

# Solihull Parents' Network

## Easter 2024 Family Events



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**Solihull Family Information Service**  
Email: [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo)

## Balsall Common Library

283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 7EL

### Easter Egg Hunt and Scavenger Hunt



Join us during the Easter school holidays any time we are open, for some Springtime fun! Can you find the eggs around the library, the Easter Bunny has mislaid them?! And for older children, can you find and solve the puzzles around the library in our Scavenger Hunt?

Age: Toddlers up to 11 years  
 Dates: Saturday 23 to Saturday 30 March  
 Times: During library opening hours  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: 01676 532590  
 Email: [balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: [www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library)

### Easter Rhyme Time

All our favourite nursery rhymes and spring themed songs, with time to stay and play afterwards.

Age: Babies to 5 years  
 Date: Tuesday 26 March  
 Times: 2.15pm  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: 01676 532590  
 Email: [balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: [www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/BalsallCommon-library](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/BalsallCommon-library)



### Spring Crafts Afternoon

Spring into the library this afternoon to get crafty! We will have a selection of arts and crafts, we'll supply the materials, you bring the creativity!



Age: 4 to 11 years  
 Date: Thursday 4 April  
 Times: 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: 01676 532590  
 Email: [balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:balsallcommonlibrary@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: [www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Balsall-Common-library)

## Chelmsley Wood Library

10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Chelmsley Wood B37 5TN

# Easter Hols Outdoor Activities!

Join Sustrans on led art walks and a litter pick from Chelmsley Wood Library to Meriden Park!

Stretch your legs, help your local area and get creative with outdoors arts & crafts.



### Monday, 25th March 2024

11:30 - 13:00 Art walk

14:00 - 15:30 Art walk



Sign up to art walks

### Tuesday, 26th March 2024

11:30 - 13:00 Litter pick

14:00 - 15:30 Art walk



Sign up to the litter pick

**+ FREE  
refreshments  
provided**





JOIN OUR WALK & WHEEL

# EASTER TREASURE HUNT

PICK UP A WORKSHEET & GO!

Bring your completed worksheet to the **Chelmsley Wood Library desk** for a special prize!

 West Midlands Cycle & Walk

 **sustrans**  
JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Solihull Libraries

## Dickens Heath Library

Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD



### Easter Bunny Craft Activity

Make your own Easter Bunny from recycled materials, perfect to hold an Easter Egg and then use as a pen pot after Easter!

Age: 3 years and above  
 Dates/Times: Tuesday 26 March (2.30pm)  
 Thursday 28 March (2.30pm)  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: Booking is essential on 0121 744 6078  
 Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: [www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Dickens-heath-library](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Dickens-heath-library)

### Pipe Cleaner Flowerpots

Create your own Spring flower pipe cleaner flowerpot!

Age: 3 years and above  
 Dates/Times: Tuesday 2 April (2.30pm)  
 Thursday 4 April (2.30pm)  
 Cost: Free  
 Contact: Booking is essential on 0121 744 6078  
 Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
 Website: [www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Dickens-heath-library](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Dickens-heath-library)



## Poetry on Demand

We will be joined by poet Heather Wastie for a Poetry on Demand event. Would you like a poem to give to someone, or one for yourself? Just ask Heather and she will produce a poem on the spot just for you! Booking not required, just drop in!

Age: All ages  
Dates/Times: Thursday 4 April (10.30am to 1pm)  
Cost: Free  
Contact: 0121 744 6078  
Email: [libraries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@solihull.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Dickens-heath-library](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Libraries/Dickens-heath-library)



**POETRY ON LOAN**  
www.poetryonloan.org.uk

**Poetry on Demand  
with  
Heather Wastie  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am – 1pm  
Dickens Heath Library**

Would you like a poem to give to someone? Or maybe you'd like a poem for yourself? Just ask Heather and she will produce a poem on the spot for you!  
**Booking not required, just drop in.**



## Knowle Library

Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL

Book your free place to make an Easter rabbit!



JOIN US FOR AN

# Easter Craft Activity

**Booking required**

APRIL 4, 2024  
10.30am Ages 3+  
Knowle Library

BOOK ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.SOLIHULL.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES/LIBRARY-EVENTS-ACTIVITIES](http://WWW.SOLIHULL.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES/LIBRARY-EVENTS-ACTIVITIES)  
CONTACT US: 01564 775840



 Solihull  
METROPOLITA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## North Solihull Sports Centre

Conway Road, Fordbridge, Birmingham B37 5LA

### Holiday Specials: Family Rackets and Family Table Tennis

Family holiday racket and table tennis sessions are a chance for all the family to join in an activity together and give racket and table tennis sports a try.

Please note: equipment can be borrowed from the centre.

Age: All welcome

Dates/Times: **Family Rackets...**

Monday 25 March (11am to 12pm)

Wednesday 27 March (1pm to 2pm)

**Family Table Tennis...**

Thursday 28 March (12pm to 1pm)

Cost: Please see website

Contact: Pre-book via the Everyone Active App or by calling 0121 742 5561

Website: [www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre/](http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre/)

### Swimming Crash Course



**SWIMMING  
CRASH COURSE**

Stage 4 09:00am – 09.30am.  
Stage 3 09:30am – 10:00am.  
Stage 2 10:00am – 10:30am.  
Stage 1 10:30am – 11:00am.  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 28th March 2024.

Book at reception today to secure your space.

SPORTS AND FITNESS FOR **EVERYONE**

For more information,  
visit [everyoneactive.com](http://everyoneactive.com)

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[www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com) [facebook.com/everyoneactive](https://www.facebook.com/everyoneactive) [@everyoneactive](https://www.instagram.com/everyoneactive) [@everyoneactive](https://www.tiktok.com/@everyoneactive)

Cost: £28.12 per child (4 days)

Contact: For more details visit our website or call 0121 742 5561

Website: [www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre/](http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/north-solihull-sports-centre/)



**Tudor Grange Leisure Centre**  
Blossomfield Road, Solihull B91 1NB

### Swimming Crash Course

A promotional poster for a swimming crash course. The background is blue with a pattern of white circles. In the foreground, there are several colorful Easter eggs: a purple one, a green one with white stars, a white one, a teal one, and an orange one with white patterns. A pair of pink bunny ears is also visible. A brown nest contains a white egg and an orange egg with white patterns. The text 'SWIMMING CRASH COURSE' is written in large, white, bold letters on a dark blue banner. Below this, in a lighter blue box, are the details of the course: 'Diving Crash Courses with Keely', 'Level 1 Diving 13:00 and 14:00', 'Level 2 Diving 13:30 and 14:30', 'Monday - Friday (25/3-29/3 and 01/04-05/04)', and '£39.60 per child for 5 days.' The 'everyone ACTIVE' logo is at the bottom.

**SWIMMING  
CRASH COURSE**

Diving Crash Courses with Keely  
Level 1 Diving 13:00 and 14:00  
Level 2 Diving 13:30 and 14:30

Monday - Friday (25/3-29/3 and 01/04-05/04)  
£39.60 per child for 5 days.

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Contact: For more details visit our website or call 0121 705 6371  
Website: [www.everyoneactive.com/centre/tudor-grange-leisure-centre/](http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/tudor-grange-leisure-centre/)

### Family Swimming

Family swimming sessions are available throughout the school holidays, across both centres. Bookings can be made by contacting the centre directly or through the Everyone Active App.



## Planet Ice Solihull

Hobs Moat Road, Solihull B92 8JN

### Easter Learn to Skate Camps

Our 3 or 5 Day Camps are designed for beginners who are looking to learn how to skate or those that want to improve their skills on the ice.



Our camps include a 30-minute group lesson, breakfast and a hot drink meal deal and public skate after your lesson to practice your skills.

If you are looking for additional training experience towards your Skate Excellence grades 1 to 8, then please talk to a member of staff, who can advise which course would be right for you.

- Age: Adults and children of all ages  
Dates/Times: Mondays to Fridays (throughout the school holidays)  
Times: Please see website  
Cost: £56 per 3 day course  
£71 per 5 day course  
Contact: Pre-book your 3 or 5 day camps via our website or by calling 0121 742 5561  
Email: [solihull@planet-ice.co.uk](mailto:solihull@planet-ice.co.uk)  
Website: [www.planet-ice.co.uk](http://www.planet-ice.co.uk)

### Ice Skating this Easter!

Amidst the blooming flowers, remember that our public ice skating sessions continue daily throughout the Easter season and beyond! Whether you're a seasoned skater or a newcomer keen to experience the joy of skating on ice, Planet Ice Solihull is your springtime haven all year round.

See you on the ice!

Exciting news for our Ice Card Members this Easter! Double discounts are blossoming on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March and the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, perfectly timed for the Easter holidays. Dive into the spring season as our Ice Card Members enjoy a delightful £4.80 off every enchanting ice-skating session on these selected dates. It's an ideal opportunity to leverage the full magic of your Ice Card Membership benefits and glide gracefully into the joys of spring.



Remember to pre-book your sessions online to ensure your place!

Stay Active

## The Wave

New Union Street, Coventry CV1 2PS

### Easter Holiday Sessions

The Wave, a UK award-winning, indoor waterpark making a splash in the heart of Coventry!

From high-speed slides and a fun-packed splash zone to the exhilarating Wave Pool and relaxing Lazy River... There's something for thrill, spill and chill seekers of all ages to enjoy.



Dates: Friday 22 March to Sunday 7 April  
Times: Daily  
Cost: £52 per family ticket (2 adults, 2 juniors... under 12)  
Contact: Please see website for booking details  
Website: [www.thewavecoventry.com](http://www.thewavecoventry.com)

Stay Active

## Art at the Heart CIC

Venue 1 Touchwood, Solihull B91 3GJ

Venue 2 The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

### Holi – The Festival of Colour 2024

Get your colour on for Holi - The Festival of Colour!

Bring in Spring with

# HOLI

The Festival of Colour 24

**ART AT THE HEART**  
Community Interest Company

**23rd March**  
Touchwood: Free drop-in 11-4pm

**24th March**  
The Core: 10.30-5.15pm  
£5 ticket, am or pm entry  
[www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk](http://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk)

Scan for full details

Splat art • Spin art  
Giant painting  
Dance art  
Giant weave art  
Human spirograph art  
Meet the Holi hornbill

There's no age limit for fun...  
**Get your colour on!**

Supporting community wellbeing through arts and cultural festivals  
[www.artattheheartcic.org](http://www.artattheheartcic.org)

Art at the Heart CIC would like to thank the following for supporting this festival

**THE CORE**

**GOHIL  
EMPORIUM**

**TEKTURA**  
WALLCOVERINGS

**TOUCHWOOD**  
[TOUCHWOOD@SOLIHULL.CO.UK](http://TOUCHWOOD@SOLIHULL.CO.UK)

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DIVERSITY IN CITY  
University

## Art at the Heart CIC

The Core Theatre, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

### Tropical Jungles



**Fun arts tuition:** splash out with colour in this arts workshop and create wild and wonderful jungle inspired paintings.

Learn: different ways to apply paint, about hot and bright colours, how to draw with scissors and about using collage effectively.

All materials are included in the cost. We get messy! Please dress appropriately or bring an apron. Art at the Heart is not liable for damage to clothing or shoes.

Age: 5 to 12 years  
Date: Thursday 28 March  
Times: 9.30am to 11am  
Cost: £18 per child  
Website: Book here and find out about our other art clubs, workshops/festivals  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tropical-jungles-tickets-754649576197?aff=ebdsoporgprofile](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tropical-jungles-tickets-754649576197?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

### Wiry Workshop

**Fun arts tuition:** This arts workshop introduces wire as a drawing material.

Learn about the properties of wire, how to manipulate wire, create interesting shapes and use other materials with wire to make your wiry creatures start to take shape.

Take your wiry creature home at the end of the session and hang it as a mobile!



Age: 7 to 13 years  
Date: Thursday 28 March  
Times: 11.30am to 1.15pm  
Cost: £20 per child  
Website: Book here and find out about our other art clubs, workshops and festivals  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wiry-workshop-fantastical-creatures-tickets-754651491927?aff=ebdsoporgprofile](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wiry-workshop-fantastical-creatures-tickets-754651491927?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

## ArtLab does Big...Drawing

**Creative arts tuition with working artists:** ArtLab provides a unique platform to experiment and develop your artistic abilities while learning new skills and different approaches. In this session, enjoy the experience of making large-scale expressive drawings, working with mixed-media and charcoal-tipped bamboo sticks!



ArtLab is powered by Art at the Heart CIC – qualified artist lecturers with 25+ years of experience working with young people.

Here's what others have said:

*"A highly creative environment for children to explore ideas and flourish – extremely positive guidance and encouragement to explore new ideas."*

Age: 11 years and above  
 Date: Thursday 28 March  
 Times: 2pm to 3pm  
 Cost: £20 per child  
 Website: Book here and find out about our other art clubs, workshops and festivals  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/artlab-does-bigdrawings-tickets-863707320847?aff=oddtcreator>

## How to Sketch Animals (session 1)

**Fun arts tuition:** Take a journey through the *Enchanted Forest* – paint the creatures, big and small, that you meet. What will you find - unicorns, dragons or enchanted frogs? Find a magical story through drawing!

Let children explore, enjoy and express themselves through art and a palette full of colour.

Age: 5 to 11 years  
 Date: Thursday 4 April  
 Times: 9.30am to 11am  
 Cost: £18 per child  
 Website: Book here and find out about our other art clubs, workshops and festivals  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enchanted-forest-my-miniature-world-tickets-754666486777?aff=ebdsoporgprofile](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enchanted-forest-my-miniature-world-tickets-754666486777?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

## How to Sketch Animals (session 2)

**Fun arts tuition:** Do your children love drawing? Award-winning artist educators will take you through the steps of how to sketch animals quickly.



Learn how to start with a basic structure and develop this into a drawing that captures 3D form and expresses the character of animals.

Take away skills that you can continue to practice at home.

Please visit our website to book your place and to find out more about our regular monthly drawing workshops at Dickens Heath Library, if you would like to continue to develop your skills:

Age: 7 to 13 years  
 Date: Thursday 4 April  
 Times: 11.30am to 1pm  
 Cost: £15 per child  
 Website: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/me-my-pencil-how-to-sketch-animals-tickets-754667459687?aff=ebdsoporgprofile](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/me-my-pencil-how-to-sketch-animals-tickets-754667459687?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

## ArtLab does Big...Landscapes

**Creative arts tuition with working artists:** ArtLab encourages you to experiment and develop your artistic abilities while learning new skills and different approaches. Join us for an unforgettable workshop where your young artists will have the opportunity to create stunning large-scale mixed-media landscapes.



No previous experience required, just have fun and express your individual creativity.

Here's what others have said:

*"Absolutely blown away by the artwork my daughter has produced with your encouragement."*

Age: 11 years and above  
 Date: Thursday 4 April  
 Times: 2pm to 3.30pm  
 Cost: £20 per child  
 Website: Book here and find out about our other art clubs, workshops and festivals [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/artlab-does-biglandscape-tickets-754654009457](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/artlab-does-biglandscape-tickets-754654009457)

## Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

### Gardens Art Club: Spring Blooms

(Location: The Gallery)

Unleash your imagination in our drop-in craft sessions, and let your creativity be inspired by the vibrant blooms in our living collection of plants and flowers. Dive into a world of colour and texture using an array of paper materials and crafting techniques to create your favourite flowers.

Our facilitators will ensure everyone can participate and craft something truly special.



Don't miss this opportunity to make memories and masterpieces that you can take home with you.

Age: 4 to 12 years (but adults, you're welcome too!)  
Dates: Saturday 23 March to Sunday 31 March  
Times: 10am to 4pm daily (drop-in for up to 30mins)  
Cost: Free with general admission to The Gardens.  
Website: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/gardens-art-club-spring-blooms-03-24/](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/gardens-art-club-spring-blooms-03-24/)

### Gardens Walkshop: Create a Journey Stick

(Location: Meet in the Gallery, before exploring the Gardens)

Join us for a creative mix of foraging, crafting, and storytelling during a guided walk. Journey sticks are a fun, tactile way of recording a journey and remembering it later on, and have been used by some aboriginal cultures to tell stories about their travels.

Our Conservation Ranger, Sila, will guide you around the gardens to collect and arrange fallen natural treasures like feathers, which you'll use to make and decorate your own Journey Sticks.

Some of the session will be outside, so please dress for the weather.



Age: Recommended for ages 6 to 12 years  
Dates: Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 April  
Times: 11am and 1.30pm (each session lasts 1 hour)  
Cost: £5 per child (in addition to Garden entry cost)  
Website: <https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/gardens-walkshop-create-a-journey-stick-04-24/>



## Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

### Art Masterclass: Figure Drawing

Learn the techniques of drawing from a costumed life model.

Age: 8 to 16 years  
Date: Thursday 28 March  
Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm  
2pm to 4pm  
Cost: £11.55 per child (book online in advance)  
Accompanying adults are free, no booking required  
Website: [www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1782/art-masterclasses-spring-programme](http://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1782/art-masterclasses-spring-programme)

### Art Masterclass: Screenprinting

Design your own stencil to use for printing with fabric paints onto a cotton canvas material to take home and frame.

Age: 8 to 16 years  
Date: Thursday 4 April  
Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm  
2pm to 4pm  
Cost: £11.55 per child (book online in advance)  
Accompanying adults are free, no booking required  
Website: [www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1782/art-masterclasses-spring-programme](http://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1782/art-masterclasses-spring-programme)



### Crafting Streets of Coventry



This Easter, we will be crafting through two weeks of exciting activities, learning new skills as we reimagine Coventry street scenes and the people of Coventry from the past, present and future.

Age: All ages  
Dates: Saturday 23 March to Saturday 6 April  
Times: 10.30am to 3.30pm  
Cost: £2.50 per child (under 3s go free). Drop-in session. Pay on the day  
Website: [www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1790/crafting-streets-of-coventry](http://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1790/crafting-streets-of-coventry)

**Touchwood**

Solihull B91 3GJ

## Touchdown at Touchwood this Easter

The Easter action launches with an immersive space experience, 'Touchdown at Touchwood', where the centre's very own spacecraft will land on Jubilee Walk.



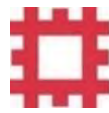
The out of this world experience will create excitement and joy for the whole family, as children step inside the spacecraft to assist with its take off to the moon.

Visitors can compete in a series of tasks to pass to the next level, with games to play and astronauts on hand to guide you through on selected days. There will even be the opportunity to dress up as an astronaut and learn how to walk on the moon!

So, mark your calendars this March/April and come on down to Touchwood for an exciting month of activities and entertainment.

Dates: Saturday 23 to Saturday 30 March  
Monday 1 to Sunday 7 April  
Times: Daily from 11am to 3pm  
Cost: Free event  
Website: [www.touchwoodsolihull.co.uk](http://www.touchwoodsolihull.co.uk)

Days Out



## Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden

Castle Green, Off Castle Rd, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NG

### The Big Brick Build

This Easter holiday, families are invited to take part in an incredible LEGO® Brick Build session at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire, the first of its kind held there by English Heritage.

Children over four years-old can get creative by designing their own part of Kenilworth's beautiful Garden to sit within a LEGO® brick sculpture of the castle's most famous features. Brick artists will be on hand to help and will be continually swapping in new contributions to the build as the week progresses. Families can take part as many times as they like for the price of a standard admission ticket (activity price included in entry).



For more information and to book tickets, please visit our website.

- Age: 4 years and above  
Dates: Friday 29 March to Sunday 7 April 2024  
Times: 10am to 5pm  
Cost: Tickets start from:  
£16 per adult  
£41.50 per family (2 adults, 3 children)  
£25.50 per family (1 adult, 3 children)  
Book online and save 15% on the price of entry.  
Free for English Heritage members
- Website: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/events/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/events/)

## Easter Adventure Quest

Join us for a cracking Easter Adventure Quest at Kenilworth Castle this Easter holiday.

Each child will receive a quest booklet which will take them on an egg-citing hunt around the grounds, uncovering clues to the fascinating history of Easter as they go. On completing the challenge there will (of course!) be a tasty chocolate reward to tuck into. There is no need to book the quest, just simply turn up at site.



Age: 4 years and above  
Dates: Saturday 23 March to Sunday 14 April 2024  
Times: 10am to 5pm  
Cost: Tickets start from:  
£16 per adult  
£41.50 per family (2 adults, 3 children)  
£25.50 per family (1 adult, 3 children)  
Plus £2 per child (Quest price)  
Book online and save 15% on the price of entry.  
Free for English Heritage members

Website: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/events/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kenilworth-castle/events/)

## Transport Museum Wythall

Chapel Lane, Wythall B47 6JA



### Easter 2024

Transport Museum Wythall presents the history of public transport in the West Midlands. With vintage and classic vehicle displays, free bus rides, a miniature railway for children of all ages, children's play area, café and shop, there's something for everyone. Plus an amazing collection of electric milk floats and bread vans – come and see Ernie, the fastest milk float in the west! Special events are run throughout the year so please see our website for full details of dates and times.



A free vintage bus link to Wythall railway station to meet trains on the Shakespeare Line for Birmingham and Stratford upon Avon (see website for connecting dates/times).



Age: All ages  
Dates: March... Wednesday 27, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31  
April... Monday 1 and Wednesday 3  
Times: 10.30am to 4pm  
10.30am to 4.30pm (Easter Bank Holiday Monday)  
Cost: From... £8 per adult, £4 per child (5 to 16 years) £20 per family  
(2 adults + 2 children)  
£2 miniature railway rides (not open Wednesdays)  
Contact: 01564 826471 (during office hours).  
Pre-booking via the website is recommended  
Website: [www.wythall.org.uk](http://www.wythall.org.uk)

Days Out



Castle Bromwich  
Hall Gardens

## Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens

Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 9BT

### *Easter Holiday Activities*

The Gardens are open every day during Easter holidays.  
See below for bookable activities, different prices, but include all day Garden entry.

More information and to book see our website events calendar.  
[www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk/calendar/](http://www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk/calendar/)

Days Out



Castle Bromwich  
Historic Gardens

**We're OPEN EVERY DAY**  
**EASTER HOLIDAY**  
**ACTIVITIES**

**Egg trails, drop in crafts, bookable sessions**  
**Saturday 23rd March – Sunday 7th April.**  
**10.30 - 4.30pm**

**Egg trails every day: entry +£1 per child**  
(No need to book. Normal Entry Fees apply)  
free drop in crafts 26th & 29th

**ALSO Bookable sessions:**  
Mini Beast Safari  
Hapa Zome art workshop  
Den building  
Ceramic egg decoration



**Unplug  
& Play**

## Easter Egg Hunts

Hunt for those eggs! Hop, skip and jump along the way...



Eggs-plore the beautiful Gardens and discover Nature on a self-guided family hunt.

Solve the trail questions and pop back to the entrance for your Easter egggy treat! Every day during the Easter holidays... while eggs and chocs last. No need to book, just turn up.

Age: All families  
 Dates: Saturday 23 March to Sunday 7 April 2024  
 Cost: Normal entry fees apply for adults and children.  
 Plus £1 for trail and egg reward for each child. Trail reward includes a choice of Cadbury Creme eggs, Skittles or Chocolate Bunnies

## Easter - Wild Child Den Building

Embrace your inner wild child this Easter by joining us in a den building workshop. Gather your materials, then build your own den or shelter, find out if your den can survive the elements with our rain test at the end.

Please note: This session is entirely outdoors - please dress accordingly.

Age: Ideal for 3 to 9 year olds with their adults  
 Dates/Times: Tuesday 26 March (10.30am to 12pm)  
 Thursday 4 April 2024 (10.30am to 12pm)  
 Cost: £12 per family (2 adults and 3 children or 1 adult and up to 4 children)  
 £6 per each additional child  
 Under 2s go free

## Easter Woodland Adventure - Minibeast Safari

Calling all nature explores, this Easter join us at the gardens as we go on a minibeast safari.

What to expect?

We will exploring ponds and minibeasts, try your hand at pond dipping, hunt for minibeasts, learn to be a frog, play games and much more. This session is entirely outdoors.



Age: Suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years  
 Dates/Times: Tuesday 26 March (1pm to 2.30pm)  
 Tuesday 2 April (11am to 12.30pm)  
 Free access to the Gardens for the rest of the day  
 Cost: £7 per child and 1 adult  
 £4 per each additional adult or sibling

## Drop-in 'Bunny' Craft Sessions

Age: All ages  
 Dates/: Tuesday 26 and Friday 29 March  
 Times: 11.30am to 2.30pm  
 Cost: Free (after Garden entry cost)

## Egg Decorating – Painting Workshop

Family Friendly ceramic egg decoration.

Spring is egg shaped! Forget the chocolate ones, come and decorate some ceramics that will brighten up your windowsill for months.

Using porcelain paints and pens spend a mindful afternoon decorating a hanging egg shaped ornament and a few egg-shaped stones.



Please note: each ticket covers a child and their adult working together. Please buy another ticket if you each want to create 4 eggs (we're ok if you're an adult and want to do this workshop without a child)

Age: 7 years and above and their adults  
 Dates/Times: Tuesday 2 April (1.30pm to 3.30pm)  
 Cost: £9 per ticket (plus transaction fee)  
 Each ticket enables you to make 4 decorations (1 hanging egg and 3 'stones').

## Easter Hapa Zome Workshop

Learn all about the art of Hapa Zome. Have a go and take home your creation.

Hapa Zome is a fun and creative way of connecting art and nature. Originally from Japan, it involves pounding leaves, flowers and other natural materials onto fabric and paper to create colourful and beautiful patterns.

Age: This workshop is suitable for children aged 5 to 10 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult  
 Dates/Times: Wednesday 3 April (11am to 12pm)  
 Cost: £6.50 per child, per ticket (including accompanying adult)



## Living History: Colonel Pickering's Regiment of Foote

Step back 350 years and experience life on the road for soldiers and their families.

Over the Easter weekend, John Pickering and his Regiment of Foote take up residence in the Gardens.

Wander among the Parliamentary troops and their followers as they prepare for battle at Curdworth Bridge, near Water Orton. Get into conversation with those who cooked the meals and sewed the cloth... Let your imagination float back 300 years through the sound and smell of muskets and camp fire smoke... Drills, musket practice and musters happen throughout the day. Family Friendly (with some loud noises)

This is a much-needed fundraising event for the Gardens, so your support and generosity at the entrance gate will be much appreciated. No need to book. All tickets and donations go to support the long term work for the Trust, preserving and sharing the 18th century Gardens and Parkland.



Age: All ages  
Dates/Times: Saturday 30 March and Sunday 31 March (all day)  
Cost: Normal entry fees apply

## Packwood House

Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Warwickshire B94 6AT

### Easter Adventures at Packwood House

Make your way across our gardens and find ten engaging activities for the whole family to enjoy including Easter themed crafts, wheelbarrow races, memory games, nature pledge and plant a seed.

Spring into action and explore the beautiful grounds of Packwood House.

Prices include an Easter Adventure activity sheet, bunny ears and a choice of either a chocolate egg or a vegan and free from\* chocolate egg (while stocks last). Both eggs are made using Rainforest Alliance Certified cocoa.

*\*Suitable for people with milk, egg, gluten, peanut, and tree nut allergies.*



Age: All ages  
Dates: Friday 29 March to Friday 5 April  
Times: 9.30am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm)  
Cost: Normal admission prices, plus £3 per Easter trail  
Contact: 01564 782024  
Website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house)

## Stratford Town Walk

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Join the award-winning Stratford Town Walk for a fun guided walk. Discover Stratford's history and fascinating relationship with William Shakespeare. Hear stories of Stratford's history through fire, flood and plague, with old fashioned sayings, medieval medical cures and more. The walk is accessible. Dogs are welcome.

Location: Swan Fountain on Waterside, near the RST and opposite Sheep Street

Age: All ages welcome  
 Dates: Every day of the year  
 Times: 11am (walk start time). Duration up to 2 hours  
 Cost: £10 per adult

£5 per child (8 to 15 years)  
 Under 8 years free!

Please note: fee includes exclusive discounts at selected shops, restaurants, pubs, coffee shops and attractions.

Contact: Pre-book your tickets online or phone 07855 760377  
 Email: [stratfordtownwalk@btinternet.com](mailto:stratfordtownwalk@btinternet.com)  
 Website: [www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk)



### Stratford Ghost Walk

Award-winning evening Ghost Walk in Stratford upon Avon.

Walk around the “haunted” streets to discover the ancient creaky buildings seeping with sinister stories of ghosts, witches, murder and misery. The costumed guides are professional entertainers and deliver the tour in their own unique style.

Age: 8 years and above (unsuitable for under 8s)  
 Dates: Every Saturday  
 Times: 7.30pm  
 Cost: £10 per adult  
 £5 per child (8 to 15 years)  
 Please note: fee includes exclusive discounts at selected shops, restaurants, pubs, coffee shops and attractions.

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## Umberslade Adventure

Chalcot Wood, Cut Throat Lane, Hockley Heath B94 6SE

### Easter at the Park

Umberslade Adventure will be open across the Easter half-term. In addition to our regular activities, we have an Easter Egg Hunt, an animal handling experience of reptiles, invertebrates, arachnids and mammals (29<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April), facepainting (28<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April), plus other entertainment to be confirmed.

Booking at the Adventure Park includes entry for the whole day and access to all self-guided activities, including: commando course, low ropes course, zip line (50m), den building area, orienteering, nature trail and tots tree house and toddlers play area.

Please note: instructor guided activities consisting of zip line, tree climbing and archery will incur an additional cost and can only be booked on arrival.

Dates: Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April  
Times: 10am to 5pm  
Contact: Online booking is essential  
<https://umbersladeadventure.digitickets.co.uk/tickets>  
Phone: General enquiries on 07761 025651  
Web Site: [www.umbersladeadventure.com](http://www.umbersladeadventure.com)



**Herbert Art Gallery & Museum**

Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

**Caring for the Nation's Favourite Dinosaur:  
The Life and Times of Dippy the Dinosaur**

Natural History Museum's Head of Conservation, Lorraine Cornish, shares the story of Dippy and gives tips on how to look after such a large dinosaur skeleton.



Age: 11 years and above

Date: Saturday 30 March

Times: 1pm to 2pm

Cost: Free (book online in advance)

Website: <https://www.theherbert.org/whats-on/1794/caring-for-the-nations-favourite-dinosaur-the-life-and-times-of-dippy-the-diplodocus>

## Baddesley Clinton

Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire B93 0DQ

### Easter at Baddesley

Join us on the front lawn and take part in ten engaging activities for the whole family to enjoy including Easter themed crafts, bunny and chick hoopla, egg and spoon races and pin the tail on the bunny.



Spring into action and explore the beautiful grounds of Baddesley Clinton.

Prices include an Easter adventure activity sheet, bunny ears and a choice of either a chocolate egg or a vegan and free from\* chocolate egg (while stocks last). Both eggs are made using Rainforest Alliance Certified cocoa.

*\*Suitable for people with milk, egg, gluten, peanut, and tree nut allergies.*

Age: All ages  
Dates: Monday 25 March to Monday 1 April  
Times: 9.30am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm)  
Cost: Normal admission prices, plus £3 per Easter trail  
Website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/packwood-house)

## West Midland Safari Park

Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1LF

### Easter Eggstravaganza

West Midlands Safari Park has a very 'egg-citing' Easter planned with a whole host of fun including the chance to win some amazing prizes.



Guests will be invited to Easter Eggstravaganza, to take part in the celebrations, which include an interactive trail, competitions, giveaways and a chance to meet the Park's resident Easter bunny, Bramble.

New for 2024 will be Bramble's Big Giveaway, where at 3pm daily, Bramble will be giving away some incredible prizes

in a gameshow-style activity, such as retail vouchers, VIP Experiences, Annual Passes and Safari Lodge stays.

Also new for this year is an Easter Craft Club, based in Bramble's Burrow, where guests can take part in some Easter-themed arts and crafts, or learn some new party tricks, such as plate spinning and juggling. During the event, the Park will be decorated with bright and colourful Easter theming, including giant eggs, hay bales, floral displays and new photo points.

Guests will have to chance to meet Bramble Bunny and have their picture taken with him, at intervals during the day, when he will be roaming the Discovery Trail.



Additionally, the Park's conservation team will be championing penguins and raising money for the Global Penguin Society. Children can earn a special penguin sticker, by learning more about these amazing birds and making their 'penguin pledge' for how they can do something to help penguins in the wild.

There is also the chance to see the Park's newest arrival, baby rhino Malaika, as she explores her new home on the four-mile Safari Drive.

West Midlands Safari Park's Easter activities are included in the admission charge. Adventure Theme Park rides are charged extra. Admission includes a Free Return to visit again within six months, only when booking online in advance.

For more information visit our website.

Age: All ages  
Dates: Saturday 23 March to Sunday 7 April  
Times: Please see website for details  
Cost: Guests are encouraged to book online in advance for the best prices.  
Under 3s go free  
Website: [www.wmsp.co.uk](http://www.wmsp.co.uk)

## Coventry Transport Museum

Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry CV1 1JD

### Tinker | Make | Play: Eggcellent Experiments

Tinker | Make | Play Engineers are embracing egg puns (and eggivities) this Easter holiday and will find themselves faced with eggstreme challenges.



Tinkering with STEM concepts showcased in some of our museum objects, join us to make eggcellent transport and find out how many eggs your machine can hold and move.

Dates: Saturday 23, Monday 25, Thursday 28 and Saturday 30 March  
Monday 1, Thursday 4 and Saturday 6 April  
Times: 10.30am to 3pm (drop-in session)  
Cost: Free with admission  
Website: [www.transport-museum.com/events/1584/tinker-make-play-eggcellent-experiments](http://www.transport-museum.com/events/1584/tinker-make-play-eggcellent-experiments)



## **Birmingham Botanical Gardens**

Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

### **Easter at Birmingham Botanical Gardens Ready, Set, Bloom!**



Spring has sprung at The Birmingham Botanical Gardens this Easter! There are lots of activities you can get involved in whilst discovering the Gardens' beautiful spring blooms.

Our self-guided Easter egg trail will allow you to explore the Gardens at your own pace.

Still need to burn off some energy? Join interactive Stretch and Bloom sessions – fun workshops which include yoga, flower inspired dance-a-longs, and lily-pad themed fun!

Drop in to Botanical Art Club and be inspired by the Gardens' blooming flora to create your own masterpiece.

On selected dates, make sure to say hello and grab a selfie with Queen Bee-atrice, our resident Honeybee, who you'll find buzzing around the Gardens.

Here's a rundown of a packed programme of activities:

## Botanical Easter Egg Trail

(Location: Outside)

Get ready for an egg-citing family adventure to find eight botanical eggs in the Gardens while exploring the spring flora! Can you find them all? Trail sheets can be booked online or purchased at the Welcome Desk.



This self-guided activity is recommended for ages 6+ years. Little ones are welcome too, (with a helping hand from grown-ups to read instructions).

Age: 6 years and above  
 Dates: Saturday 23 March to Sunday 7 April  
 Times: 10am to 4pm  
 Cost: £1.25 for trail sheet (in addition to Garden entry cost)  
 Website: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/botanical-easter-egg-trail-03-24/](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/botanical-easter-egg-trail-03-24/)

## Stretch and Bloom Sessions

(Location: Indoors -Terrace Suite)

Join in our Stretch and Bloom Sessions – fun interactive sessions which include yoga, spring inspired dance-a-longs, and lily-pad themed fun!

These easily accessible, mood-boosting sessions are the perfect way to energise your mind and body and get moving in whatever way you can.



Age: Recommended for ages 4 to 12 years but mum, dad, or gran and grandad can join in too!  
 Dates: Saturday 23, Sunday 24, Friday 29 and Saturday 30 March  
 Monday 1 April  
 Times: 10.45am, 12pm, 2pm and 3.15pm (each session lasts 40 minutes)  
 Cost: £3.50 per child, per session (in addition to Garden entry cost)  
 Website: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/stretch-and-bloom-sessions-03-24/](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/stretch-and-bloom-sessions-03-24/)

## Animal Handling Sessions

This Easter holidays will see the return of our ever-popular animal handling sessions!

Our Learning Team will help you get up close and personal with some of the creatures not on display to the public. From corn snakes to cockroaches, get ready to learn and have fun handling some of our amazing animals.



Age: Recommended for ages 4 to 12 years  
 Dates: Monday 25 and Wednesday 27 March  
 (*Location: the Learning Classroom is unfortunately only accessible via stairs*)  
 Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 April  
 (*Location: in The Gallery and has step-free access*)  
 Times: 10.30am, 11.30am and 1.30pm (each session lasts 30 minutes)  
 Cost: £3 per child (in addition to Garden entry cost)  
 Website: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/animal-handling-sessions-03-24/](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/animal-handling-sessions-03-24/)

## Gardens Crafts: Build a Bee Hotel

(Location: The Gallery)

Join our Conservation Ranger, Sila, to build a home for bees, using upcycled materials.

Solitary bees are in trouble, facing the risk of extinction. But together, we can make a difference! By crafting bee hotels, we provide safe havens for these important pollinators, helping to protect our ecosystems. During this activity you will learn the skills to build a bee hotel and be able to support the bees in your own garden at home.



During the session you'll also be joined by the Queen Bee-atrice, who is buzzing to welcome you to the session and share some fascinating pollinator facts!

Dates: Monday 1 April  
 Times: 11am and 1.30pm (each session lasts 1 hour)  
 Cost: £5 per child (in addition to Garden entry cost)  
 Website: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/gardens-crafts-build-a-bee-hotel-04-24/](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/events/gardens-crafts-build-a-bee-hotel-04-24/)