

What's happening around Leeds?

Summer 2017

There are lots of things happening around Leeds, so we thought it would be a good idea to make sure our members know about some of them. Listed here are a few of the **free or very low cost** things that you can go to in Leeds in the next few months. This is not intended to be in any way a comprehensive list, just a few events we hope you will find interesting.

Feedback on this is very welcome – we'd like to know what you think of what we have included, and any ideas for what should go in next time. And if you go to one of these events because of reading it here, we'd love to hear what you thought. *And if you have pictures, even better!!*

Leeds Summer Bands in Parks

There are free concerts on Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm in 31 parks across Leeds throughout summer. Almost 100 concerts in total but a few of the most local upcoming ones are:

Golden Acre Park: 18th June – Nightflyers Big Band, 2nd July – Two Rivers Swing Band, 16th July – Gawthorpe Junior Brass Band, 30th July – West Yorkshire Police Brass Band

Beckett Park: 16th July – Bassa Bassa

Meanwood Park: 2nd July – Hurricane Blue, 13th August – Bradford Metropolitan Concert Band

The Hollies: 9th July – Spa Sax Quintet

For a full list call 0113 247 8336 or visit www.leedsconcertseason.com



Big Summer Fun Day – Saturday June 17th – Woodhouse Community Centre 10am -4pm

Free, community wide, Summer Fun Day at Woodhouse Community Centre. Kids space, bouncy castle, activities, face painting, arts and crafts, tasty food and yummy cakes, a cheap and cheerful bar, taster sessions in yoga, mindfulness, origami, samba, bike maintenance with Dr.Bike as well as a photography and cake competition



Leeds Waterfront Festival – Sat 24th/Sun 25th June 2017

This year is the 10th anniversary of Leeds Waterfront Festival, celebrated with a diverse itinerary of events at 11 key sites along the river and canal as well as some fun and interactive activities in between! Held at **Granary Wharf, Brewery Wharf, Leeds Dock, The Tetley, Armley Mills, Thwaites Mills** and other locations

Leeds Armed Forces Day: Saturday 24th June, 11am – 4pm. Millenium Square

Part of the national Armed Forces Day, There will be static displays and stalls from military units and charities, military vehicles, a host of activities for children and young people including crafts, face painting and a climbing wall, as well as the parade and Drumhead Service



Kirkstall Festival – Saturday 8th July – 11am-5pm

In the picturesque grounds of the 12th Century Kirkstall Abbey. Entertainment including: Fairground, food and drink, performances, stalls and a procession



Little London Community Day – Saturday 15th July 12-4pm

After a very successful event last year this is back. There will be lots happening in the community centre and the area around it and the school. Caring Together will be there on the day so come and support us.

Unity Day – Woodhouse Moor/Hyde Park – Date to be announced

A celebration of the local community in LS6. The date has not yet been officially announced so look out for posters in the local area. Lots of fun things will be happening on the park and some of our Caring Together volunteers will be there with our popular Tombola stall, we hope you'll come to see us.



Steam Toys North – Leeds Industrial Museum (Armley Mills), Canal Road, Sun 23rd July, 11am -5pm


An exhibition of Mamod-type steam toys and Meccano suitable for all ages!

You can bring along your own toys to operate and join in the fun. This event is organised on behalf of the museum by the Leeds and District Traction Engine Club.

Free with normal museum admission.




Love Parks Week – Guided Walks

Roundhay Park, Tuesday 18th July – 1.30pm. *Join the head gardener to discover the award winning specialist gardens at Roundhay Park.* Meeting place: Side of the Mansion House, facing the small lake 

Golden Acre Park, Thursday 20th July – 1pm. *Explore the amazing plants and gardens of Golden Acre Park with the Head Gardener.* Meeting place: Bottom of the café patio area


Leeds Pride Sunday 6th August – Leeds City Centre

Leeds Pride is an annual Gay Pride celebration held in the city of Leeds and the biggest event of its kind in Yorkshire. Starting at around 11am in Millennium Square with live music and entertainment before the parade sets off at 2pm through the city centre to Lower Briggate, where the main stage will have entertainment until the evening 

Leeds Classic Bus Run Day – Saturday 20th August, 10.30am – 5.15pm

Travel on vintage buses for free and visit our two industrial museums for the price of one!

Travel in vintage style, and for FREE from the city centre to Leeds Industrial Museum, Thwaite Mills and Middleton Railway on beautifully restored Leeds City Transport buses from the 1950's and 60's*.

Thwaites Water Mills at Hunslet will be holding a classic car rally in conjunction with the event and Middleton Railway will be offering an enhanced train service to complement the Runday event. 


The bus services start from 1030 until 1715 and depart from bus stops F4 & F7 in New York Street adjacent to Leeds Central Bus Station. All heritage services are free and operated by a variety of vintage and classic buses and coaches. There will also be special tours departing from Thwaite Mills to Temple Newsam on a preserved Wallace Arnold coach. Email penninebusrallies@outlook.com for details

Leeds West Indian Carnival – Monday 28th August

The longest running West Indian Carnival in Europe celebrates its 50th birthday this year and there will be lots of extra events happening in the run up. The main event, as always, is the West Indian Carnival itself. It takes place on Monday 28th August 2017 and their 50th parade will be their biggest to date. Over 2,000 revellers are expected to line the route, which starts and ends at Potternewton Park, and takes a circular route through Chapeltown and Harehills. Bursting with colour, music and atmosphere, it's going to be a really special day, and the fun doesn't stop with the parade, because they'll head back to the park to continue the celebrations with live music and street food.


Leeds Carnival 50 Heritage Exhibition

August – October at The Tetley, Hunslet Road and at touring locations across Leeds

Exploring and celebrating the dynamic cultural, visual and political legacy of the carnival. Photographs, sound, costumes, archive material and workshops 

Keep Crafting – Free craft for adults: Monthly on 2nd Wednesday 3pm-4pm at Leeds City Museum

Join for a cup of tea and a craft making hour in the Learning Space.

Each month have a go at making something and learning new skills or revisiting old ones! 

Free, drop in.

Vintage Fair – Leeds City Market – 1st Saturday of each Month

With up to 40 vintage stalls. You'll find some of the finest purveyors of vintage, the cream of vintage entertainers and a whole host of everything vintage crammed into one day. In the events space at the Market

Writers in the Rafters at Leeds Central Library – 3rd Thursday of the month, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Come along to Central Library for the Writers in the Rafters Group.

Find inspiration and develop your own writing style amongst a free, fun, eclectic writers group. Whatever your genre or skill level, come along and enjoy discussing anything and everything to do with writing in a supportive and friendly social setting. **Free activity for adults. No booking required.** 