

FRIDAY 11 – SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

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Leicester's hidden heritage



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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.



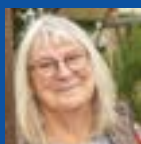
Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor

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 2026.

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 11 SEPTEMBER

Central Baptist Church	12noon - 2pm		✓		✓
Georgian Leicester Walking Tour	10.30am - 12.30pm		✓		
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm	✓		✓	✓
The City Rooms	10am - 3pm			✓	
Winstanley House	10am - 3pm			✓	

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Central Baptist Church	12noon - 3pm		✓		✓
City Hall Tour	10am		✓		✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	10am - 5pm			✓	✓
In the Company of The Fallen	10am - 6pm Talk: 12noon			✓	✓
Leicester Cathedral: Richard III Tours	11.30am & 2.30pm	✓	✓		✓
St Andrews Aylestone: 800 Years of History	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
St Peter's Highfields	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	✓
Town Hall Guided Tour	12noon & 2.30pm		✓		✓

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Central Baptist Church	10am - 1.15pm			✓	✓
Clarendon Park Congregational Church	11.30am - 2.30pm	✓		✓	✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	12noon - 3pm			✓	✓
Greyfriars Legal Quarter Walking Tour	11am, 1pm & 3pm		✓		✓
In the Company of The Fallen	11am - 3.30pm			✓	✓
Magazine Gateway Guided Tours	11am, 12noon & 1pm		✓		
St Andrews Aylestone: 800 Years of History	12noon - 4pm			✓	✓

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Abbey Pumping Station: Beam Engine & Transport Shed Tours	11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm		✓		✓
Central Baptist Church	10.30am - 12.30pm			✓	✓
Clarence House	2pm	✓	✓		✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm	✓		✓	✓
The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	
125 Years in 125 Minutes	2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	
Wonders Unseen: 100 Objects of Museum Stored	11am - 3pm	✓		✓	✓
125 Years in 125 Minutes	10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓
Winstanley House	10am - 4pm			✓	

EVENT	TIME	NEW	BOOK TOUR	DROP IN	FAMILY
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WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Glenfield Hospital: Creative Health and Heritage Centre	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	
Leicester Cathedral: David Vaughan	2pm	✓	✓		
St Margaret's Church	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
Unwritten. Unseen. Unforgotten: Black Leicester and the Living Archive	1pm - 4pm	✓		✓	
Western Park Open Air School	2pm - 3pm	✓		✓	
Wharf Street Walking Tour	11am - 1pm	✓	✓		
125 Years in 125 Minutes	10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm	✓	✓		✓

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Braunstone Stables Museum	10am - 4pm			✓	✓
Glenfield Hospital: Creative Health and Heritage Centre	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Photographic Archive Exhibition	11am - 4pm	✓		✓	✓
St Margaret's Church	12noon - 2.30pm Organ Recital			✓	✓
The City Rooms	10am - 4pm			✓	

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Central Baptist Church	12noon - 2pm		✓		✓
Glenfield Hospital: Creative Health and Heritage Centre	10am - 4pm	✓		✓	
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Photographic Archive Exhibition	11am - 4pm	✓		✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm	✓		✓	✓

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Central Baptist Church	12noon - 3pm		✓		✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	11am - 3pm			✓	✓
Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours	11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm	✓		✓	✓
St Margaret's Church	10am - 1pm			✓	✓
High Street & Leicester Lanes Walking Tour	11am - 1pm	✓	✓		
Tell Tall Tales	11.30am - 3.30pm	✓		✓	✓
The City Rooms	1pm - 4pm			✓	

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Central Baptist Church	10am - 1.15pm			✓	✓
Great Meeting Chapel and Garden	12noon - 3pm			✓	✓
Greyfriars Legal Quarter Walking Tour	11am, 1pm & 3pm		✓		✓
Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society	2pm - 4pm	✓		✓	✓
On the Buses	10am - 4pm			✓	✓

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 over 420 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

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

Explore the Transport Shed and view the heritage vehicles including the Aveling & Porter Steam Roller, Bagnall Steam Locomotive "Leonard", Leicester Corporation busses and Dennis Fire Engines.

Volunteers will also conduct the tours to the Beam Engine House, detailing the various construction and operation aspects of the Beam Engines and the historical significance at the time of its manufacture.

Sensible shoes must be worn as flooring is uneven. Suitable for older children.

To book please visit
Transport Shed Tours
leicestermuseums.org/HOD-2026TransportShedTour

Beam Engine Tours
leicestermuseums.org/HOD-2026BeamEngineTour

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/abbey-pumping-station
E: museumevents@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 4544



DROP IN FAMILY

Braunstone Stables Museum

Stable Block Museum,
Braunstone Park, Leicester
LE3 1HX

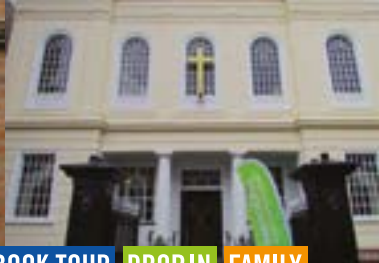
Thursday 17 September
10am - 4pm

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, stairs only to 1st floor only.

For further information:
T: 0775 424 8768
f Braunstone History Group



BOOK TOUR DROP IN FAMILY

Central Baptist Church

Charles Street, Leicester LE1 1LA

Friday 11 and 18 September *
Tours: 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 12 and 19 September *
Tours: 12noon - 3pm
Sunday 13 and 20 September
10am - 1.15pm

Tours before 10.30am and 12.30pm (worship service in between)

Monday 14 September
Tours: 10.30am - 12.30pm
*booking required

The grade 2 listed building of Central Baptist Church Leicester was erected in the 1830's Georgian period. The main sanctuary was refurbished in 2017 and hosts a large tracker action organ and the William Carey museum.

On the day there will be opportunities to tour the museum and church building, as well as a space to sit, relax, and reflect. If visiting on a Sunday morning there is the option to stay for the weekly Sunday service at 10.45am.

If visiting on a Monday morning there is the option to pop into Café Central in the middle of the building for a free refreshment.

If disabled access is required, please contact us so that we can assist you further.

To book tours and for further information:
W: cbleicester.org.uk
E: cbcreomhire@outlook.com
T: 0116 255 2520



BOOK TOUR FAMILY

City Hall Tour

115 Charles Street, Leicester
LE1 1FZ

Saturday 12 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.

The tour will last approx. one hour.

Max 30 people.

To book please contact
0116 454 2200
E: cityhall-reception@leicester.gov.uk



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Clarence House

Clarence House (Age UK Building), 46 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 3PJ

Monday 14 September
2pm

Hosted by the Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society (LRFHS), an opportunity to visit Clarence House and hear about its history which dates back to 1878. Designed by Edward Burgess, the building has been home to two different schools and a further education college before being bought by its current owners Age UK.

The building's Great Hall houses two war memorials, commemorating former pupils of the Newarke School (WW1) and the City Boys' School (WW2). There will be a small exhibition including information about some of the servicemen commemorated on the two war memorials. In addition, there will be an opportunity to visit the LRFHS's new research centre.

The tour will last approx. 90 minutes.

Max 20 people.

To book please visit
W: lrfhs.org.uk
E: publicity@lrfhs.org.uk
T: 0770 888 3147



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Clarendon Park Congregational Church

Corner of London Road and Springfield Road, Leicester LE2 3BB

Sunday 13 September
11.30am - 2.30pm

The church is seat of non-conformist Protestant worship. Built to accommodate five-hundred worshippers the church was designed by James Tate and built by Frederick Major.

Opened in March 1886, the church became a notable architectural feature of the area. During the celebratory luncheon, a vote of thanks was given to the architect and contractor in recognition of the care, skill and professionalism with which they had completed the project.

Both externally and internally, despite various alterations and upgrades over the years, the church would still be instantly recognisable to the 27 visionary, committed Victorians who first made this building their spiritual home.

For further information:
 [leicester.cpcc](https://www.facebook.com/leicester.cpcc)



BOOK TOUR

Georgian Leicester Walking Tour

Meet outside the Richard III Centre, 4a St Martins, Leicester LE1 5DB

Friday 11 September
10.30am - 12.30pm

A walking tour of one of the city's most historically important areas, identifying architectural heritage from the long 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.

The tour will last approx. two hours.

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 call as soon as possible.**



NEW DROP IN

Glenfield Hospital: Creative Health and Heritage Centre

Glenfield Hospital, Groby Rd, Leicester LE3 9QP

Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and
Friday 18 September
10am - 4pm

The Creative Health and Heritage Centre has a wealth of healthcare related artefacts that together tell the story of Leicester's hospitals. This year features a new exhibition showcasing historical devices that have helped us understand the patient condition through measurement.

The exhibition includes early ECG monitoring, blood pressure machines, weighing and temperature instruments as well as early hearing test devices. In an age where many of these measurements can now be done with the press of a button on a smartwatch, we are highlighting how measuring devices developed through the years to get to this point and the accuracy to which they still perform today.

Follow signs from main reception.

**For further information:
E: Sallie.varnam@nhs.net**



DROP IN FAMILY

Great Meeting Chapel and Garden

45 East Bond Street, Leicester LE1 4SX

Saturday 12 September
10am - 5pm
Sunday 13 and 20 September
12noon - 3pm
Thursday 17, Friday 18 and
Saturday 19 September
11am - 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, its 19th century Domestic Mission and tombstones with revealing inscriptions. Also for children there will be a special trail.

On Saturday 13 September enjoy afternoon tea from 2pm - 4.30pm with homemade cakes, accompanied by live music in the garden.

Self-guided visits also welcome. Just come in for a look around and check out the numerous displays and artefacts.

**For further information:
W: leicesterunitarians.co.uk
E: info@leicesterunitarians.org
T: 0779 228 9366**



BOOK TOUR **FAMILY**

Greyfriars Legal Quarter Walking Tour

Meet outside the Richard III Centre, 4a St Martins, Leicester LE1 5DB

Sunday 13 and 20 September
Tours: 11am, 1pm & 3pm

A walking tour of the Greyfriars legal quarter: St Martins/Peacock Lane, New Street, Friar Lane, Millstone 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 research interests as his book on the Greyfriars conservation area nears completion.

The tour lasts approx. one hour.

To book please visit
W: [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/search?query=Greyfriars+Leicester+Legal+Quarter+Walking+Tour&ref=author&author=leicester-civicsociety) search: Greyfriars Leicester Legal Quarter Walking Tour
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greyfriars-leicester-legal-quarter-walking-tour-tickets-1992135833906?>

For further information:
W: heritage@2newstreet.co.uk



NEW **BOOK TOUR**

High Street & Leicester Lanes Walking Tour

Meet at the Clock Tower, Leicester LE1 5YA

Saturday 19 September
11am - 1pm

Hosted by James Gunn of the Leicester Civic Society, a walking tour along High Street and into The Leicester Lanes that lead off it. Hear about collecting the 'divi', a Cameo appearance, the history of Leicester coffee and much more.

The circular tour will finish back to the Clock Tower.

The walk will last approx. two hours.

Max 20 people.

To book please visit
E: events@leicestercivicsociety.org.uk
T: 07799 035462



DROP IN **FAMILY**

In the Company of The Fallen

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

Saturday 12 September
10am - 6pm Talk at 12noon
Sunday 13 September
11am - 3.30pm

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

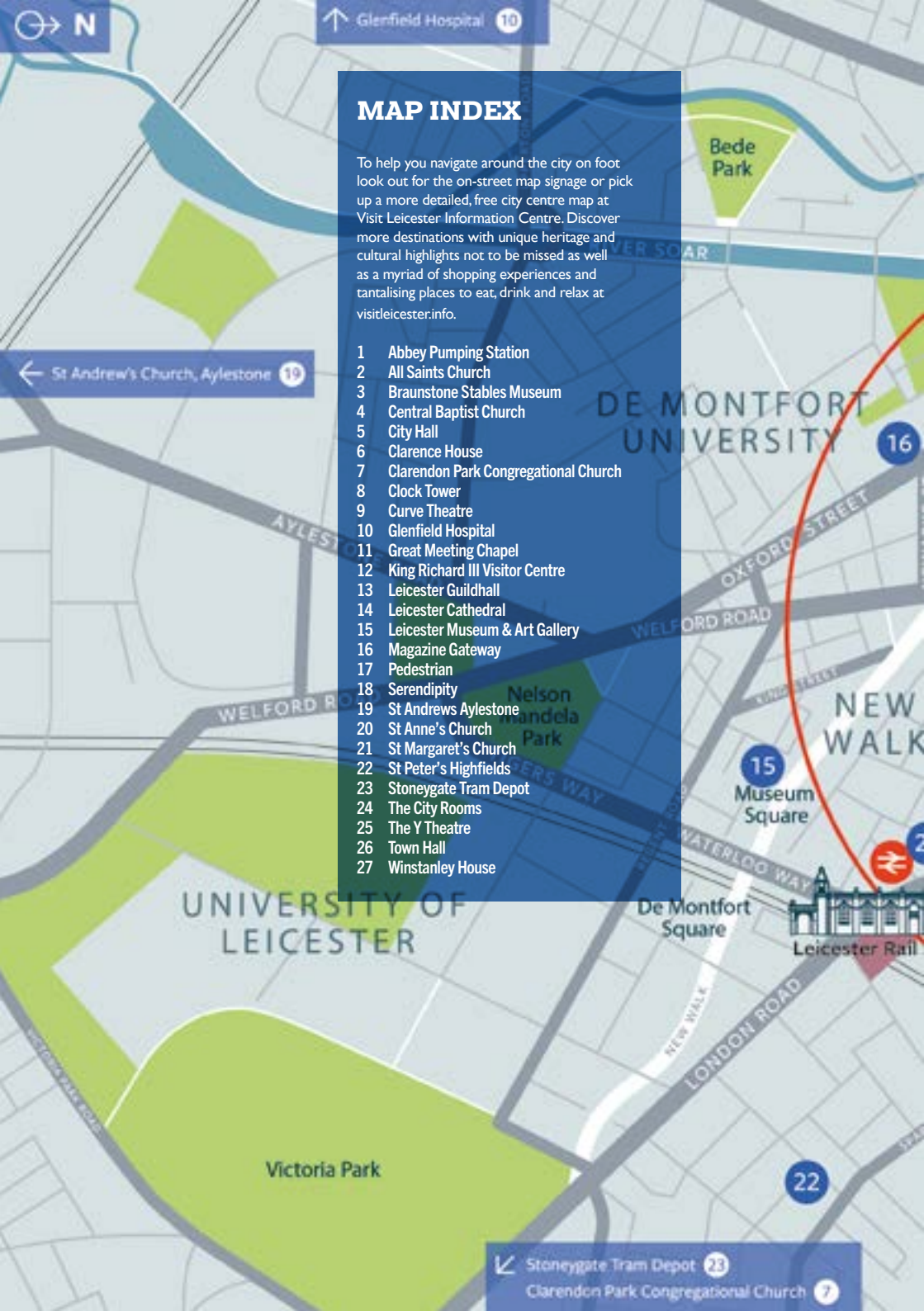
This year there will be a talk on 'Heritage saved – The start of the At Risk War Memorials Project' by Denis Kenyon, Founder Director in the churchyard, subject to weather.

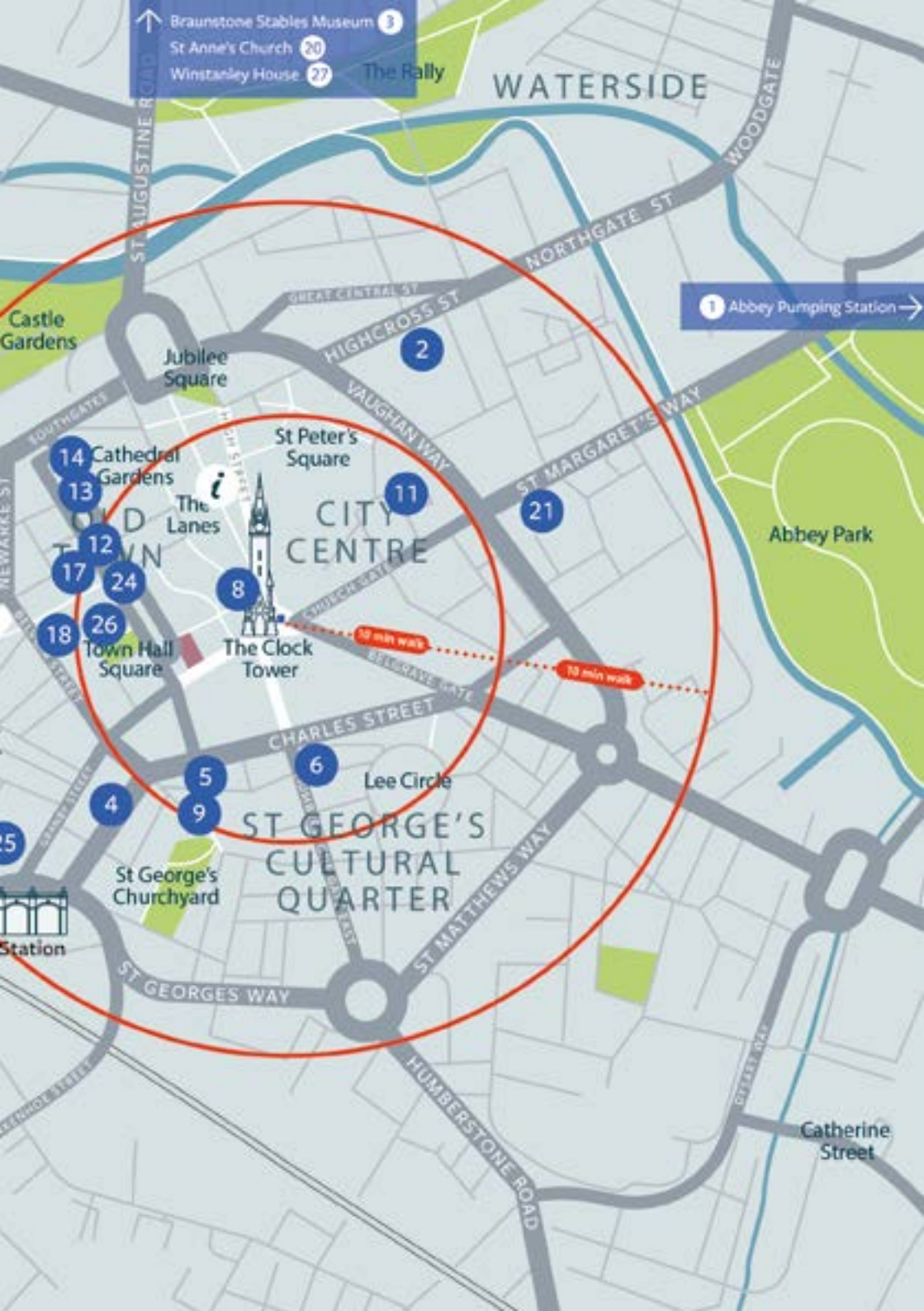
For further information:
W: atriskwarmemorials.co.uk
E: mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk

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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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HIGHCROSS ST

VAUGHAN WAY

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NEW BOOK

Leicester Cathedral: David Vaughan: His Impact and Legacy

Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ

Wednesday 16 September
2pm

Look back at the life of cleric and social reformer David Vaughan, who did so much to raise the educational standards amongst the working poor of Leicester in the 19th century. Weaving in aspects of Leicester's wider social history, the impact of this redoubtable man will be explored and evaluated.

Talk lasts approx. one hour

To book please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-david-vaughan-his-impact-and-legacy-tickets-1995629357128?>

To book please visit
W: [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) search:
Leicester Cathedral

For further information:
W: [leicestercathedral.org](https://www.leicestercathedral.org)
E: Rebecca.Hale@Leicester-CofE.org
T: 0116 261 5368



NEW BOOK TOUR FAMILY

Leicester Cathedral: Richard III tours

Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ

Saturday 12 September
11.30am & 1.30pm

Join us on a free Richard III tour as our expert guides showcase the beautifully crafted tomb, the magnificent Tom Denny Redemption Windows and the stunning embroidered funeral pall.

To book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-richard-iii-tours-tickets-1995160618117?>

To book please visit
W: [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) search:
Leicester Cathedral

For further information:
W: [leicestercathedral.org](https://www.leicestercathedral.org)
E: Rebecca.Hale@Leicester-CofE.org
T: 0116 261 5368



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Leicester Guildhall Guided Tours

Guildhall Lane, Leicester
LE1 5FQ

Friday 11, Monday 14, Friday
18 and Saturday 19 September
Tours: 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm

Discover the Guildhall's secret history through a series of brand-new, uniquely themed guided tours, specifically designed for the festival.

Led by expert guides, these limited-run tours offer an intimate look into the building's multi-layered history and the chance to experience the Guildhall through this exclusive lens.

The Art of Preservation: Trace the incredible architectural restoration efforts that rescued this medieval timber-framed masterpiece from decay.

Diverse Historical Snapshots: Explore specialised historical angles, focusing on the specific people, events, and sub-cultures that shaped our 600-year-old walls.

Some floors are uneven, and the upper levels are accessible via stairs only. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes for your safety and comfort.

Tours last approx. one hour.

For further information:
W: [leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall](https://www.leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall)
E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 4554



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Leicester Photographic Archive Pop Up Exhibition

Leicester Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester LE1 5FQ

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September
11am - 4pm

This year Leicester Guildhall will host two exhibitions, one as part of the centenary as a museum celebrating 100 years through pictures and the second the impact of the City Challenge, the £37.5 million project that changed the face of the city throughout the 1990s.

Explore some of the highlights of Leicester City Council's photographic archive and see 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.

Some floors are uneven, and the upper levels are accessible via stairs only. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes for your safety and comfort.

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall
E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 4554



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society: Special Library Event

Leicester Guildhall, Guildhall Lane, Leicester LE1 5FQ

Sunday 20 September
2pm - 4pm

Explore the magnificent archival sources and rare book collection inside the historic Jury Room at the Leicester Guildhall. Since 1855, the society has remained steadfast in its core mission: to promote, study, and preserve the rich history, archaeology, antiquities, and architecture of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Following the society's vital role in saving the Guildhall from demolition a century ago, they were proudly granted permanent use of this historic space to safeguard the specialist research library. View remarkable regional maps and unique publications from our collection, safely guided by our own Honorary Librarian, Aubrey Stevenson.

Some floors are uneven, and the upper levels are accessible via stairs only. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes for your safety and comfort.

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall
E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 4554



BOOK TOUR

Magazine Gateway Guided Tours

Newarke Gateway (Magazine), Oxford St, Leicester LE1 5WH

Sunday 13 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 WWII recruiting station.

Enjoy a short tour around this fascinating and well-known mediaeval building with Blue Badge guides and find out about interesting features of the building including historical graffiti dating back to the 16th century.

Not suitable for children under 7 or people with mobility issues due to stone spiral staircase. Sensible shoes must be worn as there are many steps to climb.

To book please visit leicestermuseums.org/HOD-2026Magazine

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org
E: museumevents@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 4544



DROP IN FAMILY

On the Buses

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

Sunday 20 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.

There is a large photo archive of transport staff and many, sadly, have no identification of the individuals featured. Many of these are on display and help is welcomed with identification from those who visit us on the day.

If you or had a family member that worked in public transport bring any related photos or items that you may have. There will also be a free 20-minute heritage bus ride operating on the day.

There is a cobbled yard in front of the entrance.

For further information:
W: ltht.org.uk



DROP IN FAMILY

St Andrews Aylestone: Explore over 800 Years of History

Old Church Street Aylestone,
Leicester LE2 8ND

Saturday 12 September
10am - 4pm
Sunday 13 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



DROP IN FAMILY

St Margaret's Church

St Margaret's Street, Leicester
LE1 3EB

Saturday 12 and Wednesday 16
September
10am - 4pm
Thursday 17 September
12noon - 2.30pm Organ recital
Saturday 19 September
10am - 1pm

St. Margaret's Church is a beautiful medieval church, steeped in history. Early Victorian stained-glass windows on 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 and volunteers are on hand to answer questions.

The organ recital on the 17 September will be delivered by: Pavlos Triantaris - St Swithan's Church, Lincoln.

For further information:
W: stmargaretsleicester.com
E: stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com
T: 0771 043 5547



DROP IN

St Peter's Highfields: Everyday History and Art Exhibition

2 St. Peters Road, Leicester
LE2 1DA

Saturday 12 September
10am - 4pm

The stunning church of St Peter's was built before most of the houses in Highfields; designed by G E Street, and built in memory of local philanthropist, Earl Howe.

The church tells the story of Highfields from its glory days to a working-class area and more recently to an area of proud diversity.

Enter through the West door, where there is still shrapnel damage from the bombs on November 1940 and view the stunning stained-glass windows from the Arts and Crafts movement, including our newly restored Baptistry window and the recently lit painted Chancel ceiling.

St Peter's has a history of welcoming the whole community and the open day will showcase histories of our congregation through objects and stories and video's. Many of our congregation have stories to tell of lands far away or of working lives very different from today.

Building is accessible by ramp, apart from the chancel area.

There are no disabled toilets.

For further information:
T: 0116 255 3095



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Tell Tall Tales: An Immersive Musical Experience

Pedestrian
29 Horsefair Street, Market
Street entrance, Leicester
LE1 5BP

Saturday 19 September
11.30am - 3.30pm

Join Pedestrian on a musical journey through the stories of Tell Tall Tales - nine classic stories interpreted into song and film with live performances throughout.

Ride along with the 9 o' clock horses, anansi the spider, bell the giant of Belgrave and many more!

For further information:
W: pedestrian.info
E: info@pedestrian.info
T: 0116 251 6207



DROP IN

The City Rooms

16 Hotel Street, Leicester
LE1 5AW

Friday 11 September
10am - 3pm
Monday 14, Tuesday 15 and
Thursday 17 September
10am - 4pm
Saturday 19 September
1pm - 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 and also retains many period decorative features.

Dates / times may be subject to change if events are booked. Please call to check before making your way to the venue.

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



BOOK TOUR

Town Hall Guided Tour

Town Hall Square, Leicester
LE1 9BG

Saturday 12 September
12noon & 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 plates, court room and cells.

Tours last approx. 1.5hrs.

cityhall-reception@leicester.gov.uk or call 0116 454 2200.



NEW DROP IN

Unwritten. Unseen. Unforgotten: Black Leicester and the Living Archive

Serendipity Institute for Black
Arts and Heritage, 8 Bowling
Green Street, Leicester LE1 6AT

Wednesday 16 September
1pm - 4pm

Learn about Leicester's Black history through the collections in the dedicated Living Archive, which preserves and celebrates Black history locally and nationally. Collections from the archive will be on display for visitors to explore and the heritage team will share the fascinating histories that have shaped Leicester and the continuing work for the Living Archive.

Visitors are welcome to bring items they may wish to donate to the Living Archive, whether as a physical or digital donation and contribute to the recording of Black arts, heritage and culture.

There are steps leading up to the front door. Step free access is available at the back of the building. The first floor is accessible via a flight of 25 steps. There is a lift to access the first floor.

Booking preferred but not essential.

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



DROP IN

Western Park Open Air School: History and Restoration

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

Wednesday 16 September
2pm - 3pm

Dr Susan Barton will deliver a lecture on the historic development of the unique former school in the western part of the city, as featured in her book on the history of Western Park. 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.

There will be a kid's corner for any small children attending.

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



NEW BOOK TOUR

Wharf Street Walking Tour

Meet outside Curve Theatre,
Rutland Street, Leicester
LE1 1SB

Wednesday 16 September
11am - 1pm

Hosted by James Gunn of the Leicester Civic Society, a walking tour along Leicester's Wharf Street, perhaps one of the less glamorous parts of Leicester but also includes plenty of social and building histories. Amongst other things hear about a well-regarded cricket pitch, the Elephant Man, a large supermarket, a Grand Prix racing driver and a canal.

Meet outside Curve theatre, Rutland Street. The walk will end near Leicester College on Belgrave Gate. No access restrictions. The walk will last approx. 2 hours.

Max 20 people.

E: events@leicestercivicsociety.org
T: 07799 035462



DROP IN

Winstanley House

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

Friday 11 September 10am - 3pm
Monday 14 & Tuesday 15
September 10am - 4pm
Tours: 12pm and 2.30pm

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.

Dates/times may be subject to change if events are booked. Please call to check before making your way to the venue. Guests are still welcome to come to the venue to walk around the gardens and purchase a drink from our new reception bar area.

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



NEW DROP IN FAMILY

Wonders Unseen: 100 Objects from the Museum Stored Collection

Leicester Museum & Art Gallery,
53 New Walk, Leicester LE1 7EA

Tuesday 15 September
11am - 3pm

Explore the stories and pictures of some of the 100 objects selected from the Museum stored collection. Selected by Museum staff and volunteers, these rarely seen objects range far and wide from the thousands of objects currently in storage.

Meet the volunteers and share your memories of our collections and what you would like to see displayed in the future.

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/leicester-museum-art-gallery
E: museums@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 4554



The Y Theatre
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1906 - 2021

NEW FAMILY

125 Years in 125 Minutes

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

Monday 14 September

2pm & 4pm

**Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16
September**

10am, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Marking the theatre's landmark birthday, 125 Years in 125 Minutes explores the history and heritage of The Y Theatre, through music, poetry and interviews, inviting audiences to add their own stories, memories and experiences to the project.

Curated by YMCA

Leicestershire's young people
and supported by the theatre's
skilled team.

Created with support from the
New Wave project.

For further information:

W: ytheatre.co.uk

E: Boxoffice@ytheatre.co.uk

T: 0116 255 7066

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