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### Introduction

Leicester is proud of the way people come together to celebrate Diwali, and this year the celebrations will look slightly different.

After last year's event attracted around 50,000 people, the safety advisory group responsible for making recommendations on public events in the city, concluded that the traditional stage show, Diwali village and fireworks could not safely go ahead.

However, the city council is delighted to continue to support the festival and will be closing Belgrave Road on Diwali Day, Monday 20 October, to enable people to safely visit restaurants, shops and celebrate with families on the Golden Mile. Diwali lights will illuminate the road, and the Wheel of Light will also return.

In the lead up to Diwali Day, Leicester will sparkle with two weeks of festivities from Monday 6 to Monday 20 October, with a vibrant programme of events offered across the city. Further details are listed in the What's On section.

Special thanks to our Diwali Leicester sponsors - Marshmallow, LIDL and Barratt Homes.

We wish everyone a happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year.

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# What is Diwali

Diwali is an ancient festival celebrated by **Hindus**, **Sikhs** and **Jains** all over the world. It represents the universal messages of good over evil, of truth over falsehood and of light shining in the dark of the year. It is traditionally a time for exchanging gifts, friendship, peace, and goodwill to all.

For Hindus, Diwali represents the start of the New Year. It also marks the beginning of winter. Diwali honours Lord Rama and his wife Sita returning to their kingdom of Ayodhya, following Rama and Hanuman's victory over the demon King Ravana and rescue of Sita from his evil clutches.

Each day leading up to Diwali has a different meaning and these also vary between regions or communities.



The first day marks the start of Diwali. It is dedicated to the worship of the **Goddess Lakshmi** who provides prosperity.

On the second, there is a focus on abolishing evil and the **Goddess Kali** is worshipped.





On the third, Diwali day, clay lamps (called divas) and candles are lit in temples and houses, and fireworks are let off, giving Diwali its name of Festival of Lights. People also clean and decorate their homes with Rangoli (traditional colourful folk patterns), buy new clothes, and give each other gifts and sweets.

On the fourth, it is the start of the New Year (**Nutan Varsh**) and businesses traditionally open new accounts.

The fifth day is important to Hindus as it celebrates the relationship between brothers and sisters, this is known as Bhai Dooj.

People seek blessings at Diwali from Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity, and Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles.

For Sikhs, Diwali celebrates the release of the sixth guru, Guru Hargobind Ji, and 52 Hindu Rajas (kings) from imprisonment. Guru Hargobind Ji was held for 40 days at the Gwalior Fortress along with the Rajas, who had been deprived of their kingdoms and were badly treated.

When the time came for the Guru's release, he refused to leave unless the Rajas were also set free.

The condition imposed on him was that only those Rajas that could hold onto the Guru's robe would be set free. Guru Hargobind Ji had a special robe made with 52 khalia (tapers) so that each of the Rajas could walk free with him. He was then given the name 'Bandhi Chhorr', the deliverer of prisoners.

In India, Sikhs celebrate by lighting candles and divas (clay lamps) in houses and on the Sarowar – the sacred water which surrounds the Golden Temple, Amritsar. Sikhs in Leicester celebrate in Gurdwaras (temples).

For Jains, followers of one of India's most ancient religions, Diwali marks the anniversary of the attainment of Moksha, the final liberation of the soul from the cycle of death and rebirth, by Lord Mahavir. On this day, Jains celebrate this permanent happiness of the soul and remember Lord Mahavir's last sermon, which was given on Diwali day, before his soul left his body and



# Leicester's Diwali Celebrations

Leicester will sparkle and shine for two weeks of Diwali festivities from Monday 6 to Monday 20 October. This fortnight illuminates and celebrates the tradition of the city's remarkable celebrations offering an invitation to enjoy Leicester's vibrant culture and the spirit of Diwali.

For 2025 celebrations will also continue into the October half term holiday, giving more time to celebrate!

Leicester's Golden Mile welcomes you to sample world class delicious foods in its restaurants, observe and try beautiful fashions in garment stores and be in awe of the array of shimmering jewellery shops.

The Diwali Leicester programme shares a collection of the best South Asian arts and events the city has to offer, spreading joy and excitement during an extra special time.



The traditional Diwali Lights will glow and twinkle above the streets of the Golden Mile reminding us of true meaning of the festivities. And, panoramic views are possible from 35metres above when taking a ride on Leicester's famous Wheel of Light on Belgrave Road from Friday 10 October - Sunday 2 November.

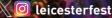




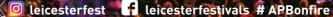


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# We Bring Light

#### Leicester's Diwali Legacy

We Bring Light explores the history of Diwali, shining a light on people's memories, so they can be seen, read, heard and watched. Trace the journey of Diwali in Leicester from living rooms and side streets to one of the UK's defining public celebrations - a story of migration, memory, cultural growth and civic identity. This project is produced by Inspirate and funded by Arts Council England, National Lottery Heritage Fund and Leicester City Council.



#### We Bring Light Film

Created by filmaker Kieran Vyas, the We Bring Light film takes audiences on a journey across generations of Leicester's South Asian communities, following three individuals who share their unique experience of the Diwali festival. With each representing a different era – past, present, and future, we follow their stories from the

first celebrations in the 1980s to the present day. We see how the festival has grown, how it connects generations, and how it continues to shape Leicester's cultural identity, evolving into one of Leicester's most treasured traditions.



#### We Bring Light Website

Created and designed by artist Sharonjit Sutton, the We Bring Light website gathers stories, images, and research that traces Leicester's Diwali journey since 1983. Visitors can explore how the festival first began in the city, how it has grown into one of the UK's largest celebrations of light, and why it holds such importance across Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities. Alongside a detailed historical timeline, the site features an archive of photos, film clips, and community voices — preserving memories for future generations.

#### We Bring Light Postcards

To celebrate Leicester's Diwali history and legacy, 10,000 specially commissioned postcards have been created and will be shared across the city. Designed by Sharonjit Sutton, each postcard is a snapshot of a moment in time, featuring



bold illustrations, inspired by the personal stories and memories gathered through the We Bring Light project. Digital versions of the postcards are also available online, allowing people everywhere to experience them.



#### Shine Your Light - Street Art Mural

As part of We Bring Light, acclaimed artist Shiraaz Ali is creating a large-scale mural that will transform Belgrave Road, the heart of the festival; ensuring Diwali's legacy remains visible year-round.

Positioned where thousands have gathered each year for the lights switch-on, the Shine Your Light mural pays tribute to Diwali's enduring presence in Leicester, blending traditional symbolism with contemporary street art.



#### We Bring Light Lantern Display

Young voices will take centre stage at the We Bring Light launch in October through a beautiful lantern display created by young people across Leicester. These lanterns will then come together in a collective display and procession, lighting the way towards the new mural. By involving young people, the project not only celebrates Leicester's Diwali history and legacy, but also looks towards its future - passing the festival's values of joy, hope and community onto those who will keep it alive for years to come.

For further information visit: webringlight.co.uk















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# Leicester England's Curry Capital

In summer 2024 Leicester was named England's curry capital. Pitted against former champion city Bradford, Leicester's diverse Indian food scene was the runaway winner, taking 89% of the more than 11,000 votes cast.

With cuisine from 11 different South Asian countries, this is the place to try the tastiest dhals, bhunas, tandoori, dosas and biriyani in the UK! Explore the curry houses and sweet shops of the Golden Mile spanning the gamut from traditional curry houses to desi pubs, vegetarian restaurants and Sweetmarts.

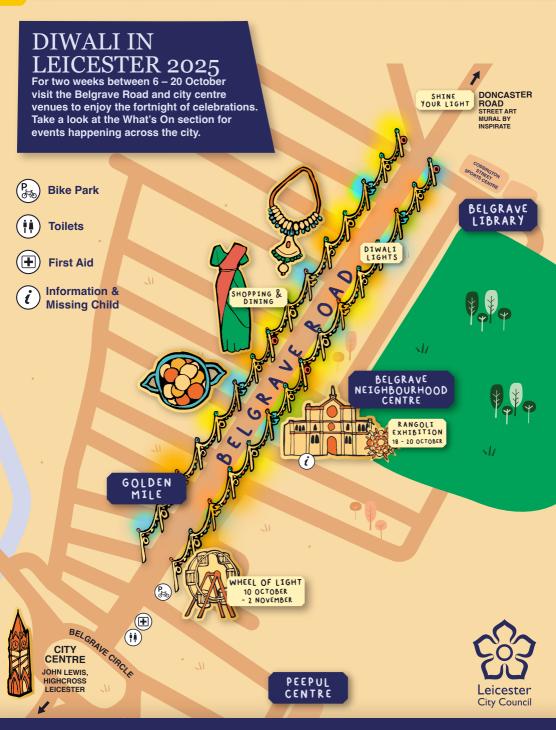
This accolade has brought us attention from international news channel New Delhi TV, bloggers and youtubers, plus legendary food critic Jay Rayner, who chose to visit Sharmilee on the Golden Mile as the final destination for his Observer food column.





The Curry Capital voting will take place again next year and we hope to see the title return to the city where we believe it belongs!





### Har Har Rangoli Exhibition

Saturday 18 October 10am - 8pm Sunday 19 October 10am - 5pm Monday 20 October 12noon - 9pm Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre

Milan Arvindkumar is the lead creative visionary behind the exhibition. With the support of aspiring artists from the community will create memorable Rangoli's.

All ages are welcome to drop in and learn the art of Rangoli in participatory workshops on Monday 6 October 4pm - 6.30pm and Friday 24 October 10am - 1pm at Belgrave Library, and Tuesday 7 October 4pm - 6.30pm at Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre.

From Monday 13 – Friday 17 October join on socials facebook & Instagram: harharproduction for live streams, highlights, behind-thescenes moments.



A creation of a Rangoli continues to be a daily ritual in many Indian homes in Leicester and is a central part of events like Diwali, weddings, religious and cultural events. Traditionally rangoli designs have evolved from basic, often white, geometric and floral patterns into complex, vibrant, abstract designs using various coloured powders.

Designs are drawn at the entrance of people's homes during Diwali and are symmetrical, bright, colourful and vibrant. The shapes and patterns are believed to symbolise good fortune and wish good health to those who enter the home.



The exhibition started over 15 years ago and is the only one of its kind in the UK. Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre and Belgrave Mela held Rangoli and Aarti competitions over 30 years ago to engage with the diverse Belgrave community. The event helped celebrate Diwali within the local and wider communities. It gave an opportunity to those who have never heard of rangoli to see this wonderful folkart and for those with families who arrived here that wanted to practice their traditional and cultural art. Supported by Leicester City Council, Arts Council England and Tilda.

### Diwali What's On





### Talk: The Origins of Indian Performing Arts

Tuesday 7 October 6.30pm - 8pm Adult Education College W: nupurarts.org.uk/mevents/ nartan-festival-2025

Where did natya - the ancient Indian art form combining theatre, dance, and music - come from, and how was it first imagined? This talk by Dr Maddalena Italia, Associate Lecturer (Teaching) at UCL, explores early Sanskrit texts that describe performance as a powerful way to move, teach and delight. No prior knowledge is necessary to enjoy the talk, just a curiosity about Indian cultural heritage. This is a Pay-asyou-Wish event. Each ticket includes a cup of chai to enjoy whilst listening to the talk. Produced by Nupur Arts and funded by The Richard Bonney Literary Fund, Arts Council England and Leicester City Council.

#### Tadka Jam

Thursday 9 October
7pm - 11pm
2Funky Music Café
Tickets: Early Bird £3 / Standard £5
(booking fee £1)
W: nupurarts.org.uk/mevents/
nartan-festival-2025

A new, funky addition to Nartan Festival. Warm up with a DJ set and then welcome to the stage Mirchi Mob, Leicester's South Asian music collective blending the raw energy of UK bass with the rich rhythms of the diaspora. As they fuse tabla, poetry and rap with gritty club riddims and traditional South Asian flavours, everyone's invited to experiment with dance moves - in any style they like. Over-16s only. Curated by Nupur Arts, presented in partnership with 2Funky Arts and funded by Arts Council England and Leicester City Council.



#### CQ Early: Nartan Edition

Saturday 11 October 12noon, 1.30pm & 3pm Curve

W: curveonline.co.uk/whats-on

Join Curve for a family-friendly craft workshop at Curve. Part of Cultural Quarter Earlies, make your own Diwali lamp (diya) from clay and decorate it with dazzling gems and sequins. The event is free but limited places available so booking advised. Produced by Nupur Arts, supported by Curve and funded by Arts Council England and Leicester City Council.

#### **Cultural Quarter Earlies**

Saturday 11 October 12noon - 4pm LCB Depot

W: linktr.ee/culturalquarterearlies

This month's CQ Earlies will be celebrating Diwali, making dens, cooking up a storm with this year's harvest, juicing apples and more at LCB. Plus even more creative fun round the corner with activities at Curve, Phoenix, Leicester Print Workshop, Two Queens and Central Library.

#### **Diwali Celebrations**

Saturday 11 October 12noon - 4pm Curve W: curveonline.co.uk

Join Curve for an afternoon of free Diwali celebrations, including henna, live music, arts and crafts and storytelling.



#### Ānartam: An Evening of South Asian Classical Dance

Sunday 12 October 4pm - 6.30pm Curve Theatre

Tickets: £10 - £18 / Under 16s £15 W: curveonline.co.uk/whats-on

To close this year's Nartan Festival, Nupur Arts presents a dazzling showcase of South Asian Classical dance performed by some of the UK's very best artists. This vear we will be treated to vibrant performances of Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam, Kathak and - back by popular demand after a fantastic Ānartam debut last vear - Sri Lankan Kandyan Dance. Get ready to be swept away by ancient, mythological storytelling. Curated by Nupur Arts, supported by Curve and funded by Arts Council England and Leicester City Council. Sponsored by Michaels Estates.



#### Diwali: Festival of Lights Saturday 18 October 11am - 1pm Belgrave Library T: 0116 454 0400

Enjoy crafts and stories in the lead up to Diwali. Make a salt dough Diva lamp, create a traditional rangoli design and listen to the story of Rama and Sita and their victory over Ravaan. Children under 8, must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Haymarket Diwali Celebrations event

Saturday 18 October 11am - 4pm Haymarket Shopping Centre W: haymarketshoppingcentre.com

Join the Mr Cleavers Monsters for a puppet making workshop, try crafts in the community hub and enjoy dance from Nurpur Arts.

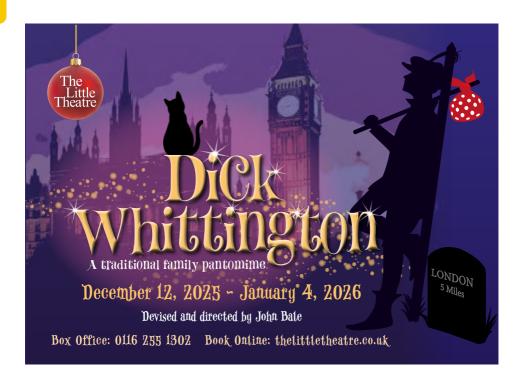


#### Diwali River of Lights Celebration

Saturday 18 October 5.30pm - 8pm Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre W: eventbrite.co.uk Search Diwali Celebration

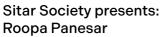
Bring your family, friends and enjoy the breath-taking River of Lights display, on the water paddle performance and a variety of family activities including bell boating, high ropes and crafts. Entrance is free but there is a charge for drinks. Paddle and high ropes activities will be available at a discounted rate, bookable on the night. There is no parking on site so please use public transport.





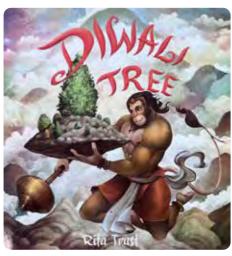






Saturday 18 October 7pm Leicester Cathedral Tickets: £20 / £15 W: sitaruk.org

An unmissable opportunity for you to enjoy an evening of Indian classical by outstanding UK-based musicians. A unique presentation of North and South Indian music, featuring the brilliant Roopa Panesar on Sitar, Bangalore Prakash on the Ghatam & Gurdain Ryatt on Tabla, in a unique blending of tradition and modernity.



#### **Enchanted Diwali Tree**

Sunday 19 October 3pm - 5pm Peepul Centre Tickets: Adults £5 Under 15s free

W: peepulenterprise.com

The Enchanted Diwali Tree tells the story of the enchanting Sanjivani (Bay Tree) that Hanuman flies across the seas to revive the unconscious Lakshaman, all enacted in a Rama Sita love story setting. Supported by the Ethnic Inclusion Foundation and performed by children. Bookings required







#### Diwali Light Garden

Monday 20 - Friday 24 October Highcross Leicester W: highcrossleicester.com/events

Step into serenity this season at Highcross Leicester, hosting a beautiful Light Garden for all to enjoy. Wander through a glowing display of lights and calm, and take part in a special hands-on activity, make your very own diva candle to celebrate the spirit of light and togetherness.





#### Create Diwali Lanterns

Central Library
Tuesday 21 - Saturday 25 October
During library opening hours
W: leicester.gov.uk/libraries

Join Central Library to create your own paper lantern for Diwali.

#### Festival of Lights Graffiti Sessions

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 October 10am – 1pm Pedestrian W: pedestrian.info

Join Pedestrian for two days of creative graffiti inspired by the festival of lights, event is free but pre-booking is required.









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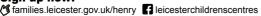




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# **Travel** into Leicester

#### Park & Ride

The Diwali Park & Ride service will be operating for Diwali Day on Monday 20 October. This will run from the Birstall Park & Ride site, located at LE4 4NN to Belgrave Road as parking is limited. The drop off and pick up point will be on Belgrave Road at Painter Street.

A 10 minute service will operate from Birstall P&R commencing at 5pm, through to the last departure from the Painter Street bus stop at 9.20pm.

There will be no break in the service, with it running throughout the evening of 20 October at 10-minute intervals.

The cost will be £4 per person for a return journey or £7.50 for a group of up to five people travelling in a car together. The cost for concessionary pass holders is £1 for a return journey. Park & Ride Season Tickets will not be valid.

For the most up to date information on public transport, walking and cycling routes and car shares, please visit:

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#### **Bus Services**

The bus services below are those that will travel, or have stops near to, Belgrave Road. Bus services will continue to operate normally on Abbey Park Road and Belgrave Gate to facilitate attendance at the events.

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#### **Bus Diversions**

When Belgrave Road is closed to traffic bus services will divert as follows:

Services 4 to Rushey Mead, 6 to Thurmaston and 5, 5A to Melton will use Marfitt Street and Catherine Street. Services to 25/6 and 54 to Beaumont Leys/MowmacreHill and 126/7 to Loughborough will use Abbey Lane.

The nearest point that buses will be able to access Belgrave Road are Belgrave Roundabout and Melton Road at Marfitt Street.

Further information on bus timetables, fares and disruptions can be found on: leicesterbuses.co.uk







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# The Great Leicester Ghost Hunt

Monday 20 October - Sunday 2 November

This half-term, Leicester's ghosts are on the loose! Step into the city's haunted storybook and discover eight mischievous spirits hiding across shop windows and public spaces. From Roman Centurions and monks to Viking kings and a ghostly DJ, the trail is packed with playful hauntings, magical illusions and hidden histories.

Download the My Leicester app to begin your free family adventure.

Presented by BID Leicester. Created by award-winning arts organisation MBD with Mr Cleaver's Monsters, supported by Leicester City Council.

Find out more at: bidleicester.co.uk/ghosthunt





# Road Closure Information

#### Monday 20 October

A full closure of Belgrave Road and the junctions with its side roads will be in place from 5pm until approximately 9.30pm, during which time vehicles will not have any access.

Please note the Emergency Services and Leicester City Council will need to maintain two clear routes through the Belgrave area for emergency vehicles.

The routes are: Loughborough Road, Holden Street, Ross Walk, MacDonald Road, Hildyard Road, Marjorie Street, Abbey Park Street, Harrison Road, Surrey Street, Doncaster Road, Cossington Street, Rothley Street, Rendell Road and Portsmouth Road.

Any vehicles parked on these roads, which will be marked on both sides with 'No Waiting' cones, between 6am and 10pm on Monday 20 October will be ticketed and towed away. Doncaster Road will have the existing one-way order suspended.

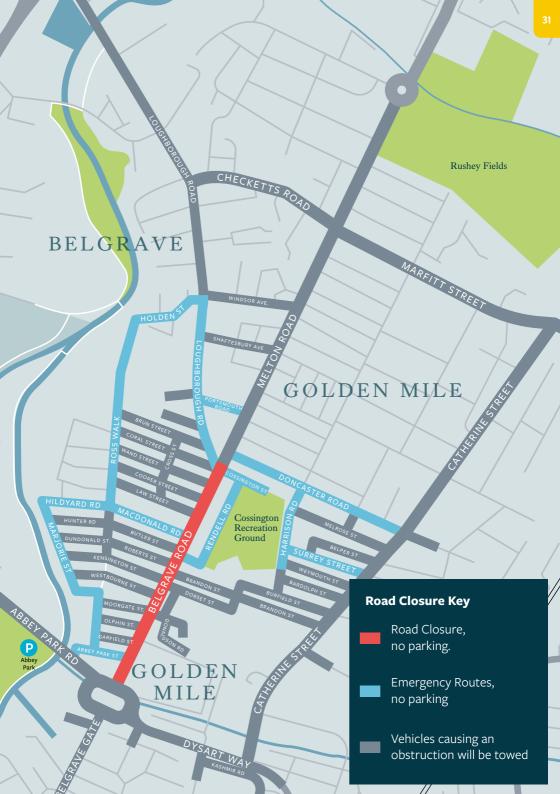
In addition, any vehicle causing an obstruction on any road in the Belgrave Area will also be ticketed and towed away. Any vehicle parked in contravention of a parking restriction, temporary parking restriction, causing obstruction or dangerously parked will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice and will be towed away to a secure compound. You will also incur costs for the vehicle being towed to the recovery company. It is important that you adhere to signs, lines and cones in place for this event to avoid any penalties.

#### **Health & Safety**

In the interests of public safety, members of the public are asked not to bring fireworks to the celebrations. The use of fireworks in a public area will not be tolerated and will be reported to the police.

Leicestershire Police will have mobile awareness units at this year's events, highlighting the importance of safety during the festive period. We would like to thank Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and Leicestershire Police for their continued support of the Diwali celebrations.

For further information visit: celebratesafely.com



## Leicester's 2,000 years of history

Make your Diwali visit to Leicester extra special by exploring the city and county while you're here. Leicester is one of England's oldest cities, with more than 2,000 years of history, and with the recent reopening of the Jewry Wall Real Roman Experience, you can find out what it was like to live in Roman Ratae Corieltavorum (that's what the city was called back then). Explore historic finds and some of the most spectacular Roman Mosaics in the country before taking in the remains of the city's Roman bathhouse itself.



You can also uncover the greatest lost and found story ever told by following the journey of King Richard III from Bosworth Battlefield to his last resting place, which can be seen at the King Richard III Visitor Centre. You'll learn how his lost remains were discovered 500 years later before heading to see his tomb at Leicester Cathedral. The city's free museums are also packed full of artefacts, artwork and exhibitions.





The University of Leicester has an international reputation for space science and thanks to their innovation in space we are home to the National Space Centre. Step into the rocket tower to see satellites. spacesuits and interactive exhibits. We are the home of tourism and you can revisit those early journeys on the Great Central Railway's restored steam trains or visit the UK's only remaining working bell foundry in Loughborough. Take a trip to Twycross Zoo and see their great apes, tigers and snow leopards, get a piece of English history at Belvoir Castle, Stoneywell's arts and crafts inspired cottage or the lovingly restored 1620s House. Take a trip along the riverside and see canal boats travel up a 75-foot hill at Foxton Locks.





In Leicester you can travel the world on your plate with restaurants from every part of the world, from Argentina to Istanbul, Slovenia to Bangkok and everywhere in between. Of course we're well known for our Indian food, but there's more on that elsewhere. Leicester is where the term 'Vegan' was coined in the 1940s, and there are many places that are perfect for a plant-based diet. Leicestershire's homegrown delicacies include Stilton and Red Leicester cheese plus the world famous Melton Mowbray pork pies.

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# MAY THIS DIWALI BRING YOU JOY, PEACE, AND GOOD FORTUNE

As we light up our homes and hearts, now's the time to think about how we use water – one of our most precious resources.

This year you could join thousands of local homes enjoying the benefits of a free smart water meter:

You could save money on your water bills

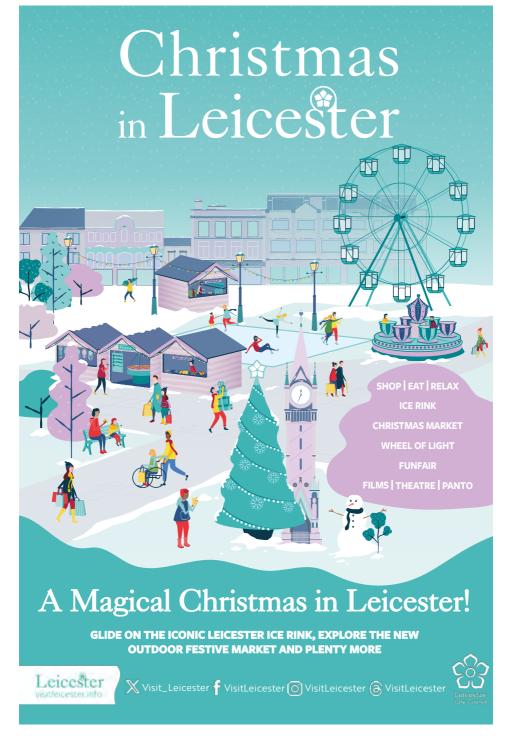
Keep an eye on your home's water use

Spot leaks quickly and easily

Change to a smarter way to use water. Go to: stwater.co.uk/smarter or scan this code to find out more.







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WISHING ALL OUR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS PEACE,
PROSPERITY AND A VERY HAPPY DIWALI.

Samworth Brothers makes delicious, quality food enjoyed by millions of people everyday. As a family business we aim to be a force for good: Reinvesting in the future of our business, so we can make a positive difference and celebrate our success with our people, our customers and our communities.

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