

School Holiday Activities

Join in the fun at Charnwood Museum every school holiday with children's art & craft workshops. These workshops are suitable for children aged 3 years and above. Children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. Workshop places cost £2.50 per child and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please make cheques payable to 'Charnwood Borough Council'. Workshops are held at 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm, 1.30-2.30pm (and 3-4pm during summer opening hours only).

Spring Half Term Art & Craft Activities:

Tuesday 14th February: Valentine Cards

Why not come along and make a Valentine card and maybe give it to someone special!



Thursday 16th February: Superheroes!

Join in the fun in our 'Superheroes' Art & Craft workshop! Find out what keeps your Superhero healthy too - it's Healthy Eating Week at Charnwood Museum!

Friday 17th February: Get Crafty, Get Healthy!

There's more fantastic fun food in this Art & Craft workshop! Use different materials to create plates of 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' foods.

Easter Holiday Art & Craft Activities:

Tuesday 3rd April: Easter Cards

Make and decorate an Easter card to give to someone on Easter Sunday!

Thursday 5th April: Make a Mask

Design and make yourself a seasonal spring mask in this Easter holiday workshop.

Wednesday 11th April: Bugs and Butterflies!

Spring is in the air! Join the fun and make some bugs and butterflies.



Evening Talks

Why not join us for one of our illustrated evening talks? They cover a wide variety of interesting topics so there's something for everyone to enjoy. Come along, relax with a cuppa and learn something new! Please contact the museum to reserve a place. Queens Park Café, 7.30pm. £2.50 per person. Tea & coffee available beforehand.

Wednesday 21st March: Hedgerow Foods

Find out how wild plants can provide free food and delicacies you may not have thought of in this illustrated talk with Geoffrey Hall, Curator of Natural Life (botany).



Gallery Trails

FREE gallery quizzes and games – a fun way for youngsters to investigate Charnwood Museum! Suitable for 3+ years.

11th – 19th February: Love is in the Air

Follow your heart to find clues hidden around the galleries and solve a Valentine mystery!



31st March – 15th April: Chicken Snap!

Can you pair up our puzzled chickens who are scattered around the museum in our Easter game of snap?

Facilities

Queens Park Café Gallery

Queens Park Café offers a display area for wall mounted art or photographic exhibitions. Let visitors browse your work whilst enjoying the café's delicious refreshments. If you would like to hire the Café's gallery please call 01509 233754 for further information

Charnwood Museum

Looking for a quiet space to hold a function or meeting? Charnwood Museum offers a meeting room with a capacity for 24 people at competitive rates. Call 01509 233754 to book.

Queens Park Café

Queens Park Café provides an all year round service. This spring a wide range of tasty hot and cold food will be available, or simply join us for a relaxing coffee and a slice of homemade cake!

Café Opening Times:

Summer:

Monday to Saturday from 10.00am.
Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11am.

Winter:

Thursday to Saturday from 10.00am
Sundays from 12.00pm
Closing times can vary due to weather.
Please call 01509 233750 for details,
private hire and buffet catering



Charnwood Museum is run as a partnership between Leicestershire County Council and Charnwood Borough Council

Entry to the Museum is FREE

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Opening Hours

Winter: October to March

Mondays closed. Tuesdays to Saturday 10.00am - 3.00pm
Sundays 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Summer: April to September

Mondays closed. Tuesdays to Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm
Sundays 2.00pm - 5.00pm

For bank holidays please see local advertisements

How to Find us



What's On Spring 2012



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FREE ADMISSION



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Welcome

Charnwood Museum features a wide range of exhibits which reflect local history and industries. Permanent exhibitions have been grouped into four areas: Coming to Charnwood, The Natural World, Living off the Land and Earning a Living. Each contains exhibits from the past and present including interactive displays. Our varied program of temporary exhibitions also ensures that there's always something new to see. The Museum runs regular art & craft workshops for children and young people, offering exciting opportunities to learn from professional artists. Please see leaflet for further details.



Exhibitions

Eating In:

7th January – 25th March 2012

This fascinating exhibition explores cooking and eating at home from prehistory to the present day. It includes a look at the changes in the sorts of things we eat and the way we prepare, cook and serve food in the domestic setting.



Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society:

4th February – 25th March 2012

An inspirational exhibition showcasing some of the images created by members of the Leicester and Leicestershire Photographic Society and a display of early photographic paraphernalia.



Photograph: Martin Janes, Leicester & Leicestershire Photographic Society

The Freedom Club's 'Here Alone' Exhibition:

31st March – 27th May 2012

An exhibition depicting the hopes and fears of young people who have come to Leicestershire alone seeking safety from war or persecution. As part of Young People Seeking Safety Week 2012 there will be an interactive display outlining the findings of a research project with the young people and some art work that they created with the help of a local artist.



Leicestershire 60 Years Ago:

31st March – 27th May 2012

This exhibition to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee looks back to the start of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrates some of the national and local events and achievements of the age.



Photograph: Leicestershire County Council Record Office

Special Events

Wednesday 15th February:

Coins up Close!

A rare and exciting opportunity to see and handle some of the beautiful Iron Age and Roman coins from the Hallaton Treasure. Learn more about the artefacts discovered at the significant Iron Age shrine with Harborough Museum's Project Officer, Helen Sharp and expert workshop leaders. Suitable for adults and children over 8 yrs only. Places are limited so early booking is recommended! Free event, booking essential. 10.15-11.15am, 11.45am-12.45pm, 1.30-2.30pm.



Wednesday 15th February: Healthy Eating: Meet the Expert!

Meet Brenda Featherstone, a farmer who's passionate about producing healthy foods. Drop in for this informative talk and handling session for those with a truly healthy appetite! Free event. 1.30pm – 2.30pm. All welcome, suitable for adults and children 8+ years.

Saturday 24th March: March Madness! Family Art & Craft Workshop

There's fun for all ages in our free craft session! Why not drop in and enjoy making some fun, spring crafts with the family. Free event, 10am – 12pm; 1pm – 2.30pm

Animal Handling Workshop Friday 13th April: Deadly 60!

Come face to face with some of the world's 'Deadly 60' beasts as 'Animals in Hands' return to Charnwood Museum for this 'Friday the 13th' workshop. Book early to avoid disappointment! Our popular animal handling workshops provide an opportunity to learn about and handle live exotic animals. These workshops are suitable for children aged 3 years and above. Children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. £2.50 per person, places must be booked and paid for in advance. Workshop times are: 10.15-11am, 11.15-12noon, 12.15-1pm, 1.30-2.15pm, 2.30-3.15pm, 3.30-4.15pm

Saturday 26th May: Flag it up! Family Art & Craft Workshop

Join in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations by making some right royal flags and bunting! Free event, 10am-12pm, 1.30-3.30pm



Artzone



February 2012 – May 2012

These art and craft workshops give children aged 8-15 years an opportunity to experiment with new craft techniques and learn new art skills under the guidance of professional artists. Workshops are held every Saturday morning 10.30am-12.30pm during school term times. Pre-booking is essential.

Workshops cost £5 per person including materials. Concessions £2.50 for families in receipt of certain means tested benefits. All places must be paid for within 5 working days of booking.

Contact the museum on 01509 233754 or email museum@chamwood.gov.uk for further details. The ArtZone programme is organised in conjunction with Charnwood Arts.



Photograph: Charnwood Arts

4th February: Natural Born Artist

Celebrate 'Go Green Week' with ArtZone! Make a sketchbook and paint from natural materials and then enjoy a drawing adventure around the park

25th February: Stick It In Your Pocket

Make yourself a phone pocket out of recycled materials using stick weaving.

3rd March: Get Stuffed!

Create your own Jon Burgerman graffiti style character out of felted jumpers and other textiles.



10th March: Frankenstein Bugs

Study some mini beasts and then design your own in this drawing session to mark science and engineering week.

17th March: The Greatest Show On Earth

Explore the Circus using objects, pictures and a 'Big Top Of Words' with Lindsey Warnes Carroll. Have a go at writing pieces for National Poetry Week! The results will be published on the Charnwood Arts website.

24th March: Clock On!

ArtZone meets time zone in this workshop! Make your own clock in time for when the clocks go forward.

21st April: Edible Art

An innovative workshop fusing art and food to make explosions of colour that look as good as they taste!

28th April: Stencils and Screens

The Leicester Print Workshop joins ArtZone for a special printing workshop! Use stencils to screen print work with an abstract theme.

5th May: Living Art

Join in this innovative workshop creating life size art where you'll be in your own painting!

12th May: Get Inky

Mysteries of the deep are the inspiration for this workshop! Draw squid and other sea creatures and colour with an inky wash.

19th May: Building Bridges

A workshop exploring bridges! Have a go at designing your own bridge and create it using card and other materials.

26th May: Its A Set Up!

Join ArtZone to transform Charnwood Museum's Education Room into a stage set, then pose for photos like actors in a play!