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What's on

Herefordshire

Berrington Hall

Look! Look! Look!

Fri 1 Feb – Fri 31 May, 10am–5pm
Discover an installation in our walled garden from internationally renowned artists Heather and Ivan Morison. Taking their inspiration from how the Harley's enjoyed their garden in the Georgian era, you can see the garden in a totally new light. **R**

A Dress Fit for a King

Sat 16 Feb – Fri 31 May, 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. Discover more about the Harley's and the culture of the Georgians. **R**

Tom Thumb and Thumbelina Trail

Sat 16 Feb – Sun 24 Feb, 10am–4pm
The story of Tom Thumb was a popular 18th-century tale and you now have the chance to explore Berrington's walled garden and take on a series of adventures – from meeting King Arthur to attending the jousting – to complete the quest. **£2.50 per trail** (includes a prize)

Hereford College of Arts Land Art Project

Sat 16 Feb – Tue 30 Apr, 10am–5pm
As part of our Walled Garden and Pleasure Grounds Restoration Project we are working in partnership with the Hereford College of Arts. See a series of artworks threaded throughout the walled garden, pleasure grounds and parkland.



Jack and the Beanstalk Trail

Sat 13 Apr – Sun 28 Apr, 10am–4pm
The mighty giant is taking over Berrington and we need you to stop him. Search around the grounds and complete the quest to save Berrington and win your prize. **£2.50**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10am–4pm
The Cadbury Bunny has hidden precious choccy eggs. Now it's up to you to find them! Take a map and follow the clues to find them; a delicious treat will be waiting for you at the end. **£2.50**

Party in the Pleasure Grounds

Sat 18 May & Sun 19 May, 10am–4pm
We're raising funds for the walled garden and pleasure grounds project. Why not come and show your support by joining our fundraiser day? Garden games, music, Lego Builders and plenty more. **Adult £2, child £1**

Treasure Island Trail

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 10am–4pm
Explore the grounds, battle the pirates and uncover the hidden treasure in the gardens at Berrington on our 'Treasure Island' trail. Do you have what it takes to take part in this adventure? **£2.50**

Brockhampton

Mother's Day Weekend Afternoon Tea

Sat 30 Mar & Sun 31 Mar, 12.30pm–4pm
Treat your mum to afternoon tea over Mother's Day weekend. With jam made from Brockhampton damsons in the peaceful setting of the Old Apple Store Tea-Room at the top of the estate. **£30 B**

Lamb Handling Weekend

Sat 13 Apr & Sun 14 Apr, 11am–3pm
Join us to celebrate lambing season at Warren Farm. Enjoy a hands-on experience up close with the lambs and discover how the Hawkins family, our tenant farmers, care for these gentle creatures.

Cadbury's Medieval Easter Hunt

Sat 13 Apr – Sun 28 Apr, 11am–4pm
Inspired by nature and the natural world, the pagan and Saxon origins of Medieval Easter traditions can still be seen in how we celebrate Easter today. Discover where the Easter bunny came from and even how Easter got its name. **£2.50**

Saxon Survival Skills

Tue 16 Apr & Wed 17 Apr, 11am–4pm
As the orchards around Brockhampton are filled with damson blossom learn some ancient survival techniques from the people who first brought damsons to Britain. Inspired by the great outdoors and the survival skills of ancestors. **£5 R**

Tudor Cherry Chase Trail

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 11am–4pm
Herefordshire is well known for excellent cherry crops and there was once a large cherry orchard near the manor house at Brockhampton. Discover more on our trail. **£2.50**

Croft Castle and Parkland

Jack Frost Trail

Sat 16 Feb – Sun 24 Feb, 10am–4pm
A wicked spell has been cast over Croft. All of the ponds have frozen over and the castle and gardens are bewitched by an eternal winter. Can you can defeat Jack Frost on our half term trail; banish winter from Croft and herald the start of spring? **£2.50**

Mother's Day Weekend

Sat 30 Mar & Sun 31 Mar, 10am–4pm
Treat Mum to a special Mother's Day afternoon tea in the tea-room, spot the spring flowers on a walk through the parkland and make a floral decoration in the gardens on Sunday only. **Flower crafts £3**

Famous Five Trail

Sat 13 Apr – Sun 28 Apr, 10am–4pm
Join Julian, Dick, Anne, George and their dog, Timmy, for an adventure around Croft. Delve down secret passageways, hunt for lost treasure and enjoy the simple joys of nature, wildlife and being outdoors on our holiday trail. **£2.50**

Build Your Own Bench for Fishpool Valley

Tue 16 Apr – Thu 18 Apr, 10am–3pm
Help our ranger team restore the picturesque Fishpool Valley by recreating the original viewing areas. Build your own rustic bench made of oak from the Croft estate and install at one of the historic viewing platforms in the valley. **B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10am–4pm
Follow the Famous Five trail, track down the clues and collect your delicious chocolate treat at the end. Dress up and play games in the castle, go wild in our natural and mini-castle play areas and spot the spring flowers in the gardens. **£2.50**

Blooming Bluebells

Tue 23 Apr – Sun 12 May, 10am–5pm
Discover blankets of our native British bluebells in the wood pasture and along the carriage-rides in Fishpool Valley. Enjoy lovely displays of bluebells in the castle and throughout the property and enjoy blue-themed treats in the Stables shop and Carpenters tea-room.



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Ancient Tree and Bluebell Walk

Sat 11 May, 2pm–4pm
Pop your walking boots on and join our countryside ranger on a journey around Croft's ancient trees – the 1,000-year-old Quarry Oak, the story behind the Spanish Chestnut avenue and many other legendary veteran trees Croft has hiding in its historic parkland. **£5**

Nature Art Trail

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 10am–4pm
Connect with nature through art this May half term. See what weird and wonderful creations you can make using sticks, leaves and other natural materials. Follow the clues around the gardens to collect your prize at the end. **£2.50**

The Weir Garden

Garden Gnomes Trail

Sat 16 Feb – Sun 24 Feb, 11am–3pm
Before spring arrives, the resident gnomes at The Weir come out of hibernation to wake up the garden. Help our gnomes prepare the garden for springtime, helping nature flourish. **Child £2.50 per trail** (includes a prize)

The Marvellous World of Mini-Beasts

Sat 13 Apr – Thu 18 Apr & Tue 23 Apr – Sun 28 Apr, 10.30am–4pm
Grab your magnifying glass and join us to discover the marvellous world of mini-beasts at The Weir Garden and learn all about these tiny but fascinating creatures. **£2.50**

Peter Rabbit

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am–4pm
Join Peter and friends for some Easter-themed detective work around the garden. Decipher the clues and discover a whimsical surprise at the end. **£2.50**

Wildlife Safari

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 10.30am–4pm
Unlike any safari you've been on before, we're looking at the birds, mammals, fish and insects that live here and discovering what makes them so unique. **£2.50**

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

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

Shropshire

Attingham Park

Introduction to Stargazing

Fri 8 Feb, 7pm–9.30pm

Settle in with a glass of wine as the Shropshire Astronomical Society (SAS) introduce you to the fascinating world of the night sky with short talks suitable for the novice or practicing astronomer. **Adult £8 B**

Family Stargazing and Moonwatch

Sat 9 Feb, 6.30pm–7.30pm & 8pm–9pm

Join us for a magical evening in the stables courtyard to find out more about the night sky. Great for beginners, but also suitable for those who want to learn more, or would just like to take the chance to stargaze at Attingham. **£3 B**

Lantern Making with Wild Craftist

Tue 19 Feb, 10am–4pm (lasts 1hr, hourly intervals)

These sessions are for all ages. Make a traditional hand-crafted willow and paper lantern. All materials including battery tea lights are provided. Price is per lantern, feel free to make one per family. Booking essential via www.wildcraftist.nutickets.com **£8**

Illuminating Ideas – Lantern Lit

Procession at Attingham

Sat 23 Feb, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Join the procession through the Attingham woods at night as it follows the lantern lit trail around the mile walk. The procession will leave the Stables Courtyard at 7pm. Keep an eye out for our snowdrops around the walk. **Adult £4, child £2 B**

Night Run – Experience Attingham in a New Light

Sat 2 Mar, 5pm–8.30pm

A great way to get fitter during the winter months and also help us look after this Site of Special Scientific Interest. Choose either the 2.5km Explorer or the 6km Adventurer routes and have fun at your own pace. Don't forget your head torch! **Explorer £7, Adventurer £14, Exp. group £6, Adv. group £13 B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Sat 13 Apr & Sun 14 Apr, Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10am–4pm
Enjoy the Attingham woods as they spring into life after the cold winter. Follow our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt to find out about our native creepy crawlies, complete the bug-gy challenges and receive a chocolatey prize at the end. **£2.50**

Attingham Camp

Sat 25 May – Sun 26 May, 2pm–overnight

Enjoy Attingham at night, cosying up to a bonfire and sleeping under the stars. We'll be hosting evening family activities with qualified providers, including stories and marshmallows around the camp fire, twilight bush craft and star watching. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. **Adult £30, child £15, under 5s £5 B**

Deer Park Safari

Tue 28 May, 10.30am–4.15pm (each session lasts 45 mins and are at hourly intervals)
Find out all about our deer and take a seat on our tractor and trailer safari ride to see if you can spot them. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. **£4 B**

Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd

Stars in Your Skies – Sword of the Hunter

Sat 9 Feb, 8pm–10pm

We welcome Pete Williamson FRAS back again. Our focus for 2019 is 'Observing the Night Sky' and Pete's first evening is with Orion the Hunter. His sword contains the iconic Orion Nebula, visible with the naked eye. The evening starts with homemade soup, included in the price. **£10 B**

Making Bird Boxes

Thu 21 Feb, 10.30am, 11.30am & 1pm

Our ranger team will help you to make your own wooden bird box to hang in your garden. All materials will be supplied. **£5 B**

Making Bird Feeders

Fri 22 Feb, 11am–2pm

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. **£2**

Managing the Mynd

Sat 9 Mar, 6pm–8pm

Area Ranger Patrick will give an evening talk on heathland management explaining the work involved in maintaining a fragile ecosystem as well as the reasoning behind bracken spraying and heather burning. The ticket price includes soup and a roll. **£10 B**

Dawn Chorus Walk

Sun 7 Apr, 6am–8am

Dave Pearce is your guide to this early morning treat. April is the perfect time to appreciate Carding Mill Valley's feathered residents in full voice with some summer migrant visitors adding to the chorus. **£7.50 B**

A Primrose Walk at Walcot Wood

Sun 14 Apr, 10am–12noon

Walcot Wood was once part of the 18,000-acre estate attached to Walcot Hall. Your guide will explain the management techniques and history of the wood. Approximately one-mile long. Meet at Bury Ditches car park (SY7 8BD).

Bird Watching Walk

Wed 17 Apr & Thu 23 May, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Bird enthusiast and expert Dave Pearce will be your lead for a walk to find and identify a range of species that call the Long Mynd home. **£7.50 B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am–2.30pm

Go on a trail and win a chocolatey prize at the end. **£2**

Dudmaston

Snowdrop Season

Sat 16 Feb – Sun 24 Feb (Sat & Sun only), 11am–4pm

Enjoy a walk through the Dingle and spot the earliest signs of spring. Warm up in the tea-room afterwards with a light snack or tea and cake.

Bird Watching Walk in Comer Woods

Thu 28 Mar, Thu 4 Apr & Thu 11 Apr, 6pm–8pm

Join bird enthusiast and expert Dave Pearce for a walk in Comer Woods. Look out for the different species that call this part of the estate home. **£8 B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts in Comer Woods

Fri 19 Apr & Sat 20 Apr, 10am–3pm
Follow the trail around the woodland

and solve the clues to claim your Cadbury chocolate treat. Our visitor reception and facilities at Dudmaston Hall will be closed on Good Friday and Saturday. **£2.50**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt at Dudmaston Hall

Sun 21 Apr & Mon 22 Apr, 11am–4pm
Follow the trail around the orchard courtyards and solve the clues to claim your Cadbury chocolate treat. Please note that on Good Friday and Saturday Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts will take place in Comer Woods and our visitor reception, shop and tea-room at Dudmaston Hall will be closed. **£2.50**

Sunnycroft

Guided Tour of Sunnycroft's Snowdrop Collection

Sat 16 Feb & Sun 17 Feb, 10.30am–2.30pm (Guided tours will run every 30 mins)

Come and learn about the variations of our snowdrops with one of Shropshire's leading snowdrop collectors. We have over 30 different varieties to discover in our garden. **£2**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am–4pm

Flap over to Sunnycroft this Easter, get in touch with nature and follow our bird trail to claim your chocolate reward. **£2.50**

Conservation in Action Tuesday's

Tue 2 Apr – Tue 28 May (Tues only), 11am–2pm

Find out how we keep our collection looking great. Maybe it's hoovering the curtains, polishing metals or uncovering hidden treasure in the house. Our dedicated conservation team are on hand to answer all your questions and tell you what it's like working behind the scenes.

Wenlock Edge

Wild Garlic Walk

Sun 7 Apr, 10am–12noon

Walk through an area where wild garlic carpets the slope as far as the eye can see. Taste some of our garlic pesto and take an 'all things garlic' recipe sheet home. **£4 B**

Scavenger Hunt

Thu 18 Apr, 11am–2pm

Spend time exploring the Wenlock Edge woodland tracking down a list of treasures. Can you find them all and claim a prize? Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Child £2**

Little Trackers

Thu 25 Apr, 11am–1pm

Be a nature detective and join the ranger to discover who calls the Wenlock woods home. Involves a 1-mile walk, wellies recommended. **Child £3 B**

Bat Walk

Thu 2 May & Wed 8 May, 8pm–10pm

Use our bat detectors to locate and listen to their calls. Finish the walk with a warming hot chocolate. Wear sturdy boots, wrap up warm and bring a torch. **£5 B**

Wild Food Foraging

Sun 12 May & Sun 19 May, 10am–2.30pm

See what edible delights can be found at Wilderhope in spring and learn how to identify different edible and poisonous species. Head back to the Manor house to learn how to process the plants and enjoy a wild edible lunch. **£20 B**

Staffordshire

Biddulph Grange Garden

Chinese New Year Trail

Tue 5 Feb – Thu 28 Feb, 10am–3pm

Follow the red lanterns around the garden to the fabulous Chinese Garden at Biddulph Grange and reward yourself with a fortune cookie prize. **£1**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10am–4.30pm

Embrace spring with our nature filled Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt around the garden. Immerse yourself in the delights of the spring garden at Biddulph Grange as you follow the clues around the garden. **£2.50**

Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses

Discover the Birds of Kinver Edge

Mon 25 Mar, Sat 30 Mar, Mon 8 Apr, Sat 13 Apr, Sat 4 May, Mon 20 May, Mon 17 May & Mon 8 Jun, Mon's 2pm–4pm, Sat's 10am-midday

Join us on a guided bird spotting walk with a friendly expert, and soak up the musical sound of spring birdsong. Come back to the tea-rooms afterwards and enjoy a free hot drink. **Adult £6 B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Mon 15 Apr – Tue 23 Apr, 11am–3pm

Explore woodland paths and open heathland views as you hunt for clues and learn about the amazing wildlife that lives here. Enjoy a fun Easter egg hunt and claim your chocolatey prize at the end. **£3 per hunt**

The Big Kinver Edge Bioblitz

Sat 18 May, 10am–5pm

Join us for free hands-on activities, from bird-ringing to pond-dipping, reptile rambles and mini-beast hunts. Refreshments will be available, and great nature-themed goodies to buy. Find us at the Ranger's Yard, Comber Road, DY7 6HU.

Little Snappers Photography Ramble

Mon 27 May & Fri 31 May, 11am–1pm

Bring your budding photographers on a nature walk to snap signs of wildlife and nature. Our photographers will be on hand to offer you tips and tricks to get the perfect shot. Great for kids of all ages. **Family £5 B**

Moseley Old Hall

Wassailing and Campfire Cooking

Mon 18 Feb – Fri 22 Feb, 11am–3pm (Wassail at 2pm)

Join us this February half term to wassail around the orchard, waking up the trees from their winter slumber, banishing evil spirits and ensuring a good harvest. On Tue 20 Feb only, we will be joined by Merrie Noyse, a wonderful group of musicians from times gone by. **£1**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10am–4pm

Moseley is a great place for hide and seek. Put on your wellies and come and hunt through the grounds to find all the clues and claim a Cadbury prize. **£2.50**



Shugborough Estate

Get to Know a Tree

Fri 1 Feb – Thu 28 Feb, 11am–3.30pm

Join us for a tree themed month of trails and activities throughout February, including half term (16th–24th). Some activities may come with an additional cost. **£1**

Naked Tree Walk

Sun 10 Feb & Tue 26 Feb, 2pm–3.30pm

Join a Ranger guide for a Naked Tree walk around our spectacular parkland and discover the beauty of our native trees in their bare winter glory. **£3 B**

'Bugborough' – Family Muck-in Day

Tue 19 Feb & Fri 22 Feb, 10am–2pm

We need your help restoring and rejuvenating Shugborough's bug 'borough' for creatures of all shapes and sizes. Led by our rangers, who'll share their knowledge on the estate's wildlife and habitats. Minimum age 7yrs (adult supervision required). **Children £5 (incl. packed lunch) B**

Little Landscapers' Trail

Fri 1 Mar – Sat 30 Mar, 11am–3pm

Budding landscapers and artists can make their mark throughout this spring trail to celebrate the creativity that went into designing the Shugborough Estate. **£2**

Beginners Plein-air Workshop

Wed 3 Apr & Sat 6 Apr, 10am–4pm

Working in either oil or acrylic, this workshop will cover the fundamentals of painting plein-air, with the guidance of local artist Lisa Oakley. Bring your own materials (full details on website). Some basic painting experience is recommended. **£25 B**

The Big Tree Climb

Tue 16 Apr & Tue 28 May, 10am–4.45pm (hourly sessions)

Join The Great Big Tree Climbing Company who'll be on hand beside the mansion to show you how to safely climb (with harnesses) one of our oak trees. Booking Essential via The Big Tree Climbing Company 0800 0556760 **£20**

Dawn Chorus Walk

Sun 21 Apr & Sun 28 Apr, 4.45am–7.30am

Look and listen out for a variety of birds during their dawn chorus with a National Trust guide, before enjoying a well-earned butty and hot drink in Park Farm café. **£8.50 B**

Woodland Photography Walk

Sat 11 May & Wed 22 May, 11am–12.30pm

With the guidance of a qualified Ranger photographer you will explore some of the best views on the estate, while learning and practising different techniques for landscape and close-up shots. **£5 B**

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

Warwickshire

Baddesley Clinton

February Half Term

Sat 16 Feb – Sun 24 Feb, 11am–3.30pm

Come and explore the estate this February half term and follow our animal sculptures over to our woodland play area.



Mothering Sunday

Sun 31 Mar, 11am–5pm

Treat mum this Mother's Day to lunch out or a cream tea in our Barn Restaurant. Enjoy a stroll through the gardens afterwards, or collect a walks card from Visitor Reception to explore the wider Warwickshire countryside.

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 11am–4pm



Join in with our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, with chocolate treat and take-home crafts. You will need a pre-booked admissions ticket to the property, see website for details. **£3 per trail** (purchase from Easter tent on day) **B**

May Half Term

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 11am–4pm

Get outside and explore Baddesley – how many of the '50 things to do before you're 11¾' can you tick off?



Charlecote Park

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Thu 18 Apr – Tue 23 Apr, 10am–4pm



Explore Charlecote's beautiful parkland in all its spring glory this Easter. Follow our fun hunt to discover a little more about what makes Charlecote special and end the day with a yummy chocolate egg. **£3**

Coughton Court

Jigsaw Festival

Fri 1 Mar – Sun 3 Mar & Thu 7 Mar – Sun 10 Mar, 11am–5pm

Hundreds of donated jigsaws on sale. All money raised goes towards vital conservation work at Coughton. If you have any jigsaws to donate please call the property on 01789 400777.

Mothering Sunday

Sun 31 Mar, 11am–5pm

Treat mum to a delicious cream tea this Mother's Day. Enjoy the house afterwards, or take a stroll into the wider countryside with one of our walks cards, available from Visitor Reception.



Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 11am–4pm



Join us for Easter fun and frolics for all the family to enjoy. With an outdoor trail around the grounds, traditional games in the Activity Shed and take-home crafts there's lots to do. **£3**

May Half Term

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 11am–4pm

Join us for family fun this May half term and see how many of our '50 things to do before you're 11¾' you can tick off.



Packwood House

Packwood Breakfast Tours

Tue 5 Feb – Thu 28 Feb, 9.30am–11am (Tue & Thu's only)

Join us for a delicious breakfast followed by an exclusive tour of the house and attic spaces displayed just as Baron Ash

intended his guests to view the house. Come and hear the stories behind key pieces of the Packwood collection. **£17.50 B**



February Half Term

Sat 16 Feb – Sun 24 Feb, 11am–3.30pm

Are you ready for an adventure on the Welly Walk? Pick up a map and a 'Doodle your dream day' sheet from Visitor Reception, and head off on a journey together through the woods.



Supper with the Head Gardener

Wed 6 Mar, 6.30pm–9pm

Join the Head Gardener for a relaxed evening in the café with a two-course meal and a lecture on how the gardens at Packwood have evolved into what you see today. Glass of wine and tea and coffee included. **£35 B**

Mothering Sunday

Sun 31 Mar, 11am–5pm

Treat mum to lunch out or a special cream tea in the Garden Kitchen Café. Take a stroll through the gardens afterwards, or try one of our walks cards, available from Visitor Reception.

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 11am–4pm



Join us for our Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt on Packwood's Welly Walk. You will need a pre-booked admission tickets to the property to visit over the Easter weekend. See website for details. **£3 B**

A Closer Look: Evening House Tours

Sat 25 May, 6pm–8pm

A unique chance to see the house by night and discover the history of the collection. Hear the stories behind key pieces of the Packwood collection. Includes a glass of wine. **£17.50 B**

May Half Term

Sat 25 May – Sun 2 Jun, 11am–4pm

Join us for family fun this May half term with outdoor games, and see how many of our '50 things to do before you're 11¾' you can tick off.



Upton House and Gardens

Afternoon Tea Talk: The Upton Long Weekend

Thu 14 Feb, 2.30pm–4pm

Join house guide Brenda to hear about the Upton long weekend in the 1930s. Discover the pleasures and pursuits that the Bearsteds enjoyed away from the city, and the social life they created around their new country estate. **£10** (incl. cream tea) **B**

Give it a Go: Appliqué Picture Making with Fabric

Thu 7 Mar, 10am–1pm

Join our talented local artist Lis Mann and give it a go! Learn the secrets of fabric layering. Inspired by the gardens either here or your own, you will create a picture using strips of fabric. Beginners encouraged. **£30** (Incl. materials and refreshments) **B**

The Ideas behind Design: Vintage Heal's Posters Exhibition

Thu 7 Mar – Fri 31 May, 11am–4.45pm

Come to Upton House this spring to see an exclusive collection of vintage posters from London's Tottenham Court Road furniture store: Heal's. The exhibition will illustrate the inter-war vogue for modern living and furnishing. **R**

Edge Hill, Shenington and Upton Long Walk

Mon 11 Mar, arrive 9.30am, 10am–3pm

Starting out near the Peacock Inn in Tysoe join an experienced guide for a strenuous 8-mile walk stopping for a bowl of soup at Upton House and Gardens. Discover some of the history of the stunning countryside surrounding Upton. In association with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. **£6.50 B**

Afternoon Tea Talk: An Intimate Look at Upton's Art Treasures

Thu 14 Mar, 2.30pm–4pm

Join house guide Barbara for a look at treasures from Upton's superb collection: the 17th-century Brussels tapestries; the desk with ties to Napoleon and to Shell; El Greco's El Espolio painting, and the stolen Sèvres porcelain that returned to Upton. **£10** (incl. cream tea) **B**

Sparkling Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Sun 31 Mar, 12.30pm–2pm & 2.15pm–3.45pm

A glass of bubbles, delicious sandwiches and miniature cakes enjoyed in our vintage 1930s kitchen. This could be the perfect way to spoil your mum. Why not also stroll through our beautiful made to measure house and gardens? **Adult £18.95, child £10 B**

Give it a Go: Felt a Flower Workshop

Thu 4 Apr, 10am–12.30pm

Join the very talented Laurelie Packer for the chance to create a felted flower. Receive hints and tips on using felt to bring vibrancy and life to your crafted flowers. Beginners encouraged. **£30** (incl. materials and refreshments) **B**

Afternoon Tea Talk: Farnborough Hall's Ornamental Landscape – A Hidden History

Thu 11 Apr, 2.30pm–4pm

Uncover the hidden history behind Farnborough Hall's ornamental parkland, and hear about the 10-year restoration scheme underway. Farnborough Hall's 18th-century parkland was designed to draw travellers' attention to Warwickshire's views and vistas. **£10 B**



West Midlands

Birmingham Back to Backs

Candlelit Tours of the Back to Backs

Thu 7 Feb, Thu 14 Feb, Sat 16 Feb & Thu 28 Feb, 6pm–7.45pm

Experience a tour of the Back to Backs by the glow of candlelight. **£6** (incl. hot drinks and toast) **B**

Rag Rug Valentines Heart

Sat 9 Feb, 10.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3.30pm

Get in the Valentines mood on our Rag Heart workshop. Rag rugging was an essential part of life in back-to-back houses. Learn the skills as you create your own romantic decoration for your home. **£30 B**

Murder Mysteries at the Back to Backs

Fri 8 Mar & Sat 30 Mar, 7pm–9pm

There's been a murder at the Back to Backs. Can you get to the bottom of what happened? Interrogate the suspects, follow the clues and help the police solve the mystery. **£22 B**

Discover Rag Rugging

Sat 9 Mar & Sat 18 May, 10.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3.30pm

Learn the art of rag rugging with our craft specialists. Learn the skills needed for this traditional craft and make your own rag rug. **£27.50 B**

Create an Easter Rag Wreath

Sat 13 Apr, 1.30pm–4pm

Embrace the traditional art of rag rugging with an Easter twist on one of our workshops. With the guidance of our craft specialists you will learn how to make your own Easter decoration as well as understanding why rag rugs were so popular with back to back families. **£30 B**



Wightwick Manor and Gardens

Specialist Talk: The Manders – Pioneering Collectors

Sat 2 Feb, 10am–12noon

A talk exploring the connections the Manders, donors of Wightwick Manor, made with mid-20th-century scholars, dealers and the descendants of the Pre-Raphaelites. **£20 B**

Make More of Your Photography

Tue 26 Feb, Tue 5 Mar, Tue 12 Mar, Thu 21 Mar, Thu 11 Apr & Thu 18 Apr, various times (2 hours long)

Professional photographer, Lindsey Bucknor OBE, will help you to gain more confidence and enjoy this great activity. The price includes an A4 print from a picture you take on the day and brief notes to take away. Tea and coffee included on arrival. **£45 B**

Specialist Talk: Women Artists of the Pre-Raphaelites

Fri 8 Mar, 10am–12noon

Join Helen, the House and Collections Manager, for a relaxed talk followed by a walking tour of the collection, featuring such artists as Evelyn De Morgan, Lizzie Siddal and Lucy Madox Brown. **£20 B**

Specialist Talk: Rossetti – Gabriel to Dante

Sat 9 Mar, 10am–12noon

A talk focusing on the early career of Dante Gabriel Rossetti before the founding of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood as he experimented with his early artistic style. **£20 B**

Specialist Talk: Burne-Jones, Morris & Co. and their influence on stained glass and its photography

Sat 23 Mar, 10am–12noon

Join architectural photographer, Alastair Carew-Cox, for a talk about the work of Edward Burne-Jones and Morris & Co. and their influence on stained glass as well as other designers of the period. Followed by a Q&A with author and art historian William Waters. **£15 B**

2-day Stone-carving Workshop with Amerton Arts Studio

Sat 13 Apr & Sun 14 Apr, 10am–4.30pm

Miranda Wakeman will show you how to bring your own creation to life in a stone sculpture for you to take home. Materials, tuition, drinks and refreshments included. Everyone works at their own pace with individual tuition, beginners welcome. **£120 B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr – Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am–4pm



Find all of the purple bunnies around the garden and solve the clues to claim your chocolate prize. **£2.50**



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Worcestershire

Clent Hills

Hidden Stories Ramble

Wed 13 Feb & Sun 24 Feb, 10am-1pm
Dig out the warm layers and your walking boots and join us for 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. **£2.50 B**

February Fun Trails

Sat 16 Feb - Sun 24 Feb, 9am-3pm

Visit this half term and have an adventure on the hills. Pick up a trail from the Welcome Point and head on your way. Don't forget to come and claim your prize! **£2 per trail**

Step into Spring Ramble

Wed 13 Mar & Sun 31 Mar, 10am-1pm

Dig out your walking boots and join us for a 5-mile ramble around the Clent Hills as they come to life after a long winter. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. **£2.50 B**

Spring Leg-Stretcher Walk

Wed 20 Mar, 10am-3pm

Stretch your legs this spring with a 10-mile walk through the Clent Hills and surrounding countryside. **£5 B**

Nature Explorer Trails

Sat 13 Apr - Thu 18 Apr & Tue 23 Apr - Sun 28 Apr, 9am-4pm
Start from the Welcome Point and head off across the hills for fun with the family. Don't forget to come back and claim your prize! **£2**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-5pm

Spring has sprung! Discover Clent as nature wakes up after the long winter sleep. There are two routes, for little legs and big explorers, and everyone will be rewarded with a tasty chocolate treat at the end. **£3 B**

Bluebell Walks

Sun 28 Apr, 10am-1pm & 11am-1pm; Sat 4 May 10am-12noon & Wed 8 May, 10am-1pm

Get out in the fresh air and enjoy a ramble through the Clent Hills and surrounding area to enjoy the carpets of bluebells that cover the hills at this time of year. **£2.50 B**

Family Adventure Trails

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, 9am-4pm

Visit at half term and have an adventure on the hills. Pick up a trail from the Welcome Point and head on your way. Don't forget to come and claim your prize! **£2 per trail**

Croome

Antony Bridge Landscapes Exhibition

Fri 1 Feb - Fri 31 May, 11am-4pm
A new painting by Antony Bridge, Croome's artist-in-residence, makes its debut, using the same view as Richard Wilson's famous landscape painting. Paintings by Wilson and new images by Bridge will make this exhibition both colourful and enticing. **R**

Nordic Walking (Free Taster) at Croome

Mon 4 Feb & Mon 4 Mar, 10am-11.15am
Come and experience the enjoyment and health benefits of 'walking with poles' in Croome's magnificent parkland. Nordic Walking UK instructors are providing this free taster session for those wishing to give it a try! **B** via website www.nordicwalking.co.uk

Panorama Tower Open Day

Mon 18 Feb & Sat 23 Mar, 11am-2pm, Wed 17 Apr & Sun 19 May, 11am-3pm
Take a peek inside one of Croome's eye-catchers, usually closed to the public. With fantastic panoramic views of Worcester from the top of the tower you'll understand why it was chosen as a viewing platform designed by James Wyatt. Free, donations are welcome. Sensible footwear is required.

Grayson Perry Landscape Tapestries

Sat 2 Mar - Fri 31 May, 11am-4pm
An exceptional exhibition of five recent works centred around landscapes by contemporary artist Grayson Perry. Includes the epic Battle of Britain Tapestry and the intricate etchings of Map of an Englishman and Map of Days. **R**

'What is Home' Exhibition

Sat 16 Mar - Fri 31 May, 11am-4pm
Artist Kashif Nadim Chaudry's new installation is inspired by Croome's history as a residential Boys School. Working with ex-pupils and children in-care to examine the question 'what is home', this stunning, thought provoking installation showcases real-life stories through personal objects. **R**

RAF Guided Walk

Sat 13 Apr, 11am-1pm

Join our volunteer who highlights points of interest in Croome's park that relate to the top-secret airbase. The walk takes in key points of interest around the park including views across the airfield and the crash site of a Wellington bomber. **B R**

The Walled Gardens

Every Fri, Sat & Sun (plus Bank Holidays) from Fri 19 Apr - Fri 31 May, 11am-5pm (last entry 4pm)

See the restoration work in the privately-owned historic gardens by owners Chris and Karen Cronin who acquired and rescued it from ruin in 2000. The five-acre walled garden includes greenhouses, borders, rose garden and vegetable plots. **Adult £5, children free R**

Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition

Wed 1 May - Fri 31 May, 11am-4pm

The guild will produce aspects of Croome's landscape through textile art work. Working in their own unique style members will create scenes in response to the National Trust's People's Landscape theme for 2019. **R**



The Firs: Birthplace of Sir Edward Elgar

Fairy Doorbells at The Firs
Sat 16 Feb - Sun 24 Feb, 10.30am-4.30pm

Use your magic wand to find our fairy doors. Ring the doorbell to see who lives inside. Our cheeky fairies might set you nature tasks along the way. When you find all of our tree fairies, a prize awaits you. If you love our fairy friends, make your own to take home. **£2 per trail, £1 per craft**

The Egg Explorer Hunt at The Firs

Sat 13 Apr - Sun 28 Apr, 10.30am-4pm

The Firs is home to many a feathery friend and now spring has sprung we have even more little birds to come. Spot the different eggs and nests and help us look after our nature. Collect the clues then craft your prize. **£2 per trail, £1.50 per craft**

Victorian Fun and Games

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, 10.30am-4.30pm

It's all fun and games at The Firs this May time. Join us in a traditional Victorian holiday with dressing up and good old fashioned toys. **£2 per trail, £1.50 per craft**

Musical Recitals at The Firs

Fri 8 Mar & Fri 22 Mar, 1pm; Fri 6 Apr, 7.30pm & Fri 3 May, 1pm
A delightful programme of musical recitals brought to you by members of our resident orchestra The Volante Strings. **£8 for afternoon recitals, £12 for the evening recital B R**

An Audience with Corinne Frost

Sat 9 Feb, Fri 15 Mar, Fri 12 Apr, Fri 17 May & Fri 24 May, 11.30am & 12.30pm
Corinne Frost entertains audiences with her solo cello whilst engaging in anecdotes about herself and the pieces she plays each recital. Free - donations welcome. **B R**

The Fleece Inn

Fleecey Folk: Breabach

Sun 10 Feb, 8pm-10pm
Enjoy an evening with this multi-award-winning Scottish contemporary folk band. **£15 B**

Fleece Inn Wedding Fayre

Sun 3 Mar, 11am-3pm
Come and meet the team and local suppliers. The medieval Fleece barn is a unique and intimate venue for your ceremony, the hops that line the timber beams are intertwined with lights, a truly magical setting for such a special occasion.

Easter Sunday Morris

Sun 21 Apr, 12noon-2pm (Morris dancing)

During lunch on Easter Sunday our resident Morris sides, Pebworth Morris and Belle d'Vain visit the courtyard to dance. Why not visit us for an Easter Sunday roast and watch the traditional Morris dancing? **B**

Your Bard

Sun 12 May, 8pm-10pm

Did Will Shakespeare write his plays? Spend a rip-roaring hour in the pub with the man himself! He'll tell you all about his family, what it's like on tour and the glory days at the Globe. **£10 B**

Annual Asparagus Auction

Sun 26 May & Sun 2 Jun, 6.30pm-8pm

Hundreds gather in the courtyard of the pub to bid for the seasons best asparagus. The produce is donated by local growers and auctioned off by local man Colin Jelfs. In past years thousands of pounds have been raised for the Bretforton Silver band instruments and the auction often makes the TV!

Greyfriars' House and Garden

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr - Mon 22 Apr (excl. Sun), 1pm-4.30pm

Join the fun. We'll will be welcoming families this Easter to join in the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt around the house and garden and pick up a chocolate prize at the end. **£2**

Hanbury Hall

Welly Walks

Sun 3 Feb - Sun 24 Feb (Sun's only), 11.30am-1.30pm

Get out and discover Hanbury's park this winter. Walk off those seasonal indulgences, enjoy beautiful views and learn more about the history and ongoing restoration of the park from our knowledgeable guides.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Sat 6 Apr & Sat 13 Apr, 6.30am-9am

Join RSPB expert Garth Lowe for an early morning walk around Hanbury's stunning garden and discover the many songbirds that make it their home. **£18 B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 19 Apr - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-4pm

Explore the gardens and park at Hanbury Hall this Easter. Hunt for clues to discover some of nature's best-kept secrets. Reveal them all to claim your delicious chocolatey reward! **£3**

Your contacts

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Biddulph Grange Garden	01782 517999
Birmingham Back To Backs	0121 666 7671
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Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd	01694 725000
Charlecote Park	01789 470277
Clent Hills	01562 887912
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
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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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