WHAT'S ON
WINTER 2019
LEICESTER MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & FESTIVALS

BONFIRE • DIWALI • CHRISTMAS • 100 FIRST WOMEN • OPEN 30

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Abbey Park Bonfire

Saturday 2 November 5pm – 9pm

Abbey Park

Be dazzled by Leicester's biggest bonfire and firework display at the city's official celebration. 2019's display is themed One Giant Leap for Mankind. In addition to the main fireworks there is also a children's firework display which is quieter and live entertainment.

Save up to 40% by purchasing your tickets in advance.

Advance tickets:
Adult £6
Concessions and Under 16's £4
Family £16 (two adults, two children) Under 4s free

On the gate:
Adults £8 * Concessions and Under 16's £6
(no family tickets available on the gate)

Tickets on sale Tuesday 1 October
Tickets are available from the Visit Leicester (Gallowtree Gate), De Montfort Hall Box office or you can book online.
W: visitleicester.info

Knighton Park Show

Sunday 1 September
11am – 5pm
Knighton Park
A great family day out, with live music, entertainment, and a variety of stalls, food and drink. Explore the park, main events field and take in the beautiful flower gardens and sensory garden.
W: leicester.gov.uk/parks

LOROS Robin Memory Garden

Monday 2 – Sunday 8 September
Jubilee Square
Take a moment to remember your loved ones when the LOROS Robin arrives in Jubilee Square, as we create a very special memory garden for you and your family. Each limited-edition robin sat in this perfect tranquil setting, symbolises the memory of a loved one no longer with us.
W: loros.co.uk/robins

Heritage Open Days

Friday 13 – Sunday 22 September
Various venues
Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and history by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. The 10-day event offers a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities.
W: visitleicester.info

Leicester International Music Festival

Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 September
New Walk Museum and Art Gallery
This year's Festival features the music of Mozart, Schubert and the brilliant young British composer, Mark Simpson. Highlights include Mozart's lovely Clarinet Quintet and Schubert's incomparable String Quintet in C. Don't miss the free family fun event on Saturday 12noon – 1pm.
W: leicesterinternationalmusicfestival.org.uk

Cosmopolitan Carnival

Saturday 21 September
1pm - 9pm
City Centre
Features music, dance, entertainment, activities and more. Events will take place across the city centre including Silver Street, St Martins Square, Clock Tower and Humberstone Gate. Plus main stage on Jubilee Square, ending with the grand finale in Cathedral Gardens.
W: cosmopolitanarts.wordpress.com

Diwali Leicester

Sunday 13 - Sunday 27 October

Cossington Street Recreation Ground, Belgrave Road, city centre and other venues

Leicester's Wheel of Light: Diwali: Friday 11 October - Sunday 10 November
Diwali Lights Switch On: Sunday 13 October
Diwali Mela: Saturday 19 October Diwali Day: Sunday 27 October

The Diwali celebrations in Leicester are one of the biggest outside of India, with around 35,000 people attending the switch on of the lights on Belgrave Road, and even more attending Diwali day. Enjoy the fireworks, street arts, rangoli and live cultural entertainment on stage.

The 110-foot Ferris wheel returns for Diwali celebrations providing amazing views across the Golden Mile. Look out for the two-week events programme including dance, music and exhibitions across the city.

W: visitleicester.info

credit Sarah Vaughan at De Montfort Hall. Photographer Bill Wagg/ Redferns/Getty

Open Streets
Sunday 29 September & Sunday 27 October
11am – 2pm
New Market Square
A monthly celebration of Leicester's people friendly streets & public places. With free guided rides, walks & family-friendly entertainment.
W: visitleicester.info

Leicester Marathon
Sunday 6 October
Victoria Park
The ever-popular Leicester Marathon and Half Marathon returns for another year.
W: leicestermarathon.org.uk

October Festival
Friday 11 – Sunday 13 October
New Market Square
A brand new October Festival will feature a line up of entertainment, crammed full of live music, comedy, international street foods and drinks.
W: zoomevents.co.uk

Black History Month Leicester
October 2019
Venues across Leicester
Explores the theme of Archiving the Past and Reflecting the Future. With events across the city, showcasing the cultural contribution made by the African and African Caribbean community to the East Midlands through arts, culture and heritage.
W: serendipity-uk.com

Funfair
Half Term Saturday 19 – Sunday 27 October
City Centre

Sikh Procession
Sunday 3 November
The annual Nagar Kirtan procession will set off from the Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurdwara in East Park Road at about 11am.

Remembrance Service & Parade
Sunday 10 November, 10.55am
Victoria Park
Taking place at the Arch of Remembrance in Victoria Park an opportunity for members of the armed forces, veterans, local dignitaries and the public to show their respect and gratitude for the men and women who have lost their lives in the service of their country.

Hanukkah Lights Switch on
Saturday 28 December
Victoria Park
Hanukkah is the Jewish festival which celebrates religious freedom. Celebrations commence with a ceremony to light the Menorah in Victoria Park.
W: Jewish-leicester.co.uk

Christmas in Leicester

Friday 15 November – Monday 6 January

The brightest time of the year will soon be upon us, and Leicester will be transformed into a magical Christmas wonderland. The city's streets will be illuminated with over 16,000 sparkling lights and a spectacular tree, with 2,000 lights and 9,000 baubles, will take centre stage at the Clock Tower.

Due to popular demand the real ice rink will be back in Jubilee Square. The rink will have a clear roof so skaters can show off their best moves come rain or shine, plus a new feature this year is an outdoor ice trail. The Jubilee Square experience is crowned by the magnificent Wheel of Light soaring above the skaters giving people the best view of the city's lights.

After its huge success with families last year, the enchanting snow-covered Santa's Christmas grotto returns to New Market Square. Children of all ages can visit Santa and his elf for free and receive a small gift to make this a truly magical experience.
W: christmasinleicester.co.uk

Leicester's Wheel of Light
Friday 15 November – Monday 6 January
Jubilee Square

Christmas Lights Switch-On
Thursday 21 November
5pm – 8pm
Humberstone Gate West, Clock Tower, New Market Square and Town Hall Square

Funfair
Friday 22 November – Monday 6 January
11am – 5pm
Humberstone Gate West

Clarendon Park Christmas Fair
Sunday 1 December
11am - 5pm
Queens Road

Jubilee Square Ice Rink
Thursday 5 December – Sunday 5 January
Open daily (Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)
Tickets: christmasinleicester.co.uk

Santa in the Square
Sunday 22 December
New Market Square

Anita Corbin: 100 First Women Portraits

14 September – 27 October

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

One hundred striking images of modern Britons capturing the pioneering spirit - yet also the nature of the individual woman. These powerful portraits of UK Women by renowned British photographer Anita Corbin, provoke inquiry providing inspiration and insight. Taken over a period of 10 years, the 100 portraits reflect women pioneers from all walks of life from beatboxing to bomb detection, computing to cricket!

The visually arresting and immersive exhibition features images of celebrities, famous personalities and unsung heroines from across the decades – ranging from Seventies rocker Suzi Quatro to Olympian Boxer, Nicola Adams, newscaster and Morecambe and Wise star-turn, Angela Rippon to writer and comedienne, Jenny Éclair.

Through to 'ordinary women' doing extraordinary jobs and achieving firsts in their fields, such as Brigadier Sharon Nesmith, the first woman commander of a brigade of 5000 front line troops, Baroness Patricia Scotland, First Woman Attorney General and Megan Knowles-Bacon, First Woman to be made an officer of the Magic Circle.

W: 1stwomenuk.co.uk

COMING HOME: the Richard III Portrait from the National Portrait Gallery

On now until 22 September

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

One of the most popular pictures in the National Portrait Gallery Collection, the iconic portrait of Richard III has come to Leicester as part of the National Portrait Gallery's COMING HOME project. The work is one of 50 portraits of iconic individuals being lent to places across the UK with which they are most closely associated. COMING HOME has been made possible by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and generous contributions from The Thompson Family Charitable Trust and funds raised at the Gallery's Portrait Gala in 2017.

Visit the website to find out more about COMING HOME #PortraitsComingHome.

W: npg.org.uk

National Portrait Gallery

The Strike at Imperial Typewriters

On now until 26 October

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

In May 1974, 500 Asian workers at The Imperial Typewriters Company factory went on strike, taking a stand against unfair conditions and discrimination. The project marks the 45th anniversary of the mass walkout with an exhibition, online space, talks, walks, workshops and flash fiction events designed to engage with Leicester's writers, artists, elders, young people and multicultural communities.

W: strikeatimperial.net

Knowledge of the Unseen

5 October – 3 November

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

A ground-breaking project created by curator Tara Munroe to address untold stories of African heritage and culture. Drawing on objects from three regional museums, experts on Africa have worked with selected members of the local African Caribbean community to explore the stories of these artefacts and the communities who created them.

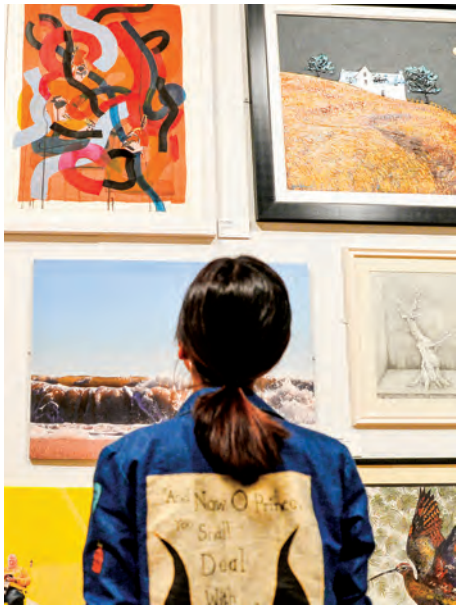
W: visitleicester.info

LSA Annual Exhibition 2019

8 November – 7 December
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Running since 1882 and one of the highlights of the arts calendar, this is the 134th annual show of the Leicester Society of Artists. Showcasing the creative talent of Leicestershire & Rutland, the LSA represents a dynamic and diverse group of artists who exhibit a wide range of art media and styles from oil paintings to contemporary craft and sculpture to print and collage. The annual exhibition is a chance for LSA artists to present some of their newest work with the opportunity for members of the public to purchase exciting and high-quality artwork.
W: leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk

In Memoriam: Leicester's War Memorials at Risk

9 November – 9 February 2020
Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens
This exhibition tells the extraordinary stories behind the city's memorials taken into care by Leicester City, County & Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project and shows the importance of why they should be preserved for future generations.
W: atriskwarmemorials.co.uk



Out of the Stores: Dressing for Childhood

16 November – 26 February 2020
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
This is the first in a series of exhibitions highlighting hidden treasures in the museum collection stores. The children's costume collection is largely made up of objects that have been donated by members of the public. This exhibition showcases hidden treasures, from babywear knitted circa 1700 to a dress purchased from Fenwicks department store in the 1950s.
W: visitleicester.info

OPEN 30: The People's Exhibition

14 December - 24 January 2020
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
OPEN 30 showcases outstanding artwork from across the East Midlands, celebrating our talented and diverse local artists. The OPEN provides an excellent opportunity for youth, adults, debuting exhibitors and professional artists alike to present their ideas and have work for sale.

Applications are open to East Midlands artists aged 5 – 18 in the young people's category and 19+ for the adult category. For full application details, please visit our website.
W: leicester.gov.uk/openexhibition

Museum activities and performances for families

The Guildhall Guided Tours
5, 11 & 26 September, 3, 10, 16, 24 & 30 October, 6, 13 & 21 November, 4, 11 & 18 December
11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm
The Guildhall
Discover more about the history of this iconic Leicester landmark with a free guided tour.

The Handlebards Present: The Tempest
6 September 6.30pm (Gates open 5.30pm)
Abbey Pumping Station
Following their sold out show at The Guildhall, join their all-female troupe for a bicycle-powered production of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' in this special outdoor theatre evening.

Steam, Sail & Model Engineering Fun Day
Sunday 8 September 12 noon – 5pm
Abbey Pumping Station
View model engineering projects in all scales.

Belgrave Food & Garden Festival
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September 11am – 4pm
Belgrave Hall & Gardens
Our popular boutique food and garden festival is a showcase for local suppliers of foods, beverages and garden-related products. Demonstrations, talks and children's activities.

Saturday Morning Cinema Club: Silent Cinema Special
Saturday 14 September 11am
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
The British Silent Film Festival presents a Laurel and Hardy special featuring TV presenter and musician Neil Brand.

Heritage Open Day
Sunday 22 September 11am – 4pm
Belgrave Hall & Gardens
To celebrate Heritage Open Days we are offering free tours of the house and gardens.

World War II: Family Activity Day
Sunday 29 September 12pm – 3pm
Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens
Themed children's crafts and discover what a soldier's life was like with our WWII re-enactors.

Slot Car Railway Day
Saturday 5 October 11am - 4pm
Abbey Pumping Station
Come and watch the thrill of slot car racing and maybe have a go yourself. The site narrow gauge railway will be running subject to weather.

Our World – We Care!
Saturday 12 October 11am – 3pm
Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens
A Black History Month event on the theme of youth and the environment with speakers, youth discussion, exhibition of arts and crafts, free family crafts and music.

Meet the Beasts
Saturday 12 October 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Get up close and enjoy a hands-on experience with exotic reptiles and minibeasts guided by the expertise of Dr Stuart Wood.

Railway Running Day & Children's Activities
Tuesday 15 October 11am – 4pm
Abbey Pumping Station
Half-term railway running day plus children's activities.

Enter the Mummy's Tomb
Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 & Saturday 26 October 11.30am – 4pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
The witch of New Walk has taken over the Mummy's Tomb at New Walk Museum. Do you dare to enter for a chilling tale and trick or treat!

Half term Horrors at the Haunted Hall!
Thursday 17 October 11am – 3pm
The Guildhall
Creepy crafts and treacherous trails around the building so be brave and venture to the haunted hall for a good fright!

Haunted House Activity Day
Friday 18 October 11am – 3pm
Newarke Houses Museum
Dare to visit and take part in spooky crafts for families including making Halloween hats and bags. Listen to ghostly stories, or do our scary trail around the Haunted House.

Pets Corner at New Walk Museum
Saturday 26 October 12pm, 12.45pm, 1.15pm & 2pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Join us for animal handling and learn a fact or two about these curious creatures.

Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday 30 November & Sunday 1 December 11am – 4.30pm
The Guildhall
Exciting and original stalls selling handmade arts and crafts from local artists and makers. Plus trails and crafts for children throughout the day.

Charges may apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended.

Christmas Tree Decoration Making
Sunday 1 December 11.30am – 4.30pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Make a decoration to take home for your tree, using our crafty materials.

Christmas Toys and Steam Day
Sunday 8 December 12noon – 5pm
Abbey Pumping Station
A Christmas toys special event with festive atmosphere and chance to see the Gimson beam engines in steam.

Film Tramp presents...Festive Films
Sunday 8 December
The Guildhall
A triple bill of fantastic festive films in the medieval hall - enjoy a drink and a roaring fire whilst being entertained with these classic films!
The Muppet Christmas Carol: 12.30pm
The Wizard of OZ: 3pm
It's a Wonderful Life: 6pm

Museum activities and performances for adults

Sam Carter
Saturday 7 September 7.30pm
The Guildhall
Best Newcomer at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Sam Carter has been stirring audiences from Camden to Canada, via an attention grabbing appearance on Later... with Jools Holland.

The Guildhall Wedding Fair
Sunday 8 September 11am – 3pm
The Guildhall
Connecting creative couples with handpicked independent artisans and suppliers.

From Morn to Midnight / Von morgens bis mitternachts
Wednesday 11 September 7.30pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Silent film with live music presented by the British Silent Film Festival.

Brush Lettering Workshop with Lesser than 3
Saturday 14 September 11am – 1.30pm
The Guildhall
Back again due to our sell out workshop in March, join Leicester sign writer Lorna from Lesser than 3, for a relaxing morning of Brush Lettering.

Richard III on Stage and Screen
Saturday 14 September 1.30pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
This illustrated lecture shows how the Richard III play has been adapted in a number of challenging and radical ways for screen as well as stage.

Screening the Victorians
Sunday 15 September 4pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
This programme of Victorian short silent films with live music from the British Silent Film Festival.

Ernest Gimson: Student Days in London
Wednesday 18 September 1pm – 2pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Join Annette Carruthers, co-author of 'Ernest Gimson Arts & Crafts Designer and Architect' for a talk about the student days of this renowned Leicester born designer.

Midnight Skyracer
Wednesday 18 September 7.30pm (doors 7pm)
The Guildhall
Join BMA Momentum Award nominated bluegrass band, Midnight Skyracer who've been tearing up the UK bluegrass and folk scene since their inception less than two years ago.

Leicester International Music Festival
Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 October
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
A festival of classical chamber music at its finest.

Govannen
Friday 27 September 8pm (Doors 7.15pm)
The Guildhall
One of the best Celtic music bands in the UK, blending jigs & reels with traditional & contemporary Irish & original songs.

Modern Calligraphy Workshop
Saturday 28 September 10am – 3.30pm
Newarke Houses Museum
Great for beginners and the more experienced calligraphy. Try your hand at this new on trend 'Modern Calligraphy'.

Monoprinting The Guildhall with Sarah King Art & Design
Sunday 29 September 11am – 1.30pm
The Guildhall
Join artist Sarah King and explore basic monoprint techniques to create interesting effects, patterns and textures which will be used as a background to print the Guildhall onto.

Lucky Dog Theatre presents: Mr Merrick, The Elephant Man
Saturday 5 October 6pm (doors 5.30pm)
8pm (Doors 7.30pm) Aftershow Q and A from 9pm
The Guildhall
'Mr Merrick, The Elephant Man' is the first play to focus on his final years in The London Hospital, Whitechapel and his complicated relationship with his doctor, Frederick Treves.

Charges may apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended.

Young Creators for 16-25s
Thursdays 4.30pm – 6.30pm from October
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
As a Young Creator you'll get to work with artists, create amazing projects and exhibit your own artwork. Gain experience of being involved in a gallery, free talks and film screenings, Arts Award qualification, and more.
Email: manjit.garcha@leicester.gov.uk

YOUNG CREATORS

Lucky Dog Theatre: The Red Balloon
Sunday 6 October 1pm and 2.30pm
The Guildhall
Based on the classic 1956 short film by Albert Lamorisse, the award-winning Lucky Dog bring their latest piece from the company that have brought several hugely popular shows to the Guildhall.

Kenny Wilson Sings the Songs of Leonard Cohen
Thursday 10 October 8pm (Doors 7.30pm)
The Guildhall
Kenny Wilson celebrates some of the greatest and most-loved songs including Suzanne, Hallelujah, Bird on the Wire, Famous Blue Raincoat, and more!

Beautiful Death Exhibition
Friday 11 & Saturday 12 October 6.30pm - 10pm
The Guildhall
The Beautiful Death Art Exhibition is back again and it's better than before! There is a long list of artists joining in on the fun, feast your eyes on everyone's work while they take over the entire building.

Peter Liddle: Burying the Dead - 5000 years of death and burial in Leicestershire
Sunday 13 October 2pm
The Guildhall
Death comes to us all – but the way that people deal with the dead has changed radically over the centuries. This illustrated talk is a survey of how this is reflected in local archaeological sites.

Mike Ingram: The French Connection: Richard III, Henry Tudor and the Battle of Bosworth
Sunday 13 October 4pm
The Guildhall
Discussing the relationship between Richard III and France and how the intrigues of Louis XI and his daughter Anne shaped the final outcome at the battle of Bosworth.

Ernest Gimson (1864-1919): Life in the Cotswolds
Wednesday 16 October 1pm – 2pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
Join Mary Greensted, co-author of 'Ernest Gimson Arts & Crafts Designer and Architect' for a talk about Gimson's later days in the Cotswolds.

Halloween Floral Wreath Making Workshop with The Flower Plant
Thursday 17 October
The Guildhall
Join the creative team from Leicestershire's award-winning florist The Flower Plant for our 'Day of the Dead' inspired wreath making.

Gerald Dickens – The Pickwick Papers
Friday 19 October 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)
The Guildhall
Gerald Dickens returns to Leicester to perform a brand-new show based on his great great grandfathers very first novel, The Pickwick Papers.

Robert Lane
Sunday 20 October 3pm
The Guildhall
UK based singer songwriter, releasing his 'Only a Flight Away' last April.

Don't Go into the Cellar: Talking Dead
Wednesday 23 October 7.30pm
The Guildhall
Dare you share an evening with two of America's most infamous murderers? Lizzie Borden returns from the grave to regale visitors to Fall River with the tale of her poor parents' unhappy fate and Dr Henry Howard Holmes welcomes you to his "Murder Castle", as the United States' earliest serial killer!

An Anthology of Song: London to Rome – The West Route
Friday 25 October 7.30pm
The Guildhall
Join Motje Wolf (mezzo-soprano), Philip Leech (tenor), and Sara Wilander (harpsichord) for a Grand Tour of Early Music across Europe!

Steam with the Team & Ghostly Engineer plus Other Stories
Saturday 26 October
Abbey Pumping Station
Day time 'Steam with the Team' tours start at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm. Evening 'Ghost Stories' tours start at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm.

Charges may apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended.

Halloween films at the Haunted Hall!
Sunday 27 October
The Guildhall
A triple bill of fantastic films for Halloween in the surroundings of the mediaeval (supposedly!) haunted hall, enjoy a drink and a roaring fire whilst being entertained with these classic films!
Edward Scissorhands: 1pm
Blithe Spirit: 4pm
The Shining: 6.30pm

Nosferatu featuring Dmytro Morykit on Piano
Wednesday 30 October 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)
The Guildhall
Silent German expressionist classic based on the story Dracula, Dmytro Morykit's seminal new piano score is an electrifying work which brings a fabulous emotional charge to this iconic film.

Ghostwalks
Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 October & Wednesday 27 November 5pm
Starts at Newarke Houses Museum
Steeped in history and mystery, the Newarke and Castle areas hold many secrets – let our experienced Blue Badge guide reveal them to you.

Ernest Gimson Centenary: Study Day
Saturday 2 November 10am – 5pm
New Walk Museum & Art Gallery
2019 is the centenary of the death of the renowned Leicester designer-maker Ernest Gimson, best known for his furniture, metalwork and plasterwork. To mark this occasion, join us for a special study day that celebrates Gimson's life and work in shaping the Arts & Crafts movement.

Nunkie Theatre Company presents: A Double-Bill of MR James Ghost Stories
Saturday 2 November 6pm (Doors 5.30pm)
The Guildhall
Over a century after they were first published, the ghost stories of M R James retain their power to terrify and amuse. This gripping one man show retells two of the earliest and eeriest.

Nunkie Theatre Company presents: Dead Men's Eyes
Two ghost stories by M R James Performed by R M Lloyd Parry
Saturday 2 November 8.30pm (Doors 8pm)
The Guildhall
Two chilling and thrilling tales from M R James, the master of the English ghost story - In A View from a Hill and Dead Men's Eyes.

Bauhaus 100 years: Anni Albers Styled Jewellery Workshop
Saturday 9 November
The Guildhall
Celebrating 100 Years of The Bauhaus, The Guildhall presents a one hour workshop based upon the jewellery designs of Anni Albers.

German Film Screenings: Good Bye Lenin! 5pm, Cabaret 7.30pm
Saturday 9 November
The Guildhall
In recognition of Schicksaltag - Day of Fate, marked with two classic films representing the Weimar Era and The Fall of the Berlin Wall.

Margaret A Garfoot 'Leonard's War' Talk
Sunday 10 November 2pm
The Guildhall
The talk explores the Diaries of a Serviceman who worked on the Ambulance Trains during WWI in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Bella Hardy with Sam Carter & Tom Gibbs
Tuesday 12 November 8pm (Doors 7.15pm)
The Guildhall
Welcoming back Bella Hardy, the 2014 BBC Folk Awards Folk Singer of the Year.

Kieron Towers and Charlotte Carrivick
Thursday 14 November 8pm (Doors 7.15pm)
The Guildhall

Calligraphy Workshop
Saturday 16 November 10am – 3.30pm
Newarke Houses Museum
Come and join me for a day of learning 'Modern Calligraphy' brush lettering – practice, layout and completing your own designed 'Glitter bauble'.

Tommy Allen and The Blues Duo
Friday 22 November 8pm
The Guildhall
If you like your blues to be raw and real, join Tommy Allen for a musical journey from the Mississippi back to Chicago.

Ruth Knotman + Chris Conway & Dan Britton + Andy Griffiths
Saturday 23 November 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)
The Guildhall
Blending a West Coast US sound with touches of Celtic and jazz, Chris Conway and Dan Britton are a powerful multi-instrumental duo of singer-songwriters.

Charges may apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended.

EVENTS

Lady Maisery
Wednesday 27 November 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)
The Guildhall
The Guardian described Lady Maisery as "some of the most exquisite, thrilling vocal harmony work in the English folk scene". They return after their previous sold-out performances.

Steam with the Team
Saturday 30 November
Abbey Pumping Station
Take a full guided tour of the amazing Gimson Beam Engine House.

Wreath Making Workshop
Sunday 1 December 1pm – 3pm
Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens
Enjoy views of the winter gardens, whilst creating your own unique traditional Christmas wreath. All materials, expertise, and inspiration that you need and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine.

Peter Morton: So This is Christmas
Wednesday 4 December 8pm
The Guildhall
Pete Morton's brand-new Christmas show 'So this is Christmas' brings together an unruly mix of carols, popular songs, social commentary and a sprinkling of silliness all in one night!

Christmas Card Brush Lettering Workshop
Saturday 7 December 2pm – 4pm
The Guildhall
A festive follow on workshop to Lesser Than Three's brush lettering for beginners, focussing on decorating and lettering Christmas cards so that you can wow your friends and family with handmade cards and tags this year!

Knight & Spiers
Tuesday 10 December 8pm (Doors 7.15pm)
The Guildhall
Returning to The Guildhall is master fiddler Peter Knight, known from Steeleye Span and his own trio Gigspanner and boxmeister John Spiers, familiar from his part as a mainstay of Bellowhead and his work with John Boden.

Oh, Whistle...
Wednesday 11 December 7.30pm
The Guildhall
M R James is acknowledged as the master of the English Ghost Story. He first performed his supernatural tales to friends at Christmas in King's College, Cambridge. Now Nunkie Theatre Company have brought two of these unforgettable spinechillers back to life.

Christmas Wreath Making
Thursday 12 December 3pm & 7pm
The Guildhall
Learn how to make a traditional wreath whilst enjoying mulled wine & mince pies in the fabulous festive surroundings of the Medieval Guildhall.

John Bence
Friday 13 December 5pm – 7pm
The Guildhall
The Longslade Consort present their annual Christmas programme to Leicester Audiences in Leicester's atmospheric Guildhall.

A Brief History of Christmas: 600 Years of Yuletide Songs, Carols, Tunes and Tales
Sunday 15 December 8pm (Doors 7.30pm)
The Guildhall
Acclaimed musicians Green Matthews (with special guest Jude Rees of Pilgrims' Way) present a festive romp through 600 years of Christmas music, songs and carols.

Don't Go into the Cellar: Another Xmas Carol
Tuesday 17 December 7.30pm
The Guildhall
In the style of the public performances the great Victorian writer gave during the nineteenth century, this one-man stage show is the perfect seasonal treat to whet your appetite for the Yuletide celebrations!

Kingfisher Chorale
Wednesday 18 December, Friday 20 December & Saturday 21 December 8pm (Doors 7pm)
The Guildhall
Exploring celebrations for Christmas and Advent around the world. From Wassailing in the UK to Beach BBQs in Australia. Kingfisher Chorale will take you on a whistle stop tour of the world's choral Christmas offerings.

Christmas Through the Ages
Sunday 22 December
The Guildhall
Discover how Christmases have been celebrated through the ages.

A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens
Monday 23 December 1pm & 7.30pm
The Guildhall
Performing 26 different characters Gerald Dickens brings his great great Grandfathers most famous book to vivid and exciting life.

Charges may apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended.

Christmas
in Leicester

Jubilee Square Ice Rink

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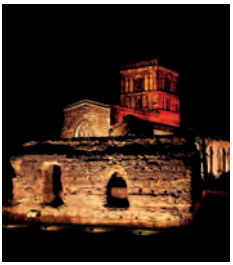
VISITOR INFORMATION

Abbey Pumping Station
Corporation Road
Leicester LE4 5PX
T: 0116 299 5111
Open daily:
11am – 4.30pm
Open November – January for special events, group bookings and tours.

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens
The Newarke
Leicester LE2 7BY
T: 0116 225 4980
Monday – Saturday:
10am – 4pm
Sunday:
11am – 4pm

Belgrave Hall & Gardens
Church Road
Leicester LE4 5PE
T: 0116 229 8181
Gardens open April – September, every Wednesday and first full weekend of the month. The Hall & Gardens are open for special events and private hire year round.

The Guildhall
Guildhall Lane
Leicester LE1 5FQ
T: 0116 253 2569
Open daily:
11am – 4.30pm
On certain days, parts of the Guildhall may be closed for weddings.



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St Nicholas Circle,
Leicester LE1 4LB
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