

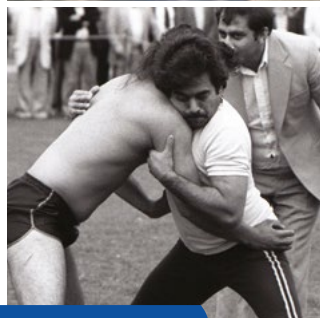
FRIDAY 12 – SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

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



FREE TO
EXPLORE

heritage open days



Leicester
visitleicester.info

heritageopendays.org.uk



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

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

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

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



Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor

This September we celebrate Leicester's rich and diverse built heritage with a vibrant programme of free events, tours, exhibitions, and talks for Heritage Open Days 2025.

Explore Leicester's past, celebrate its present, and be inspired about its future. From hidden gems to historic landmarks, everyone is welcome to discover the stories that shape our city's identity.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the many organisations, volunteers, venues, and individuals who have come together to facilitate this year's programme. Your dedication is key to people being able to access our shared heritage both during the festival, and all-year-around.

There's something for everyone this year, so please come and be part of the story.



Cllr Vi Dempster
Assistant City Mayor

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Georgian Leicester Walking Tour	10.30am - 12.30pm		✓		
The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

City Hall Tour	10am		✓		✓
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tours	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓		✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	10am - 5pm			✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am & 1pm	✓	✓		✓
Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society	10.30am - 1pm			✓	✓
St Andrews Aylestone: Explore over 800 Years of History	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
St George's Memorial Talk	10am - 6pm Talk: 12noon	✓		✓	✓
Hidden Gems of Leicester Cathedral	11am	✓	✓		✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
The Hardman Stained Glass Company of Birmingham	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	
St Peter's Church, Highfields	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	✓
Town Hall Guided Tour	12.15pm		✓		
University of Leicester Campus Tour	11am & 1pm		✓		
Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church	12noon - 3pm			✓	✓

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓		✓
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tours	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm		✓		✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	12noon - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am & 1pm	✓	✓		✓
Leicester Synagogue	10.30am - 4pm			✓	✓
Leicester Secular Hall Open Day	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
St Andrews Aylestone: Explore over 800 Years of History	12noon - 4pm			✓	✓
St George's Memorial Talk	2.30pm - 5pm	✓		✓	✓
Public Transport Staff: Past and Present	10am - 4pm			✓	✓

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	
The Mythstorians	2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	
Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church	9am - 12noon, 4pm - 6pm			✓	✓

EVENT	TIME	NEW	BOOK TOUR	DROP IN	FAMILY
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TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Glenfield Hospital: Creative Health and Heritage Centre	6pm & 7.30pm	✓	✓		
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm	✓	✓		✓
The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	
The Mythstorians	10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓
University of Leicester Brookfield Campus Tour	5.30pm		✓		
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	
Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church	9am - 12noon, 4pm - 6pm			✓	✓

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Hidden Gems of Leicester Cathedral	2pm	✓	✓		✓
Humberstone Gate Walking Tour	11am - 1pm	✓	✓		
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm	✓	✓		✓
Leicester Photographic Archive Pop Up Exhibition	11am - 4pm	✓			✓
Leicester Museums Store Tour	10.30am - 12noon	✓	✓		✓
Serendipity Institute for Black Arts Heritage	10am & 3pm	✓		✓	
St Margaret's Church	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
The Mythstorians	10am & 12noon	✓	✓		✓
University of Leicester Campus Tour	5.30pm		✓		
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	
Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church	9am - 12noon, 4pm - 6pm			✓	✓

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Braunstone Stables Musuem	10am - 4pm			✓	
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Photographic Archive Pop Up Exhibition	11am - 4pm	✓			✓
Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church	9am - 12noon, 4pm - 6pm			✓	✓

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Family Fortunes: The Winstanleys and Braunstone	2pm - 3pm	✓		✓	
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	Tour: 11.30am Talk: 1pm	✓	✓		✓
The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

De Montfort University: Medieval Campus Tour	1pm	✓	✓	□	✓
Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tours	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm	□	✓	□	✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm	□	□	✓	✓
Jain Centre Open Day Tours	10.30am & 11.30am	□	□	✓	✓
Leicester's Cultural Quarter Walking Tour	11am - 1pm	✓	✓	□	□
Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society	10.30am - 1pm	□	□	✓	✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon & 1pm	□	✓	□	□
Newarke Houses Museum Open Day and Talk	11am - 4.30pm Talks: 12.30pm & 2.30pm	□	✓	✓	✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 1pm	□	□	✓	✓
Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church	9am - 12noon, 4pm - 6pm	□	□	✓	✓

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tours	9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm	□	✓	□	✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	12noon - 3pm	□	□	✓	✓

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



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Abbey Pumping Station: Beam Engine and Transport Shed Tours

Corporation Road,
Leicester LE4 5PX

Sunday 14 September
11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm

Experience the wonders at Abbey Pumping Station with exclusive tours of the mighty Beam Engine House and the Transport Shed, home to the vintage vehicle collection.

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

Not suitable for children under 7 or people with mobility issues due to stairs in the Engine House.

To book visit
Transport Shed Tours:
leicestermuseums.org/HOD-2025TransportShedTour
Beam Engine Tours:
leicestermuseums.org/HOD-2025BeamEngineTour

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



DROP IN

Braunstone Stables Museum

Stable Block Museum,
Braunstone Park, Leicester
LE3 1HX

Thursday 18 September
10am - 4pm

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

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

No lift access to upstairs rooms. Certain items can be brought down by request.

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



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

City Hall Tour

115 Charles Street, Leicester
LE1 1FZ

Saturday 13 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.

Max 30 people.

To book email cityhall-town-hallevents@leicester.gov.uk
or call 0116 373 7770.



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

De Montfort University: Medieval Campus Tour

Meeting point is Castle View, in the courtyard between St Mary de Castro Church and the Great Hall LE2 7BY

**Saturday 20 September
1pm**

De Montfort University (DMU) campus sits at the heart of Leicester in an area steeped in history. Learn of the ancient origins of the campus site to its manufacturing heyday and founding of the university's predecessor.

The walk focuses on the medieval history of the site surrounding campus, encompassing Castle Motte, Castle Great Hall, St Mary de Castro (exterior), Turret Gateway, Trinity Hospital chapel, Chantry House (exterior) and the Church of the Annunciation ruins within the DMU Museum. Enter buildings usually inaccessible to the public and hear about the complicated and intriguing history of the old Newarke and Castle area of the city.

**The tour last approx.
90 minutes.**

**To book visit eventbrite.co.uk
search: DMU medieval
campus tours**

**For further information:
E: museum@dmu.ac.uk
T: 0116 207 8729**



DROP IN

Family Fortunes: The Winstanley's and Braunstone

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

**Friday 19 September
2pm - 3pm**

Dr Susan Barton will deliver a lecture on the historic development of the western part of the city, as featured in her new book on the Winstanley family.

Dr Barton is an honorary visiting research fellow at De Montfort University and is a regular speaker at conferences across Europe on a range of historic topics. Visitors will also get an opportunity to look around the Grade II Listed Church.

**For further information:
W: st-annes-church.co.uk
f [StAnneLeicester](https://www.facebook.com/StAnneLeicester)
T: 0116 454 4638**



BOOK TOUR

Georgian Leicester Walking Tour

Meet outside King Richard III
Visitor Centre
4A St Martins, Leicester
LE1 5DB

**Friday 12 September
10.30am - 12.30pm**

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

Michael Taylor, local author and heritage specialist, will take participants 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.

**To book 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.**



NEW BOOK TOUR

Glenfield Hospital: Creative Health and Heritage Centre

Glenfield Hospital, Groby Rd,
Leicester LE3 9QP

Tuesday 16 September
6pm & 7.30pm

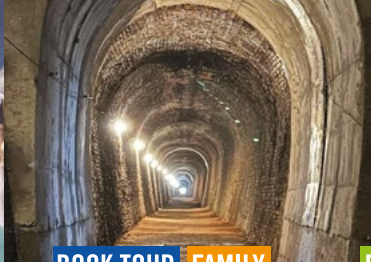
Be among the first to explore the Creative Health and Heritage Centre at Glenfield Hospital. View displays of objects, archives and photographs from Leicester Hospitals' museum collection. Find out about plans to develop a centre that will support health and wellbeing through the hospitals museum and art collections. The evening includes a talk from Consultant Urological Surgeon and medical historian, Jonathan Goddard.

Follow signs from the hospital main entrance for Creative Health and Heritage Centre.

Max 10 people per tour.

To book 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.

For further information:
E: artsandheritage@uhl-tr.nhs.uk



BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Glenfield Railway Tunnel Tours

Dbs Managed Offices Car Park,
The Old Rectory, Kirby Road,
Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8DG

Saturday 13, Sunday 14,
Saturday 20 and Sunday
21 September
9.30am, 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm

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

Tours start from the Old Rectory (dbs managed offices) car park, opposite the Forge Inn on Kirby Road, Glenfield. The walk goes to the tunnel along the track bed of the Leicester & Swannington Railway and into the tunnel, approx. one mile each way.

**The tour lasts approx.
two hours.**

To book visit ticketsource.co.uk/leicestershire-industrial-history-society

For further information:
W: lihs.org.uk
E: chris_hossack@yahoo.co.uk
T: 0116 241 5153



DROP IN FAMILY

Great Meeting Chapel and Garden

45 East Bond Street, Leicester
LE1 4SX

Saturday 13 September
10am - 5pm
Wednesday 17, Thursday 18,
Friday 19 and Saturday 20
September 11am - 3pm
Sunday 14 and 21 September
12noon - 3pm

Take a guided tour of the 1708 Grade II Chapel, garden and medieval boundary wall. Admire the peaceful interior with its recently restored Georgian octagonal plaster ceiling and learn how the unknown architect created a unique and innovative roof structure.

Learn fascinating anecdotes about people associated with the Chapel and its place in Leicester's political and social history, including the Chapel's school and its 19th century Domestic Mission, plus a special children's trail. On Saturday 13 September enjoy afternoon tea from 2pm - 4.30pm with homemade cakes, accompanied by live music in the garden.

The chapel will also host an exhibition by local artist Shaun Crane, entitled 'Connections', exploring the deep and mindful connections between living beings, wild places and the rhythms which underpin the natural world.

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



DROP IN FAMILY

Jain Centre Open Day

32 Oxford Street, Leicester
LE1 5XU

Saturday 20 September
10.30am & 11.30am

Discover and learn about the Jain faith with a tour of the Jain Centre in Leicester. The centre features include 44 magnificently carved sandstone pillars, a beautiful temple dome and ceiling with traditional carvings, a white marble floor, mirrored walls, traditional doors at the Garbhagriha (the inner sanctum) and hand-carved staircases.

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

The tour lasts approx.
one hour.

Max 50 people per tour.

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



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Hidden Gems of Leicester Cathedral

Leicester Cathedral, Peacock
Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ

Saturday 13 September 11am
Wednesday 17 September 2pm

A new opportunity to view a range of precious and unusual objects to be found in Leicester Cathedral. Drawn from its long and varied history, this free tour will be enjoyed by heritage lovers of any age.

Meet at Cathedral welcome desk at south door entrance.

The tour will last approx.
45 minutes.

To book visit [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)
search: hidden gems of
leicester cathedral

For further information:
W: leicestercathedral.org
E: Rebecca.Hale@Leicester-CofE.org
T: 0116 261 5368



NEW BOOK TOUR

Humberstone Gate Walking Tour

Humberstone Road, Leicester
LE5 0AE

Wednesday 17 September
11am - 1pm

A walking tour of Humberstone Gate, one of the main gateways into Leicester. Learn about Leicester's tallest building, a popular vending machine, a 'hole in the wall' and much more.

The tour will also visit some of the streets that lead off Humberstone Gate to learn about their history. James Gunn, of the Leicester Civic Society will lead the walk. Meet outside the rear of Lidl supermarket near the bus stop (opposite Rothera Bray solicitors),

The tour will last approx.
two hours.

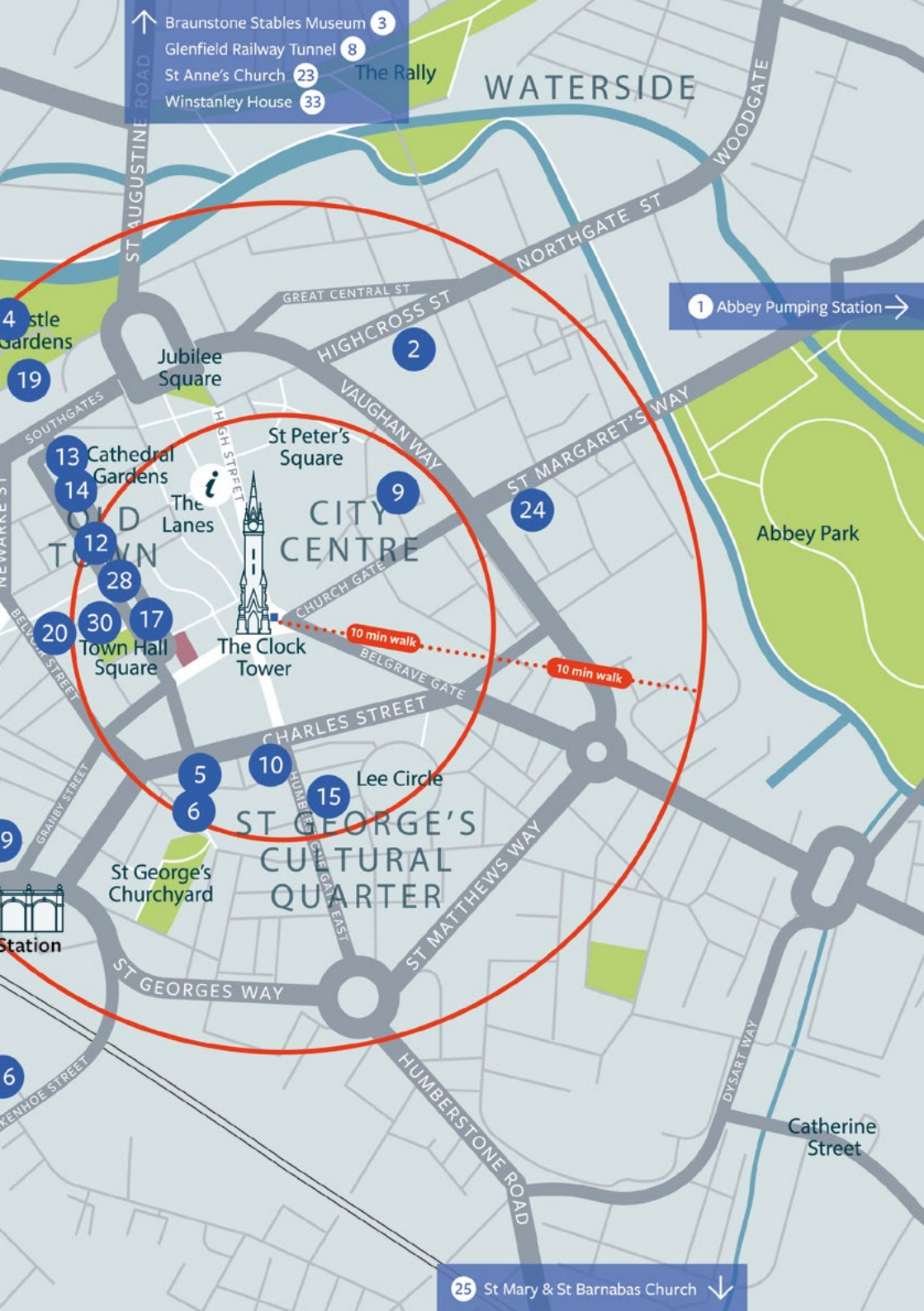
Max 20 people.

To book visit
leicestercivicsociety.org.uk,
E: events@leicestercivicsociety.org.uk or telephone
07799 035 462

MAP INDEX

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

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NEW BOOK TOUR

Leicester's Cultural Quarter Walking Tour

Meet outside Curve Theatre,
60 Rutland St, Leicester LE1 1SB

Saturday 20 September
11am - 1pm

A walking tour of Leicester's Cultural Quarter taking in the social, building, street art and economic history of this area.

James Gunn, of the Leicester Civic Society will lead the walk with many old photographs to show along the way. The circular tour will finish back outside Curve.

The tour will last approx. two hours.

Max 20 people.

To book visit
leicestercivicsociety.org.uk
E: events@leicestercivicsociety.org.uk
T: 07799 035 462



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours

Leicester Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester LE1 5FQ

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14
September 11.30am & 1pm
Tuesday 16 and Wednesday
17 September
11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm
Friday 19 September
11.30am (tour)
1pm (talk on stained-glass windows)

Discover Leicester Guildhall, the city's oldest surviving public building and one of the UK's best-preserved timber-framed halls, dating back over 600-years. Enjoy free guided tours exploring its rich history from Shakespearean links and Medieval Leicester to its 1920s museum transformation, and the mystery of King Lear's legendary burial. On Friday 19 join a special tour on the infamous and notorious figures who visited the Guildhall, plus at 1pm a presentation on the stained-glass windows in the Mayor's Parlour.

Sensible footwear advised due to the nature of the building and walking across a cobbled pathway.

Tours last approx. one hour.

To book visit leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall

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



NEW FAMILY

Leicester Photographic Archive Pop Up Exhibition

Leicester Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester LE1 5FQ

Wednesday 17 and Thursday
18 September
11am - 4pm

This year's exhibition will be exploring the themes of Fetes, Fairs and Festivals.

Explore some of the highlights of Leicester City Council's photographic archive, see the themed exhibitions created by the volunteers. Speak to the volunteers who work on the archive and see if you can help identify some of the mystery pictures and share your memories.

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



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Leicester Museums Store Tour

City centre, location will be advised when booking

**Wednesday 17 September
10.30am - 12noon**

Leicester Museums are only ever able to display a small percentage of their collections, the rest are kept in environmentally controlled stores where they continue to be used for research and exhibitions.

The tour is a fascinating behind the scenes stroll around the main object store and is for anybody who has ever wondered about what kind of objects are stored and what is required to look after them and preserve them for future generations.

Suitable for children aged 11 years and above.

Max 12 people.

**To book visit
leicestermuseums.org**



DROP IN FAMILY

Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society

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

**Saturday 13 and Saturday 20
September 10.30am - 1pm**

Look down onto Town Hall Square from a different vantage point by visiting the LRFHS Research Centre in Leicester's famous Every Street.

View a small exhibition of photographs of Town Hall Square over the years of The Picture House cinema which once backed onto 7-9 Every Street. In addition, all the Society's family history resources will be available for visitors to use.

Lift access to 2nd floor.

**For further information:
W: lrfs.org.uk
E: publicity@lrfs.org.uk
T: 07708 883 147**



DROP IN FAMILY

Leicester Synagogue

The Synagogue, Highfield Street,
Leicester LE2 1AD

**Sunday 14 September
10.30am - 4pm**

The Synagogue is a Grade II Listed building dating back to 1897 and will be open for informal tours of the building and explanations of the Jewish faith.

Explore the new Visitor Centre, funded by the Heritage Lottery, which includes a timeline depicting the history of the Jewish community in Leicester as well as an interactive TV programme detailing all you need to know about Judaism.

**For further information:
W: jewish-leicester.org
E: centremanager@lhc.co.uk
T: 07307 212 219**



DROP IN FAMILY

Leicester Secular Hall Open Day

Leicester Secular Hall
75 Humberstone Gate,
Leicester LE1 1WB

Sunday 14 September
10am - 4pm

The Secular Hall is one of the most significant Victorian Arts and Crafts buildings in Leicester, designed by W. Larnier Sugden, a contemporary and friend of William Morris. Now a Grade II listed building it was built for the Leicester Secular Society and has been in continuous use by the Society since it opened in 1881.

The five busts on the front of the Secular Hall were sculpted by Ambrose Louis Vago and depict Socrates, Jesus, Voltaire, Thomas Paine and Robert Owen, who were seen as standing against 'priestly pretensions.' Above them are panels which symbolise the values of the Secular Society and Hall: Liberty, Justice and Truth. The Hall is now a Grade II listed building.

Only the ground floor is wheelchair accessible. Tours of the building start from the Gimson Room.

For further information:
W: leicestersecularsociety.org.uk
E: contact@leicestersecularsociety.org.uk
T: 07722 782 727



BOOK TOUR

Magazine Gateway Guided Tours

Newarke Gateway, Oxford St,
Leicester LE1 5WH

Saturday 20 September
11am, 12noon & 1pm

The Magazine is a 15th century entrance gateway to the former Newarke religious precinct that was later used to store the weaponry and gunpowder of the town's militia during the English Civil War.

During the 20th century it was used as a WWI recruiting station. Find out about interesting features of the well-known building with Blue Badge guides, including historical graffiti dating back to the 16th century.

Not suitable for children under 7 or those with mobility issues.

To book visit leicestermuseums.org/HOD2025Magazine

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org
T: 0116 454 6680



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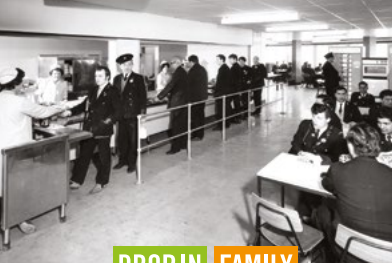
Newarke Houses Museum Open Day and Talk

Newarke Houses Museum,
The Newarke, Leicester LE2 7BY

Saturday 20 September
11am - 6.30pm
Talks: 12.30pm & 2.30pm

Enjoy the opportunity to visit the attractions of the museum along with talks about the Siege of Leicester by local historian Jim Butler.

To book talks visit
leicestermuseums.org
For further information:
T: 0116 454 6680



DROP IN FAMILY

Public Transport Staff: Past and Present

Stoneygate Tram Depot, 453
London Rd, Leicester LE2 3JW

Sunday 14 September
10am - 4pm

This special open day at Stoneygate Tram Depot will celebrate local people, from a wide range of diverse groups, who have kept Leicester's public transport moving for over 150 years. View the large photo archive of transport staff and many, sadly, have no identification of the individuals featured. Many of these on display and we would welcome and help with identification from those who visit us on the day. In addition there will be a free 20-minute bus ride operating throughout the day.

If you or had a family member worked in public transport the depot would be delighted to see any related photos or items that you may have.

For further information:
W: ltht.org.uk
f [facebook.com/groups/143389412374259](https://www.facebook.com/groups/143389412374259)



NEW DROP IN

Serendipity Institute for Black Arts and Heritage

8 Bowling Green Street,
Leicester LE1 6AT

Wednesday 17 September
10am - 12noon & 3pm - 5pm

Serendipity Institute for Black Arts and Heritage proudly marks its first year at Bowling Green Street, a Grade II listed building in Leicester city centre.

As the current custodians of this historic site, and to celebrate the building's 160th anniversary, the Serendipity team has researched its fascinating history and the vital role it has played in Leicester since 1865.

Steps lead up to the main entrance. A doorbell is located next to the wooden door for assistance. The Studio Box is situated on the first floor, accessible via a flight of 25 steps.

To book visit
serendipity-uk.com/event/heritage-open-day

For further information:
W: serendipity-uk.com
E: info@serendipity-uk.com
T: 0116 482 1394



DROP IN FAMILY

St Andrews Aylestone: Explore over 800 Years of History

Old Church Street Aylestone,
Leicester LE2 8ND

Saturday 13 September
10am - 4pm
Sunday 14 September
12noon - 4pm

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

Parts of the church are not wheelchair accessible.

For further information:
W: standrewsaylestone.com



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

St George's Memorial Talk

The Chancel behind All Saints Church, Highcross Street, Leicester LE1 4PH

Saturday 13 September

10am - 6pm

Talk: 12noon

Sunday 14 September

2.30pm - 5pm

The Leicester City, County & Rutland at Risk War Memorials Project have displayed 54 war memorials from closed churches, chapels, factories and working men's clubs. A key part of our heritage, the memorials rescued from loss and the men named upon them deserve to have their sacrifice respected.

David Humberston will be giving a talk in the churchyard about the wonderful and moving St George's Memorial Church in Ypres filled with memorials and banners.

The talk will last approx. 30 minutes.

For further information:

W: atriskwarmemorials.co.uk

E: mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk

T: 07834 324 352



DROP IN FAMILY

St Margaret's Church

St Margaret's Street, Leicester LE1 3EB

Saturday 13 and Wednesday 17 September

10am - 4pm

Saturday 20 September

10am - 1pm

St Margaret's Church is a beautiful Medieval Church, steeped in history with beautiful early Victorian stained-glass windows; the East Window and both windows either side of the High Altar are attributed to Thomas Willament.

The church is open for visitors to explore at their leisure. Volunteers are on hand to answer questions

For further information:

W: stmargaretsleicester.com

E: stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

St Peter's Church, Highfields

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

Saturday 13 September

10am - 4pm

Enjoy a family fun day with stalls, games, bouncy castle and more. The church will be open and volunteers are on hand to answer questions about the church and its architectural features.

For further information:

W: stpetershighfields.co.uk

E: cathryn@stpetershighfields.co.uk

T: 0116 255 3095



DROP IN

The City Rooms

16 Hotel Street, Leicester
LE1 5AW

Friday 12, Monday 15, Tuesday
16 and Friday 19 September
10am - 4pm

The City Rooms are opening their grand doors to reveal the beauty of the inside of the building - a Georgian Grade I listed venue in the heart of Leicester city centre. Built in 1972 it has undergone major restoration in recent years which has transformed it into a stunning wedding and conference venue.

Steeped in history, the centrepiece is a magnificent ballroom which runs the entire length of the building which also retains many period decorative features.

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

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



DROP IN

The Hardman Stained Glass Company of Birmingham

St Mary & St Barnabas Church,
Main Street, Humberstone,
Leicester LE5 1AE

Saturday 13 September
10am - 4pm

View a photographic exhibition of examples of the Hardman Company glass and metalwork that was installed in St Chad's, Birmingham between 1850 and 1921. Examples from the company's stained-glass windows and brass work in churches across the Midlands are included in the exhibition.

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



NEW

BOOK TOUR

FAMILY

The Mythstorians

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

Monday 15 September
2pm & 4pm
Tuesday 16 September
10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm
Wednesday 17 September
10am & 12noon

Join the self-titled Mythstorians, AKA residents of YMCA Leicestershire, as they bring the folklore, myths and legends of Leicestershire to life in an interactive exhibition.

Explore famous tales including the blue-faced bogeywoman Black Annis, the curse of the Humber Stone, the cautionary bedtime story of the Nine O'clock Horses and not forgetting the ghost residing in the YMCA building

Sessions last approx.
one hour.

To book visit ytheatre.ticketstolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173664750

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 13 September
12.15pm

Join a guided tour and find out more about this fine civic building, a true Victorian jewel, built in the Queen Anne style.

Discover how this magnificent building was nearly destroyed during WWII by a German bomb and see the council chambers, tea room, civic plate, court room and cells.

Tours last approx. one and half hours.

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



NEW BOOK TOUR

University of Leicester Brookfield Campus Tour

266 London Rd, Leicester
LE2 1RQ

Tuesday 16 September
5.30pm

Set in seven acres in the historic Stoneygate Conservation area, Brookfield is the home of the University of Leicester School of Business. Built in the 1840s, it was remodelled for University founder Thomas Fielding Johnson by celebrated architects Goddard and Paget.

It has now been sympathetically extended and restored by Shephard Epstein Hunter to provide state-of-the art learning and teaching spaces, while retaining many original architectural features. Find out about some of the people who lived here, and for a guided tour of the campus.

Due to the historic nature of the original building some areas do not have step free access.

To book visit
le.ac.uk/heritagehub

For further information:
E: heritageuol@le.ac.uk
T: 0116 252 2056



BOOK TOUR

University of Leicester Campus Tour

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

Saturday 13 September
11am & 1pm

Wednesday 17 September
5.30pm

The campus of the University of Leicester is notable for the range and importance of its architecture. The oldest building, the imposing Fielding Johnson Building, was built in the 1830s as the Leicestershire and Rutland Lunatic Asylum. Towering above the old asylum are three distinctive buildings from the 1960s: the Engineering Building, the Attenborough Tower and the Charles Wilson building.

Visitors will be led on a guided tour of campus architecture and will hear about the contribution of celebrated architects including James Stirling and James Gowan, Denys Lasdun, and Leslie Martin.

This tour will last approx. 90 mins.

To book visit
le.ac.uk/heritagehub

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DROP IN

Winstanley House

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

Friday 12, Monday 15,
Tuesday 16 and Wednesday
17 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 view the restoration and transformation that has brought it back to life today.

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

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



DROP IN FAMILY

Wonders of a City Church: St Andrew's Church

53 Jarrom Street, Leicester
LE2 7DH

Saturday 13 September
12noon - 3pm
Monday 15, Tuesday 16,
Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18
September 9am - 12noon and
4pm - 6pm
Saturday 20 September
9am - 12noon

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

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

Step free access from Gateway Street, please ring the bell

For further information:
W: standrewsjarromstreet.org
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T: 07507 196 629
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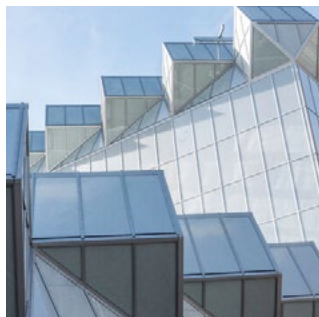
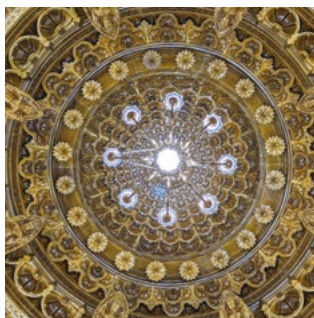


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