

LOVE WORCESTER

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**EXCITING ACTIVITIES.
CELEBRATING HERITAGE.**



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CULTURAL CITY. HISTORIC HEART

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Worcester's heritage venues host a week-long celebration of our beautiful historic city. Show your love of Worcester and join us for one or more of these exciting activities.

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LIGHT NIGHT WORCESTER

Light Night Worcester is back Wed 14 & Thu 15 Feb, 6-9pm, at locations across the city centre. Giant light-based artworks, colourful interactive installations, inspiring artistic commissions and entertaining walkabout artists, all highlight the theme of being connected. Full programme at: www.severnarts.org.uk/light-night-worcester

Participating locations are marked with ★

CITY-WIDE EVENTS

Love the Arbo

Multiple locations, maps available from the Baptist Church House, Sansome Walk, WR1 1LN

A family-friendly light trail created by residents and displayed in windows across the Arboretum in the heart of Worcester with the theme 'Wild about Windows'. Opening night will include performances from Deathly Pale Party; Vamos Theatre; The Volcano Choir; Steve Kaos & friends. Sat 10 Feb 6-9pm. (Sun 11 & Mon 12 Feb, 6-9pm: window displays only).

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Living History Weekend

Multiple locations, Sat 17 - Sun 18 February

200 re-enactors covering 2,000 years of history in 6 venues around the city centre; local history & heritage groups at St Helen's Church (Sat 17 Feb only); WW1 & WW2 displays at the Guildhall (Sat 17 Feb only); Ragged Victorians at Tudor House (Sat 17 & Sun 18 Feb); Tudor reenactors Greyfriars (Sat 17 & Sun 18 Feb); WW1 & WW2 military vehicles at Cathedral Square (Sat 17 & Sun 18 Feb); encampments, military and cavalry displays at The Commandery (Sat 17 & Sun 18 Feb).

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- 1 Greyfriars House and Garden, Friar Street, WR1 2LZ**
Late medieval merchant's house. Re-opening on Tue 13 Feb with guided tours available from the visitor reception. Entry to house 11am-2pm; Garden and café (free), 10am-4pm.
- 2 St Swithun's Church, Church Street, WR1 2RH**
Rave In The Nave. Bring all the family for 2 hours of family-friendly rave fun in a beautiful Georgian church! DJ's spinning club classics / UK garage / drum n' bass as well as arts & crafts and face painting. Children must be accompanied at all times with a ratio of one adult per two children. Sat 10 Feb, 12noon-2pm.
★ **Light Night Wed 14 & Thu 15 Feb, 6-9pm.** The church will host **New Worlds by Halina Rice**, an immersive otherworldly experience combining music and light (includes strobe lights).
- 3 The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, WR1 3PD**
Magical Maps. Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service FREE children's drop-in activities in The Hive Children's Library. Suitable for ages 5-11. Sat 10 Feb, 10am-2pm.
Fantasy in the Archives exhibition. Visit level 2 of The Hive to see mythical creatures and Worcestershire's links to CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. Open daily 8.30am-10pm during February.
- 4 Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**
Future Builders. Have you ever wondered how the amazing Cathedral was built almost 1,000 years ago? Why not come along and find out? Creative drop-in workshops for all the family that are inspired by the builders of the past in the Nave. Free to attend. Donations towards the cost of materials appreciated. Thu 15 & Fri 16 Feb, 10.30am-12.30pm.
- 5 The Infirmary, University of Worcester, Campus Castle St, WR1 3AS**
The Infirmary Museum is an interactive exhibition at the University of Worcester's City Campus combining history, science, art and technology to explore the medical stories of one of England's oldest infirmaries. Mon to Sat 10am-5pm.
- 6 The Commandery, Sidbury, WR1 2HU**
Valiant Vikings. From code-breaking to helmet-making and braiding – be immersed in a morning of Viking fun! Includes a story, drink, and a biscuit. Tue 13 to Thu 15 Feb, 10.30am-12noon. Ages: pre-school to 10 years. £5 + general admission.
Commandery Quest Escape Room. Challenge yourself to complete an escape room in the spooky attic rooms of The Commandery, one of Worcester's oldest buildings - can you solve it in one hour? There's only one way to find out! Admission charge applies. Varied times.
- 7 Tudor House, Friar Street, WR1 2NA**
A Victorian-themed week of activities including a children's craft bag activity - how to make a pop-up theatre, colouring in and a word search - £3. Open Wed to Sat 10am-4pm.
Visit the Victorian Seamstress. She'll be bringing along original Victorian textiles and demonstrating traditional sewing and mending techniques. A free drop-in activity on Sat 10 Feb, 11am - 3pm.



8 [The Worcestershire Soldier Gallery.](#)
Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, WR1 1DT
 The Worcestershire Soldier exhibition tells the story of the men of the Worcestershire Regiments from 1694 to the present. Tues to Sat 10am–4pm, Sun 10am–3pm.

9 [Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum.](#) **Foregate Street, WR1 1DT**
Dame Laura Knight Exhibition – I Paint Today. Enjoy a beautiful exhibition of art by one of the most significant painters of the 20th Century. See spectacular landscapes alongside paintings of members of Romany communities, and ballet, theatre and circus performances. Open Tue to Sat 10am–4pm, Sun 10am–3pm.

Back in Time: Ancient Egypt. Learn about the process of mummification and discover which treasures were so important they were buried with people in Ancient Egypt. Aimed at families. £4.50. Ages 5–11 years. Thu 15 & Fri 16 Feb, 10.30–11.30am. Trails and activity bags available all week (closed Mondays).

Aotearoa Exhibition – Māori Myths and Legends of New Zealand. From the myths and legends originating in this island country to the impact of colonialism upon it, this exhibition explores the vibrant, resilient culture of the Māori people of Aotearoa (New Zealand). Open Tue to Sat 10am–4pm, Sun 10am–3pm, Free event.

10 Tourist Information Centre, High Street, WR1 2EY

Join Sheena Payne-Lunn, Worcester's Historic Environment Record Officer and author of Worcester Life Stories and The Big Quiz Edition, for an exclusive book signing. Sat 17 Feb, 12pm-2pm.

11 Museum of Royal Worcester, Severn Street, WR1 2ND

Family Explorer Backpacks, NEW Sensory Trail. Experience the Museum through touch, smell and sound. Paint-Your-Own-Pottery: choose from Spring and Easter shapes or a dragon to celebrate the Year of the Dragon! Booking recommended for pottery painting. Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm, entrance and Paint-a-Pot activity charges apply.

Chinese New Year 2024 – Year of the Dragon. Celebrate Chinese New Year at this FREE all-ages event by Worcestershire Chinese Association with educational charity Engage with China. Don't miss the traditional Dragon Dance at 12.30pm. Meet Pom Pom the giant panda, enjoy martial arts and music performances, tea-tasting, family-friendly arts and crafts inspired by Chinese New Year including calligraphy, paper-cutting and origami. Make a special memory with our cute pottery dragon figure painting, £12pp, booking recommended. Sun 18 Feb, 11am-4pm.

12 St Helen's Church, Fish Street, WR1 2HN

★ **Light Night Wed 14 & Thu 15 Feb, 6-9pm:** The church will host Black Hole – End of Time by Paul Alty, an immersive multi-media experience combining lasers, projection and sound (includes strobe lights).

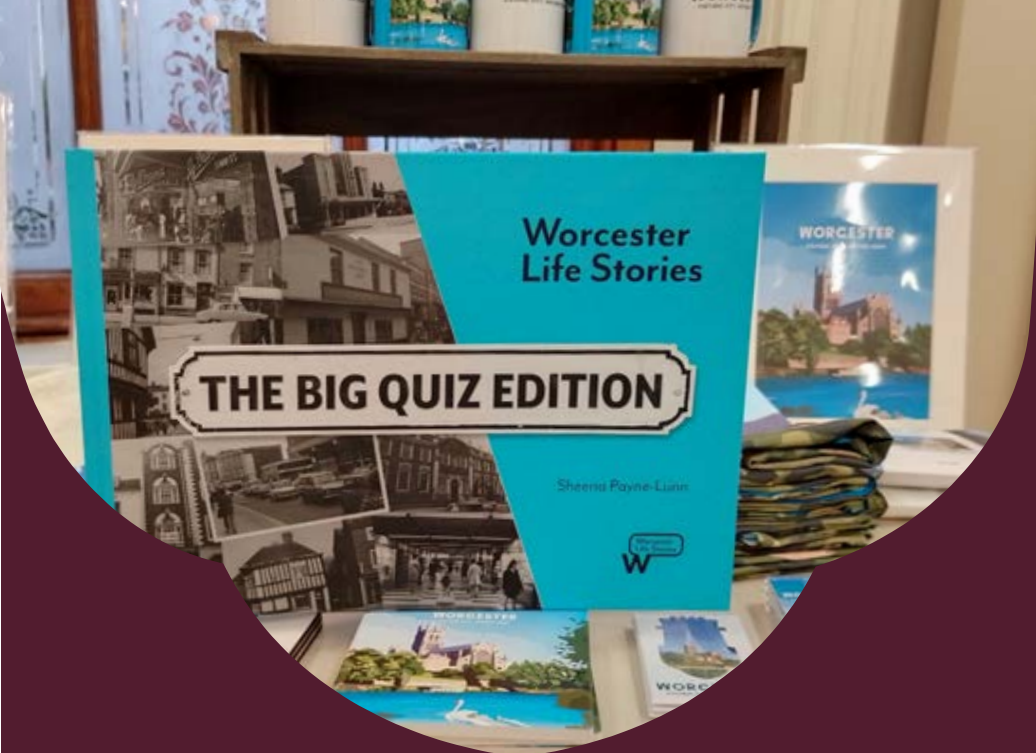
13 St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street, WR1 2QT

★ **Light Night Wed 14 & Thu 15 Feb, 6-9pm:** See the rainbow colours of the fabulous 1960s stained glass window illuminated and shining brightly in the night (view from outside).

**14 George Marshall Medical Museum,
Charles Hastings Education Centre, Worcestershire
Royal Hospital, Charles Hastings Way, WR5 1DD**

Find out about Phrenology & 19th Century surgery on a free family guided tour on Mon 12 Feb at 11am & 2pm. Tours last approx one hour & are limited to 15 guests per tour. Limited parking, please consider active travel or public transport. To book a place leave a message on 01905 760738 or email louise.price10@nhs.net





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HIGH STREET,
WORCESTER WR1 2EY**

MON - FRI

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