

EXHIBITIONS

1st to 30th August, Horncastle
'Open Air', an exhibition of paintings by Baz East, will continue at Horncastle College from 9am to 6pm, Mondays to Saturdays. Please try to avoid lunchtimes. Tel: 01507 522449.

2nd to 29th August, Lincoln
An exhibition by Nolitex, Notts, Lincs Textile Designers, will be in the Cathedral Chapter House. 'Syncopated stitch', inspired by musical styles, will be open from 10am to 4pm daily.

6th to 23rd August, Lincoln
'Searching in Faith' the Methodist Church collection of modern Christian art, will be on display in the Central Methodist Church, South High Street, from 10.30am to 4.30pm Wednesday to Saturday and from 2pm to 4.30pm on Sundays. Not open Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission £2.50. Light refreshments available.

Saturday to Saturday, 9th to 16th August, Wintborpe
St Mary's Church will be holding their eighth annual art exhibition, open daily from 10am to 8pm and from 12 noon on Sunday. Tel: 01754 763875.

Saturday to Friday, 23rd to 29th August, Sutton Bridge
More than 300 paintings by Fenland artists will be on display at St Matthew's Church. Open 10am to 6pm, Sunday 12 noon to 6pm. Free admission, disabled access. Tel: 01406 363949.

STAMFORD HARP FESTIVAL

On Friday, 29th August, Stamford 'A Trio of Harps' concert at 7.30pm in the town's arts centre will feature Stamford's very own Eleanor Turner, South American harpist Ismael Ladesma and a third guest harpist. The concert is part of the fifth Stamford Harp Festival which includes an exhibition, free lessons, classes and workshops. On Saturday, 30th August, at 7.30pm, the Festival Concert will be taking place, featuring an open stage, players and guests. Tel: 01780 763203.



Sunday, 21st August to Sunday, 7th September, Spalding

'Focus on Liz Yorath' a two-week focus on the drawings of this local artist is taking place at Woodbine Contemporary Arts, 21 The Crescent, Spalding, 10am to 5pm, daily, except Sunday and Thursday. Tel: 01406 330693.

OUT AND ABOUT

Sunday, 3rd August, Normanby
Visit Normanby Hall at 2pm to find out about the role of a Ranger and hear the Ancholme River Jazz Band. To book on walk tel: 01724 720588.

Sunday, 3rd August, Scopwick
The Lincolnshire Landrover club will be holding an off-road driving day at Scopwick Quarry. The event costs £15 per vehicle and there will be refreshments and free technical advice. The quarry is on the B1191 off the B1188 from Lincoln to Digby. Tel: 0797 4082262/0777 9328475.

Saturday, 9th August, Bardney
Colin Smith will be holding a second Moth Night at Chambers Farm Wood, starting at 9.30pm. Tel: 01673 842899.

Sunday, 10th August, Normanby
'Seen and herd' a ranger-led walk round the deer park is taking place at Normanby Hall at 2pm. The Barrow Concert Band will also be playing. To book on walk tel: 01724 720588.

Sunday, 10th August, Bardney
A butterfly conservation open day is taking place at Chambers Farm Wood from 10am to 3.30pm. Two-hour guided walks at 11am and 1.30pm will be led by experts. Tel: 01673 842899.

Sunday, 17th August, Normanby
Step back to 1891 and see how the servants prepare for the return of the family on 'Victorian Day' in Normanby Hall. Tel: 01724 720588.

Monday, 25th August, Wrawby
Wrawby Windmill, near Brigg, will be

open from 2pm to 5pm. Admission £1 adults, children 50p. Contact Ivy House, Wrawby, Brigg, DN20 8RL. Tel: 01652 653699.

EVENTS

Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd August, Gainsborough
'Lace Wars' a re-enactment of Sir Nevil's preparations for the visit of John Wesley will be taking place at Gainsborough Old Hall. Tel: 01427 612669.

Sunday, 3rd August, Gainsborough
'Lark in the Venetian park' an afternoon of family fun at Richmond House is taking place from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on the theme of 'masquerade'. You can make your own mask or have your face painted, listen to the region's orchestra, VIVA, see the 'Menace from Venice', take part in theatre games, visit the stalls or eat ice creams. Tel: 01427 810710.

Sunday, 10th August, Kirton
Boston Classic Car Club will be holding their twelfth Annual Classic Car Show from 11am to 5pm at Graves Park. More than 200 cars expected, plus craft stalls, sideshows, static displays, etc. All proceeds to charity. Tel: 01205 280058.

Sunday and Monday, 24th and 25th August, Gainsborough
'How does your garden grow?' an informal event at which visitors can meet the experts, swap tips and buy plants and herbs will be taking place at the Old Hall. Tel: 01427 612669.

MUSIC

Sunday to Saturday, 10th to 16th August, Lincoln
The Lincoln Early Music Festival includes a Renaissance Wind Workshop, a Tudor picnic and appearances by such leading early music performers as Safra (Arab and Jewish music from medieval Spain), the tenors Angus Smith and Charles Daniels, William Carter playing the lute and baroque guitar and a final concert by the internationally renowned viol consort, Fretwork. For further information contact 01652 678230.

Wednesday, 13th August, Wintborpe
Go along to St Mary's Church for an evening with Razamajazz, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £3. Tel: 01754 763353.

Sunday, 17th August, Stamford
Peter Gales, Susanne Collini and Jennifer Partridge are performing 'Songs Gathered from the Fields', some of the superb song settings of John Clare's poems. The event takes place in the Theatre of the town's Arts Centre, starting at 7.30pm. Tel: 01780 763203.

Tuesday, 19th August, Woodhall Spa
Chris Powell will play the Roland Ate-lier for members of the Woodhall Spa and District Organ Society in St Peter's

Hall, The Broadway, starting at 7.30pm.
Tel: 01526 354162.

Wednesday, 20th August, Lincoln
A recital of music by the Gillingham Male Voice Choir will be taking place in the Cathedral at 1.10pm. Admission covered by Cathedral entry charge. Tel: 01522 544544.

Monday, 25th August, Lincoln
The Cathedral's own organist, Colin Walsh, will be giving a recital starting at 7pm. Admission £5.

THEATRE

1st to 31st August

The 2003 Stamford Shakespeare Festival continues with performances of 'Twelfth Night' and 'King Lear' on alternate weeks, every day except Sunday. For information and tickets tel: 01780 756133/763203.

Thursday to Saturday, 7th to 9th August, Lincoln

'Mister Wesley', a witty and moving new play by Roy Clarke is being performed in Lincoln Cathedral at 7.30pm each day as part of the Wesley Tercentenary celebrations. Tel: 01522 525307/544544.

Saturday, 30th August, Lincoln

Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' is being performed by Chapterhouse Theatre Company in the grounds of the Castle, starting at 7.30pm. Grounds open from 6.30pm for picnics. Tel: 01522 525555/540011.

COURSES AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5th August, Gainsborough

'Heraldry is fun', Linda Hotchkiss will be telling the Friends of Gainsborough Old Hall at 7.30pm in the Old Hall (Parnell Street entrance). Tel: 01427 612017.

Monday, 11th August, North Hykeham

Railway author Stephen Gay will be showing his photographs of the Kirton Tunnel to members of the Lincoln Railway Society who are meeting in St Hugh's Church Hall, North Hykeham, starting at 8pm. Tel: 01522 884557/804847.

Wednesday, 13th August, Scunthorpe

The town's Camera Club will be holding a President's Night starting at 7.30pm in the Central Community Centre, Lindum Street. Tel: 01724 862639.

Wednesday, 27th August, Scunthorpe

The town's Camera Club will be holding the second part of the judging for their competition starting at 7.30pm in the Central Community Centre, Lindum Street. Tel: 01724 862639.

Thursday, 28th August, Lincoln

Members of the Lincolnshire Herb Society will be hearing John Stafford-Allen's talk, 'Candlesby Herbs' in the lounge of Burton Road Methodist Church, starting at 7.45pm. Tel: 01522 809282.

LINCOLN FLOWER CLUB

Currently celebrating its forty-fifth anniversary, the Lincoln Flower Club meets every second Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in Bailgate Methodist Church Hall. A demonstrator shows members how to create displays which are then raffled off. The club's 100-plus members also enjoy outings and enter flower show competitions. The club is part of the East Midlands area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

If you are interested and would like to find out more information, please telephone 01673 861212.

Elvy Ibbotson (right) chairman of Lincoln Flower Club with president Anne Dixon (left) presenting a cheque for £500 to Judy Glossop of Marie Curie Cancer Care



Thursday, 28th August, Gainsborough

Marilyn Williams will be demonstrating 'Floral Allsorts' to the Gainsborough and District Flower Club in the Trinity Arts Centre, Trinity Street, starting at 7.15pm. Tel: 01427 810710.

OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVALS

Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd August, Manthorpe

The Old Post Office Garden and other village gardens will be open in this village near Grantham from 10am to 6pm on Saturday and 10am to 7pm on Sunday. In aid of Manthorpe Church.

Sunday, 3rd August

Gunby

Gunby Hall, between Skegness and Pilsby, will be open from 2pm to 6pm. Seven acres of formal and walled gardens, old roses, herbaceous borders, herb and kitchen gardens, fruit trees and vegetables. Tel: 07790 810039.

Holbeach Hurn

The gardens at the Old Vicarage at Holbeach Hurn on the A17 north of Holbeach, will be open from 2pm to 5pm for the British Red Cross.

Thursday, 7th August, Hacconby

Cliff and Joan Curtis' garden at 21 Chapel Street, Hacconby, will be open from 2pm to 6pm. Tel: 01778 570314.

Sunday, 10th August

Harrington

The five acres of Tudor and walled gardens at Harrington Hall, near Spilsby, will be open from 2pm to 5pm. Herbaceous borders, roses, kitchen garden and shrubs. Teas.

Harpswell

Hall Farm Gardens and Nurseries at Harpswell, near Gainsborough will be open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of the British Red Cross.

Sunday, 17th August, Winterton

Go to 70 North Street, Winterton, to see a Japanese garden, tropical area, wildflowers, alpine bed and mini orchard. Open from 10am to 6pm. Tel: 01724 733695.

Friday to Tuesday, 22nd to 26th August, Wbaplode

St Mary's Church will be holding its annual flower festival with a hog roast on Tuesday evening and the Sunday Holy Communion celebrated by the Bishop of Lincoln.

Sunday, 24th August

Scunthorpe

The plant collectors' garden full of unusual treasures at 56 Burringham Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe, open 10am to 6pm. Tel: 01724 334480.

Lincoln

The surprising garden behind the estate house at 4 Ringwood Close, Birchwood, Lincoln, will be open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of the British Red Cross.

Louth

Two ponds, water features, traditional and tropical borders and summer house are in the surprise garden at 68 Watts Lane, Louth which will be open from 1pm to 6pm.

East Keal

Next to the church and with views over The Wash, the much-loved rambling cottage garden at The Old Rectory at East Keal, Spilsby, will be open from 1.30pm to 5pm. Plants and Teas.

Saturday to Monday, 23rd to 25th August, Manthorpe

St John's Church at Manthorpe, near Grantham, will be holding a Flower Festival from 10am to 6pm on Saturday, 12 noon to 6pm on Sunday and 12 noon to 5pm on Monday. At 6pm on Sunday there will be a Songs of Praise.

Monday, 25th August, Bardney

Garden designers' garden at The Garden House, 42 Wragby Road, Bardney, open from 1pm to 6pm. Tel: 01526 397307.

Sunday, 31st August, Harpswell

Hall Farm Harpswell and Kexby House at Kexby near Gainsborough will be open from 1.30pm to 5.30pm in aid of the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust. Plants at Hall Farm. Teas and free seed collection at Kexby. Tel: 01673 828355. □