



May and into June

1st May

Ashby de La Zouch & District Royal British Legion - A presentation on experiences in Afghanistan will be given by a serving Paratrooper, Stuart McDonald. Legion House, South St., at 7pm. All welcome, please contact 01530 414390 if interested in attending.

3rd May

North Leics National Trust Assoc Come on a coach trip with us, and visit two delightful properties, Baddesley Clinton and Packwood House, for further details (N.T.members) please ring Ashby 563003.

4th May

Century Theatre at Snibston - The Iron Lady (12A) starring Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher and Jim Broadbent as Denis. Doors open 7pm, programme commences 7.30pm. Admission £3.50 on the door. Call 01530 278444 for details.

The Palace Ibstock - Charity Organ Concert. Tickets: £6.00 from Halls, Ibstock, Tel: 01530 260460 or Mr Martin, Tel: 01455 290145 or Mr Lines, Tel: 01530 457274.

5/7th May

Ticknall Village Hall - Exhibition of Paintings by Jane Betteridge 10am - 5pm.

5th May

Christian Aid - Coffee Morning at Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street. 10.00am - 1.00pm. Including cakes and 'all-day' breakfasts.

7th May

Burton Sailing Club - Open day 11 - 4pm, free sailing experiences for all the family, BBQ and refreshments. Discounts on membership available on the Day. Come down to Foremark Reservoir, Chestnut Ave, Milton DE65 6EG.

8th May

Civic Society - Annual General Meeting followed by a talk 'Yachting in Ashby!' by Keith Wildig, a local man who took part in the Australia - South African yacht race, meeting starts at 7.30pm.

Ashby Spa WI - Hear Rosemary Conley: How she started her slimming clubs, her charity STEPS and of course Dancing on Ice. Tickets 12.50 includes glass of wine and goodie bag Manor House School, South St, Ashby LE65 1BR. Contact 01530 417678 for tickets

Ashby Writers' Club - Manuscript Meeting: members own work, at La Zouch Restaurant, Kilwardby Street, 7.30-9.30pm. Visitors welcome at a nominal fee of £4 per speaker meeting, £3 per comp/manuscript meeting, including coffee. See www.ashbywritersclub.com

Ashby de La Zouch & District Royal British Legion - meet at Legion House, South Street, at 7pm. All are welcome contact 01530 414390 for details.

9th May

Ashby Wine Circle - 'Origins of Sayings - Part 1' presented by Ian Hingley. At St Helen's Cottage, Lower Church Street, 7.30pm. Contact 01530 224030.

11th May

Century Theatre at Snibston - Rock 'n' Blues Party with the Woo Woos and Cellar Bar Blues Band. Starts 7pm. Tickets £5. Call 01530 278444 for details.

Market Bosworth & District Flower Club - 'Born to Shop - Forced to Work' with Janine Hall. 7.15 for 7.30pm start at Market Bosworth Parish Hall, Park Street. Further information from Mrs Hilma Jones on 01455 459477.

The Palace Ibstock - Film Night - 'The Iron Lady' (12A) - Winner of 2 Oscars! A look at the life of Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, with a focus on the price she paid for power. Doors, Box Office and Licensed Bar open at 7.00pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £4.00/£3.00 from Halls, Ibstock, Tel: 01530 260460.

12th May

Gresley Male Voice Choir - Gala Concert at 7.30pm, at Calke Abbey, Ticknall, with Special Guest Artist Tanya Hilton (Piano).

Century Theatre at Snibston - Mars on the Rise book launch by Leics writer Rae Gee. Film, interview, reading, Q&A's, book signing and live music. Tickets £20, includes signed copy of the book. Starts 7.30pm. Contact: Rae@glasscompletelyempty.co.uk

13th May

Ashby de la Zouch Bowling Club is holding another Open Day for beginners who were not able to attend the April Open Day. It starts 2pm at the Green on Bath Grounds, behind the Royal Hotel, Station Road. All ages welcome. Coaching is free. Please wear

flat soled [no heels] leisure shoes while on the Green. Contact Paul Stokes on 01530 417747 for further details.

Transport Festival Snibston - 10-5pm Classic and Vintage cars, buses and motorcycles with a personal appearance of Roary the Racing Car and Big Chris. Vintage bus and pony rides. Craft Fair, Auster Plan Club plus lots more. Adults £7.50, Children £5 under 3's free. For further information see www.snibston.com

13th - 19th May

Christian Aid Week - house-to-house collection.

14th May

Ashby Ladies in Business Luncheon - The Crowded House at 12.30pm till 2.00pm, £15.00 per person to include a 2 course lunch & wine. The first regular lunch meeting of Ashby business woman organised by Sue Crooks of SJC Marketing. For further information please contact 07505 847807 or email suecrooks@sjcmarketing.co.uk

Charnwood Lower Guild - monthly demonstration 'Take It as It Comes' by Sue Sewell. At Adult School, Bridge Road, Coalville, LE67 3PW, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £5, come and join us, watch and enjoy.

SOUK de la Zouch Event Launch - A new shopping experience comes to Ashby, exclusive yet affordable giftware. All welcome at The Crowded House 2.00pm till 6.00pm.

15th May

North.Leics National Trust Assoc - Join us for an evening talk, our speaker will take a fascinating look into retail therapy old and new, that even men will enjoy. For further details (N.T.members only) please ring Ashby 563003.

16th May

Ashby Spa WI - Resolution Meeting Plus Cheese and Wine. 7.30pm at Manor House School, South Street. Enquiries for membership by email to ashby.spa@googlemail.com or the Secretary on 01530 411294.

17th May

Christian Aid - Lunch at Methodist Church, Burton Road. 12.00 - 2.00pm. To include soup, ham or cheese 'ploughman's', 'posh' puddings, tea or coffee. Also sale of cakes, preserves, cards and plants.

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18th May

Holy Trinity Church - Lesley Smith, Curator of Tutbury Castle will be appearing as Queen Elizabeth 1st. This glittering presentation will transport you back to the time of Drake and Raleigh on England's voyage into the Renaissance. Tickets £12 includes cheese & wine supper, Contact Carole Timms 01283 216653 for tickets. Please note this performance is unsuitable for children under 16.

Century Theatre at Snibston - The Awakening (15). Atmospheric ghost story set in a 1920's boarding school. Highly acclaimed British film starring Rebecca Hall, Dominic West and Imelda Staunton. Doors open 7pm, programme commences 7.30pm. Admission £3.50 on the door. Call 01530 278444 for details.

The Palace Ibstock - 'The Dolly Mixtures' present 'A Merry Mixture', a musical review. All proceeds in aid of Ibstock Scouts and Guides. Performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £6.00 from Halls, Ibstock, Tel: 01530 260460 or from Lois on Tel:01530 261686.

19th May

Blackfordby Village Hall - The last dance of the winter is on Saturday 19th May 2012. Phil Brown will be playing the music for our Ballroom and Sequence dances. Time 8pm - 11pm Admission £3, Bar, Refreshments, Raffle. For further details call 01283 213481 or 01283 819447.

Christian Aid - Coffee Morning at Baptist Church, Brook Street. 10.00am - 12.00 midday.

Ashby Farmers Market - 9am to 2pm at Manor House School, South Street. Bringing you the finest foods from the region and specialist stalls. Free Parking.

Christian Aid - Super Soup Lunch at Baptist Church, Brook Street. 12.00 - 2.00pm. (Soup & bread £2, puddings £1).

Century Theatre at Snibston - Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad. Two ghost stories by M R James, performed by R M Lloyd Parry. Starts 8pm. Tickets £10. Call 01530 278444 for details.

The Palace Ibstock - Badapple Theatre Company presents 'Eddie and The Gold Tops' (in conjunction with 'Centre Stage'; the rural theatre touring scheme) Comedy with music, from the

team behind 'Back to the Land Girls'. This tale follows Eddie, a hard-working milkman, inspired by the cream of the pop charts and tired of the milk-float of ordinary life, ever dreaming of stardom & success. But suddenly things are on the up! Performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets: £8.00, concessions £6.00 Combination ticket (1 Adult & 2 children) £16.00 from Halls, High Street, Ibstock, Tel: 01530 260460.

21st May

North Leics National Trust Assoc - Our popular coffee mornings continue at Calke Abbey, come and meet fellow members, alone, or with a friend. For further details (N.T.members only) please ring Ashby 563003.

22nd May

Ashby Writers' Club - competition: 300 word prose fiction on a theme of "The Rebel" (please aim to be within 5 words of 300, not including title) at La Zouch Restaurant, Kilwardby Street, 7.30-9.30pm. Visitors welcome at a nominal fee of £4 per speaker meeting, £3 per comp/manuscript meeting, including coffee. See www.ashbywritersclub.com

25th May

North Leics National Trust Assoc - A lunch, and an entertaining talk with slides, on Father Ray and the Pattaya Orphanage. Anecdotes both amusing and sad drawn from visits. For further details (N.T.members only) please ring Ashby 563003.

Century Theatre at Snibston - Thin Lizzy performed by Limehouse Lizzy. The renowned tribute band continues to keep the spirit of Phil Lynott and Thin Lizzy alive. Starts 8pm. Tickets: advance £13, door £15. Call 01530 278444 for details.

26th May

Nordic Walking - Introductory workshop at Conkers, 10am to 12.30 pm. Workshop fee £10, limited spaces and booking essential. For further details, or book call Michelle on 07887 678367 or 01530 273366.

The Palace Ibstock - Ashby Concert Band presents a concert of film music to celebrate and commemorate: The Queen's Diamond Jubilee (The Orb & Sceptre March written by William Walton for the Coronation), the Centenary of The Palace (music from 'Jungle Book' - the last film to be shown

before closure in 1977), the London Olympics and the sinking of the Titanic (music from the film). Performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £7.00 from Halls, Ibstock, Tel: 01530 260460.

29th May

Ashby USA - Mr David Bell with a talk 'Down the Garden Path' Newcomers only pay £1 to start. Refreshments available Everyone welcome, for further information ring Sue 01530 413345.

30th May

Film Night, Ashby de la Zouch Cinema - Paradiso (PG) a beautiful film about a boy's love affair with the movies. Come and enjoy this Oscar winning treat. English subtitles. Film starts at 7.30pm. Doors & bar open from 7pm. The Lyric Rooms, Lower Church Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1AB Tickets £4 - available Ashby TIC 01530 411767 or on the door.

31st May

Ashby Writers' Club - Literary Supper with speaker Rod Duncan at La Zouch Restaurant, Kilwardby Street, 7.30-9.30pm. Visitors welcome at a nominal fee of £4 per speaker meeting, £3 per comp/manuscript meeting, including refreshments. Please visit www.ashbywritersclub.com

1st June

Milton Open Gardens - (DE65 6EF, Between Repton and Ticknall), 2pm - 6pm Ten gardens open, from small courtyards to many acres, all different and all interesting, eight on Main Street all close by each other, and two 1 mile away at the Waterworks. Most wheelchair accessible. £3 entrance, children free, Tombola stall, Teas and cakes in the Village Hall, The Swan public house open for lunches and drinks. All proceeds to the Air Ambulance. Coaches welcome, please contact john.lynnel@virgin.net to discuss parking etc.

MRC Community Action - are hosting a Fashion Show from 7.30pm on Friday 1st June - Fancy coming along? More information available from Ann Cave acave@mrc.uk.net or phone 01530 510515

8th June

Overseal Pyrotechnics - presents Jackson Live the ultimate tribute band, selling out venues wherever they go, at National Brewery Centre. Ticket Line 01283 532880 Ext 206.