

COUNTY CALENDAR

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Art

Wednesday 19th May, Burghley PE9 3JY
A Special Watercolour Painting Day with Sandra Peck will be held at Burghley House. Follow wet-into-wet watercolour demonstrations showing how to quickly capture picturesque doorways, windows and archways. 10.30am – 4pm
Details: 01780 761996

Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th May, Broughton DN20 0JG
An Art for all Weekend will take place at Broughton Village Hall. Details: 01652 652592

Days Out

Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd May, Burghley PE9 3JY
Burghley Craft and Food Fair will be held at Burghley House from 10am – 6pm
Details: 01780 752451

Saturday 8th May – Sunday 9th May, Newark NG24 2NY
Newark and Nottinghamshire County Show is a fantastic family day out. Show jumping, sheep racing and Morris dancing are amongst a few of the fantastic events that will be taking place across the weekend.
Details: 01636 705796

Sunday 9th May, Skellingthorpe LN6
CountrysideNK teams up with VIP Pet Services for a doggy walk around Skellingthorpe Old Wood. The woods are brimming full of bluebells at this time of year. Meet at Skellingthorpe Community Centre at 10.30am. Book in advance: 01522 694353

Saturday 15th May, Metheringham LN4
To celebrate marking the

halfway point on the Spires & Steeples Arts and Heritage Trail why not take part in a walk with a local historian to learn more about this delightful village which is steeped in history. Meet at Metheringham Playing Field car park at 10.30am Booking is essential: 01522 694353

Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th May, Tattershall LN4 4JG
A unique mix of caravans and classic cars will be on show at an impressive weekend event geared to attract caravan and motoring enthusiasts alike. The collection will be on display at Vantage Caravans Ltd, 57 Sleaford Road, Tattershall from 9am – 5pm on Saturday and 10am – 4pm on Sunday.
Details: 01507 343753

Sundays, Thursdays and Bank Holiday Mondays during May, Grimsthorpe PE10 0LY
Grimsthorpe Castle is renowned for being one of Lincolnshire's most beautiful stately homes and is encouraging families to 'get on their bikes' and enjoy spending some quality time together in the stunning castle grounds. The 'Family Challenge' will enable families to solve brainteasers, spot 'out of place' objects and collect a set of punch-stamps on a card.
Details: 01778 591205 or visit www.grimsthorpe.co.uk

Events

Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd May, Cleethorpes DN35 0AG
A Spring Steam Gala – 'Works Outing' featuring the Lion's Beer Festival and Cleethorpes Transport Extravaganza will be held at Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway. This is sure to make the bank holiday weekend one to remember. Details: www.cleethorpescoastlightrailway.co.uk

Iris week at Doddington Hall

Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st May, Doddington LN6 4RU
Iris week will take place at Doddington Hall over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. For over twenty-five years

bearded irises have drawn thousands of visitors to the Lincolnshire tourist attraction's romantic walled gardens. By late May the irises in Doddington Hall's garden

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Tuesday 4th May, Lincoln LN2 1PL
An evening with the Bishop of Lincoln will be held at Lincoln Cathedral. Bishop John will respond to questions about his faith and beliefs. Tickets are free, available from the Cathedral Shop. 7pm
Details: 01522 561600

Thursday 6th May, Stamford PE9 2DL
Mark Kalch is a professional

adventurer and explorer and has just returned to the UK after completing a solo expedition in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Join Mark at the Stamford Arts Centre at 8pm
Tickets: 01780 763203

Friday 7th May, Brigg DN20
Brigg Amateur Social Historians present a flypast by a spitfire of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight to commemorate V.E Day. The flypast will take place over the main car park, Old Courts Road, Brigg at



are at the peak of their stunning display. The gardens are open daily with a gardener present each day to chat to visitors. Details: 01522 694308



7.20pm. Details: www.briggbash.org.uk

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th May, LE14 2EF

The Handa Senior Masters presented by The Stapleford Forum takes place at Stapleford Park. Details: 01344 840400

Saturday 15th May, Grimsby DN32 9DZ

Grimsby Branch W.E.A presents 'Where There's Muck There's Brass' from 2.30pm – 5.30pm at the Education

Centre, Heneage Road, doors open at 2pm. Booking is essential: 01472 200329/317480

Sunday 16th May, Lincoln LN6 OEY

A sponsored dog walk will be held at Hartsholme Park – sponsor your dog for their five mile walk for Macmillan! Registration details: 07505 540001/07506 408606

Sunday 16th May, Scunthorpe DN15

The Scunthorpe Gilbert and Sullivan Society will host a concert version of 'Merrie England' at The House in Scunthorpe. 7.30pm Details: singingjan_76@hotmail.com

Wednesday 19th May, Somerby DN38 6EX

A chocolate making demonstration will take place at Home Farm, Somerby. Fiona Sciolti is an artisan chocolatier who lives locally and produces a range of exquisite handcrafted chocolate. 10am – 2pm Cost: £55 Details: 01652 628560 or visit www.wickedstepmothersworld.co.uk

Thursday 20th May, Boston PE21

Boston Stump will be holding an auction day in aid of the restoration appeal from 10am. This will give the people of Boston the chance to search their houses and bring their valuables to the church to help the restoration of this magnificent church. Details: 07887 943125

Saturday 29th May, Louth LN11

Louth Naturalists', Antiquarian and Literary Society will host Louth Flood Walk (90 years)

with David Robinson and Jean Howard. 5pm start at Westgate Bridge. Details: 01507 601211

Saturday 29th – Monday 31st May, Cleethorpes DN35 OAG

A Folk 'n' Cider weekend will be held at Cleethorpes Light Coast Railway. The weekend will include live folk music and dance whilst enjoying a glass of the finest cider at the Signal Box Inn. Details: www.cleethorpescoastlightrailway.co.uk

Exhibitions

Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd May, Mumby LN13 9TL

The seventeenth annual exhibition of paintings will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Mumby. 11am – 4pm daily Details: 01507 462045

Sunday 2nd – Friday 14th May, Stamford PE9 2DL

A popular local group display their latest range of colourful art work from 10am – 4pm. Most items are also for sale. Details: 01780 763203

Monday 3rd – Saturday 8th May, Sleaford NG34 7TR

The Horncastle Botanical Painters will be holding an exhibition of their work at the Carre Street Gallery from 10am – 4pm. Admission is free but donations may be made to research in bee diseases. Details: 01526 354982

Thursday 13th May – Saturday 22nd May, Grimsby DN31 1HG

North Lincs Art Society will be holding its 70th Annual Art Exhibition at Grimsby Central Library. The exhibition will be open from 10am to 3pm every day except Sunday. The society will be celebrating their 70th

anniversary with a nautical theme and will be supporting the Cleethorpes RNLI. Details: 01472 816141

Wednesday 19th – Saturday 29th May, Lincoln LN1 3BN

'Direction' is an exhibition that boasts a fresh interpretation of age-old materials. The exhibition will be held at the Sam Scorer Gallery. Details: www.directionexhibition.co.uk

Saturday 29th – Monday 31st May, Tathwell LN11

St Vedast's Church will host the 22nd Tathwell Fine Art Exhibition. Painting, wool spinning and upholstery demonstrations will be taking place. Admission price is £1.50 including programme. 10am onwards Details: 01507 602869

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd May, Grimsby DN32 8NB

Lindsey Art Association present an exhibition held at Old Clee Church Hall. The exhibition will be open from 10am – 6pm on Friday and Saturday and from 10am – 4pm on Sunday. Details: Pamela.doore@ntlworld.com

Until Sunday 23rd May, Barton upon Humber DN18 5JT

Dionne Swift will be exhibiting her work at Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft. Dionne is a textile artist and is exploring new areas and expanding her visual language by incorporating printmaking techniques. Details: 01652 660380

Until Sunday 6th June, Sleaford NG34 7TW

Visual Thinking – Unpicked is the latest exhibition being held at The Hub. Fourteen textile experts who are pioneering in

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the field of textile practice and education will exhibit their work. The exhibition is open daily from 10am – 5pm and has free entry. Details: 01529 308710

Festivals

Saturday 1st May, Spalding PE12 6ET

Spalding Flower Parade will take place and the theme this year is Screen Heroes. The parade will start from Springfields Arena at around 2pm and consists of traditional decorated flower floats, marching bands, musical trailers. Details: 01775 724843

Wednesday 12th – Sunday 16th May, Lincoln LN1

The seventh annual book festival, one of the city's main cultural events and attractions will return to the city of Lincoln. The festival attracts local, national and international writers and artists. Details: www.lincolnbookfestival.co.uk

Until Monday 3rd May, Sutterton PE20

A flower festival with a difference will be taking place at St Mary's church. There will be plants, produce, flowers and

bric a brac. Go along to see the scarecrows in a world of flowers. 10.30am – 5.30pm Details: 01205 460590

Kids

Sunday 2nd – Monday 3rd May and Sunday 30th – Monday 31st May, Doddington LN6 4RU

A fun and educational event for children will be held in the Kitchen Garden at Doddington Hall. Children will be given the chance to use bug pots and decide whether or not they are friends or enemies of the gardener! Details: 01522 694308

Monday 31st May, Scunthorpe DN15 9HU

Visit Normanby Hall Country Park and let the children enjoy taking part in a bear hunt as they are hiding around the park! 1pm – 4pm Details: 01724 720588

Friday 14th May, Lincoln LN2 1PL

A lecture by The Very Revd Dr John Moses: John Donne, the Man and his Meaning will be held at Lincoln Cathedral from 7.30pm This lecture forms part of Lincoln Book Festival. Details: 01522 561600

Farmers' Markets

Friday 7th May
Lincoln Farmers' Market
City Square 9am – 4pm

Saturday 8th May
Gainsborough Farmers' Market
Marshalls Yard 9am – 4pm

Saturday 15th May
Holbeach Farmers' Market
Church Street 8.30am – 3pm

Wednesday 19th May
Boston Farmers' Market
Wide Bargate
8.30am onwards

Meetings

Friday 7th May, Brigg DN20
Brigg Amateur Social Historians present 'Wish me Luck' a 1940s night to celebrate V.E Day. The evening will feature Paula Baldwin's 'Shiny Stockings' swing band with singers Sara Blair-Manning, Christine Scott and Marty Wilson. The event will be held at Brigg & District Servicemen's Club, Coney Court. Tickets: 01652 657053

Thursday 13th May, Gainsborough DN21 2DZ
Gainsborough & District Ladies Luncheon Club present 'Meet Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst' by Louise Reed. An AGM will also be taking place. The meeting will be held at The Weston Rooms, Hickman Street at 12.30pm. Details: 01427 811132

Music

Saturday 22nd May, Stamford PE9 2DL
Stacey Kent will be performing at the Stamford Arts Centre. Stacey now boasts six best-selling albums, a string of awards, including the British Jazz Award, The BBC Jazz Award for Best Vocalist and Album of the Year. 7.30pm Tickets: 01780 763203

Open Gardens

Sunday 2nd – Monday 3rd May, Grantham NG33 5AP
Visitors are invited to Easton Walled gardens to see the gardens in their spring glory. There will be quality plants for sale and Paolo Arrigo will be visiting and signing his book 'From Seed to Plate' on Sunday. The gardens are open



National Trust

Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd May, Worksop S80 3AZ
Over the May Day holiday weekend members of the Clumber Gardens team will show children how to sow pumpkin seeds and produce the perfect pumpkin. 12pm – 3pm Details: 01909 544917

Saturday 8th May, Tattershall LN4 4LR
A weekend of wildlife fun and excitement will take

from 11am with last entry at 4pm. Details: 01476 530063

Sunday 2nd May, Sutton-on-Sea LN12 2NP
Marigold Cottage gardens will be open from 11am – 4pm for viewing. This is a beautiful seaside garden containing a variety of unusual hardy perennials. Plants will be for sale and teas will also be available. Admission is £2.50 Details: 01507 442151

Sunday 9th May, Old Somerby NG33 4AG
A beautiful garden in Old Somerby will be open for viewing. The Orchards is a stunning garden with yew trees dominating this one acre plot. 2pm – 6pm Details: 01476 545456



place at Tattershall Castle. There will be plenty of arts and craft activities and why not find out about the wildlife at the castle including bats and newts. Details: 01526 342543

Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th May, Worksop S80 3AZ
Janet Peto from Hedgehog Welfare will be present at the Conservation Centre, Clumber Park – go along to learn all about these nocturnal creatures. 10.30am onwards Details: 01909 544917

Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th May, Rippingale PE10 0TW
10 Wendover Close gardens will be open from 11am – 5pm This is a peaceful village garden containing herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees. Admission: £2.50 Details: www.ngs.org.uk

Sunday 30th May, Goltho LN8 5NF
Goltho House gardens will be open from 10am – 4pm This 4½ acre garden contains paths and walkways including other features such as the prairie border, a large pond area and wild flower meadow. Details: www.ngs.org.uk

Monday 31st May, Walkeringham DN10 4JP
Holmes Villa gardens will be open; this 1¼ acre garden is

Saturday 29th May – Sunday 6th June, Grantham NG32 2LS
Visit Belton House for a family fun trail in the parkland. Turn nature detective and discover animal tracks and other clues in Belton's Deer Park. Details: 01476 566116

Sunday 30th May, Grantham NG32 2LS
A lovely way to spend the day – recreate the beauty of Belton House in paint, pastel or crayon. Details: 01476 566116

quite inspirational with surprises around every corner. 1pm – 5pm Details: 01427 890233

Social Events

Saturday 8th May, Heckington NG34 9RA
A medieval evening with Batemans ales will take place at Heckington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Pork baps will be available and local group 'Chevrette' will be providing the music. Admission: £6 Details: 01529 460272

Friday 28th May, Brigg DN20 0LS
A charity ball will be held at Elsham Golf Club to raise money for a local nursing home. Welcome drinks, a three-course dinner, live music and a

disco will be provided. 7pm – 1am Tickets: 01652 688344

Theatre

Tuesday 4th May, Lincoln LN1 3DY
The strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde will be taking to the Bishop Greaves Theatre stage. Set in a Whitechapel tavern in 1888, a versatile ensemble cast will tell the gruesome story of Dr Jekyll. 7.30pm Details: www.bishopg.ac.uk/theatre or phone 01522 873894

Wednesday 5th May, Lincoln LN2 1JJ
The perfect theatre treat for children will be presented at The Theatre Royal, Lincoln. The story of The Jungle Book will include all of your favourite characters in this interactive song and dance spectacular. 11am and 2pm Booking: 01522 519999

Workshops

Saturday 8th May, Barton upon Humber DN18 5JT
A Japanese sewing circle with Wendy Chan will take place at Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft, Maltkiln Road from 10.30am – 4pm. Details: 01652 660380

Friday 21st May, Somerby DN38 6EX
Go along to learn the skills and techniques of how to use the Austrian scythe. Ray Lister leads this workshop with very good credentials having been a former British scything champion. The workshop will be held at Home Farm, Somerby from 10am – 4pm Cost: £75 Details: 01652 628560 or visit www.wickedstepmothersworld.co.uk

Looking Ahead

Sunday 6th June, Manby LN11
Why not test your driving skills on some very unusual vehicles from Fire Engines to JCB's. The Ladies Driving Challenge is sure to be an unforgettable day! Details: 07798 725560 or visit www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/ldc

Sunday 13th June, Torksey LN1
The Torksey Fete takes place on the village green at 2pm.

Wednesday 23rd – Thursday 24th June, Lincolnshire Showground LN2 2NA
The Lincolnshire Show offers food and farming for all, featuring exciting attractions from traditional livestock to main ring events. Tickets: 0845 2305171

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th June, Louth LN11
A Classic Car Rally will be held in the Lincolnshire Wolds. Stopping off at several attractions in Lincolnshire including Tattershall Castle and Alford Windmill. Details: 01526 322253 or email 2010international@kgoc-gb.org



Sleaford Live

Friday 30th April – Sunday 9th May, Sleaford NG34. Sleaford Live 2010 is sure to be ten days full of events with something for everyone. Details: 01529 300331

Friday 30th April

Drama at the Playhouse
3 one act plays. SLT presents Hell and High Water.
Metheringham ADS presents an excerpt from the Shakespeare Revue. Horncastle Theatre Company presents Housekeeper Wanted by Philip King and Falkland L Cary

Ruff n Ready, Legionnaires Club, 8pm Enquiries: 01529 303280

Tony Giles All Stars, Mabern, 8.30pm

Saturday 1st May

Sustainnk, The Source, 9am - 3pm

Triax (Classical Guitar trio), St Denys' Church, 12noon
Earl Marsh (Guitar Maker from Boston)

Leon Edingboro (Guitar teacher from Grantham) and **John West** (guitar teacher) Playing classical, folk, traditional and jazz, something for everyone.

Neil O'Grady plays Classical Guitar, Curio Café, 1pm

Drama at the Playhouse see Friday's details

Rock 'n' Roll Legends Show night Mike Shelby with his memories of Elvis and his backing group Rhythm Express at Kesteven & Sleaford High School also featuring the Wrinkly Rockers. Tickets £10 from Appetites, Southgate and the Sleep Shop, Carre Street.

Electra Club - Oak - 60s/70s music - Dire Straits - Status Quo - Beatles - Pink Floyd, 9.15pm. Members - free, Non-members £1

Sunday 2nd May

Sleaford Ukulele Orchestra on the lawn at Cogglesford, 1pm – 3pm

Teddy Bear Parachute Drop organised by Sleaford Scouts, 1pm – 4pm at St Denys' Church. Refreshments inside the Church. Proceeds to the Scout Group and St Denys' Church.

Niall Grady will be playing saxophone and clarinet, Mabern, 8pm. Niall is a jazz enthusiast and has been playing clarinet for 13 years, free admission.

Monday 3rd May

Barge and Bottle - Bands showcase from 1pm outside if weather fine, followed by AudioTrash.

Tuesday 4th May

Morris Dancers workshop, Quarrington Church Hall, 7.30pm

Unplugged, The Hub, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday 5th May

Tea dance, Solo Club, 2.30pm – 5.00pm, refreshments available.

Ceilidh at the Mabern with the Delta Dogs, 8pm – 11pm, admission free. Dance and sing the night away. Experienced caller AJ and Frantic Fiddling from Richard 'Tricky Ricky' Silvester, strumming and banter from Strumming Steve Jackson. Foot tappin' music to dance or listen to.

Steak and Jazz at the Plough, Horbling. Details: 01529 240263

Thursday 6th May

Pete Tatum being instrumental, Mabern, 8.30pm

Poacher Music Train – with Delta Dogs. Train leaves Sleaford at 18.55. Arrives at Wainfleet 19.46. Train departs Wainfleet 21.10. Arrives in Sleaford 22.00. Calls at Heckington and Boston. Folky, jiggy, poppy, old timey, rootsy, skiffley, fiddly, foot tappin music to listen and sing along with beer on the train and at Batemans Brewery. Check for updates on www.poacherline.org.uk

Shorts. Evening of short films – The Hub

Footprints in the Playhouse, 7.30pm Admission by ticket only. No admission charge, but please see local press and event publicity for details of how to claim your free ticket.

Friday 7th May

Acoustic evening – Solo club with SUO and WinterWilson, 7.30pm

Two French bands, Barge and Bottle. Doubl'age and Sleaford (was Evasion), 8.00pm, free admission

Vintage Brass at the Sleaford Golf Club, time tbc

Saturday 8th May

Organ Recital by David Prescott, St Denys' Church, 12noon

Recitals in Riverside Church from 10.45am featuring: (in no particular order) Collage, William Alvey School Choir, Roundelay, Bretherton Handbell ringers. Music for all with Fran, Alwyn Kirk and Dorothea Adlem and young musicians, free admission.

Skrooloose Band at the Electra Club, 5 piece band – Popular music for all ages. 50s/60s/70s music at 9.15pm, members free, non members £1.

Boston Sinfonia, St Denys' Church, 7.30pm Tickets £10 from Keith Dolby (Jewellers). Blackfriars Theatre, Spain Lane. Boston 01205 363108

Sunday 9th May

German guitarist Leona Heine performing at the Mayor's Thanksgiving Service, St Denys' Church, 3pm

Open Mic, Marquis of Granby, Westgate, 4pm. Followed by Music Quiz, 8.30pm

Sleaford Concert Band presents A Concert for Heroes, St Denys' Church, 7pm
Tickets: £6 adults and £3 children from Keith Dolby.



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