



Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society

2023 HISTORY FAIR

Over 2,000 years of history on your doorstep!

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday 18th March 2023

Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse, LE12 8TX

www.lahs.org.uk/historyfair

SAVE THE DATE NOW!

FREE Expert Talks, Hands-on Activities, Re-enactments...





INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

Time	Title/Provider	Description	Location
10:30	Official Opening	Welcoming remarks by Neil Redfern , Executive Director, Council for British Archaeology .	Grand Staircase
11:00 (onwards)	Beaumanor WWII: Secret Listening Station to Bletchley (Book Signing)	Caroline Wessel will be signing copies of her new book about Beaumanor's secret role in World War 2 .	Foyer
11:15	A Hard Day's Knight! with Chevaliers du Leon	It's the eve of the Battle of Evesham in August 1265, Join the Chevaliers du Leon as they prepare one of Simon de Montfort's knights for the fateful battle.	Knight's tent/Garden
12:00	The English Civil Wars Revisited with Historic Echoes	Join us for a demonstration of the weapons and war-gear of the English Civil Wars, and discover more about the bloody 1645 Siege of Leicester .	Tent/Garden
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EXPERT TALKS

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10:45	Joanne Mungovin	Peppermint Billy and the Tollgate Murders	Room 16 (max 50)
11:15	Jim Irvine	Discovering the Amazing Rutland Roman Villa	Room 15 (max 25)
11:45	Mathew Morris (ULAS)	Leicester Cathedral Revealed: Unearthing Secrets at St. Martin's	Room 16 (max 50)
12:15	Iain Smith and Raj Mann	The Indian Army in World War I	Room 15 (max 25)
12:45*	Panel: Grahame Appleby, Prof. Deborah Cartmell, Joanne Mungovin, Neil Redfern	ARE YOU NOT ENTERTAINED?! (Panel discussion) Exploring 'Fact' Vs Fiction in dramatic adaptations of history	Room 16 (max 50)
13:15	Susan Barton	All Aboard! Thomas Cook's 1 st Pioneers abroad!	Room 15 (max 25)
13:45	Raj Mann	Anglo-Sikh War – From Clash of Empires to Special Relationship	Room 16 (max 50)
14:15	Joanne Mungovin	Joseph Merrick – Life and Times of the Elephant Man	Room 15 (max 25)
14:45	Matt Beamish (ULAS)	From Brewery Site to the British Museum - The Story of the Enderby Shield	Room 16 (max 50)

Talks last approx. 45 mins and are booked by sign-up sheet on the day on a 1st come, 1st served basis

*The Panel Discussion will be live-streamed via Zoom and uploaded to our YouTube Channel after the event



HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

All ages can have fun finding out about the past through these free hands-on activities, re-enactments and living history opportunities!

Provider	Description	Location
ULAS (and Young Archaeologist Club members)	Excavate artefacts in the Dig-boxes, try on Roman armour and shields and other fun activities.	Marquee
Historic Echoes	Discover life in the civil wars of the 1640s, see arms and armour and learn about the reality of fighting, whether for King Charles or Parliament!	Tent
Up & At Em History	Historic Headgear Challenge! Test your noggin knowledge with this fun game	Marquee
Leicester's Sikh Museum Initiative	Artefact 'handling' of ancient weapons and armour through the magic of Virtual Reality!	Indoors (Room 1)
Vikings of Middle England	Meet the Vikings and try your hand at jewellery casting and coin-striking – but don't steal any because they've always got their axes and swords close to hand!	Garden/Tent
Great Central Railway	Meet porters and staff that kept people and parcels moving across the country during the golden-age of steam!	Foyer/Wandering/ British Railway Road Vehicle
Chevaliers du Leon	Visit the household of Henry de Montfort and discover life of a noble along with tales of Simon de Montfort and the 2nd Baron's revolt.	Tent



EXHIBITORS

Anstey Historical Society - At Risk War Memorials Projects - Braunstone Local History Group - Braunstone Heritage Archive - Council for British Archaeology (East Midlands) - Desford Local History Society - East Midlands Oral History Archive - Great Central Railway - Greater Wigston Heritage Centre - Greater Wigston Historical Society - Hallaton Fieldworkers - Hidden Histories of Leicester - Joseph Merrick Statue Appeal - King Richard III Visitor Centre - Kirby Muxloe Local History Group - Leicester Cathedral - Leicester Civic Society - Leicester's Sikh Museum Initiative - Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society - Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society (LAHS) - Leicestershire County Council Museums Collections - Leicestershire Fieldworkers - Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust - Leicestershire Industrial History Society - Leicestershire Museums Creative Learning Services - Leicestershire Victoria County History Trust - Loughborough Library Local Studies Group - LynneAboutLoughborough - Navrang Arts - Sir John Moore Foundation Heritage Group - Richard III Society (Leicestershire Branch) - University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) - Visit Leicester - Western Front Association.