

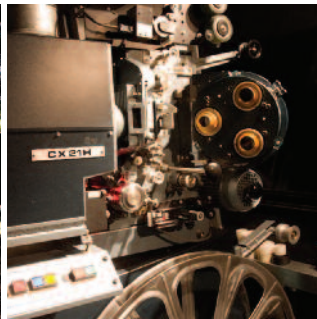
FRIDAY 6 – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Your once a year opportunity to discover
Leicester's hidden heritage



heritage **open** days

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Leicester
visitleicester.info

heritageopendays.org.uk



I'm delighted to introduce this year's programme of Heritage Open Days.

Every year this popular season of events offers you the opportunity to discover more about Leicester's intriguing and historic buildings. Many businesses, heritage sites, creative venues and places of worship will open their doors, and it's great to see new sites being added to programme this year.

I would like to thank everyone involved in organising the Open Days, in particular our team of passionate volunteers, without whom none of it would be possible.

Do enjoy exploring the rich architectural heritage of our city. This booklet tells you what you need to know to plan your visits.

Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

The City Rooms Heritage Day	10am - 4pm				✓		
Georgian Leicester Walking Tour	11am		✓				✓
The Mysteries of Victorian Leicester	1pm & 4pm	✓	✓				

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Hall Heritage	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm		✓				✓
City Hall Tour	10am		✓				✓
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tour	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓				
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	10.30am - 4.30pm				✓		✓
Hansom Hall Talking Tour	10am - 12noon	✓			✓		✓
	Tours: 10.30am & 11.30am						
ISKCON Centre: Spiritual Wealth in a Former Bank	12noon - 4pm				✓		✓
Leicester City, County & Rutland War Memorials	10am - 6pm				✓		✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm		✓				
St Andrews Church, Jarrom St	9am - 12noon	✓			✓		✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 1pm				✓		✓
St Mary & St Barnabas Church: Medieval Glass Exhibition	10am - 4pm				✓		✓
The Mysteries of Victorian Leicester	1pm & 4pm	✓	✓				
Town Hall Guided Tour	12noon & 2.30pm		✓				✓

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tour	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓				
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	12noon - 4pm				✓		✓
Leicester City, County & Rutland War Memorials	2.30pm - 5pm				✓		✓
Leicester Guildhall Pop-Up Exhibition	11am - 4.30pm	✓			✓		✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon & 1pm		✓				
Phoenix Leicester Projection Room Tour	1pm & 4pm	✓	✓				✓
The Detective Tour	10.30am, 1pm & 3pm	✓	✓				✓

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓				✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓		✓
Leicester Guildhall Pop-Up Exhibition	11am - 4.30pm	✓			✓		✓
Phoenix Leicester Projection Room Tour	12.30pm & 5.30pm	✓	✓				✓
St Andrew's Church, Jarrom St	8.30am - 12noon	✓			✓		✓
The City Rooms Heritage Day	10am - 4pm				✓		
The Y Theatre	2pm & 4pm	✓	✓				✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm				✓		

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓		✓
Braunstone Stables Museum	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm		✓		✓
Park to Parks: History of Western Park Suburb	11am-12noon	✓		✓	✓
St Andrews Church, Jarrom St	8.30am - 12noon	✓		✓	✓
The City Rooms Heritage Day	10am - 4pm			✓	
The Y Theatre	11am, 2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Hall Heritage	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm		✓		✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Phoenix Leicester Projection Room Tour	12.30pm & 5.30pm	✓	✓		✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
The City Rooms Heritage Day	10am - 4pm			✓	
The Y Theatre	11am, 2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓		✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
The Y Theatre	11am & 2pm	✓	✓		✓

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
The City Rooms Heritage Day	10am - 4pm			✓	

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tour	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓		
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	10am - 4.30pm			✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Tea in the Garden	2pm - 4.30pm			✓	✓
History of Time in Leicester Group Walk	11am	✓	✓		✓
Jain Centre Guided Tours	10.30am & 11.30am			✓	✓
Leicester Cathedral: St Martin Walking Tour	2pm	✓	✓		
Leicester Cathedral: Richard III Tour	11.30am & 2.30pm		✓		✓
Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society Open Day	10am - 2pm	✓		✓	✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm		✓		
Pedestrian Tell Tall Tales	10am - 3pm	✓		✓	✓
St Andrew's Aylestone: Explore over 800 Years	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
St Andrew's Church, Jarrom St	10am - 4pm Tour: 1pm	✓		✓	✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
The Old School Leicester	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	
University of Leicester: Discover Heritage	11am - 4pm		✓	✓	✓

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tour	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓		
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	12noon - 1pm			✓	✓
Leicester Synagogue	10.30am - 4pm			✓	✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon & 1pm		✓		
Stoneygate Tram Depot: Celebrating Three Tram Anniversaries	10am - 4pm			✓	✓

The Leicester Heritage Trail

Would you like to explore Leicester's heritage at your own pace, at any time?

Explore Leicester's heritage information panels with the free Leicester Heritage Trail brochure.

The heritage information panels bring to life the city's colourful 2,000-year history by remembering the people, places and events of Leicester's recent and distant past. The brochure has information on 300 heritage information panels installed so far across the city; uncovering the stories of Leicester's iconic landmarks, historic villages, and hidden treasures.

Download from storyofleicester.info/heritagepanels or pick up a trail from the Visit Leicester Information Centre.





BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Abbey Pumping Station: Majestic Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours

Corporation Road,
Leicester LE4 5PX

**Monday 9, Tuesday 10 and
Thursday 12 September
11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm**

Join a guided tour of the Beam Engine house detailing the various construction and operation aspects of the engine, including the historical significance at the time of its manufacture.

The Transport Shed tour highlights the heritage vehicles, including Aveling & Porter Steam Roller, Bagnall Steam Locomotive "Leonard", Leicester Corporation busses, Dennis Fire Engines F8 and F7 and many more.

While the Transport Shed Tour can be suitable for children the Beam Engine tour is more aimed at adults, however children accompanied by parents are welcome.

Max 10 people per tour.

To book please visit
[leicestermuseums.org/
abbey-pumping-station](http://leicestermuseums.org/abbey-pumping-station)

For further information:
E: aps@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 299 5111
f leicestermuseums



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Belgrave Hall: the Heritage of Belgrave Hall

Church Road, Belgrave,
Leicester LE4 5PE

**Saturday 7 and Wednesday
11 September
11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm**

A wonderful opportunity to tour the Grade II Queen Anne styled Hall. Learn more about the history of Belgrave Hall and the fascinating families who lived here, the Craddocks, the Vanns and the Ellis'.

Discover how the hall has changed over the centuries and how each family have individually left their own unique mark on the hall and gardens.

Belgrave Hall provides an oasis of peace and quiet in a busy city, set in the midst of two acres of serene walled gardens which can be explored and enjoyed alongside the tour, bring along a picnic.

The tour does include climbing a flight of stairs, some surfaces are uneven due to the nature of the building.

Tours last approx. 45 minutes to one hour.

To book please visit
[leicestermuseums.org/
BelgraveHallTours2024](http://leicestermuseums.org/BelgraveHallTours2024)

For further information:
W: [leicestermuseums.org/
belgravehall](http://leicestermuseums.org/belgravehall)
E: belgrave.hall@leicester.gov.uk
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DROP IN **FAMILY**

Braunstone Stables Museum

Stable Block Museum,
Braunstone Park, Leicester
LE3 1HX

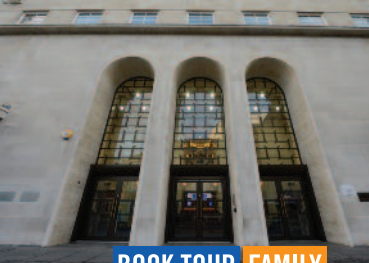
**Tuesday 10 September
10am - 4pm**

Led by the Braunstone History Group, a chance to see The Old Stables next to Braunstone Hall, known as Winstanley House.

Explore five rooms of artefacts and discover information on the local area and the last family to reside in the Hall.

No lift access to upstairs rooms.

For further information:
T: 0116 238 8167
f Braunstone History Group



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

City Hall Tour

115 Charles Street,
Leicester LE1 1FZ

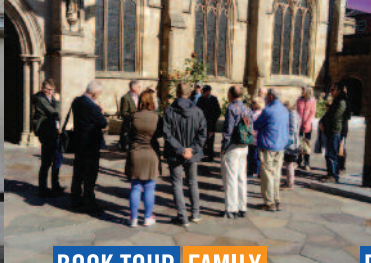
Saturday 7 September
10am

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.

The tour lasts approx. one hour.

To book please email Cityhall-reception@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 373 7770



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Georgian Leicester Walking Tour

Meet: Outside King Richard III
Visitor Centre

Friday 6 September
11am

A walking tour of one of the city's most historically important areas, the "Georgian Leicester" walk will identify architectural heritage from the long eighteenth century.

Michael Taylor, local author and heritage specialist, will take a route from Leicester Cathedral to Leicester Museum and Art Gallery.

The event is part of the events programme for the Leicester Georgian Interest Group.

The tour lasts approx. two hours.

Max 20 people per tour.

To book please contact [Visit Leicester info@visitleicester.info](mailto:info@visitleicester.info) or telephone 0116 299 4444



BOOK TOUR

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tours

Db's Managed Offices Car Park,
The Old Rectory,
Kirby Road, Glenfield
LE3 8DG

Saturday 7, Sunday 8,
Saturday 14 and Sunday 15
September
9.30am, 11am, 2pm &
3.30pm

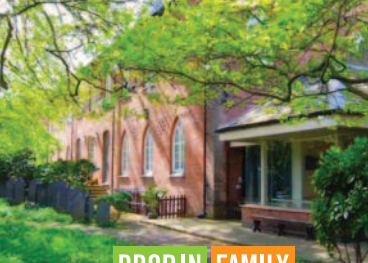
Take a walk along Leicester Swannington railway, the fourth oldest in Britain, to Glenfield Tunnel, the longest steam railway in the world when built in 1832. The tour takes you to the first of the main excavation shafts, 400 yards into the tunnel. Guides explain the history and use of the tunnel.

The tour lasts approx. two hours.

This tour is unsuitable for people with mobility impairments. An ability to walk a reasonable distance is required, it can be cold in the tunnel and rough underfoot so we advise wearing an extra item of clothing and appropriate footwear.

To book please visit lihs.org.uk

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DROP IN FAMILY

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days

45 East Bond Street,
Leicester LE1 4SX

Saturday 7 September
10.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday 8 September
12noon - 4pm
Monday 9 - Friday 13
September
11am - 3pm
Saturday 14 September
10am - 4.30pm with Tea in
the Garden 2pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 15 September
12noon - 1pm

An informative tour of the Grade II Chapel, garden and medieval boundary wall. Hear about the people associated with the Chapel and its place in Leicester's history, including the Chapel's school, its 19th century Domestic Mission and its connections to anti-slavery. Children can follow a special trail. On the afternoon of Saturday 14 enjoy home-made tea and cakes, accompanied by a jazz band in the garden, also a meditation taster session.

The chapel will also host a special art exhibition "Great Meeting of Nature: Wildlife and Landscapes" by Olga Hejonowicz and Emma Thickitt.

Tours last approx. 30 - 60 minutes.

For further information:
W: leicesterunitarians.org
E: info@leicesterunitarians.org
T: 07792 289 366



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Hansom Hall Talking Tour

Leicester Adult Education
Centre, 54 Belvoir Street,
Leicester LE1 6QL

Saturday 7 September
10am - 12noon
Tours: 10.30am & 11.30am

Discover the history of this hidden gem amongst Leicester's heritage buildings, including the unique chance to view the balcony – an area of the Hall which is not normally open to the public.

Tours last approx. 20 minutes.

Unfortunately, no lifts go to the balcony, so this part of the Talking Tour is not accessible for wheelchair users. However, a pre-recorded film of the balcony area will be available to view.

For further information
W: docmediacentre.org
E: john@docmediacentre.org
T: 07858 558 520



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

History of Time in Leicester: Group Walk

Town Hall Square,
Leicester LE1 9BG

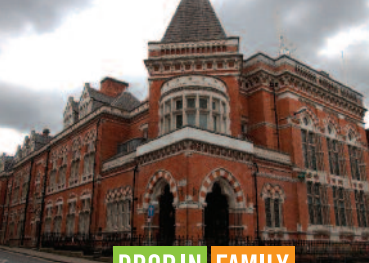
Saturday 14 September
11am

Discover selected public clocks in the city centre, hear some interesting nuggets and light historical information about the time pieces and the buildings in which they are housed.

Tour starts from Town Hall Square and lasts approx. one and quarter hours.

To book please visit
Time-in-
leicester.eventbrite.co.uk
From 16th August.

For further information:
W: choosehowyoumove.co.uk/events
T: 0116 373 7589



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ISKCON Centre: Spiritual Wealth in a Former Bank

**31 Granby Street, Leicester
LE1 6EJ**

**Saturday 7 September
12noon - 4pm**

The former Leicestershire Banking Company is the spiritual home to ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness). It has long been known as a landmark in Leicester's Victorian architecture and has recently had a huge restoration of its roof.

Participate in a variety of activities being held in the magnificent Banking Hall as well as finding out more about Joseph Goddard, the architect of the Grade II listed building.

Accessible entrance on Bishop Street.

For further information:
W: iskconleicester.org
E: info@iskconleicester.org
T: 07567 786 676
f [iskconleicester](https://www.facebook.com/iskconleicester)



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Jain Centre: Guided Tours

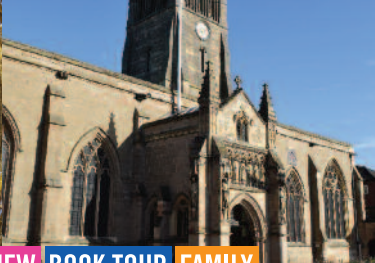
**32 Oxford Street, Leicester
LE1 5XU**

**Saturday 14 September
10.30am & 11.30am**

Leicester's Jain Centre started life as a chapel, in 1988 it was transformed into a spectacular Jain Temple and the first one to be consecrated in the western world. Discover and learn about the Jain faith with a tour of the Jain Centre, including the magnificently decorated interior of carved sandstone

Max. 50 people per tour.

For further information:
W: jaincentreleicester.com
E: info@jaincentreleicester.com
T: 07440 056 701



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Leicester Cathedral: People of the Parish of St Martin Walking Tour

**Peacock Lane, Leicester
LE1 5PZ**

**Saturday 14 September
2pm**

During a recent archaeological dig at Leicester Cathedral, twelve named burials were uncovered. This walking tour explores the lives of three of those found, all of whom lived within the parish boundaries in the 19th century. With each having a fascinating story to tell, this tour will interest history seekers of all ages.

The tour lasts approx. one hour.

Sensible footwear is advised.

To book visit Eventbrite
eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-people-of-the-parish-of-st-martin-walking-tour-tickets-976251403227 or email to Rebecca.Hale@LeicesterCofE.org

For further information:
W: leicestercathedral.org
E: Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org
T: 0116 261 5368

MAP INDEX

To help you navigate around the city on foot look out for the on-street map signage or pick up a more detailed, free city centre map at Visit Leicester Information Centre. Discover more destinations with unique heritage and cultural highlights not to be missed as well as a myriad of shopping experiences and tantalising places to eat, drink and relax at visitleicester.info.

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Leicester Cathedral: Richard III Tours

**Peacock Lane, Leicester
LE1 5PZ**

**Saturday 14 September
11.30am & 2.30pm**

Richard III was reinterred in Leicester Cathedral on 26 March 2015. This fascinating tour takes in the beautifully crafted tomb, the magnificent Tom Denney Redemption Windows and the stunning funeral pall, the beauty of each being brought to life by an expert guide.

**Tours last approx. 40
minutes.**

To book visit Eventbrite
[eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-leicester-cathedral-richard-iii-tours-tickets-976223850817](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-leicester-cathedral-richard-iii-tours-tickets-976223850817) or email to
Rebecca.Hale@LeicesterCofE.org

For further information:
W: leicestercathedral.org
E: Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org
T: 0116 261 5368

Leicester City, County & Rutland at Risk War Memorials Project

**The Chancel behind -
All Saints Church,
Highcross St. Leicester
LE1 4PH**

**Saturday 7 September
10am - 6pm
Sunday 8 September
2.30pm - 5pm**

See 54 war memorials of all descriptions rescued from closed churches, chapels, working men's clubs, factories and office, including some recent arrivals.

Discover a small but key part of our city and counties' heritage and all memorials are displayed alongside a story board with their provenance and frequently last-minute rescue, see if you have a relative commemorated here. "Let all those who come after, see to it that their names be not forgotten." King George V

For further information:
W: atriskwarmemorials.co.uk
E: mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk
T: 07834 324 352
f arwmp

Leicester Guildhall History: Guided Tours

**Guildhall Lane, Leicester
LE1 5FQ**

**Tuesday 10 September
11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm**

Leicester Guildhall is one of the best-preserved timber framed halls in the country. The Grade I listed; timber-framed Guildhall has been at the centre of Leicester history for 630 years. Over the years it has been used as a court, town hall, venue for Shakespeare, prison, and now a museum and venue. Saved, renovated, and protected by Grade I listed status, today it remains one of the stars of Leicester's entertainment scene.

The upper floors are only accessible via staircase.

**Tours last approx. 45
minutes to one hour**

To book please visit
leicestermuseums.org/
leicesterguildhall

For further information:
E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 253 2569



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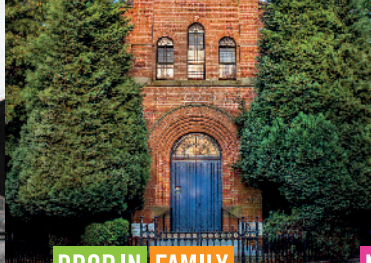
Leicester Guildhall Pop-Up Exhibition

Guildhall Lane, Leicester
LE1 5FQ

Sunday 8 and Monday 9
September
11am - 4.30pm

Exploring the themes of Work, Life and Leisure view highlights of Leicester City Council's photographic archive. Speak to some of the volunteers who work on the archive, see if you can help identify some of our mystery pictures and share your memories.

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall
E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 253 2569



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Leicester Synagogue

Highfield Street, Leicester
LE2 1AD

Sunday 15 September
10.30am - 4pm

The Synagogue is a Grade II listed building constructed in 1897 and will be open for informal tours of the building & explanations of the Jewish Faith. Explore the new Visitor Centre funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund which includes a timeline of the history of the Jewish community, as well as an interactive programme detailing all you need to know about Judaism.

For further information:
W: jewishleicester.org
E: centremanager@lhc.co.uk
T: 0730 721 2219



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Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society Open Day

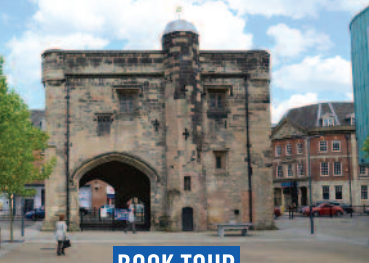
LRFHS Research Centre
7-9 Every Street, Leicester
LE1 6AG

Saturday 14 September
10am - 2pm

Look down onto Town Hall Square from a different vantage point by visiting the LRFHS Research Centre in Leicester's famous Every Street. View an exhibition of photographs of Town Hall Square over the years & of The Picture Palace Cinema which once backed onto Every Street. In addition, all the society's family history resources will be available for visitors to use.

Lift access to the second floor centre.

For further information:
W: lrfhs.org.uk
E: publicity@lrfhs.org.uk
T: 0116 255 9738



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Magazine Gateway Guided Tours

Newarke Gateway, Oxford St
Leicester LE1 5WH

Saturday 7 and 14
September

11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm

Sunday 8 and 15 September
11am, 12noon & 1pm

The Magazine is a 15th century entrance gateway to the former Newarke religious precinct. It was later used to store the weaponry and gunpowder of the town's militia during the English Civil War, during the 20th century it was used as a WWI recruiting station.

Find out about interesting features of the well-known medieval building including historical graffiti dating back to the 16th century with Blue badge guides

Sensible shoes must be worn as there are many steps to climb. Not suitable for children under 7 or people with mobility issues due to stone spiral staircase.

To book please visit
leicestermuseums.org/whatson/?museum=Newarke+Houses

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org
E: Newarke-houses@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 225 4980

Park to Parks: Historic Development of the Western Park Suburb

St Anne's Church Letchworth Road, Leicester LE3 6FN

Tuesday 10 September
11am - 12noon

Dr Susan Barton hosts a lecture on the historic development of the western part of the city, as featured in her book 'Park to Parks'. Dr Barton is an honorary visiting research fellow at De Montfort University and is a regular speaker at conferences across Europe on a range of historic topics.

Visitors will also get an opportunity to look around the Grade II Listed Church. There will be a kid's corner for any small children attending.

For further information:
E: Justin.Webber@leicestergov.uk
T: 0116 454 4638

Pedestrian Tell Tall Tales: Uncovering Leicester's Folklore

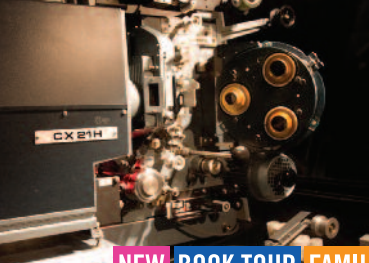
Leicester Central Library, Bishop Street, Leicester LE1 6AA

Saturday 14 September
10am - 3pm

Join Pedestrian as they launch the Tell Tall Tales graphic novella; a new and exciting retelling of local folklore stories as told by young people in Leicester; featuring the tales of Black Annis and The Nine o'clock Horses as well as freshly unearthed folklore surprises. Meet the writers and illustrators, as well as the young researchers of this brand-new and exciting piece of Leicester heritage.

Be inspired by our storyteller's renditions of the Tall Tales, share your own family stories and even create your own folklore Zine to take home with you

For further information:
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T: 0116 454 0290



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Phoenix Leicester: Projection Room Tour

4 Midland Street,
Leicester LE1 1TG

Sunday 8 September 1pm
& 4pm
Monday 9 and Wednesday
11 September
12.30pm & 5.30pm

A rare opportunity to visit Phoenix's projection room and see how the magic of cinema is made possible. Meet one of the projectionists, learn how films and live shows are chosen and screened at Phoenix, and see 35mm alongside the latest digital projection.

No step free access. Please note the tour is in our projection room which is only accessible via a short staircase of 8 steps.

To book please call the box office 0116 242 2800

For further information:
W: phoenix.org.uk
E: hello@phoenix.org.uk



DROP IN FAMILY

St Andrews Aylestone: Explore over 800 Years of History

Old Church Street,
Aylestone LE2 8ND

Saturday 14 September
10am - 4pm

Explore the delights of this medieval church: St Andrews has been a place of worship for over 800 years in Aylestone. The church has a rich history, from the tower with its ancient bells, to the plaster stone screens of the Vernon chapel and the newly restored organ.

For further information:
W: standrewsaylestone.com



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

St Andrew's Church

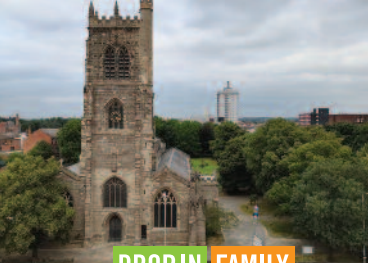
53 Jarrom St,
Leicester LE2 7DH

Saturday 7 September
9am - 12pm
Monday 9 and Tuesday 10
September 8.30am - 12noon
Saturday 14 September
10am - 4pm Tour: 1pm

St Andrew's is a Gilbert Scott church built between 1860 and 1862. It is a thriving city church in the anglo-catholic tradition and has undergone redecoration and restoration to the ancillary buildings in the past three years.

It has some delightful outside facilities which are usually not accessible to the public.

For further information:
W: standrewsjarromstreet.org
E: office@standrewsjarromstreet.org
T: 0116 319 1949



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St Margaret's Church

St Margaret's Street,
Leicester LE1 3EB

Saturday 7 September
10am - 1pm
Wednesday 11 and
Saturday 14 September
10am - 4pm

St Margaret's Church is a beautiful Medieval church, steeped in history with beautiful early Victorian stained-glass windows; the East window and both windows either side of the High Altar are attributed to Thomas Willament. The Church is open for visitors to explore at their leisure and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions

For further information:
W: stmargaretsleicester.com
E: stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com



DROP IN FAMILY

St Mary & St Barnabas Church: Norfolk Medieval Glass Photo Exhibition

Main Street / Lidster Close,
Humberstone,
Leicester LE5 1AE

Saturday 7 September
10am - 4pm

A chance to look at the stained-glass windows and hear description from an expert member of the congregation, along with a booklet explaining the history. In addition there will be an exhibition comparing Norfolk glass with the Humberstone glass.

There is a path for those with disabilities to reach the south porch entrance.

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T: 0116 276 6646



DROP IN FAMILY

Stoneygate Tram Depot: Celebrating Three Tram Anniversaries

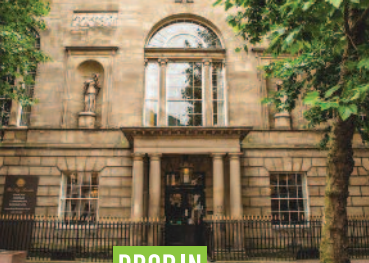
453 London Rd,
Leicester LE2 3RG

Sunday 15 September
10am - 4pm

In Leicester tramways provided the means for easy movement of people to connect with places for work or socially. 2024 celebrates three significant tramway anniversaries. 150-years since the Leicester Tramways Company operated its first horse drawn tram, 120-years since the Corporation first introduced a fleet of electric tramcars on 18 May 1904 and 75-years since Leicester sadly said farewell to its trams on 9 November 1949.

There is no parking provision at the Tram Depot and the cobbled front yard might be difficult for some. There is just one basic toilet on site but there is an accessible toilet in the Shell petrol station next door.

For further information:
W: ltht.org.uk



DROP IN

The City Rooms Heritage Day

16 Hotel Street,
Leicester LE1 5AW

Friday 6, Monday 9,
Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11
and Friday 13 September
10am - 4pm

The City Rooms are opening their grand doors to reveal the beauty of the inside of the building - a Georgian Grade I listed venue in the heart of Leicester city centre. Built in 1972 it has undergone major restoration in recent years which has transformed it into a stunning wedding and conference venue. Steeped in history, the centrepiece is a magnificent ballroom which runs the entire length of the building which also retains many period decorative features.

As this is an events venue access may not be possible if a last-minute event or conference is booked in.

For further information:
W: thecityrooms.co.uk
E: info@thecityrooms.co.uk
T: 0116 251 5337
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NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

The Detective Tour with Tanky Smith

Meeting point: 121A
London Rd, Leicester
LE2 0QT (outside Pizza Hut).

Sunday 8 September
10.30am, 1pm & 3pm

Join the Wild and Wacky Tanky Smith on a Detective Adventure.

Come along with Leicester's most famous policeman, inspector, and private detective, Tanky Smith, on a fun-filled journey.

Step into his mysterious Victorian world, full of clever disguises and hidden secrets of Leicester. Discover the old police stations and hop aboard the trains of the past.

This theatrical tour brings history to life, creating an immersive experience for all.

Perfect for children aged 5+ and their grown-ups. Get ready for a family-friendly exploration like no other with theatre on the go.

Tour designed by actress, writer, and director Chandni Mistry and historian Jim Butler.

Supported by East Midlands Trains and Leicester City Council's Cultural Ambition Fund.

The tour lasts 45 minutes.

To book please visit Eventbrite eventbrite.co.uk/e/detective-tour-with-tanky-smith-tickets-948004596267
add code HOD2024

For further information:
W: grand.org.uk
E: buzzingroots@gmail.com
T: 07425 867 969



NEW BOOK TOUR

The Mysteries of Victorian Leicester

Meeting point: 121A
London Rd, Leicester
LE2 0QT (outside Pizza Hut).

Friday 6 and Saturday 7
September
1pm and 4pm

Join the wild and wacky Tanky Smith, Leicester's renowned policeman, inspector, and private detective, on an intriguing journey. Step into his shadowy Victorian world, brimming with clever disguises and hidden secrets of Leicester.

As part of this theatrical experience, explore the history of the old police stations and trains.

4pm Tours are extra special. Join theatrical escapades and be a part of the show by dressing up. Victorian outfits or accessories are encouraged for an added layer of fun and a touch of Victorian flair.

Tour designed by actress, writer, and director Chandni Mistry and historian Jim Butler.

Supported by East Midlands Trains and Leicester City Council's Cultural Ambition Fund.

The tour lasts two hours and is for adults only.

To book visit Eventbrite eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-mysteries-of-victorian-leicester-with-tanky-smith-tickets-948054214677?add_code=HOD2024 in the checkout page so there is no charge.

For further information:
W: grand.org.uk
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T: 07425 867 969



NEW DROP IN

The Old School Leicester

346 Loughborough Road,
Leicester LE4 5PJ

Saturday 14 September
10am - 4pm

Built in 1887, formally known as the Belgrave Free School, Belgrave National School and Belgrave Church of England School, this fully restored historic building is now a high-quality event space. Drop in to find out some of the history that has been found along the way.

For further information:
W: Theoldschoolleicester.com
f The old school Leicester



BOOK TOUR FAMILY

The Y Theatre

7 East Street, Leicester
LE1 6EY

Monday 9 September
2pm & 4pm
Tuesday 10 and Wednesday
11 September 11am, 2pm
& 4pm
Thursday 12 September
11am & 2pm

Take a trip through the fascinating past of Leicester's oldest Theatre.

The Y Theatre occupies a unique place in the history of Leicester and as part of the YMCA. Residents of YMCA Leicestershire have been hard at work digging into the archives to discover and share stories from colourful characters across the theatre's dramatic 123-year life, bringing these hidden gems to life

To book please visit
ytheatre.co.uk

For further information:
E: Boxoffice@ytheatre.co.uk
T: 0116 255 7066



BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Town Hall Guided Tour

Town Hall Square,
Leicester LE1 9BG

Saturday 7 September
12noon & 2.30pm

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 WWII by a German bomb and see the council chambers, tea room, civic plate, court room and cells.

Tours last approx. one and half hours.

To book please email
cityhall-townhallevents@leicester.gov.uk or call
0116 373 7770.



Nick Osborne (Osborne Photography)

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University of Leicester: Discover Heritage

**David Wilson Library,
University of Leicester,
University Road, Leicester
LE1 7RH**

**Saturday 14 September
11am - 4pm**

Explore heritage at the University of Leicester, with a host of family-friendly activities on offer in the David Wilson Library and wider campus.

Try your hand at archaeological excavation in the dig pit, have a go at craft activities, see some of the treasures of the University's collections, find out about latest projects or follow one of the brand-new heritage trails.

Bookable tours will be on offer, providing an opportunity to discover the rich and varied architecture of our campus.

**To book campus tours
please visit
le.ac.uk/heritagehub**

**For further information:
E: heritageuol@le.ac.uk**

Winstanley House

**Located within Braunstone
Park, Hinckley Road,
Leicester LE3 1HX**

**Monday 9 - Wednesday 11
September
10am - 4pm**

This historic building is set within 160 acres of parkland and has been sympathetically restored into a boutique hotel and entertainment venue. Winstanley House, formerly Braunstone Hall, was created for Clement Winstanley the wealthy owner of the surrounding estate.

It became the family's primary residence in the 18th Century. Since 1932 it has been many things, including a school and the Divisional Headquarters to the US 82nd Airborne Division during WWII.

Discover this historic building and grounds and to view the restoration and transformation that has brought it back to life today.

**Please note we cannot
guarantee the entire venue
is free to look around,
dependent on bookings.**

**For further information:
W: winstanleyhouse.co.uk
E: info@winstanleyhouse.co.uk
T: 0116 366 5642**

For further information on local and national events taking place for Heritage Open Days, please visit: heritageopendays.org.uk
visitleicester.info

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