Welcome to Charnwood Museum and our Summer What’s On guide!

Did you know it is 90 years since the Carillon Tower and War Memorial was officially opened? We are planning a special display of the signed Elgar manuscript discovered last year in Charnwood Borough Council’s offices to celebrate. We are also showcasing some amazing local artistic talent in our exhibitions and there are lots of events and activities for the whole family, including guided walks and our new Fabulous Friday events. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for some better weather this summer!

Exhibitions

Loughborough’s Summer of Sport
Until Sunday 30th June

The podium is back! A celebratory exhibition looking back at Loughborough’s role in the London 2012 Games, including official garments issued to athletes, made by Next, volunteers’ stories and even an Olympic torch!

Turmoil and Tranquility - In the Eye of the Beholder
Saturday 8th June – Sunday 1st September

Varied and exciting original works by members of the Charnwood Drawing & Painting Club on the opposing emotions of turmoil and tranquillity, revealing how individual artists each “see” the two subjects in a unique way.
Down to Earth  
Saturday 6th July – Sunday 29th September

Working to the brief ‘Down to Earth’, Loughborough Artspace members have produced a rich and varied exhibition which demonstrates how the group positively encourages members to develop their own way of looking and responding. The resulting artworks explore interests as diverse as psychology and mythology, the mystery of flight, urban decay, and poignant fears for the survival of our planet. Disciplines on show include painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, ceramics, assemblage and textiles.

Raya Yoga Meditation - The Journey of the Soul  
Saturday 7th September – Sunday 19th October

An exhibition looking at Raya Yoga meditation by the Loughborough Brahma Kumaris group.
ArtZone Workshops

Aged 8-15 and love making things? Then come along to our Saturday morning ArtZone to try new art and craft techniques with a professional artist. ArtZone 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 days of booking.

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

Saturday 15th June: Animated ArtZone
Work with Charnwood Arts’ James Chantry to create a short film.

Saturday 22nd June: Personal Snap Shot
Make your own photographic ‘inkodye’ portraits with Liz De Hevingham.

Saturday 29th June: 3D Canvases
Create a 3D image on canvas using modrock and other materials including acrylic paint.

Saturday 6th July: Sun Spots
Celebrate sunshine and herald the start of the summer holidays in this drawing and painting session.

Saturday 31st August: Felted Pictures
Make a piece of felted artwork with Evelyn from Piebald Crafts www.thepiebaldcraftproject.co.uk

Saturday 7th September: Make like a Magpie
Graphite and gouache drawing and painting session, with a glint of something shiny. With local artist Jo Sheppard, www.josheppard.co.uk

Saturday 14th September: African Masks
Construct your own African mask from cardboard and then paint. Using pictures and real pieces of African art as your influence with Vanessa Rose.

Saturday 21st September: Last One Standing
Use a ‘never ending line’, ink and eco friendly paper in this animal drawing workshop with Alice Young.

Saturday 28th September: Good With Words!
Get poetic with performance artist Lindsey Warnes Carrol. The pieces produced will be placed around Charnwood Museum for National Poetry day on 3rd October.
Summer Talks and Walks

Learn something new and meet people at our fascinating and friendly programme of talks and walks. Book a place by calling the museum on 01509 233754 or by email museum@charnwood.gov.uk

Tues 18th June 7pm
Evening history walk
A walk around some of central Loughborough’s historical highlights with the Friends of Charnwood Museum. Meet at museum. £3 per person (non-members), £1 per person (members).

Thurs 18th July 7.30pm
The Death and Burial of Richard III
Two recent projects have thrown light on the Battle of Bosworth where Richard III met his death and his burial in the Greyfriars, Leicester. This talk explains the findings of both projects. With archaeologist Peter Liddle. Part of the Festival of British Archaeology. £3 per person.

Fri 19th July 6.30pm
Fabulous Friday: 1940s Utility Fashion
An opportunity to see some of Leicestershire’s excellent collection of Utility clothing up close, with museum experts. £5 per person incl light refreshments.

Fri 26th July 11am
Carillon Walk
A walk led by qualified guide Ernie Miller, focussing on the Carillon and Loughborough’s links to war and remembrance. Proceeds to the Friends of Charnwood Museum. Meet at Charnwood Museum. £3.50 per person, under 16s free. Additional £1 fee to visit the Carillon Balcony.

Sat 7th September 2pm
Loughborough’s Hidden Places
A walk led by qualified guide Ernie Miller, revealing some of Loughborough’s less-well known history. Proceeds to the Friends of Charnwood Museum. Meet at museum. £3.50 per person, under 16s free.
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 unless otherwise specified.

Summer Holiday Art & Craft Activities

Tuesday 16th July - Marvellous Medieval Hats
Budding knights, damsels and jesters, take note! Come and make yourself some Medieval headgear in our fun craft session. Workshops at 10.15-11.15am and 11.45am-12.45pm only.

Wednesday 17th July - Dangerous Dragons
Let your imagination run riot as your Dragons are waiting for you to add Fire, Claws and Teeth, if you dare. Workshops at 10.15-11.15am and 11.45am-12.45pm only.

Thursday 18th July - Hidden Treasure!
Celebrate the Festival of British Archaeology by creating your own hoard of crowns, coins and other precious things! Workshops at 10.15-11.15am and 11.45am-12.45pm only.

Tuesday 23rd July - Mosaic Tiles
Celebrate Leicestershire’s Roman heritage by making a mosaic image on a clay tile using decorative materials.

Thursday 25th July
Hieroglyphic Printmaking
Write a secret message Egyptian-style, and make it into a collagraph (relief) print.

Wednesday 31st July - Funny Bones
Turn an ordinary skeleton into a funny character which moves in this craft workshop.

Wednesday 7th August - Pirate Maps and Hats
Ooh arrr, me hearties! Come along and make yourself some pirate garb, and a special map to find your treasure.

Thursday 8th August - Creepy House: Clay Monsters
Make up your own story by bringing your clay character to life. Transform your drawing into a 3D monster! Inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge’s Creepy House theme.

Wednesday 14th August - Creepy House: Funny Spectacle
Make all sorts of funny glasses to read your next book with! Inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge.

Wednesday 21st August - Haunted Houses
Make your very own creepy house with a cast of stick puppets to act out spooky stories in this workshop inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge.

Tuesday 27th August - Seaside Sallies
Create a seaside scene with a hole for your face to peep through for a fun photo opp! Become a mermaid, weightlifter, your favourite cartoon character or even an octopus!
Special Events

Call 01509 233754 or email museum@charnwood.gov.uk for bookings.

Tuesday 23rd July
What did the Romans do for us?
The Romans are coming! Enjoy free Roman games and trails to celebrate the Festival of British Archaeology. FREE

Wednesday 1st August
Animal Handling Workshop
Come along to meet and handle some amazing rainforest animals in this fascinating and educational workshop, featuring big snakes, spiders and a giant millipede! 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

Friday 16th August
Fabulous Fridays: Make your own 1940s accessories
Make do and mend is the inspiration behind this craft workshop which will see you create your own 1940s-style accessory. Suitable for age 12 and up. 3.30pm-5.30pm. £10 per person including materials. Pre-booking essential.

Tuesday 20th August
Friendly Fun Day
The Friends of Charnwood Museum will be on gallery with historic games from around the world to play, geological specimens to examine and children’s craft activities. FREE but donations to the Friends welcome. 11am–4pm

Thursday 22nd August
Spooky Storytelling
Come along for free storytelling sessions and special trails with a Creepy theme, in conjunction with Leicestershire Libraries’ Summer Reading Challenge. Storytelling at 10.30-11.30am and 2pm-3pm.

Friday 23rd August
Fabulous Friday - Upcycle Printmaking Workshop
Use recycled materials to create fabulous repeat prints with a vintage feel. Make the most of Loughborough town centre’s Fabulous Friday to do some shopping and keep older kids entertained at this artist-led workshop for 8-15 year olds. Workshops at 1.30-3pm; and 3.30-5pm. £5 per person. Pre-booking essential.

Friday 6th September
Fabulous Friday - Funky Bird Puppetry
Fluff up your feathers and get funky with this creative puppet-making session. Make the most of Loughborough town centre’s Fabulous Friday to do some shopping and keep older kids entertained at this artist-led workshop for 8-15 year olds. 3.30pm-5pm. £5 per person. Pre-booking essential.
**Queen’s Park Café**

Queens Park Café provides an all year round service with a wide range of tasty hot and cold food. This summer try our Greek salad; treat yourself to homemade summer fruits Pavlova or a scone with strawberries and cream. We also offer a weekly homemade special in our family friendly café.

**Café Opening Times:**

**April to September:**
Monday to Saturday from 9.30am, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am

**October to March:**
Thursday to Saturday from 9.30am, Sundays from 10am

Closing times can vary according to weather conditions.

Please call 01509 233750 for details, private hire and buffet catering.

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**Gallery Trails, Quizzes and Games**

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

**Saturday 13th July - Sunday 4th August**

**Roman Around**
Unearth fascinating facts in this Roman-themed gallery game.

**Tuesday 6th Aug - Sunday 8th September**

**Down to Earth**
Look to the stars in our astronomical summer gallery quiz.
Find us...

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October to March: Closed Mondays, Tuesday to Saturday 10am-3pm, Sundays 12noon-3pm
April to September: Closed Mondays, Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4.30pm, Sundays 2pm-5pm
Bank Holidays: Please call for details.

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