20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

EVENT PROGRAMME

Saturday 21st September
10:30am - 4:00pm
Nestled in the heart of Witham and boasting over 20 retailers, Newlands prides itself on offering great value, everyday.

If you're shopping for pleasure or practicality, working up a sweat, enjoying a coffee, or even just picking up a tasty take away - enjoy the great value and customer service that we offer every day at Newlands Shopping Centre.

www.newlandswitham.co.uk
“This free family event for all of our community is brought to you by Witham Town Council and made possible by the generous support and sponsorship of local business and community organisations.

This year we celebrate an incredible 20 years of the Witham Puppet Festival with an extra special bill of acts and events throughout the day.

Join the largest town-wide party in Essex on the hunt for tea cups for your chance to win the coveted Witham Puppet Festival Birthday Cake, hail the return of Titan The Robot and feast your eyes upon the widest arrangement of the weird and wonderful to date.

From the Members of Witham Town Council, we wish you a fun packed extravaganza!”

Want to win the Puppet Festival Cake? See page 20 to learn how!

IN THIS PROGRAMME

4-5) NEWLANDS CENTRE
6-7) GROVE CENTRE
8-9) ROAD CLOSURE
10-11) AEGON CAR PARK
12-13) LIBRARY
14-15) HIGH STREET
16-17) UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

18-19) MAP OF EVENTS
20-21) OTHER EVENTS
22-23) INFORMATION CENTRE
24) IMPORTANT INFORMATION
10.30 - Bridie the Tea Lady
Bailadora

11.00 - Praying Mantis
Punch & Judy

11.30 - Bang on

12.00 - The Hulk
Daisy & Buttercup

12.30 - Bailadora

13.00 - Alice in Wonderland
Bang on

13.30 - The Red Queen
Punch & Judy

14.00 - Bang on

14.30 - Bridie the Tea Lady
Bailadora

15.00 - Bang on

15.30 - The Red Queen
Punch & Judy
Punch and Judy

One of Britain’s leading Punch & Judy shows, this hilarious vintage act is enjoyable for all ages. Come along and see what antics mischievous Mr Punch and his friends get up to!

This timeless classic will be stationed in Newlands Shopping Centre all day.

Performance times are:
11am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm

Bang On

Bang on are an energetic junk percussion duo who use a giant homemade drum kit to create funky beats and rhythmic treats, whilst putting on an outstanding visual display of technique and showmanship.

Performing in Newlands Shopping Centre at:
11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm

Witham & District Lions Club

Witham Lions Club has been supporting the town and local charities since 1980.
We always welcome new members to our Service, Fundraising, Friendly and Fun group.

Membership (anyone over 18 years) or general information about Lions Clubs please contact Lion Keith 0345 833 2578

Proud to Sponsor the 2019 Witham Puppet Festival
Daisy & Buttercup

This pair of buxom bovine beauties love to get out amongst the human herd. Hoof loose and fancy free, the girls chew the cud and ruminate on the goings on around them.

These udderly fabulous Jersey girls can be found in the Grove Shopping Centre at:

**10.30am & 3.30pm**
(Also found in the Newland Shopping Centre)

---

Something’s Missing

Face Painting

Face painting and glitter art available all day in the Grove Centre!
10.30 - Enchanted Flower Globe
       Daisy & Buttercup

11.00 - Granny Turismo

11.30 - Alice in Wonderland
       Iron Man

12.00 - Elephant Encounter

12.30 - Praying Mantis
       Iron Man

13.00 - Snap Happy Paparazzi

13.30 - Enchanted Flower Globe

14.00 - Alice in Wonderland

14.30 - Enchanted Flower Globe

15.00 - Elephant Encounter

15.30 - Daisy & Buttercup
       Dragon Smoked
NEWLAND STREET ROAD CLOSURE

10.30 - The Red Queen
11.30 - French Fancies
12.00 - Bridie the Tea Lady
13.00 - Granny Turismo
13.30 - Elephant Encounter
14.00 - French Fancies
14.30 - Dan the Hat
15.00 - Praying Mantis
15.30 - Iron Man

The White Hart Hotel
Ensuite Hotel Rooms
Restaurant and
Function Room
whitehartinwitham.co.uk
Call 01376 512245
Bridie the Tea Lady

"From Downton to Downtown"

Bridie thinks everyone is a VIP, and she absolutely loves an excuse for a good ol’ gossip! Then, when you least expect it, she may even throw some shapes and start dancing with her amazing 7ft tea trolley!

The Red Queen

She comes from that place of dreams, moving swiftly and effortlessly amongst the crowds, making the entire world her pawns by showing off her rare and magical contact juggling skill. She's literally the heart of the party.
11.00 - Dragon Smoked
12.00 - Titan the Robot
13.00 - Dragon Smoked
13.30 - Dan the Hat
14.00 - Titan the Robot
15.00 - Titan the Robot
15.30 - Granny Turismo
Titan the Robot

A firm favourite at the Witham Puppet Festival, the superstar that is Titan will be returning to delight the crowds for the 20th anniversary. A unique blend of comedy, music and high-energy shenanigans makes Titan a must see feature for the whole family.

You’ll find Titan in the Aegon car park at the following times:

12.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm
Join in on a literary adventure in the library at these times:

11.30 & 13.30

Walrus & the Carpenter

Take a stroll with the Walrus and Carpenter on the hunt for a spot to hold their gourmet seafood picnic. Led by a large weepy walrus and his cheerless chippy companion, this musical show is based around Lewis Carroll’s famous poem and is thoroughly enjoyable for all ages.

Alongside their hilariously entertaining show, there is also a chance for children to get creative in their free craft workshop.
10.30 - Bookworms
11.30 - Walrus and the Carpenter
12.30 - Bookworms
13.30 - Walrus and the Carpenter
14.30 - The Hulk
15.00 - Bookworms
10.30 - Iron Man
11.00 - The Hulk
11.30 - Snap Happy Paparazzi
12.30 - French Fancies
13.00 - The Hulk
13.30 - Iron Man
14.30 - Snap Happy Paparazzi

Learn to Drive with Stevie
Friendly, local instructor based in Witham
For bookings or enquiries, please call
07836 690 551
The Dragon

All ages are invited to operate the half dozen handles which launch 12ft tall George the Dragon into a grand display of hand cranked contraptioneering. He plays music, blows bubbles and displays the joys and ingenuity of mechanical engineering.

This mechanical wonder can be found on the high street between 11am and 3pm.
11.00 - Hedge Men
11.30 - Cat's Choir
12.00 - Balloonatic
Nutkins
12.30 - Hedge Men
13.00 - Cat’s Choir
13.30 - Balloonatic
14.00 - Fancy Dress Competition
Nutkins
14.30 - Cat’s Choir
15.00 - Balloonatic, Nutkins
15.30 - Hedge Men

Down the Rabbit Hole
At the United Reformed Church
CHILDREN’S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Mad Hatter’s Tea Party

Entries will be judged by the Town Mayor at 2pm in the Newland Street Road Closure

Open to children of all ages
Fantastic prizes to be won!

Come and meet the mad hatter for tea!

The mad hatter is having a tea party in the United Reformed Church, so why not come along for a piece of cake and enjoy his mad antics!

Tea, coffee and cake will be served from 10am until 2pm.
All proceeds will go to Alzheimer’s Society.

Yumcious Cakes
Bespoke cakes and cupcakes for any occasion

07799882397
Sharon@yumciouscakes.co.uk
www.facebook.com/Yumciouscakes
NEWLANDS STREET ROAD CLOSURE

Down The Rabbit Hole

U.R.C
Queen of Hearts
Teacup Trail

The Queen of Hearts has lost her servants! Rumour has it that they are hiding out amongst the teacups, and have scattered themselves around Witham Town Centre. Can you help out by finding them all?

Pick up your answer sheet from the Town Council Stall and return your entries by 3pm for a chance to win an amazing cake, courtesy of Yumcious Cakes

Town Council Stall
In the Grove Centre

The Town Council will be holding a tombola to raise money for a new act next year. This year we will also be offering glitter tattoos and fun items that you can purchase. This is also where you can collect and return your Teacup Trail forms for a chance to win a delicious prize!

If you have any questions or queries about the Puppet Festival then feel free to drop by.
Entertainments

**Tea Party Fancy Dress Competition**

Come dressed in your best Wonderland inspired outfits!

Entries will be judged by the Town Mayor at 2pm in the United Reformed Church

Open to children of all ages

Fantastic prizes to be won!

- **Something’s Missing Face Painting**
  In the Grove Centre

- **Mad Hatter’s Tea Party**
  At the United Reformed Church
  10am - 12pm

- The **BIG Sing**
  In the Newlands Centre

- **Fun Children’s Rides**
  in the Newlands Centre
INFORMATION CENTRE

We are opening an extra day just for the Puppet Festival, so why not pop in and see what we do?

Opening hours for Saturday 21st September are 9.30 - 16.00

Stuck on what to do this half term?

Here at the Information Centre we have a wide variety of leaflets on different days out - and not just in Essex! Whether you are looking for something to do on your UK Holiday or just finding a fun day out nearby, we can provide you with plenty of ideas. We even sell tickets to some attractions at a discounted price!

Did you know...

...you can refill your water bottles here? Fresh water is provided every day, all you need to do is pop in and help yourself. We even sell water bottles if you don’t have one to refill!
The Mad Hatter has left his hat behind...and it’s full of sweeties! Do you think you could guess how many sweets are inside? If you get it right, you could get to take the hat home with you...and all the goodies inside it too! Pop in to the Town Hall for your chance to win!

Located in the Town Hall, Newland Street.

Opening Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9.00 - 16.00
Friday
9.30 - 15.30

Already thinking about what Christmas gifts to buy?

Well of course you are, Christmas is only just around the corner after all! Don’t fret though, we have a wide selection of fabulous stocking fillers and hand wrapped gift hampers filled with extra special treats on offer.
Cards for Good Causes will also be selling their charity Christmas cards during the festive period.

Christmas stock and cards will be available from mid October.
LOST CHILDREN
Any lost children should be reported/taken to the Town Council stall in the Grove Centre.

TOWN HALL
The Town Hall will be opening from 9.30 until 16.00 on Saturday 21st September. Any additional information can be obtained from here or from the Town Council stall in the Grove Centre.

PARKING
Newlands Drive - Pay and Display
Mill Lane - Pay and Display
Witham Station - Pay and Display
Tesco - Free customer parking up to 3 hours

FIRST AID
St John Ambulance will be providing first aid services for the Witham Puppet Festival and will be located next to Superdrug in the Grove Centre.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Look out for our Bunny Stewards if you need any help!