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Events for autumn and winter 2018
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What's on



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Herefordshire

Berrington Hall

Apple Month at Berrington

Mon 1 Oct – Wed 31 Oct, 10am–5pm
Join us as we celebrate our harvest with a full month of traditional apple themed activities. With a children's trail, apple themed treats in the tea-room, crafts and apple pressing on selected weekends. Also on Sat 6 Oct & Sun 7 Oct, horse and carriage rides.

Key to symbols

- B** Booking advisable. Call individual property
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- R** Event repeated on other dates, check website for details
- School holiday event
- Christmas event

'Eye am She' by Lorna J Brown

Mon 1 Oct – Dec 2019, 11am–4pm
Lorna J Brown introduces 'Eye am She', a mixed-media art installation, inspired by the life of Ann Bangham and the 18th-century seedlings of modern celebrity culture. This is an entirely fresh perspective on Berrington's past, Georgian culture and the women that lived here. **R**

A Dress Fit for a King

Mon 1 Oct – Dec 2019, 11am–4pm
Uncover elements of an original 18th-century Court Mantua dress, owned by Ann Bangham, the wife of Berrington's original owner, Thomas Harley. Learn more about the Harley's story and discover more about the Georgian's culture. **R**

Crime and Punishment of the 18th Century

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm
Discover some of the gruesome tales of crime and punishment in the 18th century. With a trail to complete, stories to uncover and gruesome facts to learn, there's plenty to do. **£2.50 per trail** (includes a prize)

Christmas with the Georgians

Sat 17 Nov – Sun 23 Dec (Sat & Sun only) & Thu 27 Dec – Tue 1 Jan, 10am–3pm
Celebrate a Georgian Christmas – see the mansion decorated with traditional Georgian decorations, a beautiful Christmas tree and styled as if it was the evening. There will also be carriage rides on selected days and an outdoor children's trail.

Brockhampton Estate

Apple and Cider Pressing Day

Sun 14 Oct, 11am–4pm
Join us with Little Cider Press and press Brockhampton apples into delicious cider to brew at home. Find out about our new orchard project and discover how we will be expanding and restoring Brockhampton's traditional orchards for future generations. **All £10**

Broomstick Making

Tue 30 Oct, 11am–4pm
Natural craft activity with Really Rural, make your own besom and take flight. **Child £3, concession £5**

Wartime Showman's Cinema

Sat 10 Nov & Sun 11 Nov, 11am–4pm
Travelling cinema tents were a popular form of entertainment in the early 20th century. Step inside and experience cinema like it used to be on the centenary weekend of World War One. Featuring newsreel footage filmed at the time, see the First World War as people on the home front experienced it then.

A Wartime Christmas at Brockhampton Trail

Sat 17 Nov – Sun 23 Dec (Sat & Sun only), 11am–3pm
Discover how families celebrated Christmas during the war years and make presents to share with your family. **£2.50 per trail** (incl. prize)

Croft Castle and Parkland

Music in the Castle: 16th – 18th Century

Sun 7 Oct, 1.30pm–3.30pm
See the castle brought to life with beautiful period music played on a Baroque recorder, bass viol and violin.

Ancient Tree Walk

Sun 21 Oct, 2pm–4pm
Join our countryside ranger as he takes you on a journey around Croft's ancient trees. Find out about the 1000 year old Quarry Oak, the story behind the Spanish Chestnut avenue and what other legendary and notable veteran trees Croft has hiding in its historic parkland. **All £5 B**

This is just a selection of our events. To find even more great things to do visit us online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands

Halloween Spooktacular 😊
Sat 27 Oct & Sun 28 Oct,
10am–4pm
Enjoy ghost stories, spooky trails,
pumpkin carving, broom stick racing
and more family fun. **All £6**

Willow the Witch's Garden Trail 😊
Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov,
10am–4pm
Follow our trail through the gardens,
deciphering the clues and discovering
different spells and potion ingredients
as you go. Cast the incantation at the
end to claim your prize. **All £2.50**

Tales of the Supernatural Kind
Wed 31 Oct, 7pm–9pm
Hear tales of the spooky happenings
and see if you can sense anything
unusual. After your ghost walk, enjoy
a 2-course light supper in the tea-
room. **£30 per person** (incl. supper) **B**

**1918 Christmas on the
Home Front** ❄️
Sat 17 Nov – Sun 16 Dec (Sat & Sun
only), 10am–4pm
Step back in time to 1918 and see
the castle decorated for a wartime
Christmas. Find out how the Croft
family would have been celebrating
the end of the war, with music,
decorations, carol singing and more.

Father Christmas's Workshop ❄️
Sat 1 Dec – Sun 16 Dec
(Sat & Sun only), 10am–4pm
Find Father Christmas in his workshop
and enjoy some Christmassy crafts.
Don't forget your Christmas lists!
£6 per child (incl. crafts and visit to
Father Christmas, with gift) **B**

The Weir Garden

**Spooky Stories of the
Weir Garden** 😊
Fri 26 Oct, 4.30pm–6.30pm
Join us as we wander through the
garden on a spooky walk. What can
you hear? Listen to a spooky story
around the campfire and enjoy some
warming soup. **Adult £5, child £2.50** **B**

**Spooky Happenings at
The Weir Garden** 😊
Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov,
10.30am–4pm
It's getting very spooky. We haven't
seen Wendy, can you find her? **£2.50
per trail** (incl. a prize)

Pumpkin Carving 😊
Wed 31 Oct, 11am–3pm
It's time to design, empty and carve
your very own pumpkin. Join us in
the glasshouse as you prepare for
Halloween. **£3.50 per pumpkin**

**Father Christmas visits
The Weir Garden** ❄️
Sun 9 Dec, 10am–3.30pm
Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
the smell of toasted marshmallows
and a special appearance from
someone special. With a few craft
stalls why not pop along to enjoy a
festive day with us? **Child £4.50** (incl.
trail and meet Father Christmas)



Shropshire

Attingham Park

Deer Rut Walks 🐾
Sat 13 Oct & Sun 14
Oct, 5pm–7pm
Autumn is a busy
season for our fallow deer
as they look for mates – join
our Deer Manager, Colin Morris, to
learn about our herd and watch the
rut in progress. May not be suitable
for young children as it requires long
periods of quiet and stillness. Approx.
2 miles, 2 hours. **Adult £8, child £5** **B**

**The College Series: Restoring the
Lost Pleasure Grounds**
Thu 18 Oct, 6.30pm–8.30pm
Pam Smith, Gardens Consultant
for the National Trust, will describe
the long-term project to restore the
Georgian Pleasure Grounds and the
evolution of the grounds. The talk will
delve into the fascinating elements of
this popular walk. **All £8** **B**

Attingham Woollen Woods 😊
Sat 20 Oct & Sat 27 Oct – Fri 30
Nov, 9am–6pm
Help us create a stunning autumn-
themed family trail and get crafty at
the same time. Felt, sew, craft, knit or
crochet an autumn critter and post it
to us by 20 Oct for it to be included
in our Woollen Woods. Critters can be
made from any waterproof materials
but must include some wool.

Pumpkin Carving 😊
Mon 29 Oct & Tue 30 Oct,
10.30am–12noon & 1pm–3pm (every
15mins, lasting 30mins)
Carve your own pumpkin, ready
to take home in time for those
Halloween visitors! Children must
be accompanied by an adult and
supervised during pumpkin carving
activity. **All £5** **B**

Make a Wooden Elf Workshop ❄️
Sat 24 Nov, Sat 1 Dec & Sat 8 Dec,
10am–3pm (every 15mins, lasting
30mins)
Using wood from the Attingham
estate and pre-cut by our skilled
Outdoor Team, join one of our series
of timed workshops during the day.
Places are limited for each timed
session. **£8 per item** **B**

**A 1940s Christmas at
Attingham Mansion** ❄️
Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec, daily timed
entry 10am–12noon, 12noon–2pm,
2pm–3.30pm
Discover the sights and sounds of
an atmospheric, festively decorated
1940s mansion. To help keep every
visit special, all visitors must pre-book
a timed ticket. **B**

**Father Christmas at
Attingham Park** ❄️
Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec,
weekdays 2pm–4.15pm,
weekends 9.30am–3.45pm (15 min
time slots throughout the day, please
see website for details)
Pre-book your visit to see Father
Christmas and his elves. Step through
the wardrobe for a magical experience
and receive a teddy bear memento of
your visit. **£8.50 per child** **B**

**Willow Reindeer Workshop
with Wild Craftist** ❄️
Sun 2 Dec, 10.30am–4pm
Be inspired by the Attingham Park
deer and join the Wild Craftist for
the day to make a willow reindeer
sculpture of your very own. **Per
deer £75** **B** (online only at www.
wildcraftist.nutickets.com)

Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd

Making Bird Boxes 😊
Mon 29 Oct, 12noon–1pm,
1pm–2pm, 2pm–3pm,
Our ranger team will help you to make
a wooden bird box to hang in your
garden. All materials supplied. **All £5** **B**

Making Bird Feeders 😊
Thu 1 Nov & Fri 2 Nov, 11am–3pm
Our ranger team will help you to make
your own log or pine cone bird feeder
to hang in your garden. All materials
will be supplied, just bring your
enthusiasm. **All £2**

**Talk, Soup and a Roll: A Day in the
Life of a Ranger**
Mon 5 Nov, 12noon–2pm
Over a bowl of soup find out how our
ranger team spend their days looking
after the Long Mynd. **All £8** **B**

**Stars in Your Skies:
Current Lunar Research** ✨
Sat 10 Nov, 8pm–10pm
Join the SIYS team for
another fascinating
evening talk. The final event of
the year looks at modern moon
missions and the future of lunar
landing. Another opportunity to see
deep sky objects as there is no moon
this evening. A bowl of homemade
soup and a roll are included, served
from 7.30pm. **All £10** **B**

**An Evening of Christmas
Festivities at Carding Mill Valley** ❄️
Tue 4 Dec, 4pm–9pm
Our popular seasonal late evening,
with a Christmas craft-making session
from 4pm. Our shop will be open until
9pm and the tea-rooms will also be
open with mulled wine and mince pie
slices on the menu, all soundtracked
by some local musical guests.

Dudmaston

Reindeer-Making Workshop ❄️
Sat 10 Nov, 11am–4pm
Ben from the Wild Craftist will
provide all the materials and advice
you need to make your own 4ft
reindeer. Learn the art of weaving
and take home your masterpiece to
display indoors or out. **£75 per item.**
B (www.wildcraftist.nutickets.com)

Christmas Craft Fair ❄️
Sat 24 Nov & Sun 25 Nov,
11am–4pm
The orchard and courtyards will play
host to over 70 local artists, food
producers and craftspeople, who'll be
selling a selection of present-perfect
goodies. Join in with the caroling or
have a go at making seasonal crafts to
take home – there's plenty to get you
into the festive spirit!

**Christmas Wreath Making
Workshop** ❄️
Sun 9 Dec & Sun 16 Dec,
10am–12noon or 1.30pm–3.30pm
Join the team from Big Little
Things flower shop for either a
morning or an afternoon of festive
fun and creativity. We'll provide all
the materials you need to make a
Christmas wreath for your front door.
All £39.50 **B**

Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses

Apple Weekend
Sat 20 Oct & Sun 21 Oct, 11am–3pm
Try pressing apple juice in our
orchard, learn about traditional crafts
and enjoy seasonal treats in the tea-
room. Bring your own apples if you
have them, and take the juice home!

Willow Lantern Making 😊
Mon 29 Oct & Tue 30 Oct,
11am–4pm (45 min intervals)
Celebrate Halloween this year by
making a willow lantern that you can
take home, then join us in a magical
procession on Halloween evening
through the woods and up to the Hill
Fort. Pre-book your slot to make a
lantern either on Mon 29 or Tue 30
Oct. **Child £3.50** **B**

Christmas at the Rock Houses ❄️
Sat 1 Dec – Sun 9 Dec
(Sat & Sun only), 11am–3pm
Visit Kinver Edge and the Rock
Houses this Christmas and explore
magical wintry walks, enjoy the rock
houses by candlelight and visit Father
Christmas in his cave grotto for a
traditional gift. **Child £3**

Sunnycroft

Encrusted Embroidery Workshop
Wed 3 Oct, 11am–3pm
This workshop uses buttons and
other embellishments such as rings,
shells, beads etc, to make a beautiful
piece of raised embroidery work. It
is suitable for beginners, although
some knowledge of basic embroidery
stitches is useful. Light lunch and
materials provided as part of the
workshop. **All £45** **B**

Sashiko Embroidery Workshop
Wed 24 Oct, 11am–3pm
This workshop will show you how
to use the traditional techniques
of Sashiko quilting. Suitable for
beginners and more experienced
stitchers who would like to expand
their skills. Workshop will include
materials and a light lunch. **£45** **B**

Halloween Half-term Fun 😊
Fri 26 Oct – Mon 29 Oct,
10.30am–4pm
Go bats this October as you follow
our bat trail around the garden. Once
you have done the trail, why not
pick up a bat craft pack with all the
materials you need to make your very
own bat? **£1.50 per craft pack**

Christmas at Sunnycroft ❄️
Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Fri's -
Tue's only), 10.30am–4pm
Come and see the house dressed for a
traditional family Christmas, complete
with carol singers in the Billiard room,
hand-crafted decorations and a 16ft
Christmas tree in the Staircase Hall.

**Sunnycroft Christmas at
Night Tour** ❄️
Tue 4 Dec & Wed 5 Dec, 5pm–7pm
A special Christmas evening tour
hosted by the Sunnycroft Servants.
Come and see the beautifully
decorated house ready for Christmas.
A special treat complete with carol
singers and mince pies. **All £25** **B**

Wenlock Edge

Dormouse Walk
Sun 7 Oct, 10am–12noon
Walk with us through the beautiful
ancient woodland they call their
home, look for evidence of these
adorable creatures and learn about
their ecology and what we are doing
to help them. **All £3** **B**

All Hallow's Eve Walk 😊
Fri 26 Oct & Sat 27 Oct,
7pm–9pm
Join us as we wander through the wild
Wenlock woods at night and watch
out for bats, witches and ghouls!
Please wear sensible shoes, warm
clothes and bring a torch. This event
may not be suitable for children under
the age of 10 years old. **All £5** **B**

Halloween at Wenlock Edge 😊
Sat 27 Oct, 3pm–5pm
Come to the woods and take part in a
creepy craft before going in search of
a witch who will tell us spooky stories.
Children are encouraged to come in
fancy dress – the best will win a prize
and all the little monsters will leave
with a ghostly treat. Wear sensible
shoes and wrap up warm. **All £3** **B**

Staffordshire

Biddulph Grange Garden

**Bonfire, Fireworks and
Lantern Walk** 😊
Fri 26 Oct – Sun 28 Oct, 6pm–8pm
Enjoy a walk around the candle-lit
garden, brave the spooky gothic
tunnel, then wander to the tennis
lawn to try the BBQ and bar. Then it's
time to light your sparklers, enjoy the
bonfire and watch the fireworks. Enter
the free annual costume competition
on arrival. The shop will also be open
until 7pm. **Adult £10, child £6** **B**

**Halloween Trail and
Spooky Tunnel** 😊
Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov,
10am–4.30pm
Follow the clues around the garden
and brave the spooky tunnel to
receive your prize. **£2.50 per child**
(includes a prize)

Dino Knit and Natter
Tue 13 Nov, 10.30am–12.30pm
We love fossils and dinosaurs so join us
at Biddulph Grange Garden to join us
for a dinosaur-themed knit and natter.
We have simple dinosaur patterns and
wool for you to start and take home
with you, or bring your own patterns
and top tips to share.

**Christmas Wreath-Making
Workshop** ❄️
Tue 4 Dec – Fri 7 Dec, 11am–12.30pm
Join our gardening team to create a
wreath for your home, made from
hollies, berries and foliage from
the garden. This is also the perfect
opportunity to see our gardening
behind-the-scenes area. All materials
included, plus lunch and hot drink in
our tea-room. **£27 per person** **B**

Breakfast with Father Christmas ❄️
Sat 8 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Sat &
Sun only), 9.30am–10.30am
Join us for breakfast and meet Father
Christmas. He'll be here to sing a song
and wish you a Merry Christmas, then
you can sit in front of the fire and tell
Father Christmas your Christmas wish
list. Each child will receive a small toy.
Adult £8.50, child £10.50 **B**

Moseley Old Hall

Tudor Threads and Stuart Sewing
Sun 7 Oct & Mon 8 Oct, 11am–4pm
Discover the lost art of hand making
your clothing, from underwear to
outerwear. Our volunteers are sewing
costumes from the 16th and 17th
centuries using techniques almost lost
from everyday life.

**If You Go Down To The Woods
Today...**
Sat 20 Oct & Sun 21 Oct, Sat 17 Nov &
Sun 18 Nov, 10.30am–3pm
Join us for outdoor fun to tick off
more things on your list of '50 things
to do before you're 11¾'. There is a
different theme each month which
you can find out about on the website
or follow us on Facebook for updates.
Each activity will have the opportunity
to learn something new and create
something to take home. **Child £1.50**

This is just a selection of the hundreds of National Trust events and activities taking place in the West Midlands.

Warwickshire

Baddesley Clinton

Baddesley Ghost Tours

Fri 26 Oct, 6.30pm, 7.15pm, 8pm & 8.45pm

Join us after hours for a candlelit ghost tour of the moated manor house. Learn all about Baddesley's creepy tales and ghostly goings on. Tea and cake in the restaurant is included. **£20 B**

Family Fun Days: Halloween

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 11am–3.30pm

Join us for a spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities. **£2.50**

Christmas House Tours

Fri 7 Dec, Fri 14 Dec & Fri 21 Dec, 5.45pm–10pm

Enjoy the house dressed for a traditional Christmas on one of our tours, followed by a 3-course festive supper in the Barn Restaurant. A glass of wine is included. The shop will also be open for festive shopping. **£35 B**

Charlecote Park

Willow Workshop: Harvest Baskets

Sun 21 Oct, 10am–4pm

Join our workshop and create a harvest basket to take home.

All materials and instruction is supplied during this day-long willow weaving workshop. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied. **£65 B**



Make & Bake: Christmas Delights

Tue 20 Nov, 10am–2.30pm

Learning how to bake wonderful 17th-century-style spiced bread and St. Clement's biscuits, followed by Pomanders and Potpourri. All ingredients and tuition are provided for you to create your tasty bakes to take home. Refreshments and lunch included. All welcome. **Adult £45 B**

Christmas Pudding Stir

Sun 25 Nov, 11am–3pm

Watch us prepare a traditional Christmas pudding on Stir-up Sunday, and talk to our costumed cooks about 17th-century Christmas traditions. Have a go at stirring the pudding yourself and make a wish.

Shugborough Estate

October Half-term

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

Join us at harvest time – search for the pumpkins in the gardens and enjoy tasty homemade treats in the tea-room. Explore the arboretum and parkland, see the trees dressed in their vibrant best, play conkers in the parkland and explore more '50 things' activities. **£1**

Christmas at Shugborough

Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec, 10am–3pm

See the themed decorations that adorn the Mansion, Servants' Quarters and Park Farm House, and treat yourself to some warming indulgences from our tea-room. Bring your family and friends to our spectacular lantern workshops and parades, and join a rousing chorus on our carol evening. Please see our what's on page to book your place.

Halloween Pumpkin Trails

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–3.30pm

Join us during half-term for a spooky Halloween trail. Explore the grounds to uncover clues to help you solve our puzzle. If you're clever enough there's a pumpkin waiting at the end for you to take home and carve into a spooky face. **£3 per trail**

Boundary Walk

Fri 9 Nov, 10am–1pm

On this guided walk, find out about our conservation challenges and how we manage our sheep, deer, trees and parkland – not to mention the seasonal wildlife, plants and projects around the park. **£15 B**

Ceramic Penguin Winter Workshop

Sat 10 Nov, 10am–12.30pm

Join local ceramics artist Ros Ingram to create your own unique clay penguin sculpture. Designed for all levels of artistic ability, you will be guided, step by step, through the process of sculpting an Emperor, King or Rockhopper penguin. **£45 B**

Willow Workshop: Christmas Reindeer

Sun 18 Nov & Sun 2 Dec, 10am–4pm

Join our workshop and create a festive reindeer to take home. All materials and instruction are supplied during this day-long willow weaving workshop. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied. **£65 B**

Willow Weaving: Real Christmas Wreaths

Sat 8 Dec, 10am–12noon

Make yourself a willow Christmas Wreath for the door this year. We will supply instruction and all the materials. **£25 B**

Willow Angels

Sun 9 Dec, 10am–1pm

Learn how to weave willow during this workshop. At the end you'll have a fantastic Christmas Angel to decorate your home with this year – all made from natural materials. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied. **£35 B**

Coughton Court

Family Fun Days: Halloween

Thu 25 Oct – Sun 28 Oct & Thu 1 Nov – Sun 4 Nov, 11am–3.30pm

Fiendish fun and frights on our spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities and crafts. **£2.50 per trail**

Fawkes Feast

Sat 3 Nov, 6pm–11pm

Exclusive black tie event with a champagne reception followed by a private tour of the house. The evening includes a 7-course meal served in the Throckmorton family dining room with an after dinner speaker. **£150 B**

Christmas at Coughton

Sat 24 Nov – Sun 2 Dec, 10am–4pm

Get into the Christmas spirit. Festive shopping in the Coach House Shop, the house decorated for a traditional Christmas, delicious seasonal food in the cafe, and at weekends a Christmas Market in the Stableyard.

Candlelight Coughton

Tue 27 Nov & Wed 28 Nov, 6pm–9.30pm

Enjoy a traditional 3-course Christmas meal and experience the house decorated for the Throckmorton family's Christmas. Walk the festive rooms by candlelight and take a tour of the house with our guides. **£35 B**

Christmas Wassail

Sat 8 Dec – Sun 9 Dec, 4.30pm–6pm & 7.30pm–9pm

Christmas stories and carols from Birmingham Crescent Theatre, mulled wine, roaring fires and mince pies. The shop will be open between performances for last-minute gifts. **Adult £27, child £11 B**

Packwood House

Family Fun Days: Halloween

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 11am–3.30pm

Spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities. **£2.50 per trail**

Supper with the Head Gardener

Wed 7 Nov, 6pm–8.30pm

Join the Head Gardener for a relaxed evening in the café with a 2-course meal and a lecture on how the beautiful gardens have evolved into what you can see today. Glass of wine and tea and coffee included. **£30 B**

Christmas Breakfast Tours

Mon 3 Dec, Mon 10 Dec & Mon 17 Dec, 9.30am–11am

Join us for a delicious breakfast in the Garden Kitchen Café, followed by a tour of the house dressed for Christmas and the attic spaces. Explore unseen parts of the house. **£17.50 B**

Christmas Evening Tours

Thu 6 Dec, Thu 13 Dec & Thu 20 Dec, 6pm–9pm & 7pm–10pm

Join us for a tour of the house dressed for Christmas, followed by a delicious two-course supper in the Garden Kitchen Café. **£30 B**

Upton House and Gardens

Christmas Afternoon Tea In Iris's

Fri 2 Nov – Fri 21 Dec (Fri's only), 3pm–4pm

Treat yourself to a delicious Christmas-themed afternoon tea in our vintage kitchen. Enjoy a traditional spread of scones with jam and cream, a selection of finger sandwiches and some dainty cakes of the season, all washed down with a pot of your favourite tea. **£15 B**

Stir up Sunday

Sun 25 Nov, 12noon–4pm

Join in the traditional activity of 'stirring up' the Upton Christmas pudding. Take away a piece of the pudding to enjoy on Christmas day. Stir-up Sunday is a centuries-old tradition where cooks spend the last Sunday before Advent 'stirring up' their Christmas pudding. **£2**

Bead an Angel Christmas Decoration Workshop

Tue 27 Nov, 10.30am–12.30pm

Join our talented crafter, Laurelie, learning how to bead a beautiful art deco angel, perfect for your Christmas tree. Includes all materials, tuition and refreshments. **£20 B**

Christmas Gift Fair

Sat 1 Dec & Sun 2 Dec, 11am–4pm

A carefully selected range of stalls with a Christmas feel. Try local cheeses, pick up some unique local art or textiles and listen to the Christmas choir.

Upton Makes the House Desirable this Christmas

Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Fri's to Mon's only), 12noon–4pm

See the house decorated for a stylish 'modern' 1920s Christmas. Visit Lord and Lady Bearsted's new country house decorated for a jazz-time twenties Christmas.

Christmas Paper Decorations Workshop

Tue 4 Dec, 10.30am–12.30pm

Join our talented crafter Laurelie learning how to paper craft table decorations. Laurelie will show you how to make a variety of options for both your table and presents. Includes all materials, tuition and refreshments. **£15 B**

Christmas Made-To-Measure Trail for Children

Fri 7 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Fri's – Mon's only), 12noon–5pm

Follow our festive trail, discover how 1920s' children decorated their Christmas tree, meet a special guest and receive a present. **£6**

A Magical Upton Christmas Evening Tour

Sat 15 Dec & Sun 16 Dec, 5pm–7.30pm (every 30 mins)

A guided tour of a stylish Christmas of the 1920s. Discover the hints and tips from the best magazines of the day, with mulled wine and festive treats. **Adult £14, child £8 B**



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West Midlands

Birmingham Back to Backs

Back to Backs Murder Mystery

Sat 13 Oct & Sat 8 Dec, 7pm–9pm

There's been a murder at the Back to Backs, can you help solve the mystery? Enjoy Court 15 in a new and unique way. Interrogate the suspects, follow the clues and help the police solve the mystery. **£22 B**

Create Your Own Rag Rug

Sat 27 Oct, 10.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3.30pm

Discover a new skill of rag rugging. Perfect for beginners, our craft specialists will show you this timeless craft. All tools and materials provided. **£27.50 B**

Candlelit Tours of the Back to Backs

Fri 2 Nov, 6pm–7.45pm, 6.20pm–8pm, 6.40pm–8.15pm & 7pm–8.45pm

Court 15 becomes even more atmospheric in the twilight and this is a not to be missed chance to see the Back to Backs in a new light (or lack of). Hear the stories of the extraordinary lives of the ordinary people who called Court 15 home for over 160 years. **All £6** (includes a hot drink and toast) **BR**

Discover Your Irish Family History

Sat 3 Nov, Beginners session: 10.30am–12noon & Advanced session: 1.30pm–3.30pm

Find out where your Irish family have come from with the help of our genealogy specialist. Our family history expert Maggie will guide the beginners through searching for their family whilst the advanced workshop will delve more into navigating pre-1865 records. **Beginners session £11, advanced session £14 B**

Create Your Own Christmas Rag Wreath

Sat 17 Nov – Sat 8 Dec (Sat's only), 10.30am–1pm & 1.30pm–4pm

Rag rugging was an essential part of the lives of back-to-back families. On this workshop, our craft specialists will teach you how to make a rag wreath to decorate your home. You'll also learn the skills to start your own rag rug projects. **£30 B**

Wightwick Manor and Gardens

Don't Go into the Cellar, presents 'Morbidity Curiosities'

Mon 22 Oct, 7.30pm–9.30pm

Morbidity Curiosities: Queens of Victorian Horror celebrates some of the finest gothic literature from female authors of the 19th century. Join us in the Great Parlour for a unique adaptation featuring a female duo, multi-role play, sound effects and atmospheric lighting. A truly chilling and claustrophobic production! **All £15 B**

Halloween Half-term Family Fun

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

Follow the pumpkin trail around the garden to solve our fiendishly frightening puzzle. There will also be spooky craft sessions on Tue 30 Oct & Wed 31 Oct, 11am–3pm. (Last entry 2.30pm) **£1.50 per crafter**. There may be a wait at busy times.

Don't Go into the Cellar, presents 'Frankenstein 1899'

Wed 28 Nov, 7.30pm–9.30pm

A new age of enlightenment and reason will be challenged, and scientific fact cast asunder, when the charismatic preacher, Frankenstein, shocks Britons with his claims. For the Reverend can communicate with the dead, and those sceptics intolerant of his beliefs will soon pay for their blasphemy. **All £15 B**

An Evening of Christmas Carols

Thu 6 Dec, Wed 12 Dec & Thu 20 Dec, 7.15pm–9.30pm (tickets on sale from Thu 1 Nov)

Voices of Tantallon sing a wide variety of seasonal music, giving a super evening of musical entertainment in the Great Parlour. **All £15 B**

Visit Father Christmas at Wightwick Manor

Sat 15 Dec & Sun 16 Dec, Sat 22 Dec & Sun 23 Dec, 10am–4pm (tickets on sale from Thu 1 Nov)

Father Christmas is making his annual appearance in his magical sitting room. Please book tickets early – available online only. **Child £8 B**



Worcestershire

Croome

'Ceramic Landscape' Exhibition

Mon 1 Oct – Thu 31 Jan, 11am–4pm
Amy Jayne Hughes, a ceramicist, has been granted funding from the Arts Council to produce a new installation at Croome. She is currently working to create a new garniture set based on Croome's porcelain collection, which will be on display in the Saloon. **R**

Eleanor Coade Garden Tour

Mon 1 Oct – Wed 31 Oct (Mon, Wed & Thu's only), 11am & 1.30pm – please note the Monday tours are only at 1.30pm

Eleanor was an influential designer in the 18th century and a pioneer business woman. Join our volunteer-led, hour-long tour to find out about the many Coade stone statues and structures that her business created.

Meet the Stone Walling Team

Fri 5 Oct – Fri 26 Oct (Fri's only), 10am–12.30pm

Chat to our volunteer walling team about rebuilding the estate walls. With over four miles of wall to look after, Croome is fortunate to have a team who carry out this essential conservation work. Weather dependent – contact Visitor Centre for details.



RAF Guided Walk

Sun 7 Oct & Tue 16 Oct, 11am–1pm

Join our guide who will show you where, during the Second World War, a substantial part of the parkland was requisitioned for the building of a large military airfield, known as RAF Defford. Secrets are waiting to be discovered along the route. **B**

Apple Pressing Days

Sat 13 Oct – Mon 15 Oct, 11am–3pm

Make the most of any surplus apples or pears from your garden and make them into juice using the our apple press. Apples are also available for purchase from Croome's orchard. Bring a container for your juice! **Donations welcome**

Apple Bobbin: Family Trail

Sat 20 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

At Croome we have a variety of apples in our orchard. Go in search of some of them hidden in the park. Apple bobbin' is traditionally played at Halloween and was enjoyed by the Georgians. **£2 per trail** (incl. prize)

Garden

Conservation Tour

Fri 23 Nov & Tue 27 Nov, 11am–1pm

Get a behind the scenes look at Croome Park with Katherine Alker, Garden and Outdoors Manager. Find out more about the design of the landscape and how it is being restored. **£5 B**



Myths and Legends: Family Trail

Sat 1 Dec – Tue 8 Jan (excl. Christmas Eve & Christmas Day), 10am–3pm

What are the legends behind the shrubs and trees at Croome? Seek them out and discover the myths behind them. **£2 per trail** (incl. prize)



Clent Hills

Autumn Colours Ramble

Wed 10 Oct & Sun 28 Oct, 10am–1pm

See Clent Hills in all its autumn glory on a 5-mile guided ramble. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. Sorry, we can't welcome dogs on this walk. **£2.50 per person B**

Wandering Wands Trail

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 9am–4pm

Have your own adventure as you wander about the hills. Pick up a trail from Nimmings Wood Car Park to discover more about the folklore of Clent Hills and make a memory wand of your journey. **£1 per trail**

Broomstick Making Workshop

Sun 28 Oct, 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm & 2.30pm

Find out about the folklore of Clent and discover traditional wood-craft methods by making your own besom broomstick to take home in this one-hour workshop. **£10 per child B**

Tales Around the Campfire

Sun 4 Nov, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm (45 mins each)

Join us around the campfire for story-telling sessions with a spooky twist. Enjoy ghostly goings-on with a warming hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows. **£5 per person B**

Ramble Around the Hills

Wed 14 Nov & Sun 25 Nov, 10am–1pm

Enjoy the brisk autumn weather and clean, crisp air on a 5-mile ramble around the Clent Hills. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. Sorry, we can't welcome dogs on this walk. **£2.50 per person B**



Woodland Elves

Sat 8 Dec, 2pm–4pm

Father Christmas is on his way and we need your help to get ready. After the hard work of building a shelter, making decorations and setting up a trail, there is a reward of a delicious treat around the fire with a very special visitor. **£15 per child B**

Woodland Christmas

Sun 9 Dec & Sun 16 Dec, 10am–2.30pm (every half hour)

Have a very Christmassy adventure at Clent Hills. Explore the hills with a Christmas trail before making your way to the woodland grotto to meet our Father Christmas, dressed in woodland green. **£5 per child B**

The Firs

Photography at The Firs

Tue 11 Sep, 10am–4pm

Our volunteer photographers will give a guided walk, taking photos and sharing their skills and experience along the way. Light lunch and refreshments provided. Own camera and basic camera skills needed. **£40 B**

Apple Pressing Day

Sun 7 Oct, 11am–3pm

Make the most of any surplus apples or pears from your garden or our orchard and make them into juice using the apple press at the Firs. Please bring bottles for you to take juice away. **Donations welcome**



Apple Scrumping

Mon 8 Oct – Mon 5 Nov, 11am–4pm

Bring a bag and help us collect our windfall apples for you to take home. Great cookers, eaters and cider apples. **Donations welcome**

The Big Pest Test: Creepy Crawly Edition

Fri 26 Oct – Mon 5 Nov, 11am–4pm

With over 1,000 items to look after we have to make sure they are all protected from some dangerous Creepy Crawlies. Can you find and identify the pests?

Make a Pooter (Bug Catcher)

Fri 26 Oct – Mon 5 Nov, 11am–4pm

Now the house spiders are heading in for warmth, make your own Pooter to catch and investigate them. **£2**

The Fleece Inn

Apple & Ale Weekend

Fri 12 Oct – Sun 14 Oct, 8pm–8pm

Annual celebration of apples, cider and cider making. Entertainment includes Morris dancing, mummung, cider-making demonstrations, skittles, apple tastings, and live music. Free entry and camping available.

Bonfire Night

Sat 3 Nov, 6pm–10pm

Bonfire, stationary engines, hand bells and vintage Tilley lanterns. A magical and more traditional way to celebrate Bonfire night. Free entry.

Christmas by Candlelight

Mon 3 Dec – Wed 19 Dec (Mon–Wed only) 6.30pm–9pm

Lit only by candlelight and the roaring open fires, December evenings at the Fleece offer dining with a difference. **B**

New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party & Ceilidh

Mon 31 Dec, 7.30pm–2am

Celebrate the old year and ring in the new with a traditional ceilidh (country dance) fancy dress party. Fleece favourites the Blue Socks Ceilidh Band will provide entertainment for the evening. Children and families are very welcome – no dancing experience required! **Adult £14, family £32** (incl. late supper) **B**

The Fleece Annual Wassail!

Sat 12 Jan, 6pm–11pm

Join us for this pagan tradition of toasting the trees to encourage a good harvest. The apple orchard will be alive with cider, singing and Morris men, followed by a music session.

Greyfriars' House and Garden

Harvest Day

Sat 13 Oct, 11am–4.30pm

Celebrate harvest at Greyfriars with autumnal colours, local food and children's activities.

Greyfriars at the Worcester Christmas Market

Thu 29 Nov – Sat 1 Dec, 11am–9pm

Enjoy the festive season as the house comes to life during the Worcester Christmas Market. As we celebrate this Christmas, enjoy the decorated house, telling the Christmas memories of the people who have shaped it.

Hanbury Hall

Apple Weekend

Sat 6 Oct – Sun 7 Oct, 10am–4pm

A celebration of autumnal harvest and all things orchard. Usual favourites include local produce stalls, activities and crafts for children, expert advice and delicious food, all with an apple inspired twist!

October Half-term

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

Join us for a week of Halloween celebrations, a ghostly trail around the gardens and some spooky goings on.

Winter Fayre

Sat 10 Nov & Sun 11 Nov, Sat 17 Nov & Sun 18 Nov, 10am–4pm

Come and join us in an inspiring setting with shopping, food and drink. Browse beautiful stalls from local artisan producers, and find one-off gifts and indulgent treats.

It's Christmaaas

Sat 1 Dec – Sun 6 Jan, 10am–4pm

The party returns this year at Hanbury Hall! Come and join the party as Hanbury celebrates a very 70s and 80s Christmas. The tinsel is glowing, the laughter is flowing; the corks are popping, the Slade hits are dropping.

Winter Ramble

Wed 12 Dec, Thu 27 Dec & Sun 30 Dec, 10am–1pm

Explore the beauty of the Clent Hills as winter takes hold, revealing new views of the countryside. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. Sorry, we can't welcome dogs on this walk. **£2.50 per person B**



Your contacts

Attingham Park	01743 708162
Baddesley Clinton	01564 783294
Back to Backs	0121 6222442
Benthall Hall	01952 882159
Berrington Hall	01568 615721
Biddulph Grange Garden	01782 517999
Birmingham Back To Backs	0121 666 7671
Brockhampton Estate	01885 482077
Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd	01694 725000
Charlecote Park	01789 470277
Clent Hills	01562 712822
Coughton Court	01789 400777
Croft Castle and Parkland	01568 780246
Croome	01905 371006
Dudmaston	01746 780866
The Firs: Elgar's Birthplace	01905 333330
The Fleece Inn	01386 831173
Greyfriars House and Garden	01905 23571
Hanbury Hall and Gardens	01527 821214
Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses	01384 872553
Moseley Old Hall	01902 782808
Packwood	01564 782024
Shugborough Estate	01889 880160
Sunnycroft	01952 242884
Upton House and Gardens	01295 670266
The Weir Garden	01981 590509
Wenlock Edge	01694 725000
Wightwick Manor and Gardens	01902 760106

Notes

Normal property admission applies to all events unless otherwise stated.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Family ticket includes two adults and two children.

Guided walks: Prior booking for guided walks is essential as places are limited. Contact numbers are given above. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless otherwise stated.

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