

Leicestershire and Rutland
Festival of Archaeology 2018
Saturday 14th – Sunday 29th July

16th May 2018

The programme for the 2018 Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology – the biggest Festival of its kind in Britain- has been announced. 80 events will be held all over the two counties to celebrate local archaeology. Events run through July with the main Festival between July 14th and 29th.

The programme is overflowing with family friendly events, guided walks, talks and displays. These are as diverse as ever - ranging from trips to Prehistoric hillforts at Beacon, Breedon and Burrough Hills, to tours of medieval Launde and Leicester Abbey and visits to industrial sites like the Glenfield Tunnel and Swannington coal mines with lots in between! One highlight will be a City centre display of the amazing 'Stibbe' Roman mosaics discovered by University of Leicester archaeologists last year in Great Central Street, which were lifted and have been conserved. This will be at BBC Radio Leicester's building on Jubilee Square.

Have a go at being an archaeologist by joining the Bosworth Links project which is digging test-pits in Market Bosworth, or visit an archaeology day at Oakham Castle or one of our counties' many museums.

The Festival brings together local archaeological organisations, heritage groups, museums and archaeologists to show off all that is good in the County's archaeological heritage.

Festival convenor, Peter Liddle, commented 'we are very pleased with this year's programme: there really is something for all the family from children's craft events at museums around the county to serious lectures. We are particularly proud of the guided walks programme that grows every year – this gives people the chance to see sites with a local expert who can explain their unique history. Festival leaflets will soon be available Festival leaflets will be available for collection from late May from libraries, museums and hostelrys around the county as well as at Tourist Information Centres and other tourist venues. An up to date downloadable programme can be found on line at www.leicsfieldworkers.co.uk/latest-news/festival-of-archaeology

This year's Festival kicks off with a Launch Event 'Bringing Our Past to Life' at the Jewry Wall site on Sunday July 8th. This will be a colourful family friendly event with many different aspects including re-enactors and living history, crafts and games, archaeologists to talk to, and displays of recent discoveries from the City and County. Many local groups will have stalls with information about their work and the history of their area as well as previews about events. St Nicholas Church will be open for refreshments with additional stalls and information.

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