What’s on

OXFORDSHIRE

The Buscot and Coleshill Estates
Near Faringdon. SN6 7PT
Tel: 01793 764295

Coleshill Underground WWII event
Sun 22 Sep 10am-4pm
Discover Coleshill’s hidden Second World War history. Talks, trails, re-enactors, access to our replica bunker at the home of Churchill’s British Resistance.
Adults £5  Child £2.50
B 0344 249 1895 or online

Coleshill open afternoons
Sun 30 Oct 2-4pm
See our restored watermill to find out how flour is produced and explore a Second World War replica bunker.
Adults £5  Child £2.50
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Introduction to coppicing workshop
Sat 26 Oct & Sun 16 Nov 9am-12pm
Practical day with our expert ranger in our woods to learn about the history of coppicing, tool selection and safe use, cutting stools and basic processing of wood for products and wildlife benefits.
Adult £60  B 0344 249 1895 or online

Second World War walks
Sun 13 Oct 8-11pm & Mon 1 Nov 1-3pm
Discover Coleshill’s hidden Second World War history on this informative autumn walk through the village, woods and parkland at the home of the British Resistance.
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Autumn scavenger hunt at Badbury Woods
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov 9am-2pm
Become a nature detective and see what you can find in our woods.
£3 per trail

Chastleton House and Gardens
Near Moreton-in-Marsh. GL56 OSU
Tel: 01608 674981

Behind closed doors: conserving Chastleton tour
Tues 24 Sept & Tues 29 Oct 10am-2pm
Spend the morning at Chastleton House discovering our unique approach to conservation.
£20  B 0344 249 1895

Halloween Trail
26 Oct – 3 Nov 11am-4pm
Join us for spooky fun this half term.
£2.50

Christmas at Chastleton
Sat 23 – Sun 24, Sat 30 Nov, Sun 1 & Sun 8 Dec 11am-3pm
Come and see the house magically transformed for a Victorian Christmas.

Greys Court
Near Henley-on-Thames. RG9 4PG
Tel: 01491 628529

Heritage Open Days: Harvest at Greys Court
Wed 18 & Thu 19 Sep
Ten-minute talks by expert gardeners, fruit tasting and more, with free entry for all for Heritage Open Days.

October half-term: Loads of leaves
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov
Pick up a trail leaflet and wander the estate in search of clues celebrating the autumn colour.
£2

Christmas: Gift of giving
Sat 23 Nov – Mon 6 Jan
Celebrate the anniversary of the gift of Greys Court to the nation. It’s set to be really festive.

Christmas dinners in the cowshed
Weddays in Dec 12noon-2.30pm
Explore the mansion at Greys Court in the subdued light of candles, and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies in the kitchen.
£20 B online

Winter Walks
Daily 10am-4pm
Waymarked wander around our estate before stopping in our tea-room for a warm hearty lunch.

Nuffield Place
Near Henley-on-Thames. RG9 5RY
Tel: 01491 642857

Morris Motors at 100: Collection spotlight
Daily until Sun 3 Nov
To celebrate the centenary of Morris Motors, take a whistle stop tour of Lord Nuffield’s career through key items in the collection.

Morris Motors at 100: Classic car event
Sun 1 Sep
Join us as we say ‘Happy Birthday’ to Morris Motors, which turns 100 this year. There’ll be loads of classic cars, pulled pork sandwiches and more.

Morris Motors at 100: Heritage Open Days
Tue 17 Sep
Free entry for all to celebrate 100 years of the Morris Motor Company, with specialist talks and more.

White Horse Hill
Uffington. SN7 7QJ
Tel: 01793 762209

White Horse Hill to Ashdown walk
Sun 27 Oct 9.30am-3pm
See spectacular autumn views on this ranger-led, bracing eight-mile circular hike.
Adult £5  Child £2.50
B 0344 249 1895 or online

BERKSHIRE

Basildon Park
Near Reading. RG8 9NR
Tel: 01491 672382

Heritage Open Days: Festival of Light
Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sep
Free entry to celebrate Indian tradition and culture with a rangoli, curator talks, and light and colour splashed across Basildon Park.

Wild play: Make a mini ball run
Every Sat & Sun 11am-3pm
Join an expert ball-run maker to make your own mini ball run, and take home a piece of the wild play trail.
£3 per child  B online

Exhibition: India & Me
Every day from Sat 21 Oct
In collaboration with community partners, take a sensory journey through the historic links between Basildon Park and India.

Half-term trail: Minibeasts
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov
Pick up a trail leaflet from Visitor Reception and search the parkland for creepy crawlies to find out how flour is produced and explore a Second World War replica bunker.
Adults £5  Child £2.50
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Christmas dinners at Basildon Park
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov
With trails at Basildon Park dripping in opulent Christmas décor and feel the glow of thousands of tree lights as we do Christmas the Victorian way.

Christmas at Basildon Park
Half term and Halloween
Every Sat in Oct 11.30am-1pm
Join an expert ball-run maker to make your own mini ball run, and take home a piece of the wild play trail.
£3 per child  B online

Maidenhead and Cookham Commons
Maidenhead.
Tel: 03628 605069

Fungi walk
Sat 19 Oct 2-4pm
Join a Ranger on a walk across Maidenhead Thicket to discover fantastic fungi.
£8  B 0344 249 1895

Vicar’s Decadence: Christmas at Basildon Park
Sat 23 Nov – Mon 7 Dec
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Bring your family and friends along and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner.
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Ashridge Estate
Near Berkhamsted, HP4 1LT
Tel: 01442 851227

Ashtead in autumn
Sat 2 Dec  10am-4pm
Volunteer-led guided walk at one of the most scenic times of year.
Adult £3 Child £1.50 B online

Photography workshops
Sat & Sun 27 Oct  10am-4pm
Join local photographer Lyndsey Abercromby and learn how to best capture autumn hues.
£99 B 01442 851227

Gentle Stroll: deer rut
Wed 16 Oct  10.30am-12.30pm
Join volunteers to search for deer.
£3

Deer rut walks
Fri 8 – Sun 20 Dec  2017 10am-4pm
Go on a mystery tour to solve the creepy challenge of what happened to the missing hamlets of Stowe.
£2 per trail including prize

Haunted Ashridge trail and craft
Mon 21 Oct – Fri 1 Nov  10am-4pm
Meet some of Ashridge’s former residents on our trail before making a spooky craft at the visitor centre.
£3

Watercolour workshops
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Nov  1-3pm
Create your own wreath using greenery from the estate.
£30 B 01442 851227

Santa Paws
Sun 8 Dec  10am-12pm
Bring your dog for a festive walk with Father Christmas around the meadow.
£6 per dog

Post-Christmas walk
Fri 27 Dec  10am-12pm
Walk off the yuletide indulgence on a scenic guided walk through Ashridge.
Adult £5 Child £3 B 01442 851227

Boarstall Duck Decoy
Boarstall. HP18 0LX
Tel: 01280 817156

Natural play
Sat, Sun & Mon 21 Sep – Sat 1 Nov  11am-5pm
Explore the new trail and create your own adventure.
£3

Halloween storytelling
Thu 31 Oct & Fri 1 Nov  3.30-5.30pm
Hunt for the rare and special things in the forest and create wild art to photograph.
£5 B online

Wreath making workshops
Mon 16 Sep – Sun 3 Nov  10am-12noon
Join a wreath-making, sewing craft or watercolour workshop to prepare for the festivities with our expert teams.
B online

A Vintage Christmas
Fri 29 Nov – Sat 5 Dec
See the house decorated for a 1940s Christmas and enjoy a vintage theme around the grounds. All materials supplied.
Adult £4 B 0344 249 1895

Behind the scenes tour
Fri 29 Nov  10.30am
Learn about life in the 19th century at Waddesdon and how the House was run.
Adult £20 B 01296 820414

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Horrible Halloween
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Christmas fair
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Discover Christmas music-themed decorations in the House (charges apply).
In the grounds, enjoy light displays and children’s craft activities.

Buckinghamshire

Countryside.

miniature winter scenes of the Chilterns
With our resident artist’s guidance, create
ID trees from their simple forms.
£30 B online

Winter Treescape
Tue 12 Nov  10am-12noon
Enjoy a guided walk amongst the stark silhouettes and shapes of winter and learn to
2017 10am-12noon

Garden History Walk
Wed 25 Sep – Sat 2 Oct  8am-12noon
Step back into 300 years of Hughenden’s garden history on a guided walk.
£4 B online

Hidden Hughenden tour
Thu 26 Sep & 3 Oct  10:15-11:30am
Go beyond the scenes in the manor and uncover the hidden rooms and collection.
£8 inc hot drink B online

Autumn watercolours workshop
Wed 9 Oct  10am-6pm
Create a autumn-inspired watercolour, some experience useful.
£30 inc light lunch B online

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Take on our spooky family trail and challenges around the grounds.
£3

Junior Rangers: Scavenger hunt
Tue 29 Oct  10am-12noon
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£30 B online

Tree climbing
Thu 31 Oct  10am-5pm
Join experts for an adventure into the canopy of a great chestnut.
£20 B www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk

Junior Rangers: Twilight Trek
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Take on a dusk walk to spot the signs of nocturnal wildlife. Campfire cookout.
£5 B online

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Hampstead Garden
Near Richmond. TW1 7RS
Tel: 020 8940 1950
Halloween half term Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov
Explore nature’s harvest and find out about the creepy critters that come out to play at night.
£2 per trail
Fireside ghost stories
Every Fri Oct 4 – 10 Dec. 3pm & 4pm
Gather round and listen to a selection of macabre and ghostly tales inspired by the hauntings of Ham.
Adult ghost tours
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Nov & Mon 4 Nov – Fri 8 Nov
Learn about Ham’s hauntings as you’re led through the mansion by lamplight. Includes drinks and nibbles.
£25 B
Family Ghost Tours
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 6 Nov 4pm
Are you brave enough to find out what goes bump in the night? Includes hot chocolate.
£15 B
Candlelit Christmas
Sun Dec – Mon Dec
Decorated for Christmas, experience the mansion by the enchanting and festive giving of candlelight.
Christmas wreath workshop
Tue 4 & Wed 5 Dec
Learn how to create a beautiful and unique wreath from one of our gardeners. Includes drinks and nibbles.
£30 B
Father Christmas grotto
Sat 14 Dec – Mon 23 Dec
Father Christmas is at Ham and will be giving a present to all the children who come to see him.
£7.50 B
12 Dogs of Christmas
Thu 26 Dec – Mon 6 Jan
Prize for each dog of the day with walks and trails for all the family.
Winter Walkies
Wed 3 Jan – Fri 5 Jan
Dog-friendly walks with tours from our head gardener and her dog, Dika.
£5 B
Morden Hall Park
Morden. SM4 5JD
Tel: 020 8545 6850
Harvest Festival: apple weekend Sat 28 – Sun 29 Sep 11am-4.30pm
Merton variety apples with fresh juices, tastings, stalls and crafts
Harvest Festival: hay maze Weekends Sat 28 Sep – Sun 27 Oct 11am-3pm
Child friendly hay maze, can you find your way out?
£3 entry to the maze
Harvest Festival: willow workshops Sat 6 & Sun 13 Oct 10am-3.30pm
Learn new skills and create your own willow basket in this half-day workshop.
£5 inc. materials and light refreshments B online
Morden Hall Park Fun Palace Sat 5 Oct 12noon-4pm
Share your skills and learn new ones at this vibrant community celebration.
October half term Sat 19 – Sun 20 Oct 11am-4pm
Follow the scarecrow trail (£2), visit the hay bale maze and take part in the challenging Survival Adventure Game. Do not miss the Pumpkin Carving Fest from Sat 19 to Wed 23.
£4 per small/family-medium pumpkin (LED tea-light included)
Make a gift workshops
Every Thu & Sun 14 Oct – 8 Dec 11am-4pm
Craft�� own cards, festivity wreaths, stained glass ornaments and learn how to use icing to decorate biscuits.
From £5 B 0344 249 1895 or online
Visit Father Christmas
Weekends, Sat 23 Nov – Sun 1 Dec 10am-3pm
Visit Father Christmas in his cosy enchanted grotto and receive a gift.
Child £2 B 0344 249 1895 or online
Traditions of dinner talk
Fri 29 Nov 7-9.30pm
Come and enjoy a three-course Victorian Christmas meal and festive dinner talk.
£40 B 0344 249 1895 or online
Pantomime: Jack and the Beanstalk
Sat 7 Nov & Sun 8 Nov 11am & 3pm
Fit as fast as you can tell a panto that’s full of fun! Laugh along to this traditional seasonal favourite.
Adult £8 Child £3.50 B online
Storytime with Mother Christmas
Thu 5, 12 & Fri 6, 13 Dec 9.30-10.30am
Festive storytelling session for under 5s with opportunity to book a slot with Father Christmas on his special weekday visit.
Child £3 Adult £2 B online
Festive carriage rides Sat 8, Sun 9, Sat 15, Sun 22, 24, 29 Dec 10am-4pm
Horse-drawn carriage rides through the park are returning for the festive season.
Adult £6 Child £2 Family available B online
Osterley Park and House
Ipsweth. TW17 8RD
Tel: 020 8823 5050
Bat walks
Sat in Sep 7.30-9.30pm
Learn about bats with the Ranger team
Adult £8 Child £4.50 B 0344 249 1895 or online
Halloween: pumpkin festival Sat 19 – Sun 20 Oct 11am-4pm
Enjoy pumpkin carving and spooky activities.
£4 for pumpkin
Winter Walkies
Daily from Mon 4 Nov – Sun 23 Feb 10am-4pm
Bring your furry friends to enjoy our beautiful gardens
Exhibition: Treasures of Osterley – Rise of a Banking Family
Daily Mon 4 Nov – Sun 23 Feb 10am-4pm
A chance to see Osterley’s recent acquisition St Agatha by Carlo Dolci alongside the best of the Child family collection.
Festive family trail
Daily in Dec 10am-4pm
Festive trail around the garden, with a small price at end
£3 per trail
Christmas: wreath workshops
Tue 3, 3rd Sat 5, Sun 14 Dec 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
Using fresh greenery from the estate, create and decorate your own table centrepieces to take home with you.
Adult £26 B 0344 249 1895 or online
Osterley Winter 10k race
Sat Dec 10.30am
Osterley’s annual race in partnership with Ealing Half Marathon.
£20 – £22 B online
Exhibition: The Tiger Who Came To Tea
Sun 10 Jan – Sun 7 Mar
Celebrate this classic children’s story in partnership with Seven Stories, the National Centre for Children’s Books.
Night Run
Sat 10 Jan 8pm
Discover Osterley in a new light with our 7km Night Run.
£14 or £3 as part of a group
LONDON
2 Willow Road
Hampstead. NW3 1TH
Tel: 020 7435 6666
Thursday Lates at 2 Willow Road
Selected dates Mon 6 – Sun 26 Nov 6-9pm
Exclusive events with welcome drinks, guest speakers and the chance to explore the house at night.
£15 B online acuriousinvitation.com
Eastbury Manor House
Barking. IG11 9SN
Tel: 020 8227 2942
All Eastbury Manor House is managed by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
Halloween
Sun 27 Oct 6-9pm
A spooky theatrical performance, pumpkin carving and Halloween trails.
£5 performance £3 crafts B online
The Gunpowder Plot
Sun 3 Nov 6-9pm
A special family-centred theatrical performance and crafts.
£5 performance £3 crafts B online
Shakespeare at Eastbury
Fri 6 & Sat 7 Nov 9pm
A special musical adaptation of Much Ado About Nothing and Muchad performed by The Three Herricks.
Adult £7 Child £5 Group £20 B online
Eastbury’s woodland grotto
Sun 7 & Sun 14 Dec 4-6pm
Meet Father Christmas in his wintry woodland grotto and receive a traditional stocking.
Child £7.50 B online
Fenton House and Garden
Hampstead. NW3 6SP
Tel: 020 7435 3471
Musical Wednesdays
Wed from Mar – Oct 2:30-3pm
Hear about Fenton’s rare early keyboard instruments and enjoy the wonderful music they make during these short demonstrations.
Fenton Garden Introductory Talks
Thu from Apr – Oct 2:30-3pm
Fascinating and newly unearthed facts in these short talks, surrounded by autumn colour.
Evening concerts
Wed one a month Apr – Oct 7pm
Invited musicians perform on the Fenton Fletcher collection of early keyboard instruments.
£20 (inc glass of wine) B online
Apple weekend
Sat 6 & Sun 7 Oct 11am-5pm
Apple tastings, local food and children’s activities in Fenton’s beguiling walled garden and 300-year-old orchard.
Halloween: half term pumpkin trail
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Oct 11am-4.30pm
Trail around the walled gardens in search of pumpkin pests and get spooky with themed crafts, games and storytelling.
£3 includes ghostly goodies
Christmas at Fenton
Wed – Sun, 30 Nov – 15 Dec 11am-4.30pm
Escape the hustle of the high street and dwell for a while in a magical setting. Gift-making workshops accompanied by music and mulled wine
Rainham Hall
Havering. RM11 7YN
Tel: 020 8533 6359
Hog’s Head apple weekend
Sat 5 – Sun 6 Oct 11am-5pm
Our annual celebration of the orchard returns with local produce for sale, hot mulled cider and family activities.
Adult £5 Child £2.50
Museums at Night
Sat 2 Nov 6-9pm
Have you ever wondered which pet-Rapunzel artist you are most like? Join us after dark to take the quiz, explore the house and enjoy a cup of something warming.
Adult £18 B 0344 249 1895
Reading Red House
Fri 9 Nov – Sun 11 Dec 9am-4pm
Medieval Christmas at Red House explores literature as craft, medieval tales, decorations and recipes.
Older Father Christmas
Sat 30 Nov – Sun 1 Dec 3-4pm
Green Father Christmas returns with tales of Christmas past and a gift for every child!
£3 (Child + max 2 adults) B 0344 249 1895
Medieval Carol Concert
Sat 7 Dec 4-6pm (families) 7-9pm
Canticles return playing medieval instruments and dressed to match. Join this lively duo, sing along and explore the house by candlelight.
Ad: £10 Child £8.50 B 0344 249 1895
Sutton House and Breaker’s Yard
Hackney Central. E9 6JQ
Tel: 020 8986 2264
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First Thursday ‘Lates’
Thu from Oct 1st until Oct 6-9pm
Join us for a series of specially curated after-hours events inspired by our Anthony Denney exhibition.
Additional charge for some activities
Fourth Anniversary and Denney’s Birthday Celebration
Sun 6 Oct
Help us celebrate our fourth anniversary and Anthony Denney’s birthday with stalls, activities and entertainment.
Autumn half term
Sat 19 Oct – Sun 27 Oct
Join fun family activity sessions such as pumpkin carving or cooking around the campfire.
Various activities £3-£4
The Christmas Edition
Sat 30 Nov – Tue 3 Dec
Inspired by images of the Hall decorated by Anthony Denney in the 1960s, expect Christmas flower arrangements, festive food and drinks, and a range of evening and day activities.
Red House
Bexleyheath. DA7 1BP
Tel: 020 8303 6359
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