

What's On

In Lichfield District and surrounding areas
Autumn and Christmas 2011



Autumn activities

Spooky goings on

Ghost tours

Bonfire and fireworks

Candlelit tours

Lichfield Christmas Festival

Santa train rides

Christmas carol services

Christmas markets

Festive food

See inside for more than
130 exciting events
from September
to New Year

LICHFIELD MARKETS

Visit the thriving Markets on Lichfield's historic Market Square!



Weekly General Markets

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
9am to 4pm

Flourishing markets with a wide range of quality items and fresh produce at value-for-money prices from reputable market traders

Monthly Farmers' Markets

First Thursday of the month (except January) 9am to 3pm
Established and popular Farmers' Market. Wide selection of fresh tempting produce. Plus art and craft stalls and seasonal demonstrations.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS
1st & 15th December



Contact Rachel Clive - Markets Officer, Lichfield City Council, 53 Wade Street, Lichfield, Staffs
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Welcome to the autumn and Christmas 2011 edition of What's On

The best guide to events across Lichfield District and surrounding areas.

This issue includes events from September through to the new year. From Halloween spooks and fireworks, to Santa train rides and carol services, there's a variety of events to suit all ages and budgets. Look out for this September's Olympic-themed Heritage Weekend and Lichfield's Christmas Festival in December.

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www.visitlichfield.co.uk/events

How to use this guide

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Autumn highlights

From Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park through to spooky Halloween events for the kids, there's plenty going on to keep you entertained this autumn.

Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park

Saturday 3 September • 6pm - 10pm (approx)
Beacon Park, Lichfield
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/lichfieldproms

Lichfield Heritage Weekend Ye Olde Games

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September
9.30am - 4.30pm • Lichfield Market Square,
Stowe Fields, Beacon Park and heritage venues
across the city • www.visitlichfield.co.uk/events

Oktoberfest

Friday 30 September - Saturday 1 October
12noon - 11pm • The Guildhall, Lichfield
A first taste of German Oktoberfest comes to
Lichfield! Traditional beer,
food and music.
£2 (£3 after 5.30pm)
01543 262223
www.lichfieldarts.org.uk



Free event Saturday 3 September 2011

LICHFIELD PROMS

IN BEACON PARK

5pm Inflatables and face painting for the kids.
6pm The Lichfield City Concert Band will play popular classics to warm up the crowd. Food and drink stalls open.
7.30pm The British Police Symphony Orchestra will lead the main concert, playing a range of popular classical music and show tunes.
The evening will be brought to a close with fireworks to the sounds of Land of Hope and Glory.

For more information call 01543 308866, or visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/proms

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September 2011 9.30am - 4.30pm

Lichfield Heritage Weekend Ye Olde Games

Lichfield Market Square, Stowe Fields, Beacon Park & heritage venues across the city

A weekend celebrating Lichfield City's rich and varied history, inspired by London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The weekend includes free entry to Lichfield's heritage attractions and museums, with activities at each venue relating to sports through the ages. Dress up like the Ancient Greeks, try your hand at hobby horse racing, make a bow and arrow, have a go on static bikes, get free tennis coaching, take part in children's games, enjoy Samuel Johnson's birthday celebrations and more!

Guided tours of Lichfield City will also be available for only £1, and there will be free entertainment and face painting on Market Square on Saturday. For full details and a free programme, contact Lichfield Tourist Information Centre on 01543 412112 or email info@visitlichfield.com

www.visitlichfield.co.uk/events

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Visit 'The Pantry' - our coffee shop ✓

Christmas attractions: ✓



Visit us for charity Xmas cards, fresh trees, gifts, festive lunches & lots of Christmas offers (see website from mid October for more Christmas information)

Western Bypass, A51,
Lichfield • 01543 262805
NURSERY: 9.30 - 5.00
COFFEE SHOP: 10.00 - 4.30

www.theplantplot.com



Portrait of the Galapagos - Darwin's Enchanted Islands

1 September - 1 October • During museum opening times • Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield
An exhibition of Sarah Langford's beautiful photos of the animals and inhabitants of the Galapagos Islands.
Normal admission fees apply • 01543 306260
enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org
www.erasmusdarwin.org

Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park

Saturday 3 September • 6pm - 10pm (approx)
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Whittington Countryside and Craft Fair

Saturday 3 September • 10am - 4.30pm
Bit End Field, Whittington
A fantastic day out for all the family that includes entertainment, craft and show tent, and much more. All day bar and food. Free parking. Generously sponsored by New Farm Produce.
£5 adult, £3 concessions, £10 family (2 adults & 2 children) • www.whittingtonandfisherwick.org.uk

Katrina Vivian Exhibition

Monday 5 September - Friday 23 September
10am - 4pm weekdays only • Wedge Gallery, South Staffordshire College - Lichfield Campus
Exploring the Holocaust in a contemporary context.
01543 301233 • wedgegalleries@southstaffs.ac.uk

The Bohemians

Friday 9 September • 7.30pm
Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield
One of the most dynamic and exciting Queen tribute bands currently touring Great Britain.
£19.50 • 01543 412121 • www.lichfieldgarrick.com



The Sheriff's Ride

Saturday 10 September • 10.30am
The Guildhall (Lichfield), Bore Street, South Staffordshire College (Lichfield Campus) and rural boundary of Lichfield City
Historic 20 mile horse ride with morning, lunch and afternoon refreshment breaks.
Riders must pre-register, fee £25 • Spectators free of charge • 01543 309854
kate.durrant@lichfield.gov.uk

Fungus Foray

Saturday 10 September • 10.30am - 1pm
Meet at Christian Fields car park (off Eastern Avenue in Lichfield)
Join the Staffordshire Fungus Group and Lichfield District Council's countryside team for a fungus foray. Please wear suitable clothing.
£2.50 • 01543 308138
denice.deverall@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Boobies and Blockheads

Saturday 10 September • 2pm
Meet at Lichfield Tourist Information Centre
Green Badge guided tour that allows you to see Lichfield through Samuel Johnson's eyes. Find out more about the city he would have known and loved.
£3 • 01543 412112 • info@visitlichfield.com
www.visitlichfield.co.uk

Oriental Weekend at G-Scapes Plant Centre

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September • 10am - 4pm
G-Scapes Plant Centre, Curborough Craft Centre in Lichfield
A celebration of oriental gardens with bonsai show, demonstration garden, Japanese Maple displays, free advice and information.
Free entry • 01543 256401 • byron@g-scapes.co.uk
www.g-scapes.co.uk



Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 10 September • 7.30pm
Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield
Get your flags ready for the Last Night of the Proms with The British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.
£27.50 • 01543 412121 • www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Chasewater Railway September Gala

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September • 10am - 5pm
Brownhills West & Chasewater Heaths Stations, Chasewater
Intensive service featuring steam and diesel trains, brake van rides, narrow gauge, freight trains, museum and refreshments. Free parking.
£5.95 adult, £3.95 child (small extra charge for narrow gauge) • 01922 452623
info@chasewater railway.co.uk
www.chasewater railway.org

King Edward VI Leisure Centre 10k Fun Run

Sunday 11 September • 10.30am
King Edward VI Leisure Centre, Lichfield
The sixteenth Lichfield 10k race and fun run. Online entry is now open. To download an application go to www.lichfield-running-club.co.uk
01543 308782 • kinge@lichfielddc.gov.uk
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/kelc

Annual Heavy Horse Competition

Sunday 11 September • 10am - 5pm
The National Brewery Centre, Burton upon Trent
A great spectacle for all the family. Fifty heavy horses being judged in multiple competitions.
£6 adult, £4 child, £4 concession, £18 family
01283 532880 • info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk
www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk



Annual Beer Festival

Friday 16 & Saturday 17 September
See website for times
The National Brewery Centre, Burton upon Trent
A huge variety of specialist beers to sample and live music, in association with CAMRA.
Please contact the National Brewery Centre for prices
01283 532880 • info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk
www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk

Lichfield Heritage Weekend - Ye Olde Games

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September
9.30am - 4.30pm
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Dr Johnson Birthday Ceremony

Saturday 17 September • 12noon
Market Square, Lichfield
Civic ceremony with wreath laying on the Johnson statue, including local school musicians and choristers.
Free event • 01543 309854
kate.durrant@lichfield.gov.uk

Samuel Johnson's 302nd Birthday Party

Saturday 17 September • 10.30am - 4.30pm
The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Lichfield
Visit Johnson's house for activities and a slice of birthday cake (while stocks last).
Free entry • 01543 264972
sjmuseum@lichfield.gov.uk
www.samueljohnsonbirthplace.gov.uk

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Bird Street, Lichfield WS13 6PR
T: 01543 414822
W: www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk

Visit our website to see our full programme of special events!



Bridal Fayre - Sunday 18th September, from 11am to 4pm

Let the experts help you organise every aspect of your special day. Admission is free and there are £100 worth of vouchers to be won!



Jazz Sunday Lunch - Sunday 25th September

Enjoy a delicious three course carvery lunch and coffee accompanied by live music from The Antique Six. £20.95 per person, £12 per child.



Wedding Open Evening - Thursday 13th October

Come along between 6pm & 8.30pm and see exactly how lovely your wedding day could be at The George. Admission free, by ticket only.



The Knicker Lady - Thursday 27th October at 10.30am

An unforgettable one woman show that brings together a delightful mix of costume, social history and hilarity. £25 per person, includes lunch.



Gourmet French Wine Evening - Saturday 12th November

Our gourmet wine evening gives you the opportunity to taste and discover more about a selection of high quality French wines. £35 per person, includes dinner, aperitif and wines.

Christmas & New Year 2011

- Celebration Menus • Party Nights • Senior Citizens' Lunches
- Christmas Day and Boxing Day Lunch
- New Year's Eve Celebrations

Christmas Flower Arranging Lunches

Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th and Wed 30th November and Thursday 1st December

Includes coffee on arrival, a demonstration by Anne Brown of Tiaras & Flowers and a 3 course carvery lunch. £21 per person.

Murder Mystery Evening

Friday 25th November

Put your investigative skills to the test and enjoy an evening of murder, mystery and intrigue. £33 per person, includes dinner.

Intimate Theatre Presents Christmas Voices

Sunday 4th, Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December

An entertaining compilation of light-hearted poetry, music and drama for the festive season. £9.75 per person, includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie

Huddlesford Gathering

Saturday 17 September • 10am - 5pm • Grounds of Lichfield Cruising Club, Huddlesford Junction
Historic narrowboats, classic and vintage vehicles, stalls, puppet shows, displays, BBQ, refreshments, licensed bar. Organised by Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust and Lichfield Cruising Club. Free parking. £2 adult, children free entry • 01543 671427 info@lhcr.org.uk • www.lhcr.org.uk

Wartime Whittington Weekend

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September • 10am - 4pm
The Staffordshire Regiment Museum Whittington Barracks
A living history event to discover more about the home front and experience battle re-enactments.
£6 adult, £4 concession, £15 family • 01543 434394 attendant@staffordshireregimentmuseum.com

Carole Baker Open Studio

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 September • 10am - 5pm
Sunnyside Studio, 61 Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace
Part of the Staffordshire Open Art event. Parking located in council car park on Rugeley Road.
Free entry • 01543 676895 • carole@carolebaker.com www.carolebaker.com

Bridal Fayre

Sunday 18 September • 11am - 4pm
The George Hotel, Lichfield
Let the experts help you organise every aspect of your special day.
Free entry • 01543 414822
mail@thegeorgelichfield.co.uk
www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk

Autumn Woods at Yoxall Lodge

Thursday 22 September - Sunday 30 October (Closed Monday to Wednesday) • 10.30am - 5pm
Yoxall Lodge, Newchurch, Burton upon Trent
Enjoy the splendour of Yoxall Lodge as the trees show off their rich autumn colours.
£4 adult, £1 child (5 - 16 years) • 01283 575237
info@bluebellwoodsyoaxall.co.uk
www.bluebellwoodsyoaxall.co.uk

Cheque-Mates Folk 'n' Roots Music Club

Thursday 22 September • 8.15pm • The Coton and Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas
Special guest appearance from Brian Peters the well-known folk artist. Hosts Claret and Bob Allaway.
£6 • 0121 354 4234 • clarettheband@lycos.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 23 September • 10am - 12.30pm
The Plant Plot, Western Bypass A51, Lichfield
Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan that includes a raffle and plant sale.
01543 262805 • theplantplot@btconnect.com
www.theplantplot.com

Hamstall Ridware Showcase

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 September
St Michael & All Angels Church and Blythe House Farm, Hamstall Ridware
Flower festival and Blythe House Farm business open day. Includes classic cars and a concert in the church.
01889 504016 • sarah.elsom@btinternet.com
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/hamstallridware

Jazz Sunday Lunch

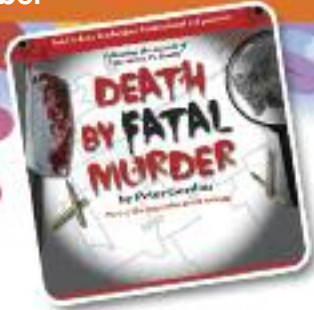
Sunday 25 September • 12.30 for 1pm
The George Hotel, Lichfield
Enjoy a delicious three-course meal with music from the Antique Six.
£20.95 adult, £12 child (up to 12 years)
01543 414822 • mail@thegeorgelichfield.co.uk
www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk

The Comedy Club

Friday 30 September • 8pm
Tamworth Assembly Rooms, Tamworth
Come and see some top up and coming comedians at Tamworth Assembly Rooms.
£13 adult, £11 concession • 01827 709618
tic@tamworth.gov.uk
www.tamworthassemblyrooms.co.uk

Oktoberfest

Friday 30 September - Saturday 1 October
12noon - 11pm • The Guildhall, Lichfield
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Las Vegas Night with Guest Appearance from 'The King'

Saturday 1 October • 7.30pm
 Conkers, near Swadlincote
 'The King' is here to sing the hits of the one and only Elvis Presley.
 £16.95 includes meal • 01283 216633
 info@visitconkers.com • www.visitconkers.com

Charity Christmas Cards Sale

Thursday 6 October - 24 December • 9.30am - 5pm
 The Plant Plot, Western Bypass A51, Lichfield
 More than 30 national and local charities will be represented.
 01543 262805 • theplantplot@btconnect.com
 www.theplantplot.com

Death by Fatal Murder

Tuesday 4 - Saturday 8 October
 7.30pm evenings with 2.30pm Saturday matinée
 Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield
 Comedy starring Leslie Grantham, following the critically acclaimed Murdered to Death.
 £17.50 - £22.50 • 01543 412121
 www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Dark Skies and Blue Zones Rachel Bishop group exhibition

Monday 3 October - Friday 11 November
 10am - 4pm weekdays only • Wedge Gallery, South Staffordshire College - Lichfield Campus
 An eclectic mix of video installation, multi-media projection and acrylic paintings on canvas.
 01543 301233 • wedg-gallery@southstaffs.ac.uk

50th Anniversary Charity Dinner with Tony Christie

Thursday 6 October • 7.15pm
 Moor Hall Hotel & Spa, Sutton Coldfield
 Enjoy a four-course dinner and entertainment from Tony Christie and his nine-piece band. All proceeds will be donated to St Giles Hospice, Sutton Cancer Support Centre and Sutton Support Services.
 £50 a ticket or £450 for a table of 10
 0121 308 3751 • mail@moorhallhotel.co.uk
 www.moorhallhotel.co.uk

The Beatles Tribute Evening

Friday 7 October • 7.30pm
 Moor Hall Hotel & Spa, Sutton Coldfield
 Relive the excitement and thrill of the 60s with all your favourite hits from the fab four.
 £41 - includes 60s themed three-course meal
 0121 308 3751 • mail@moorhallhotel.co.uk
 www.moorhallhotel.co.uk

Keswick in Lichfield

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 October
 Wade Street Church, Lichfield
 A celebratory weekend, including drama, music, bible readings and a series of talks.
 Free entry - donations invited at all sessions
 0121 329 2214
 keswickinlichfield@yahoo.co.uk

Oktoberfest

Saturday 8 October
 Doors open 7.30pm
 8pm - late • The Gallery Suite, Conkers Waterside, near Swadlincote
 Karl's Bavarian Brass is one of the most entertaining and exciting Bavarian Oompah bands.
 £16.95 - includes hot supper (adult only event)
 01283 216633
 info@visitconkers.com
 www.visitconkers.com



SAT 26TH NOV THROUGH TO SAT 24TH DEC - A FULL 14 DATES TO CHOOSE FROM

The Magical Winter Wonderland Experience at CONKERS Waterside

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Arrive at the Waterside Winter Wonderland, where Santa's chief Elf will lead you through the enchanted forest and Christmas lights to his woodland grotto where you can meet the reindeer.* Choose from a massive 14 dates for your diary:

- Every weekend from 26th November to 11th December then everyday between 17th and 24th December
- £7.95 adult (including a muled wine & mince pie courtesy of CONKERS).
- £7.95 child (includes a personal present from Santa Clause himself).
- £28.95 family (2 adults and two children).

Book early to avoid disappointment!

CONKERS: Tel: 01283 216 633 (ext. 0) www.visitconkers.com
 Rawdon Road (BS86), Mairia, Nr Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Derbyshire DE12 8GA. info@visitconkers.com

www.sorrento-italian-restaurant.co.uk

Open: Lunchtimes Wednesday to Saturday 12noon - 2.15pm last orders
 Sunday 12noon - 4pm last orders
 Evenings Monday to Saturday 6pm - 10.30pm last orders
 Open from 5.30pm for pre-theatre menu, call for details
 28 Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 6PR
 t: 01543 300789 f: 01543 300789

Ristorante Sorrento

Now taking Christmas party bookings

Ristorante Sorrento, now established in Lichfield for four years is the only authentic Italian family restaurant in Lichfield. Umberto & Vincenzo welcome you to sample a wide selection of authentic Italian dishes which include pasta, fresh fish and meat dishes, all freshly prepared to order. Daily specials and blackboard are always available to tempt you. Special set lunch menu available. Special evening menus available Monday to Thursday. Monday to Saturday à la carte menu available.



Wedding Open Day

Sunday 9 October • 11am - 3pm
Moor Hall Hotel & Spa, Sutton Coldfield
Come along and see exactly how lovely your wedding day could be at Moor Hall. Tickets booked in advance are free. Extra tickets can be purchased at the door for £1. The proceeds will be donated to our three chosen charities for 2011. 0121 308 3751 • mail@moorhallhotel.co.uk www.moorhallhotel.co.uk

Seed Gathering Sunday

Sunday 9 October • 10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm
Beacon Park, Lichfield
Find seeds, decorate your pot and plant your seeds. Booking is essential. Suitable for children aged 5+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. £2 • 01543 308869 • ruth.witczak@lichfielddc.gov.uk www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/historicparks

Lichfield Camera Club Presents An Evening with Paul Goldstein

Tuesday 11 October • 7.30pm
Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield
The award-winning photographer presents his vibrant, outspoken, passionate and lavishly illustrated talk on wildlife. £12 & £15 • 01543 412121 www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Wedding Open Evening

Thursday 13 October • 6pm - 8.30pm
The George Hotel, Lichfield
Come and see exactly how lovely your wedding day could be at The George. Free entry, by ticket only • Book your tickets on 01543 414822 • mail@thegeorgelichfield.co.uk www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk

Cheque-Mates Folk 'n' Roots Music Club

Thursday 13 October • 8.15pm • The Coton and Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas
The twentieth birthday of the club - all invited!
Free entry • 0121 354 4234
clarettheband@lycos.com

City of Lichfield Concert Band Autumn Concert

Saturday 15 October • 7.30pm
The Guildhall, Lichfield
Enjoy an evening of varied music from your popular local concert band. £7.50 adult, £6.50 concessions, available from Redshaws Bookshop in Lichfield or call 07841351457 mail@lichfieldconcertband.co.uk www.lichfieldconcertband.co.uk

Conkers October Half Term Fun

Saturday 15 October - Sunday 30 October
Conkers, near Swadlincote
Come and explore Conkers for two weeks of family fun, with special activities. £8.50 adult, £6.95 child, £26.95 family (2 adults & 2 children), £6.95 concessions • 01283 216633 info@visitconkers.com • www.visitconkers.com

George III and Some Lesser Known Commoners

Wednesday 19 October • 9.30am - 4pm
Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield
Seminar day with four speakers covering various 18th century subjects including music, medicine and George III. £25 includes refreshments and buffet lunch 01543 306260 • enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org www.erasmusdarwin.org

Lichfield Roots and Folk Festival

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 October
The Guildhall, Lichfield
A fantastic line up of national and local performers including Kan, Flossie Mallaville and Keith Donnelly. 01543 262223 • www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

Ladies Pamper and Gift Night

Friday 21 October • 6pm - 9pm
Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield
A delightful evening of pampering with the chance to buy unique gifts and crafts. Free entry • 01543 306260 enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org www.erasmusdarwin.org

An Evening of Musical Harmony with the '2 Dees'

Saturday 22 October • 7.30pm
Whittington Village Hall, Whittington
Award-winning vocal harmony duo, with songs from the 1960s & 1970s, in association with Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust. £12.50 includes hot supper • 01543 671427 info@lhcr.org.uk • www.lhcr.org.uk

Half Term Happenings at Drayton Manor Theme Park

Saturday 22 - Friday 28 October • 9.30am - 5pm
Drayton Manor Theme Park, near Tamworth
Home of Thomas Land™, thrill rides, Ben 10 rollercoaster, a 4D Cinema and 15-acre zoo. See website for prices • 0844 472 1960 info@draytonmanor.co.uk www.draytonmanor.co.uk

Johnson Society Winter Lectures

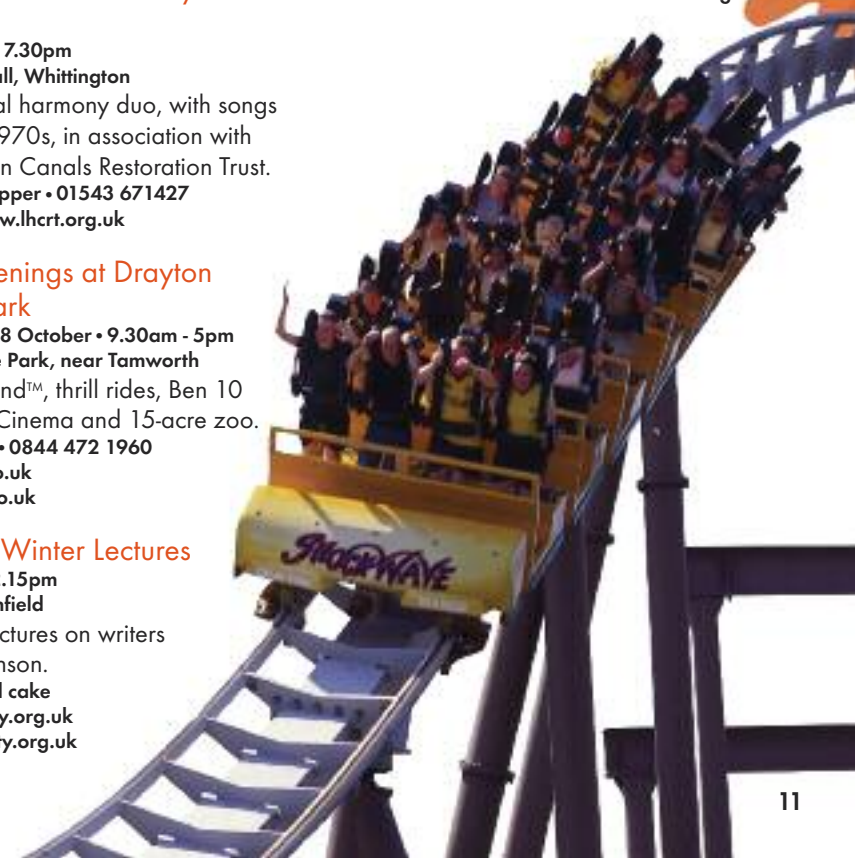
Sunday 23 October • 2.15pm
Martin Heath Hall, Lichfield
First of a series of lectures on writers from the age of Johnson. £3.50 includes tea and cake info@thejohnsonsociety.org.uk www.thejohnsonsociety.org.uk

Hidden Stories of Lichfield

Sunday 23 October • 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm
Lichfield Heritage Centre, Lichfield
Costumed performers reveal hidden stories from Lichfield's rich and varied history. Tickets available from 12 September £3.50 adult, £1 child • 01543 256611 info@lichfieldheritage.org.uk www.lichfieldheritage.org.uk

Conservation Volunteer Day

Sunday 23 October • 10.30am - 4pm
Ironstone Road, Chase Terrace
Come and volunteer. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring gardening gloves. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided free of charge. 01543 308138 • denice.deverall@lichfielddc.gov.uk





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Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Tuesday 25 - Saturday 29 October
 Various daytime performances
 Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield
 Half term entertainment fun for all the family.
 £12.50 adult, £9.50 child, £38 family (2 adults & 2 children) • 01543 412121
www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Marbling Magic - Half Term Fun

Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26 October
 10am - 3pm • Lichfield Heritage Centre, Lichfield
 Create beautiful papers with artist Mary Bailey. All materials provided. For children aged 7+. Booking essential.
 £10 per child • 01543 256611
info@lichfieldheritage.org.uk
www.lichfieldheritage.org.uk

Half Term Fun at Darwin House

Tuesday 25 - Friday 28 October • 11am - 5pm
 Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield
 Georgian games, costume, arts and crafts available throughout the week.
 Normal admission fees apply (activities free)
 01543 306260 • enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org
www.erasmusdarwin.org

Mayor and Sheriff's Annual Charity Fashion Show

Wednesday, 26 October • 7.30pm
 The Guildhall, Lichfield
 Autumn collections with local businesses beauty promotions, includes wine and cheese tasting.
 £10 (in advance) • 01543 309854
kate.durrant@lichfield.gov.uk

Half Term Fun!

Thursday 27 October • 11am - 2pm
 The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Lichfield
 Get creative at a drop-in arts and crafts session. No booking required.
 £2 • 01543 264972 • sjmuseum@lichfield.gov.uk
www.samueljohnsonbirthplace.org.uk

The Knicker Lady

Thursday 27 October • 10.30am
 The George Hotel, Lichfield
 An unforgettable one woman show by Rosemary Hawthorne with costumes, social history and hilarity.
 £25 includes three-course carvery lunch and coffee
 01543 414822 • mail@thegeorgelichfield.co.uk
www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk

DECO's Autumn Concert

Saturday 29 October • 7.30pm
 Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield
 Classical BRIT winner Jack Liebeck joins DECO for a concert featuring Mendelssohn, Mozart and Beethoven. Tickets from Cathedral Shop or on the door.
 £15 adult, £12 concessions, £5 child
 01543 258303 / 306150
deco@darwinensemble.co.uk
www.darwinensemble.co.uk/deco

Feed the Birds Day

Saturday 29 October • 11am - 3pm • Education and Bowls Pavilion, Beacon Park, Lichfield
 Make a bird feeder to help the birds survive the winter. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
 £1 for each feeder • 01543 308869
ruth.witczak@lichfielddc.gov.uk
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/historicparks

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS 2011

Drayton Manor THEME PARK
 home of **THOMAS LAND**

Welcome To Drayton's Magical Christmas

Children of all ages can recapture the Magic of Christmas at Drayton Manor. A visit to Thomas Land will put you in the right mood, with the magical sound of Christmas music and the spectacle of our Christmas decorations, and we guarantee that it will snow at least three times a day.

SATURDAY 26 NOV 2011 - MONDAY 2 JAN 2012

MON - FRI: 12PM - 5PM, SAT & SUN: 12PM - 6PM
 EXCLUDING 4, 24, 25 & 26 DECEMBER

SAVE MONEY AND BOOK ONLINE
www.draytonmanor.co.uk

Astaria String Quartet

Tuesday 1 November • 8pm

Bishop's House, 22b The Close, Lichfield

An evening of music including Schubert, Wolf and Villa-Lobos.

£15 adult, £12 concession, includes a glass of wine
01543 414766 • enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org
www.erasmusdarwin.org**Hedge Laying**

Saturday 5 November • 10.30am - 4pm

Christian Fields, Lichfield (off Eastern Avenue)

Volunteer to help to lay a hedge. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring gardening gloves (tea, coffee and snacks will be provided free of charge).

01543 308138 • denice.deverall@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Every Object Tells a Story

Every Sunday in November • 1.30pm - 3pm

Lichfield Heritage Centre

Hear stories behind objects that are not usually on display. Includes entry to the full exhibition.

£2.50 adult, £2 concession, £1 child
01543 256611 • info@lichfieldheritage.org.uk
www.lichfieldheritage.org.uk**Dr Busker's Birthday Bash**

Friday 11 November • 7pm - 11pm

The National Brewery Centre, Burton upon Trent

This popular and entertaining local folk band is back by popular demand.

£6.50 • 01283 532880

info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk
www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk**WWI Night in the Trenches**

Saturday 12 November • 4pm - 9pm

The Staffordshire Regiment Museum, Whittington Barracks

Experience a soldier's life in the trenches of WWI - includes gunfire and loud explosions.

£6 adult, £4 concessions, £15 family • 01543 434394
attendant@staffordshireregimentmuseum.com**Jazz Sunday Lunch with Andy Hamilton**

Sunday 13 November • 12.30pm for 1pm

Moor Hall Hotel & Spa, Sutton Coldfield

Enjoy a delicious three-course hot and cold buffet lunch accompanied by live entertainment from Birmingham's living jazz legend, Andy Hamilton.

£23 • 0121 308 3751 • mail@moorhallhotel.co.uk
www.moorhallhotel.co.uk**Housebound Theatre**

Thursday 17 November • 7.30pm

Tamworth Assembly Rooms, Tamworth

A light-hearted comedy about a man called Jim who is frustrated with life.

£12 adult, £10 concessions • 01827 709618

tic@tamworth.gov.uk

www.tamworthassemblyrooms.co.uk

Bavarian Night

Friday 18 November • 7pm - 11pm

The National Brewery Centre, Burton upon Trent

Karl's Bavarian Brass will recreate the atmosphere of the Oktoberfest at its best.

£16.95, includes a hot Bavarian dinner
01283 532880 • info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk
www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk**Godspell**

Saturday 19 November • 7.30pm

Christchurch, Lichfield

A concert performance of the 70s hit musical.

£7.50 • 01543 264000 or 01543 268654

Johnson Society Winter Lectures

Sunday 20 November • 2.15 pm

Martin Heath Hall, Lichfield

The second of a series of lectures on writers from the age of Johnson.

£3.50 includes tea and cake
info@thejohnsonsociety.org.uk
www.thejohnsonsociety.org.uk**Carole Baker's Christmas Art Sale and Exhibition**

Friday 25 - Saturday 26 November • 10am - 5pm

The Corridor Gallery, The Guildhall, Lichfield

An opportunity to meet Carole, book workshops and discuss technique. Big reductions on selected work. Work from photomontage artist, Bob Russon, also on show.

Free entry • 01543 676895
carole@carolebaker.com • www.carolebaker.com

A GREAT FESTIVE WEEKEND AT THE NATIONAL BREWERY CENTRE

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FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER GRAND OPENING EVENING.

SAT 26TH AND SUN 27TH NOVEMBER 10AM - 5PM



- Traditional horse gallopers funfair ride*
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- Shire horses
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**Advance booking prices:**

Saturday or Sunday day-time, Tickets: Family £25.

Adult £7.50, Child £7.50 (includes meeting Santa & visit to grotto).

Concession £5. (*funfair ride, small area charge)

Friday 25th Evening Gala Opening

Prices & programme details for the

Friday evening opening event

will be posted shortly on our website.

**Tel: 01283 532 880**The National Brewery Centre,
Horninglow Street,
Burton upon Trent DE14 1NG
info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk

WWW.NATIONALBREWERYCENTRE.CO.UK

Halloween Spooks and Fireworks

Lichfield Gruesome and Ghostly Tours
26, 27, 31 October, 7, 9, 14 November and
7 December • All tours start at 7pm

This evening tour will make your blood curdle and your spine tingle! It is rounded off with a visit to a local pub for a glass of mulled wine and a sausage roll. Booking essential.
£6.25 • 01543 412112 • info@visitlichfield.com
www.visitlichfield.co.uk

Family Halloween Haunted Castle

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October
11.30am - 4.45pm (last admission 4pm)
Tamworth Castle, Tamworth

Family spooky week at Tamworth Castle.
Prices to be confirmed • 01827 709618
heritage@tamworth.gov.uk
www.tamworthcastle.co.uk

Shugborough Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday 29 October • 5pm - 9pm
Shugborough Estate, Stafford

The region's spookiest family friendly event. Always a sell out, so book early!
£11 adult / £10 in advance, £8.50 concessions and child / £7.50 in advance, £35 family (2 adults & 3 children) / £30 in advance, £16.50 (family 1 adult & 1 child) / £15.50 in advance • Under 4s free entry
0845 459 8900 • www.shugborough.org.uk

Firework Spectacular

Saturday 29 - Sunday 30 October • 7pm
Drayton Manor Theme Park, near Tamworth

Prepare to be dazzled by the park's 30 minute end of season firework and laser displays.
See website for ticket information.
0844 472 1960 • info@draytonmanor.co.uk
www.draytonmanor.co.uk

Halloween Fright Night

Saturday 29 October • 6pm - 8pm
Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield

Spooky goings on including apple bobbing, fancy dress, ghost trail and more.
£2 • 01543 306260
enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org
www.erasmusdarwin.org

Halloween Special at Chasewater Railway

Saturday 29 October • See website for times
Brownhills West Station, Chasewater

Our junior team special evening with spooky tales, strange happenings and family fun - if you dare. See website for ticket information.
01922 452623 • info@chasewater railway.co.uk
www.chasewater railway.org

Children's Charity Fireworks Event

Saturday 29 October • 2pm - 10pm
Midland Karting, Wood End Lane, Fradley

Fireworks and karting at our F1 style circuit in karts that reach 45mph, plus great atmosphere at our charity event.
01543 418419 • sales@midlandkarting.co.uk
www.midlandkarting.co.uk

Halloween Party

Monday 31 October • 6pm
Conkers Waterside Centre, near Swadlincote

Halloween with the ugly bugs' disco, craft activities, fancy dress competition and the ghoulish ghost train.
£6.50 (adult or child), £18.50 family (2 adults & 2 children) • 01283 216633 • info@visitconkers.com
www.visitconkers.com

Beacon Park Halloween Haunt and Jaunt

Monday 31 October • 5pm - 7pm
Beacon Park, Lichfield

Self-guided spooky puzzle trail around Beacon Park. Solve the clues to claim a small prize.
£1 (under 3's free) • 01543 308869
ruth.witzak@lichfielddc.gov.uk
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/historicparks



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From the team that brought you
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www.lichfieldgarrick.com
Box Office 01543 412121

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Christmas family entertainment & activities

Enjoy Christmas in Lichfield District and surrounding areas with carol concerts, Christmas fayres, Christmas party ideas and much more.

Christmas Opening Weekend & Tropical Animal Road Show

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 October (animal road show on Sunday only) • 10am - 4pm
G-Scapes Plant Centre, Curborough Craft Centre
The opening of G-Scapes Christmas shop, plus get up close and personal with meerkats, snakes, spiders and more.
Free entry • 01543 256401 • byron@g-scapes.co.uk
www.g-scapes.co.uk

Samuel Johnson's Christmas Light Night

Thursday 24 November • 5pm
The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Lichfield
Festive refreshments and activities for all the family before the Christmas lights switch-on.
Free entry • 01543 264972
sjmuseum@lichfield.gov.uk
www.samueljohnsonbirthplace.org.uk

Lichfield Christmas Lights Switch-On

Thursday 24 November • From 6.40pm
Market Square, Lichfield
Traditional carol singing and switching on of the Christmas lights at 7pm, followed by the arrival of Santa.
Free event • 01543 309854
kate.durrant@lichfield.gov.uk

Victorian Festival of Christmas

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 November
The National Brewery Centre, Burton upon Trent
Traditional funfair, Santa, reindeer, Victorian actors, traditional music and gift stalls. Festive nostalgia all the way!
£7.50 adult, £7.50 child (includes meeting Santa and small gift), £6 concessions, £25 family
01283 532880 • info@nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk
www.nationalbrewerycentre.co.uk



Chasewater Railway

SANTA SPECIALS

Visit Santa on our heritage railway
Your experience will include a return trip on our Santa Special Train and meeting Santa in his Grotto where each child will receive an age-related present.
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Trains will be running on selected dates throughout December
Special Evening Event on Sat 17th December

Tickets
Children £8.50 Adults £6.75
(Special Evening Event - Children £9.95 Adults £7.95)

For more information and booking forms contact ...
Chasewater Railway, Brownhills West Station
01543 452623 or 07563 754498
Chasewater Heaths Station - 01543 682854
Lichfield Tourism Office - 01543 412112
or visit our web site
www.ChasewaterRailway.org

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Christmas family entertainment & activities



Magical Winter Wonderland Experience

Saturday 26 November - Saturday 24 December
Conkers Waterside Centre, near Swadlincote
At Waterside, Santa's chief elf will lead you through the enchanted forest and Christmas lights to his woodland grotto. Meet the reindeer*.
£7.95 adult (includes a mulled wine & mince pie)
£7.95 child (includes a present)
£28.95 family (2 adults & 2 children)
*Not available on site all day • 01283 216633
info@visitconkers.com • www.visitconkers.com

Drayton's Magical Christmas

Saturday 26 November - Monday 2 January
(Closed 24 - 26 December)
Monday - Friday 12noon - 5pm
Saturday & Sunday 12noon - 6pm
Drayton Manor Theme Park, near Tamworth
Thomas Land™ becomes a winter wonderland. 4D Cinema, zoo and Ben 10: Ultimate Mission also open.
See website for prices • 0844 472 1960
info@draytonmanor.co.uk
www.draytonmanor.co.uk

A Christmas Carol

Thursday 1 December - Monday 2 January
Various times • Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield
Starring Graham Cole (The Bill). With scenes on ice, colourful characters and magical music, this will be a holiday treat for all the family!
£12.50 - £21.50, £60 family (2 adults & 2 children)
01543 412121 • www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Candlelit Christmas Evenings

Thursday 1 - Sunday 4 December • 5pm - 9pm
Shugborough Estate, Stafford
Enjoy a magical winter wonderland as the Mansion House and Servants' Quarters are candlelit and decorated with real flowers, holly and traditional trimmings. Costumed characters, brass bands, carol singers, snow showers, entertainers and a large gift and food marquee.
£13 adult / £12 in advance, £10.50 concession / £9.50 in advance, £8 child / £7 in advance, £33 family (2 adults & 3 children) / £29 in advance, £16.50 family (1 adult & 1 child) / £15.50 in advance, under 4s free entry • 0845 459 8900
www.shugborough.org.uk

Christmas Crackers

Friday 2 December • 7.30pm
Lichfield Heritage Centre, Lichfield
A variety of entertainment to get in the mood for Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies included. Tickets on sale from 24 October.
Booking is essential.
£6 adult, £3 child • 01543 256611
info@lichfieldheritage.org.uk
www.lichfieldheritage.org.uk

Santa Specials at Chasewater Railway

Throughout December
Brownhills West Station, Chasewater
Take a ride in our festive heated steam train. Visit Santa in his magical grotto. Seasonal refreshments available. Book early to avoid disappointment.
Visit our website for ticket and times information
Tickets also available at Lichfield Tourist Information Centre • 01543 412112 • info@chasewater railway.co.uk
www.chasewater railway.co.uk

Lichfield Christmas Festival

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 December • Lichfield Market Square and venues across Lichfield City

Celebrate the festive season with a weekend full of events throughout Lichfield City. Enjoy mulled wine, free face painting, free entertainment, carol singing, a Christmas trail for the family, a Christmas Fayre and special events at venues across the city.

For more information contact Lichfield Tourist Information centre on 01543 412112 or email info@visitlichfield.com

Special events include:

Christmas on the Market Square

Saturday 10 December • 10am - 3.30pm
Market Square, Lichfield

Pick up your family trail and programmes from the info tent. Shop at Lichfield Market, have a glass of mulled wine and be entertained by Cannock Salvation Army, The City of Lichfield Concert Band and Walsall Operatic Society. Free entry • 01543 412112 • info@visitlichfield.com

Birthday and Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 10 December • 10am - 5pm
Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield

Celebrating Darwin's 280th birthday, with free cake and Christmas activities. Free entry • 01543 306260
enquiries@erasmusdarwin.org
www.erasmusdarwin.org



A Georgian Christmas

Saturday 10 December • 6.30pm
The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Lichfield

An evening of mulled wine and festive fun, including music and storytelling in historic surroundings.

£5 adult, £2.50 child, includes a drink and mince pie on arrival • 01543 264972
sjmuseum@lichfield.gov.uk
www.samueljohnsonbirthplace.org.uk

Lichfield Chamber of Trade and Commerce Christmas Fayre

Sunday 11 December • 10am - 4pm

Shopping, crafts, trade and charity stalls, entertainment and activities. Something for everyone!

Free entry • 01543 373015 • lctc@fsmail.net

The Nativity at the Christmas Fayre Presented by the Lichfield Mysteries

Sunday 11 December • 2pm
Market Square, Lichfield

The traditional Christmas story acted out for all the family to enjoy. 01543 264602 • www.lichfieldmysteries.co.uk



Christmas family entertainment & activities

Christmas Crafts in Beacon Park

Wednesday 14 & Sunday 18 December
12noon - 1.30pm or 2pm - 3.30pm
Education and Bowls Pavilion, Beacon Park, Lichfield
Make your own gift boxes, cards and decorations. For children 5+. Booking essential. £3 (accompanying adults free)
01543 308869 • ruth.witczak@lichfieldcc.gov.uk
www.lichfieldcc.gov.uk/historicparks

Winter Walk

Sunday 18 December • 3pm - 4.45pm
Meet at the Windmill Pub, Gentleshaw
Join Lichfield District Council's biodiversity officer, Chris Walsh, on a winter walk on Gentleshaw Common. Learn about the heathland, habitat and the roots behind our Christmas traditions. £2.50 per person to include tea, coffee and mince pies • 01543 308138
denice.deverall@lichfieldcc.gov.uk

Santa at Shugborough

Saturdays 10 & 17 & Sundays 11 & 18 December
Shugborough Estate, Stafford

A magical family Christmas experience with Santa. This event is usually a sell-out, so book early. Visit the website for price information. 0845 459 8900 • www.shugborough.org.uk

Santa Trails

Saturdays 10 & 17 & Sundays 11 & 18 December
Tamworth Castle

Santa is visiting Tamworth Castle. Why not come along to his trail and meet him in person? £5 child, £2.50 adult (maximum five children with every adult) • 01827 709618
heritage@tamworth.gov.uk
www.tamworthcastle.co.uk

Christmas Crackers at the Heritage Centre

Break off from all the Christmas activity and treat yourself in the licensed Coffee Shop

Mince pie and cream served with tea/coffee £1.60 & £1.95



Hot Roast Turkey Bag with stuffing and cranberry sauce £3.95

Plus daily specials, light meals, snacks, desserts, children's menu

Christmas offers from 1st December

Christmas Holiday Special Offer

KIDS GO FREE* when visiting the Lichfield Story Exhibition
Saturday 17th December - Monday 2nd January inc.

The whole family can enjoy the seasonal Treasure Trail around the exhibition with a treat at the end for the youngsters. Our younger visitors can discover the 12 different 'Church' mice on the Mousehole Trail.

*accompanied children under 16yrs

Gifts Galore

Seasonal food specialities
Unique Lichfield gifts and calendars
Stockists of Arthur Price of England quality gifts
Local history books & lots more!

Lichfield Heritage Centre, Market Square - find us in the heart of historic Lichfield Tel: 01543 256611
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. The Lichfield Story Exhibition opens daily 10am - 4pm.
Saturday 11.30am. Last admission 1 hour before closing. www.lichfieldheritage.org.uk





Advent Carol Services

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 November • 6pm
Lichfield Cathedral

A candlelit ceremony of music, readings and procession.

Free - a collection will be taken • 01543 306100
enquiries@lichfield-cathedral.org
www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Chloe and the Tomcats plus Stray Dog

Friday 2 December • 8pm • The Guildhall, Lichfield
Funky jazz from Chloe and the Tomcats and classic blues and rock from Stray Dog, a showcase of local talent.
£5 • 01543 262223 • www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

Christmas Brass and Choral Concert

Saturday 3 December • 7.30pm
The Guildhall, Lichfield

The Lichfield Singers and the Rugeley Power Station Brass Band sing and play seasonal music and carols for all. Tickets available from S&J Music, 23 Bird St, Lichfield.

£7 adult, £5 concessions • 01543 268909
duncanmoon@tiscali.co.uk
www.lichfieldsingers.org
www.rugeleybrass.org

Beethoven Missa Solemnis

Saturday 3 December • 7.30pm
Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield

Lichfield Cathedral Chorus and the Darwin Ensemble Chamber Orchestra conducted by Ben Lamb.

£7.50 - £17.50 • 01543 250944
tickets@lichfieldcathedralchorus.co.uk
www.lichfieldcathedralchorus.co.uk

Lighting of Christmas Tree and St Nicholas Service (with the Cathedral Toy Appeal)

Sunday 4 December • 3.30pm
Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield

Bring a toy to support local children in aid of Lichfield Children and Family Services.

Free - a collection will be taken • 01543 306100
claire.lampugh@lichfield-cathedral.org
www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Carols in the Park

Saturday 10 December • Time to be confirmed
Beacon Park, Lichfield

Come and sing some of your favourite Christmas carols and songs.

Free - donations to Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park welcome • 01543 308869
ruth.witzak@lichfieldcc.gov.uk
www.lichfieldcc.gov.uk/historicparks

WWI Carols in the Trenches

Saturday 10 December • 6pm
The Staffordshire Regiment Museum
Whittington Barracks

Carols in the trenches and a re-enactment of the 1914 Christmas Truce, will include gunfire.

£3 adult, £2 concession £6 family (book early)
01543 434394
attendant@staffordshireregimentmuseum.com

Kaleidoscope Sing for All

Saturday 10 December • 7.30 pm (doors open 7.10pm) • Whittington Village Hall, Whittington

Seasonal and popular music for all by this local community choir.

Price to be confirmed • 01543 250116 or
01543 268738 • tickets@kaleidoscope.co.uk
www.kaleidoscopechoir.co.uk

Mayor's Carols for Christmas

Wednesday 14 December • 7pm
The Guildhall, Lichfield

Traditional carols and lessons around the crib with local choirs, mulled wine and mince pies.

Free entry, but with restricted seating
01543 309854 • kate.durrant@lichfield.gov.uk

Cheque-Mates Folk 'n' Roots

Music Club Christmas Party

Thursday 15 December • 8.15pm • The Coton and Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas

Come and join in the fun.

£7 in advance or £8 on the door
0121 354 4234 • clarettheband@lycos.com

Burntwood Singers' Christmas Concert

Saturday 17 December • 7.30pm
Burntwood Memorial Institute

A light Christmas concert, including some carols for audience participation.

£5 - includes light refreshments
Tickets available on the door

Shoppers' Carol Services

Saturday 17 December • 12noon (Young Voices) and 3pm (Cathedral Choristers) • Lichfield Cathedral

Take a break and enjoy some uplifting carols at one of our free services. Each service lasts around 30 minutes.

Free - a collection will be taken • 01543 306100
enquiries@lichfield-cathedral.org
www.lichfield-cathedral.org

City of Lichfield Concert Band

Christmas Concert

Saturday 17 December • 7.30pm
The Guildhall, Lichfield

Enjoy an evening of festive music from your popular local concert band.

£7.50 adult, £6.50 concessions - available from Redshaws Bookshop or call 07841 351457
mail@lichfieldconcertband.co.uk
www.lichfieldconcertband.co.uk

All on a Winter's Night

Sunday 18 December • 7.30pm
The Guildhall, Lichfield

Put yourself in the Christmas mood with a feast of traditional music for the whole family.

£14 • 01543 262223 • www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

City of Lichfield Concert Band Family Christmas Concert

Sunday 18 December • 2.30pm
The Guildhall, Lichfield

Enjoy an afternoon of family festive entertainment with your popular local concert band.

£7.50 adult, £6.50 concessions, one child free with every paying adult - available from Redshaws Bookshop, Lichfield or call 07841351457
mail@lichfieldconcertband.co.uk
www.lichfieldconcertband.co.uk

Lichfield Cathedral Chorus

Carol Concert

Tuesday 20 December • 8pm
Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield

Lichfield Cathedral Chorus with Salvation Army Cannock Citadel Band conducted by Ben Lamb. Early arrival recommended.

Free entry - a retiring collection will be taken
www.lichfieldcathedralchorus.co.uk

Christmas by Candlelight Concert

Thursday 22 December • 7.30pm
Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield

A programme of popular Christmas music and readings.

£10 and £15 • 01543 306150
bookshop@lichfield-cathedral.org
www.lichfield-cathedral.org



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Sun Nov 27th	MARINA LIGHTS SWITCH-ON by Claire King - 5.00pm
PLUS: Santa on his Sleigh pulled by The Blithbury Reindeer, Fireworks, Craft Fair & Much more	
Fri Dec 2nd	BAND: Maz Mizenko 10.00pm
Sat Dec 3rd	BAND: Just Groove 10.00pm
Fri Dec 9th	BAND: Trevor Burton 10.00pm
Sat Dec 10th	BAND: Mrs Miggins Pie Shoppe 10.00pm
Fri Dec 16th	BAND: Dave O'Hara 10.00pm
Sat Dec 17th	BAND: Elton John Tribute 10.00pm
Fri Dec 23rd	BAND: Brumbeat Bees 10.00pm
Christmas Day	Open 12.00noon Lunch served between 12.30 and 2.30pm
Boxing Day	Open 11.00am to 11.00pm Normal menu served 12.00noon to 8.00pm
Fri Dec 30th	BAND: Andy Bennett Band (Ocean Colour Scene) 10.00pm
New Year's Eve	Open 11.00am to 2.00am Lunch served 12.00noon to 3.00pm Dinner 6.00 to 9.30pm DINNER AND SHOW: Queen II Tribute Band in the Crow's Nest BAND: Dave Tilley & Sammy Hughes play live in the pub 10pm till 2.00am
New Year's Day	Open 11.00am to 11.00pm Traditional Sunday Lunch served between 12.00noon and 9.00pm

To book call: 01283 711500
Or visit: www.bartonmarina.co.uk

Festive food, party ideas & fun nights out



Christmas Party Nights

Thursday 1 - Friday 23 December
Fairlawns Hotel and Spa, Aldridge
Four-course Christmas dinner followed by bar, disco and fun until midnight.
£27.50 - £49.50 (includes drink)
01922 455122 • joannem@fairlawns.co.uk
www.fairlawns.co.uk

Monthly Farmers' Market

Thursday 1 December • 9am - 3pm
Market Square, Lichfield
Established Farmers' Market with a wide selection of fresh local produce and arts and crafts.
01543 309853 / 07970 861570
rachel.clive@lichfield.gov.uk • www.lichfield.gov.uk

80s Christmas Party Night

Friday 2 December • 7.30pm
Moor Hall Hotel & Spa, Sutton Coldfield
Revisit the 80s with tribute band, Kick Up The 80s.
£48.50 - includes a three-course dinner, entertainment and disco • 0121 308 3751
mail@moorhallhotel.co.uk • www.moorhallhotel.co.uk

Pre-Christmas Lunch or Dinner

Friday 2 - Friday 23 December
Fairlawns Hotel and Spa, Aldridge
Celebrate with friends or colleagues in the Fairlawns restaurant.
Three-course lunch £24.50, four-course dinner £32.50 • 01922 455122 • joannem@fairlawns.co.uk
www.fairlawns.co.uk

Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstrations

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 November
Wednesday 30 November & Thursday 1 December 10.30am • The George Hotel, Lichfield
Includes coffee on arrival, a flower arranging demonstration and a three-course carvery lunch.
£21 • 01543 414822 • mail@thegeorgelichfield.co.uk
www.thegeorgelichfield.co.uk

Christmas at Hawkesyard Estate

Every Friday and Saturday before Christmas from 25 November & Thursday 22 December • 6.30pm
Hawkesyard Estate, Armitage
Delicious food, fun entertainment and a sparkling Christmas atmosphere. For more information please contact the team.
From £26.50 • 01543 491911
sarah.carter@hawkesyardestate.com
www.hawkesyardestate.com

Festive Fourball

Throughout December • Hawkesyard Estate, Armitage
Coffee and mince pie on arrival with golf on Hawkesyard's Championship course for four people.
£50 per fourball (equivalent to £12.50 per person)
01543 491911 • dan.lowe@hawkesyardestate.com
www.hawkesyardestate.com

Fairways and Fodder

Throughout December • Hawkesyard Estate, Armitage
For groups of eight or more only. Includes coffee and bacon roll, 18 holes of golf on Hawkesyard's Championship course followed by a festive two-course dinner.
£27 weekdays, £32 weekends • 01543 491911
dan.lowe@hawkesyardestate.com
www.hawkesyardestate.com



Festive food, party ideas & fun nights out

Ladies Luncheon with Secret Garden Florist of Lichfield

Monday 5 December • 11.30am
Swinfen Hall Hotel, Swinfen

Coffee and biscuits on arrival, floral demonstration followed by a three-course luncheon, including a glass of wine.
£26.50 • 01543 481494 • info@swinfenhallhotel.co.uk
www.swinfenhallhotel.co.uk

Inspector Drake and the Black Widow

Monday 5 December • 7.30pm
Tamworth Assembly Rooms, Tamworth

A who-dunnit comedy about a murdered oil tycoon, John Johnson.
£12 adult, £10 concession • 01827 709618
tic@tamworth.gov.uk
www.tamworthassemblyrooms.co.uk

Christmas Shopping Special

Friday 9 December • 5pm - 6.30pm
The Plant Plot, Western Bypass, A51, Lichfield
Offers of 10% off Christmas trees and house plants. Free mulled wine and mince pies.
01543 262805 • theplantplot@btconnect.com
www.theplantplot.com

1940s Christmas

9, 15, 21 & 23 December • 12.30pm
National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas
Traditional two-course festive lunch, including tea or coffee and a mince pie with 1940s style entertainment with Lola Lamour.
£20 • 01283 792333 • info@thenma.org.uk

Swinfen Hall Hotel Party Nights

Thursdays 15 & 22 December • 6.45pm
Welcome drink on arrival, three-course dinner, followed by coffee and mince pies, party novelties and in-house DJ.
£47.50 • 01543 481494 • info@swinfenhallhotel.co.uk
www.swinfenhallhotel.co.uk

Festive Lunch in the Pantry

Thursday 15 December & Thursday 22 December
12.30pm - 2pm • The Pantry coffee shop at The Plant Plot, Western Bypass, A51, Lichfield
£9.95 for two-courses with all the trimmings and £12.95 for three-courses. Booking is recommended.
01543 262805 • theplantplot@btconnect.com
www.theplantplot.com



Christmas Farmers' Market

Thursday 15 December
9am - 3pm • Market Square, Lichfield
The last chance to buy fresh, local produce and arts and crafts before Christmas.
01543 309853 / 07970 861570
rachel.clive@lichfield.gov.uk • www.lichfield.gov.uk

Swinfen Hall Hotel Black Tie Casino Party Night

Thursday 22 December • 6.45pm • Swinfen Hall Hotel
Welcome drink on arrival, three-course dinner followed by coffee and mince pies, party novelties and a casino.
£57.50 • 01543 481494 • info@swinfenhallhotel.co.uk
www.swinfenhallhotel.co.uk

General Market

Friday 23 December • 9am - 4pm
Market Square, Lichfield
Fresh food, fruit, vegetables and last minute value-for-money gifts available for Christmas.
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Christmas Eve General Market

Saturday 24 December • 9am - 3pm
Market Square, Lichfield
Fresh food, fruit, vegetables and last minute value-for-money gifts available for Christmas.
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Christmas Day Luncheon

Sunday 25 December • 12noon & 2pm
Swinfen Hall Hotel, Swinfen
Listen to the hotel pianist and enjoy a glass of champagne on arrival. Six-course luncheon, followed by coffee and mince pies.
£98 adult, £49 children (aged 3 - 12 years)
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£29.95 per head
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Happy New Year

The New Year's Eve Black Tie Ball

Saturday 31 December • 7.30pm • Swinfen Hall Hotel
Includes champagne and canapés on arrival, seven-course dinner in either the ballroom or the restaurant and a lively band and DJ to dance the night away.
£110 • 01543 481494 • info@swinfenhallhotel.co.uk
www.swinfenhallhotel.co.uk

New Year's Eve Gala Night

Saturday 31 December
Fairlawns Hotel and Spa, Aldridge
Champagne cocktail reception, five-course dinner, dancing, bagpipes and a wee dram in the small hours.
Visit our website for further details • 01922 455122
joannem@fairlawns.co.uk • www.fairlawns.co.uk

New Year Special

Sunday 1 January • See website for times
Brownhills West Station
Celebrate the New Year with a steam train ride on our heritage line with seasonal refreshments.
Visit our website for ticket information
01922 452623 • info@chasewaterrailway.co.uk
www.chasewaterrailway.org

Johnson Society Winter Lectures

Sunday 29 January • 2.15pm • Martin Heath Hall
The final lecture in the series: Dr Sebastian Mitchell from the University of Birmingham on James Boswell.
£3.50 including tea and cake
info@thejohnsonsociety.org.uk
www.thejohnsonsociety.org.uk

Lichfield Winter Beer and Wine Festival

Friday 3 & Saturday 4 February
The ever popular festival of great music and wonderful beers and wines returns. Choose from a selection of more than 30 local and regional breweries.
01543 262223
www.lichfieldarts.org.uk



Ongoing Events

Painting Workshops with Carole Baker

September - December • The Edmund Gennings Room, Holy Cross Parish, Chapel Lane, Lichfield
Spacious studio with large car park nearby. Friendly and individual tuition. Workshops limited to 12 people.
01543 676895 • carole@carolebaker.com
www.carolebaker.com

Candlelit Tours

October & November 2011, January & February 2012 • Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield
A unique experience! See the cathedral by candlelight as you take a guided tour of this historic building. Please note that this tour is for people aged eight and above.
£12.50 • 01543 306150
bookshop@lichfield-cathedral.org
www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Tea Dance

Mondays, all year • 2pm - 4pm
King Edward VI Leisure Centre, Lichfield
Put on your dancing shoes and join in our friendly afternoon tea dance.
£3.40 includes drink & biscuits • 01543 308782
kinge@lichfielddc.gov.uk • www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/kele

Cheque-Mates Folk 'n' Roots Music Club

Coton & Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas
Every Thursday with special guests once a month.
0121 354 4234 • clarettheband@lycos.com

Tumble Teds

Thursdays, all year • 1.30pm - 3.30pm
King Edward VI Leisure Centre, Lichfield
Let your child explore movement, and improve their balance and co-ordination in a fun and safe environment. A great way to interact with other children.
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Ongoing Events



Tai Chi & Chi Kung

Tuesday 2pm - 3pm at St. John's Church Hall, Shenstone • Wednesday 8.30pm - 9.30pm at Little Aston Centre, Sutton Coldfield • Thursday 2.15pm - 3.15pm at Stonnall Village Hall, Stonnall
Low impact form of exercises suitable for all.
01543 480151

Exercise Classes

Weekdays, all year • King Edward VI Leisure Centre, Lichfield
From aerobics to yoga, a variety of friendly exercise classes, suitable for all abilities.
01543 308782 • kinge@lichfielddc.gov.uk
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/kele

Children's Coaching Courses

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, school term time only • King Edward VI Leisure Centre, Lichfield
Come and join in children's coaching courses for gymnastics and dance that are suitable for a variety of ages and abilities.
01543 308782 • kinge@lichfielddc.gov.uk
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Guided Walks

All year • RSPB Middleton Lakes nature reserve, Middleton, Tamworth
For full details of the walks, please see the website (below) or call office.
Small charge applies • 01827 259454
middletonlakes@rspb.org.uk
www.rspb.org.uk/middletonlakes

Extend Exercise

Tuesday, all year • 2pm - 3.30pm
Boley Park Community Hall, Lichfield
Gentle exercise and movement to music for those over 60 or less able.
£3 • 07525 833861 • anne.mapley@googlemail.com

The next What's On will be out in February and will list events until the end of August. To join the mailing list call 01543 412112 or email info@visitlichfield.com

Organising an event? If you are organising an event between mid February and August and would like it to appear in the next edition of What's On, call Emily Robinson on 01543 308215 before the 5 December 2011.



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