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Please feel free to forward to anyone you think might be interested, or print out from friends who do not see emails and such like.

Forthcoming events, news, gossip and queries relating more-or-less to the local history and archaeology of the Leicestershire Wolds are most welcome for forthcoming issues.

Next meeting

The next talk is on **Tuesday 16th May** when David Bell will talk about the **Murder Cases of Rutland and Leicestershire**.

His talk will start with the Earl Ferrers case of 1760 to the first ever use of DNA in a murder inquiry. It will also include Topsy Turvey the wrestler (whose gibbet post is still *in situ* at Bilstone), the Green Bicycle murder of 1919, and the so-called Belvoir witches, who were accused of murder by the Earl of Rutland in the early seventeenth century.

We're back in the usual venue, the back room of The Windmill on Brook Street. Start time 7.45 p.m.. Non-members always welcome but will be asked to contribute £3.00. Full details of the rest of the programme online at www.hoap.co.uk/who/



THE BELVOIR WITCHES.

Other events of interest

Friends Of Charnwood Museum organise lectures each month. On **Wednesday 17th May** popular local speaker Brian Johnson returns with his talk '**Leicestershire's Village Cinemas**' which looks back at Leicestershire's cinematic links in county villages and towns. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm with coffee/tea and biscuits served from 7.00 p.m. at Charnwood Museum, Granby Street, Loughborough. Cost for non-members is £4 with £2 for members. Please book by phone on 01509 233754 or email museum@charnwood.gov.uk

Also at Charnwood Museum is a temporary exhibition organised by the Russell Society: **Charnwood Rocks – our Geological Heritage**. This exhibition of rocks, fossils and minerals from the Charnwood area at Charnwood Museum, Queens Park, Granby Street, Loughborough ends 4th June. The exhibition coincides with the sixtieth anniversary of the first academically-verified report, in May 1957, of a Late Precambrian fossil in Charnwood Forest by a schoolboy. Contact Charnwood Museum for more details on 01509 233754 or email museum@charnwood.gov.uk

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Charnwood Roots Heritage Festival

The Charnwood Roots Heritage Festival will be held on **Sunday 21st May** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse Eaves. Charnwood Roots is exploring the history of Charnwood Forest and the towns and villages that surround it, and will be celebrating this history in a one-day event in May. The centrepiece of the festival will be a large exhibition showcasing some of the research compiled by over 600 volunteers. This covers the period from medieval times to the present day. Films of the community test-pitting undertaken in Rothley, Whitwick and Anstey, and of historical research techniques and archaeological surveys, will be shown during the day, along with clips from oral history interviews. There will also be talks by guest speakers on the history and archaeology of Charnwood Forest. Other features of the day include an outdoor area of archaeology displays and living history, and displays by local history and heritage groups. A children's area will include history games, hands-on archaeology, and adventure stories in which they can take part themselves. For more details see www.charnwoodroots.org.

Middle and Late Iron Age Leicestershire

On Thursday 18th May the Leicestershire Fieldworkers lecture will be given by Dr Jeremy Taylor on 'Middle and Late Iron Age Leicestershire'. Jewry Wall Museum, LE1 4LB, 7.30 p.m..

Museums at Night: One night two sites & four tours

Saturday 20th May 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Take a tour of Abbey Pumping station with an early 20th century worker and discover what it was like to work here. Then join a 'Walkshop' to take a guided tour along the river towards Belgrave Hall to learn the history of the Leicester's riverside area.

Finish the evening with a tour of Belgrave Hall with one of the hall's former residents, before joining our guide for the return tour to Abbey Pumping station. Admission £3.50 per person Pre-book to avoid disappointment, to book please call 0116 299 5111.

Other Leicester museum events

See www.visitleicester.info/things-to-see-and-do/arts-museums/leicestermuseumsevents/ for extensive information on talks, concerts, workshops and exhibitions at the various museums in Leicester.

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Jacobean crafts at Donington le Heath

On the first Sunday of every month from May to September between 11.00 and 3.30 costumed members of the Friends' Jacobean Craft Group will be in Donington le Heath house working on current projects. This is included in the normal admission cost (which is a for a year, not just day). Postcode is LE67 2FW. More details online at www.doningtonleheath.org.uk

Me? I just go there for the splendid cakes and other refreshments...

Great Central Railways Refreshments

All the usual activities plus assorted special events are scheduled by the Great Central Railway – see www.gcrailway.co.uk for details.

You don't have to be interested in trains to visit their stations, it's enough to feel thirsty or peckish! If you've not been to the wonderful Ellis Tea Room at Rothley Station then you've not lived. And now there's the Granite Cafe at Mountsorrel (associated with the newly-constructed mineral line scheduled to fully open later this year) which is also proving to be a popular destination. Postcodes are LE7 7LA and LE7 7SJ respectively.

Please let me know of any events in June and July which may be of interest to WHO members.

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