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Flower Power

Saturday 13th – Sunday 21st February, Grantham NG33 5AP

Now in its seventh year, Easton Walled Gardens attracts thousands of people year on year. Visitors enjoy the spectacular snowdrop and aconites displays, for a week during February. After a leisurely walk around the gardens you can relax in the tearoom with warming soups and light lunches. For those who want to learn more, plantswoman Jackie Murray has an indoor display of rare and unusual snowdrops. At 12.30pm and 2.30pm daily she will be giving a free talk on what to look for in a snowdrop and how to identify over 2,000 variations in snowdrops. For visitors that are hooked she has a range of unusual snowdrops and pretty winter flowers for sale too. Gardens are open from 11am with last entry at 4pm. Admission: £5 for adults, £1 for children. Details: www.eastonwalledgardens.co.uk or call 01476 530063



Art

Saturday 6th February, Lincoln LN2 1LP

Artist Phil Collins will talk about his exhibition and current work at The Collection, Lincoln. Admission is free but please book in advance. 2pm – 3pm Details: 01522 550990

Courses

Saturday 6th February, Barton Upon Humber DN18 5JR

An Introduction to Coppicing practical training course will take place at the Waters' Edge Country Park. Courses cost £25 per day and are suitable for adults only. 10am – 4pm Details: 01507 526667

Sunday 7th February, Barton Upon Humber DN18 5JR
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will be held at the Waters' Edge Country Park. The Introduction to Hedgelaying course will take place from 10am – 4pm and will cost £25 per day, suitable for adults only. Details: 01507 526667

Crafts

Tuesday 16th February, Barton Upon Humber DN18 5JR

A lip balm and bath crystal gift making workshop for children will be held at the Waters' Edge Visitor Centre, please book in advance £4 Details: 01652 631500

Dance

Tuesday 2nd February, Spalding PE11 1SS

Visit the South Holland Centre to see seven dramatic

dancers capture the beauty and elegance of Africa. 7.30pm Tickets: 01775 764777

Friday 19th February, Lincoln LN2 1LP

A fun day of dance activities including dance classes and performances by StreetBeat Dance Academy will be held at The Collection. Wii Dance Games and screenings of the film Step Up 2 (PG) will also be taking place. Places are limited; book in advance. 10am – 12noon and 1.30pm – 3.30pm, screenings of the film at 10am and 1.30pm Details: 01522 782040

Days out

Friday 19th February, Lincoln LN2 1LP

A fun packed day will be taking place at The Collection, a day of dance activities including dance classes and performances. Activities will be repeated throughout the day, places are limited. 10am – 12noon and 1.30pm – 3.30pm Details: 01522 550990

Events

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th February, Scunthorpe DN15 7BD

A Reminiscence Group will be taking place from 10.30am – 11.30am for anyone over 60 who is interested in sharing memories, meeting new people and being involved in an informal friendly group. The event will be held at the North Lincolnshire Museum. Booking essential: 01724 843533

Saturday 6th February, Grimsby DN32 9DZ

Grimsby W.E.A North East Lincolnshire presents a Half Day School on The Knights Templar in Lincolnshire. Illustrated lectures given by Dr. David Marcombe will be taking place. The event will be held from 2.30pm – 5.30pm, doors open at 2pm at the Education Centre, Heanage Road. £7.50 including afternoon tea and free parking. Booking is essential: 01472 200329/317480

Sunday 14th February, Gainsborough DN21 2JJ

Visit the Sands Venue to wine and dine your loved one in style this Valentine's Day.



With its candlelit tables, a starlit ceiling and sophisticated atmosphere it is the perfect place to enjoy a delicious meal. Please enquire for menu details. Phone: 01427 811118

Tuesday 16th February, Lincoln LN2 1PL

The Community Association Shrove Tuesday Supper will be held at Lincoln Cathedral at 7pm Details: 01522 561600



Saturday 27th February, Scunthorpe DN15 7BD

A 'Fab Finds Day' will be held at North Lincolnshire Museum from 11am – 12.30pm Bring in any archaeological finds for identification. Details: 01724 843533

Sunday 28th February, Spalding PE12 6EU

Learn how to take care of the bees in your garden on a monthly basis. 2pm in the Festival Gardens at Springfields. Details: 01775 764800

Centre Lakeside, Cleethorpes. Details: 01472 697699

Until Saturday 27th February, Grimsby DN32 0QX

Letitia Thompson's first exhibition at the Gate Gallery in Grimsby will be held until the end of February. The exhibition will include large figurative paintings combined with abstract works. Details: www.gategallery.co.uk or 01472 356188

best of friends. This show will appeal to the child within everyone but particularly children aged 4 to 7. Tickets: 01775 764777

Friday 12th February, Keadby DN17 3BN

'Who's been sitting in my chair?' presented by Freehand Theatre for LiveLincs Rural Touring will be held at 5.30pm at Althorpe and Keadby School. Details: 01724 782344 or visit www.freehandtheatre.co.uk

Thursday 18th – Saturday 20th February, Stamford PE9 2DL

The Stamford Arts Centre will be hosting the Stamford Children's Film Festival during the half-term holidays. During the festival there is the chance to watch the latest film releases and be involved in several workshops, shorts and talks. What better way to keep the children busy during the half-term holidays, all for free! For ages 8 to 12. Details: 01780 763203 or visit www.stamfordartscentre.com/scff

Lectures

Thursday 4th February, Gainsborough DN21 2AL

The AGM for the Gainsborough and District Fine Arts Society will take place at 1.15pm in the Trinity Centre. The lecture at 2pm will be from Nicole Douek on 'The Rediscovery of Egypt'. Membership enquiries: 01427 788568

Thursday 11th February, Gainsborough DN21 2DZ

Gainsborough and District Ladies Luncheon Club present 'Journey to the North Pole' by Sue and Victoria Riches. Meetings will be held at the Weston Rooms, Hickman Street, Gainsborough at 12.30pm. Details: 01427 811132

Meetings

Wednesday 3rd February, Lincoln LN6 3RX

On the first Wednesday of every month a support group for partners and carers of people with MS will meet at the Swanholme Vintage Inn off Doddington Road. This is a new group so please phone with any questions or ideas you may have. 7.30pm Details: 01522 883108



Saturday 30th January – Friday 26th March, Grantham NG31 6PY

The 'Renew, Regenerate, Reinvent' exhibition will take place at Grantham Museum Gallery. Textile Lincs comprises a motivated and passionate group of Lincolnshire artists. The exhibition displays a new body of work using

mixed media and textiles in innovative ways. 10am – 4pm Details: 01476 568783

Exhibitions

Monday 1st – Friday 26th February, DN35 0AG

Rachel McWilliam – Local Artist Blacksmith will hold an exhibition during February including hand forged metalwork inspired by organic forms and nature. The artwork ranges from small interior pieces, including lighting and furniture, to large scale garden sculptures. The exhibition will take place at Artlandish, The Discovery

Kids

Wednesday 17th February, Spalding PE11 1SS

Blunderbus Theatre Company presents a funny yet moving story about a brave little boy and a scared little dragon who grow to become the very

Farmers' Markets

Saturday 6th February
Sleaford Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9am onwards

Wednesday 17th February
Boston Farmers' Market, Wide Bargate, 8.30am – 2pm

Saturday 13th February
Grantham Farmers' Market, Conduit Lane, 8.30am – 3pm

Wednesday 24th February
Louth Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9am – 4pm



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Music

Friday 5th February, Lincoln LN2 1PX

Lincoln Minster School lunchtime concert with Oliver Butterworth will be held at Lincoln Cathedral. Details: 01522 561600

Tuesday 9th February, Lincoln LN2 1EY

A lunchtime recital will be held at Lincoln Drill Hall, the event is presented by the International Chamber Music Festival. Four talented horn players come together to provide audiences with a fascinating array of well-loved and original pieces. Details: 01522 873894

Friday 12th February, Lincoln LN2 1EY

The Young and Rocking Final will be held at Lincoln Drill Hall. The competition has drawn in some of the best bands from Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Hull. Five bands will compete in the final for the top prize: the chance to work with a video production company. Tickets: 01522 873894

Saturday 13th February, Gainsborough DN21 2DB

A Barry White Tribute will be performing at The Sands Venue along with the incredible Michelle Montuori. Why not take your loved one along to see the show as a special treat for Valentine's Day! Booking: 01427 811118

Wednesday 17th February, Grantham NG31 8ED

The Stanford Quartet will be performing at the Central College of Technology,

Open Gardens

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th February, Grantham NG33 5BS

Little Ponton Hall, Grantham will be open throughout the weekend from 11am – 4pm Have a leisurely stroll around the pretty gardens and see the display of snowdrops and hellebores. The gardens will be open to benefit local McMillan branches, the National Gardens Scheme and Little Ponton Church. Refreshments will be available, dogs must be on leads. Details: 01476 561134

Thursday 18th – Friday 19th February, Goltho LN8 5NF

Goltho House

Gardens will be open from 10am – 4pm The beautiful gardens consist of a prairie border, wild flower meadow, rose garden and large pond area. Details: 01673 857768

Sunday 21st February, Lincoln LN6 4RU

Doddington Hall gardens will be open for visitors from 11am – 4pm The beautiful gardens will be open including a spectacular iris display. The five acres of stunning

walled and wild gardens are definitely worth a visit. Details: 01522 694308

Friday 19th February – Sunday 21st February and Friday 26th February – Sunday 28th February, Saxby LN8 2DQ

The Garden House at Saxby will be open for a fantastic display of thousands of snowdrops aconites, crocus iris and hellebores. 10am – 5pm Details: 01673 878820

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th February, Bourne PE10 0UL

21 Chapel Street, Hacconby, Bourne will be open for their spring display of hellebores, snowdrops and other small bulbs. 11am – 5pm Details from Cliff and Joan Curtis: 01778 570314

Rushcliffe Road, Grantham. This dynamic, versatile quartet are welcomed to the Music Club with what promises to be an exciting concert 7.30pm Details: 01400 250372

Saturday 20th February, Broughton DN20 0JG

The Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir will be performing at Broughton Village Hall from 7pm. Tickets: £5 Details: 01652 659127

Thursday 25th February, Grimsby DN31 2BH

Peter Andre will be

performing with his live band at Grimsby Auditorium, he will be performing tracks from his new album including 'Behind Closed Doors'. 7pm Details: 0844 8472426 or visit www.grimsbyauditorium.org.uk

Thursday 25th – Friday 26th February, Lincoln LN2 1EY

Royal Air Force Swing Wing return to Lincoln Drill

Hall for two nights with their timeless blend of Big Band sounds. Details: 01522 873894





Theatre

Tuesday 9th February, Grantham NG31 6PZ

In just 60 minutes Canadian actor Charles Ross – creator of the hugely successful

One-Man Star Wars Trilogy whips through 'The Fellowship of the Ring', 'The Two Towers' and 'The Return of the King' in 'One Man Lord of the Rings'. 7.30pm Details: 01476 406158

Monday 15th February – Saturday 20th February, Skegness PE25 2UN

Bill Kenwright will bring his renowned production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat to Skegness Embassy Centre. Craig Chalmers was one of the most

popular finalists in the hit BBC series Any Dream Will Do and will be the man in the leading role. Tickets: 0845 6740505

Wednesday 17th February, Grantham NG31 6PZ

The Guildhall Arts Centre presents Rainbow Live! featuring all the fun ingredients associated with the Rainbow TV Show including sing-along songs, games and plenty of giggles. Zippy, George, Geoffrey and Bungle will provide an enjoyable show for the entire family. Suitable for children aged 3 and over.

11.30am and 2.30pm Details: 01476 406158

Wednesday 24th February – Saturday 27th February, Spalding PE11 1SS

A specially adapted version of the West End and Broadway phenomenon Billy Elliott will be performed at the South Holland Centre. A funny, uplifting and immensely entertaining musical. Tickets: 01775 764777

Saturday 27th February, Lincoln LN2 1EY

Visit Lincoln Drill Hall to join five adventurous storytellers as they embark on a journey back in time. 'The Night Keeper' will engross audiences with striking visuals and puppetry and will capture the imagination of the whole family. Tickets: 01522 873894

Looking Ahead

Friday 5th – Monday 8th March, Lincoln LN2 1EY Lincoln Folk Spring Fling will be taking place at three venues across Lincoln. Details: www.lincolndrillhall.com/folk

Monday 8th – Wednesday 17th March, Brigg DN20 The 90th North Lincolnshire Music and Drama Festival will be held at several locations in Brigg during March. Details: 01652 652084

Saturday 13th March, Gainsborough DN21 2JJ A St. Patrick's Special with The Wild Irish Band will be held at The Sand's Venue. The band will play a mix of traditional and contemporary Irish music. Tickets: 01427 811118

Sunday 21st March, Lincoln LN2 The 14th annual 10k race will be taking place this year from 11am from Longdales Road and will finish in Lincoln Castle. Entry forms are available or you can book online at www.lincoln.gov.uk

National Trust

Wednesday 3rd February, Grantham NG31

The Grantham Association of the National Trust present Bolsover Castle Past and Present. The meeting will be held at The Citadel, London Road, Grantham at 2.15pm Details: 01476 567247

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th February, Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th February, Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st February and Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th February, Belton NG32 2LS

Visit Belton house to enjoy the stunning snowdrop displays. 12noon – 4pm Details: 01476 566116

Sunday 14th February, Worksop S80 3AZ

A pancake family fun day will be held at Clumber Park. An obstacle course, a trail around the pleasure ground, pancake flipping and kids crafts will all be part of the fun. 11am – 2pm Details: 01909 544917

Thursday 18th February, Grantham NG31

The Grantham Association of the National Trust presents Tolpuddle Martyrs. The talk will be held at The Citadel, London Road, Grantham at 7.30pm Details: 01476 567247

Friday 26th February, Woolsthorpe NG33 5PD

House staff at Woolsthorpe Manor explain how the Manor is prepared for

opening and talk about displays and furnishings. Talks at intervals between 12noon and 3pm Details: 01476 860338

Sunday 28th February, Belton NG32 2LS

A guided walk with Belton House Gardener, Lucinda Freestone will be taking place to the Boathouse. Booking is essential 9.30am – 11.30am Details: 01476 566116



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