

The Beltane Spring Fayre Group and Leicester Pagan Alliance

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Spring Equinox Fayre

11 am - 6 pm
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Moat Community College



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Who are the Beltane Spring Fayre Group?

The Beltane Spring Fayre Group is a diverse collective of pagan and non-pagan individuals involved in organising and promoting an annual festival celebrating spring with earth-based mysteries and traditional spirituality. The Group endeavours to promote tolerance and understanding between the diverse spiritual communities of Leicester.

What is paganism?

Paganism can be defined as an expression of spirituality rooted in the belief of the sacredness of Nature, recognising the Divine as present in all things. Pagans seek to attune themselves with Nature and her rhythms and honour the seasons with the eight-fold ritual year.

Paganism as a term encompasses many different beliefs and practices, including Druidry, Wicca and Witchcraft, Shamanism, the Northern Tradition and Native American wisdoms.

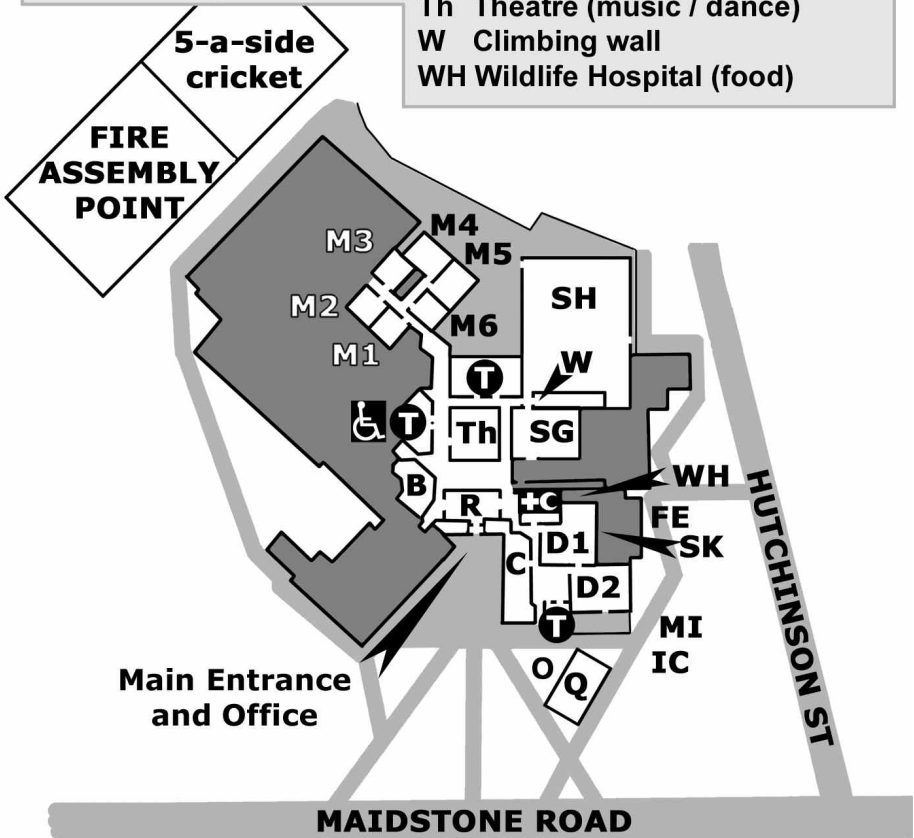
"We celebrate our diversity for we believe that each person should find their spirituality according to the dictates of the quiet, inner voice of their own soul... Pagans of all paths respect the rights of every living soul, whether human, animal, plant or rock. We are ever mindful of the actions of cause and effect, whether by thought or deed, upon the creatures of the Earth. We encourage free thought, creative imagination and practical human resourcefulness, believing these to be fundamental to our spending our lives in harmony with the rhythms of the natural world. We rejoice that some of our personal beliefs should now be shared by so many other people. These beliefs are the heritage of all people from our distant and common ancestors - they are equally the concern of all our descendants."

The Pagan Federation


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- IC Ice Cream Van
- MI McIndians (food)
- O The Offie beer stall
- Q Marquee (music/dance)

-  Toilets
-  Disabled Toilet
-  First Aid (in Social Lounge)
- B Brahma Kumaris
- C Creche, lost kids
- D1 Dining Room 1
- D2 Dining Room 2
- R Reception, Information Point
- SG Small Gym (children's zone)
- SH Sports Hall (market / dance)
- SK Samosa King (food)
- Th Theatre (music / dance)
- W Climbing wall
- WH Wildlife Hospital (food)



Sports Hall

<i>time</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>description</i>
11:00	Good Values Club (Sathya Sai Education in Human Values)	Indian dancing.
11:30	Bakanalia	Morris Dancing.
<p>BAKANALIA are a Border Morris Dancing group from Leicester. The group is comprised of both men and women, young and old and from all walks of life. 'Border Morris' has its origins around the borders between England and Wales. It is distinguishable by the style of dress, traditionally, Border teams wear rag jackets in strong, dark colours with matching face make up.</p>		
12 noon Opening Ceremony	<p>On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade, we are pleased to welcome Carol Leeming and Wolde Selassie who will host an Afro-Caribbean ceremony.</p>	
1:00	Jenny Crane	Maypole Dancing – Come along and join in the fun – all ages and shapes welcome.
1:30	Good Values Club (Sathya Sai Education in Human Values)	Indian dancing.
2:00	Bakanalia	Morris Dancing.
3:00	Jenny Crane	Maypole Dancing – Come along and join in the fun – all ages and shapes welcome.
3:30	Pakistan Youth and Community Association	A multi-cultural fashion show representing the various cultures at our centre.
4:00	Vikings of Middle England	Demonstration of authentic costumes.
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>Founded in 1991, Leicester based 'Vikings! (Of Middle England)' (Týrslíð) provide dynamic and exciting re-enactment events that seek to shock, scare, amuse – but above all – educate an audience in a dramatic and entertaining fashion. Maintaining a high standard of historical accuracy with regard to costume, equipment and persona, Vikings! (Of Middle England) portray the Viking era, a key point in British and European history, in great detail, interacting with an audience. They are a free-flowing and vibrant re-creator of Dark-Age life.</p> </div> </div>		
4:30	Alley Katz	A community dance group from Beaumont Leys with a medley of modern dance from hip-hop to jazz.
5:00	<p>Raffle draw at 5:00pm – Free ticket with every souvenir programme – just fill in the feedback form and return it to the information point.</p>	
5:30	Vikings of Middle England	Demonstration of authentic costumes.

Sylvesta the Jester (12–4pm) and **Abdul Khalifa** the magician (2–3:30pm) will be enchanting you with tricks and humour around the venue. Catch them if you can.

Sylvesta the Jester will mix and mingle with children and adults, improvising as he goes, with mandola in hand, joking and performing comedy routines provoking participation. He has appeared at the Glastonbury and Sidmouth Festivals, at re-enactments, and in many stately homes and castles, and is Leicester's official jester.



Abdul Khalifa first became interested in the art of magic from the age of twelve after watching Paul Daniels and other great magicians on television. In December 2004 Abdul auditioned to join the Leicester Magic Circle and passed. He is now a full member of the prestigious Leicester Magic Circle with the help of John Corbett and the ex-president of Leicester Magic Circle, Roy Johnson. Abdul is an old boy of Moat College, and returns to the same corridors today. Abdul Khalifa has performed for Bollywood actor and actress Ajay Devgan and Kajol, and has also entertained actor Ameet Chana, DJ Rishi Rich, singer Jay Sean, Punjabi MC Hard Kaur, and comedian Paul Chowdhry. Abdul has also had the honour of performing for the High Commissioner of Pakistan.



Workshop room 2

<i>time</i>	<i>speaker</i>	<i>subject</i>
1:00 – 1:30	Dipak Kumar (Sathya Sai Education in Human Values)	Togetherness through Values.
<p>Nearly 120 children at The Good Values Club aged five years to fourteen years learn Human Values – ie Truth, Love, Peace, Right Conduct and Non-Violence through various activities like storytelling, games, art and craft, role play and dancing.</p>		
2:00 – 3:00	Anna Franklin	Ostara: traditions of Spring Equinox – history and folklore.
<p>Initiated into the Craft at the age of eighteen, Anna studied with an Alexandrian/Gardnerian coven, then later Traditional witchcraft with Sara Robinson [Sara Lees-Smith] of the Coranield, from whom she received her second degree. In the mid 1980s Anna founded the Hearth of Arianrhod, running teaching circles, outer circles, and working coven and postal courses, along with publishing the Pagan magazine Silver Wheel.</p> <p>Anna's third degree came from Merrymoon, the coven's then high priest. She has contributed hundreds of articles to both small press and professional magazines, and has written twenty-three books. Anna continues to be high priestess of the Hearth of Arianrhod, which runs a working coven, regular moots, social evenings and the Mercian Gathering.</p>		
3:00 – 3:30	Mark Graham	Druidry.
<p>Mark is a Druid author and ecologist and a founder member of the Charnwood Grove of Druids. Living for 12 years in a tipi on top of a Welsh mountain, studying astrology and experiencing at first hand the power of the elements, Mark developed a deep understanding of the forces of nature and of human nature, an understanding which informs his shamanic approach to the Druid tradition. Mark is currently the Chair of the Loughborough Council of Faiths and Interfaith Manager for the Druid Network, working to bring an understanding and acceptance of Druidry and Paganism to a wider audience.</p>		
3:30 – 4:00	Mick Summers (Arroneath)	The red dragon and the white dragon.
<p>Arroneath has been a witch since 1974. he has taught and been taught the craft in Europe, USA, and Asia for the past 30 years. His talk on a balance of dragons will cover Spring, liminal points, the folly of eating whole cows, and middle age angst.</p>		
4:00 – 4:30	Mary Clarke	Crystals and how to choose them.
<p>Mary Clarke has been an Astrologer and Tarot Reader for the best part of 25 years doing clientelle work as well as talks, workshops and classes. She has also had an interest in crystals and mineralogy since her early teenage years. Mary sold crystals on markets and at fairs for some years and has given many talks about them. She is now an enthusiastic amateur on the subject. Choosing crystals for a specific purpose can be a daunting task</p>		

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with the amount of information around. Mary hopes to simplify this process and tell you a little more about the crystals and their uses at the same time.		

4:30 – 5:30	Dusty Miller (The world's leading wand-maker)	The Hidden Secrets of Real Magick Wands.
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Open Art Exhibition hosted by Pathways into Art



Chez Kay, Bob Trubshaw, Debbie Birch, Jane McFadden, Steve Robinson, Gwen, and others.

Poets' Circle

Open microphone spots are available – turn up at 2:00.

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11:30 – 12:00	Mark Graham	storytelling
Mark's unique storytelling style owes as much to stand up comedy as it does to the Bardic tradition of Druidry, so be prepared to be very entertained.		
1:00 – 1:30	Mark Graham	storytelling
2:00 – 4:00	Madhu Chapaneri Bubbles Singh Dilip Gajjar Dahyabhai Prajapati Bhavanbhai Patel Rose Beckford Jon Tyler	English, Caribbean and Asian poetry. Open microphone spots are available – turn up on the day to book a session.
4:30 – 5:00	Mark Graham	storytelling

Theatre

Paul Newman will be compering (except when he's singing in the garden marquee at 3:30).

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11:00 – 11:30	Helical	Helical is a guitar group from Nowhereland, England. They play music as a band and there isn't really much more to say than that. Helical like music very much. Helical like all kinds of music from dub like Lee 'Scratch' Perry to hardcore punk like Rites of Spring and the Minutemen and Fugazi and Dead Kennedies to hip hop like Public Enemy and Wu-Tang Clan to other folk like The Velvet Underground and John Frusciante and Jane's Addiction and The Beatles and Radiohead and Modest Mouse and Shakira. Helical are nice, well adjusted young boys with sensible haircuts. Helical are a bastardised version of everything you ever heard.
12:00 – 1:00	Orchestra Navrang	Classic Indian pop music from the masters, direct from Gujarat.
1:00 – 1:30	BKC + Gold Blend	Peace rapper & dancers from the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University.
	Lapis Lazuli	The ever popular exponents of Egyptian dancing.
1:45 – 2:30	Kevin Hewick	Kevin Hewick is The Winston Churchill of alternative acoustic music. He has had releases on Factory Records, Cherry Red and Sorted Records and has new material on Burning Shed. A walking anecdote machine, he performs beautiful songs with deep lyrics and has the voice to do them justice.
2:30 – 3:15	Kiajarovah	Everything seems to be about boxes these days. This is emo, that is metal, this is brechtian punk cabaret..."oh you're in a band? What type of music do you play?" Umm... Expect noisy madness... maybe.
3:15 – 4:00	Red Star Radio	Red Star Radio is essentially the songwriting partnership of Chris Thorley and Guy Lawton. Influences range from post-punk to indie pop and from acoustic folk to prog rock. This inevitably gives the band a hugely diverse sound, but one which is always firmly grounded around indie guitar rock. The band operates a 'revolving door' policy with other musical collaborators and performers and this throws more flavour into an already appetising melting pot.
4:00 – 5:00	Tea Monkeys	Our material is rather a unique mash up of various styles, including reggae, funk, rock and pop. The mantra of the band is to write and perform songs in a broad variety of styles without being unfaithful to the genres that influence us.

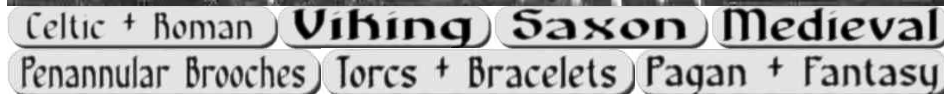


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5:00 – 5:30	Carol Leeming	<p>Carol Leeming has been proclaimed the jewel in Leicester's jazz crown. Carol is a hugely versatile artist, with a powerful and distinct vocal style. Carol has enjoyed chart success both in the UK and US and has made a huge name for herself on the club scene from jazz/funk, RnB and house. She has worked with producers Staxx, Boyz in Shock, John Digweed, and So Dam Tuff. Whilst performing her own material she collaborated on a track that became "Give me back all my Love" (remix Marshall Jefferson) with the duo Staxx. Carol attained further success with "Joy" (No: 1 US Bill Board Dance Chart/UK Top 25/Europe Top 10) touring extensively in the US and Europe in the 90's, and more recently working as band leader in Sankofa, an 18 piece afro-jazz band.</p> <p>Her poetry started as a by-product of her singing and music. Some performances took place in the 80s at black women's events, but she really began at "The Word", run by Steve Carroll of Apples & Snakes in 2002/2003. She is an established playwright, with work for the BBC and Haymarket Theatre.</p>

5:30 – 6:00	The Wheel	<p>For our finale: The Wheel met at Charnwood Grove and think of themselves as happy hippy pagans. Motivated by the environment, history, and English and pagan traditions, they perform songs (both traditional and self-written) that reflect this, from mellow to "quite lively".</p>
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Garden Marquee



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11:00 – 11:30	Rai Studley	<p>Ask me what style of music I play and I'll probably stumble over my words and look at you with a slightly puzzled expression – have you ever tried to answer this question yourself? My jumbled words would probably include ... emotive ... melodic ... unusual ... edgy ... Think Tracy Chapman crossed with Alanis Morissette and then check out my music and make up your own mind.</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Josie Parr	<p>Started writing in early 2005 ish. Most my songs are written in my beloved shed, generally whenever I'm pissed off or actually have something to write about. I've been doing some new recording recently which hopefully will be available soon, enjoy! Influences – Elliott Smith, Hole, Damien Rice, Beck, Radiohead, Nirvana, Scott Matthews, Nick Drake, to name a few.</p>
12:00 – 12:30	Coopah	<p>Coopah is a non profit "group" centred around the vision of creating stripped down, honest, freely available music. Taking cues from the folk / punk / post hardcore movements that have spanned many decades – Coopah will make music that, hopefully, adds to this tradition. Whether the songs are based around history, emotion, experience or the will to protest – Coopah will wear its brass plated heart on a tattered sleeve.....</p>
12:30 – 1:00	Coriander Helen	<p>I'm an eclectic mix of alternative folk (though I don't like to be put in a category) with a passionate, cutting and sometimes sarcastic edge, with the down to earth qualities of the Smiths. My songs often have more than one meaning, you could say they have hidden depths. I write from the heart about things I feel strongly about, so if someone upsets me, I write a song about them. So be warned everyone out there. My music is my life and about my life, I have songs for every occasion, from politics to paranoia. Well that's me in a nutshell (as I am quite small). Enjoy!</p>
1:00 – 1:30	Ogum!	<p>Ogum are a tribal rhythmic collective comprising elements of pagan, African, indigenous and rock styles, featuring drums and didge.</p>
1:30 – 2:00	Mr. Plow	<p>Mr. Plow plays acoustic Americana, sounding a little like Johnny Cash bludgeoning Evan Dando with Joey Ramone's mic stand. He sings songs about cars, films, space monsters and life's everyday disappointments. He considers himself to be unnecessarily tall. Besides his music, we love him for telling the BBC that last year's May Fayre was his best gig ever!</p>



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2:00 – 2:30	Lapis Lazuli	The ever popular exponents of Egyptian dancing.
	BKC + Gold Blend	Peace rapper & dancers from the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University.
2:30 – 3:00	Tracy Tierney	Born in Leicester with roots in Ireland, Tracy was trained classically at Cardiff University and began as a singer/songwriter in Chicago in 1997. She currently teaches music but still sings and writes and plays both classically and in her own style, which has a folk influence.
3:00 – 3:30	James Heathen	James Heathen has been entertaining audiences with his searing guitar ability, strong vocals and passionate self penned songs. His songs are both witty, intelligent and poignant, and make for a compelling listen. Drawing on a wide range of musical influences and genres, James puts it all together in one neat package and delivers.
3:30 – 4:00	Paul Newman	Weaving the Past, Present and Future of this Land, it's Gods and it's People through Story, Speech and Song.
4:00 – 4:30	Mike Authentic	When he's not being the frontman in popular controversial high volume rockers The Authentics, Mike likes to sing edgy acoustic pop songs. Lyrically thoughtful, his vocal stylings hark back to seminal British punk-rock.
4:30 – 5:00	Paul Carden	I am a singer/songwriter from Loughborough. I perform live with a drum machine, guitar FX and often Nigel Lawson on harmonica. Uncle Flash sometimes joins in on percussion.
5:00 – 5:30	Pes & friends	A relative newcomer to the local acoustic menagerie, Pes' 'Acoustic Soda' is a sample of the emotional, the socially realistic and the often dark meanderings of love, politics and beer. Acoustic folk.
5:30 – 6:00	Jodie Monroe	Accompanied by her friend Rai Studley on guitar, Jodie is another new kid on the block. Her voice is distinctive, powerful and versatile.



Cricket on the all weather pitch (outside)

11:15 – 1:15	Pakistan Youth and Community Association will play a 5-a-side cricket match against Moat Community College , weather permitting.
1:15 – 3:15	St Peters Neighbourhood Housing Office will play a Residents' team, weather permitting.



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Magickal Market in Sports Hall and around the site



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- **Leicester Pagan Alliance stall.**
- **Heart of Albion Press** bookstall run by Bob Trubshaw the UK's leading publisher of folklore, mythology and cultural studies. It also publishes local history books, booklets and CD-ROMs.
- **Anna Franklin's** bookstall – Books on paganism, folklore, fairies, and divination cards.
- **Arroneath's** – Interesting and cheap objets d'art for the occult collector.
- **Mary Clarke** – Elemental Crystals – A selection of quality crystals, both familiar and unusual at competitive prices; together with **Witchers Charnwood Wands and Staffs** – A selection of hand-crafted wands and staffs made from the various hardwoods from ancient Charnwood Forest. Honeysuckle twists a speciality!
- **Simon Collins & Michelle Maiden** – Heathen craftwork, faery and other-world paintings.
- **Charnwood Grove** – Art, music and Information from the Charnwood Grove of Druids.
- **Greywolf** is Canadian/Indian and a member of the Seneca Wolf clan of New York. He's giving shamanic readings and talking on how to get healing using the medicine wheel for everyday and everyone.
- **Dusty Millers** – All of their LiveWood Tools were lovingly, hand-crafted from live wood, donated by extremely ancient, sacred trees to these two world famous Elfin Shamen. And, you will be amazed to know: all their magick is Satisfaction Guaranteed!
- **Derbyshire pagans.**
- **Coffin Scratchers motor cycle club** is run by and for its members. We are a group of friends who all enjoy rallys, showing, talking about our machines and generally having a good time and laugh.
The club is based in Leicestershire but we have members from as far a field as Suffolk, West Sussex & Wiltshire and we welcome new members from all over the UK.
The club supports 2 charities, Heartlink, for children with heart problems requiring surgery and Leicestershire animal aid for abandoned cats and dogs that require re-homing. Both charities are based here in Leicestershire.
- **Kail Runesmith** – Historical and role-play jewellery. Custom jewellery and metalwork from cloak pins to collars. Ask me for the piece you can't find anywhere.
- **The English Companions (Ƿa Engliscan Gesipas)** – This is the national organisation for people who have a particular interest in the Anglo-Saxon period of English history from 450–1066 AD and enjoy finding out about the history, language, religion, literature and culture of this period. The local Leicestershire group will have a stall. We are not re-enactors but we hope at least one of our number will be in period costume and we will have a display describing some of the important things the Anglo-Saxons contributed to the country and pictures of some of the beautiful jewellery and other archaeological finds from the period.
- **Erum Suleman** – Henna/Mehndi painter (FREE from 11am to 1pm, charging after 1pm).
- **Usha** – Henna/Mehndi painter (FREE from 4pm to 6pm, charging before 4pm).



- **New Moon** products – crystal healing, beautiful crystals, Tibetan bowls and Angel cards.
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- **Carol Leeming** –
- **Talia's Tombola** stall – help raise money for the Beltane Spring Fayre Group.
- **Lesley Biro's** stall – Tibetan bowls, crystals, etc – raising money to help people in India, ie building a school, paying for a couple's marriage, buying a house, sewing machine, juice stall, and medicines where needed: all for poor families. "I try to help people to help themselves by starting them in a little business. "
- **The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University**
host a number of activities, all free of charge, including face-painting, virtue scope, meditation zone and a bookshop. Entertainment will include Rap and Dance.
- **St Philips Centre** – The St Philip's Centre is rooted in the multi faith context of Leicester and is a national ecumenical training centre under the Presence and Engagement initiative. It provides training for Christians, those of other faiths and civic partners. It enables Christians and churches to be a confident presence in a multi faith world, prepared to share their own faith and learn from others. Good working relationships and dialogue with peoples of other faiths serve to promote the common good.
The Centre is being developed by the Anglican Diocese of Leicester, St Philip's Church, the Methodist, United Reformed, Roman Catholic and Baptist churches. It enjoys close relations with the Masjid Umar mosque.
- **LASS – Leicester AIDS Support Services** (see advert).
- **The Leicestershire Badger Group** was formed to
 - To help, advise and inform the public
 - To help prevent the cruel and illegal persecution of badgers.
 - To help prevent the death and injury of badgers on our county's roads.
 - To prevent damage and destruction of badger setts.
 - To help injured and orphaned badgers.
 - To collect and record information about Leicestershire's badger population.
- **The Leicestershire Wildlife Hospital** takes more than 1,600 patients a year, caring for them, feeding them, nursing them and when they have recovered releasing them back to the wild. The hospital runs on a completely voluntary basis with helpers collecting injured wildlife in their own time. The animals are ensured the very best of care and looked after all hours – day or night if necessary, with veterinary attention whenever required. The profit from the snacks stall goes to help the animals.





LEICESTERSHIRE AIDS SUPPORT SERVICES

EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT HIV/AIDS AND SEXUAL HEALTH WILL YOU HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The HIV/AIDS charity for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland is encouraging everyone, whether individually, socially or within schools, colleges, workplaces, shops, groups or organisations to do whatever they can throughout the year to:

- **Get involved locally** to support people affected, to inform others and to take action to promote positive sexual health and to prevent the spread of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections.
- **Inform and educate yourself and others** about HIV & Sexual Health in groups, schools, colleges or at work by attending our courses, organising displays, providing information or arranging training and information sessions.
- **Create an informed and supportive environment** for people affected by HIV through helping to allay fears, challenging prejudice and stigma and by providing support, training and policies.
- **Prevent the transmission of HIV and other infections** through offering information, providing learning opportunities and access to the means to help prevent their spread.
- **Tackle discrimination, recognise legal duties under the 'Disability Discrimination Act'**, and not treat people unfairly or discriminate against them because of HIV/AIDS, especially in employment, schools, colleges or in provision of services.

- **Respect confidentiality** so that unnecessary and often damaging disclosures do not take place, whether at work, school, college, within the community or socially.
- **Become a Volunteer or Supporter** with a local group, such as LASS, or perhaps offer some time to help raise awareness or essential funds in your local community, group or organisation.
- **Support a campaign or development group** to promote social inclusion, education and to help address the poverty, injustice and inequality that influences HIV/AIDS and people affected.
- **Urge Governments and lobby Drug Companies to 'commit themselves and to provide appropriate funding and medical treatment** to counter the epidemic and to reduce poverty, prejudice, stigma, inequality and discrimination.
- **Make a donation or fundraise** to help LASS provide essential support for people most affected, especially those in severe financial hardship and increasingly children and their families.
- **Wear the 'Red Ribbon'** to highlight your awareness and concern and to show your support and solidarity.
- **Think about being HIV positive** in a world where many people still don't understand, want to know and often don't care.

Contact us for confidential help and information about HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health; to find out how you could help or get involved; and for details of our courses, training or awareness-raising opportunities to develop knowledge and understanding.

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- **The Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust** – We offer everyone the chance to experience some of Leicestershire and Rutland's fantastic wildlife. Activities and events are organised throughout the year, everything from orchid rambles to the British bird watching fair. We currently manage 36 nature reserves, including Rutland Water, in all covering over 2,600 acres. We encourage people of all ages to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of nature. Our junior club called 'Wildlife Watch' is for young people to find out more about wildlife, make friends and have fun.
- **Carol Leeming – Mainstream Partnership** is an organisation working in the culturally diverse arts sector, helping with advice, support, signposting artistic and professional development.
- **Just Peace Leicester** is a group of mainly, but not exclusively, Jewish people based in Leicester and Loughborough. We aim to promote awareness of a Jewish voice which speaks out against human–rights abuses and racism in Israel/Palestine. We hold public events and engage in debate with many different local communities. We are opposed to the unlawful occupation of the West Bank and to the building of the separation wall that is causing so much devastation in the lives of Palestinians. We believe that a peace settlement taking equal account of the needs and human rights of Palestinians and Israelis, Arabs and Jews and all other parties in Israel/Palestine is the solution that must be sought. We applaud people from all sides of the conflict who have the courage to mourn together and support each other in trying to find a just peace. We are selling Palestinian oil and offering samples of Palestinian food – a herb dip with pitta bread (za'atar).
- We are pleased to welcome and host **Leicester Social Forum** :

No Sweat! low wages campaign	Oxfam
National Union of Teachers (NUT)	Green Party
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)	Friends of the Earth
Palestine Solidarity Campaign	Workers' Power
- The local housing office are bringing services and displays concerning health and security for all residents.
 - **St Peters Neighbourhood Housing Office**
 - **Neighbourhood Management**
 - **Community Police**
 - **Job Service Partnership** – employment services.
 - **Neighbourhood Board**
 - **Community Health**
 - **Student Council** – from Moat Community College.
- **Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service** – complete with fire engine outside (emergencies permitting).
- **Pakistan Youth and Community Association** will hold a fashion show, and take part in a 5–a–side cricket match with a team from Moat, weather permitting.
- **Hashim Ismael Duale** – Somali culture and crafts.

Drinks and refreshments

In the Dining Rooms

- **Samosa King** offer vegetarian Asian food freshly cooked on the spot.
- **Leicestershire Wildlife Hospital** have a range of sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks, coffee, and tea.



- **McIndians** will have their van serving non-vegetarian halal meals and veggieburgers outside, and a candyfloss stall inside.
PS A special thank you to Yacub for stepping in at the last moment at last year's fayre.
- The **Pescatore Ice Cream** van will be outside.
- **The Offie** (outside stall) bring their eclectic range of speciality beers, real ale, wine, etc.

- Please note that alcoholic drinks cannot be taken into the school building. The garden marquee provides cover if it rains, and musical entertainment , from 11am to 6pm.



Childrens' zone in the Small Gym

- **Bouncy Castle** for under 14s.
- Supervised **Ball Pool** for the under 7s.
- **Fuzzi-pegs** bring circus skills.
- **Emma's face painters.**
- **The Good Values Club** is a registered charity. The club is run at Abbey Community Primary School Leicester, every Saturday morning from 10:15am to 12:15pm. Nearly 120 children aged five years to fourteen years learn Human Values – ie Truth, Love, Peace, Right Conduct and Non-Violence through various activities like storytelling, games, art and craft, role play and dancing.
For more information contact Mr. Kumar on (0116) 222 3658. Don't forget to visit their display.
- **Leicester Masaya Link Group** aims to foster mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of Leicester and Masaya. As well as facilitating practical projects that promote sustainable development on the ground in Masaya, the LMLG contributes to the provision of development education and global awareness raising across all sectors of the community, by organising exchange visits, cultural activities, projects in schools, speaker meetings and other public events in Leicester. Nicaragua is one of the 25 poorest countries in the world but we have much to learn from the strength and determination of its people in their struggle to overcome poverty. The link celebrates the diversity of our respective cities and aims to ensure that the global issues which affect our sister city in Nicaragua are as important here as they are in Masaya.
- **Leicester Boy Scouts** – games for everyone by the 2nd 60th Leicester Scout Group for 6–14 year olds in Braunstone. There is a small charge for some activities.



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Elsewhere on site we have:

- **Creche** – staffed by qualified and caring professionals. There will be three 2 hour sessions.
 - A child may only attend **one** of these sessions.
 - You must book a session and register the child before the session. You must provide the name, address, and telephone number of the child's doctor and of the child's parent or guardian.
 - Children must be over 12 months and under 5 years old.
 - The parent / guardian must not leave the premises until the child has been collected.
 - Children must be collected promptly for the system to work.
- **Lost children** will be taken to the creche for safety. The reclaiming parent or guardian must produce proof of identity and the name, address, and telephone number of the child's doctor and of the child's parent or guardian.
- **Leicester Museums** bring **masks** from all over the world to try on from their renowned collection.
- **Climbing wall** for older children (14+) throughout the day, with a break for lunch.
- **Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University** – **face painting**.
- **Erum** – **henna painting** in the Sports Hall (FREE from 11am to 1pm, charging after 1pm).
- **Usha** – **henna painting** in the Sports Hall (FREE from 4pm to 6pm, charging before 4pm)

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Family entertainment

- Bouncy Castle for under 14s.
- Creche – for limited sessions.
- Climbing wall for older children 14+.
- Supervised Ball Pool for the under 7s.
- Fire Service – Look over the fire engine.
- Sylvesta the Jester will be capering and joking all over the site.
- Abdul Khalifa will surprise you with his magic.
- The Fuzzipeggs circus skills.
- Making masks at the Masaya Link Group stall.
- Museums Services bring masks from all over the world to try on from their renowned collection.
- Face painting, a range of styles and colours, by BKWSU and Emma.
- Erum – henna painting in the Sports Hall (FREE from 11am to 1pm, charging after 1pm).
- Usha – henna painting in the Sports Hall (FREE from 4pm to 6pm, charging before 4pm)
- BKWSU – try the intriguing Virtue Scope or rest in the meditation zone.
- Vikings of Middle England re-enactment will demonstrate authentic costumes.
- Leicester Boy Scouts – games for everyone by the 2nd 60th Leicester Scout Group for 6–14 year olds in Braunstone. There is a small charge for some activities.
- Pakistani Youth and Community Association will hold a fashion show in the main sports hall, and take part in a 5-a-side cricket match with a team from Moat, weather permitting, outside.

Advertisements

★ **THE HEARTH OF ARIANRHOD:** We are a Pagan group operating on the Leicestershire - Warwickshire border. We believe that the Divine flows through everything, and can be encountered in the manifest world. We celebrate the diversity and beauty of Creation, both summer and winter, day and night, youth and age, Goddess and God. We run a monthly open circle at the Spiritual Fellowship Centre, Bond Street, Nuneaton, Warks, 7.30 pm till 10 pm. We also offer day courses on various subjects and workshops exploring the seasonal festivals and the natural world and an annual Pagan Camp [see www.merciangathering.co.uk]. In addition we publish a monthly newsletter, a quarterly magazine (since 1987) and run several websites. For more information, please send a SAE to Anna Franklin, PO Box 12, Earl Shilton, Leicester, LE9 7ZZ, visit www.annafranklin.co.uk or email heartharianrhod@aol.com.

★ **WANTED:** Volunteers to organise and run next year's Fayre. Contact the Beltane Spring Fayre Group, email: lesleybeltanefayre@yahoo.co.uk, tel: 0116 270 4765.

★ **PHOTOGRAPHS** of the festival needed for our website. Contact as above.

★ **CHARNWOOD GROVE** are a group of pagans, based in the East Midlands of the UK, from various traditions and backgrounds who meet together to celebrate the eight seasonal festivals. Our focus is celebratory, and our rites, while encompassing many different approaches to spiritual expression, are conducted within the Druidic tradition. We seek inspiration from nature, and wisdom in the ever changing cycle of the seasons. We are an open group but prefer to meet people before inviting them to join us. Planning meetings serve this purpose as well as planning the forth-coming rite. For further information see link at www.beltanefayre.org.

★ **LEICESTER PAGAN ALLIANCE MOOT** is held on the second Monday of every month at Keo's on New Park St., 8pm. For details contact Ayn on 0796 120 3943.

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU)

An international organization working at all levels of society, including youth, women, environment, values, social development, education, health and human rights, to bring positive change in the world through self-transformation.

Established in 1937, the university now has over 7000 branches in 90 countries. Courses, seminars and workshops are offered free of charge include: Raja Yoga Meditation (starts 1st Tuesday of each month in Leicester), Positive Thinking, Self Managing Leadership and Stress Free Living.

The BKWSU will host a number of activities, all free of charge, including face-painting, virtue scope, meditation zone and a bookshop. Entertainment will include Rap and Dance.

For further information please send a Self Addressed Envelope to:

Brahma Kumaris, 11 Herbert Avenue, Leicester LE4 5DW.

Tel 0116 2662023

email Leicester@uk.bkwsu.org, website www.brahmakumaris.org.uk/leicester

Spring Equinox



Spring Equinox celebrates the renewed life of the Earth that comes with the Spring. It is a solar festival, celebrated when the length of the day and the night are equal (this happens twice a year, at Spring and Autumn Equinox).

This turn in the seasons has been celebrated by cultures throughout history who held festivals for their gods and goddesses at this time of year. Aphrodite from Cyprus, Hathor from Egypt and Ostara of Scandinavia. The Celts continued the tradition with festivities at this time of year.

Today, Pagans continue to celebrate the coming of Spring. They attribute the changes that are going on in the world to an increase in the powers of their God and Goddess (the personifications of the great force that is at work in the world). At the time of Spring Equinox the God and the Goddess are often portrayed as The Green Man and Mother Earth. The Green Man is said to be born of Mother Earth in the depths of winter and to live through the rest of the year until he dies at Samhain.

To celebrate Spring Equinox some Pagans carry out particular rituals. For instance a woman and a man are chosen to act out the roles of Spring God and Goddess, playing out courtship and symbolically planting seeds. Egg races, egg hunts, egg eating and egg painting are also traditional activities at this time of year.

From <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/holydays/springequinox.shtml>

The pagan ritual year

For modern day pagans Spring Equinox is one of eight seasonal festivals which make up the 'ritual year'. The others are Beltane (1st May), Midsummer, Lughnasa (1st August), Autumn Equinox, Samhain (31st October), Midwinter, and Imbolc (1st February).

This cycle of eight festivals was brought together in the 1950s and is based on various traditional festivals. Beltane, Lughnasa, Imbolc and Samhain were celebrated in different parts of Britain during the last 2,000 or more years. The Midwinter and Midsummer celebrations can be traced about 4,000 years to the Neolithic, and Midsummer remained an important medieval Christian festival (St. John's Day, when bonfires were lit). In contrast, there is no direct evidence for pagan celebration of the equinoxes although the Roman Catholic feasts of Lady Day and Michaelmas fall at the time of the spring and autumn equinoxes respectively.

By **Bob Trubshaw**, author of *Explore Folklore* and *Explore Mythology* and proprietor of Heart of Albion Press

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