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May The Toys Be With You, New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

WHAT'S ON MAY – AUGUST 2018

LEICESTER MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & FESTIVALS



May The Toys Be With You

21 July – 28 October

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery



From a galaxy far, far away comes an absolute must see for fans of Star Wars and the silver screen...

One of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters is going on display in a stunning new exhibition. Coalville was the base for Palitoy - the British company behind the iconic vintage toys - and this summer Star Wars is coming home!

Back when the movie Star Wars broke box office records in 1977 no one could have predicted that the merchandising would go on to earn even more than the film itself. The toys of Star Wars took the world by storm and became the must-have playthings for an entire generation.

From 1977 - 1985 an estimated 300 million action figures were sold, and this is a chance to discover the role Leicestershire toy company Palitoy played in this incredible global success story.

May The Toys Be With You is both a celebration of the now highly collectable vintage toy line and also of the iconic design work and art of the Star Wars movies. From X-Wing Fighters to lightsabers, these fantastical designs have fired our imaginations and stamped their place on our cultural landscape.

Look out for an exciting events programme to complement the exhibition including a special opening day event on Saturday 21 July!

W: visitleicester.info

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Bronze by Benedetto da Rovezzano, c. 1524-30. © Victoria & Albert Museum, London.



The Object is Alive: The Model, the Mimic and the Dupe - Mike Cooter



Lancelot Ribeiro, Purple Still Life, 1965 © Marsha Ribeiro



Lancelot Ribeiro: A Voyage of Discovery

On now until 6 May

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

This exhibition explores the legacy and art of the Indian Modernist painter Lancelot Ribeiro (1933 - 2010). Restless, prolific and experimental, he produced a unique body of work inspired by his old Portuguese Goan roots - a unique fusion of Indian graphic art and Abstract Expressionism.

Drawn from the Ribeiro Collection and museum's collection, the exhibition traces the story of this important Indian artist and his artistic development.

The Object is Alive: The Model, the Mimic and the Dupe - Mike Cooter

On now until 6 May

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

The second in a series of exhibitions commissioned by Radar, Loughborough University as part of The Object is Alive. Invited to develop a new exhibition that actively engages with the museum and its collections, artist Mike Cooter's project will draw on the practice of Polish artist and theatre director Tadeusz Kantor's Anti-Exhibition (1963) and Leicester-born naturalist Henry Walter Bates' (1825-92) research into a form of mimicry that would take his name.



The Wolsey Angels

28 April – 2 September

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Commissioned for the tomb of Cardinal Wolsey in 1524 and then lost for hundreds of years, these four rare sculptures were saved for the nation in 2015 and are now in the collections of the V&A.

On their first ever tour, the four works by Florentine sculptor Benedetto da Rovezzano can be seen in all their glory. Alongside the Angels, we present Leicester's relationship with Cardinal Wolsey and his enduring legacy both as a mystery and an icon.



Helmet of a SCAPE suit used by the propulsion crew during spacecraft-filling operations (CSG, Europe's Spaceport, Korou, French Guiana). From the series The Poetic Impossibility to Manage the Infinite, 2014. © Edgar Martins



Full-scale model of an ISS module (Airbus Defence and Space, Bremen, Visitors' Centre, Germany). From the series The Poetic Impossibility to Manage the Infinite, 2014. © Edgar Martins



Fathers of Independence

5 - 12 May

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

The reconstruction of the Polish State after 123 years of partitions was a historic breakthrough. Efforts of many Poles, their commitment and sacrifice during the First World War, together with vigorous diplomatic actions resulted in the creation of the Second Republic of Poland. The whole process was led by the 'Fathers of Independence'.

"Fathers of Independence" presents the six leaders of the fight for Poland in 1918. They represented different walks of life, such as artists, diplomats, soldiers, politicians and social activists. It also contains a calendar of events concerning the most important stages of the Polish struggle for independence.

This bilingual exhibition has been curated by The Institute of National Remembrance in Poland, and prepared locally by Project Polska, a local community organisation.

The Poetic Impossibility to Manage the Infinite

26 May - 1 July

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

The most comprehensive photographic survey ever produced about a leading scientific and space exploration organisation and the result of a long-term collaboration between artist Edgar Martins and the European Space Agency.

Martins' rigorous, study-like exposé reveals the sheer scale of this global scientific endeavour. The exhibition documents our quest to penetrate the astrophysical reality of the universe in order to better understand time, space, and matter. In doing so, Martins highlights the wider politics of space exploration, the ever-growing role of science and technology in our society and our relationship with the unknown.

Celebrating 50 years of Leicestershire Embroiderers' Guild

16 June - 15 July

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

2018 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Leicestershire Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild, now known as the "Crafty Stitches"

Our exhibition will focus on the wide variety of techniques used by branch members including hand and machine embroidery, felt making, goldwork and blackwork.

W: emreg.org.uk/branches/leicestershire



Open Streets

Last Sunday of each month until October
11am - 2pm

Meet at Market Square

A monthly celebration of Leicester's people-friendly streets & public places at Market Square. With free guided rides, walks & family-friendly street entertainment.

W: visitleicester.info

Funfairs

Friday 4 - Sunday 13 May

Victoria Park

Friday 25 May - Tuesday 5 June

Eyres Monsell Park

Saturday 26 May - Sunday 3 June

Humberstone Gate West

Saturday 14 July - Friday 3 August

Humberstone Gate West

Tuesday 14 - Monday 27 August

Abbey Park

W: billybates.co.uk

The Spark Festival

Monday 21 - Monday 28 May

Various venues

The Spark Festival is the largest children's arts festival in England & Wales, taking place every May in Leicester. The festival presents the very best theatre, dance, music, visual arts and digital media events for young people aged 0 - 13 years.

W: sparkfestival.co.uk

Bands on Parks Season

June - September

Sundays 3pm - 4pm

Parks across the city

Leicester's popular Bands on Parks Season kicks off again on the 3 June at Abbey Park. Now in its 22nd year, the Bands on Parks programme sees local brass bands take turns to perform traditional music for visitors to city parks. Bands on Parks is very popular for young and old, so why not bring the whole family for a picnic and listen to music from our local brass bands, on one of our beautiful city parks for free.

W: leicester.gov.uk/parks

Leicester Riverside Festival

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 June

Bede Park, Mile Straight, Western Boulevard and Castle Gardens

One of Leicester's biggest free festivals featuring activities on and off the water. Highlights on the river include colourful boats from across the region, canoe demonstrations and boat trips. This year sees the welcome return of the ever popular and exciting charity dragon boat racing on Sunday, and it is free to try on Saturday.

On land, the festival continues to build on its reputation for great live music by showcasing some of the best bands and artists on the main stage. There's plenty to entertain the whole family including children's activities, art and craft market, street entertainers and children's funfair plus a

variety of tempting food stalls.

Once again there will be an environmental focus to the festival with the involvement of various groups, bringing together workshops, displays and vegan catering; helping to raise awareness of environmental issues.

New for 2018 Castle Gardens hosts an all new Broken Records Swing Festival, with live bands and swing dance lessons and artists will be displaying and selling their work along the river.

W: visitleicester.info



Eid Festival

Thursday 14 – Sunday 17 June

9am - 11pm

Victoria Park

The Eid Festival occurs twice a year and is open to all people in Leicester of all ages, genders, social and religious backgrounds.

W: masjidforyou.com

Queens Road Summer Fair

Sunday 17 June

Queens Road & Clarendon Park

Stalls, live music, children's activities and entertainment, plus the great shops, restaurants and bars of Queens Road and Clarendon Park Road.

Armed Forces Day

Saturday 23 June

City Centre

Service and parade of Armed Forces personnel and veterans led by the Seaforth Highlanders Band

W: armedforcesday.org.uk

An Indian Summer

July - November

Various venues

An Indian Summer brings Leicester to life with an outstanding array of film, food, music, theatre and dance. The festival kicks off at the heart of summer and culminates during one of the biggest Diwali celebrations in the UK.

W: indiansummer.org.uk

Western Park Festival

Saturday 7 July

Western Park

Western Park Festival is a fabulous one day festival suitable for the whole family. There is plenty to do for everyone, whether it is taking part in workshops within the kidszone, browsing the various stalls at the street market, sampling the delicious array of hot foods or bathing in the sunshine listening to the many local bands and acoustic artists.

W: westernparkfestival.co.uk

Cancer Research UK Race for Life

Sunday 8 July

Victoria Park

Run, jog or walk...the only thing that matters is that you're part of it. Want to push yourself further? Join our new Leicester Half Marathon or take on Pretty Muddy, an obstacle course that sees women of all abilities crawl through tunnels, bounce on space hoppers and slip down mudslides.

W: raceforlife.org



Rathayatra Festival of Chariots

Sunday 15 July

Procession starts 11.30am on Granby Street, outside ISKCON Centre, arrives Cossington Street Recreation Ground 2.30pm

The Hare Krishna Festival of Chariots returns for one of the biggest processions in the Midlands. The 40ft chariot carrying the Deities of Lord Jagannatha will be hand pulled from the city centre to Cossington Park, accompanied with music, singing, and dancing. Followed by a free festival with food and entertainment.

W: iskconleicester.org

Leicester Caribbean Carnival

Saturday 4 August

Victoria Park from 11am & Street Carnival Parade from 12.30pm

This year's theme is 'It's a Latino fiesta' which will focus on some of the Spanish cultural traditions in Central and South America, The Caribbean and Europe. Carnival costumed bands from Leicester will bring the theme to life in their presentations during the street parade and also in the Carnival Village at Victoria Park. The Carnival Village will feature a large funfair, children's village, main stage, performances, tempting food and more.

W: leicestercarnival.com

The King City Blues Festival

Friday 10 August – Sunday 19 August

Various Venues

Celebrating all things blues with rhythm in Leicester and featuring electric and acoustic blues shows from the city's top performers. Plus workshops, jam sessions and concerts by headline guest artists.

W: facebook.com/kingcityblues

Castle Classic Weekend

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 August

From 10am

Support & Challenge Races on Saturday from 10am – 4pm at Leicester Cycle Circuit and British Cycling's National Road Race on Sunday from 10am – 12noon at Leicester Castle & King Power Stadium

W: visitleicester.info

Let's Ride

Sunday 12 August

12.30pm

City centre

A 6km celebration ride for a people-friendly city. Join family riders of all abilities and communities in a colourful celebration of the streets and public spaces of Leicester.

W: visitleicester.info



city
Festival
2018

City Festival

Saturday 18 - Monday 27 August

Various Venues

City Festival celebrates everything we love about Leicester – right in the heart of the city. The 2018 festival takes place over ten fun-packed days, filling the city centre with street entertainment, sports, culture, music, art, heritage and more. City Festival highlights below and more to be added in the coming months, for details go to

W: visitleicester.info

Journeys Festival International

Friday 17 – Sunday 26 August

Various venues

From music, digital arts and discussion to cutting-edge performance, Journeys Festival offers something to suit all ages and interests; helping our city celebrate the artistic talents of exceptional local and international refugee artists.

W: journeysfestival.com

Cosmopolitan Carnival

Saturday 18 August

Humberstone Gate, High Street & Jubilee Square

Cosmopolitan Carnival brings together and celebrates all the different cultures within Leicester, this spectacular arts festival takes over the city centre with a variety of performances areas and stages hosting local, national and international talent and a dazzling grand finale performance.

W: cosmopolitanarts.wordpress.com

Green Bicycle Mystery Weekend

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 August

10am

City Centre

Join re-enactment rides & courtroom drama at Leicester Castle to discover the story of 'The Most Fascinating Murder Mystery of the 20th Century'.

Leicester Belgrave Mela

Sunday 19 August

11am - 6pm

City Centre

Star Plus and Leicester Belgrave Mela invite you to a day of scintillating entertainment, dazzling street performances, mouth-watering cuisine and dazzling arts and Indian culture. Enjoy a host of South Asian arts and cultural experiences and spot a bargain in the UK's biggest shopping bazaar.

W: leicester-mela.co.uk



City Streets

Wednesday 22 – Saturday 25 August

City Centre

A four-day street art festival featuring local, national and International street artists from across Europe. With the aim of bringing interactive street theatre to the masses, these performances are based in the city centre and are easily accessible to all. Confirmed performances include Block by No Fit State Circus and The Invasion by Slovenian company LJUD.

W: visitleicester.info

Old Town Festival

Monday 27 August

Jubilee Square

11am – 5pm

The finale of The City Festival takes place on Jubilee Square. Leicester's history and heritage is celebrated through themed activities and attractions covering various historical periods of life in The Old Town. 2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1 which will be marked with a designated WW1 area on the square.



FESTIVALS



Leicester Horticulture Show

Monday 27 August

10am – 4.30pm

Aylestone Leisure Centre

Featuring exhibits of flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicrafts, home craft and flower arrangements, with trade and horticultural society stands.

Leicester Pride

Saturday 1 September

City centre parade 12 noon **Victoria Park**

12noon – 8pm

Leicester's LGBT community comes together to march through the city centre in a vibrant parade that marks the beginning of the festival. This annual day of celebration continues on Victoria Park with live music stage, food stalls, licensed bars, information stalls, street market and funfair.

Museum activities and performances for families

Open Gardens

April – September

Every Wednesday and first full weekend of the month 11am – 4pm

Belgrave Hall

Enjoy an oasis of calm within these beautiful walled gardens and take a stroll in the formal, herbaceous, woodland rock and water gardens.

May Day Railway Day

Saturday 5 May 11am – 4pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Come and take a ride on the railway.

May Day Celebrations!

Monday 7 May (Maypole: 12.30pm – 2pm)

Ceilidh: 2.30pm – 6pm)

The Guildhall

Maypole, morris dancing, crafts and trails plus dosey doe the night away in the Great Hall.

Fossil in Focus

Saturday 12 May, 14 July & 1 September 11am – 1pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Discover the 'Fossil in Focus' from our natural history collections.

Dino Doodle Day

Sunday 13 May & 24 October 11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Come along to have a doodle in our Dino gallery!

Bioblitz

Thursday 17 & Friday 18 May

Evening, Early Morning & Afternoon Sessions

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Wildlife-themed activities including bat, bird, moth and plant guided walks with talks and much more!

Feed the Bugs

Saturday 19 May, 7 July & 2 September 11am – 11.45

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Get up close and personal with our live Wild Space exhibits.

Pop-Up Highcross Museum

Tuesday 22 – Friday 25 May

Highcross

Pop-up museum with special Star Wars guests and a range of free museum activities.

Rocket Rocketeers

Saturday 26 May 1pm – 3pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Create your own paper rocket! Design your own paper rocket and take it for a test flight.

Best Dressed Astronaut Competition

Saturday 26 May 2pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Children's fancy dress competition in support of the 'Poetic Impossibility to Manage the Infinite' exhibition. Prize for the winner!

How to Stay Alive in Space

Saturday 26 May 2pm – 3pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Interactive demonstration by National Space Centre of the power of pressure.

Eyes of an Astronaut

Saturday 26 May 3pm – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Try on our prism glasses to find out what it feels like to be disoriented in space. Free demonstration by the National Space Centre.

Exciting Egyptians: Visit the Bazaar!

Sunday 27 May 11am & 2pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Discover the sights, sounds and smells of Ancient Egypt by visiting our Egyptian bazaar.

The Spark Arts for Children Festival:

'The Wings of Isis' - Chainés Dance

Company Performance

Sunday 27 May 11.30am, 12.15pm & 2.30pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Dazzling examples of Egyptian Belly Dancing. Join us for a spectacular performance and try your hand at a few dance moves.

Heritage Sundays: Tours and Open Days

Last Sunday of the month until November

11am – 3pm

Discover heritage buildings including Leicester Castle's Great Hall and The Magazine.

School Holiday Craft Week: Art Amongst the Loos

Sunday 27 – Thursday 31 May 11am – 4.30pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Have a go at some arty trails and crafts with our self-led craft packs. Railway and café open on Tuesday 29 May.

Exciting Egyptians – Visit the Bazaar!

Monday 28 May 11am & 2pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Discover the sights, sounds and smells of Ancient Egypt by visiting our Egyptian bazaar.

Garden Delights

Tuesday 29 May 11am – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Bring a picnic and take part in the garden games. Butterfly crafts, garden trail, and much more.

Knights & Princesses

Wednesday 30 May 11am – 4pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Come dressed in your finest Knight, Prince and Princess costumes. Craft your own crowns and flags with face painting and treasure trails.

Castles, Clay and Messy Play!

Thursday 31 May 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Create your own castles from clay and get messy and creative for a fun filled day.

Teddy Bears Picnic Railway Day

Saturday 2 June 11am – 4pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Bring along your teddy and take a ride on the railway for free.

Little Rockets: Under 5s Messy Fun

Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 June 11.30am – 1.30pm & 2pm – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Decorate a telescope, create sparkly space scenes and settle down for space stories.

New Walk Museum Birthday Celebration

Saturday 16 June 11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for craft activities with the Royal Society of Chemistry and University Archaeological Services.

Celebrate Refugee Week

Sunday 17 June 12pm – 3pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Celebrate the contribution refugees have made to our society, from food and music to stories and games with free family activities and crafts.

Feed the Bugs for National Insects Week

Saturday 23 June 11am – 11.45am

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Get up close and personal with the insects from our live Wild Space exhibits.

Urban Steam Festival

Saturday 23 June 1pm – 5pm

Sunday 24 June, 12noon – 5pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Rural crafts, steam traction engines, road rollers, vintage vehicles, live music, craft tent and our magnificent Gimson beam engines in steam.

Print & Ride Railway Day

Saturday 7 July 11am – 4pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Print your own ticket to ride on the railway and have a go at using our typewriters.

Special Stories Summer Holiday Crafts

Saturday 14 July – Monday 27 August

11am – 4.30pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Fall down the rabbit hole and have a whizzpopping time having a go at our self-led craft packs and trails. Railway open on Tuesday 14 August.

Happy Holidays

Saturday 21 July 11am – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Add your artwork to our seaside wall mural or try your hand at our seaside themed glass painting.

May The Toys Be With You Launch

Saturday 21 July 11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Celebrate the launch of the new Star Wars toys exhibition! With martial arts demonstrations from the School of Hope and Glory, crafts and more!

The Enchanted Forest

Wednesday 25 July 11am – 4pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Wear your best fairy wings or elf hats and join us for a magical day of fun in our enchanted gardens!

Unicorn & Dragons!

Thursday 26 July 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Get inspired by artist's work, and experiment with mark making using paint, collage and markers.

Myths and Heroes Day: Ancient Egypt

Saturday 28 July 11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Explore the inspirational myths and legends behind George Lucas' Star Wars epic and join us for storytelling, crafts and more.

Storytelling with Paul Gobey

Saturday 28 July & 4 August 11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Join storyteller for fascinating tales of myths, monsters and heroes.

Open Air Theatre: The Railway Children

Tuesday 31 July 6.30pm – 8.30pm (Doors: 4.30pm)

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

The perfect setting for a nostalgic summer's evening with a family classic.

Knights & Princesses

Thursday 2 August 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Make a shield, sword and create your own crown! Wear your best knight or princess costume to enjoy crafts, trails and face painting.

Star Wars Stop Motion Workshop

Thursday 2 August 11am – 12.30pm

& 1.30pm – 3.30pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Discover the special effect of stop-motion used in the original Star Wars trilogy and bring our (or your own) Star Wars toys back to life, creating your own short sequence to film and take away.

Railway Gala Day

Saturday 4 August 11am – 4pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Come and ride behind all our railway engines on the main line and have a go at 'people powered' railway locos.

Myths and Heroes Day: Ancient Greece

Saturday 4 August 11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Explore the inspirational myths and legends behind George Lucas' Star Wars epic.

Make Your Mark

Tuesday 7 August 11am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Get inspired by artist's work, and experiment with mark making using paint, collage and markers.

Wild About Play

Wednesday 8 August 11am – 4.30pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Join the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for wild play activities in the garden.

Medieval Mayhem: Meet the Plague Doctor!

Thursday 9 August 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Meet the plague doctor! Telling all about gruesome medieval diseases, different medieval and renaissance cures and treatments. Make pomanders and your own gruesome plague mask.

Music: Acoustic Gardens 4

Saturday 11 August 2pm – 9pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Acoustic performances from some of the best Midlands artists including Dan Britton & Chris Conway, Kevin Hewick, Gin House Gypsies and Jersey Budd.

Star Wars Science Fun

Monday 13 August 11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Get creative with fun STEM activities and use your imagination and creative skills to build your own rockets and spacecraft.

Surreal and Silly Book Making

Tuesday 14 August

Abbey Pumping Station

Making weird and wonderful book covers to protect your favourite books.

Cops and Robbers

Thursday 16 August 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Peek inside the Victorian cells and see our oldest criminals, get your finger prints taken, make your own gaoler's keys plus face painting and trails.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 18 August 11am – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Enjoy teddy themed craft activities and meet our resident bear.

Gloriana: Medieval Fun Day!

Sunday 19 August 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Join 'Gloriana' for music and dance circa 1450-1700 and a medieval dance lesson. Have a go at some medieval games and take part in a Maypole dance!

Meet the Beasts

Wednesday 22 August 11am – 4.30pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Rainforest fun with crafts, a jungle safari trail, musical activities and facepainting plus Meet the Beasts will be bringing exotic creatures.

Get Arty Fun Day!

Thursday 23 August 11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Upcycling inspired crafts day for all! Bring along an empty food can, glass jar or material and be inspired!

Don't go into the Cellar Present:**Monstrous Beasts**

Friday 24 August 3pm

The Guildhall

Join fearless monster hunter Alice Quatermain, as she recounts several of her daring escapades from the Edwardian era.

Museum activities and performances for adults

Tour: Garden Time

Wednesday 2 May 11am – 1pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Join plant expert Sally Cunningham for a special tour of the gardens and discover seed saving techniques. WEA event.

Tea & History: Greetings from the Past

Friday 4 May 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Informal talk and slideshow featuring our collection of greetings cards from Valentines to Diwali from the Victorian era to present.

Folk Music: Jim Ghedi - A Hymn For Ancient Land

Friday 4 May 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)

The Guildhall

A superb multi-media event with rising star of the folk scene, Jim Ghedi. Finger-picking guitarist Jim will be joined by special guests on violin and double bass. Support features a violinist and short film.

Lancelot Ribeiro: Artist and Innovator

Saturday 5 May 3pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

An illustrated talk by writer and art historian David Buckman on our Lancelot Ribeiro exhibition.

Leicester Dance International Festival: Biography - An evening with Namron

Saturday 5 May 7.30pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

A founder member of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, Namron's commission for Biography will reflect on his career which spans over fifty years with dance performance and conversation.

Theatre: Don't Go into the Cellar Present - Tea with Oscar Wilde

Saturday 12 May 7pm – 8.45pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Enjoy an evening theatre performance of Tea with Oscar Wilde.

Talk: A Look at Everyday life in Tudor and Stuart Leicester

Sunday 13 May 2pm – 3pm

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

Join our History Curator Philip French for a fascinating talk inspired by the Wolsey Angels exhibition.

Talk: Belgrave at Work & Play

Wednesday 16 May 11am – 1.30pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Framework knitting in Belgrave village, the growth of the British United and other local businesses, the Belgrave Flower Show, balloon ascents and other entertainments. WEA event.

Go Veggie Fair

Sunday 20 May 11am - 4pm

The Guildhall

Free tea/coffee on entry, juice shots, cookery demos, music, face painting, stalls from local groups and talks and delicious hot food stalls.

Garden Tour

Wednesday 23 May, 20 June, 18 July & 29 August
2pm – 3pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

A guided tour of the plant life in Belgrave Gardens, both past and present.

Vintage Wedding Fair

Sunday 27 May 11am – 3pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Elegance of Happiness, 2018 Wedding Awards Finalists, are bringing together some of the finest local businesses for a vintage-themed wedding fair in our picturesque grounds.

Talk: The Leicester Navigation through Belgrave

Wednesday 6 June 11am – 1pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Explore the origins and development of the Leicester Navigation, the city's system of navigable rivers and canals and the navigation as it passes through Belgrave. WEA event.

Talk: A Brush with Leicester

Wednesday 6 June 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Exploring Leicester artists and their work, an illustrated talk from Curator of Art, followed by wine and cake.

Talk: Rudy Hicks Life in Leicester - WW2 Bomber Command and beyond

Sunday 10 June 2pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Paul Aldwinckle profiles Rudy's time in 166 Squadron RAF Kirmington and 582 Squadron PFF in WW2 flying Wellingtons & Lancaster's. Life as a 40 year Leicester Market trader, Dance club owner and co-Founder of the Progressive Jewish Community in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Folk Music: Lucy Ward

Friday 15 June (Doors: 7.15pm Music: 8pm)

The Guildhall

BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner and the youngest person ever to be nominated for the prestigious BBC Folk Singer of the Year Lucy Ward returns to The Guildhall three years after her sold out gig.

Folk Music: Narthen

Friday 22 June (Doors: 7.15pm Music: 8pm)

The Guildhall

Narthen are Barry Coope and Lester Simpson of Coope Boyes and Simpson, Jo Freya of Blowzabella/Moirai and Fi Fraser of The Old Fashioned/ Polka Works featuring songs that will touch your heart, engage your intellect and wow your ears.

Theatre: The HandleBards Present - Twelfth Night

Wednesday 11 July 7.30pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Enjoy an outdoor evening performance from the HandleBards, the world's first cycling theatre company!

Theatre: The HandleBards Present - Romeo and Juliet

Thursday 19 July 7.30pm

The Guildhall

The HandleBards are the world's first cycling theatre company. Join the all-female troupe for Romeo and Juliet as you've never seen it before!

Talk: Susan Barton – 120 Years of Happy Memories

Sunday 22 July 2pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Letting Leicester's children enjoy more than just a happy holiday, in Mablethorpe and beyond.

Talk: Richard Pulsford

Sunday 22 July 3pm

The Guildhall

Richard Pulford researched his family tree uncovering stories of family caught up in world wars - on both sides. With 1918 armistice looming, the show focuses on two of his serving relatives who died that year, how they got caught up in the conflicts and the far reaching effects of the war on the families lives.

Workshop: Indian Embroidery – From Print to Stitch

Saturday 23 June 10.30am – 3.30pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Print your own beautiful fabric samples to embellish and stitch.

Workshop: Beautiful Embroidered Bags

Sunday 24 June 11.30am – 3.30pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Create a small shoulder bag, tablet cover or purse in this full day workshop.

Workshop: Folk Art using Fabrics - Free machine embroidery

Friday 13 July 10.30am – 3.30pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Use colourful patterned fabrics to make an appliqued folk-art wall hanging or cushion front.

Holiday Memories

Friday 20 July 11am – 2.30pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Share your memories of bygone holidays. Handle holiday mementos of yesteryear and enjoy a slideshow of the Mablethorpe holiday home from the Edwardian era.

Elegance of Happiness Wedding Fair

Sunday 29 July 11am - 3.30pm

Abbey Pumping Station

Join award winning Elegance of Happiness Be inspired by our handpicked exhibitors bringing you the best of the best with bridal wear, photography, videography, photobooth, music, flowers, wedding cakes and much more!

Botanical Painting

Wednesday 1 August 11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Draw and paint plants and flowers in this beautiful setting. WEA event.

Dead Leicester

Friday 10 August 6pm, 8pm & 10pm

The Guildhall

Romans, kings, football and hosiery! To name a few of the mind-blowing topics explored in this epic new show from Dead Leicester.

Indian Classical Music: Ragas in the Garden

Thursday 16 August 6pm – 8pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens

Experience magical Indian classical music in the beautiful surroundings. Sip on a hot cup of chai on a warm summer's evening and immerse yourself in 'ragas' and rhythms. In association with An Indian Summer.

Andante: Times are a-changin'

Friday 17 August (Doors 7.30pm Music: 8pm)

The Guildhall

An era of peace, protest and love with uniquely arranged classic songs of the 60s and 70s. Performing songs by Don McLean, The Kinks, Dylan, Baez, Lennon, Simon & Garfunkel and more.

Theatre: Gerald Dickens - The Signalman and Dr Marigold

Saturday 18 August 7.30pm

The Guildhall

A virtuoso performance by Gerald Dickens, great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens of The Signalman - a spine-chilling, atmospheric ghost story. Plus Dr Marigold - a story of personal tragedy being met with genuine love and compassion.

Talk: Virginia Wright - Women in Leicester

Wednesday 22 August 6pm

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

A profile of women who have left their mark on the city's history. Tonight we look at the stories of some of the female pioneers and groundbreakers from many different spheres of life.

Theatre: Don't Go into the Cellar Present - The Talking Dead

Friday 24 August 8pm

The Guildhall

Dare you share an evening with two of America's most infamous murderers? Lizzie Borden regales to visitors to Fall River the tale of her poor parents' unhappy fate. Then, Dr Henry Howard Holmes welcomes you to his "Murder Castle" as the United States' earliest serial killer!



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