

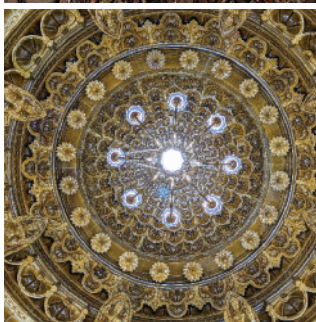
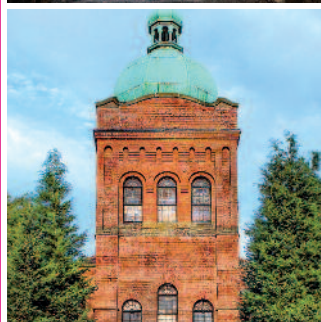
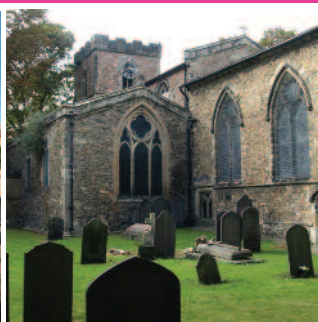
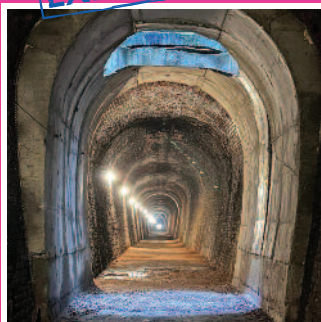
Thursday 7 - Sunday 17 September 2023

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



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Welcome to Leicester's Heritage Open Days - a season of events that has become a firm favourite in the city's cultural calendar. This is your chance to explore many of Leicester's fascinating buildings, as businesses, heritage sites, creative venues and places of worship open their doors to the public.

Join us to celebrate the richness of our architecture, to discover some hidden gems and to learn more about our diverse stories.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the programme, especially our dedicated volunteers who share their passion for Leicester's history and heritage and make these events possible. This brochure gives you all the information you need to plan your visits and enjoy our Heritage Open Days.

Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor

heritage open days

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Leicester City, County and Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project	2pm - 5pm			✓	✓
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FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm			✓	✓
Georgian Leicester Walking Tour	10.30am - 12.30pm		✓		
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester City, County and Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project	3pm - 6pm			✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm			✓	✓
The City Rooms: Heritage Day	10am - 4pm			✓	
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm			✓	✓
City Hall Tour	10am		✓		
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Experience	Tours: 9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓		
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Tea in the Garden	2pm - 4.30pm			✓	✓
Jain Centre: Guided Tours	10am & 11.30am			✓	✓
Leicester Cathedral Walking Tour	11.30am & 2pm		✓		✓
City, County and Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project	10am - 6pm			✓	✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm		✓		
St James the Greater Church Open Day	10am - 3pm			✓	
St Mary's Church, Humberstone	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm			✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Highfields: Are they Gimson Angels?	10am - 4.30pm	✓		✓	
Town Hall: Guided Tour	12noon & 2.30pm		✓		
University of Leicester: Discover Heritage	10am - 4pm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Bishop Street Methodist Church Open Day	10am - 4pm				✓	✓
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Experience	Tours: 9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓			✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
Greyfriars Legal Quarter Walking Tour	11am, 1pm & 3pm		✓			
Leicester City, County and Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project	2.30pm - 5pm				✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall: Guided Tours of Hall, Victorian Police Cells & Courtyard	Tours: 11:30am, 1pm, & 2.30pm		✓			
Leicester Guildhall Pop-Up Exhibition	11am - 4.30pm				✓	
Leicester Synagogue	10.30am - 4pm				✓	✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm		✓			
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Stoneygate Tram Depot	10am - 4pm				✓	✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm				✓	

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station: Majestic Beam Engine Tours	Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓			✓
Abbey Pumping Station: Transport Shed Tours	Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓			✓
Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Pop-Up Exhibition	11am - 4.30pm				✓	
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
The City Rooms: Heritage Day	10am - 4pm				✓	
The Y Theatre: A Journey Through History	Tours: 11am, 2pm & 4pm		✓			✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm				✓	

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station: Majestic Beam Engine Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓			✓
Abbey Pumping Station: Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓			✓
Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
The City Rooms: Heritage Day	10am - 4pm				✓	
The Y Theatre: A Journey Through History	Tours: 11am, 2pm & 4pm		✓			✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm				✓	

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
The City Rooms: Heritage Day	10am - 4pm				✓	
The Y Theatre: A Journey Through History	Tours: 11am, 2pm & 4pm			✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm				✓	

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station: Majestic Beam Engine Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm			✓		✓
Abbey Pumping Station: Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm			✓		✓
Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: The Mystery of the Roof: Illustrated Talk	7pm - 8pm	✓			✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
The City Rooms: Heritage Day	10am - 4pm				✓	
The Y Theatre: A Journey Through History	Tours: 11am, 2pm & 4pm			✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm				✓	

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Belgrave Hall: House and Garden Tour	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm			✓		
Belgrave Hall: A Walking Tour	11am and 2pm	✓		✓		
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Experience	Tours: 9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm			✓		
Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
ISKCON Centre: Happiness Under a New Roof	11am - 3pm				✓	✓
Leicester Civic Society: Heritage Tales and Trails at the Secular Hall	10am - 3pm Presentation 10.30am / Guided Walk 1pm	✓		✓		✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm			✓		
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Experience	Tours: 9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓			✓
Greyfriars Legal Quarter Walking Tour	11am, 1pm & 3pm		✓			
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm		✓			✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm		✓			✓
St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Self Guided Tour	8am - 7pm				✓	✓

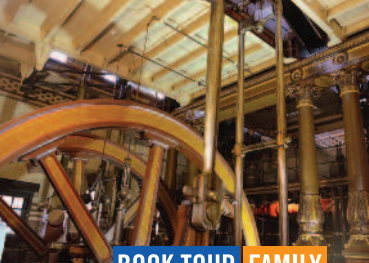
The Leicester Heritage Trail



Would you like to explore Leicester's heritage at your own pace, at any time? Explore Leicester's heritage information panels with the free Leicester Heritage Trail brochure.

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

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



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Abbey Pumping Station: Museum Majestic Beam Engine Tours

Corporation Road,
Leicester LE4 5PX

Monday 11, Tuesday 12
and Thursday 14 September
Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm
& 3pm

Discover the prevailing conditions in Leicester that necessitated the commissioning of the magnificent Gimson Beam Engine and find out about its construction and running details.

A unique opportunity to engage with the history, construction and technical details about the functioning of the majestic Victorian engineering.

The tour will include the basement and the top floor of the Engine House.

To book please visit leicestermuseums.org/HODBeamEngineTours

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/abbey-pumping-station
E: aps@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 299 5111



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Abbey Pumping Station: Transport Shed Tour

Corporation Road,
Leicester LE4 5PX

Monday 11, Tuesday 12
and Thursday 14 September
Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm
& 3pm

Join a guided tour of the Transport Shed as volunteers walk you through the amazing collection of heritage vehicles; including steam, diesel and petrol locomotives, steam and diesel road rollers, fire engines, Leicester Corporation busses, tower wagon, electric milk float and more.

To book please visit leicestermuseums.org/HODTransportShedTours

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/abbey-pumping-station
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T: 0116 299 5111



DROP IN **FAMILY**

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour

Red Hill Way, Leicester
LE4 3EX

Friday 8 - Sunday 17
September
8am - 7pm

Belgrave Cemetery was opened in 1881 and information posts mark points of particular interest throughout the cemetery. A spoken commentary tells you more about what you can see and maybe who lies buried at your feet.

Explore the headstones and monuments at your own pace, all you will need are a tablet or smartphone.

Sensible footwear is advisable. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information:
W: friendsofbelgravecemetery.org.uk
E: nickfathers@sky.com
T: 07979 200 214



BOOK TOUR

Belgrave Hall: The Heritage of Belgrave Hall

Church Road, Belgrave,
Leicester LE4 5PE

Saturday 16 September
House & Garden Tours:
11.30am 1pm & 2.30pm
(Hall open 11am - 4.30pm)
Walking Tour: 11am -
12.30pm & 2pm - 3.30pm

House & Garden Tour

Take a tour & learn more about the fascinating history of Belgrave Hall and its gardens and the families who once lived here. The tour will include all floors, usually restricted from public viewing. The Garden tour will take you on a beautiful walk through the picturesque gardens.

Walking Tour of Belgrave Heritage

Explore the local area starting at Belgrave Hall with Head Gardener Chris Brookes. Look at green spaces and how it has changed over the years, taking in the bridges, locks & canal.

Some uneven steps and enclosed spaces. Unfortunately, there is only wheelchair access to the ground floor & garden.

To book please visit
[leicestermuseums.org/
belgrave-hall](http://leicestermuseums.org/belgrave-hall)

For further information:
W: [leicestermuseums.org/
belgravehall](http://leicestermuseums.org/belgravehall)
f [leicestermuseums](https://www.facebook.com/leicestermuseums)
E: belgrave.hall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 229 8181



DROP IN, FAMILY

Bishop Street Methodist Church Open Day

10a Bishop Street,
Town Hall Square,
Leicester LE1 6AF

Sunday 10 September
10am - 4pm

A chance to see the inside of the building and visit the Heritage Room with portraits, photographs and information boards explaining the history of the church.

View the 1815 Georgian Chapel with Victorian interior and volunteers will be on hand to talk about the history of the Church.

Chapel Café open for light refreshments throughout the day.

For further information:
W: bishopstreetchurch.org.uk
T: 0116 255 4111



BOOK TOUR

City Hall Tour

115 Charles Street,
Leicester LE1 1FZ

Saturday 9 September
10am

City Hall, Leicester City Council's headquarters underwent major refurbishment to create office accommodation and meeting rooms. The building refurbishment included the replication of period features to create a 21st century refit with a 1930s feel.

Join a walking tour to discover the history of the building and how a modern refurbishment has brought a significant city centre building back into use.

Tour will last one hour
approx.
Max 30 people.

To book please email
[Cityhall-reception@
leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Cityhall-reception@leicester.gov.uk)
or call 0116 373 7770



BOOK TOUR

Georgian Leicester Walking Tour

Meeting Point: Outside King Richard III Visitor Centre, 4A St. Martins, Leicester LE1 5DB

Friday 8 September
10.30am - 12.30pm

A walking tour of one of the city's most historically important areas, the "Georgian Leicester" walk identifies architectural heritage from the long eighteenth century. Michael Taylor, local author and heritage specialist, will take you on a route from Leicester Cathedral to Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

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

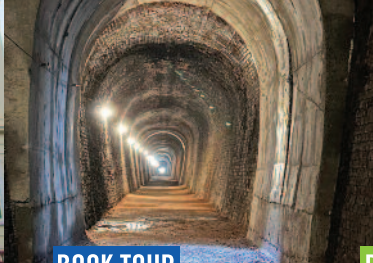
Max 20 people per tour.

To book please contact Visit Leicester

E: info@visitleicester.info

T: 0116 299 4444

Please leave a message and a member of staff will return your call as soon as possible.



BOOK TOUR

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Experience

DBS Managed Offices Car Park, The Old Rectory, Kirby Road, Glenfield LE13 8DG

Saturday 9, Sunday 10,
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17
September

Tours: 9.30am, 11am,
2pm & 3.30pm

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

This tour is unsuitable for people with mobility impairments. An ability to walk a reasonable distance is required. Donations welcome.

Tours one and half hours.

Max 25 people per tour.

To book please visit eventbrite.co.uk/e/glenfield-railway-tunnel-experience-longest-steam-railway-tunnel-in-1832-tickets-627017214367
W: lihs.org.uk

For further information:
T: 0116 241 5153



DROP IN FAMILY

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: Open Days and Tea in the Garden

45 East Bond Street, Leicester LE1 4SX

Open Days: Friday 8 -
Saturday 16 September
11am - 3pm

Afternoon Tea: Saturday 9
September 2pm - 4.30pm

A chance to visit this inner-city gem, including 1708 Chapel with recently restored plaster ceiling and outside, a peaceful woodland-style green space. Join the annual Tea in the Garden, accompanied by a jazz band in the garden and the chapel organ. Take an informative tour of the chapel and learn about its history. Children can follow a special trail.

The Chapel will also host an exhibition 'Town and Country' by Leicester artist Kendrick Snodin, recent winner of the L.O.V.E Art Prize in Leicester and exhibitor this year at the Royal Society of Watercolour Painters.

Guided tours last 30 - 60 minutes.

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



Bede Park

RIVER SOAR

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

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WELFORD ROAD

KING STREET

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NEW DROP IN

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel: The Mystery of the Roof-Illustrated Talk

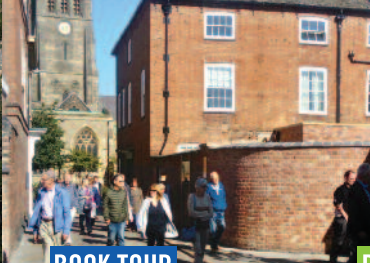
45 East Bond Street,
Leicester LE1 4SX

Thursday 14 September
7pm - 8pm

An illustrated talk by the Chapel's restoration lead detailing how the intact 1708 roof and beautiful ceiling are unique and innovative for their time. What inspired and influenced the founding congregation and how did they accomplish this architectural and engineering feat?

Recent detailed investigation has cast new light, although some pieces of the puzzle remain incomplete.

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



BOOK TOUR

Greyfriars Legal Quarter Walking Tour

Meeting Point: Outside King Richard III Visitor Centre,
4A St. Martins,
Leicester LE1 5DB

Sunday 10 September and
Sunday 17 September
Tours: 11am, 1pm & 3pm

A walking tour of the Greyfriars legal quarter - St Martins/Peacock Lane, New Street, Friar Lane and Pocklington's Walk with a commentary covering the period 1750 – 2021. The legal history of Greyfriars is one of tour guide Andrew Harper's current research interests.

The tour lasts between
45 minutes and one hour.

Max 20 people per tour.

To book please contact
Visit Leicester
E: info@visitleicester.info
T: 0116 299 4444
Please leave a message and a member of staff will return your call as soon as possible.



DROP IN FAMILY

ISKCON Centre: Happiness Under A New Roof

31 Granby Street,
Leicester LE1 6EJ

Saturday 16 September
11am - 3pm

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

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

Accessible entrance on
Bishop Street.

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



DROP IN FAMILY

Jain Centre: Guided Tours

32 Oxford Street,
Leicester LE1 5XU

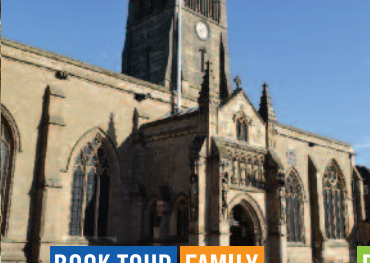
Saturday 9 September
10am - 11am & 11.30am
- 12.30pm

Leicester's Jain Centre started life as a chapel, in 1988 it was transformed into a spectacular Jain Temple and the first one to be consecrated in the western world.

Discover and learn about the Jain faith with a tour of the Jain Centre. Including the magnificently decorated interior of carved sandstone pillars, a beautiful temple domed ceiling, white marble floor and mirrored walls. We have celebrated the 35th year of changing of our flag.

There is lift access to the first and second floor, however, there is a small step to access the building.

For further information:
W: jaincentreleicester.com
f jaincentreleicestereurope
E: info@jaincentreleicester.com
T: 0116 254 1150



BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Leicester Cathedral Walking Tour

St Martin's House
Reception, 7 Peacock Lane,
Leicester LE1 5PZ

Saturday 9 September
11.30am & 2pm

Leicester Cathedral is currently closed for major redevelopment. In the meantime, a walking tour has been developed which starts at the Cathedral perimeter and ends with a tour of St Mary de Castro Church, built within the former bailey of Leicester Castle. Be guided through all aspects of this historically significant route, covering the Norman, medieval and Stuart eras, a delight for anyone with an interest in local history.

Meeting point is the welcome desk in Café No7 adjacent to St Martin's House. Visitors should wear sensible footwear.

The tour will last one hour approx.

To book please visit [Eventbrite eventbrite.co.uk/o/leicester-cathedral-12927482333](http://Eventbrite.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leicester-cathedral-12927482333) or email Rebecca.Hale@LeicesterCofE.org

For further information:
W: leicestercathedral.org
E: Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org
T: 0116 261 5389



DROP IN FAMILY

Leicester City, County & Rutland at Risk War Memorials Project

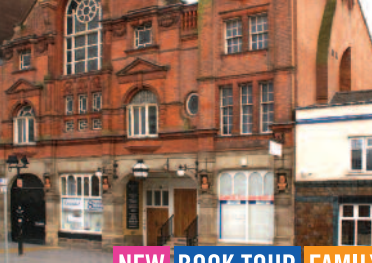
The Chancel behind - All Saints Church, Highcross St.
Leicester LE1 4PH

Thursday 7 September
2pm - 5pm
Friday 8 September
3pm - 6pm
Saturday 9 September
10am - 6pm
Sunday 10 September
2.30pm - 5pm

See over 45 different types of war memorials taken into care from closed churches, chapels, clubs and factories which otherwise would have been lost to vandalism, theft and destruction. The display includes a portfolio with the names of all the approximately 7,300 men of the Leicestershire Regiment who died in The Great War.

NEW: This year the Sikh Museum Initiative a display of Sikh military artefacts and photography from a special collection, including a model of the Sikh soldier statue erected in Victoria Park.

For further information:
W: atriskwarmemorials.co.uk / sikhmuseum.org.uk
E: mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk
T: 07834 324 352



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

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Leicester Civic Society: Heritage Tales and Trails at the Secular Hall

**75 Humberstone Gate,
Leicester LE1 1WB**

**Saturday 16 September
10am - 3pm
Presentation 10.30am
Guided Walk 1pm**

"See to it that their names be not forgotten"

A presentation by Denis Kenyon about the work of the Leicester City, County & Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project. Denis will talk about the vital work the project has been involved in since its formal beginning in August 2012.

"The Mile Straight, the Great Central and City Challenge"
After last year's incredible exploration of Leicester's ancient city walls, we are delighted that the City Mayor, Sir Peter Soulsby, will be leading a brand-new walk for us. This time scouting the development of a section of the city from a modern perspective. A superb hike in prospect.

**Max 24 people on guided walk
The walk will last 90 minutes approx.
To book please visit
leicestercivicsociety.org.uk/all-events
For further information:
E: chair@leicestercivicsociety.org.uk**

Leicester Guildhall Guided Tour

**Guildhall Lane, Leicester
LE1 5FQ**

**Sunday 17 September
Tours 11.30am, 1pm,
& 2.30pm**

Learn more about the fascinating history of Leicester's oldest domestic building still in use, the Guildhall. Find out about the people that have walked through these historic doors and along the cobbled pathways. What it was like to be detained and kept in the Victorian cells and why. Discover historic graffiti within the stained-glass windows in the decorative Mayors Parlour.

Due to the historic nature of the building, floors can be uneven. The first floor can only be accessed via a wooden staircase, a handrail is there to assist.

Max 20 people per tour.

**To book please visit
leicester museums.org/
Guildhall-Tours-
September-2023**

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

Leicester Guildhall Pop-Up Exhibition

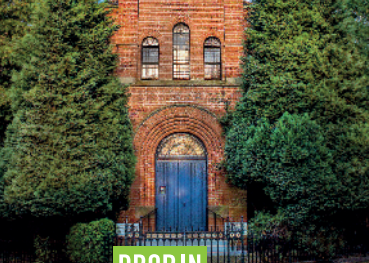
**Guildhall Lane, Leicester
LE1 5FQ**

**Sunday 10 and Monday 11
September 11am - 4.30pm**

Explore some of Leicester City Council's photographic archive and see how the city has changed and developed over the past 70 years. Speak to some of the volunteers who work on the archive and see if you can help us identify some of our mystery pictures and share your memories

Due to the historic nature of the building, floors can be uneven. The first floor can only be accessed via a wooden staircase, a handrail is there to assist.

**For further information:
W: leicester museums.org
/Guildhall-Tours-
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E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 253 2569**



DROP IN

Leicester Synagogue

Highfield Street, Leicester
LE2 1AD

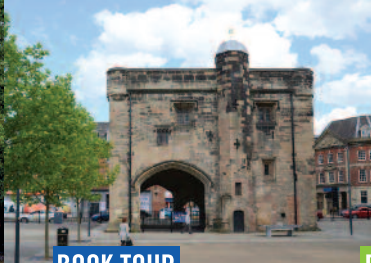
Sunday 10 September
10.30am - 4pm

The Orthodox Jewish Synagogue is a Grade II Listed Building and over 120 years old.

A substantial Heritage Lottery Fund Project completed recently has created a Visitor Centre, which includes a timeline detailing the history of the Community since the first half of the 19th Century, as well as an interactive computer display covering all aspects of Judaism.

There will be informal tours of the whole building with explanations from members of the Jewish Community about its use & the Jewish Faith.

For further information:
W: jewish-leicester.co.uk
T: 07307 212 219



BOOK TOUR

Magazine Gateway Guided Tours

Newarke Gateway, Oxford St
Leicester LE1 5WH

Saturday 9, Sunday 10,
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17
September

Tours: 11am, 12pm, 1pm
& 2pm

The Magazine Gateway, a building people regularly walk, cycle and drive past, opens its doors for blue badge guided tours. Originally a 15th century gateway into the former Newarke religious precinct, this building was later used as a munitions store during the English Civil War. The Guided Tours of the building by Blue Badge Guides includes fascinating architectural features and graffiti dating back to the 16th century.

Not suitable for young children, or those with mobility issues

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



DROP IN

St. James the Greater Church Open Day

214 London Road,
Leicester LE2 1NE

Saturday 9 September
10am - 3pm

Visit this beautiful, unique church to see Venetian architecture in England. Church trail leaflets will be available.

For further information:
W: stjamesthegreater.org.uk
E: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk
T: 0116 254 2111



DROP IN FAMILY

St Mary's Church, Humberstone

**Main Street, Humberstone,
Leicester, LE5 1AE**

**Saturday 9 September
10am - 4pm**

The church will be open for a chance to look at the stained glass windows with a description from an expert member of the congregation, together with a booklet explaining the history.

In addition, an exhibition comparing Norfolk glass with the Humberstone glass.

**For further information:
W: achurchnearyou.com
E: roy.kirk90@yahoo.com
T: 0116 276 6646**



DROP IN FAMILY

St Peter's Church, Belgrave: Churchyard Self Guided Tour

**Church Road, Belgrave,
Leicester, LE4 5PE**

**Friday 8 - Sunday 17
September
8am - 7pm**

St Peter's Church, listed as grade II*, has been closed for a number of years, but the churchyard is still accessible to visitors and has been in use since medieval times.

The churchyard offers visitors an insight into the lives of former local parishioners. The mature trees and its relaxed setting make the churchyard an unexpected haven of peace in a busy world.

Information posters mark points of particular interest throughout the churchyard. A spoken commentary tells you more about what you can see and maybe who lies buried at your feet! Explore the headstones and monuments at your own pace. All you will need are a tablet or a smartphone and a pair of sensible shoes.

**For further information:
W: belgraveheritagetrust.org
E: nickfathers@sky.com**



NEW DROP IN

St Peter's Church, Highfields: Are they Gimson Angels?

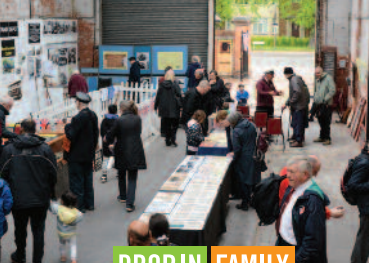
**2 St Peters Road,
Highfields, Leicester
LE2 1DA**

**Saturday 9 September
10am - 4.30pm**

View the intrinsic carving of our choir stalls made by a local craftsman.

Find out about Gimson and other Arts and Crafts artists and their connection to the local area. Admire the intricately painted High Altar and take part in Arts and Crafts activities

**For further information:
W: stpetershighfields.co.uk
E: cathryn@stpetershighfields.co.uk
T: 0116 255 3095**



DROP IN FAMILY

Stoneygate Tram Depot

453 London Rd, Leicester
LE2 3JW

Sunday 10 September
10am - 4pm

A wide range of displays at the iconic Edwardian Stoneygate Tram Depot. Young visitors can meet Dennis, the double decker bus, and his friends and even go for a short ride. Take a turn behind the wheel of a Kirby & West milk float, called Speedy – even though he doesn't move, and have a go at being a bus driver or bus conductor on our special pop-up bus.

Free 20-minute vintage bus trips every 30 minutes from the London Road bus stop layby which is about 50 yards from Stoneygate Tram Depot, from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

For further information:
W: ltht.org.uk/events-for-your-diary



DROP IN

The City Rooms: Heritage Day

16 Hotel Street, Leicester
LE1 5AW

Friday 8 and Monday 11 -
Thursday 14 September
10am - 4pm

The City Rooms are opening their grand doors to reveal the beauty of the inside of the building. The City Rooms is a Georgian Grade 1 listed venue in the heart of Leicester City Centre.

Built in 1972 it has undergone major restoration in recent years which has transformed it into a stunning wedding and conference venue. Steeped in history, the centrepiece is a magnificent ballroom which runs the entire length of the building which also retains many period decorative features.

Please note we cannot guarantee the entire venues are free to look around, dependent on bookings.

For further information:
W: thecityrooms.co.uk
f TheCityRooms
E: info@thecityrooms.co.uk
T: 0116 253 5337



BOOK TOUR FAMILY

The Y Theatre, Leicester's Oldest Theatre: A Journey Through History

The Y Theatre, 7 East
Street, Leicester LE1 6EY

Monday 11, Tuesday 12,
Wednesday 13 and
Thursday 14 September
Tours: 11am, 2pm and 4pm

Journey through the history of Leicester's oldest theatre. Curated and created by residents of YMCA Leicestershire, find out about the Theatre's early days as the Association Hall. The vital role it played during wartime, and the eclectic events it has played host to throughout the years - including a royal opening from the now King Charles III with our panto cast (oh yes he did!).

To book please visit
ytheatre.co.uk or call
0116 255 7066

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



BOOK TOUR

Town Hall Guided Tour

Town Hall Square,
Leicester LE1 9BG

Saturday 9 September
12pm & 2.30pm

Join a guided tour and find out more about this fine civic building, a true Victorian jewel, built in the Queen Anne style. Discover how this magnificent building was nearly destroyed during World War II by a German bomb and see the council chambers, tea room, civic plate, court room and cells.

Meeting at Town Hall reception, each tour lasts one and half hrs approx.

To book please email Cityhall-reception@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 373 770.

NEW BOOK TOUR

DROP IN FAMILY

University of Leicester: Discover Heritage

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

Saturday 9 September
10am - 4pm

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

Try your hand at archaeological excavation in our dig pit, have a go at craft activities, see some of the treasures of our University's collections, find out about our latest projects or follow one of our brand-new heritage trails. Bookable tours will be on offer, providing an opportunity to discover the rich and varied architecture of our campus.

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

For further information:
W: le.ac.uk/library/events
W: le.ac.uk/heritagehub
E: heritageuol@le.ac.uk
T: 0116 252 2056

DROP IN

Winstanley House

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

Friday 8 - Thursday 14
September
10am - 4pm

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

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

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

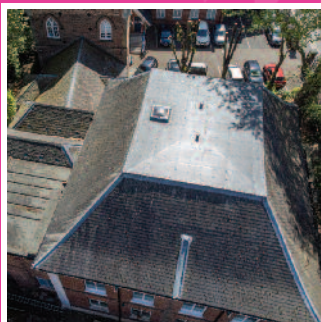
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For further information:
W: winstanleyhouse.co.uk
E: info@winstanleyhouse.co.uk
T: 0116 366 5642

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visitleicester.info

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