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What's on?

Events and activities in Nottinghamshire between October 2017 - March 2018

Nefarious Notts: The Pentrich Rebellion



Friday 6 October 2.30 – 4.30pm

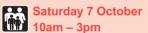
Nottinghamshire Archives

Dr Richard Gaunt of the University of Nottingham takes us on a journey from the Derbyshire village of Pentrich, in the company of Jeremiah Brandreth, the Nottingham Captain. Booking advised, call 0115 958 1634 or visit

Beeston Fun Palace

inspireculture.org.uk (W)





Beeston Library FREE

Come along and take part in FREE fun family activities as the library becomes a Fun Palace! Every area of the library holds a fun activity - can you get around them all? inspireculture.org.uk/funpalace (W)



Get the latest events with our what's on emails. Register at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/emailme



Mansfield Fun Palace



Saturday / Control of the second seco Saturday 7 October

Mansfield Museum. The Old Library & **Mansfield Palace Theatre** FREE

The second Mansfield Fun Palace is coming this October. Expect a wonderfully weird mix of science, art, music and dance activities and lots in between! For more information: mansfield.gov.uk/Museum/ fun_palaces (W)



Family Stage Combat Workshop with Notnow Collective



Saturday 7 October

The Old Library, Mansfield FREE, no need to book

Learn professional stage combat moves including the secrets of unarmed and sword combat. Parents and children participate together.

MishMash **Productions** in Collaboration with **Inspire Presents: Smile**



10.30 – 11.10am £2 per child / Accompanying adults FREE

Friday 13 October **Worksop Library** 01909 535 353

Monday 16 October Mansfield Central Library 01623 651 337

Thursday 19 October Sutton-in-Ashfield Library 01623 556 296

Friday 20 October **Arnold Library** 0115 920 2247

A musical adventure for children aged 3 - 5 based on the book Augustus and His Smile, written and illustrated by Catherine Rayner and published by Little Tiger Press.

Developed in association with Nottingham Library Service with support from Nottingham Music Service, Nottinghamshire Music Hub and Nottingham Lakeside Arts.

Booking advised, call the library or visit inspireculture.org.uk/smile







An Evening with **Charles Hanson**





Thursday 12 October 7 – 9pm

Newark Library £10

Spend an evening with Charles Hanson exploring the subjects of antiques, auctions and life on the road. For more information call 01636 703 966. book online at inspireculture.org.uk (W)

Gertrude Savile -The Diaries of a Georgian **Lady from Rufford**

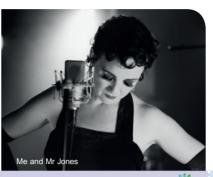


Tuesday 17 October 2pm

Mansfield Central Library £3

Gertrude Savile never married and lived at Rufford Abbey in her brother's household, recording her feelings in her diaries from the 1720s. Ruth Imeson tells the story using Gertrude's own words. Booking advised, call **01623 651 337** or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

All outdoor events are weather dependent. Please contact the venue before visiting if in doubt.



Live Jazz: Me and Mr Jones



7.30pm £10/£8

Tuesday 17 October

Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Wednesday 18 October Southwell Library 01636 812 148

Thursday 19 October

West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Me and Mr Jones are Rachel Foster (voice) and Paul Deats (piano) accompanied by The Whole Affair rhythm section, offering a sophisticated and bluesy sound. Rachel's voice has been described as "like Bailevs with chocolate". Me and Mr Jones will be serving up sweet music from the American sonabook and other much-loved musical confections. Adults only. Booking strongly advised, visit inspireculture.org.uk/jazz (W)

Please note a £3 car park charge applies at Rufford Abbey and Sherwood Forest Country Parks daily.



Songwriting **Masterclass with** Nina Smith



Sunday 22 October 10am – 1pm

The Old Library, Mansfield £45

Spend a morning exploring songwriting with professional songwriter Nina Smith. Nina has supported Alesha Dixon, Belinda Carlisle and Petebox. Booking essential, call 0115 804 4363 or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

The Rufford Park **Poachers**





Wednesday 18 October 2pm

Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Tuesday 28 November 2.30pm

West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Sam Millard of the Rattlejag Morris team tells the infamous story of the Mansfield men who made their way to Rufford Park to take game, with violent consequences. Booking advised, call the library or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)



Pirates Ahov! Family Fun



All 10am – 3pm, except Retford Library 11am – 3pm **FREE**

Monday 23 October

West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Tuesday 24 October Beeston Library 0115 925 5168



Retford Library 01777 708 724

Thursday 26 October

Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Friday 27 October

Mansfield Central Library 01623 651 337

Shiver me timbers me hearties! Drop into the library this half-term for some pirate skulduggery. Expect pirate crafts and stories with lots of saying 'Arrr!'. Suitable for children aged 4+ and their families

Digital Dance Film





Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 10am - 4pm

The Old Library, Mansfield FREE

Work with a professional choreographer, music producer and digital artist to devise a dance film featuring a fusion of parkour. contemporary and street dance, urban music and digitally mapped projection. Booking essential at inspireculture.org.uk (W)



The Big Draw: **Living Lines Family Art Workshop**



10am – 3pm FREE

Monday 23 October **West Bridgford Library** 0115 981 6506

Tuesday 24 October Beeston Library 0115 925 5168

Thursday 26 October Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Friday 27 October **Mansfield Central Library** 01623 651 337

Come along and join in the fun whatever your age or drawing ability. Make your mark by moving your body, craft cardboard shoes with textured soles to create textured rollers with a pirate theme.

Here Be Monsters with Author Jonathan **Emmett**



Tuesday 24 October

Beeston Library 0115 925 5168

Friday 27 October

Mansfield Central Library 01623 651 337

Hear a swashbuckling tale of dastardly pirates and mysterious monsters. Plus draw your own monster-infested treasure map. For children aged 4 – 8. Booking advised at inspireculture.org.uk





THE 2017°

Wednesday 25 October 2 – 3pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park

£15 adults, £10 children, including homemade scones and refreshments

A one man show full of chills and chuckles, based on the short story by Oscar Wilde. Then head down to Lord Savile's kitchen for teatime treats (3 - 4.30pm). Suitable for ages 6 and over. Book now on 01623 821 338/ 821 348.

Dementia Friendly Film Screenings





Mansfield Central Library Auditorium

2 - 4.30 pm

£1

Thursday 26 October Jungle Book (1967)

Thursday 30 November Chicken Run

Thursday 14 December Frozen

Thursday 18 January Carry on Nurse

Thursday 22 February Beethoven

Thursday 29 March Easter Parade

The screenings are particularly suitable for people living with dementia and memory challenges and their family and friends, but anyone is welcome. Booking advised in the library, call 01623 651 337 or visit inspireculture.org.uk/ dementia-friendly (W)



Halloween at The Archives



Thursday 26 October 6 - 8pm

Nottinghamshire Archives £5

Hear tales from the Archives of Nottingham's exorcist and local ghostly goings-on, then listen to James Wright from the University of Nottingham share the story of the ritual protection markers unearthed locally. Booking essential, call 0115 958 1634 or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)



Theatre Lighting Workshop



Saturday 28 October 10am - 4pm

The Old Library, Mansfield **FREE**

Dip your toe into the world of stage lighting. Covering the basics of lighting design, the designer's process and how to express your lighting ideas! Delivered and funded in partnership with Derby Theatre as part of the IGC Programme. For ages 18+. Booking essential, visit derbytheatre.co.uk/whatson (W)



Far and Away: **Nottinghamshire Emigrants to** The New World



Tuesday 31 October 2.30pm

West Bridgford Library £3

Archivist Josanne Peet uses extracts from 19th Century emigrants' diaries to tell the stories of those who sailed away in search of a new life. Booking advised, call **0115 981 6506** or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)







Mata Hari



Thursday 2 November 7.30pm

The Old Library, Mansfield Pay what you think on the night

The Great War: while millions of men struggle and fight in the mud and hell of the trenches, one woman's story begs to be told. Mata Hari, the most notorious female spy in history. Or was she? To book, call 01623 644 377. (W)



Celebrating a Year of Inspire Exhibition



Friday 3 November – Thursday 21 December

Beeston Library Gallery FREE

Marking a year of creativity as Inspire, this exhibition celebrates the best of our arts, music, heritage, learning and library programmes across Nottinghamshire.



Little Blue Monster **Productions present: Lost and Found**



Saturday 4 November 11am & 2pm

Mansfield Central Library £4 single/£12 family ticket (family of 4. maximum 2 adults)

Set sail on a wonderful adventure in this magical, musical show for ages 3+. Oliver Jeffer's picture book comes to life with puppetry, songs and music. Booking advised, call 01623 651 337 or visit

inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on (W)

Family Conservation Fun - Task Morning



Sunday 5 November 10am - 12.30pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £2 per family

Join the Sherwood Ranger Team on our family task, tackling an area of the country park in need of a little extra TLC. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Booking is essential, call **01623 823 202** between 10am & 4pm.

Make a Willow Angel



Saturday 11 November 10.30am - 12.30pm & 2 - 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £15 per person/willow angel

Make a Christmas angel out of willow for your house or garden. You may like to decorate with some fairy lights when you get home for that extra festive touch. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential, call 01623 823 202. (W)

Live Jazz: Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra with Sarah Simmonds



7.30pm £10/£8

Tuesday 14 November Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Wednesday 15 November **Southwell Library** 01636 812 148

Thursday 16 November West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Nottingham based Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra are a 17-piece big band, featuring vocalist, Sarah Simmonds. The band reproduces sounds from the 30s through to the 90s. Adults only. Booking strongly advised, visit inspireculture.org.uk/ jazz (W)

The Big Draw: **Living Lines Exhibition**



Tuesday 14 November – Thursday 21 December Mansfield Central **Library Gallery**

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Thursday 11 January -**Sunday 25 February** West Bridgford Library Gallery

Tuesday 6 March -Sunday 15 April **Worksop Library Gallery**

A truly vibrant exhibition showcasing work produced in The Big Draw events across the county. People of all ages made drawing tools and moved their bodies to create large scale drawings together. (W)

AccessArt Village Exhibition



Tuesday 14 November – Thursday 21 December

Mansfield Central Library FREE

Talented Nottinghamshire library users of all ages joined in with the UK wide AccessArt Village project, making a sewn drawing of their home or a building in their town to add to the village. Artist Andrea Butler brings together all the sewn





Rum, Wine and Blood: **Alcohol and Bassetlaw** Soldiers in the **First World War**



Wednesday 15 November 2pm

Worksop Library £3

Dave Pickersgill and John Stocks outline the traditional views of the war, and the British Government's role in alcohol supply. Booking advised, call 01909 535 353 or visit inspireculture.org.uk

Inspire Youth Arts Mini Showcase Auditions



Thursday 16 November Dance auditions, **Evolution, Carlton Academy,** Gedling

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December **Dance auditions** The Old Library, Mansfield

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December **Music auditions** The Old Library, Mansfield Rehearsals 2pm (except Evolution 4pm), Performances 7.30pm

Showcase is an opportunity for young people aged 13-19 to take part in a major performance event. Whether you can sing, dance, act, mime, play in a band, perform poetry or do any other creative performance we want you to take part. Apply by Wednesday 1 November, visit inspireculture.org.uk/showcase18



Unite The Scene





Friday 24 & Saturday 25 November 7.30pm

The Cooperative Theatre **Nottingham FREE**

Inspire Youth Arts works in partnership with Unite The Scene to develop a brand new piece of choreography, working with young people led by a top industry choreographer. To book tickets, visit unitethescene.co.uk

Christmas Wreaths



Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 Saturday 2 November 11am - 1pm & 2 - 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £16 per wreath

Make your own Christmas wreath using natural materials such as evergreens, holly, ivy and pine cones. Booking essential for this popular event, call 01623 823 202.

Yuletide Treasure Trail



Saturday 25 November – Sunday 7 January 11am – 3pm (every Saturday and Sunday)

Sherwood Forest Country Park £1 per trail leaflet

Enjoy some of the forest's midwinter magic on this self-guided weekend trail around the Major Oak path, with a 'sweet' reward for all those who complete the clues!

Santa's Yuletide Grotto



Saturday 25 November -Sunday 17 December (weekends only) 11am - 4pm (last admission 3.45pm)

Sherwood Forest Country Park £5 per child including small gift

Visit Santa in this traditional style grotto in the heart of Sherwood Forest each weekend.

For even more events visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ whatson



Santa Arrives...



Sunday 26 November

Sherwood Forest Country Park FRFF

The Sheriff of Nottingham is in Sherwood Forest today to try and put a stop to any Yuletide celebrations - let's hope Robin Hood is around to save the day! Come along to cheer for Santa as he arrives at his traditional grotto.

Family Conservation Fun -**Tree Dressing**



Sunday 3 December 11.30am – 1pm & 2 – 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park FREE

Join in the ancient custom of Tree Dressing in one of England's most famous forests. Make a decoration to hang on our tree, with winter tales and music from Pilgrims and Posies. The Visitor Centre lights switch on will take place at 4.15pm.

Handmade Theatre Presents: The Twelve Birds of Christmas



Saturday 9 December 12pm

Mansfield Central Library £4.50

Join three eggcentric bird professors at this festive family show, filled with fun facts, stories, songs and puppets. Suitable for ages 3-9 and their families. Presented in partnership with Mansfield Palace Theatre. Book in the library or via the Theatre Box Office, visit mansfield.gov.uk/palacetheatre

Christmas at Holme **Pierrepont Country Park**



Saturday 9 December Register from 9.30am

Holme Pierrepont Country Park, home of The National **Water Sports Centre** £18 adults, £10 children Grotto £3 per child

Join us this Christmas for The Nottingham Santa Run, with over 2,000 Santas expected to take part! Bring the kids along to meet Santa in his grotto and have a photo taken on his sleigh!

Family Christmas Crafts



Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December 11am - 3pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park £5 per item made

Get in the festive mood and keep the youngsters busy with our drop in and make-it sessions. All materials supplied. You'll make willow Christmas wreaths, trees and maybe even reindeers. Buy your ticket at the gift shop.

Dog Grotto



Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 December

11am - 12.30pm & 2 - 3pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park Minimum donation of £2 per dog

No we haven't gone barking mad, but knowing how much so many of our regular visitors love their pooches, we thought it was about time they had the chance to treat their canine companions to their very own visit to Santa Paws! All proceeds will be donated to Jerry Green Dog Rescue.

Live Jazz: Swingologie





7.30pm £10 / £8

Tuesday 12 December

Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Wednesday 13 December

Southwell Library 01636 812 148

Thursday 14 December West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Nottingham based gypsy/jazz group Swingologie are Wayne Jefferies (quitar), John Coulson (double bass), Richard Smith (lead guitar) and the renowned Ben Martin (saxophone). An amazing evening of music. Adults only. Booking strongly advised, visit inspireculture.org.uk/jazz (W)



Sparkling Sherwood **Evening Event**



Friday 15, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 December

Timed entry tickets: 6pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm, 6.45pm & 7pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £3 (booking fee applies)

See Sherwood's ancient oak trees in a whole new light - a truly magical start to winter and a memorable experience to treasure. The walk route is approximately one mile. With festive music in the Visitor Centre. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance, available from 1 October. For more information call 01623 823 202.

Santa Punch and Judy with Professor Paul Temple



Saturday 16 & Sunday 17
December 12noon - 3pm

Rufford Abbey Country Park FREE

A special outdoor Christmas themed Punch and Judy show with ever popular children's entertainer Paul Temple. A little close up magic and balloon modelling adds to the fun.

A Victorian **Christmas in Nottingham**



Wednesday 20 December 2pm

Beeston Library £3

Join our Victorian hosts to celebrate a Nottingham Christmas from the past. Historical accounts from rich and poor, traditions and recipes help us remember Christmases gone by. There's even a local ghost story! Booking advised, call **0115 925 5168** or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

Christmas Eve Walk



Sunday 24 December 11am - 12.30pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £3 adults, £1.50 children

Escape the hustle and bustle of high street shopping and enjoy a gentle stroll with a ranger through the ancient glades of Sherwood, looking for winter wildlife and discovering more about this legendary forest. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202.

Boxing Day Walk



Tuesday 26 December 11.30am - 1pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £3 adults. £1.50 children

Overdone it over the festive period? This is your chance to breathe in some fresh air and get your legs working again! Booking advised, call 01623 823 202.



Family Conservation Fun -**New Year Walk**



Sunday 7 January 10.30am – 12.30pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £3 adults, £1.50 children

Why not start 2018 with a winter wander through Sherwood Forest and learn more about its amazing trees and its fascinating history?

Tree Felling Workshop



Sunday 14 January & Sunday 4 March 10am - 3.30pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £30 per person

Come and learn the stages of felling and processing a tree. You even get to take your tree home as processed firewood! No under 16s. Jacket potato for lunch is included. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202.

Winter Tree ID



Saturday 20 January 10.30am - 12noon

Sherwood Forest Country Park £3 adults, £1.50 children

Do you know the difference between an ash and an oak tree? Learn techniques of identification and the uses of different types of wood on this educational walk. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202.

Nottingham Playhouse 🎎 Theatre Company **Presents: Town Mouse** and Country Mouse



Saturday 3 February

Worksop Library £3 per child/accompanying adults **FREE**

Town Mouse and Country Mouse are so different it looks like they will never get along. But when a cat arrives on the scene, will they overcome their differences before it's too late? For children aged 3 – 8. Booking advised, call **01909 535 353** or visit inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on

Nottingham Playhouse

Family Conservation Fun -**Community Woodland** Day



Sunday 4 February 10.30am – 3pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park FREE

Help restore an area of abandoned woodland, learn why we're doing it and how it will benefit the site and nature. Bring a packed lunch.

Stargazing and Lecture Evening



Saturday 10 February 6.45 - 10.15pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £6 per person

Look through telescopes at our beautiful night sky (weather permitting) and listen to an astronomy themed talk with the Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society. Wrap up warm and wear good footwear. Not suitable for under 12s. Booking is essential, call 01623 823 202.

Live Jazz: **New Orleans Heat**



£10/£8 7.30pm

Monday 12 February **Beeston Library** 0115 925 5168

Tuesday 13 February Worksop Library

01909 535 353

Wednesday 14 February Southwell Library

01636 812 148

Thursday 15 February

West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

This seven-piece traditional New Orleans-style jazz band are ready to stomp away those winter blues! Enjoy a mixture of trumpet, piano, trombone, sax, banjo, drums, bass and clarinet. Adults only. Booking strongly advised, visit

inspireculture.org.uk/jazz (W)



Bird Feeder Making



Saturday 17 February 11am - 12noon

Sherwood Forest Country Park £2.50 per person

Make a selection of bird feeders to help the birds in your garden. Bring a bag to take your feeders home in! Involves handling seeds, fruit and nuts. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202. (W)



Castles of Nottinghamshire





Tuesday 20 February Mansfield Central Library 01623 651 337

Wednesday 21 February **Beeston Library** 0115 925 5168

Tuesday 27 February West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Wednesday 28 February Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Nottingham and Newark castles may be famous, but archaeologist James Wright uncovers the stories of castle sites that are often unrecognised even by local people. Booking advised, call the library or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

Bird Box Making



Tuesday 20 February 11am – 2pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £5 per box

National Nest Box Week runs from 14 to 21 February, so why not join this bird box making session? All materials and tools will be provided. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202. (W)

Inspire Youth Arts Showcase 2018





Thursday 22 & Friday 23 February

7.30pm

Mansfield Palace Theatre £3/£2 concessions

Showcase brings together a spectacular



collection of dance, music, drama and film, performed by young people from across Nottinghamshire. Booking advised at Mansfield Palace Theatre Box Office, call 01623 633 133 or visit inspireculture.org. uk/showcase18 (W)

Family Conservation Fun -**Task Morning**



Saturday 3 March 10am – 12.30pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £2 per family

Join the Sherwood Ranger Team on our family task, tackling an area of the country park in need of a little extra TLC. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Booking is essential, call 01623 823 202 between 10am & 4pm.

Casket Case by Flickbook Theatre



Thursday 8 March 7.30pm

The Old Library, Mansfield Pay what you think on the night

Jozey doesn't do anything that could possibly, even slightly increase her risk of dying. Not even putting salt on her chips! Booking essential for this play, visit inspireculture.org.uk

Woodpecker Walk



Saturday 10 March 8 - 10am

Sherwood Forest Country Park £5 per person

Join RSPB Conservation Officer Carl Cornish as you go in search of woodpeckers. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202.

Live Jazz: Nicola Farnon





Monday 12 March **Beeston Library** 0115 925 5168

Tuesday 13 March

Worksop Library 01909 535 353

Wednesday 14 March

Southwell Library 01636 812 148

Thursday 15 March

West Bridgford Library 0115 981 6506

Nicola Farnon and her widely acclaimed trio join us with a performance to startle and inspire! Adults only. Booking strongly advised, visit inspireculture.org.uk/jazz (W)

Xzibit Young Choreographers **Performance**



Saturday 17 March 7.30pm

Lakeside Arts Theatre £3

The Xzibit project is for young people who are ready to choreograph their own work. They have worked with nationally and internationally renowned dance artists leading to this performance. To book visit inspireculture.org.uk

Spoon Carving Workshop



Saturday 17 March 10.30am – 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £30 per person

The ancient craft of spoon carving has seen a resurgence in its popularity. Learn the basics and take home at least one completed spoon. Due to the sharp tools used, this course is open to responsible adults only. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202.

Skegness – So Bracing!



Tuesday 20 March 2pm

Mansfield Central Library £3

Local historian Bob Massey takes us on a trip to Skegness, and reveals its transformation from Viking landing site to holiday heaven for generations of Nottinghamshire families. Booking advised, call 01623 651 337 or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

The Legacy of Jesse Boot





Wednesday 21 March 2pm

Beeston Library £3

Drawing on locally held archives, Thomas Bell explores Jesse Boot's legacy in the establishment of the Boots business. Gain an insight into the company's development and the contribution it has made to Nottingham. Booking advised, call 0115 925 5168 or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

Willow Weaving Workshop



Saturday 24 March 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2 - 4pm

Sherwood Forest Country Park £15 per person/obelisk

Weave a willow obelisk for your home or garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential, call 01623 823 202.

Nottingham Castle, from Royal Residence to People's Palace and **Beyond**



Tuesday 27 March 2.30 pm

West Bridgford Library £3

Dr Richard Gaunt of the University of Nottingham considers the history of Nottingham Castle in light of the £29m re-development programme now underway. Booking advised, call 0115 981 6506 or visit inspireculture.org.uk (W)

