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Chester Heritage Festival

a partnership led by Chester Civic Trust
and Cheshire West & Chester Council

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Welcome to



Chester Heritage Festival

Telling the story of our city and its people

The city is a stage from which stories can be told. Stories old and stories new; stories of Roman occupation, of Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Normans and medieval merchants who traded from what was once a thriving west coast port: stories of Royalists, Roundheads and railway builders: stories of Suffragettes and the local impact of the First World War.

Few places have such rich history and heritage, spanning 2000 years, as does Chester. This is our chance to share it with you.

Our Festival this year is part of European Year of Cultural Heritage and embraces both Midsummer Watch Parades and the start of the Chester Mystery Plays.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor we hope you will enjoy hearing the story of our city.

Stephen Langtree MBE, Festival Co-ordinator

2018 
**EUROPEAN YEAR
OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE**
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Festival Launch 21 June

This prelude to the Festival programme will feature Romans and Vikings, longboats and dragons – music, song and dance from the Midsummer Watch Parade – plus special guest, Deborah McAndrew, writer of the 2018 Chester Mystery Plays.

Join the Festival organisers and our Town Crier at 6:00pm in Chester Town Hall to be informed and entertained! **Please note that booking is essential for this launch event sponsored by Chester Race Company; see Note A at the back of this leaflet.**



Chester Midsummer Watch 23-24 June

Over 500 years in the making, Chester's Midsummer Watch Parade is the largest and most colourful collection of angels, devils, mythical beasts and fools in the UK. Since its first outing in 1498, the Watch has become a major part of Chester's Cultural Heritage with links to the Cathedral and the Mystery Plays.



Over 400 local people are involved in this moving portrait of historical events, local legends, biblical and other mythical characters. Musicians, giants, dragons and pirates deliver colour, spectacle and excitement. The parade begins each day in Town Hall Square at 2:00pm.

For further information visit: www.midsummerwatch.co.uk.

Chester Mystery Plays 27 June-14 July

Medieval tales of ambition, intrigue, betrayal and passion, based on iconic Bible stories, the Chester Mystery Plays are performed in the city only once every five years. Watch a cast of hundreds tell how God created the world, Noah and Mrs Noah built their ark and jovial shepherds trekked from North Wales to witness the birth of Jesus.



Written by Deborah McAndrew, directed by Peter Leslie Wild with music by Matt Baker and design by Dawn Allsopp.

Staged in Chester Cathedral, tickets are available from www.chestermysteryplays.com, by telephone 01244 500959 or in person at the cathedral box office.

Views from Chester Castle

In Partnership with English Heritage

20 July to 16 September

This summer, for three days per week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Chester Castle will be open from 10:30am to 4:00pm. Visitors will pay £2, unless members of English Heritage, to visit the Agricola Tower.

Visit: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk/chestercastle.

Sneak Peep 27 & 28 June

During the Festival there will be escorted visits to the Agricola Tower. Four sessions, at 11:00am, noon, 1:00pm and 2:00pm, on 27 and 28 June at a cost of £2. Meet at the Castle gate, in the south corner of Castle Square carpark. **Please note that booking is essential, see note A at the back of this leaflet.**



Workshops and Conference

Discover My Roots

Drop in to Storyhouse for one-to-one help from a family history buddy. A member of the Family History Society of Cheshire will be available each day, except Sunday, throughout the Festival to help you get started or overcome a hurdle in your family history research. The sessions, on the mezzanine floor of the library, are free, **just drop in any time between 10am and noon.**



Tales from the City

Taking a different Chester location on each of five afternoons, writer Clare Dudman leads a series of workshops using history as a springboard for writing fiction. Each three-hour session comprises a presentation about the location and its people, a creative writing session, and refreshments. The aim is to produce an illustrated book ready for next year's Festival.

Please see the Calendar of Events for the location of each workshop. Join as many as you wish, £8 for a single workshop, £35 for the full course of five.

Booking is essential. Please contact Clare by telephone/text 07866 552752 or email clare@claredudman.com.

Chester Archaeological Society

The Society's Conference begins on Friday 29 June at 7pm and continues the next day from 10am to 4pm, at The Grosvenor Museum. On Friday evening, Prof. Howard Williams will give the keynote speech, 'Offa and Wat's Dykes – Reassessment of a Frontier'. Drawing on recent work, he will compare these two monuments and advance the understanding of their functions and relationships. The Anglo-Welsh borderland is the ongoing theme for contributions on Saturday.

The cost, which includes a light lunch on Saturday, is £18. **Advance reservation and payment are essential. Cheques payable to Chester Archaeological Society (c/o Grosvenor Museum, 27 Grosvenor St., Chester CH1 2DD). Enquiries to Cllr Janet Axworthy, jaxworthy441@btinternet.com.**

Throughout the Festival

At The Grosvenor Museum

27 Grosvenor Street, Chester. Telephone 01244 972197

Open: Monday-Saturday 10:30am to 5:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Visit: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

The Collectors' Cabinet

A display of early books from the Chester Archaeological Society library, reflecting the far-flung interests of its members. In Webster Roman Stones Gallery from 22 June to 1 July.

Michael Sandle: Monumental Rage

Professor Michael Sandle RA, who studied at Chester School of Art, is a world renowned sculptor and brilliant draughtsman and printmaker.

As we commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War, his powerful work explores themes of violence, war, death and memorialisation. In direct response to the horrors of our age, his work presents a passionate critique of the abuse of power in global conflict, politics and culture, and the accompanying cynicism and hypocrisy.



Other Displays

Lache Library: The Story of Our Area

A display of maps, images and information to tell the story about the local area. Curated by Lache and Westminster Local History Group and Lache Library. Visit the library in Lache Park Avenue, 9:30am to 1:00pm any day except Wednesday and Sunday, 2:00pm to 7:00pm Monday and Thursday, and 2:00pm to 5:00pm Tuesday and Friday.

Conservation Pioneer

Chester City Centre Conservation Area was one of the first in the country, when designated in January 1969. Visit the descriptive display at Wesley Church Centre, St John Street, throughout the Festival from 9:30am to 3:30pm, except Sunday.

Daily Tours

Chester Tour

Twice daily at 10:30am and 2:00pm this guided walk provides a fascinating introduction to the city's heritage and 2000-year history. Led by a member of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides, the 90-minute tour starts at the Visitor Information Centre next to the Town Hall, and takes in all the main sites, including the Rows, Walls, River and the exterior of the Cathedral. See Note B at the back of this leaflet for payment details.



Roman Tour - Children Go Free

A 90-minute journey through Chester led by a Roman soldier, giving a unique insight into life in Roman Britain, showing you some astounding sights from the amphitheatre to remains hidden away in the basements of high street shops. See the Calendar of Events for times of tours.



Advance booking is not necessary. Meet and pay your guide in the Visitor Information Centre next to the Town Hall. Throughout the Festival one child may go free with each paying adult. **Adults pay £7 and additional children £4.**

Around Chester

Military Museum

Two for one entry to celebrate Chester Heritage Festival. The museum tells the story of Cheshire Soldiers from the 17th Century through to the present day. Look out for the child friendly trails and activities. The museum opens daily, from 10am, with last admissions at 4pm. Throughout the Festival save on normal admission costs of £4 for adults, £2 for children and concessions and £9 for a family.



Self-Guided Pub Trail

Some of Chester's oldest buildings are now public houses. Use this self-guided tour to visit eight heritage pubs and learn about their origins as town houses and coaching inns. The guide will be available on the Festival website from 20 to 30 June.



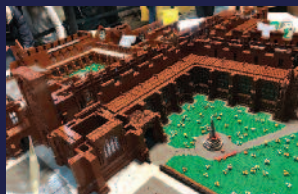
Children's Heritage Hunt

The city walls, the amphitheatre, some back streets, the Midsummer Watch Parade and more may have to be visited to solve all the clues in this hunt for Chester's heritage. The hunt will be available on the Festival website from 20 to 30 June.



Chester Cathedral in Lego

It's the most exciting mini-adventure in the cathedral's history. Perhaps, lay a brick or two yourself, and help the cathedral towards their 350,000 brick replica.



Festival Food Stops

There are many places to eat out in Chester. Some are historic venues being used for Festival events and offer oases of calm; places to relax between Festival events.

Albion Inn, Park Street:

home cooking served noon to 2:00pm daily and evenings, except Sunday 24 and Saturday 30 June. This pub, which serves real ales and has a no-children policy, has a fascinating display of Great War artefacts, posters and enamelled advertising signs.

Chester Cathedral Refectory Café:

open 9:30am to 4:30pm, except Sunday when open noon to 4:00pm. Light refreshments served where 13th century monks dined.

St John's Church:

open 10:00am to 4:00pm daily and sells light refreshments in the café nook.

St Peter's Church Café:

open 10:00am to 3.30pm on week days and 10:30am to 3:30pm on Saturday, serves light refreshments.

Wesley Church Coffee Bar:

open 9:30am to 3.30pm Monday to Saturday, serves light refreshments.



Pop-up Events

The Chester Mystery Plays Archive will pop-up somewhere other than at Chester Record Office during the festival, but where?

How will Saxon Chester be celebrated? Will Lady Aethelflaed, who refortified Chester 1111 years ago, pop-up?

What pictorial representations of Chester's Heritage can we expect to see? How will Chester's photographers and artists celebrate the Festival?



Who will pop-up in the amphitheatre?



We know the Ladies' Mockbeggar Morris Dance Side will pay a visit to Chester on Sunday 1 July to mark the end of the Festival.

Events associated with the 2018 Chester Heritage Festival continue to grow in number. Please check the Festival website and follow us on Twitter to learn more of what will be happening.

Calendar of Events

Festival events are arranged by various organisations, with their own methods of limiting numbers and payment. Please read the event details carefully to determine if booking is necessary and refer to the appropriate Note at the back of this leaflet.

The times of special and daily events, described earlier in the leaflet, are also included in the calendar.

FRIDAY 22 JUNE

Discover My Roots

10:00am to noon Drop-in to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

What the Freemen did for Chester

10:30am Walk concentrating on places and buildings that Chester's Freemen have constructed, donated or been associated with during their 800 years in the City. Meet your guide outside St Peter's Church at The Cross for a 90-minute tour, which does include steps. This is a free event but, see Note A for booking details.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

Literary Tour

11:30am Walk led by John Wolfenden of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides. During this tour around Chester John will be reading brief extracts from what famous visitors have written about the city and some of its people. This is a two-hour tour and includes steps. See Note B for booking, cost and meeting details.

Roman Tour

Noon and 3:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

Riverside Museum

Open 2:00pm to 5:00pm: a permanent collection of curiosities from medicine, nursing, midwifery and social care; also an exhibition, First World War: Returning Home, which looks at the experience of a local soldier, injured at the Front, on his return to Cheshire.

77 Poppies

Open 2:00pm to 5:00pm: Display of artefacts associated with the 77 staff and students from Chester University who were killed during the First World War.



Entry to the Museum and lecture theatre, the venue for 77 Poppies, is free. Both are at Riverside Campus. See Note D for access and location details.

Mystery Plays Tour

2:00pm at Chester Cathedral. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes glimpse at everything Mystery Plays; their history, origins, staging and costumes with Noah from the 2018 cast as your guide. The cost of this 60-minute tour is £3 and should be booked at www.chestercathedral.com/events.

Tales from the City

2:00pm Creative writing: in Chester Cathedral's library. See Workshops on page 5.

Tudor Tour

2:30pm Walk led by Janet Holman of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides. Janet will discuss the origins of the Tudors, trade, customs and entertainment of Tudor Cestrians and the influence on the city of prominent families. The 90-minute tour includes steps. See Notes B for booking, cost and meeting details.

Canal Heritage Walk

4:00pm Walk along the canal visiting Tower Wharf and Dee Basin. Learn about Chester's maritime history from your guide Geoff Taylor. Meet at Cow Lane Bridge, Frodsham Street for this two-hour walk, which includes steps and crossing lock gates. A free event but, see Note A for booking details.



Concert - St John's

7:00pm Sierra Vocal Arts Ensemble, a community choir from California, perform at St John the Baptist Church, Vicar's Lane. Details available at St John's.

Chester Ghost Tour

7:30pm Walk around the eerie haunts of Chester's mysterious, murky past, to hear spine-chilling tales. See Note C for booking, cost and meeting details.

Chester Celebrates

7:30pm Talk by David Cummings in the lecture theatre of The Grosvenor Museum. This is a fully illustrated presentation of events that take place in Chester; events that explore our heritage, maintain medieval traditions and honour cultures, past and present. No advance booking.



SATURDAY 23 JUNE

Discover My Roots

10:00am to noon Drop-in, to Storyhouse, see page 5.

Medieval Times

10:00am to 4:00pm at St John the Baptist Church, Vicars Lane, musicians and re-enactors show how life was in medieval times. A fun and free event with minstrels, troubadours, mummers and stallholders.



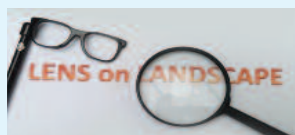
SAT. 23 JUNE CONT.

Heritage Crafts at the Libraries

10:00am to noon children of four years and over can explore Chester's heritage through crafts on the themes of Romans, the River Dee and animals at Chester Zoo. These free drop-in sessions take place at Blacon, Great Boughton, Lache and Upton Libraries.

Lego: building the city

10:00am, 11:00 and noon at Storyhouse get together and build. The Cheshire Society of Architects are offering you the opportunity to have fun and build your vision of the city's streets. Three, free, one-hour sessions, to be pre-booked at www.storyhouse.com.



Lens on Landscape

10:15am and 11:15am walk. Meet Julie Smalley in the Visitor Information Centre next to the Town Hall for a brief walk and introduction to Chester's multi-layered urban landscape and then set out on a self-guided walk to 'observe' the city centre's past. The event and self-guide are free. See Note A for booking details.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

Heritage Crafts

11:00am to 3:00pm This regular crafts session at Storyhouse will today look at Chester's heritage through themes of Romans, the River Dee and animals at Chester Zoo. Drop in to the Den at any time.



Roman Tour

Noon and 3:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

History of Wesley's Church and Organ

12:15pm Organist, Brian Heald, will give a talk followed by an organ recital at 12:45, including Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor. A free event with no advance booking and a Retiring Collection after the recital.



Minstrels' Court

Around 1:00pm at St John's: this tradition dates from 1204 and is one of few historical re-enactments in the UK that takes place in its original setting. The Minstrels will play in the streets before the Court and later join the Watch Parade.



77 Poppies and Riverside Museum



Open 1:00pm to 4:00pm, see Friday 22 June and Note D.

Midsummer Watch

Parade starts at 2:00pm see page 3.



Children's Ghost Tour

5:00pm Walk for children under twelve, accompanied by parents. Not a scary tour - Chester's ghosts are friendly - but ghost costumes are encouraged. **Pre-booking is essential, see Note A, cost £10 per family** (to be donated to West Cheshire Food Bank). Please pay your guide, Mary Ann Cameron, when you meet at the Visitor Information Centre at the Town Hall.



Concert - St John's

7:00pm An open-mic night for acoustic music at St John the Baptist Church, Vicars Lane, part of the popular Chester Live Event. Visit: www.chesterlive.co.uk. Tickets at the door.

Chester Ghost Tour

7:30pm, see Friday 22 June and Note C for details.

The Siege of Chester

A Parliamentarian returns to Chester to describe how the Civil War affected the city, a Royalist stronghold. Full details of event on the Festival website in late May.

SUNDAY 24 JUNE

Lego: building the city

From 10:00am, see event on Saturday 23 June book at www.storyhouse.com



2000 Years of Building

10:30am Walk: an introduction to Chester's architectural heritage led by Stephen Langtree of Chester Civic Trust. Meet outside Bishop Lloyd's Palace, Watergate Row for this free 90-minute walk, which include steps. See Note A for booking details.



Stories from Chester

10.30am and 3:00pm Drop in to the Storytelling Room at Storyhouse, for a 30-minute session, suitable for families. No advanced booking for this free event, although space is limited.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

Heritage Crafts

11:00am to 3:00pm, see event Saturday 23 June at Storyhouse for details.

Midsummer Watch

Parade starts at 2:00pm see page 3.

Chester 1918 and Joseph Chambers

3:00pm Talk by Gerard Tighe at St. Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road: how Chester changed during the Great War followed by the Story of Joseph Chambers, rector of St. Werburgh's before, during and after the War. A free one-hour event, booking not necessary.

Roman Tour

3:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.



Heritage Film Night @ Chez Jules

6:30pm dinner and film. Price £20 for a main course, glass of house wine and dessert or cheese, followed by a free film screening. Bookings to be made direct with Chez Jules, Northgate St. Telephone 01244 400014.

Historic Pub Walk

6:30pm Join members of the Campaign for Real Ale for a tour of historic coaching inns and ale houses. Free event, which starts at the Pied Bull, in Northgate St, and is for over 18s only. Book in advance; see Note A for booking details.

SUN. 24 JUNE CONT.**Concert - St John's**

7:30pm St John's Festival Orchestra, details from St John the Baptist Church, Vicars Lane. Tickets at the door, £10 and Concessions £8.

MONDAY 25 JUNE**Discover My Roots**

10:00am to noon Drop-in to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

The King's Shilling

11:00am Walk led by Lyn Hand of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides. Lyn considers how Chester was affected by WW1. The tour finishes at the Albion Inn, with a display of WW1 memorabilia. You can also buy lunch here. This 90-minute tour includes steps. See Notes B for booking, cost and meeting details.

**Roman Tour**

Noon, 3:00pm and 5:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

**Stories through Images**

1:00pm to 5:30pm Drop-in to the Meeting Room at Storyhouse to see several short film presentations. Further details on Festival website.

Tales from the City

2:00pm Creative writing: The Manx Connection at Bishop Lloyd's Palace. See Workshops on page 5.

Mystery Plays Tour

2:00pm at Chester Cathedral, see event Friday 22 June.

Story of The Rows

2:30pm Walk led by Liz Roberts of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides, exploring the world famous medieval shopping galleries, modernised by the Georgians and Victorians. The tour takes about 90 minutes and includes steps, many in the buildings visited. See Notes B for booking, cost and meeting details.

**Cheshire West on Film**

6:00pm at the cinema in Storyhouse, an archive film from Chester and the surrounding area from the Edwardian era to the 1970s, introduced by a member of staff from North West Film Archive. Book £6 tickets at www.storyhouse.com.

MON. 25 JUNE CONT.

Morris Dancing

8:00pm The Mersey Morris Men will perform traditional dances at the Cross and Town Hall for an hour, or more.

The Crossing Place

8:00pm A story that starts in pre-Roman times, told in part through poetry and images. The venue is the Ship Inn, Handbridge, next to the crossing point, now the Old Dee Bridge. Ken Waldie and Tom Welsh are the storytellers, on behalf of Chester Civic Trust. The event is free. See Note A for booking details.



TUESDAY 26 JUNE

Discover My Roots

10:00am to noon Drop-in, to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

A Place on the Edge

10:30am Tour, understand Chester's Amphitheatre with Peter Carrington of Chester Archaeological Society. Hear the latest ideas about the amphitheatre's development, design and use, its reuse in Saxon and Viking times, and its ultimate disappearance and rediscovery. Meet at entrance to amphitheatre adjacent to Souters Lane for this free one-hour event. See Note A for booking details.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

Roman Tour

Noon, 3:00pm and 5:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

The People of Roman Chester

1:00pm Talk, by Peter Carrington in the lecture theatre of The Grosvenor Museum. A story of the people of Roman Chester – men and women, soldiers and civilians, young and old, slave and free. This one-hour illustrated talk is followed by an optional tour of the Webster Stones Gallery. Free event with no advance booking.



Mystery Plays Tour

2:00pm at Chester Cathedral, see event Friday 22 June.

Civil War Tour

2:30pm Walk led by Janet Holman of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides. Janet will discuss Chester's involvement with the Civil War; how important was it to the Royalist cause and how Chester's citizens suffered during the Great Siege. The tour lasts about 90 minutes and includes steps. See Note B for booking, cost and meeting details.



TUE. 26 JUNE CONT.**Handbridge:
Hive of Industry**

5:30pm Walk around the locations associated with the Handbridge industries of the past. Meet your guide, Tom Welsh of Chester Civic Trust, at the entrance to Edgar Fields, opposite the shops, for this free event with no advance booking.

**Cheshire Cheese**

7:30pm Talk, at Bishop Lloyd's Palace, by Nick Burchill from The Cheese Shop, Northgate St. The evening will include a cheese tasting, paired with two wines. Tickets to be bought in advance, cost £9.50. See Note A for booking details.

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE**Discover My Roots**

10:00 to noon Drop-in to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

**What the Freemen
did for Chester**

10:30am Walk, for details see Friday 22 June and Note A.

**Chester Tour**

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

**Views from
Chester Castle**

11:00am, noon, 1:00pm and 2:00pm, see page 4.

River Dee Tour

11:00am Walk alongside the river listening to stories as you go. This 90-minute tour includes steps and costs £3, paid to your guide, John Whittingham. Meet John outside the Bear & Billet Inn, Lower Bridge Street. See Note A for booking details.

**Roman Tour**

Noon, 3:00pm and 5:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

Lunchtime Recital

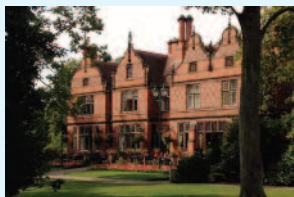
1:00pm Gary O'Shea on piano at St John the Baptist Church, Vicars Lane. Drinks and snacks available.



WED. 27 JUNE CONT.

Cosmopolitan Chester 1914-1918

2:00pm Talk by Ann Marie Curtis at St. Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road: how Belgian Refugees, Australian Munition Workers and American Servicemen integrated into Chester life during the Great War. Free, booking not necessary.



Tales from the City

2:00pm Creative writing: Of Gates and Gatekeepers at Cross Keys Inn, Duke St. See Workshops on page 5.



Equaliteas

3:30pm-5:00pm at The Town House Chester: Representation of the People Acts 1918 and 1928, Equaliteas 2018. Discuss what equality means to you over a cuppa. Cost £8.50 including unlimited tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Contact the Town House, 49-51 Lower Bridge St, to book your place at the discussion tables. Telephone 01244 567300.

The Suffragettes

5:30pm Lecture: From Hard Sell to Hard Cell by Prof. Emma Rees in the lecture theatre at Riverside Campus: the Pankhurst family, the consequences of omissions from the 1918 Representation of the People Act, continuities between the suffragettes' struggle and today's political landscape. Entry is free. See Note D about the venue.



Chester Mystery Plays

7:30pm at Chester Cathedral, see page 4.



Story of a Street

7:30pm Talk at St Peter's Church, Watergate Street, by David Cummings: a story of a Chester Street through 2000 years, illustrated with original prints, historic maps, early photographs and paintings. Free event with no advance booking.



THURSDAY 28 JUNE**Discover My Roots**

10am to noon Drop-in to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

Heritage Walk around Christleton

10:30am Walk that tells the story of a mainly farming community, explores the canal and considers the importance of education in the village. This two-hour walk, led by David Cummings of Christleton Local History Group, starts at St James' Church, Pepper Street, Christleton. Booking is essential, contact David, telephone 01244 332410 or email cummings.d@uwclub.net.

**Chester Tour**

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

Chester Racecourse

11:00am Walk, around the site of a Roman port and a racecourse, founded in 1539, with entertaining stories of history and racing and a voucher to return to the open course area on a race day. Meet your guide Chris Clayton, outside the Holiday Inn Express, New Crane Street for this 90-minute tour which includes steps. Tickets cost £10, to be booked and paid in advance. See note A for details.

Views from Chester Castle

In Partnership with English Heritage

11:00am, noon, 1:00pm and 2:00pm, see page 4.

**Roman Tour**

Noon, 3:00pm and 5:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

A Place on the Edge

2:00pm Tour of Amphitheatre. See event 26 June and Note A.

**Tales from the City**

2:00pm Creative writing: Dark Lanes and Darker Rows at Duttons, Godstall Lane. See Workshops on page 5.

Mystery Plays Tour

2:00pm at Chester Cathedral, see event Friday 22 June.

A Pop-up Archive

5:00pm to 6:00pm. Drop-in: The story of Chester's Mystery Plays as told by original archives from the 15th Century to the 1950's revival. Drop in to this free session at Cheshire Record Office, Duke Street.

THU. 28 JUNE CONT.

Historical Tour of Chester Station

5:30pm Celebration of the 170th anniversary of the official opening of Chester's grand railway station, built by Thomas Brassey. Cost £3 to be paid to your guide, John Whittingham. Meet in the station concourse for this 90-minute tour. See Note A for booking details.



Chester Mystery Plays

7:30pm at Chester Cathedral, see page 4.

FRIDAY 29 JUNE

Discover My Roots

10am to noon Drop-in to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B for details.

Civil War Tour

11:00pm Walk, see event Tuesday 26 June and Note B.

Roman Tour

Noon, 3:00pm and 5:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours.

Mystery Plays Tour

2:00pm at Chester Cathedral, see event Friday 22 June.

Tales from the City

2:00pm Creative writing: The Sick, the Silly and the Condemned at Bluecoats. See Workshops on page 5.



Archaeological Conference

Starts 7:00pm and continues Saturday. See Workshops and Conferences on page 5 for details.

Chester Ghost Tour

7:30pm, see event Friday 22 June and Note C.

Chester Mystery Plays

7:30pm at Chester Cathedral, see page 4.

Conservation in Action

7:30pm Talk and Films celebrating 50 years of conservation in Chester at Bishop Lloyd's Palace. Tickets to be bought in advance, cost £4.50. See Note A for booking details.



SATURDAY 30 JUNE**Archaeological Conference**

Continues 10:00am to 4:00pm, see details on page 5.

2000 Years of Building

10:00am Walk, see event Sunday 24 June and Note A.

Heritage Crafts at the Libraries

10:00am to noon, see event Saturday 26 June.

Discover My Roots

10:00am to noon Drop-in to Storyhouse, see Workshops, page 5.

Stories from Chester

10.30am and 3:00pm, see event Sunday 24 June.

Chester Tour

10:30am and 2pm Walk, see Daily Tours and Note B.

Heritage Crafts

11:00am to 3:00pm, see event Saturday 23 June at Storyhouse for details.

**History of St John's**

Noon Talk followed at 1:30pm by an Organ Recital in St John's. The Revd David Chesters will talk about the rich history of the Church of St John the Baptist, Cathedral of Chester from 1075 until 1541. For further details see the Festival website.

Roman Tour

Noon and 3:00pm Walk, see Daily Tours for details.

Stories through Images

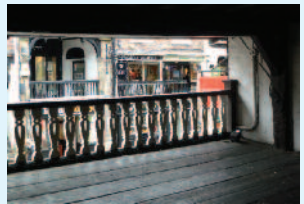
1:00pm to 5:30pm, see event on Monday 25 June and Festival website for details.

Chester Mystery Plays

1:00pm and 7:30pm at Chester Cathedral, see page 4.

Story of The Rows

2:30pm Walk led today by Peggy Grimshaw – see event Monday 25 June and Note B.

**Chester Ghost Tour**

7:30pm, see event Friday 22 June and Note C for details.

Festival Finale

7:30pm at The Albion Inn. Round off the week with live music by the Albion Quartet and a buffet. Tickets £17 must be purchased in advance. See Note A for booking details.



Festival on the Web

All the events in this leaflet can also be found on the Festival website, visit: www.visitcheshire.com/chesterheritagefestival. For many events, further detail is provided and should any changes become necessary, these too will be posted to the website. The website will also have details of any additional events.

Events which refer to Note A may be booked directly from the website and payments made by credit card.

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Festival Office

The History Hub @ The Grosvenor Museum is providing enquiry and booking services for the Festival. The Hub is open from 10:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday, telephone 01244 972088. Payments by cheque, payable to Chester Civic Trust, and cash are accepted.



Accessibility

Tours around Chester do typically include some uneven surfaces and steps. However, guides can modify the route of some tours to enable wheelchair users to participate in the tour. Please contact the Festival office for more details.

Venues for many events are in historic buildings and some can only be accessed by stairs, these include Bishop Lloyd's Palace and The Ship Inn. Please check before booking events.



Chester Park and Ride

Please use the Park and Ride bus services to save parking fees, help reduce congestion and improve air quality. Services run regularly during the day time from four sites: Boughton Heath - off A41, CH3 5QD; Sealand Road - on A548 opposite car dealerships, CH1 4LD; Upton - Chester Zoo, CH2 4BA; Wrexham Road - off A483 opposite Business Park, CH4 9DQ. Postcodes are nearest for location purposes.



Booking and Venue Notes

Some events are free, and some are not. Some need to be booked in advance, and some do not.

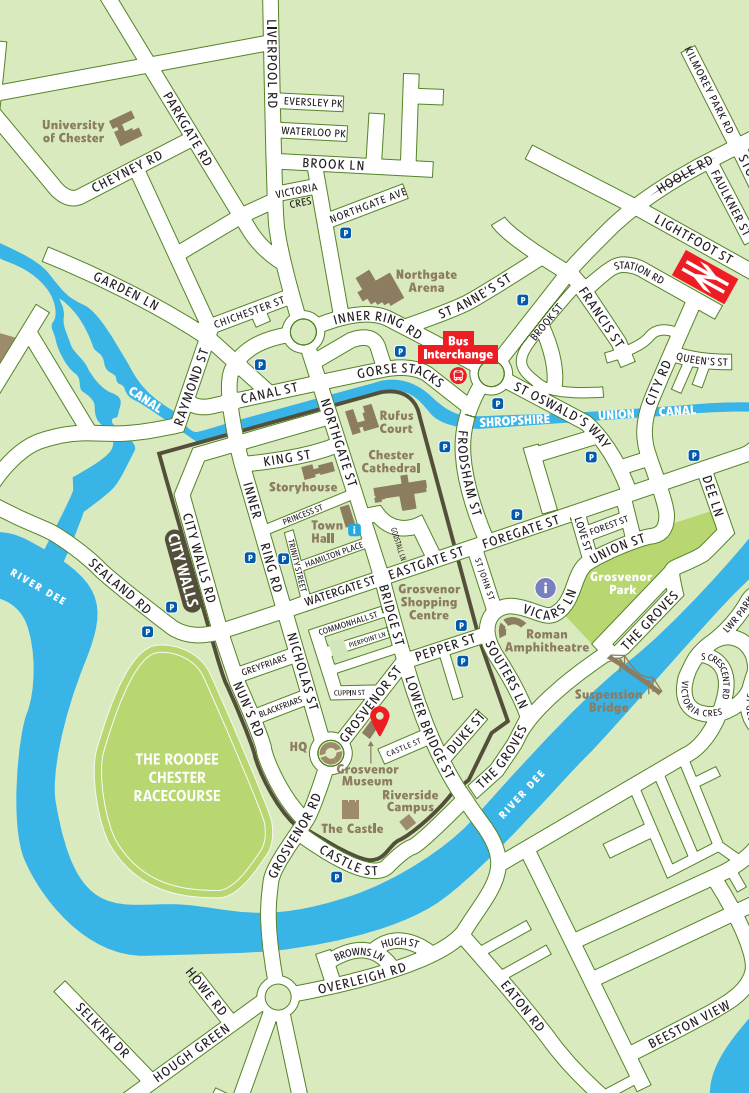
Please check the event details to see which of the following Notes apply.

- A** Unless otherwise stated in the event details, where bookings or pre-payments are necessary, these can be made via the Festival website or office.
- B** For walking tours led by the Guild of Chester Tour Guides the standard prices are £7 for adults, £6 for concessions and £16 for families of two adults and two children under 16. Meet your guide in the Visitor Information Centre at the Town Hall 15 minutes before the stated start time to buy your ticket. These tours, except the twice daily Chester Tour, should be booked in advance via the Festival website or office.
- C** Tickets for Chester Ghost Tours at 7:30pm must be booked and paid in advance at www.ghostcity.co.uk and cost £10 for adults, £9 for concessions and £25 for families. Meet your guide from the Guild of Chester Tour Guides outside the Visitor Information Centre at the Town Hall.
- D** Venues at the University of Chester Riverside Campus, Castle Drive, are accessed via steps. The Riverside Museum is in the basement and the lecture theatre, room CRV139, is on the first floor. Both can be accessed by stairs or a lift from the reception. There is no public parking. The nearest car park is the Little Roodee, also on Castle Drive.



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