

# GeoFest 2022

## What's On in The Geopark 28<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> September

Lots of Family Activities, Tours, Exhibitions, Workshops and online events across parts of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire – Fun for all the family.

More events and details on our website [www.geopark.org.uk](http://www.geopark.org.uk)



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We're pleased to present GeoFest 2022. For more details check with the venue. Events are free unless stated, although normal admission charges (if applicable) may apply. Keep checking the calendar on [www.geopark.org.uk](http://www.geopark.org.uk) and our Facebook page for lots more events and latest news.

## Throughout GeoFest

### **Nordic Walking at [Severn Valley Country Park](#)**

Our Nordic Walking group meets every Wednesday 10am-11am.

If you are interested in joining, please call 01746 781 192 for more details.

### **Parkrun at Severn Valley Country Park**

Saturdays 9:00am

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!

### **Bewdley Museum**

Open daily 10am - 4.30pm.

\*Last admissions are 30 minutes before closing.

Includes GeoFest specimen displays

### **[Arley Arboretum](#)**

Wednesday – Sunday 10am – 5pm

All Arboretum Day Passes must be pre booked, however we do understand that weather plays a big part in your decision to visit us so you are able to book up to an hour before your chosen time slot.

### **Cob House Countryside Park**

Camping and fishing available

Mayfly café open 8am – 5pm (booking needed for afternoon tea)

Entry to park grounds is free

### **Worcester Cathedral**

Open every day 10:00 – 17:00 reduced hours on Sunday and last entry half hour before end

Tours Monday – Saturday: 11am and 2.30pm

Tours £7 each

Throughout August – 'Fossils in the Geopark' exhibition with specimens and geology trails

### **Severn Valley Railway – Day Tickets**

Every week Wednesday - Sunday

The Severn Valley Railway is the perfect way to travel on a steam train in the West Midlands.

### **Malvern Hills GeoCentre**

Open Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri & Sun 10am - 4pm.

## Events

### May Half Term Crafts – Bewdley Museum

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

10:30 – 2:30

just turn up anytime - no sessions or timed slots - £6 per activity - Just pay at the front Museum desk on arrival

### Coronation Crafts! at Hartlebury Castle

Tue 31 May : 11.00 am - Thu 2 June : 4.00 pm

Enjoy coronation inspired crafts to take home and follow the Jubilee Family Trail around the Castle and museum. Get the royal treatment at Hartlebury Castle over the Jubilee celebrations with a chance to get hands-on and crafty as you construct and decorate your own mini wooden version of the Queen's royal

### National Trust – Dudmaston Estate - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday, 29 May to Sunday, 5 June (excluding Saturday)

Dudmaston Hall will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a week of royal fun.

There will be family game stations in the grounds with a Queen Elizabeth II trivia trail, with games similar to ones enjoyed by children in the 1950s available for making new family memories.

Free event but admission charges £12 Adult, £6 Child

### Lapworth Family Event - Charles Lapworth: The name behind the museum

Wednesday 1st June (10:00-17:00)

During the May/June school holiday, visit the Lapworth Museum of Geology and discover all about Charles Lapworth: the name behind the museum!

### #Bug Hotel at Severn Country Park

Wednesday 1 June 2022 and Wednesday 24th August 2022

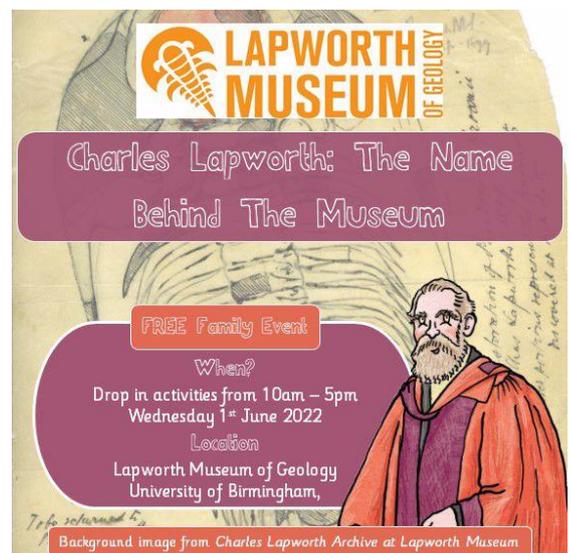
Create a mini-habitat for insects to take home and find out more about the different habitats and food sources river wildlife need.

Led by Severn Rivers Trust

### Fabulous Fifties at Hartlebury Castle

Thu 2 June : 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Celebrate the decade when the Queen was crowned at our Fabulous Fifties event! Come dressed fit for a Queen in your best 1950s gear and join us for a sing and dance with the



fantastic Bluebird Belles who will be performing songs from the period in the Castle's magnificent Carriage

### **Severn Valley Railway – Queens Platinum Jubilee - Kidderminster**

Friday 3rd June - The Fireballs UK & Vintage Class Evening Show

Saturday 4th June - Elvis Presley & The Ronnies Evening Show

£10 per child £12 per adult

### **Jubilee Boogaloo at Bewdley Museum**

Saturday 4 June 1.30pm -3.30pm

Boogaloo Babes will be performing in the QE11 Jubilee Gardens.

Free admission

### **Plant Hunters fair at Arley Arboretum**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Plant hunter fairs are the place to find great value, top quality, traditionally grown plants for every type of garden.

The fair will be hosted on our front lawn meaning entry to the fair for free.



### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Party in the Park. Bewdley Museum**

5<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm until 4pm

Live Music from Bewdley Concert Band.

Afternoon tea and refreshments available from the Garden Kitchen Cafe or bring your own picnic. 1.30pm until 4pm

### **Explore Archives – Wills at The Hive, Worcester**

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12pm £6

A workshop from Worcs Archive &

Archaeology Service helping you discover how wills can help you in your research.

### **Lapworth Museum Tours**

6<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July

Join us for a guided tour of the Museum.

Free

### **Curator Talk: The Great Outdoors at Hartlebury Castle**

Tue 7 June : 11.00 am - 1.30 pm

Collections Centre Store Tour: The Great Outdoors Join our Vardo Curator and Social History Curator to look at Worcestershire's two intertwined transport collections – the Agricultural collection and the beautiful Gypsy Vardo collection. This event takes place across two sites, starting at Worcestershire County Museum

**Heartbreak Productions presents Awful Auntie at Bewdley Museum**

12 June at 5pm

Awful Auntie by David Walliams, adapted for the outdoor stage by Heartbreak Productions. Watch Stella's as she evades her menacing Aunt and saves the family home.

£14 per adult ticket and £9 per child ticket

**West Midlands Reginal Group - Old Dudley Museum – Field Trip**

Wednesday 15th June 2022

Field Trip to visit Building Stones and Landscapes of Dudley

Book here: [Building Stones and Landscapes of Dudley](#)

**Family Wildlife Day Celebrating 30 Years of Severn Valley Country Park**

Saturday 18th June 2022

Includes family day of geo-crafts, especially carboniferous flora and fauna!

**Explore Archives – Searching For People at The Hive, Worcester**

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10am-12pm £6

A workshop from Worcs Archive & Archaeology Service about the various sources and indexes which can be used for looking for information about people..

**Tapas and String of Roses at Bewdley Museum**

Friday 24 June 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tapas with live evening entertainment from the String of Rose in the Garden Kitchen.

Adults £16 per person and Child £7 per person

**National Trust – Dudmaston Estate - Hart of the Wood**

25<sup>th</sup> June

Visit Comer Woods on 25 June for a day of folk art and culture, exploring humanity's relationship with the woods.

Free event but admission charges £12 Adult, £6 Child

**National Trust – Dudmaston Estate - Meet Dudmaston's Head Gardener**

26<sup>th</sup> June

Find out about the Spring blooms and blossoms in Dudmaston's spectacular gardens with a Q&A with our Head Gardener.

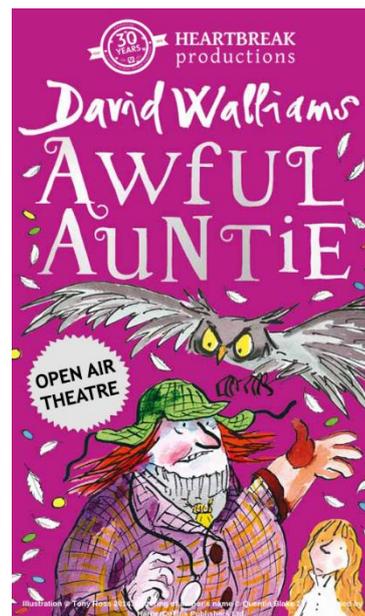
£3 for event plus admission charges £12 Adult, £6 Child

Booking needed – For booking details call 0344 249 1895

**Bewdley Museum Celebrations**

2 July

Celebrating 50 years of Bewdley Museum including New Bronze age exhibition, with entertainment throughout the day.



## Herefordshire Hoard Events - Leominster Community Centre

Saturday 2 July, 11am to 3pm

The Hub at St Peter's (Peterchurch), Saturday 23 July, 11am to 3pm

Come along to one of our community events taking place throughout the county from May to July to find out more about the Herefordshire Hoard, a Viking treasure hoard found near Leominster in 2015.

## Dinosaur Detective Trail at Severn Valley Railway, Engine House

July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Dinosaur Detective Trail and geology packs for children



## The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny – Outdoor Theatre at Hartlebury Castle

Fri 15 July : 6.30 pm

The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny Peter Rabbit and his naughty cousin Benjamin know very well that they are not to go into Mr McGregor's garden, but they cannot resist and soon they find themselves face to face Mr McGregor himself! But how will they ever escape?

## Heritage Day at The Hive, Worcester

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am-4pm Free

Come along to meet various heritage organisations, museums and societies. There will also be talks, film screenings, demonstrations, and a sandpit excavation for children. Just drop in throughout the day. Includes geopark and geology displays.

## Bewdley Museum

16 July and 28<sup>th</sup> August

Late night opening at the Garden Kitchen with live entertainment!

## Bewdley Museum

23 and 24 July

Cherry Fair and 1940s weekend featuring Kevin Mac, Wyre Forest Big Band and craft fair

## Bewdley Museum

25 July - 2 September

Children's summer holiday craft activities

Don your detective cap and join Heartbreak Productions for some super silliness this summer. Our original murder mystery will set five suspects under the spotlight, and we will depend on the audience to find answers.

£14 per adult ticket and £9 per child ticket

## Wonderful Water at Severn Country Park

Wednesday 3 August 2022

Families with children age 3-13 years are invited to come along and meet our friendly team at this wonderful location on the river Severn led by Severn Rivers Trust  
Free for families – limited spots

### Severn Valley Railway – Vintage Transport Extravaganza

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th August

Our festival of transport brings together the best of vintage vehicles throughout the ages for one bumper weekend across the full length of the line.

£25 per adult ticket, £16.50 per child ticket. Prices may vary for short trips.



### Much Ado About Murder at Bewdley Museum

Sunday 7 August 2022

### River Wildlife at Severn Country Park

Wednesday 10th August 2022 and Wednesday 26th October 2022

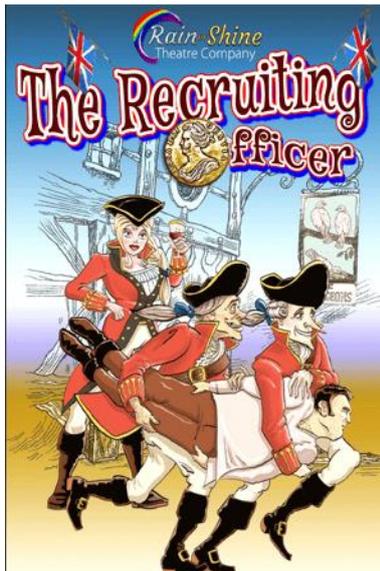
Discover how we look for and record signs of river wildlife in different habitats and learn about amazing river creatures.

Free for families – limited spots

### Geocraft Day at Wyre Forest Centre, Callow Hill

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Geo-crafts day plus table top displays



### Rain or Shine Theatre Company - The Recruiting Officer at Severn Country Park

Friday 12 August 2022

Gates 6.30pm, Performance 7.30pm

One of the most popular plays of its time, this is a delightful romp through 18th Century Shrewsbury written by Mr.

George Farquhar.

### Geology Crafts at Severn Country Park

Wednesday 17th August 2022

Geologists in the geopark present a Carboniferous flora and fauna display

### Arley Arboretum

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Geo-craft day plus geopark displays

## **Cinderella Outdoor Theatre at Hartlebury Castle**

Fri 26 August : 7.00 pm

Cinderella - Outdoor Theatre In an enchanted kingdom in a faraway land magical creatures and fairy godmothers come together to tell the best loved of all fairytales. Full of song, mirth, and joy for the summer ahead, join us on Cinderella's journey of a lifetime to a magical ball!

## **21st Century ABBA at Hartlebury Castle**

Sun 28 August : 8.00 pm

21st Century ABBA You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life! Following on from last year's sell out shows, this is an evening of hit after hit with songs you know and love including Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Take a Chance on Me, Super Trouper and many, many more.

## **Exhibitions**

### **The Geology, Landscape and Building Stones of the Severn Valley Railway - Engine House, Highley**

A display of photos with geological interpretations throughout GeoFest

### **Vikings Fact and Fiction – Bewdley Museum**

Saturday 28 May – Monday 29 August

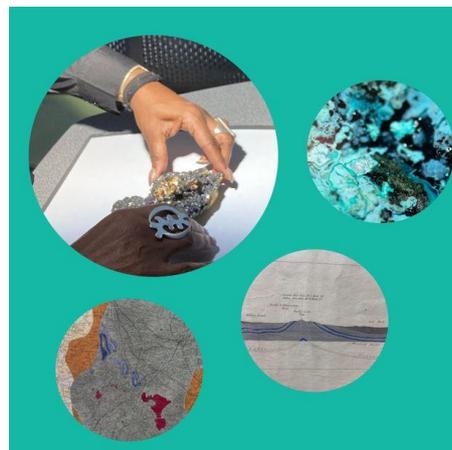
So, you think you know the Vikings? Separate the fact from the fiction in this myth-busting exhibition, from The JORVIK Group.

### **Traces of the Earth – Lapworth Museum**

Date: Friday 1st April (10:00) - Wednesday 31st August (17:00)

Location: Lapworth Museum of Geology - Earth Sciences Building (R4 on campus map)

Three visual artists Pauline Bailey, Joyce Treasure and Ola Brown have been involved in a collaborative artist residency to explore the Lapworth Museum's collection of fossils, rocks and minerals.



### **SURVIVAL ⇌ EXTINCTION – Lapworth Museum**

Date: Wednesday 6th April (10:00) - Wednesday 31st August (17:00)

Location: Lapworth Museum of Geology - Earth Sciences Building (R4 on campus map)

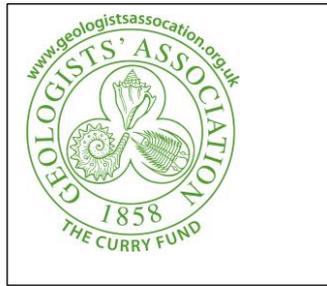
An exhibition of drawings and watercolours inspired by the Lapworth Museum collections by Phillip Richardson.

### **Worcester Cathedral – ‘Fossils in the Geopark’**

Throughout August

exhibition with specimens, geology trails and free leaflets

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## Out and About in GeoFest at Geopark Visitor centres

Our partner venues are well worth visiting throughout the summer. For general enquiries please email [amhg@outlook.com](mailto:amhg@outlook.com)

**Bewdley Museum**, Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE [www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk)

Open 10am-4:30pm

Free

**Cob House Country Park**, Wichenford, Worcester WR6 6YD [www.cobhouse.org](http://www.cobhouse.org)

The Mayfly Cafe – Open 8am to 4pm everyday.

The Park grounds and Animals – Open

**Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust**, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, DY11 7XZ

Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun & Bank Holidays 11am-5pm

Hartlebury Castle, Worcestershire County Museum and Old Moat Coppice nature trail.

Admission charges apply <https://hartleburycastle.com/>

**Hereford Museum & Art Gallery**, Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9AU

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums)

Tue-Fri 10-4 & Sat 10-12:30

Free

**Land of Living Dinosaurs at West Midlands Safari Park**, Bewdley, Worcs, DY12 1LF

[www.wmsp.co.uk](http://www.wmsp.co.uk)

**Lapworth Museum of Geology**, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2TT

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx)

Tue-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 12-5pm,

**Malvern Hills GeoCentre**, Walwyn Rd, Upper Colwall, Malvern WR13 6PL [www.geocentre.co.uk](http://www.geocentre.co.uk)  
Cafe H2O: Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri 10am - 3pm

**National Trust**

- **Croome**, near High Green, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR8 9DW  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome)
- **Dudmaston**, Quatt, nr Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5QN  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Dudmaston](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Dudmaston)

**Severn Valley Country Park**, Alveley, Bridgnorth WV15 6NG  
[www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/site/severn-valley-country-park](http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/site/severn-valley-country-park)

**Severn Valley Railway** [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)

**Worcester Cathedral**, Worcester WR1 2LA [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk)  
Mon – Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 1-3pm for visitors

**Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service**, The Hive, Worcester, WR1 3PD  
[www.explorethepast.co.uk](http://www.explorethepast.co.uk)

**Wyre Forest Centre**, DY14 9XQ [www.forestryengland.uk/wyre-forest](http://www.forestryengland.uk/wyre-forest)