

# What's on Summer 2025



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# Discover a real Roman experience



**Leicester's rich Roman heritage is about to come alive like never before as Jewry Wall reopens on Saturday 26 July.**

**Following an extensive refurbishment, the museum will unveil an immersive, state-of-the-art exhibition that takes visitors on a journey through Roman Leicester, offering a unique blend of history, storytelling, and interactive experiences.**

Jewry Wall is part of a 2nd Century Bath House and is one of Britain's largest surviving pieces of Roman masonry, standing as a testament to the grandeur of the ancient town of Ratae Corieltavorum.

The museum adjacent to this remarkable site has been transformed into an exciting new attraction that brings history to life in an engaging and accessible way for visitors of all ages.

The reimagined Jewry Wall is a groundbreaking experience, placing storytelling at its heart.

Jewry Wall is more than just a place to learn about history. It's a museum designed to inspire, engage, and be enjoyed by everyone.

Visitors will be transported back almost 2,000 years through a mix of:

- Real stories of real Romans, brought vividly to life.
- Original artefacts unearthed right here in the city.
- Multimedia digital reconstructions of Roman Leicester.
- Active games and tactile exhibits for all ages.
- New café, gift shop, and welcoming spaces for learning and events. Perfect for families, history buffs, and curious minds alike.



Rome wasn't built in a day, the wait is almost over! Be among the first to experience A Real Roman Experience in Leicester.

**Book your tickets online: [jewrywall.com](http://jewrywall.com)**





## Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee

Step into the joyful, imaginative worlds of David McKee as Elmer and Friends arrives at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

Celebrating over 35 years of Elmer the patchwork elephant and his unforgettable friends, this free family-friendly exhibition brings to life McKee's iconic stories through immersive, multi-sensory displays and a range of summer holiday events and activities.

Discover never-before-seen artwork, dress up in the Mr Benn costume shop, and capture the perfect photo with a giant Elmer jigsaw. From Not Now, Bernard to King Rollo, visitors of all ages can explore the colour, creativity, and gentle humour of McKee's world. An exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

**Date** 12 July – 9 November

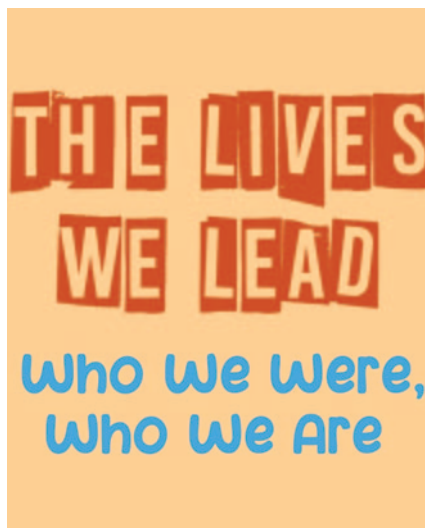
**Venue** Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

**Social** #Elmer

## The Lives We Lead

Beaumont Leys School student curators have designed the exhibition as a glimpse into how they live their lives, and what matters to them. Instead of a homogenous representation of teenagers, students have considered their unique identities and experiences. In doing so, they thoughtfully share aspects of their life at home, at school and in the wider community.

**Date** On now until 31 August  
**Venue** Leicester Museum & Art Gallery  
**Social** #TheLivesWeLead



## Popping to the Shops: Saffron Lane

















Working with local residents and businesses to tell the story of Saffron Lane. Not just the past, but the contemporary lives of people who live and work in the area, told in their own words.

**Date** On now until 31 August  
**Venue** Leicester Museum & Art Gallery  
**Social** #Poppingtotheshops



# At a Glance

Date	Event	Type	Venue
<b>Sat 5 July &amp; Sat 9 Aug</b> 11.30am & 12.30pm	<b>Free Spot Talks</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Sat 5 July</b> 11am – 3pm	<b>Leicester's Mealbarrow Extravaganza</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sat 5 July</b> 11.30am – 4.30pm	<b>Railway Day with Meccano</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sun 6 July 2pm</b>	<b>Bradgate Park - Five Seasons of Excavation</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Tues 15, 22, 29 July, 5, 12 &amp; 19 Aug</b> 10.30am – 4pm	<b>Summer Holiday Railway Day</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Weds 16 &amp; 23 July</b> 12pm – 3pm	<b>Roman Activity Day</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Thurs 17 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Toy Time Fun!</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Fri 18 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Create Your Own Storybook</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Fri 18 July 7pm – 9.30pm</b>	<b>Open Air Theatre: The Rivals</b>	<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Sun 20 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Mini Archaeologists Day</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sun 20 July 4pm</b>	<b>Stained-glass windows: Graffiti Marks</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Tues 22 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Meet the Police: Community Fun Day</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Tues 22 July 7pm</b>	<b>The Handlebards: Much Ado About Nothing</b>	<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Tues 22 &amp; 29 July, 5, 12 &amp; 19 Aug 10am – 12pm</b>	<b>Summer Holiday Science Club</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Thurs 24 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Pirates Fun Day!</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sat 25 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Collage Creatures</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sat 26 July 10am – 11am</b>	<b>Author Talk: Mummified, Angela Stienne</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Mon 27 July 1pm – 3pm</b>	<b>Paper Tearing for Relaxation</b>	<b>Adult Workshop</b>	
<b>Sun 27 July, 31 Aug &amp; 26 Oct</b> 11am – 3pm	<b>Heritage Sundays: The Magazine, Leicester Castle &amp; St Mary de Castro Church</b>	<b>Guided Tours</b>	
<b>Thurs 31 July 11am – 3pm</b>	<b>Calling all Superheroes</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	

Date	Event	Type	Venue
<b>Fri 1 Aug</b> 11am – 3pm	<b>Design and Elephant</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sat 2 Aug</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm	<b>Titanic Myths in Popular History</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Weds 6 Aug</b> 11am – 12pm	<b>Spider Hair Author Workshop</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Weds 6 Aug</b> 1pm – 3pm	<b>Outdoor Theatre: Wizard of Oz</b>	<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Thurs 7 Aug</b> 11am – 3pm	<b>Circus Fun Day!</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Tues 12 Aug</b> 11am – 3pm	<b>Cops n Robbers</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sat 16 Aug</b> 1.30pm	<b>Henry's Roses: The Lives of Elizabeth of York, Margaret of Scotland and Mary of France</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Sun 17 Aug</b>	<b>Summer Family Fun Day</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sun 17 Aug</b> 11am – 4pm	<b>Summer Fused-Glass Workshops</b>	<b>Adult Workshop</b>	
<b>Sat 6 Sept</b> 10am – 11am	<b>German Expressionism: Out of Hours Tour</b>	<b>Guided Tour</b>	
<b>Tues 9 Sept</b> 7pm	<b>The Handlebards: Much Ado About Nothing</b>	<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Sat 13 – Fri 19 Sept</b> 11.30am – 3.30pm	<b>Heritage Open Day</b>	<b>Guided Tours</b>	
<b>Sun 14 Sept</b> 10am	<b>Palaeontology Collection: Out of Hours Tour</b>	<b>Guided Tour</b>	
<b>Sat 20 &amp; Sun 21 Sept</b>	<b>Food and Craft Fair</b>	<b>Family Event</b>	
<b>Sun 21 Sept</b> 2pm	<b>Alice Hawkins Suffragette talk by Peter Barratt</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	
<b>Mon 22 Sept</b> 3pm – 4.30pm	<b>Social Stitch Mary Linwood</b>	<b>Adult Workshop</b>	



Charges apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended, visit our website for full event details.



## Improvements at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

Coming in 2026:

- Four redisplayed art galleries showcasing the breadth of Leicester's world class art collections.
- New temporary exhibition gallery.
- Stunning new café with outdoor seating area.
- Improved shop and reception area.

Please see our news page for the latest updates.

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