


Family events – November 2018

**Solihull Family
Information Service**

As well as the events below, don't forget to check out further activities and things to do on www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo

Please note: The below activities are not registered or regulated by Solihull Family Information Service. It is your responsibility to ensure you are happy that the activities are safe and appropriate for your child.

North Solihull (and surrounding areas)

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Berwicks Lane Playing Fields Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 7NS				
Sat 3 Nov	<p>Berwicks Lane Firework Display 2018 Annual fireworks display, sponsored by Chelmsley Wood Town Council.</p> <p>N.B. The event takes place on the field at the side of the council building. Parking is extremely limited during this event, if you are local please use public transport.</p>	FREE	 <p>Gates open 6pm</p> <p>Fireworks start 7pm</p>	<p>All ages</p> <p>(children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)</p>
Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre Chelmsley Wood, Solihull B37 5TS Tel: 0121 770 1775 Website: www.chelmsleywoodshopping.co.uk				
Sat 3 Nov	<p>Spy Quest SECRET AGENTS... Come and join us at Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre for a game like no other!</p> <p>We are excited to announce that David Goutcher, author and creator of Spy Quest, will be hosting a live Spy Quest game and we need your help to catch the international jewel thief Franco Rodriguez.</p> <p>Described as a modern day treasure hunt, it is far more than just a game - it's an entire immersive adventure game.</p> <p>Pick your team wisely and see if you have what it takes to become a Spy Quest agent. There will be prizes for the winning team and certificates for every team that finishes the quest.</p> <p>And it's completely free to attend!</p> <p>The final secret agent contestants will be invited to set off on their quest at 2.30pm, as the game must finish by 3pm.</p> <p>See website for further details.</p>	FREE	<p>Opportunity to meet David Goutcher from 11am</p> <p>Spy Quest treasure hunt commencing at 1pm</p>	<p>Primarily for children 8 to 11 years</p> <p>However, slightly younger / older children are welcome to attend</p>

<p>Sat 24 Nov</p>	<p>Christmas - The Big Switch On! We are very excited and pleased to announce that famous Soap Star.. Adam Thomas will be turning on our Christmas lights!</p> <p>The day will be fun packed with local community groups, stilt walking, glitter art and also our winner from the Chelmsley's Got Talent competition will be performing!</p> <p>The fun starts at 12pm in the middle of Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre - don't miss it!</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>From midday</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull, B36 9BT
 Tel: 0121 749 4100
 Website: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk

<p>Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2nd Nov</p>	<p>Family Craft Activities Pumpkin trails, autumn crafts (undercover and outdoors).</p> <p>Easy drop in activities for families to enjoy together.</p> <p>Please see website for detailed activities nearer the date.</p>	<p>£2 per person over 5 years+</p> <p>Access to Gardens all day.</p> <p>(Free for holders of Family Activities Annual Pass)</p>	<p>12pm - 3pm</p>	<p>Crafts suitable for children 3 years+</p>
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<p>Fri 16 Nov Sat 17 Nov Fri 23 Nov Sat 24 Nov</p>	<p>Lantern making FREE days Be part of the big community art installation in the Gardens this year.</p> <p>Light up Christmas with stars and planets that you have made!</p> <p>Come along, learn how to make the stars for a couple of hours or all day. Training and guidance given, work on your own or with others, on individual or 'group' stars. Entry for makers is free on these days.</p> <p>Your work will be part of the display in the Gardens until the end of December.</p> <p>Making the stars is quite easy. It takes a little bit of dexterity. Young children may need a little help from their grown-ups. But all age groups are welcome. A reward for your work will be a discounted entry or free cafe voucher to be used on the Xmas event days.</p>	<p>FREE</p>	<p>Fri 16 Nov 11am - 4.30pm</p> <p>Sat 17 Nov 12.30pm - 5pm</p> <p>Fri 23 Nov 11am - 4.30pm</p> <p>Sat 24 Nov 12.30pm - 5pm</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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Libraries...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Castle Bromwich Library Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY Tel: 0121 747 3708				
	Storytime. Term time only on Fridays.	FREE	2.15pm - 2.45pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme time on Mondays. Alternating between either a morning or afternoon session. A short interactive session for babies and very young children, which includes finger and action rhymes and songs.	FREE	10.45am - 11.05am or 2.30pm - 2.50pm	0 - 2 years
Chelmsley Wood Library 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Solihull B37 5TN Tel: 0121 788 4380				
	Rhymetime Free stories, songs, rhymes and toys. Drop-in session, term time only on Fridays.	FREE	10am	Under 5s
	Code Club Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Code Club you will learn how to make cool games, animations and websites too! Drop-in session, term time only on Mondays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 years
	Owlets - Play & Stay A children's drop-in session. Monthly on Tuesdays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	10am	Under 3s
Kingshurst Library Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull B37 6BD Tel: 0121 770 3451				
	Story Time on Fridays, term time only	FREE	10.15am - 10.45am	Under 5s
	Rhyme time – A short interactive session for babies and very young children that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Also a chance to meet other mums and carers. Once a fortnight on Tuesdays.	FREE	10.15am - 10.45am	0 - 2 years

Marston Green Library Land Lane, Solihull B37 7DQ
Call: 0121 779 2131

	Story Time - On Mondays, term time only. No need to book. Just pop along with your little ones for half an hour of stories, rhymes, songs and colouring.	FREE	2.30pm - 3pm	Under 5s
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Parks...

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Alcott Wood Local Nature Reserve Chelmsley Wood B37 5RZ

Sat 24 Nov	<p>Oaks and Shires Meet the heavy horse and learn more about their valuable role in maintaining our woodlands, and take part in traditional woodland crafts such as willow weaving. Other attractions include children's activities and the Green Man. Hot food and refreshments are also available on site.</p> <p>Nature lovers and conservationists of all ages are sure to enjoy this event which offers traditional fun for all the family!</p> <p>For more information, contact Adam Noon on 0121 704 6636.</p>	FREE	11am - 3pm	All ages
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South Solihull (and surrounding areas)

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
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Edwardian FC (Rugby Union) Memorial Ground, Streetsbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3PE
Website: www.edsrugby.com/bonfire.html

Sat 3 Nov	<p>Bonfire & Fireworks at Edwardians The first year with Sirotechnics! Don't miss it!</p> <p>Plus outdoor real ale bar along with a BBQ. There will be fairground activities, fireworks and a bonfire.</p>	£5 per person Accompanied under 12s FREE	Bonfire Lit 7pm Fireworks 7.45pm	 All ages
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Hogarth's Hotel Four Ashes Road, Dorridge, Solihull B93 8QE

Sun 4 Nov	<p>Haunted Halloween and Guy Fawkes Family Event Join in this family garden party, featuring a spectacular Halloween afternoon joined with a fireworks display. Enjoy children's entertainment, DJ, storytelling, best fancy dress, pumpkin carving, bonfire and take part in the best guy fawkes contest.</p> <p>Please note: no booking required. Cash only on the door. See website for further details.</p>	£5 per adult £3 per child Under 2s FREE	 3pm - 8pm Fireworks at 6.30pm	All ages
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Wythall Park Silver Street, Wythall, Birmingham B47 6LZ
Website: www.wythall-park.org.uk/contents/en-uk/d12_Bonfire.html

Sat 3 Nov	<p>Wythall Park Bonfire and Firework Display Brought to you by Wythall Community Association.</p> <p>Save money by buying your tickets in advance (up to Fri 2nd Nov). See website for details.</p> <p>Please remember no sparklers, alcohol or personal fireworks are allowed on site.</p>	<p>Adults & Children (11yrs+) £7.50 or £6 (advance tickets) Under 10s FREE</p>	<p>Gates open 6pm Bonfire lit 6.30pm</p> <p>Fireworks Displays: 7.30pm (designed for younger visitors) 8.30pm</p>	 All ages
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Involve Wellness St. Helen's Church, 6 St. Helen's Road, Solihull B91 2DA
Tel: 07707 931 439 (Nora) / Email: noraboxercise@hotmail.com
Website: www.facebook.com/involvewellness

From Tue 6 Nov	<p>Family Boxercisen - Six week family session For anyone age 6 years and above who has a diagnose of autism spectrum, learning disabilities and those with pending diagnoses. This is for your family, including neurotypical siblings.</p> <p>We do various non-competitive & fun workouts in a adapted, flexible and understanding environment, promoting both sports participation and independence.</p>	<p>£5.50 per person (one sibling 50% off)</p>	<p>4.45pm - 5.45pm</p>	<p>6 years+</p>
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The Core Theatre Solihull Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG
Tel: 0121 704 6962 (Box Office)
Website: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Sat 10 Nov - Sat 15 Dec	<p>Saturday Art Club (Courtyard Gallery) Our new Saturday Art Club at The Core is provided in association with Art at the Heart CIC - where art tuition is all about nurturing creativity.</p> <p>Using a wide variety of art skills and learning new activities our aim is to guide children to explore, enjoy and express themselves through drawing, painting and making: they will develop visual vocabulary, emotional intelligence AND have fun! Ideal for those planning or taking GCSEs in Art subjects.</p> <p>Costs are inclusive of basic materials. There will be a small fee for portfolios and art packs are available to purchase if required.</p> <p>See website for further details.</p>	<p>Varies by term (see website)</p>	<p>10am - 12pm</p>	<p>8 to 14 years</p>
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Touchwood Shopping Centre Homer Rd, Solihull B91 3GJ

Tel: 0121 709 6900

Website: www.touchwoodsolihull.co.uk

<p>From Thur 1 Nov</p>	<p>Remembering Solihull's Soldiers Touchwood is introducing a special installation of 6ft statues of soldiers to commemorate the lives of local troops who have died in battle.</p> <p>The silhouette soldiers will be unveiled in the centre from 1 November in the lead up to Armistice Day, to remember the heroes of Solihull who lost their lives during the First World War. Touchwood is also creating a commemorative plaque which will be engraved with the names of local fallen soldiers.</p> <p>The unveiling supports the charity Remembered's There But Not There campaign which aims to commemorate fallen soldiers, educate today's younger generation, and help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat.</p> <p>Funds raised through sales of Tommy figures are provided to special force charities such as Help for Heroes, The Royal Foundation and Project Equinox: Housing Veterans.</p> <p>For further information see website.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Centre opening hours</p>	<p>All ages</p>
<p>Sat 17 Nov to Mon 24 Dec</p>	<p>It's the most wonderful time of the year at Touchwood! It's the most wonderful time of the year, and there are plenty of festive treats and surprises at Touchwood to help you enjoy the holiday season. After all, there's Christmas, and then there's a Touchwood Christmas!</p> <p>On Saturday 17th November, the festive season will officially begin at Touchwood as Santa arrives in his magical grotto. Taking residence until Christmas Eve, he will be showering the region's lucky boys and girls with early Christmas gifts.</p> <p>As well as meeting Santa, guests will also be able to say hello to The Stickman, the much loved children's book character created by Julia Donaldson who will be making appearances throughout the day.</p> <p>And if you're dreaming of a White Christmas, your wish will come true as an enchanting Snow Pit opens its doors in Poplar Arcade. Children will be able to play in the fake snow and throw pretend snowballs throughout the Christmas season.</p> <p>To add an extra touch of winter wonderland, Touchwood's iconic polar bear, Presley, will return, complete with frost and plenty of sparkle, to offer the perfect setting for a festive family photo.</p> <p>For a full schedule of events, grotto opening times, or for further information see website.</p>	<p>See website</p>	<p>See website</p>	<p>All ages</p>

Libraries...				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Balsall Common Library 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 3EL Tel: 01676 532590				
	Tales and Time to Play - on Mondays. Bring your little ones for a story followed by a chance to play, sing, chat and relax with other young families. All pre-school children are welcome. Toys and musical instruments are provided.	FREE	2.15pm - 3pm	Suitable for pre-school children
	Rhyme Time - on Tuesdays. Enjoy an afternoon spending time with your babies and toddlers listening to happy songs and rhymes with actions and percussion instruments.	FREE	2.15pm - 2.45pm	Suitable for pre-school children
Dickens Heath Library Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD Tel: 0121 744 6078				
	Rhymetimes on Mondays, term time only. A fun session of action rhymes and songs.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	0 - 2 years
	Children's Board Games Club - Second Saturday of the month. Get your children away from their computer screens. Who doesn't love a game of Guess Who?	FREE	2pm - 3pm	5 - 9 years
	Tea & Tots - Every other Thursday of the month A chance for mums, dads, grans and carers to meet for a cuppa and a chat whilst the toddlers play. Occasional guest speakers may also attend.	FREE	2pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	Lego Club - Last Saturday of the month. Come along for some Lego fun.	FREE	2pm onwards	5 - 9 years
Hampton in Arden Library 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY Tel: 01675 442629				
	Storytimes - Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Stories and crafts for all pre-school children. Please call for dates.	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s
	The Great Storybook Journey - Fortnightly on Fridays. A story for under 5s about a new place or environment, followed by painting pictures for our Great Storybook Journey wall display. Contact the library for dates. N.B. Warm water is provided to wash hands, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under 5s

Hobs Moat Library Ulleries Road, Solihull B92 8EB
Tel: 0121 743 4592

	<p>Under 5s Story Session 'Little Hobbits - Thursdays, term time only. Join the 'Little Hobbits' and sing along with rhymes before listening to stories and enjoying colouring with your pre school children.</p>	FREE	10am - 10.45am	Under 5s
	<p>Daddy Rhyme Time - Monthly on Saturdays. This is a special time of enjoyment and bonding for you and your child. Come along and meet with other fathers and male carers for a chat. Refreshments are provided. Please contact for more details.</p>	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s
	<p>Animal Antics First Monday of the month. Staff will read stories about a new animal.</p> <p>Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect them.</p> <p>Every time you come to the library you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card.</p>	FREE	10.15 - 11am	Under 5s

Knowle Library Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL
Tel: 01564 775840

	<p>Monday Storytime - This new activity will run fortnightly. It is aimed at preschool children. Join us for stories and rhymes. Please contact library for dates.</p>	FREE	10.30am - 11am	Under 5s
	<p>Jellybeans - Our monthly session of rhymes, songs, stories and a craft activity. Lots of fun for the under fives.</p>	£1.50 charge applies	10.45am - 11.30am	Under 5s
	<p>Rhyme Time - Every Friday afternoon, term time only. Bring your little ones along for a fun half hour of songs, action rhymes and musical instruments.</p>	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s

Meriden Library Arden Cottage, The Green, Meriden CV7 7LN
Tel: 01676 522717

	<p>Reading Zoo on Mondays. Term time only. Our weekly story and painting session where we read a story about an animal and then all paint pictures of that animal.</p> <p>Please note: warm water to wash hands is provided but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.</p>	FREE	2.30pm - 3pm	Under 5s
	<p>Storytime on Mondays. Term time only. A different theme each week, with a special craft to follow.</p>	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under 5s

Olton Library 169A Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7AR
Tel: 0121 706 3038

	Storytime on second Tuesday of the month. Term time only. Come along and enjoy listening to stories for your pre-school child in the company of other children and their families.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s
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Shirley Library 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG
Tel: 0121 704 6300

	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Tuesdays (term time only).	FREE	10am - 10.30am	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Wednesdays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Saturdays (term time only).	FREE	11am - 11.30am	Under 5s
	<p>Children's Code Club on Thursdays. Term time only. Code Club runs as a 6 week course. Booking is essential as there is a maximum of 8 children per course.</p> <p>In each session children will use various coding websites (depending on their level of coding) to make their own cool computer games, animations and websites. All children will receive a certificate at the end of each completed course! We currently run courses in Scratch 1 & 2 and HTML 1 & 2, so lots of room for progression!</p> <p>N.B. Limited places are available so please either speak to a member of staff at Shirley Library or call for more information or to get a spot on the waiting list!</p>	FREE	5pm - 6pm	9 - 11 years

The Core Library Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG
Tel: 0121 704 6965


	Homework Club - Tuesdays (term time only) with designated staff to support children.	FREE	3:45pm - 5.15pm	8 years+
	Story Times - Mondays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s
	Rhyme Time - Wednesdays (term time only). A short interactive session that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Come along and meet up with other parents/carers and discover what the library can offer your child.	FREE	10.15am - 10.30am	0 -2 years
	Meet and Play - Fridays (term time only). A session for families to meet up, relax, chat, play, sing or make music together. Instruments and toys are provided.	FREE	10.15am - 11.15am	0 -2 years

	Core Code Club - Saturdays (fortnightly). To register email... kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk or call for more details.	FREE	10.30am - 11.30am	8 - 13 years
	Lego Club - Monthly. Meet in The Core Creative space. N.B. Places are limited. Please call the library and ask to speak to David Brayne for more information.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 years
	Twins Plus Storytime - Last Thursday of the month, term time only. Storytime for twins and multiples. Enjoy stories and rhymes followed by time to chat and share experiences with others. No booking required, just turn up on the day.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	Under 5s


Parks...

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Tudor Grange Park Solihull B91 3LU Website: www.roundtablefireworks.co.uk

Sat 3 Nov	<p>Solihull Round Table Fireworks Display 2018 Solihull Round Table Fireworks is the largest firework display in Solihull, and this year will be no exception. Held in Tudor Grange Park, the event has been running for over 40 years and we are looking forward to putting on another brilliant event in 2018.</p> <p>This year's fireworks will be choreographed to the biggest movie soundtracks you can think of; from Jurassic Park to Star Wars, there is something for everyone. We've got a funfair, bars, a great variety of food stalls and of course a whopping great bonfire!</p> <p>Don't forget, all profits from the event go straight back in to your local community, so don't be shy and buy your tickets now! See website for further details.</p>	<p>Arrive before 6pm</p> <p>£3.50 per ticket (under 3s go FREE)</p> <p>Arrive after 6pm</p> <p>£4.50 per ticket (under 3s go FREE)</p> <p>See website for details</p>	 <p>4.30pm - 8.30pm</p> <p>Gates open 4.30pm</p> <p>Bonfire starts 6.30pm</p> <p>Display starts 7.30pm</p>	All ages
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Balsall Common Lions Club & Berkswell & Balsall Common Sports Community Association The Lant, Meeting House Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull CV7 7GE Website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/balsall/

Sat 3 Nov	<p>Fireworks Display & Bonfire The Balsall Common Lions will be hosting their Annual Charity Bonfire and Fireworks event at The Lant in Balsall Common</p> <p>See website for further information including ticket details.</p>	<p>£6 per adult</p> <p>£3 per child</p> <p>£16 per family ticket (not available on the gate)</p>	<p>6pm Gates Open</p> <p>6.30pm Guy Competition</p> <p>7pm Bonfire Lighting</p> <p>7.30pm Firework Display</p>	 <p>All ages</p>
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The Parkridge Centre Brueton Park, Solihull B91 3HW

Tel: 0121 704 0768

Website: www.wkwt.org.uk/whats-on

Thur 1 Nov	<p>Autumn Colours How many colours can you find in nature? Look closely as the colours start to change, try your hand at bark rubbings and make a leafy lantern to take home.</p>	<p>£3.50 per child See website for booking details</p>	10.30am - 11.30am	4 years+
Thur 1 Nov	<p>Happy Hedgehogs Find out about hedgehogs and their night time lives - what do they eat? Where do they go in winter? Make a mud hedgehog too!</p>	<p>£3.50 per child See website for booking details</p>	12pm - 1pm	2 years+
Fri 2 Nov	<p>Nature Tots - Halloween Spooks Why not dress up and come and play some spooky games? You will make some magic potions and learn which animals are brave enough to be out and about on Halloween!</p>	<p>£3.50 per child See website for booking details</p>	10.30am - 12pm 1.30pm - 3pm	2 to 4 years


Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
<p>Town Hall Birmingham Victoria Square, Birmingham B3 3DQ Tel: 0121 780 3333 (Box Office) Website: www.thsh.co.uk</p>				
Sat 10 Nov	<p>Fun DMC - The Daytime Block Party for Kids (& Parents) Join us at Town Hall to rock out to some of the funkiest music ever recorded at the UK's only family friendly block party.</p> <p>Whether the proud parent of a Lil Wayne, a Missy Elliot or a whole crew of Beastie Boys and Wee Papa Girls Rappers, this is the jam for you and yours. A real block party experience designed with both parents and children in mind with areas to dance (obviously), practice your graffiti on a graffiti train, colouring activities, badge and sticker giveaways, or just chill out and enjoy a drink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable for all ages. All attending require a ticket, except babes in arms who go free. • Party will run for 1 hour. Relaxed entry. • Standing event (limited seating available) <p>See website for booking details</p>	<p>£10 per ticket £8.50 per child ticket (under 10s)</p>	10.30am	All ages

Botanical Gardens Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3TR

Tel: 0121 454 1860

Website: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Mon 5 Nov	<p>Annual Firework Display Remember, remember, the fifth of November. Join us on The Terrace for our annual firework display.</p> <p>Join us for a brilliant display of fireworks and watch them dance across the night sky to your favourite songs.</p> <p>From Catherine Wheels to Roman Candles, witness a spectacular 10-minute display of fizzling fireworks. Don't forget your sparklers</p> <p>See website for booking details.</p>	£8.25 per adult ticket £5.25 per child ticket (5 to 16 years)	 5pm	All ages
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Birmingham City Centre Victoria Square & New Street, Birmingham

16 Nov - 24th Dec	<p>Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market The largest authentic German market outside Germany and Austria and the centrepiece of the city's festive event calendar returns to Birmingham each year in mid-November.</p> <p>The market brings a fabulous atmosphere to the city and an even better aroma!</p>	Free to visit	10am - 9pm	All ages
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Birmingham City Centre Ladywell Walk, off Hurst Street, Birmingham

Website: www.iceskatebirmingham.co.uk

*Thur 15 Nov 2018 - Sun 27 Jan 2019 *Closed Dec 25th	<p>Birmingham's Christmas Ice Rink & Big Wheel 2018 The Christmas Ice Rink and Big Wheel have a new home! For 2018, they will be on land off Ladywell Walk, off Hurst Street, in the Chinatown area of the city.</p> <p>Experience the magic of ice skating outdoors in the heart of Birmingham, right next to the big wheel. Feel like you're in a scene from a Hollywood film on 600 sq metres of real ice. There isn't a better way to celebrate Christmas!</p> <p>The ice rink comes with a roof, so the unpredictable weather won't stop you from skating.</p> <p>For further information (dress code etc) and booking details visit website.</p>	See website	10am - 10pm Every session is 45 mins Each session will start on the hour, every hour	All ages (see website)
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Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH

Tel: 0121 348 8038

Web: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag

Sat 24 Nov	<p>Amazing Egyptians As part of our Ancient Civilisations Week, join us in the Industrial Gallery / Mini Museum to be crafty and creative inspired by our amazing Ancient Egyptian artefacts.</p> <p>Make you own Pharaoh's headdress to take home and help us design a colourful sarcophagus where you can add all your ideas and opinions about our Egypt gallery!</p> <p>All families welcome.</p>	FREE	10.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 3.30pm	All ages
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Waterstones, Birmingham 24-26 High Street, Birmingham B4 7SL

Tel: 0121 633 4353

Website: www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/birmingham-high-stre (see website for T&Cs)

Fri 16 Nov Sat 17 Nov	<p>Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald Come and join us for a Harry Potter fun-filled weekend to celebrate the launch of Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald!</p> <p>There'll be potions in our cafe, fancy dress, competitions and puzzles!</p> <p>Entry is free but register with us to pre-order your copy of the book for half price!</p>	FREE	6.30pm (Fri 16 Nov) 8pm (Sat 17 Nov)	Not specified
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Birmingham Hippodrome Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB

Call: 0844 338 5000 (Tickets & Information)


Website: www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Fri 9 Nov Fri 16 Nov Fri 23 Nov Fri 30 Nov	<p>Drama Adventures with Toni Midlane Energetic and highly interactive drama adventures for pre-school children including movement, music, imaginative play and crafts.</p> <p>You simply pay on the day, but please book online.</p>	£2 per child	10.30am - 12pm	2 to 4 years
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Tamworth Castle The Holloway, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 7NA

Tel: 01827 709618


Website: www.tamworthcastle.co.uk

Sat 3 Nov	<p>Bonfire Night This is a chance to visit Tamworth Castle after dark, before enjoying the ever popular breath-taking firework display in the Castle grounds.</p> <p>Castle doors close at 7.00pm. There is no admittance into or out of the Castle during the firework display.</p> <p>There is no access to the Castle Tower during the evening and visitors cannot view fireworks from the interior Castle parapets.</p>	<p>General admission fees to the castle apply...</p> <p>Adults (16+) £7.50</p> <p>OAP (65+) £6.50</p> <p>Child (5-15yrs) £5.00</p> <p>Child (2-4yrs) £3.00</p> <p>Under 2s free</p>	<p>Admission times: 11.30am - 7.00pm</p> <p>Activities start: 5.30pm</p> <p>Fireworks at: 7.00pm</p>	 All ages
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Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden Castle Green, Off Castle Rd, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1NE

Tel: 0370 333 1181 (English Heritage)

Website: www.kenilworthroundtable.com/annual-bonfire-fireworks-gala-2/

Sat 3 Nov	<p>Annual Bonfire & Firework Gala The annual Bonfire Extravaganza at Kenilworth Castle is Kenilworth Round Table's main public event of the year.</p> <p>This event has grown over many years to its current position as the premier firework display in the region, attracting people to Kenilworth from all over Warwickshire and beyond.</p> <p>Shortly after the Bonfire is lit there are a few warm up fireworks to get everyone in the mood for the big display. This is set against the wonderful panorama of Kenilworth Castle, which is floodlit in a mass of colour for the evening and accompanied by great music.</p> <p>The main display lasts for around half an hour, and is one of the biggest in the Midlands.</p> <p>Please note: This is a ticket only event. There will be strictly no ticket sales on the gate.</p>	<p>Adults (14+) £10</p> <p>Senior Citizens (65+) £5</p> <p>Children (13 & under) £5</p> <p>See website for ticket details</p>	<p>Gates open: 5.30pm</p>	 All ages
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