545160 or [r.folwell@btinternet.com](mailto:r.folwell@btinternet.com)

## **LEICESTER ABBEY TOUR**

*Thursday 11th July: 6.30pm*

*Meet at the Abbey Park Road car park adjacent to Pet's Corner, LE4 5AP*

Join Dr Richard Buckley for a walk around the remains of Leicester Abbey, Leicestershire's largest and richest medieval religious house and hear about the excavations that have helped to tell its story

Adults £4, Children FREE. No booking required.

## **ULAS ARCHAEOLOGY FINDS LAB TOURS**

*Thursday 11th and 18th July: 3 timed and pre-booked tours at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.*

*Meet at School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH.* Have you ever wondered what happens to the artefacts found on excavations once the digging has finished? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the ULAS finds and environmental laboratories at the University of Leicester and find out more. FREE, BOOKING ESSENTIAL via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ulas-archaeology-finds-lab-tours-tickets-58934840695>

## **A TOUR OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH SAPCOTE**

*Thursday 11th July: 7pm  
All Saints Church, Church Street, Sapcote, LE9 4FG*

Join Keith Hextall, Sapcote Heritage Warden, for a tour of the parish church, one of the few collegiate churches in the county.

£3 with all profits in aid of All Saints Church Organ Restoration Fund. Refreshments available. Car parking is available at the rear of the Church Hall. Enquiries 01455 274662

## **A WALK AROUND HISTORIC LEICESTER**

*Friday 12th July: 2pm*

*Meet outside Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB*

Join Peter Liddle for a walk around the historic core of Leicester looking at the remains of Roman and Medieval town, including Leicester Castle and the medieval churches. There will not be time to enter most of the buildings en route.

Adults £4, Children FREE. No booking required. Enquiries 0116 221 4508

## **DESFORD HERITAGE WALK**

*Friday 12th July: 10am.*

*Meet at Desford Library, LE9 9JP* Join Desford Local History Society for a gentle stroll around the village looking at its rich heritage.

£5, includes coffee & cake. Please book on 01455 823537 or [patcrane33@gmail.com](mailto:patcrane33@gmail.com)

## **MARKET BOSWORTH TOWN TRAIL GUIDED WALK**

*Saturday 13th July: 10.30*

*Meet in the Market Place CV13 0LE by the War Memorial.*

You will be guided around the medieval centre of Market Bosworth and beyond learning about its buildings and inhabitants as you go. The secret behind the White House, where the nail maker worked and the macabre story of Dr Robert Pull, who died in 1755 or did he? The walk is around 1 mile and 2 hours. FREE. Donations welcome. BOOKING ESSENTIAL via [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com) or 07930149408

## **WALK THE SWANNINGTON INCLINE**

*Saturday 13th July: 10.30am*

*Meet at Snibston No. 3 Coal Mine, off Spring Lane, Swannington, LE67 8QR.* Walk in the footsteps of Robert Stephenson on a guided tour of the Swannington Incline on the former 1832 Leicester and Swannington Railway. Formerly a coal stocking yard and settling pools for Snibston Colliery the site, which until 1936 was part of Swannington, is now managed by NW Leicestershire District Council and is rich in fauna and flora. The site contains "The Bank" the route of the Leicester and Swannington Railway between Long Lane (Coalville) and the Swannington Incline including a brick bridge, believed to be a Stephenson original. Admire the amazing work of the navvies who moved thousands of tons of material to create the incline. The walk distance is 1.4 miles and the return is up the 1 in 17 incline. FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL via [swanningtonwalks@gmail.com](mailto:swanningtonwalks@gmail.com) or 07395 572880.

## **A STROLL TO A NATURE RESERVE IN "OLD SWANNINGTON"**

*Saturday 13th July: 1pm*

*Meet at Snibston No. 3 Coal Mine, off Spring Lane, Swannington, LE67 8QR (For those wanting to combine this walk with the earlier Incline tour the parking area at Snibston No. 3 is an ideal spot for a picnic).*

Walk along tracks and through a retail park to reach Nature Alive. Formerly a coal stocking yard and settling pools for Snibston Colliery. The site is now rich in flora and fauna and also contains "The Bank" – the route of the Leicester and Swannington Railway between Long Lane (Coalville) and the Swannington Incline including a brick

bridge, believed to be a Stephenson original. The walk length is two miles. FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL via [swanningtonwalks@gmail.com](mailto:swanningtonwalks@gmail.com) or 07395 572880.

## **THE HISTORY OF CAVENDISH BRIDGE**

*Sunday 14th July: 2.30pm*

*Meet in the car park at the back of the Old Crown Inn, Back Lane, Cavendish Bridge, Shardlow, DE72 2HL*

Join local expert Bruce Townsend for a walk of about 1 mile around the tiny hamlet of Cavendish Bridge on the Leicestershire border. This place has a rich history dating back to medieval times. It has witnessed a Civil War battle, riots, plundering of its warehouse and perhaps even smuggling! This place has a rich history dating back to medieval times. It has witnessed a Civil War battle, riots, plundering of its warehouse, perhaps also smuggling! Take the minor road immediately before the modern bridge over the Trent and continue past the Old Crown down a steep slope which leads to the car park. Adults £4, children FREE. No booking required.

## **GRACE DIEU PRIORY GUIDED WALK**

*Sunday 14th: 3pm, Thursday 18th: 10am & Wednesday 24th July: 6pm*

*Meet at the Bull's Head Car Park, Thringstone LE67 8LR.*

Walk through the ancient Grace Dieu Woods, under the Charnwood Forest Railway and along the Charnwood Forest Canal to the picturesque ruins of Grace Dieu Nunnery which was later a Tudor mansion. A Friends of Grace Dieu event. Adults £3, children FREE. No booking required. [www.gracedieupriory.org.uk](http://www.gracedieupriory.org.uk); Enquiries 01530 831895 or [annpetty1948@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annpetty1948@yahoo.co.uk)

## **GUIDED TOUR OF THE MOUNTSORREL & ROTHLEY HERITAGE CENTRE**

*Sunday 14th & 21st & Wednesday 17th & 24th July: 2pm*

*Meet outside Granites Coffee Shop, 240 Swithland Lane, Rothley, LE7 7UE (satnavs try LE7 7SJ)*

Join Robert Turlington for a guided walk looking at the history and archaeology of Nunckley Hill Quarry, the Mountsorrel Railway (Swithland branch), the remains of a 19th century building known as 'Dobb Hall', heritage buildings and the Railway Museum including the restored 1888 MSLR passenger carriage. £5. BOOKING ESSENTIAL, as numbers limited, at [turlington2008@yahoo.com](mailto:turlington2008@yahoo.com) or 0116 479 1068

## **A WALK AROUND STONTON WYVILLE**

*Monday 15th July: 2pm*

*Meet at St Denys Church Stonton Wyville, LE16 7UG*

Join Peter Liddle to investigate the shrunken village of Stonton Wyville with village earthworks, a Tudor garden and a watermill, now turned into a farmhouse. Adults £4, Children FREE. No booking required.

## **MARKFIELD VILLAGE WALK**

*Tuesday 16th July: 7.15pm*

*Meet on lower part of The Green LE67 9WD opposite the Methodist Church, Main Street, Markfield.*

Take a walk back through the geological and social history of Markfield and over Markfield Hill which provides splendid views of Charnwood Forest and, weather permitting, will include a sunset backdrop to the haunting Altar Stones. It will cover typical village life in the 19th and early 20th

centuries and how this was influenced by the geology, communications and landscape. Walkers will be able to see the recent success turning the quarry workings into a public amenity and nature reserve. Some rough terrain and steep tracks. People are advised to wear suitable footwear. FREE, but donations welcome to Markfield History Group. No booking is required. Enquiries 01530 242318 or 01530 244497

## **GUIDED WALK OF BREEDON HILL AND CHURCH**

*Thursday 18th July: 2pm*

*Meet in the church car park on the top of Breedon Hill, DE73 8HF*

Join Peter Liddle for a walk around the parish church (formerly an Anglo-Saxon and medieval monastery) boasting one of the best collections of Anglo-Saxon carving in the county, as well as fabulous Tudor tombs, then walk around the surviving banks of the Iron Age hill fort.

Adults £4, children FREE. No booking required. Enquiries 0116 2214508.

## **BURTON LAZARS LEPER HOSPITAL**

*Friday 19th July: 2pm*

*Meet in the Village Hall Car Park, Melton Road, Burton Lazars, LE14 2UR* Join Peter Liddle for a walk over the earthworks of Burton Lazars Leper hospital, the English base of the Knights of St Lazarus, the leper Knights. Adults £4, children FREE. No booking required.

## **LEICESTER CASTLE TOUR**

*Saturday 20th July: 2pm*

*Meet outside the Great Hall, Leicester Castle, LE1 5WH*

Join Dr Richard Buckley for a tour of Leicester Castle with a chance to see the newly restored Great Hall. The Castle is one of Leicester's hidden gems and

was the home of the Earls of Leicester and a favourite of Dukes of Lancaster including John of Gaunt.

Adults £4, children FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leicester-castle-tour-tickets-58934389345>

### **A TOUR OF St. MARGARETS CHURCH, LEICESTER**

*Sunday 21st July: 2.30pm*

*St. Margarets Church, St Margarets Way, Leicester LE1 3DA*

Join Blue Badge Guide, Virginia Wright, for a tour of the historic St Margarets Church, the medieval Bishop of Lincoln's Church in Leicester FREE but donations to the church welcome. No booking required

### **CRUCK COTTAGE ROTHLEY**

*Monday 22nd July: 1pm*

*Meet at the Rothley Centre, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, LE7 7PR*

Join historian Terry Sheppard for a walk in the village to pick out the stories of its old buildings. See the evidence of the forced bankruptcy of the Temple Estate in 1893, and the subsequent building boom that followed. If wet, the walk will be followed digitally in the ancient Parish Church.

FREE. Enquiries 0116 230 2931 or [sheppard7pj@btinternet.com](mailto:sheppard7pj@btinternet.com)

### **TOUR OF St. PETER'S MARKET BOSWORTH AND ITS CHURCHYARD**

*Monday 22nd July: 2pm*

*Meet inside St Peter's Church, Church Street, Market Bosworth, CV13 0LL*

Join a guided tour around the 14th century parish church and the ancient churchyard, with views of the former seat of the lords of the manor, Bosworth Hall. Duration approx. 90 minutes (part indoor/outdoor).

FREE, but donations to St Peter's

Church welcome. BOOKING REQUIRED, contact Robert Leake on 01455 290020 or [r.leake@btinternet.com](mailto:r.leake@btinternet.com).

### **GUIDED TOUR OF St PETER'S CHURCH, MOUNTSORREL**

*Monday 22nd July: 2pm*

*St Peter's Church, 1 Loughborough Rd, Mountsorrel, LE12 7AP*

Join Mountsorrel Heritage Group for a guided walk around the church. FREE, but donations to Mountsorrel Heritage Group appreciated. No booking required.

### **GUIDED WALK: BURROUGH HILL**

*Monday 22nd July: 2pm*

*Meet in the car park at Burrough Hill Country Park, Somerby Road, Burrough on the Hill, LE14 2QZ.*

Join Peter Liddle for a walk around the ramparts of one of Leicestershire's finest Iron Age hillforts and hear the results of recent excavations by the University of Leicester.

Adults:£4; children FREE. Car parking £2.50. No booking required. For information on the park [www.leicscountryparks.org.uk/burrough-hill-country-park/](http://www.leicscountryparks.org.uk/burrough-hill-country-park/)

### **HIDDEN TREASURES OF ST GEORGE'S HILL, SWANNINGTON**

*Tuesday 23rd July: 7pm*

*Meet at Hough Mill, St George's Hill, LE67 8QW*

Join us for a fact filled stroll around the area and find out more about the post mill, the secrets of St George's graveyard, the Coleorton Railway tunnel, the isolation hospital and other hidden treasures.

FREE booking via Eventbrite essential. Full information on <https://swannington-heritage.co.uk/visits-events/visits-and-events-diary/>

### **GROBY OLD HALL TOUR OF GROUNDS**

*Tuesday 23rd July: 2pm*

*Meet at the Hall Gates, opposite the Stamford Arms, Groby, LE6 0FL*

Join Peter Liddle for a walk round the grounds of Groby Old Hall for an external look at the house, a visit to the Norman motte and the area of the Time Team excavations. This site was a castle of the Earls of Leicester, the home of the Ferrers and Grey families and that of Elizabeth Woodville, Edward IV's Queen.

Adults £4, Children FREE. Numbers limited and BOOKING ESSENTIAL via 0116 221 4508 or [Peter.liddle51@gmail.com](mailto:Peter.liddle51@gmail.com)

### **LAUNDE ABBEY GUIDED WALK**

*Wednesday 24th July: 2pm*

*Launde Abbey, East Norton, LE7 9XB*

Join Peter Liddle on a walk around Launde Abbey, a very fine Jacobean mansion on the site of, and incorporating parts of, a medieval Augustinian Priory and find out about the latest research into the site's history. Launde does very fine lunches, which need to be booked on 01572 717254. Coffee or light lunches can be catered for without booking. Adults £4, Children FREE. No booking required.

### **A WALK AROUND NETHER BROUGHTON**

*Wednesday 24th July: 2pm*

*Meet in the car park of the Anchor Inn, Main Rd., Nether Broughton LE14 3HB*  
Walk the village trail and find out interesting facts about the village. Trail leaflets will be available and some 'snippets' about the possible archaeology of one of the village fields. c1.2 miles with no hills but some walking along a main road (A606). £4 per person to include refreshments

in village hall afterwards where there will also be a small display about the village in WW1. To book a place please ring Ann on 01664 823296. The pub will be open to buy refreshments & lunches beforehand and again after the walk. Please telephone 01664 822461 if you wish to book a table.

### **THE BEGINNINGS OF COALVILLE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF STENSON AND STEPHENSON**

*Wednesday 24th July: 7pm to 9pm*

*Meet at the London Road car park next to council office, Coalville, LE67 3FJ (free parking after 3pm)*

A guided walk looking at how Stenson and Stephenson shaped the area that became Coalville. In the early 1800s Coalville didn't exist. It was founded by Whitwick and Snibston collieries and the Leicester and Swannington Railway and from the 1840s grew to become a prosperous industrial town. The walk will take in the landmarks and stories of the town.

FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL via [Coalville.heritage@gmail.com](mailto:Coalville.heritage@gmail.com) or 07870 345781

### **A WALK AROUND HAMILTON DESERTED VILLAGE**

*Friday 26th July: 2pm*

*Meet at Pick's Organic Farm Shop, The Cottage, King Street, Hamilton Grounds, Barkby Thorpe, LE7 3QF*

Join Peter Liddle for a walk around one of Leicestershire's finest deserted medieval villages. While Hamilton may now bring new housing and supermarkets to mind the original Hamilton was a small village with chapel that disappeared in the early 15th century.

Adults £4; children FREE. No booking required.

## **A GUIDED WALK OF CASTLE HILL, BEAUMONT LEYS**

*Saturday 27th July: 2pm*

Meet at the Castle Hill Country Park entrance on the corner of Astill Lodge Road and Kingsbridge Crescent.

*Leicester LE4 1EF*

Join Mathew Morris and Robin Matthewman for a tour of the earthworks of a medieval Knights Hospitaller preceptory. Find out about the site's history and see some of the artefacts found during recent excavations.

Adults: £4; children FREE. No booking required. For information on the park [www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/castle-hill-country-park/](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/castle-hill-country-park/)

## **A TOUR OF HISTORIC CASTLE DONINGTON**

*Saturday 27th July: 10.30am*

Meet in the Market Place in Castle Donington, DE74 2JA

Join Delia Richards, curator of Castle Donington Museum, for a walk around Castle Donington, an ancient settlement with many interesting features, which still retains its medieval layout and a fine medieval church. A village of hills and narrow streets. Adults £3.00, Children FREE. Enquiries 01332 812711

## **TOUR OF ST PETER'S CHURCH, STOCKERSTON**

*Saturday 27th July: 3.0pm*

*St Peter's church, Church Lane, Stockerston, LE15 9JD*

Join architectural historian Nick Hill for a guided tour of St Peter's church, Stockerston. Rarely open, the church has fine 15th century stained glass and memorial brasses and has been the focus of a recent programme of research.

£2, with all profits in aid of the church repairs fund. No booking required. Refreshments available, car parking in the adjacent stable yard.

## **BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD COSTUMED GUIDED WALK**

*Tuesday 30th July: 11.30am and again at 2pm (weather permitting)*

*Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD*

Children and adults alike can enjoy the drama and mystery behind the history of the Battle of Bosworth from the perspective of a peasant who witnessed the event.

Adults £4.50, concession £4; children £3.25; Family tickets available. Pre-booking advisable via 01455 290429 or [www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk)

## **Displays and Exhibitions**

### **CHARIOTS AND COOKING POTS**

*Throughout the Festival and August: Daily 10am- 4.30pm*

*Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1RB*

A unique and rare opportunity to see the finds from the excavations at Burrough Hill Iron Age hillfort. FREE. 0116 305 3860; [www.meltonmuseum.org.uk](http://www.meltonmuseum.org.uk)

### **WHAT DID THE ROMANS DO FOR US?**

*Saturdays: 10am – 3.30pm, Sundays: 2pm – 3.30pm until the end of October; Mondays: 11am – 3pm, until the end of August. Hinckley & District Museum, Framework Knitters' Cottages, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU.*

Exhibition which features locally found artefacts and a full-size replica Roman chariot made by students of Redmoor Academy, Hinckley.

Admission £2 adults and £1 children. [www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk](http://www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk)

## **AT RISK WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT**

*Saturday 6th July: 11am – 4pm & Sunday 7th July: 2pm – 5pm*

*The Chancel, All Saints Church, Highcross Street, Leicester, LE1 4PH*  
Visit the project which looks after over 40 local war memorials that have come from closed churches, chapels, clubs and factories and are displayed on purpose built frames with accompanying storyboards. View and honour them and take the opportunity to visit this splendid old church. FREE

## **DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY HERITAGE CENTRE**

*Saturday 13th & 20th July: 11am – 3pm  
Hawthorn Building, De Montfort University, The Newarke, Leicester, LE2 7BY*

Showcasing the only remaining ruin of the medieval Church of the Annunciation, the University's Heritage Centre also hosts a series of temporary exhibitions. FREE. [www.dmu.ac.uk/heritagecentre](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/heritagecentre)

## **ECHOES FROM THE WORKHOUSE**

*Friday 19th & Saturday 20th July: 1 - 4pm.*

*Rothley Cemetery Chapel, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, LE7 7PT*

Exhibition telling the story of the Poor Law from 1840 to 1930, featuring a new model of the Barrow upon Soar Union Workhouse, a 12-panel diorama and 40 video memories of the workhouse experience. An accompanying book is on offer for £9.

FREE. Parking opposite at the Roman Catholic Church. No toilet facilities on site.

## **DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH?**

*Sunday 21st July. 2.00 - 5.00pm*

*Great Bowden Village Hall, The Green, Great Bowden, LE16 7EU*

What was before the medieval, post medieval and modern parish as we know it today? Explore the exhibition and perhaps take part in a boundary walk. Exchange ideas and information, Tea and home-made cakes. FREE.

## **Have a Go Events**

### **BOSWORTH LINKS TEST PITTING**

*Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July: 9am – 5pm*

Locations around Market Bosworth  
Following on from the big digs of 2017-18, the Bosworth Links Community Archaeology Dig will continue on a smaller scale, with a number of test-pits being dug across Market Bosworth. Volunteer opportunities available, no previous experience needed but you must book a place in advance to take part. FREE. Enquiries [info@marketbosworthsociety.com](mailto:info@marketbosworthsociety.com)

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTTERY FINDS IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

*Saturday 13th July: 10am to 12noon  
149 Sketchley Road, Burbage, Leics  
LE10 2DX*

A workshop by Hinckley Archaeological Society to help you identify pottery sherds from the Romans to Victorians. You are very welcome to bring your own pottery for identification, too. Suitable for ages 10+.

Adults £5, under 21's £4, including tea, coffee and cakes. Pre-booking essential on 01455 619425 or [theresa.withers@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:theresa.withers@mypostoffice.co.uk)

## TEST PITS AT COTESBACH MANOR

Weekends of 13th-14th July & 20th-21st July. Cotesbach Educational Trust, Main Street, Cotesbach LE17 4HX

Join Lutterworth Fieldworkers to dig three test pits around the old Manor House and two test pits in the Manor Paddock. No experience required but limited places and pre-booking essential.

FREE Enquiries Mike Southall on [Michael.southall@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:Michael.southall@mypostoffice.co.uk)

## BRAUNSTONE CHURCH FIELD TEST PITS

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July  
Church Field, Braunstone

Join Braunstone Heritage Archive Group to start the investigation of the Church Field with test pits to help discover the medieval history of Braunstone. FREE. Enquiries John Dodd on 0116 2997847

## MOUNTSORREL TEST PITS

Saturday 20th July: 9 30am onwards  
Castle Gardens, Mountsorrel, LE12 7AF  
Visit the Mountsorrel Heritage Group who will be doing 2 test pits in the Castle Gardens.

## Festival Talks

### LEICESTERSHIRE INDUSTRIAL LANDSCAPES

Wednesday 3rd July: 7.30pm  
Stoneygate Baptist church, 315 London Road, LE2 3ND

Join the Leicestershire Industrial History Society to celebrate their 50th anniversary and hear nationally renowned industrial archaeologist Professor Marilyn Palmer. W. G. Hoskins described Leicestershire's industrial landscapes as dull, but this lecture will convince you otherwise!

FREE. No Booking Required. Refreshments. Enquiries 0116 2415153.

## THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF LEICESTER CASTLE

Thursday 4th July: 6.30pm  
King Richard III Visitor Centre, 4A St Martins, Leicester, LE1 5D

"Leicester has a castle?" is often a visitor's surprised response. Today it might not be a fairy-tale castle of tall walls, turrets and gates but it is a hidden gem in the city's history, visited by colourful characters, including Richard III. Archaeologist Mathew Morris will talk about the castle's history and archaeology, including new discoveries made during the recent refurbishment of the 12th-century Great Hall.

Tickets £4. Book online at <https://kriiii.com> or call 0300 300 0900

## HOW TO BUILD A CASTLE

Sunday 7th July: 5.30pm  
The 1620s House, Donington le Heath, nr Hugglescote, LE67 2FW

Kirby Muxloe Castle was probably Leicestershire's first brick building, built during the Wars of the Roses, and thanks to the amazing survival of the original building accounts we know many details of how it was built. Peter Liddle will explain all this...and the connection of the site to Donington le Heath Manor House!

Tickets £6. Booking recommended on 01455 290429

## RICHARD III: The KING UNDER THE CAR PARK

Monday 8th July: 7.30pm to 9pm  
The United Reformed Church, The Borough, Hinckley, LE10 1NL

Join Hinckley Archaeological Society to hear archaeologist Mathew Morris talk about the incredible discovery and identification of King Richard III, whose remains were found beneath a Leicester city centre car park in 2012. He will update us on the fascinating

information that has been derived from further analysis and tests on Richard's remains since 2012.

Tickets £5. No need to pre-book. Doors open at 7pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served from 7pm to 7.30pm for a donation. Enquiries Shirley 01455 636833 or [sahailstone@hotmail.com](mailto:sahailstone@hotmail.com).

## GREYFRIARS, LEICESTER AND THE SEARCH FOR RICHARD III

Tuesday 9th July: 7.30pm  
Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1RB

Join Dr Richard Buckley, the lead archaeologist on the University of Leicester project which found Richard III in 2012 and confirmed his identity beyond reasonable doubt after an extensive programme of scientific analysis, generating press interest from around the globe. Tickets £5. Limited places available – please book early to avoid disappointment via 0116 305 3860 or [meltonmuseum@leics.gov.uk](mailto:meltonmuseum@leics.gov.uk).

## RE-ROOFING SAINT PETERS

Wednesday 10th July: 7.30pm  
St. Peter's Church, Church Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7SZ

Following thefts of lead in 2017, a successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled both aisles and the chancel to be re-roofed. Join conservation architect Bryan Martin and contractor Shaun Ward from Prestige Metal Roofing for an enthralling talk and demonstration on what was found and how the work was carried out to protect one of the most interesting churches in the county. FREE, but donations towards Heritage Project Activities welcome. No booking required. Enquiries Roz 01858 545160 or [r.folwell@btinternet.com](mailto:r.folwell@btinternet.com)

## THE PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES SCHEME IN LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND

Thursday 11th July: 7.30pm  
Rutland County Museum, Catmose Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HW  
Join Rutland Local History Society to hear Local Finds Liaison Officer Wendy Scott talk about the remarkable archaeological finds recorded locally. FREE. No booking required. Further info [www.rutlandhistory.org](http://www.rutlandhistory.org)

## MEDIEVAL HERB LORE

Sunday 14th July: 5.30pm  
The 1620s House, Donington le Heath, nr Hugglescote, LE67 2FW  
Join Eddie Smallwood to see, smell, feel and hear about how some everyday herbs used today were used in medieval times to try and treat all sorts of ailments, both physical and mental, some with more success than others. Tickets £6. Booking recommended on 01455 290429

## HISTORIC GRAFFITI- the hidden story of the hopes, fears and desires of a nation

Monday 15th July: 7pm for 7.30  
The Guildhall, 11-15 Guildhall Lane, Leicester, LE1 5FQ

A glance at the walls of our historic buildings, trees, caves and rock faces shows a world of historic graffiti. James Wright of the University of Nottingham explores how these designs of daisy wheels, ships sailing across the walls, knights drawing their swords, demons stalking the stonework and every animal imaginable illuminate the psychology of our ancestors, allowing us to hear the lost voices of ordinary people. Organised by the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society. Tickets £4.50. Pre-booking essential on 0116 253 2569. Cash bar from 7pm.

### **FINDINGS OF THE DIG AT OAKHAM CASTLE**

Monday 15th July: 7pm

Oakham Castle, Market Place, Oakham  
LE15 6DR

Dig director Mathew Morris will give a talk on the recent community archaeological dig at Oakham Castle. The team re-opened trenches started by Time Team in 2012 and have expanded our knowledge of the site and discovered new structures previously unknown.

Tickets £4. Further info at [www.oakhamcastle.org/events](http://www.oakhamcastle.org/events)

### **GREYFRIARS, LEICESTER AND THE SEARCH FOR RICHARD III**

Monday 15th July: 7.30pm

St Helen's Community Heritage Centre,  
4 Church Yard, South St, Ashby de la  
Zouch, LE65 1AA

Join Dr Richard Buckley, the lead archaeologist on the University of Leicester project which found Richard III in 2012 and confirmed his identity beyond reasonable doubt after an extensive programme of scientific analysis.

Tickets £3 including light refreshments. No booking necessary. Enquiries 07435 564236 or [www.sthelensheritage.co.uk](http://www.sthelensheritage.co.uk)

### **THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF GROBY OLD HALL**

Tuesday 16th July: 7.30

St. Martins Church, Main St, Desford,  
Leicester LE9 9GD

Join Desford Local History Society for a talk by Peter Liddle on the survey, excavation and building recording work by Time Team and ULAS around Groby Old Hall. Visitors £3. No booking required. Enquiries to: Angela Thomas, 01455 822934, [angelthom1948@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelthom1948@hotmail.co.uk) or Pat Crane on 01455 823537, [patcrane33@gmail.com](mailto:patcrane33@gmail.com)

### **JOHN WYCLIFFE AND LUTTERWORTH PARISH CHURCH**

Wednesday 17th July & Thursday 25th  
July: both 2.00pm

St Mary's Church, Church Gate,  
Lutterworth, LE17 4AN

A talk on John Wycliffe, the 14th Century religious reformer who, with his followers, completed the 1st translation of the bible into English, whilst Rector of St Mary's church. Followed by a tour of the church, containing Wycliffe memorabilia.

Adults £3, children FREE. Bookings can be made via 01455-556616 or the church office 01455-558797.

### **EXCAVATIONS AT BURROUGH HILL**

Wednesday 17th July: 7.30 pm

Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End,  
Melton Mowbray, LE13 1RB

A talk by John Thomas, Project Manager, University of Leicester Archaeological Services, about the University excavations at Burrough Hill, alongside an opportunity to see some of the finds in the museum. No booking necessary. £4 per person. 0116 305 3860; [www.leic.gov.uk/meltonmuseum](http://www.leic.gov.uk/meltonmuseum)

### **RICHARD III: THE KING UNDER THE CAR PARK**

Thursday 18th July: 7.30 pm

The Roman Way Community Centre, 36  
Roman Way, Market Harborough LE16  
7PQ

Mathew Morris, one of the lead archaeologists on the Grey Friars Project, will reveal the story of the incredible discovery and identification of King Richard III, whose remains were found beneath a Leicester city centre car park in 2012.

FREE for Harborough Historical Society Members, guests £3.

### **THE GREAT ESCAPE**

Thursday 18th July: 7.30pm

The Free Church, Barton Road, Market  
Bosworth, CV13 0LQ

Neville and Michael Hall will share their father's memories and records of the Great Escape from a prisoner of war camp in WW2 made famous by the 1963 film – he was number 76 through the tunnel - and the lesser known Great March.

FREE. No booking required.

### **ÆTHELFÆD**

Sunday 21st July: 2pm – 3:30pm

The Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester,  
LE1 5FQ

Tom Holland, author of Æthelflæd, a book in the new Ladybird Expert series, will talk about the 'Lady of the Mercians', daughter of Alfred the great and a formidable leader who helped to lay the foundations for the Kingdom of England and liberated Leicester from the Danes.

£4.50. BOOKING ESSENTIAL on 0116 2532569. Talk & book signing.

### **DEATH IS A MARKETPLACE WHERE ALL MEN MEET - an introduction to Swithland slate headstones**

Monday 22nd July: 7pm for 7.30

The Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester,  
LE1 5FQ

The Swithland Slate headstones found in many of Leicestershire's churchyards tell us much about the people and cultures that created them. Colin Hyde's talk will explore some fascinating examples where urns, skulls, and snakes abound, and Death himself stalks the slate. Organised by the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society. Tickets £4.50. Pre-booking essential on 0116 253 2569. Cash bar from 7pm.

### **THE HALLATON SHRINE**

Monday 22nd July: 7.30pm

Methodist Church, 12 Orange St,  
Uppingham, Oakham, LE15 9SQ

Vicki Score, University of Leicester Archaeological Services, will describe the excavation of the Hallaton Iron Age shrine with its votive hoards.

Tickets £3 including teas or coffees. No booking required.

### **THE SHOCK OF THE OLD – TELLING THE STORY OF BRITAIN'S FIRST ICE AGE ART**

Tuesday 23rd July: 1pm - 2.30

Newtown Linford Village Hall, Main St,  
Newtown Linford, LE6 0AE

Join Dr Paul Bahn to hear how his team found Britain's first prehistoric cave art at Cresswell Crag in Nottinghamshire. A hunter-gatherer camp site of the same date has been discovered in Bradgate Park. Cost £1 + an invitation to donate £5 on the day. Register at <https://www.bradgatepark.org/event/the-shock-of-the-old-telling-the-story-of-britains-first-ice-age-art>

### **BRONZE AGE AND ANGLO-SAXON BURIALS AT COSSINGTON**

Wednesday 24th July: 7.30pm

Charnwood Museum, Granby Street,  
Loughborough, LE11 3DU

John Thomas, University of Leicester Archaeological Services, will speak about the excavation of 3 barrows at Cossington.

Tickets £4 (£2 for Friends of Charnwood Museum). Booking essential on 01509 233754

**Two talks: LiDAR IN  
ARCHAEOLOGY, &, SHOPPING  
AND LEISURE IN 17th CENTURY  
LUTTERWORTH**

*Saturday 27th July: 10.30am  
Methodist Church, 1 Bitteswell Rd,  
Lutterworth LE17 4EL*

Matthew Beamish, University of Leicester Archaeological Services, will give a talk at 10.30am on LiDAR and its use in archaeology, followed at 11.30 am by Pam Fisher of the Leicestershire Victoria County History, who will talk about 17th century shops and leisure activities in Lutterworth.

Tickets £5. No booking required. Refreshments available.

## Family Friendly Events

### **EASY SATURDAY: ROMAN LEICESTER SPECIAL**

*Saturday 13th July: 12 - 4pm  
LCB Depot, 31 Rutland St, Leicester  
LE1 1RE*

Join us for our regular creative family day, this time with a Roman theme! Learn about Roman crafts, hunt for buried artefacts, rebuild Roman Leicester in Minecraft, and more! In partnership with the University of Leicester.

FREE, drop in.

### **JACOBAN CRAFT GROUP**

*Saturday 13th July: 11am -3pm  
The 1620s House, Donington le Heath,  
nr Hugglescote, LE67 2FW*

Come and meet the wonderful Friends of the 1620s House and discover domestic needle and wool craft styles of the 17th Century.

Included within normal Admission Prices. [www.doningtonleheath.org.uk](http://www.doningtonleheath.org.uk)

### **ROMAN AROUND!**

*Saturday 13th July – Sunday 4th  
August: Tuesday to Saturday: 10am –  
4:30pm; Sunday: 2pm – 5pm  
Charnwood Museum, Granby Street,  
Loughborough, LE11 3DU*

Have a go at our archaeology themed gallery game – it's all Roman to us!

FREE. (01509) 233754; [www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwood\\_museum](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/charnwood_museum)

### **ROMAN HUNT**

*Saturday 13th – Wednesday 31st July:  
Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre,  
Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD*

Find objects left by the pesky Romans camping on our site who have left their equipment lying around. We're willing to give a handsome reward to anyone who can find all the Roman objects they've left! Pick up a sheet from the ticket office, explore the Heritage Centre and Country Park.

£2 per child. 01455 290429; [www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk)

### **DISGUSTEROUS DISEASES HUNT**

*Saturday 13th- Wednesday 31st July:  
The 1620s House, Donington le Heath,  
nr Hugglescote, LE67 2FW*

17th-century diseases have plagued our site, help us find the secret cure that can save us all. Those who find the cure will be rewarded.

£2 per child + Normal Admission prices apply. [www.doningtonleheath.org.uk](http://www.doningtonleheath.org.uk)

### **ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ARTEFACT HANDLING**

*Sunday 14th July: Sessions 11.30-12,  
12.15-12.45, 1pm-1.30 & 1.45-2.15  
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery, New  
Walk, Leicester, LE1 &EA*

Handle and investigate a variety of 3,000 -year old artefacts from Ancient Egypt.

£1.50 per child. Spaces are limited to 15 children per session with one adult per child. Adults go free. To book a place call New Walk Museum & Art Gallery on 0116 2254900.

### **ROMAN DAY**

*Monday 15th July: 11am – 3pm  
Hinckley and District Museum,  
Framework Knitters` Cottages, 30  
Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU*  
Dressing up, writing, mosaics & jewellery making & other fun activities on a Roman theme for children aged 5+. Admission £2 per person (includes museum entry). [www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk](http://www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk)

### **AWESOME ARCHAEOLOGY!**

*Tuesday 16th – Saturday 20th July  
2019: 10am- 4.30pm  
Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End,  
Melton Mowbray, LE13 1RB*  
All about animals in the Iron Age. Come and do a special trail and crafts.

Some small charges may apply. 0116 305 3860; [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/history-and-heritage/melton-carnegie-museum](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/history-and-heritage/melton-carnegie-museum)

### **AWESOME ARCHAEOLOGY!**

*Tuesday 16th July: 11am – 3pm  
Harborough Museum, The Symington  
Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market  
Harborough, LE16 7LT*  
Join our Archaeology Manager, Helen Sharp, to look at some wonderful discoveries and the technology behind finding them. Plus, Free activities in the Activity Cart. FREE.

[www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk](http://www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk)

### **DIG IT!**

*Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th July:  
11am - 1pm  
King Richard III Visitor Centre, 4A St  
Martins, Leicester, LE1 5DB*  
Children can learn the basics of

archaeology and uncover hidden artefacts in our mini archaeology dig pits. Finds will be recorded and rewards given to all children uncovering anything of interest.

Event included in admission to the Visitor Centre. Don't forget, once purchased, your ticket is valid for 12 months! 0300 300 0900, <https://kriii.com>

### **COTESBACH CHILDREN'S DAY**

*Saturday July 20th: 10am - 4pm  
Cotesbach Educational Trust,  
Cotesbach Hall, Main Street, Cotesbach  
LE17 4HX*

Mosaics, Clay pot making, Metal detecting, 'Who's poo is it', Pottery identification and a wattle and daub experience. FREE. <http://www.cotesbachschoolhouse.org.uk/events/>

### **DISCOVER THE ROMANS AT BOSWORTH**

*Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July:  
10.30 – 4pm  
Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre,  
Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD*

Join us in celebrating the Roman History of the Bosworth area. See objects from the site's important Roman temple, as well as talks, crafts for kids and a chance to meet Boudica and members of the Roman Army. Adult £8, Child £5 and Family (2+2) £24. 01455 290429; [www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk)

### **TUDOR DAY**

*Monday 22nd July: 11am – 3pm  
Hinckley and District Museum,  
Framework Knitters` Cottages, 30  
Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU*  
Dressing up, crafts and other fun activities on a Tudor theme for children aged 5+.  
£2 per person (includes museum entry). [www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk](http://www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk)



### **TINY TUESDAY SPECIAL: AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGY!**

Tuesday 23rd July: 10.30 – 11.30  
Charnwood Museum, Granby Street,  
Loughborough, LE11 3DU

Get up close to some amazing archaeology! Handle some ancient artefacts and take part in fun activities! £2.50 per child, under-fives only – suitable for 12 months upwards. Booking essential on 01509 233754 or email [museum@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:museum@charnwood.gov.uk)

### **AWESOME ARCHAEOLOGY!**

Wednesday 24th July: 10am – 6pm  
(4pm Saturday); Closed Sunday.  
Harborough Museum, The Symington  
Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market  
Harborough, LE16 7LT

Meet an Iron Age Briton and have a go at detecting and coin striking! FREE activities in the Activity Cart.

For more information about specific timings and price please contact the museum or check the website. 0116 305 3627; [www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk](http://www.harboroughmuseum.org.uk)

### **FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY DAY**

Wednesday 24th July: 10.30am – 3pm  
St Helens Community Heritage Centre,  
4 Church Yard, South St, Ashby de la  
Zouch, LE65 1AA.

Find out what lies beneath our amazing site! Learn from our archaeological expert, explore the dig boxes and identify artefacts that have been unearthed from our archaeological digs.

£2 per child. No booking required. Refreshments available. 07435 564236; [sthelensheritage@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensheritage@gmail.com)

### **CRAFT ARCHAEOLOGY DAY**

Wednesday 24th July: 10am -12 noon &  
1.30 -3.30pm  
Rutland County Museum, Catmose  
Street, Oakham, LE15 6HW

Get Crafty! Our popular craft sessions return with an archaeology themed twist. Suitable for children 4-10 years. All children must be with an adult.

£2 per child. No need to book, just drop in. 01572 758440, <https://rutlandcountymuseum.org.uk/>

### **GO POTTY!**

Thursday 25th July: 1.30 - 2.30pm  
Charnwood Museum, Granby Street,  
Loughborough, LE11 3DU

Find out about ancient ways of making pots and create your own thumb pot or coil pot from air drying clay.

£3.00 per child. Suitable for children aged 3 and above, booking essential on 01509 233754 or [museum@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:museum@charnwood.gov.uk)

### **THE GREAT GARGOYLE HUNT**

Friday 26th July: 11.30-3.30pm  
All Saints Church, Highcross Street,  
Leicester, LE1 4PH

Hunt for gargoyles and grotesques, hidden around All Saints' Church, then be inspired to create your own clay grotesque to take home.

FREE, but donations welcome. Family event, suitable for age 3+. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY DAY**

Sunday 28th July: 10am - 3pm  
Hallaton C of E Primary School,  
Churchgate, Hallaton, LE16 8TY

Learn about geophysical surveying in the field and use dig boxes in the school playground. Please wear clothing and shoes that contain no metal if you would like to have a go at geophysics. FREE. [hallatonfwg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hallatonfwg@yahoo.co.uk)

### **VICTORIAN WASH DAY**

Monday 29th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm  
Hinckley and District Museum,  
Framework Knitters' Cottages, 30

Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU  
Experience our old-fashioned wash day using dolly tubs and scrubbing boards. Dress up and learn about washing your clothes before the days of the washing machine. A hands-on experience for boys and girls aged 5+ and adults too. Admission £2 per person (includes museum entry). [www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk](http://www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk)

## **LATE EVENTS NOT IN PRINTED LEAFLET**

May 17th - 3 events added to sections.  
May 26th - phone nbr Mounsorrel and Rothley tour event amended.

June 17th - 1 tour added -1st July  
(see listing but noted below)

**Displays & Exhibitions:** Do You know Your Parish? Great Bowden, Sunday, 21st July, 2pm.

**Festival Talks:** Ice Age Art by Paul Bahn, Tuesday 23rd July, Newtown Linford Village Hall, 1pm.

**Guided Walks & Tours:**  
of Bradgate Park Archaeology, Monday 1st July 2pm.  
of St Margaret's Church, Leicester.  
Sunday 21st July, 2.30pm

## **The Festival**

The Festival in Leicestershire is financially supported by: Leicestershire Fieldworkers; Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society; Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage Forum; CBA East Midlands; Leicester City Council; Leicestershire Industrial History Society; The Friends of Jewry Wall; Hinckley Archaeological Society; University of Leicester Archaeological Services

## **How to get involved**

Leicestershire and Rutland have a vibrant archaeological scene. New members are always welcome at all the local groups. Come along to the many events during the week and talk to members of the various groups, or contact:

### **Leicestershire Fieldworkers**

A group with over 40 years of supporting archaeological fieldwork around the 2 counties with affiliated groups, training, lectures and trips. [www.leicsfieldworkers.co.uk](http://www.leicsfieldworkers.co.uk) or email [info@leicsfieldworkers.co.uk](mailto:info@leicsfieldworkers.co.uk)

### **Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society**

Promotes the study of Leicestershire's history, archaeology, antiquities and architecture, Publishes the journal Transactions and Leicestershire Historian. Stages a programme of talks throughout the year. [www.lahs.org.uk](http://www.lahs.org.uk) or <http://www.le.ac.uk/lahs>

### **Leicestershire Young Archaeologists Club (Part of the Council for British Archaeology)**

The club for 8 to 16 year olds interested in archaeology. <http://leicestershireyac.wordpress.com>

### **Council for British Archaeology: East Midlands**

An umbrella group for local archaeology societies and individuals in the East Midlands. [www.archaeologyuk.org/cbaem](http://www.archaeologyuk.org/cbaem)

### **University of Leicester Archaeological Services**

Award winning commercial archaeology unit based in Leicester [www.le.ac.uk/ulas](http://www.le.ac.uk/ulas)

### **School of Archaeology & Ancient History, University of Leicester**

Undergraduate, post-graduate and distance learning degrees in Archaeology & Ancient History.

<https://le.ac.uk/archaeology>

### **Portable Antiquities Scheme**

Recording of archaeological finds making the information available to all.

Contact Finds Liaison Officer, Wendy Scott. 0116 305 8325 or email

[archaeology@leics.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@leics.gov.uk)

### **Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum**

An umbrella organisation for museums, heritage groups and individuals with an interest in their local heritage in the two counties and the City of Leicester offering support, guidance, access to funding and professional advice. [www.lrhf.co.uk](http://www.lrhf.co.uk) or email [lrhfchairman@gmail.com](mailto:lrhfchairman@gmail.com) or [lrhfmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lrhfmembership@gmail.com)

### **Jewry Wall Museum**

Although the Museum is closed at the moment The Friends of Jewry Wall Museum continue their support and look forward to the reopening of the museum. Contact: Jennifer Macgregor: [jennifer.macgregor1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jennifer.macgregor1@ntlworld.com)

### **Leicestershire Industrial History Society**

An active society studying Industrial history with digs, talks and publications.

[www.lihs.org.uk](http://www.lihs.org.uk)

### **CBA National Festival of Archaeology**

To see what else is taking place across the UK as part of the CBA Festival of British Archaeology please visit

<https://festival.archaeology.org/>

## **Version Numbering**

Version 2 May 17th 2019. 3 additional events added. See above.

Version 3 - minor amendment to phone number Mountsorrel and Rothley Heritage tours. (change from 429 to 479)

Version 4 17th June 2019. Addition of Bradgate Archaeology Tour on 1st July.