

Properties and events in Leicestershire 2017

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A Walk Through Time at St Helen's Church & Heritage Centre

4 Church Yard, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 1AA

Take a walk through time and see our displays of happenings in and around our 15thc, Grade I listed church. Meet the centuries old characters. Play old fashioned games. Find the church mice. Sample our superb refreshments and take a guided tour. Be careful you don't catch the plague while you are here though!

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1000-1600; Tour 1400
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600; Tour 1400
- Sunday 10 September: 1100-1600; Tour 1400

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

There is no parking on site but there are plenty of car parks in the vicinity.

Additional information

Max 12 people per tour/session.

Directions

We are right next to the castle.

Masonic Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch Open Day

17 Lower Church Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 1AB

The Masonic Hall in Ashby-de-la-Zouch will be open to the public on Saturday 9th September 2017 from 10.00am until 3.00pm. There is no charge for admission and everyone is welcome to visit to learn more about Freemasonry and our involvement in raising money for many local and national charities.

No booking required. Guided tour available.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

There are a few steps up to the main entrance. Assistance will be available on the day.

Directions

The Masonic Hall is adjacent to the Lyric Rooms in Lower Church Street, Ashby de la Zouch.

St Peter's Church, Thornton

Church Lane, Thornton, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 1AH

Grade I medieval church overlooking peaceful reservoir; has fine woodwork, stained glass, ancient clock and Tudor font and linenfold pews. Also a place of prayer.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1800
- Sunday 10 September: 1300-1700;

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

There are steps down into the Church.

Directions

The Church can be accessed down Church Lane, by the shop on Main Street, Thornton, or from the Reservoir Path (just past the Visitors' Centre).

Thringstone House Open Day.

1 The Green, Thringstone, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 8NR

Thringstone House Community Centre is one of the oldest community centres in the country.

Visitors can look round the centre which is made up of the original farmhouse which is an 18th century building, complete with original windows, plus the 1911 extension built by architects on behalf of the philanthropist Charles Booth, and learn about Charles Booth's gift of the facility to the area.

They can also look at various items of heritage that will be on display on the day, and visit the wonderful hall with sprung floor and professional staging which is used by local theatre groups.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 12noon-15:00

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Access to the site is wheelchair accessible, but is for the ground floor only.

Directions

The centre is slightly set back from the main road through the village, has a white frontage, and a sign outside saying where it is. You can also find it by sat nav. The local bus service stops just down the road, and there is good car parking.

Guided Tour of Atkins Building and Two Other Grade Listed Buildings

Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1QU

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of our local conservation areas, the Atkins Building and its heritage partners Hinckley & District Museum and the Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel present the Atkins Heritage Tour as part of Heritage Open Days 2017.

A conservation area is an area of notable environmental or historical interest or importance which is protected by law against undesirable changes. The Atkins Building is the former home of Hinckley's Atkins family who established a presence in Hinckley in 1722 and produced hosiery until 1995. The Atkins family memory is kept alive not only by the presence of the Atkins Building but also by other areas in close proximity, including the 17th Century Frame Knitters cottages (Hinckley & District Museum) and the Great Unitarian Meeting Hall.

The Heritage Open Day tour starts at 10:30am on Saturday 9th September at Hinckley & District Museum with a guided tour round the 17th century framework knitter's cottages. Phillip Lindley highlights the connection between the cottages and the Atkins Family. The tour then moves to the Atkins Building where Business Centre Principal Officer Rebecca Wilbur will be guiding visitors round and focusing on the family's industrial past. The final part takes place in the Great Meeting Chapel with Hugh Beavin who will explore the reasons why the Atkins Family chose the Chapel as their place of worship.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1030-1300

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Places for the tour to be booked in advance Contact: Rebecca Wilbur or Robert Warwick Call: 01455 247070 Email: info@atkinsbuilding.co.uk Go to: <https://www.atkinsbuilding.co.uk> Write to: Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 1QU Booking opens: 13 April 2017 08:00 Booking closes: 4 September 2017 16:00

Access Information

Adults only as the event involves lots of listening and walking between locations.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Hinckley & District Museum

Hinckley Museum, 30 Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1QU

Thatched timber box framed cottages dating from the 1680s, housing a local history museum of Hinckley and the surrounding area. See the framework knitter's room setting with c.1740 stocking frame, and displays including Three Brewers (Bass, Butler, Worthington); What did the Romans do for us? with a model of a Roman chariot and locally found artefacts: Richard III and the battle of Bosworth; Hinckley's Dambuster hero; and WWI - 1917.

"Secret" cottage garden and Fairtrade tearoom. Childrens' quiz and "old fashioned" toys to play with, and dressing up area too.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1000-1600
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1400-1700

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Download a full access statement from www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk

Directions

Near town centre on B4667 opposite the Hinckley campus of North Warwickshire & Hinckley College and the Atkins Building. Buses to and from Leicester, Nuneaton and Coventry stop outside the museum. Approx. 15 minutes walk from train station (Leicester - Birmingham line).

Hinckley Masonic Hall Open Event

Masonic Hall, St. Marys Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1EQ

Inside of Hinckley Masonic Lodge rooms and learn about the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry and the history of the Hinckley Lodges.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 6 people per tour/session.

Directions

Adjacent to the spire on St. Mary's church

The Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, Hinckley

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, Baines Lane, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1PP

The Chapel dates from 1722. The gallery is still mostly in original condition. Alterations to the seating took place early in 20th century. The organ dates from 1890, the "Parliament Clock" from 1740. The pulpit pre-dates the building. The tree of life embroideries at the front of the Chapel date from 1902.

Our archive display this year will focus on Chapel members who went to war, The Elizabeth Atkins' Charity for the poor of the town and the annual procession of witness held in the town for many years

The Victorian schoolrooms will also have displays, refreshments and an area for child play.

A guided tour of the chapel plus two other listed buildings nearby is available on Saturday 9th September, between 10.00am and 4.00pm. At these times, chapel members will be available to show visitors round.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

The disabled access is round the end of the building then through the double doorway.

Directions

BY TRAIN: Hourly services from Leicester and Birmingham call at Hinckley. 10 minute walk into town along Station Road (Opposite) carry on to Union Hotel, turn right Baines Lane is 75 metres on left. BY BUS: Service 48 from Coventry, and Leicester and, service 158 from Nuneaton and Leicester alight at Lower Bond Street. ON FOOT from CAR PARKS: From Lower Bond Street car park (LE10 1QU) go through arch at end of Atkins Building (Baines Lane) Chapel at top of lane. From Britannia Centre carpark (LE10 1RD) go to side exit, turn left to road junction Motor Cycle shop on left, Chapel is at top of Baines Lane. From Druid Street public car park (LE10 1QH), cross the road and enter the grounds where you get a fine view of the original 1722 building. Walk along the path beneath the ancient lime trees to the original entrance door.

Visit All Saints Church

All Saints' Church, Church Lane, Legbourne, Leicestershire, LN11 8LN

All Saints Church built in 1380 and extensively rebuilt in 1865. Medieval glass fragments in two windows and important group of Preedy windows. A 15th century rood screen partially restored in the 19th century. People will be on-hand to give information on the church.

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Directions

Leave Louth on A159 towards Mablethorpe. Past the village shop on your left, turn left into Church lane.

34, Pocklingtons Walk

Spearing Waite LLP, 34, Pocklingtons Walk, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 6BU

Formerly offices for the Leicester Permanent Building Society and now home to Spearing Waite LLP, 34 Pocklingtons Walk has been ambitiously restored to combine contemporary office space with beautiful original features of the building. This is a unique opportunity to drop in to the building to view the atrium, the centre-piece of which is the dome looking as it would have done in the 1920s. Guides will be on hand to answer questions.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

To take a closer look at the Dome visitors will need to access the mezzanine level via a staircase.

Directions

<http://goo.gl/maps/Tk8Nv2fCMEH2>

Abbey Pumping Station Museum Engine House Tours

Abbey Pumping Station Museum, Corporation Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE4 5PX

Abbey Pumping Station is Leicester's Museum of Science and Technology, displaying Leicester's industrial, technological and scientific heritage. Situated adjacent to the National Space Centre, the two attractions tell the story of over 200 years of science and technology from the early days of steam and industry, to the space exploration of today. Join a tour of the historic engine house, descending beneath the four giant Gimson Beam Engines and then climbing to the top of the Engine House to see the magnificent beams.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1100-1630
- Friday 8 September: 1100-1630
- Saturday 9 September: 1100-1630; Tours 1100, 1300 & 1500
- Sunday 10 September: 1100-1630

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 299 4444

Access Information

The tour is only suitable for able bodied people due to the steep narrow staircases. Not suitable for children under the age of 10 years old. It is also not suitable for pushchair/prams. Sensible shoes must be worn. Visitors will be provided with a hard hat for the basement tours. Abbey Pumping Station Museum is accessible for wheelchairs and pushchair/prams.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

Situated next door to the Space Centre.

All Saints' Church: War Memorials Project

All Saints Church, Highcross Street , Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 4PH

All Saints' Church is one of only five churches to survive from medieval Leicester. The chancel of the church now provides a safe home for many different types of war memorials, disfigured from buildings that have closed or changed their use including several new memorials taken into care this year. This is a unique opportunity to see the memorials and the story boards and view the light boxes of the three stained glass World War I memorial windows from the now closed St Saviour's Church

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1400-1700
- Friday 8 September: 1500-1800
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1800
- Sunday 10 September: 1430-1700

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

There is limited disabled parking. There is a gentle, anti-slip ramp into the Chancel. Families are welcome but there are no specific features for children.

Additional information

The war memorials are situated in the de-consecrated part of the church. There is a well tended cemetery at the rear of the church. This year several additional war memorials have been taken in.

Directions

All Saints' Church is the prominent church with gilt clock at the Vaughan Way end of Highcross Street. The entrance, which will be marked by banners, is at the rear of All Saints.

Belgrave Cemetery

Belgrave Cemetery, Red Hill Way, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE4 3EX

The Victorian Belgrave Cemetery contains a large number of graves and memorials to those killed in both World Wars. The Friends of Belgrave Cemetery have produced a trail to highlight the interesting stories behind some of those laid to rest there. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cemetery information and self-guided heritage trails available. Drop in event.

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1500; Guided walks 1100 & 1400

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Sensible footwear must be worn. No specific disabled parking but plenty of parking spaces available. Pushchair/pram access on footpaths only. Cemetery information for visitors trying to find a particular grave will also be available.

Additional information

Belgrave is a working cemetery and must be treated with respect at all times. Anyone walking on the grass does so at their own risk.

Directions

Near Red Hill island at the junction of the A6 and Red Hill Way A563. Grid reference SK588079.

Belgrave Hall and Gardens

Belgrave Hall and Gardens, Church Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE4 5PE

An 18th century period house surrounded by historic walled gardens, Belgrave Hall provides an oasis of tranquillity in a busy city. Located in the Belgrave Conservation Area, the Hall is surrounded by fascinating historic buildings including the National School, Cross Corners, St Peter's Church and Belgrave House. Pick up a free map and discover the heritage of the area for yourself or book onto a free guided tour of Belgrave Hall.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1100-1700, Tours 1130, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 2994444

Access Information

Ground floor of hall and gardens are wheelchair and pushchair/pram accessible. Disabled parking available on Church Road.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

From A6/A563 junction at Redhill roundabout take 06303 Loughborough Road towards city, signed Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Turn right at traffic lights and left at Talbot Public House.

Bishop Street Methodist Church

Bishop Street Methodist Church, 10A Bishop Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 6AF

A Georgian Grade II listed historic Methodist Chapel with an impressive interior including a beautifully carved Father Smith organ case. We will have a special display on the recently completed renovation of the organ and casework and the Church Organist will be playing at various points during the day. Other highlights of the interior include the horseshoe gallery and Italianate wrought ironwork on the pulpit. There will be guided tours of the chapel and heritage room, and an opportunity for family historians to consult our historic registers and additional heritage displays. A demonstration working model will show how a pipe organ works, and a video station will have features on the Church Organ and on Methodism in Leicester. The Chapel Café will be open.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Ramped access to the church. Disabled parking bays on Bishop Street and surrounding Streets. Also on-street metered parking on Bishop Street and surrounding streets, and plenty of nearby car parks.

Directions

The Church faces Town Hall Square, in the centre of Leicester, near the Central Library.

Braunstone Heritage

Braunstone Park Stable Block, Gooding Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE3 1JS

Discover more about the history of the ancient village of Braunstone and its environs. The guides will bring the fascinating history of Braunstone alive, including the Great Hall, stables, park, school, the Winstanleys and Braunstone Park as a military camp in WWII. The delightful walled gardens are also available to explore.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000-1430

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Car parking is available on Gooding Avenue and via Gooding Avenue entrance. Cars parked at owners risk. The toilets are located in the stable block. Two of the exhibition rooms are upstairs.

Additional information

Visitors can also enjoy the park's other facilities including the play areas and the famous walled garden.

Directions

Stable Block is situated in the centre of Braunstone Park next to Braunstone Hall. Centre of Braunstone Park access via the Gooding Avenue roundabout.

Castle Gardens and Motte

Meeting Place - Westbridge Gates, Westbridge/St Augustine Road, Leicester, Leicestershire

Opened as a public open space and park in 1926, Leicester's Castle gardens were originally part of the castle complex and give an insight into Leicester's past.

Enjoy a guided walk in the peaceful gardens and discover more about its links with Leicester Castle and Motte.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1230-1330

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 2994444

Access Information

The stairs to the top of the mound may prove difficult for people with mobility issues.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session. There is limited parking in the immediate area.

Directions

Castle Gardens are located approximately a quarter of a mile to the west of the City Centre. Entrances are located on St Augustine Road, Castle Street and The Newarke.

Castle Hill Archaeology Open Day

Castle Hill Country Park, Astill Lodge Road, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE4 1EF

In September 2017 archaeologists and volunteers are returning to Castle Hill Country Park to continue the excavation of the suspected Knight Hospitallers site. Drop in to visit the site and explore the excavation area. Experts will be on site to give an interesting insight into what has been discovered and you may even get the opportunity to get hands-on with history!

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1100 - 1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

The site is a field with uneven access so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Additional information

On-street parking only.

Directions

Access to the site is from Astill Lodge Road, LE4 1EF

Central Baptist Church and William Carey Museum

Central Baptist Church, Charles Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 1LA

Founded in 1832 the Central Baptist Church opens its doors for you to explore its beautiful interior. The church houses the William Carey Museum which celebrates the life of the famous missionary who left Leicester to translate the bible into 5 Indian languages and the New Testament into 20 more. Join an interesting talk about William Carey and a tour of the museum. Drop in event.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000-1600; Short talk 1100 & 1500
- Friday 8 September: 1000-1600; Short talk 1100 & 1500
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600; Short talk 1100 & 1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Wheelchair access and entry by the side door. Please see a steward on arrival.

Additional information

On street parking on meters outside the building. Multi storey car park on nearby Rutland Street.

Directions

Adjacent to Kwikfit. Close to Halford Street junction. 100 metres from Rutland Street/Charles Street junction.

City Hall

Leicester City Council, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 1FZ

City Hall, Leicester City Council's headquarters underwent major refurbishment to create office accommodation and

meeting rooms. The building refurbishment included the replication of period features to create a 21st century refit with a 1930s feel. Join a walking tour to discover the history of the building and how a modern refurbishment has brought a significant city centre building back into use.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: Tour 1030 - 1200

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: City Hall Call: 0116 3737770 Email: CityHall-bookings@leicester.gov.uk

Access Information

Please mention at the time of booking if you require full wheelchair access for evacuation purposes. Maximum of two tickets per booking.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

De Montfort Hall Back Stage Tour

De Montfort Hall, Granville Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 7RU

De Montfort Hall built in 1913 originally as a concert hall is one of the East Midlands largest entertainment venues. Visitors are invited to join a rare behind-the-scenes tour to discover more about the workings of the Hall's magnificent pipe organ. See the dressing rooms used by the stars and even step out onto the stage!

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: Tours 1100 & 1400

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: De Montfort Hall Box Office Call: 0116 2333111

Access Information

Lift is an option to most areas. Long periods of standing in various areas of the building as tours can last between 60 to 90 minutes. Disabled parking spaces are available in the front gardens of the Hall. Restricted to children aged 11 and over accompanied by an adult.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

Adjacent to Victoria Park

De Montfort University Heritage Sites

De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 9BH

Drop in to De Montfort University's Heritage Sites to uncover the hidden secrets of the university's campus. You will explore the rich heritage of the university, the contribution of students to the First World War and view the remains of the Church of the Annunciation - the centrepiece of the Heritage Centre, boasting links to King Richard III's final resting place. Discover Trinity Chapel, a stone chapel founded in 1330 which served Trinity Hospital and cared for the poor and infirm. View the Leicester Castle Great hall, a timber-framed building with 12th century origins that has hosted many illustrious visitors including King Richard III. The Great Hall today features an original Victorian criminal courtroom.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: All three sites open 1100-1500
- Sunday 10 September: All three sites open 1100-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

On-site disabled parking is located on Richmond Street and should be booked in advance by contacting De Montfort University Heritage Centre on 0116 2078729.

Additional information

There is no access to the Leicester Castle Great Hall cell block. There is a cobblestone street leading from The Newarke to Leicester Castle Great Hall. On-site accessible toilets are available in the DMU Heritage Centre and Leicester Castle.

Directions

The Heritage Centre is located in the Hawthorn Building. Located on the lower ground floor of the university's Hawthorn Building, the main entrance for the Heritage Centre is on the Newarke across from Trinity House.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

Freemasons Hall, 78-80 London Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 0RA

Leicester's Freemasons' Hall is situated in a striking white Grade II listed Georgian Building on London Road. This is a rare opportunity to drop in to view this fantastic building and to join an escorted tour which will allow access to the impressive Masonic Lodge Rooms where visitors can learn more about the symbolism, history and practice of Freemasonry.

The Freemasons' Hall is also home to one of the finest masonic Museums in the country, with artefacts dating back to the 17th Century.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Directions

Map Grid Reference: SK594038

Friars Mill

Friars Mill, Bath Lane, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE3 5BJ

Leicester's oldest factory complex has recently been reopened as a business centre with a tranquil riverside location. Formerly the home of Donisthorpe, Friars Mill has been thoughtfully restored to embody the evolution of business in Leicester. This is a rare opportunity to join a guided tour and learn more about this impressive building.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: Tours 1100, 1300, 1500

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 299 4444

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

The building is best accessed via All Saints Road from the A50 or via Holy Bones/Welles Street from St Nicholas Circle.

Friends of St Peter and St Paul's Church Syston

14 Lower Church Street, Syston, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE7 1GX

The church will be open from 10:00 to 16:00 with guided tours plus a fun family A - Z quiz sheet of things to spot around the church. We will be running art activities for children and throughout the day we will be showing close up photos (on a large screen) of many of the marvellous carvings both inside and outside around the church. The angel ceiling is fabulous and there is also a rare plaque commemorating Edward VIII which was put up just before he abdicated! Also on display will be historic wedding photo album of weddings held in the church in the 20th century. There is also an album of pictures of local people who lost their lives during WW2.

The tower will be open from 14:00 to 16:00 with a charge (for tower expenses) for going up the tower.

Refreshments will be served all day in the church hall, including light lunches

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 10:00 - 16:00

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Friends of St Peter and St Paul's Church hold a variety of events, raising money to enable disabled toilet facilities to be installed in the church! At present the only toilet facilities are in the church hall across the road.

Additional information

Max 50 people per tour/session. Bell tower open (small charge payable) for visitors to climb up the tower!

Directions

Parking available in surrounding streets including High Street, The Green, Lower Church Street, Upper Church Street, also a pay and display car park on Walkers Way.

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, 45 East Bond Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 4SX

The earliest brick building of any significance in Leicester. Built by dissenters in 1708, and still witness to reason, freedom and tolerance in religion. Plaques commemorate the lives of prominent Leicester citizens.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1100-1700
- Sunday 10 September: 1100-1700

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Sunday service 11.00-12.00 am, visitors welcome.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

A five-minute stroll down Churchgate from Leicester clock tower, off St Peter's Lane.

Greyfriars: Then and Now

The Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 5FQ

Unearthed Roman objects, detailed maps, futuristic 1960s models, oral histories and unseen photos from the 70s and 80s, the Changing Leicester project has told the story of Leicester's development since World War Two - what's been lost and what's been found.

Drop in to explore an exhibition where young Leicester photographers present their contemporary take on Leicester's 'legal quarter', inspired by images from the fascinating Arts and Museums archive - giving their own creative view of a changing Leicester.

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1100 - 1630

Booking Details

No booking required

Directions

The Guildhall is located next to Leicester Cathedral and Cathedral Gardens. Drop in event.

Historic Abbey Park

Abbey Park Education Centre, Abbey Park, Leicester, Leicestershire

In 1882 Leicester welcomed royal visitors when Abbey Park was officially opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales. Originally smaller, it was later extended to include the site of the 12th century Leicester Abbey, the location of the death of Cardinal Wolsey in 1530. Join a guided tour of sites of historical interest including Abbot Penny's Wall and Cavendish House alongside the modern recreational facilities which make a popular mix of old and new in the park's 134 year history.

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1400-1500

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 2994444

Access Information

As the event is taking place outdoors, suitable clothing and footwear should be worn on the day.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Directions

Please meet at Abbey Park Education Centre in Abbey Park. There are several signposts from all the entrances into the park. The public car park is off Abbey Park Road.

LCB Depot

LCB Depot, 31 Rutland Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 1RE

Leicester City Bus Depot was refurbished in 2004 and transformed into an award winning workspace hub for creative businesses. This is an exciting opportunity to join a guided tour to see many of the quirky original features of the building including its money vaults. Some tenant companies may also have their doors open for visitors to take a sneaky peak.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1300-1400
- Friday 8 September: 1300-1400

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: LCB Depot Call: 0116 261 6800 Email: info@lcbdepot.co.uk

Access Information

Onsite disabled parking at rear of building. Please arrange when booking a tour. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on the tours.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. All day parking at CP multi-storey car park in Halford Street for £5 if ticket is stamped by LCB Depot. On-street pay and display in surrounding streets for up to 2 hours. Cycle racks in rear courtyard at LCB Depot. Follow tweets @lcbdepot and @makersyard There is an onsite cafe open to the public 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Friday This building is a bustling commercial workspace.

Directions

Opposite Manhattan Bar in Leicester's Cultural Quarter. Grid reference SK591044.

Leicester Cathedral / Bell Tower Tours

7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 5PZ

The bell tower tour will include information about the bells at Leicester Cathedral, the members of the cathedral band, some bell ringing history and a short description about how change ringing works. The tour will last between 30 and 45 minutes.

Please note that access to the tower is up a staircase and appropriate footwear needs to be worn.

Over 14 only.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600, Tour 1100 & 1200 & 1300

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Preferred

Contact: Claire Recordon Call: 01162615344 Email: claire.recordon@leccofe.org Booking opens: 7 August 2017 11:00

Booking closes: 5 September 2017 15:00

Access Information

Over 14's only. Not suitable with visitors with limited mobility

Additional information

Max 15 people per tour/session.

Leicester Cathedral / Historic Guided Tours

7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 5PZ

Explore 900 years of Leicester Cathedral's history with one of our fully trained guides. The Cathedral is running one hour tours, on the hour, taking in the Regimental Chapel, The Great East window, the medieval chapels and Richard III. Sign up for a tour on the day at the welcome desk. Free guide book included.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600, Tour 1100 & 1200 & 1300 & 1400 & 1500

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Preferred

Contact: Rebecca Hale Call: 01162615362 Email: rebecca.hale@leccofe.org Booking opens: 7 August 2017 10:00 Booking closes: 5 September 2017 16:00

Additional information

Max 15 people per tour/session.

Leicester Heritage Exhibition

Iskcon, 31, Granby Street,, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 6EJ

Discover more about the work of Leicester Civic Society through a Heritage Exhibition of their work. Viewing panels, leaflets and information will be available to see and guides will be on hand to provide additional information. The exhibition takes place in 31 Granby Street, a former bank, long acknowledged as a landmark in Leicester's Victorian architecture and currently the meeting place of Iskcon, a Hare Krishna spiritual centre.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000-1600
- Friday 8 September: 1000-1600
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

This event is taking place on the site of another event.

Directions

The building is located on the corner of Granby Street/Bishop Street.

Leicester Print Workshop

Leicester Print Workshop, 50, St George Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 1QG

Leicester Print Workshop, the Midlands Centre for Fine Art Printmaking, celebrates its 30th birthday in 2016. The building, a converted 1970s warehouse originally built as a Steel Fabricators for George Alton, still retains the decommissioned crane beam and now houses a fully equipped printmaking studio, a small exhibition space and a shop.

Come and learn about the historical presses and machinery in the workshop studio by joining a guided tour. You will be able to observe the presses in action and there will be an opportunity to have a go at making a print yourself.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1400 - 1530

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Leicester Print Workshop Call: 0116 251 4174 Email: info@leicesterprintworkshop.com Go to: <http://www.leicesterprintworkshop.com/events>

Access Information

Leicester Print Workshop is a busy working studio, with printmaking machines. All visitors are required to observe the health and safety guidance from the Leicester Print Workshop Team.

Additional information

Max 15 people per tour/session.

Directions

Situated in the Cultural Quarter. Front door entrance is on Queen Street. Map grid reference - SK5936704416

Leicester Secular Hall Open Day

75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 1WB

Leicester Secular Hall, a Grade II listed building, opened in 1881 and home of Leicester Secular Society, the oldest Secular Society in the world. An exhibition which includes displays and leaflets about the history of the society and the Hall. There will be guided tours of the building with an opportunity to see old Dutch tiles which are not usually on view.

Ned Newitt presents a display of historic images of what is now called the Cultural Quarter. This will include pictures of the old Wholesale Market area and Humberstone Gate. Some of these pictures have not been published or displayed before.

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1030-1700

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Wheelchair access to ground floor only. Accessible toilet. There are some steep stairs in the building which require care.

Directions

Opposite Sainsburys.

Leicester Synagogue

Highfield Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 1AD

The Synagogue is a Grade II listed building and well over 100 years old. There will be informal tours of the building as well as explanations about its use and the Jewish Faith from members of the Jewish Community.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1030-1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1030-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 12 people per tour/session.

Directions

Highfield Street is on the left as you go up London Road from the Railway Station & before you reach Victoria Park. Highfield Street is a Residents Parking Area, but there are parking meters costing 20p for an hour or 50p for 3 hours.

Leicester Town Hall

Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 9BG

Join a guided tour and find out more about this fine civic building, a true Victorian jewel, built in the Queen Anne style. Discover how this magnificent building was nearly destroyed during World War II by a German bomb and see the council chambers, tea room, civic plate, court room and cells. The tour lasts approximately 2 hours.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: Tour 1200-1400 & 1500-1700

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Leicester Town Hall Call: 0116 2995640 Email: propertybookingsystem@leicester.gov.uk

Access Information

Wheelchair access to the building is from Horsefair Street. For full wheelchair access please make requirements known in advance. Cells access by wheelchair only possible with assistance, please make requirements known in advance to enquire if this part of the tour can be accommodated.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session. The Town Hall is also Leicester's registry office and so all visitors should be aware that there will be Ceremonies taking place.

Leicester's Historic Victoria Park

Leicester's Historic Victoria Park, outside De Montfort Hall, Granville Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 7RU

Join one of the city's Blue Badge guides on a one hour guided walk of Leicester's historic Victoria Park. This walk forms part of the Story of parks project which looks at the history of Leicester's beautiful parks.. Discover more of the fascinating architecture and social history of the park, from its use as a racecourse to the bombing of the pavilion and the creation of the War Memorial, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Join in the fun of the Raucous Races activities that will be taking place in the park.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: Walk 1400 - 1500

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 2994444

Access Information

As the event is taking place outdoors, suitable clothing and footwear should be worn on the day. The car park is pay and display.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Directions

Meeting point is outside De Montfort Hall. De Montfort Hall is situated at the junction of Regent Road and Granville Road on the edge of Victoria Park. Located one mile south of Leicester's city centre, the hall is well signposted on the inner ring road. if using the M1, come off at junction 21 and follow the signs for the outer ring road A563 (Leicester South and East), turning north along the A50 (Welford Road) or A6 (London Road).

Leicestershire Banking Company, Granby Street

Former Leicestershire Bank, 31 Granby Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 6EJ

Built in 1875 as a bank and currently used as a Hare Krishna spiritual centre, 31 Granby Street has long been acknowledged as a landmark in Leicester's Victorian architecture. Enjoy the grand banking hall's tall ceiling, the exquisite woodwork, the stone pillars and the impressive stained glass windows.

The Victorian Society will be on hand to explain about the magnificent architecture.

The Civic Society's Six Goddard Buildings tour will finish at the venue and you will be able to view a heritage exhibition of

the work of the society.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000-1600
- Friday 8 September: 1000-1600
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-2200
- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1800

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Please arrive through the Granby Street entrance. Disabled access from Bishop Street. Disabled parking on the streets surrounding the building. Visitors will be asked to remove their shoes when entering the banking hall.

Additional information

There will be heritage and music activities suitable for adults and children on both Saturday and Sunday.

Directions

Corner of Granby Street and Bishop Street.

LGBT - Voices

Leicester LGBT Centre, 15 Wellington Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 6HH

Drop in to the Leicester Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Centre to view an exhibition which presents Untold Stories, a volunteer led, Leicester LGBT Centre Oral History project which captures the memories, experiences and personal histories of the Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland over the last 50 years.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 0900-1700
- Friday 8 September: 0900-1700
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1200
- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1200

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Suitable for all ages. Accessible by lift if required. A maximum of 25 visitors in the exhibition area at any one time.

Additional information

Max 25 people per tour/session. On street parking is available.

Directions

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Magazine Gateway

Magazine Gateway, Oxford Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 5WH

Originally a 15th century gateway into the former Newarke religious precinct, this building was later used as a munitions store during the English Civil War. Interesting features include graffiti dating back to the 16th century. Book a guided tour or wander around this iconic local landmark.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1400-1600; Tours 1200, 1300
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500
- Sunday 10 September: Tours only: 1245, 1400, 1500

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Newarke Houses Museum Call: 0116 2254980

Access Information

Not suitable for very young children or those with mobility issues. Sensible shoes must be worn. Access to upper floors is via a spiral staircase. There will be no public access other than on the tours on the Sunday, so pre-booking on the tours is essential.

Additional information

Max 15 people per tour/session. Toilet facilities and refreshments will be available at nearby Newarke Houses Museum.

Directions

Opposite De Montfort University Law Building and near to Newarke Houses Museum.

Makers Yard Open Day

Makers Yard, Leicester, Leicestershire

See the award winning Makers Yard – a recently refurbished Grade II Listed hosiery factory dating back to 1854. The building has been refurbished into quality and inspiring workspaces for artists and designer-makers. See this charming building, learn about its rich heritage and meet the tenants now working there! Period features such as wheels and cogs, fire doors, trap doors, original paintwork and floorboards still remain in this sensitive restoration which received an award from Leicester Civic Society. Expert guides will be able to bring each room alive with the stories of past events.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1100-1200
- Friday 8 September: 1100-1200

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: LCB Depot Call: 0116 2616800 Email: info@lcbdepot.co.uk

Access Information

In the event of a fire the lift should not be used. There are some narrow and relatively steep staircases. Due to restrictions imposed by this historic listed building, in the unlikely event of a fire, it is not possible to provide emergency evacuation assistance via the staircases for people with mobility issues. There are refuge areas on each level, situated by the lifts, should an incident occur.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. Children under 12 must be supervised. Refreshments at the start/end point at LCB Depot. Discounted NCP car parking nearby. All-day parking at the NCP multi-storey car park in nearby Halford Street is available if your ticket is stamped at the café counter at LCB Depot. On-street pay and display parking is available in surrounding streets for up to 2 hours. Cycle racks are available in the rear courtyard at LCB Depot

Directions

On Thursday and Friday please meet at LCB Depot reception, LCB Depot, 31 Rutland Street Leicester, LE1 1RE. If travelling by car please turn off Charles Street on to Rutland Street. Follow the one-way street around to the NCP car park by Curve theatre. Park at Halford Street NCP Car park. LCB Depot is the meeting point for this event, 20 metres away from NCP car park.

Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip

Church Road, Wanlip, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE7 4PJ

The 14th Century Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas will be open for visitors. On display will be the memorial brass of Sir Thomas Walsh and Dame Katine his wife who were responsible for building the current church in the late 1300's. This brass is reputedly the oldest with an English inscription. In the Churchyard the grave of Rasselas Morjan, born in Abyssinia circa 1820, a former slave at Wanlip Hall, may be visited.

Tea, coffee and cakes available in the adjacent Church and Community Centre

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 0900 - 1800
- Sunday 10 September: 13.00 - 17.00

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Churchyard is grassed and uneven. There are changes in floor level within the church

Phoenix: Behind the Scenes

Phoenix, 4, Midland Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 1TG

A unique opportunity to visit Phoenix's projection room and see how the magic of cinema is made possible! You will meet one of the projectionists and hear how films and live shows are chosen and shown at Phoenix. In recent years, cinema has been revolutionised by digital distribution and projection technologies but Phoenix also keeps its "real film" capabilities and you will be able to see 35mm alongside the latest digital projection. View a 16mm projector in action too.

A screening of a short Leicester heritage film will take place in the screen room.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1400-Accessible Projection Room demo and talk; 1430-Leicester Archive Films; 1500-Projection Room demo and talk; 1530-Leicester Archive Films; 1600-Projection Room demo and talk; 1630-Leicester Archive Films
- Friday 8 September: 1745-Accessible Projection Room demo and talk; 1830-Leicester Archive Films; 1900-Projection Room demo and talk; 1930-Leicester Archive Films; 2000-Projection Room demo and talk; 2030-Leicester Archive Films
- Sunday 10 September: 1245-Accessible Projection Room demo and talk; 1330-Leicester Archive Films; 1400-Projection Room demo and talk; 1430-Leicester Archive Films; 1500-Projection Room demo and talk; 1530-Leicester Archive Films

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Maximum 8 for both the Accessible Projection Room demo and talk and Projection Room demo and talk. Maximum 30 for the Leicester archive film Contact: Phoenix Box Office Call: 0116 242 2800 Email: box.office@phoenix.org.uk

Access Information

If you have access requirements please advise staff at the point of booking. Assistance dogs are welcome in the building however the Projection room has a small flight of stairs and it is not possible to allow dogs in the Projection room. Arrangements can be made to provide a quiet space for dogs to remain with staff if required. Pushchairs/prams are welcome in the building but will not be able to access the Projection room.

Additional information

Refreshments are available to purchase on site. The Phoenix car park is pay and display. There is also on-street parking and an NCP car park in close proximity.

Raucous Races

Victoria Park, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 7RY

Come and join a fun activity day and visit the Past of Victoria Park with an afternoon of Raucous Races! Costumed characters, live music and time travel with a twist! You can compete in memorable live action interactive races including the horsey hopper obstacle race and weld some ironwork on the mobile forge. This event is suitable for families and children.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1200-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

This is an outdoor event so please dress appropriately for the weather.

Additional information

This is a drop in event.

Directions

The event takes place on Centenary Walk located close to the tennis courts and public car park. The public car park is off Granville Road/London Road.

Regent Sports and Social Club

102 Regent Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 7DA

The club is situated within the New Walk Conservation Area, in a house built in 1851 for the artist John Flower. Drop in to see the building and exhibition and join one of the tours to learn about the rich, varied and intriguing history of the building and its inhabitants.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1100-1700; Drop in tours

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Tours will take place across two floors. There are no lift facilities available at the club. Partial wheelchair access available. The tours take place across all three floors. Access to the upper floors is by stairs only.

Additional information

Max 12 people per tour/session. Refreshments can be purchased on site.

Directions

The Club is situated on Regent Road between Waterloo Way and De Montfort Street.

Six Goddard Buildings

The Guided Walk meeting point is Leicester's Clock Tower, Leicester, Leicestershire

Join a guided walk from the city centre Clock Tower to ISKCON, a Hare Krishna Spiritual Centre located in a Goddard designed former Leicestershire bank, built in 1875 and acknowledged as a landmark in Leicester's Victorian architecture.

The guided walk will feature six buildings by the locally acclaimed architect Joseph Goddard.

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: Guided Walk: 1400 - 1500

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 299 4444

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Directions

Booking for the tours can be made by contacting Visit Leicester or alternatively by contacting Stuart Bailey on 01509 266818.

St Margaret's Church

St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Way, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE3 3EB

A large medieval church steeped in local history. Visitors are invited to hunt for the church mouse (made of wood!), enjoy the Victorian stained glass windows and see some of its important tombs. The bell tower erected in 1441 houses a particularly large peal of 14 bells including the largest bell Margaret!

The North Aisle has a children's corner. Children will need to be supervised by an adult whilst in this area.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Wheelchair access is through the West Door and on site disabled parking is at the south side of the church.

Pushchairs/prams should also access through the West Door. Facilities can be made available for baby changing and breast feeding. Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead.

Additional information

Working church with local and worldwide family history. Members of the church will be available to answer questions.

Directions

On foot - from the clock tower walk down Churchgate across Vaughan Way/Burleys Way/St Margaret's Way junction, the church will be facing you. By car - Burleys Way, left at Grafton Place, left at Canning Place then onto St Margaret's Street, the church will be on your left hand side.

St Peter's Church, Highfields

St Peter's Church, 2, St Peter's Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 1DA

St Peter's is a large Grade II Victorian Church built between 1872 and 1879 to the design of George Edmund Street whose most well known building is the Royal Courts of Justice in London. Drop into the church to join an informal tour and learn about the project which will restore the beauty of the place.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1100 - 1600
- Saturday 9 September: 1230 - 1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1230 - 1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

The church is undergoing refurbishment, and disabled access is limited.

Additional information

There are some access limitations during the building works. The works are phase one of a long-term repair of the building.

Directions

The church is located opposite Sparkenhoe Community Primary School.

Stephenson Built Glenfield Railway Tunnel 1832

Co-operative super store (Far end car park), Station Road, Glenfield, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE3 8BQ

Walk along the trackbed of one of the world's earliest Steam railways into the Glenfield tunnel on the Leicester to Swannington Railway. When opened in 1832 this was the longest Steam Railway Tunnel in the world, at 81 chains 60 links long! (1,796 yards). Started on the banks of the canal in the centre of Leicester, at the West Bridge, it brought much needed coal from the Leicestershire Coalfields at Long Lane, Whitwick - soon renamed Coalville. LIHS have a licence from the owners Leicester City Council to open this Grade II listed tunnel to the public on HODs .Come and join us for a one hour trip underground. It's cold & dark but the bats will not trouble you!

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000,1130, 1415 & 1530
- Friday 8 September: 1000,1130, 1415 & 1530
- Saturday 9 September: 1000,1130, 1415 & 1530
- Sunday 10 September: 1000,1130, 1415 & 1530

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

ALL TOURS MUST BE PRE BOOKED and START from the given location only. Contact: Mr. Chris Hossack Call: 0116 2415153 Email: lihsvisitgt@virginmedia.com Go to: <http://www.lihs.org.uk> Write to: 125 Spencfield Lane, Evington, Leics LE5 6GG Booking opens: 20 May 2017 Booking closes: 2 September 2017

Access Information

Dark , Cold (10 deg c) and poor underfoot walkway conditions. NO facilities at tunnel but all facilities at meeting place 1/2 mile from tunnel portal

Additional information

Max 25 people per tour/session. We have taken over 3,000 visitors safely into & out of the tunnel in the last 4 years.

Directions

All tours start from the Co-Op Superstore at Glenfield ,LE3 8BQ Leicestershire and MUST be pre booked in advance. either by e-mail (Preferred) lihsvisitgt@virginmedia.com or phone0116-2415153 and speak to Chris Hossack, LIHS Chairman.

Stoneygate Tram Depot

Stoneygate Tram Depot, 453 London Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 3JW

A unique opportunity to see the former Leicester Corporation Tramways Department Edwardian District Tram Depot at Stoneygate, as well as a display about the story of public transport in Leicester from 1700. Leicester Transport Heritage

Trust volunteers will be on hand to guide you around and discuss the building and its history in more detail. A free heritage bus shuttle will also be running from the city centre to the Tram Depot and back. Full details of the bus shuttle service available on www.lttht.org.uk

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000-1600
- Friday 8 September: 1000-1600
- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

There is partial wheelchair access as the lower ground undercroft is not wheelchair accessible. The building is not heated. Sensible shoes should be worn as sections of the floor are uneven.

Additional information

Suitable for all age groups. Previous event popular with children/families.

Directions

Opposite Glebe Road (where visitors should park if arriving by car) and next door (city side) to the Shell Petrol Station. A free heritage bus shuttle will be running from Leicester City Centre to the Tram Depot and back. Full details of the Heritage Bus Shuttle service can be found on Leicester Transport Heritage Trust website – www.lttht.org.uk

SuperHome Open Day - Leicester, Great Glen, Main Street

20 Main Street, Great Glen, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE8 9GG

Pioneering owners of some of the UK's most eco-friendly SuperHomes are hosting free Open Days this September. SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners for greater comfort, lower bills and fewer carbon emissions - at least 60% less! Visitors can expect to come away with plenty of ideas for greening their own properties. This year is the 10th year of SuperHomes, and to celebrate we've partnered with the Ecology Building Society who are supporting this year's September openings.

Rick and Shirley moved to Leicester in 2009, and renovated their 1978 detached house to high energy efficiency standards. Measures installed include a wood burning stove, solar water heating, sun-tubes and solar PV. This resulted in a 64% carbon saving, and significantly reduced energy costs.

For more info and to book a free tour, please visit www.superhomes.org.uk/215

Opening Times

- Sunday 10 September: 10:00-16:00

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

No dogs please

Syston Masonic Hall

Masonic Hall, 111 Broad Street, Syston, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE7 1GJ

As part of our Tercentenary celebrations and in an effort to dispel all of the secrecy myths; Syston masonic hall will be open

to the public. This access all areas event will be totally free of charge and open to all. Why not come along and see for yourself?

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 25 people per tour/session.

The City Rooms

Hotel Street, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 5AW

The City Rooms is a Georgian Grade I listed venue located in the heart of Leicester City Centre. Built originally in 1792, it has undergone a careful two-year restoration programme to transform it into a stunning wedding and conference venue. Steeped in history, the centrepiece is its magnificent ballroom, which runs the whole length of the building, complete with many period decorative features.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

Accompanied children welcome.

University of Leicester Campus Architecture Tours

Meet outside the entrance to the Fielding Johnson Building, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 7RH

A unique opportunity to discover more about the notable range and importance of the University of Leicester campus architecture. Join a guided tour of which includes a rare opportunity to see inside the Engineering Building, described as one of the ten most inspiring buildings in Britain. Also enjoy some of the finest views across Leicester from the Charles Wilson Building.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: Tours 1000, 1200

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 2994444

Access Information

If you have limited mobility or require wheelchair or please let us know at time of booking. A permit will be required for disabled parking. Children and families are welcome on the tour.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. Visitors will also have the opportunity to view items from the University's unique collection of rare books and archives at a separate event which will take place on the same day.

Directions

A map of the University campus showing the location of the Fielding Johnson Building is available at <http://www.le.ac.uk/maps/>. Please assemble 10 minutes before departure outside the main entrance at the front of the building. The main entrance is marked 'Reception and Information' and overlooks the lawn.

University of Leicester: Treasures of the David Wilson Library

Assemble in the foyer of David Wilson Library, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE1 7RH

The University of Leicester holds rich collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives. The Library's Special Collections is a treasure trove of cultural heritage. This unique opportunity will allow you to see the iconic items of the collections including the 15th century bible used for the re-interment of King Richard III, a 4th Shakespeare Folio, and original manuscripts from the Joe Orton and Sue Townsend collections. Talks telling the interesting stories behind these items will be given and there will be a tour of the RIBA award winning building.

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: Talks/Tours - 1000, 1200

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 2994444

Access Information

A permit will be required for disabled parking. As this event involves viewing material from the University's Special Collections visitors will be asked to observe normal reading room rules. Food and drink are not permitted in the reading room and only pencils may be used for note taking. Photography will not be permitted due to copyright restrictions. A secure location will be provided for bags and coats.

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session. Visitors may also wish to book tours of the University of Leicester campus architecture, which will be held on the same day.

Directions

A map of the University Campus showing the location of the David Wilson Library is available at <http://www.le.ac.uk/maps/> Please assemble inside the Library foyer 5 minutes before the start of the talk to be accompanied to the Special Collections Suite.

Welford Road Cemetery Leicester - Guided tours

Welford Road Cemetery Visitor Centre, Welford Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 6BF

Opened in 1849, Welford Road Cemetery contains the graves of many of those who, in the 19th century, significantly contributed to the growth and development of Leicester including leading industrialists, philanthropists, civic and religious leaders. It is a beautiful example of a garden cemetery and provides a green oasis close to the city centre. Explore the visitor centre or book onto a tour of the cemetery.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: Tour 1100 & 1400
- Friday 8 September: Tour 1100 & 1400
- Saturday 9 September: Tour 1100 & 1400
- Sunday 10 September: Tour 1100 & 1400

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

Guided tours will begin at the Welford Road Cemetery Visitor Centre Contact: Visit Leicester Call: 0116 299 4444

Access Information

Full wheelchair access to visitor centre but some parts of the cemetery inaccessible. Partial wheelchair access to some parts of the cemetery. Participants should be reasonably mobile as it is a tour. It is advisable to wear suitable footwear.

Additional information

Max 30 people per tour/session.

Directions

The cemetery is signposted on all major routes in the city.

Stoneywell Dustbusters

Stoneywell, Whitcrofts Lane, Ulverscroft, Leicestershire, Leicestershire, LE67 9QE

To celebrate Heritage Open Days come to Stoneywell to see conservation in action. Try your hand at a spot of conservation and find out how the National Trust cares for the collection at Stoneywell. The cottage will be open to explore at your leisure and will be free of charge as part of Heritage Open Day. Booking essential

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000 - 1600

Booking Details

Pre-booking: Required

All visits to Stoneywell must be pre-booked 24hrs in advance Contact: Stoneywell Team Call: 01530 248 040 Email: stoneywell@nationaltrust.org.uk Go to: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stoneywell/features/pre-book-your-visit-to-stoneywell> Booking opens: 10 August 2017 17:00 Booking closes: 8 September 2017 10:00

Access Information

The gardens are undulating and the cottage is built on seven floors, but we have an excellent virtual tour which is available in the fully accessible stables

Additional information

All visits to Stoneywell must be pre-booked

Cotesbach Hall, Schoolhouse and Gardens

Cotesbach Hall, Main Street, Cotesbach, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4HX

Grounds and 18th Century walled organic vegetable garden open; guided tours of Hall, Schoolhouse buildings, Gardens, Stable Yard and Church. Indian theme this year to coincide with display of Indian heritage artefacts from New Walk Leicester alongside 'Splendours of the Subcontinent' exhibition to mark 70 years of India. Get involved in craft activities, archive displays. Return for more details and refer to websites for further details nearer the time.

Opening Times

- Friday 8 September: 1100-1600
- Saturday 9 September: 1100-1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1100-1600

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Directions

Cotesbach is off the A426 Lutterworth to Rugby road. It's opposite the Church and will be clearly marked off the main road.

Wycliffe rooms

Masonic Hall, George Street, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4ED

The Wycliffe Rooms , is not only the Lutterworth Masonic centre hosting a range of lodges from the Wiclif lodge no 3078 founded over 110 years ago , first meeting in the old council house & the Edward Sherrier lodge no 6757 founded in 1948 , which is a 'daughter' lodge . As well as these 2 craft lodges there are a range of other orders representing many of the other degrees not Masonary., including , 2 Master Mason lodges 2 Royal ark Mariner lodges , a knights templar preceptory , Holy Royal arch chapter & Many other orders and degrees .

This open day is a unique opportunity to have a guided tour of the building, its community rooms and public areas but also enter the lodge room and ask questions of the experience Freemason guides ...

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 10.00 -1500

Booking Details

No booking required

Access Information

We have guides who will be doing tours which take approx 20'mins including questions , if you arrive whilst a tour is on there is a lobby area with a coffee machine which might even be on free vend please wait downstairs in the lobby until either Victor Petrie or Michael robinson Marshall a group together .

Additional information

Max 15 people per tour/session. It being 300 years since records began of Freemasons first meeting in London this event is part of a tercentenary series of projects which encourage community involvement with a small Museum of Masonic collectibles and library

Directions

The Masonic hall is clearly marked on the one way system next to the library and with its own car park to the rear by Morrisons & Waitrose as well as one opposite .

Masonic Hall, Market Harborough

The Kings Hall, Kings Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7JU

Opportunity to visit the Masonic Hall in Market Harborough and learn a bit about Masonry

Opening Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1500.

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 6 people per tour/session.

Directions

Just off the High Street with a pay and display car park behind

Tour of St. Peter's Church, Church Langton

St. Peter's Church, Stonton Road, Church Langton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7SZ

St. Peter's is a medieval church of amazing proportions dating from the late 13th and early 14th centuries with the tower,

clerestory and nave arcades, the work of the 15th century.

Rector William Hanbury organised the first performance of Handel's Messiah in a Parish Church in England in St Peter's on 27th September 1759.

Victorian renovations resulted in the elaborate carvings on the pews and pulpit and a reredos in the chancel which is an alabaster representation of the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci.

Opening Times

- Thursday 7 September: 1100 &1400

Booking Details

No booking required

Additional information

Max 40 people per tour/session.

Directions

Find us just off the B6047 Market Harborough to Melton Road, 3 miles from Kibworth, 6 miles from Market Harborough