



CULTURE NEWS for North West Leicestershire Summer 2009

Summer is upon us and there are lots of arts and cultural activities taking place across the district. We would like to include news and information about your projects so if you have any items you would like included in the Autumn edition please email the information to Julia.harley@nwleicestershire.gov.uk by 11th September.

Arts week for children



Friday 21st to Thursday 27th August

Part of the School's Out Summer Holiday Programme and in conjunction with Ashby Arts Festival

*Be creative
Have a go at something new
Learn a new skill
Make some friends
Have some fun*

Following on from the successful week last year an ARTS WEEK has been programmed to coincide with the Ashby Arts Festival which will maximise publicity and attendances.

Here is a taste of what is on offer for children. The activities are based at Ashby Baptist Church on Brook Street and the Venture Theatre on North Street.

Bookings are being taken now at Ashby Tourist Information Centre. Tel: 01530 411767

Friday 21st August
Concert in a Day - Grade 2+
Brass and Woodwind instruments.
Concert at 6pm

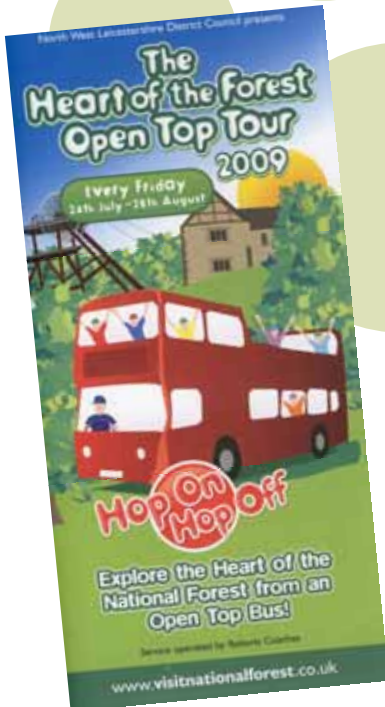
Monday 24th August
Illustrate Your Story 8+yrs
10am-12noon

Tues 25th - Thurs 27th August
3 'n' 3 - 11-16yrs
(three plays in three days)
with Chorus Theatre

Wednesday 26th August
Ukuleles & Guitars - 6+yrs
All instruments provided
Workshops 10am or 1pm

Thursday 27th August
Pyrography Workshop 8+yrs
1pm - 3pm

Pick up a leaflet from Ashby Tourist Information Centre or download from www.nwleics.gov.uk/whats on



Hop On, Hop Off, Hop in
Explore the Heart of the National Forest from an Open Top Bus!
Come on board and see how the forest is growing!

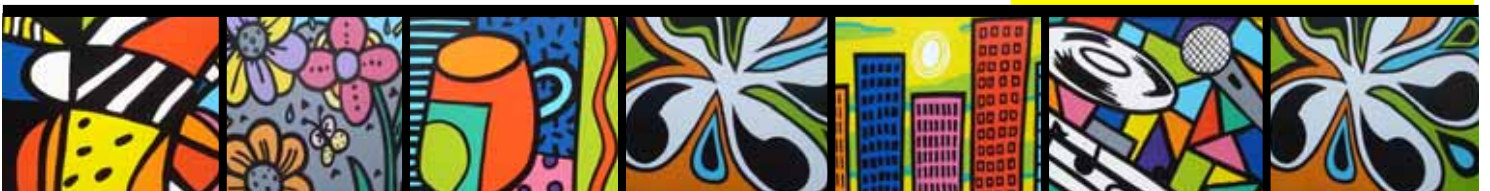
Every Friday
24th July - 28th August

Fares
£5 Conc £7 Adult £16 family

Save money, book in advance at Ashby Tourist Information Centre

Visiting Ashby de la Zouch, Conkers Waterside, YHA National Forest, Moira furnace and Craft Village, Sence Valley Forest Park, Donington le Heath Manor House, Coalville Town Centre and Snibston Discovery Museum & Country Park

For further information, booking enquiries or to a copy of the time-table please contact Ashby Tourist Information Centre. Tel: 01530 411767
Download a copy from www.nwleics.gov.uk/whatson





BLUE BOX YOUTH THEATRE PRESENT
The Devil and the Three Golden Hairs

AN OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE
on the Grange Nature Reserve,
Snibston Country Park, Coalville.
Fri 17th, Sat 18th July at 8pm

A prophecy says that a poor young man will marry the King's daughter and so he makes a powerful enemy of the King. To save himself he must travel to Hell to steal three golden hairs from the head of the Devil himself. If he succeeds he marries the King's daughter. If he fails, he wakes the Devil!

This production has been devised by the Blue Box Youth Theatre working with Babbling Vagabonds Theatre. It is part of Mantle Arts' programme of street theatre and outdoor performances which included the Coalville Comes Alive Festival in May 09. It has been funded by Find Your Talent.

The performance will take place in the beautiful woodland of the Grange Nature Reserve, part of Snibston Country Park, adjacent to Snibston Discovery Museum, Ashby Road Coalville.

The Devil & the 3 Golden Hairs

Tickets are free.
Please book in advance to ensure a place.

To book call Mantle Arts on 01530 830811

or email us on info@mantlearts.org.uk.
Or enquire at the front desk of Snibston Discovery Museum.

Please note that the audience will follow the action through the woods. Due to the nature of the location it may not be totally accessible for wheelchair users.

Coalville Male Voice Choir will be in concert at The Palace, Ibstock. Starts 7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm. Tickets from Halls Electrical, High Street, Ibstock. Tel: 01530 260460.



WORKSHOP & CHILDREN'S EVENTS AT ASHBY MUSEUM

Saturday 25th July between 11am & 3pm.

As part of the Festival of British Archaeology there is going to be a Free Family Fun Day held at the Museum on Saturday July 25th from 11am until 3pm.

There will be games, a treasure hunt, making a treasure chest and you will be able to see the real Roman treasure that is going to be on show in the Museum. There will be lots of things to do for the whole family. Children need to be accompanied by an adult and it is essential to book a place by telephoning the Museum on 01530 560090.



Music in the Parks

North West Leicestershire District Council's Cultural Services work with Ashby Town Council each year to promote a series of brass band performances in local parks and open spaces during the Summer.

On a sunny summer afternoon you can enjoy these traditional concerts free of charge.

So bring a chair, a rug and some refreshments and enjoy the beautiful sounds of brass in your local park.

For further information please call Angela Bexton on 01530 454603

Sunday 19th July 2pm
Newhall Band
at Moira Furnace

Sunday 2nd August 2pm
Force Ten
at Whitwick Park

Sunday 16th August 2pm
Hathern Band
at Coalville Park

Sunday 23rd August 2pm
Enderby Band
at Ashby Bath Grounds

Sunday 6th September 2pm
Gresley Colliery Band
at Moira Furnace





Plans are well underway for this year's Ashby Arts Festival.

Every August Ashby hosts the Ashby Arts Festival which features local artists, musicians, song writers, poets, performers, writers, and story tellers. The multiple sites around the town host exhibitions, musical performances, workshops and talks, and the town centre is decorated with flags and an outdoor gallery. **Full details of what is planned can be viewed at www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk**

Photography competition

Dust off your camera and start taking pictures!

There is no specific theme so let your imagination run wild!

£2 entry fee per photograph (max 3)

£100 to be won! Download your entry form from the website.

Closing date 14th August

Open Art Competition

Cash prizes totalling £300!

For all amateur and professional artists over 16yrs.

£2 entry fee per piece (max 3 pieces).

An opportunity to exhibit and sell your work.

Download an entry form from the website.

Closing date 14th August.

Painting, drawing, multi-media, textiles, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and print making welcome.



GRANTS NEWS

Recent awards for our local Heritage/Arts/Event Organisations;

Appleby Magna Art Club - Awarded £350.

To purchase teaching DVD and fund facilitator to develop the groups skills. Outcome - to hold own exhibition.

Ashby de la Zouch Civic Society - Awarded £200

To contribute towards good building and design schemes in Ashby de la Zouch. Outcome - provision of plaques/interpretive boards for Town Centre.

The Palace Community Centre - Awarded £250

To contribute towards Ibstock Community event, called SPACE. Outcome - the provision of a free fun and educational day for young people.

Carillon Broadcasting Limited - Awarded £500

To purchase 2 new computers for the new Hermitage FM Radio Station in Coalville. Outcome - The station will provide training facilities for broadcasting for under 25's

Ashby Canal Trust - Awarded £250

To contribute towards the Ashby Canal Festival. Outcome - The group will generate revenue from this event to raise funds to re-open sections of the Canal.

Normandy Veterans Association - Awarded £500

To support the annual commemorative service. Outcome - Veterans to recognise 65 years since the start of Operation Overlord.



Next application deadline for 'One Off' grants, will be 30 September 2009.





Exciting news comes from the National Forest. A community of folk enthusiasts have joined together with a common aim, to promote Folk Music and dance in the Midlands by staging the first **Moira Furnace Folk Festival**.

Planned to last over the **weekend of the 21st to 23rd of August 2009**, the Festival will showcase a wide and varied programme of Music and Dance to suit all tastes. The main venue is the **Moira Furnace site** in Moira, at the Heart of the National Forest.

There will be craft, music and food stalls, a real ale bar, open air concerts at the furnace amphitheatre, an opening night ceilidh, sessions and sing arounds in local pubs and main site, Saturday night grand concert, boat trips and tractor rides.


Children's entertainment, including bouncy castles, face painting and Punch and Judy, Morris Dancing and Civil War re-enactments.

Fun for the young ones - a modern children's play area is located close to the campsite.

**For details please visit
www.moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk**



Century Theatre, Snibston Discovery Park, Coalville.
www.centurytheatre.co.uk



North Street, Ashby
www.ashbyventuretheatre.org.uk

CASDG
Coalville Adult School Drama Group
Bridge Road, Coalville.
See www.casdg.co.uk



The Sir John Moore Foundation and its Grade I listed building, provide support and a home for the local primary school, alongside the award winning heritage centre. Community access to the site is enhanced through a variety of cultural, leisure and educational events.

**Top Street, Appleby Magna
www.sirjohnmoore.org.uk**



Hood Park Leisure Centre's outdoor pool is now open!

As the weather forecast for the coming week predicted more hot weather, the team at Hood Park pulled out all the stops to open the pool four days ahead of schedule.

The pool is open seven days a week until early September, weather permitting. For more information on the outdoor pool contact Hood Park Leisure Centre on: 01530 412181 or go to: www.nwleics.gov.uk/hoodparklc.

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