




## FESTIVAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY

**Part of THE CBA FESTIVAL OF BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY**  
**Saturday 16th – Sunday 31st July 2016**

We invite you to join in the 2016 Festival of British Archaeology - a chance to discover more about the rich and diverse heritage of Leicestershire and Rutland. 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! For an online version of the leaflet and to keep up to date with the latest events go to: <http://leicsfieldworkers.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology> [www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/whatson](http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/whatson). **Please always check for latest updates and news in case of last minute additions and changes.**

<http://leicsfieldworkers.co.uk/festival-of-archaeology>  
[www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/whatson](http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk/whatson)

## Festival Launch Event

### BRINGING OUR PAST TO LIFE – a day of Archaeology & History

*Sunday 10th July: 11am – 4pm*  
 Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB

To launch the 2016 Festival this event will give you the chance to meet people from the past, see and handle recent discoveries, see and try crafts and games from the past and find out what you can do in the 2016 Festival. Combat and living history displays and tours of Leicester Castle and Leicester's historic churches. FREE.

## Before The Festival

### BRADGATE PARK EXCAVATION OPEN DAY

*Sunday 3rd July: 11am – 4pm*  
 Bradgate Park, Newtown Linford car park, LE6 0HB

Visit the second year of the University excavations close to Bradgate House to see the results of the second year of a

five year programme of investigation into the history of the Park. Guided tours of the excavations and Bradgate House will go on throughout the day along with many activities for all the family, including demonstrations, archaeological material to handle, re-enactors and exhibitors. FREE. Car parking £4.00 (all day) See also under main headings for other early events.

### BRITAIN IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE – WHAT DID THE ROMANS DO TO US?

*Tuesday 12th July: 7pm – 9.30pm*  
 The United Reformed Church, The Borough, Hinckley, LE10 1NL

A fascinating talk by Professor David Mattingly of the University of Leicester about the consequences of the Roman invasion and Britain in the Roman Empire. Did it improve our lives? Or not?! Come and find out.

£5 (including tea or coffee). Call Malcolm Lockett (01455 634765) for further information. Prior booking not essential. [www.fieldwalking.org.uk](http://www.fieldwalking.org.uk) or [www.hinckleyurc.org.uk](http://www.hinckleyurc.org.uk)

## Displays and Exhibitions

### THE ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF CATTON PARK

*Through July: Monday – Friday: 11am - 1pm, 2pm–4pm; Saturday 11am - 4pm.*  
 Ashby Museum, North Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1HU.

An exhibition featuring the archaeology and history of Catton Park in South Derbyshire. Audio Guides to the museum are available in English, German and French.

Adults: £1; Children: 50p. 01530 560090.  
<http://ashbydelazouchmuseum.org.uk/>

### KING RICHARD'S REINTERMENT - The Bosworth Story

**Through Festival and until Saturday 31st December: 10am - 5pm**  
 Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD

This colourful exhibition remembers the remarkable local events to mark the procession of King Richard III's mortal remains from Bosworth Battlefield towards his final resting place at Leicester Cathedral. The exhibition features striking images from the day as well as the carriage on which his coffin was carried to the memorial sundial, the oak casket containing soils from Fotheringhay, Middleham and the Battlefield and a fabulous embroidered banner made originally for display in Desford.

### CLAYBROOKE HISTORY

**Saturday 23rd July: 10.30am – 4.30pm**  
**& Sunday 24th July, 11am -4pm**  
 Claybrooke Church, Main Road, Claybrooke Parva, LE17 5AE

The exhibition will focus on the mediaeval church and the history

of The Claybrookes & Ullesthorpe from earliest times including the Roman town at High Cross. Exhibits and exhibitors would be welcomed. Village walk of about 1-1/2 miles, detailed leaflet provided. Refreshments available on both days. FREE but donations appreciated. Contact Brian Fowler 01455 209335

## Guided Walks & Tours

### TREASURES OF THE JEWRY WALL MUSEUM

*Mondays 11th, 18th & 25th & Wednesdays 13th, 20th & 27th July: 2.30pm – 3.10pm.* Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB.

Join the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum, for a guided tour of their favourite treasures. Meet at the Museum entrance. No booking necessary. FREE (Donations to the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum) 0116 2254971

### GUIDED WALK OF BRADGATE PARK EXCAVATIONS

*Saturday 16th July: 10am -12.00 or 2pm – 4pm.* Meet at the Newtown Linford entrance to the Park, LE6 0HB

Visit the University of Leicester excavations in Bradgate for the end of season tour with archaeologists, Dr. Richard Thomas or Peter Liddle. This will be a chance to find out all that has been learned this year – the second season of a 5 year programme.

Adults: £4; children FREE. Car parking £4.00. No booking required.



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## **LEICESTER – BUILDING A ROMAN CITY**

*Saturday 16th July: 11am – 1pm*

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

Join Stuart Bailey for a walk around Roman Leicester. FREE (donations to Friends of Jewry Wall Museum)

## **VISIT THE GLENFIELD RAILWAY TUNNEL (1832)**

*Saturdays and Sundays 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st July: 4 timed & pre-booked limited access visits at 10am, 11.30am, 2.15pm & 3.30pm.*

*Glenfield Tunnel, Glenfield, LE3 8BQ*

Join the Leicestershire Industrial History Society for a trip into one of the world's first long railway tunnels built in 1832 by the Stephensons as part of the Leicester to Swannington Railway and disused since 1966. Numbers are strictly limited and must be pre-booked. Older children only and must be accompanied, mornings only. Visits start at a pre-arranged location in Glenfield village centre & involve a 3/4 mile walk along the old railway trackbed, through a private estate to the tunnel entrance where visitors are signed in and taken into tunnel under instructions from LIHS stewards.

**PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL** - Booking on [lihsvisitgt@virginmedia.com](mailto:lihsvisitgt@virginmedia.com) or by post to Chris Hossack, 125 Spencefield Lane, Evington, Leicester, LE5 6GG with an SAE please, or 0116 2415153 FREE but LIHS would welcome donations on the day towards their not inconsiderable costs! Email: [lihs99@ntlworld.com](mailto:lihs99@ntlworld.com); [www.lihs.org.uk](http://www.lihs.org.uk)

## **BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD GUIDED WALK**

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July :11.30am & 2pm*

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

A 2km (1.25 mile) guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor. Adults £4.50, children. £3.25, Family Tickets available. 01455 290429; [www.bosworthbattlefield.com](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.com)

## **SEE THE AMAZING TRANSFORMATION OF HOUGH MILL**

*Sundays 17th, 24th & 31st July: 2pm – 5pm. Hough Mill, St George's Hill, Swannington, LE67 8QW*

Explore the wonderful ongoing restoration of the 200 year old brick windmill that moved villages. See how the derelict shell has been transformed with doors, windows, floors, flour milling equipment and fantail. As well as the usual milling activities for children there will be heritage games available for our visitors. Leicestershire Industrial History Society will be continuing their excavation of the Califat Coal Mine buildings which is part of the Swannington Heritage Trust site along with Hough Mill. FREE [www.swannington-heritage.co.uk/swannington\\_hough\\_windmill.html](http://www.swannington-heritage.co.uk/swannington_hough_windmill.html); 07936 669 276

## **VISIT THE EXCAVATIONS OF A VICTORIAN COAL MINE SITE AT SWANNINGTON**

*Sundays 17th, 24th & 31st July: 2pm – 5pm*

*Califat Spinney, (Near Hough Mill), St. George's Hill, Swannington, LE67 8QW*  
Visit the 9th year of monthly digs by the Leicestershire Industrial History Society and see the engine house, boiler bases, fan house, ventilation tunnels & drains that have been uncovered. See also the entry for Hough Mill nearby. Car parking on site.

Website: <http://LIHS.org.uk> or [www.swannington-heritage.co.uk](http://www.swannington-heritage.co.uk)  
01162919706; [lihs99@ntlworld.com](mailto:lihs99@ntlworld.com)  
FREE

## **THE HISTORY OF CAVENDISH BRIDGE**

*Sunday 17th July: 2.30pm - 4pm*  
*Meet in the car park of the Old Crown Inn, Shardlow, DE72 2HL*

Local expert, Bruce Townsend, will take you on a walk of about one mile around the tiny hamlet of Cavendish Bridge, which lies on the North West boundary of Leicestershire and at one time extended into Derbyshire. Take the minor road immediately before the modern bridge over the Trent and continue past the Old Crown down a steep slope which leads you to the car park. This place has a rich history dating back to medieval times. It has witnessed a Civil War battle, riots, plundering of its warehouse perhaps even smuggling! Archaeology abounds.  
Adults £4, children FREE.

## **A GRAND TOUR OF THE ROMAN BATH HOUSE**

*Sunday 17th – Sunday 31st July: Every day from 12 noon – 12.50pm*  
*Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB*

Enjoy a 50 minute tour of Leicester's Roman Bath House, with replica objects to handle. Donations to Friends of Jewry Wall. 0116 2254971

## **ASHBY CASTLE TOURS**

*Sunday 17th July: 2pm, Sunday 24th & Sunday 31st July: 2pm*  
*Ashby-de-la-Zouch Castle, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1BR*

Daphne Hewitt of English Heritages site staff will conduct tours of Ashby Castle, built for William, Lord Hastings in the 1470's and one of Leicestershire's most

important and impressive medieval sites, partially destroyed after the English Civil War.  
FREE. Normal admissions apply: Enquiries 01530 413343

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

*Monday July 18th 2016: 2.30pm – 4pm*  
Meet inside St Peters Church, Church Street, Market Bosworth, CV13 0LL  
Come and join a guided tour around the 14<sup>th</sup> century parish church in historic Market Bosworth, to be followed by a guided walk around the ancient churchyard where some interesting burials will be discovered. Duration approx 90 minutes (part indoor/outdoor). **Booking required**, contact Robert Leake on 01455 290020 or [r.leake@btinternet.com](mailto:r.leake@btinternet.com). Numbers are limited to just 15 persons. Donations welcomed for St. Peter's Church.

## **TOUR OF St. MARY'S CHURCH, LUTTERWORTH & PRESENTATION ON JOHN WYCLIFFE**

*Tuesday 19th July & Thursday 28th: 2pm – 3.30pm. St Mary's Church, Churchgate, Lutterworth, LE17 4AN*  
Presentation on John Wycliffe, Rector of Lutterworth, from 1374 until his death in 1384, who during this time completed the 1st translation of the bible into English, followed by a tour of his church, a Grade 1 listed building which contains several 14th century artefacts, an excellent example of a 'Doom' and other wall paintings. £3.00 - Pre Booking preferred if possible. 01455 556616 or 01455 558797. [office@stmaryslutterworth.org](mailto:office@stmaryslutterworth.org)

## **MARKFIELD VILLAGE WALK**

*Tuesday 19th July: 7.15pm - 9.15pm*  
*Meet outside St Michael's church on*

*The Green, Markfield, LE67 9WD*

This is a walk that takes us back through the geological and social history of Markfield. It will cover typical village life in the nineteenth and early twentieth century and how this was influenced by the geology, communications and landscape. Walkers will be able to see the recent success of turning the legacy of old quarry workings into a public amenity and nature reserve. The walk over Markfield Hill provides splendid views of Charnwood Forest and several neighbouring counties

There is some rough terrain and steep tracks. People are advised to wear suitable footwear.

FREE, 01530 242318 or 01530 244497

### **LEIRE VILLAGE WALK**

*Tuesday 19th July: 7pm. Meet: Village Hall, Main Street, Leire, LE17 5HE*

Join Carol Cambers, volunteer archaeological warden and VCH parish historian, for a walk around the village to uncover the village's history from the prehistoric to the present day. Donation of £2 requested in aid of Victoria County History of Leicestershire, 01455 209748

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

*Wednesday 20th July: 2pm – 4pm  
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 and geophysical surveys. This site was a castle of the Earls of Leicester, the home of the Ferrers and Greys families and that of Elizabeth Woodville, Edward IV's Queen.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** and numbers limited. Adults £4, Children FREE. For booking 0116 221 4508; Peter.

[liddle51@gmail.com](mailto:liddle51@gmail.com)

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

*Wednesday 20th & 27th July: 10.30 am -12.30pm. Meet in the Market Place in Castle Donington, DE74 2JB,*

Delia Richards, the Curator of Castle Donington Museum, will lead a walk around historic Castle Donington, an ancient settlement with a fine medieval church and many other interesting features. The walk will take about 2 hours. **Pre-Booking required. Numbers limited to 20.** Adults £4.00 Children FREE. Enquiries 01332 812711

### **GUIDED TOUR OF St EDWARDS CHURCH, CASTLE DONINGTON**

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July:  
2-3.30 pm*

*Church of St Edward, King and Martyr, Castle Donington, DE74 2LA*

Meet outside the (south) porch of the church, in the centre of Castle Donington, for a tour of this Grade 1 listed building and an introduction to its fascinating history, including new discoveries made by Leicestershire VCH.

The church was largely built in the 13th century and adapted to contain a chapel for the 'St Mary Priest', documented from 1301 to 1540. Features include three impressive monuments from the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. Adults £4, accompanied children FREE. Booking preferred but not essential. Enquiries and bookings to 0116 252 5722 or Email: [leicsvch@le.ac.uk](mailto:leicsvch@le.ac.uk)

### **A GUIDED WALK AROUND MOWSLEY VILLAGE**

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: 7pm - 9pm;  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: 2pm – 4pm*

*Meet at St. Nicholas Church, Mowsley, LE17 6NX*

Join John Lacey of Mowsley Heritage

Society for a heritage walk around the village and church of Mowsley. Adults: £2.50; Children FREE. No booking required. Enquiries 0116 2402386.

### **EARL SHILTON GUIDED WALK**

*Thursday 21st July: 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Meet at The Hollow, Earl Shilton*

Join Earl Shilton Local History Society for a walk from the centre of Earl Shilton to the parish church of St Simon and St Jude via the Norman castle mound. Donations to St Simon and St Jude Church. Booking required on 01455 846483.

### **EVINGTON MOAT GUIDED TOUR**

*Thursday 21st July: 7pm – 9pm*

*Meet at the Church car park in the centre of Evington village, LE5 6FA*

Join Peter Liddle and Chris Hossack to visit 'Piggy's Hollow', one of the best moated site complexes in Leicestershire next to Evington Parish Church, which will also be open. The complex includes the site of the manor house, fishponds and a mill dam. A hidden gem!

No booking required. Adults £4, Children FREE

### **LAUNDE ABBEY GUIDED WALK**

*Friday 22nd July: 11am - 1pm*

*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. Peter will be sharing the results of recent research into the site. Launde does very fine lunches, which need to be booked on 01572 717254. Coffee or light lunches can be catered for without booking.

No booking required. Adults £4.00, Children FREE

### **A GUIDED WALK AROUND**

### **RATBY CHURCH & CONSERVATION AREA**

*Saturday 23rd July: 2pm – 4pm*

*Meet at Ratby Parish Church, Church Lane, Ratby, LE6 0JF*

Join Doug Harwood and Neil Glenister of Ratby Local History Society for a guided walk around 'Ratby Conservation Area'. The walk will be moderately hilly in places. All ages welcome. FREE (but donation to Ratby Church appreciated).

### **ROTHLEY VILLAGE HISTORY WALK**

*Saturday 23rd July 2016: 2pm*

*Meet at the Village Hall, Fowke Street, Rothley, LE7 7PJ*

Visit cruck Cottages, a Saxon cross shaft, a Victorian buy to let, and the Sleath building legacy, hunt headstones and see the test pitting of the Rothley 'Big Dig' with expert guide Terry Sheppard. More information from Terry Sheppard on 0116 230 2931 or [sheppard7pj@btinternet.com](mailto:sheppard7pj@btinternet.com)

### **HIDDEN FOXTON**

*Saturday 23rd July: 1pm*

*Foxton Canal Museum, Middle Lock, Gumley Road, Foxton, LE1 7RA.*

Conducted site tour of Foxton Locks taking in many hidden or rarely visited parts of the site. Adults £2, Children FREE.

### **A WIDER BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD WALK**

*Saturday 23rd July: 9.30am – 4pm*

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

Experienced walkers with a penchant for history can join our expert guides and enjoy Bosworth Battlefield's extended 7½ mile (12k) walk looking at all aspects of the environment of this pivotal Wars of the Roses battle. No dogs. Please provide your own lunch



and refreshments. For experienced walkers over 12 years of age. Adults £17, Concessions £12. 01455 290429 or [www.bosworthbattlefield.com](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.com)

### **WALK TO OLD HAYS MOATED SITE RATBY**

*Sunday, 24th July: 2pm – 4pm  
Meet at Burroughs Road top car park, Ratby, LE6 0XZ (grid ref: SK49774 06166)*

Join Doug Harwood and Neil Glenister of Ratby Local History Society for a guided walk to Old Hays moated farm. Moderately hilly. To find the grid reference use [gridreferencefinder.com](http://gridreferencefinder.com) FREE.

### **GRACE DIEU PRIORY GUIDED WALK**

*Sundays 24th & 31st July: 3pm - 5pm  
Grace Dieu Priory, near Thringstone.  
Meet at the Bull's Head Car Park, 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 [www.gracedieupriory.org.uk](http://www.gracedieupriory.org.uk); 01530 831895; email [annpetty1948@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annpetty1948@yahoo.co.uk)

### **A WALK AROUND HISTORIC LEICESTER**

*Tuesday 26th July: 2pm - 4pm  
Meet at Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB.*

Join archaeologist Peter Liddle for a walk round the historic core of Leicester looking at the remains of Roman and Medieval Leicester, including Leicester Castle. There will not be time to enter most of the buildings en route. Adults:£4; Children FREE. No booking required. Enquiries 0116 221 4508

### **GUIDED WALK AROUND HISTORIC MARKET BOSWORTH**

*Tuesday 26th July: 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Meet at Rectory Lane car park (parking free), Market Bosworth, CV13 0LS*  
Peter Loseby will lead a walk around Historic Market Bosworth, pointing out its many architecturally important and unique buildings. Duration approx 90 minutes. Price £3.00 (which includes souvenir Market Bosworth Town Trail guide booklet)  
To secure a place please contact Peter Loseby on 01455 293659 or [sml53@hotmail.com](mailto:sml53@hotmail.com)  
Numbers are limited to just 20 persons

### **BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD COSTUMED GUIDED WALK**

*Tuesday 26th July : 11.30am -1pm and 2pm – 3.30pm (weather permitting)  
Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD*

Join our costumed guide to explore the magic and mystery behind the history of Bosworth Battlefield in this fascinating walk. Pre-booking advisable. Adults £4.50, children £3.25; 01455 290429 or [www.bosworthbattlefield.com](http://www.bosworthbattlefield.com)

### **A GUIDED WALK AROUND HUSBANDS BOSWORTH**

*Wednesday 27th July: 7pm - 9pm  
Meet at Turville Memorial Hall (opposite the Bell Inn), Welford Road, Husbands Bosworth, LE17 6JX*

Join Melvyn Forman of Husbands Bosworth Historical Society for a heritage walk round the village of Husbands Bosworth. Adults: £2.50; Children FREE. No booking required. Enquiries 01858 880281.

### **GUIDED WALK OF STAUNTON HAROLD**

*Thursday 28th July: 10.30am-12 noon  
Saturday 30th July: 10.30am-12 noon.  
Meet at the church, Staunton Harold, LE65 1RU*

Join Betty Cawte of the Staunton Harold Heritage Group for a short introductory talk in this unique family chapel and then a guided stroll to study the archaeology of Staunton Harold including the ice house, deserted village and dovecote, and to hear the history of the house and gardens. There is a display in the chapel. There are toilets and a cafe in the stables – now a craft centre.  
No booking required. FREE but donations to the church welcome. 01530 417428

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

*Thursday 28th July: 2pm- 4pm  
Meet in the church car park on the top of Breedon Hill, DE73 8HF*  
Breedon Hill is one of Leicestershire's most important sites. An Iron Age hillfort containing an Anglo-Saxon monastery which later became a medieval Augustinian priory and then a parish church. Betty Cawte and Peter Liddle will guide you around the priory church which boasts one of the best collections of Anglo-Saxon carvings in the country and then walk around the surviving banks of the Iron Age hillfort. No booking required. Adults £4, children FREE. 0116 221 4508 for details.

### **St MARY THE VIRGIN, BOTTESFORD – A HISTORICAL TOUR**

*Friday 29th July: 2pm – 4pm. Meet at church porch, St Mary's, Rectory Lane, Bottesford, NG13 0BA*  
Take a tour with Bottesford Heritage

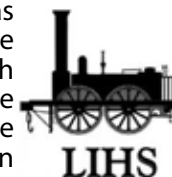
Group of one of the finest parish churches in England, 'The Lady of the Vale', known for the height of its elegant spire, one of the tallest of any parish church in the country, and the exquisite tombs of the Earls and Countesses of Rutland. Meet a manticore, a Shakespearean earl and countess, and the 'witches tomb'. Help unravel its history. £3, pre-booking preferred if possible, 01949 843402, Email: [information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk)

### **GUIDED WALK OF BURROUGH HILL**

*Friday 29th July: 2pm -4pm  
Meet at the top of the track near Burrough Hill Country Park, Somerby Road, Burrough on the Hill, LE14 2QZ.*  
Visit Leicestershire's finest hill fort with University of Leicester Archaeological Service's John Thomas and Andrew Hyam, who directed the 5 year programme of excavations on the site. They will take you round the site and describe the excavation findings. Adults:£3; children free. Car parking £2.50. No booking required. [www.leics.gov.uk/burrough](http://www.leics.gov.uk/burrough)

### **WALK THE SWANNINGTON INCLINE – THE MIDLANDS FIRST RAILWAY**

*Saturday 30th July: 2pm - 4pm  
Meet at Snibston No 3 Coal Mine, Spring Lane, Swannington, LE67 8QR*  
Walk in the steps of Robert Stephenson on a guided tour of the Swannington Incline at the western end of his 1832 Leicester and Swannington Railway - the railway that was the catalyst for the expansion of the North West Leicestershire coalfield and the creation of the town



of Coalville. See the outline of the operators' cottages and the winding engine house that could haul an 18 ton load up more than 700 yards of a 1:17 slope. Admire the amazing work of the navvies who moved thousands of tons of material to dig out the cutting and create the embankment at the bottom of the Incline. Return via historic Swannington village and see where the railway met the road, plus the ill sited booking office that was half a mile from where passengers boarded the train. The guided walk is only a couple of miles but is likely to take at least two hours as there are so many historic places on the route.

The return journey is up a steep hill. FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL Email [chairman@swannington-heritage.co.uk](mailto:chairman@swannington-heritage.co.uk) or telephone 01530 222 833

### **TOUR AND OPEN DAY OF THE MAGAZINE GATEWAY**

*Sunday 31st July 2016: 11am – 3pm  
The Magazine Gateway, Oxford Street,  
Leicester, LE1 5XZ*

The Magazine Gateway will be open to the public from 11am - 3pm. Visitors are invited to explore the building on their own or book onto a guided tour with a Blue Badge guide. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover one of Leicester's important medieval buildings, normally closed to the public. The guided tour starts at 11am for 1 hour and costs £2.50. Booking at Visit Leicester Information Centre, Gallowtree Gate, on 0116 299 4444 or online [www.goleicestershire.com](http://www.goleicestershire.com) (Tours are not suitable for small children who may need to be carried. The building has a steep stone staircase. Suitable



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footwear is advisable.) FREE ENTRY (Charge for guided tour. Places limited).

### **OAKHAM CASTLE GUIDED TOUR**

*Sunday 31st July: 2pm. Meet at  
Oakham Castle, Market Place, Oakham  
LE15 6DR*

Join us for a tour of the 12th century castle hall, the remains of the Norman castle motte and the walls of the best preserved castle in the area. £1 per person, pay on the day.

## **Talks and Presentations**

### **BRITAIN IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE – WHAT DID THE ROMANS DO TO US?**

*Tuesday 12th July: 7pm – 9.30pm  
The United Reformed Church, The  
Borough, Hinckley, LE10 1NL*

A fascinating talk by Professor David Mattingly of the University of Leicester about the consequences of the Roman invasion and Britain in the Roman Empire. Did it improve our lives? Or not?! Come and find out.

£5 (including tea or coffee). Call Malcolm Lockett (01455 634765) for further information.

Prior booking not essential.

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### **THE ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY OF RUTLAND**

*Thursday 14th July: 7.30pm – 9pm  
Rutland County Museum, Catmose  
Street, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HW*

Peter Liddle will talk about the Roman archaeology of Rutland with special reference to recent finds.

A Rutland Local History and Records Society event. FREE.

### **THE ANGLO-SAXONS AROUND**

### **OADBY AND WIGSTON**

*Thursday 21st July: 2pm – 3.30pm  
Brock's Hill Visitor Centre, Washbrook  
Lane, Oadby, LE2 5JJ*

Local archaeologist Peter Liddle, of Leicestershire Fieldworkers, will talk about the Anglo-Saxons around Leicester, putting the local finds around Oadby and Wigston into context. £3.50 per person £2.50 for Friends of Brock's Hill. 0116 257 2888

### **MEDIEVAL CARVINGS IN LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND**

*Friday 22nd July: 7.30pm – 9pm  
St. Peter's Church, Church Langton,  
Leicestershire, LE16 7SX*

Bob Trubshaw, the organiser of the innovative Project Gargoyle which is recording all of Leicestershire and Rutland's medieval church sculpture, will show how the results of the Project shed light on the motifs and their meanings. FREE

### **HADRIAN – MAN ON A MISSION**

*Sunday 24th July: 2pm -3.20pm  
Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle,  
Leicester, LE1 4LB*

Join Stuart Bailey for an illustrated talk on the famous Roman Emperor, celebrating this remarkable man's achievements. In the spring of 117AD Trajan lay on his death bed. He had led his great army of 45,000 men in the conquest of large parts of the Parthian Empire and had taken Roman arms to the Persian Gulf and the shores of the Caspian Sea. Hadrian, his second in command, would succeed him. Hadrian turned Rome in a new direction, consolidating the glory of past centuries and laying the foundation of its glories to come. FREE. No booking required

### **THE CASTLES OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND**

*Tuesday 26th July: 7.30pm – 9pm  
Oakham Castle, Market Place, Oakham  
LE15 6DR*

Come along to a talk by archaeologist, Peter Liddle, on the castles of Leicestershire and Rutland in the best surviving castle great hall in the two counties! A chance to look at Oakham Castle and see how it compares to the other local castles. £1.50. No booking required. Tel: 01572 758287

### **HENRY'S JOURNEY TO BOSWORTH - From exile to conqueror, from Earl to King**

*Wednesday 27th July, 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre,  
Sutton Cheney CV13 0AD*

A power point presentation and talk about the journey Henry took to become King by Battlefield Guide Eddie Smallwood, followed by a Q&A session £6.including light refreshments. Tickets from Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre on 01455 290429

### **METAL DETECTING IN LEICESTERSHIRE - a talk by Dr Phil Harding.**

*Wednesday 27th July: 7pm - 9.30 pm  
Bottesford Library, Old Primary School,  
Grantham Road, Bottesford, NG13 0DF*

Metal detecting is often in the news, with spectacular finds such as the Staffordshire Hoard hitting the headlines. However the real value of detecting lies in the more ordinary metal items that give a unique insight into our local history. Phil Harding has been detecting in Leicestershire and beyond for the past 25 years and has documented more than 2,600 items on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database.

£3, pre-booking preferred if possible,

01949 843402, information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk, proceeds to Bottesford Community Library Association

### **THE CAVES OF NOTTINGHAM - a talk by Julia Walker**

Thursday 28th July: 7pm - 9.30pm  
Bottesford Library, Old Primary School, Grantham Road, Bottesford, NG13 0DF  
There are over 500 man-made caves cut into the sandstone beneath Nottingham City Centre with uses that include cellars, a bowling alley, dwellings, factories and air raid shelters! Come along to hear more about the mysterious subterranean world beneath our feet. £3, pre-booking preferred if possible, 01949 843402, Email: information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk, proceeds to Bottesford Community Library Association

### **THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF WAR MEMORIALS**

Saturday 30th July: 2pm - 3pm  
All Saints Church, Highcross Street, Leicester, LE1 4PH  
An illustrated talk on the history and meaning of war memorials  
FREE. [www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

### **FINDING BRAUNSTON'S PAST - AND HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED**

Saturday July 30th: 6.30pm - 8pm  
Braunston and Brooke Village Hall, 3 Wood Lane, Braunston-in-Rutland, LE15 8QZ  
After an introduction by Peter Liddle of Leicestershire Fieldworkers, Claire Brown will talk about her survey of the fields of Braunston finding hitherto unknown Roman sites and explain what else could be done with more help. Finds will be displayed and, in honour of the new finds, Roman-style

nibbles will be served. FREE

### **ROMAN MOSAICS**

Sunday 31st July: 2pm - 3pm  
Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB.

Join Dr Susan Tebby for an illustrated talk on Leicester's fine collection of mosaics. Through the use of interpretive displays she will describe the tessellated pavements and explain how they were designed and constructed. Suitable for all ages. Mosaic arts and craft activities available throughout the day (11am - 3.30pm). Funded by the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum. Light refreshments available. FREE. 0116 225 4971.

## **Have A Go Events**

### **EXCAVATION ON FOSSE WAY**

Saturdays & Sundays 16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th July: 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 4pm. Fosse Meadows, near Sharnford, Leicestershire LE17 5EE

Join in the excavations by Hinckley Archaeological Society to discover a hidden section of the Roman Fosse Way at Fosse Meadows in Leicestershire. This famous Roman road, that linked Lincoln (Lindum Colonia) to Exeter (Isca) in Devon, is 307 km long.

£5 per session. Booking is essential. Please telephone Malcolm (01455) 634765 for more details and booking your place/s. Beginners very welcome - all equipment and training provided.

### **ASHBY de la ZOUCH ARCHAEOLOGY - HAVE A GO!**

Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd July: 10am - 4pm (Wed. & Sat); 2-8pm (Thurs & Fri); sessions starting at 10am, 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Bath Grounds, Prior Park Road, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics, LE65 1BJ

A great opportunity for young and old

alike to have a go at geophysical and topographic surveys of the historic Bath Grounds in Ashby de la Zouch. Supported by Mercian Archaeological Services CIC, everybody will be able to have hands on experience of archaeological techniques and see the results of their work.

The Bath Grounds are close to the castle, which had a significant role in the civil war, and are named after the Ivanhoe Baths that were the centre of Ashby's spa heyday. We are expecting to identify features from medieval times through to the present day. FREE (supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund). [www.bathgroundspath.com/](http://www.bathgroundspath.com/) Booking not essential but helpful. 07850 053243; Email: bathgroundsfriends@gmail.com

### **DIG ROTHLEY**

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th July: 9am - 5pm. Locations around Rothley  
Come and join the Charnwood Roots Community Dig in Rothley or find out what has been discovered. Rothley residents will be digging test pits around the village centre with the help of volunteers and University of Leicester archaeologists to find out more about the village's early history. The event is free and no previous experience is necessary but you must book a place in advance to take part. FREE Details from Julie Attard. Email: jad17@leicester.ac.uk <http://www.charnwoodroots.org>

### **ARCHAEOLOGY FINDS AND TREASURE DAY**

Wednesday 27th July: 10am - 12pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Rutland County Museum, Catmos St, Oakham LE15 6HW

The Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) will be on

hand to tell you all about the work of the PAS and Treasure. Have a chance to handle some real archaeology and look at some Treasure from the Museums' collections. Have you found any archaeological objects? Bring them along to the museum on the 27th July and the Finds Liaison Officer will be available to identify and record them. FREE

## **Family Friendly Archaeology**

### **AWESOME ARCHAEOLOGY!**

Saturday 16th July - Saturday 30th July: Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 6pm, Saturday, 10am to 4pm  
Harborough Museum, The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7LT

Discover all kinds of awesome archaeology with a discovery trail around Harborough Museum throughout the Festival of Archaeology FREE activity for children; 0116 305 3627; [harboroughmuseum@leics.gov.uk](mailto:harboroughmuseum@leics.gov.uk)

### **AWESOME ARCHAEOLOGY AND HORRIBLE HISTORY!**

Saturday 16th July - Sunday 31st July: Tuesday to Saturday: 10am - 4:30pm, Sunday 2-5pm

Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU

Find the clues around the museum and discover just how awesome archaeology and how horrible history can be! 01509 233 754; email: museum@charnwood.gov.uk. FREE activity for children aged 3 and above, usual opening times





## **FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY ACTIVITIES**

*Throughout the Festival: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am- 4.30pm*

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

Kids drop-in activities with an archaeology theme. Learn about Vikings, have a go at crafts, an archaeology quiz and more. Some activities may have a small charge, please contact the museum for more information closer to the festival.

0116 305 3860 [www.leics.gov.uk/meltonmuseum](http://www.leics.gov.uk/meltonmuseum). FREE (but small charges for some activities)

## **CHARNWOOD DAY OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

*Saturday 16th July: 11am – 4pm*

*Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU*

Focus on the archaeology of the Loughborough area, run in conjunction with the Loughborough Coin and Search Society and the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Have your own finds recorded and Identified by the Finds Liaison Officer; Come and see newly discovered objects and try your hand with a metal detector. 01509 233 754; email: [museum@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:museum@charnwood.gov.uk) FREE

## **ROME – BUILDING AN EMPIRE**

*Sunday 17th JULY: 11.30 - 3.30pm*

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

Join the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum for a day of Roman themed craft activities.

Visit the Roman Army Recruitment Stand, try Roman arms and armour. Army surveying demonstrated and explained. Bring along your own finds and Wendy Scott from the Portable

Antiquities Scheme will identify them for you. You will have the opportunity to handle real Roman artefacts.

Fun for all the family. A Friends of Jewry Wall Museum event. FREE 0116 225 4971. [www.leicester.gov.uk/museums](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/museums)



## **DIG IT!**

*Monday 18th July - Friday 26th August: 11am - 1pm*

*King Richard III Visitor Centre, 4a St Martins, Leicester, LE1 5DB*

Learn the basics of archaeology without getting your hands dirty! Uncover hidden artefacts and more modern surprises in our mini archaeological dig pits. No booking required. [www.kriiii.com/your-visit/events/dig-it/](http://www.kriiii.com/your-visit/events/dig-it/) Tel: 0300 300 0900, email: [info@kriiii.com](mailto:info@kriiii.com) Standard entry applies: Adult £7.95 Child £4.75 Family £21.50 (2 adults + 2 children) Senior/Student £7

## **ROMAN DAYS AT HINCKLEY MUSEUM**

*Mondays July 18th and 25th: 11am - 3pm. 18 Lower Bond St, Hinckley LE10 1QU. Car park next to museum.*

Roman themed activities and crafts for children, with costumes to wear, Roman numerals, mosaic making, and much more. Admission £1 per person (includes museum entry and free soft drink for children).

## **THUNDERING THOR'S DAY**

*Thursday 21st July 2016: 10am–4.30pm Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1RB*

Come to Melton Carnegie Museum for some awesome archaeology and learn all about the Vikings. Have a go at crafts, an archaeology quiz trail and lots more

fun. 0116 305 3860. [www.leics.gov.uk/meltonmuseum](http://www.leics.gov.uk/meltonmuseum) FREE (small charges for some activities)

## **MAKE A MOSAIC**

*Friday 22nd July: 10.15am-11.15am & 11.45am – 12.45pm. Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU*

Come along and get inspired by Roman mosaics and create a mosaic from paper £2.50 per child. Suitable for children aged 3 and above, booking essential. 01509 233 754; email: [museum@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:museum@charnwood.gov.uk)

## **HANDS ON ARCHAEOLOGY AT ASHBY de la ZOUCH MUSEUM**

*Saturday 23rd July: 11am - 4pm*

*Ashby Museum, North Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1HU.*

Join Witan Archaeology to discover the past with artefacts from the prehistoric to the modern day. There will be opportunities to excavate your own finds and make your own timelines! Come and test your historical knowledge using chronology and create your own artwork with inspiration from the past and its peoples! Picture books and historical posters will be on display. FREE <http://ashbydelazouchmuseum.org.uk>; 01530 560090; enquiries@hastyngs.plus.com

## **GARGOYLE HUNTING WORKSHOP**

*Saturday 23rd July: 2pm – 4pm*

*St. Peter's Church, Church Langton, Leicestershire, LE16 7SX*

Bob Trubshaw, organiser of 'Project Gargoyle' will lead a fun 'Gargoyle Hunting Workshop' aimed at children of all ages. This will include drawing, writing poems, songs and stories and a chance to meet real medieval gargoyles! FREE

## **ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT LUTTERWORTH MUSEUM.**

*Saturday 23rd July: 10am – 4pm*

*Lutterworth Museum, One Stop Shop, Gilmorton Road, Lutterworth LE17 4PF*

This year we have some great presentations most notably Dr. Graham Morgan talking about 'Archaeological Forensic Science' and Robert (Fred) Hartley speaking on 'The Medieval Earthworks of South Leicestershire'. In addition we have fieldwalking techniques, finds handling and identification and Bob Wells demonstrating flint knapping.

Displays will include Victoria County History (VCH), test pit programme and excavation finds. James and his coins, as well as a few games make this a day not to miss. £3.50. Children FREE.

## **MONARCH'S MARCH AT RUTLAND COUNTY MUSEUM**

*Wednesday 27th July: 10am – 3pm*

*Rutland County Museum, Catmos St, Oakham LE15 6HW*

Follow in the footsteps of King Edward IV, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II and continue Rutland's most famous tradition! Design your own crown, shield and horseshoe at Rutland County Museum (10am – 1pm) before parading through the streets of Oakham to the Castle. Here you will bow down to the Lord of the Manor to present your horseshoe and become a Peer of the Realm! Why not bring your own picnic, handle replica and original historic artefacts and enjoy the various family activities at Oakham Castle, the finest example of Norman domestic architecture in England. The Castle has recently been refurbished following a £2 million Heritage Lottery Fund restoration project. Suitable for 4-10 year olds. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. £2.50 (no booking required)

## LEICESTER ALL SAINTS REMEMBERS THE SOMME

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July: 10am – 4pm

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

Leicester All Saints is the home of a large First World War Memorial. Many of those commemorated fought in what was one of the most destructive battles of the First World War, the Battle of the Somme. During this event, children will have the opportunity to make models of WW1 related artefacts and explore the stories behind the names on the memorials and with the help of qualified and experienced volunteers. An illustrated talk on the history and meaning of war memorials will be delivered at 14.00.

FREE. [www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

## ROMAN MOSAIC MAKING

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July: 11.30am – 3.30pm

Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle,  
Leicester, LE1 4LB.

In conjunction with a talk by Dr Susan Tebby at 2pm mosaic arts and craft activities will be available throughout the day. Funded by the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum.

Light refreshments available.

FREE. 0116 225 4971.

## 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; Loughborough Coin and Search Society; 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

400+ members supporting archaeological fieldwork around the 2 counties.

0116 221 4508 <http://leicsfieldworkers.co.uk> or email [info@leicsfieldworkers.co.uk](mailto:info@leicsfieldworkers.co.uk)



### Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society

Leicestershire's oldest society and publisher of the journal, Transactions. [www.lahs.org.uk](http://www.lahs.org.uk) [www.le.ac.uk/lahs](http://www.le.ac.uk/lahs)

## 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)

### Portable Antiquities Scheme

The scheme to record archaeological finds and make 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)



### Council for British Archaeology, Leicestershire Young Archaeologists Club

The club for 8 to 16 year olds interested in archaeology.

Contact the Leader: Stephen Bell on [stephen\\_lyac@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephen_lyac@yahoo.co.uk) <http://leicestershireyac.wordpress.com>



### Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum

An umbrella organisation for independent museums and heritage groups 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 [chairman@lrhf.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lrhf.org.uk)

### Jewry Wall Museum

The place to find out about Leicester's early past with fascinating displays of finds.

[www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries)

The Friends of Jewry Wall Museum support the work of the museum in many ways. Contact: Stuart Bailey [equanimity@simurg.co.uk](mailto:equanimity@simurg.co.uk)

### University of Leicester Archaeological Services

Award winning commercial archaeology unit based in Leicester [www.le.ac.uk/ulas](http://www.le.ac.uk/ulas); 0116 2522848; email: [ulas@le.ac.uk](mailto:ulas@le.ac.uk)



### Loughborough Coin & Search Society

The Society for active detectorists and numismatists in the Loughborough area

[www.lcss.org.uk](http://www.lcss.org.uk) or by contacting our secretary [jcmaloney@btinternet.com](mailto:jcmaloney@btinternet.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)

### National Festival

To see what else is taking place across the UK as part of the CBA Festival of British Archaeology please visit [www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk](http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk)

Find out more about archaeology in Britain by joining the Council for British Archaeology or its Young Archaeologists' Club - please visit [www.archaeologyuk.org](http://www.archaeologyuk.org) for more information. Email: [deb@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:deb@leicester.ac.uk)

