

SHOW PROGRAMME

Living History Festival




Featuring
The British
Percheron
Society
Centenary



2-3 June 2018 | 10.30am-5.00pm



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Welcome to the Museum's Living History Festival 2018

Step back in time! Today you can walk through the ages at our Living History Festival. From the Saxons to the 20th Century, over 200 re-enactors are recreating 1,000 years of history throughout the Museum site. Don't miss our Arena displays – see the timetable opposite.

Take time to explore the displays in the Events Field, discover our collection of rescued historic buildings and meet the traditional farm animals – our site is 40 acres, so there's lots to see!

Expect loud noises!

This weekend's demonstrations feature loud noises and gunfire. Some re-enactments feature gun and canon fire. Please ensure that any pets in your party do not suffer any distress. Please note that all activities, demonstrations and timings are subject to change.



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Arena displays

- 10.40am Military vehicles parade
- 11.00am British Percheron Horse Society: timeline
- 11.45am Gun display
- 12.30pm British Percheron Horse Society: driving competition
- 1.15pm British Percheron Horse Society: Letters from the Field
- 2.30pm Jousting tournament
- 3.45pm St Giles fire engine
- 4.00pm Percheron parade
- 4.30pm Grand finale parade

The British Percheron Horse Society Centenary

The British Percheron Horse Society is celebrating 100 years of the British Stud Book by showcasing their horses and their place in our history this weekend. Members of the society's horses are taking part in re-enactments connected with British history.

The British Percheron Timeline

1890 Importation of working horses
1900 Used on buses
1908 Fire horses
1914 Military use
1916 Importation of breeding stock
1918 Formation of the society

Also displayed will be modern uses of the Percheron including showing, competition driving, riding and farm and forestry work.

The Percheron horses are stabled across the drive from the Events field (see map). Please feel free to explore this area and talk to the British Percheron Horse Society.



What's on

(Numbers in brackets are map references – see centre pages)

Saxons

- See one of the most decisive eras in the history of Britain recreated by Weorod – the years from **520 to 680**, during the Early Medieval or 'Dark Age' period. Experience the lives of the early Anglo-Saxon settlers in Hampshire and the surrounding counties (Events Field: 4).
- See the lives of Sussex locals portrayed in the year **950** by Regia Anglorum, as they carry out everyday tasks. These were turbulent times in the British Isles, with Saxons fighting Viking armies. King Eadred is King of Wessex, trying to unite the British Isles and persuade the Kingdom of York that it wants to join the rest of England (Events Field: 9).
- Hear **Saxon stories** in the replica Anglo-Saxon hall house and find out about everyday life in this house in the year 950 (E3).



Medieval & Tudor

- Meet Hartley's Companie, a **late 15th century mercenary group**, at their siege camp during the Wars of the Roses. See their peacetime preparations, including a Knights' tournament, which developed technical skills. Demonstrations also include textiles, metal working, wood working and other crafts (near M5). Also see a gun display in the arena at 11.45am.
- **How did the medieval soldier arm and armour himself?** How did the poor surgeon deal with injuries, with cruelty or kindness? From arms and armour to archery and surgery, find out more about the period around the time of the Battle of Agincourt with JD Medieval (Events Field: 8).
- Destrier's horsemen show the **medieval mounted warrior** of the Wars of the Roses: at the hunt, at exercise, in tournament, and in battle. The Pastons were a Norfolk family who broke through the ranks of society over several generations. With a focus on items of the period and their use, as well as the etiquette and behaviour of the period, see how the Pastons of the 15th century functioned during this turbulent time (in and around M4).

Destrier and The Pastons are working together to create the "**Pas D'armes of the Silver Tree**" (see page 13-14). The knights will take to the arena mounted on their splendid horses to prove their strength and skill, a spectacle not to be missed! See page 3 for jousting times.

- Experience a **slice of life in the 1400s**: stroll around Pelican in her Piety's camp and visit the tailoress to find out about – and maybe try on – the clothes that people wore and see some of the toys that children played with. Try on a helmet and feel what it is like to hold a sword with the man-at-arms. Discover what foods people ate and learn about ale and brewing in the kitchen, and get a clearer view of the medieval world with the 15th century spectacle maker! If you're feeling really brave, visit the medieval loo and talk to the Gong Farmer about one of the worst jobs in history! (Events Field: 7).
- Experience the sounds, smells and activity of a **Tudor market**. Visit The Tudor Group's tailor's shop, embroiderer's shop, pawn broker's shop, and hot meat shop. See knitters, spinners, straw hat makers, and try on clothing and hats. (Market Square near M1).

- At the **medieval house from Hangleton** (E2), find out about everyday life in England before the Black Death. What did you eat daily? Where did you sleep? What would you have worn?
- Next, see how life changed after the Black Death in the **medieval hall from Boarhunt** (E1). See the development of the rural home and find out about ideas of health and medicine at this time. Just beware of any remedy that may be offered to you here.
- **Bayleaf Farmhouse** (B1) has long been one of the most beloved buildings at the Museum. Take the opportunity to chat to our team about how a yeoman family lived in this home in England in the 1540s and see replica clothing and crafts from this time.
- Step into **Winkhurst Tudor Kitchen** – allow your eyes to adjust to the dark and smoky interior. See and taste what the Tudor family in Bayleaf Farmhouse ate and drank. See how the produce from the garden, fields and market were used in everyday life. Would you have liked this diet?

17th Century

- Experience life as it might have been in England during the **17th century at the time of the English Civil Wars** with Wardour Garrison (Events Field: 5). Get a flavour of domestic and military life, with plenty of hands-on and interactive opportunities. Talk to the soldiers about their weapons, attire and life in a garrison or on campaign. Join in the Sword School (using wooden swords) and learn the essential skills of sword craft, attack and defence. Open to adults and children above the age of seven.

18th Century

- See 18th century domestic life with a **brewing demonstration** in Tindalls Cottage (R3) by Marc Meltonville and his team.

Victorian

- Look out for **The Ragged Victorians** – the ‘Great Unwashed’ as they re-enact the lives of the lower classes of Victorian England, circa 1851 (near V1). Low class Victorians lived by whatever means they could. With no homes, no income and no benefit system for support, an honest day's work could mean labouring in the most degrading jobs in the world, for little or scant reward.



- Explore Whittaker's Cottages and garden (V1). This pair of cottages was built in the mid-1860s for rent by agricultural labourers. One has been left unfinished inside, to expose the timber-framed structure. The other has been furnished to a late-19th century date.
- Head to the Victorian school (V2). For some years before 1851 this building was used as a school for ‘six poor children from the parish of West Wittering’. It was financed and run by the Oliver Whitby Charity, which also ran the Bluecoat School in Chichester.

Boer War 1899-1902

- Between 1908 and August 1914 the **Nbr 12 Army Remount Depot** became an intrinsic part of the British War Office plans. Learn the story of these brave volunteers (Events Field: 1).

WWII

- Visit the Regiment of Historic Flight in and around the Brick Drying Shed from Petersfield (C7).
- Meet the Baker Street Boys WWII Fire Department encampment and see their 1930s fire engine (Events Field: 3).

Music and demonstrations

(Numbers in brackets are map references – see centre pages)

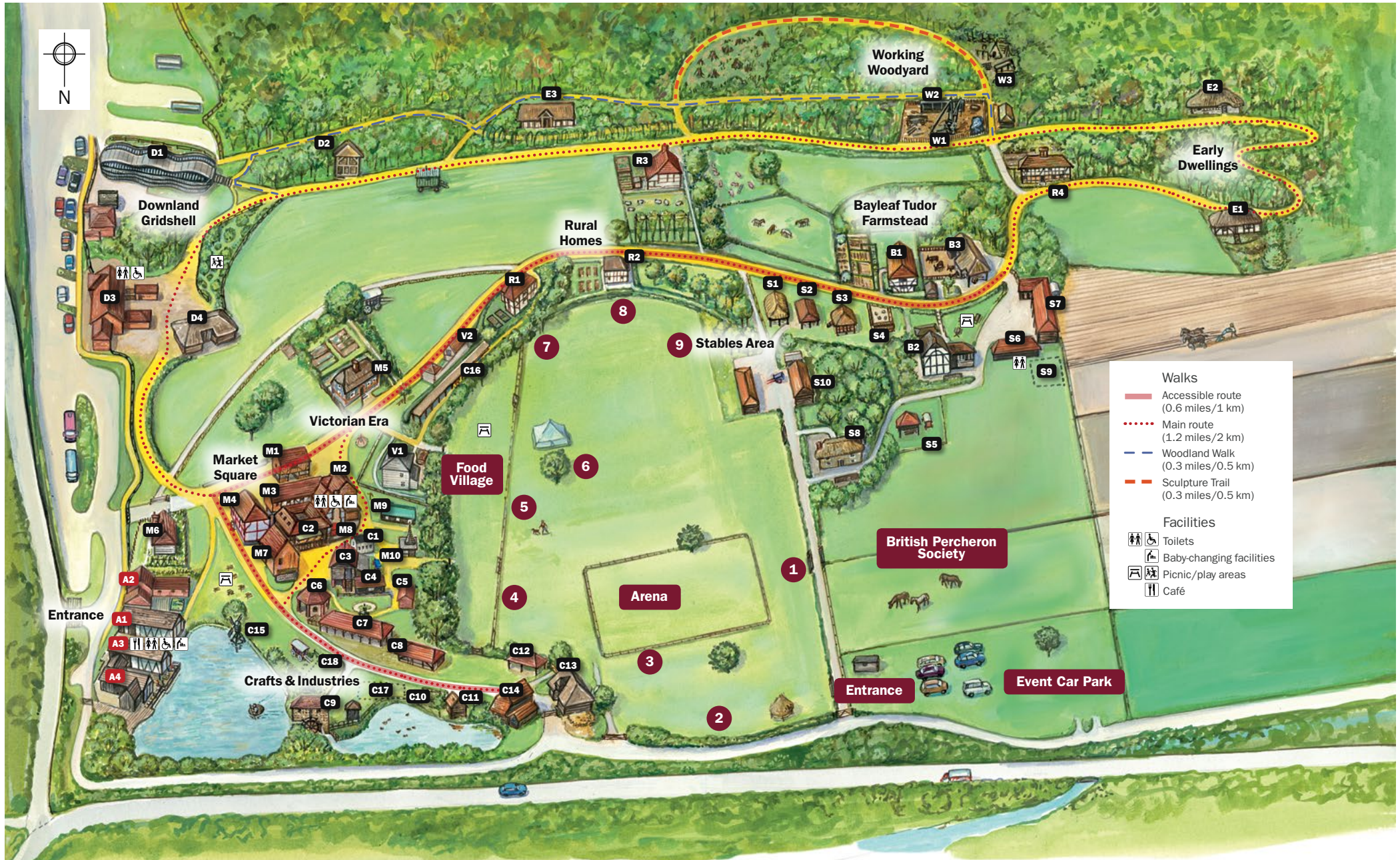
- Take a seat and hear the Trouvere Medieval Minstrels (Events Field: 6).
- See paper making demonstrations, find out about natural dyeing, learn how the most basic fishing equipment was made with very simple tools, and hear about ‘Netting and Fisherman’ from the Mulberry Dyer in the House from Walderton (M5).
- See the Museum's working oxen around the site moving firewood and other tasks.
- Head to the 17th Century watermill and meet our millers, producing wholemeal flour for the Museum's shop and café.
- See the Guild of Model Wheelwrights display of historical models in the hall from Crawley (M3).

Stalls

- Visit the Food Village for hot and cold food and drinks from local suppliers.
- Pop in to the Craft and Tea Tent to see demonstrations and meet traders as well as enjoying a cup of tea.

Make the most of your visit

- Explore!** The Museum is home to a collection of more than 50 rescued historic rural buildings from across south east England. Open the map in the centre pages for details.
- Visitor centre** (A2): explore our fascinating introductory galleries at our new entrance.
- Gift shop:** our stunning Museum shop (A1) offers a fantastic range of products – we also have a stall in the marquee, so please take a look.
- Refreshments:** enjoy a delicious variety of local produce from stalls in the Food Village, plus refresh with tea, coffee and cakes in the Crafts and Tea Tent or visit the Museum's café in our visitor centre (A3) – our café is dog-friendly.
- Annual Membership:** join as a member and come back as many times as you like for a whole year! Join at the membership hut next to the overflow car park and your membership fee will be reduced by the amount you have paid for admission. It's great value for money! Look out for the Annual Membership flag.
- Information point:** head to our information tent (look for the flag) to find out more about the Museum, our events and courses. Interested in volunteering? Talk to our friendly team for details or visit www.wealddown.co.uk/volunteer.



Buildings Key

Visitor Centre

- A1 Museum Entrance and Shop
- A2 Introductory Galleries
- A3 Wattle & Daub Café
- A4 Sargent Community Room

Bayleaf Tudor Farmstead

- B1 Bayleaf Tudor Farmhouse and Garden
- B2 Winkhurst Tudor Kitchen
- B3 Cowfold Barn

Crafts & Industries

- C1 Newick Plumbers' Workshop
- C2 Building Crafts Gallery
- C3 Witley Joiners' Shop
- C4 Windlesham Carpenters' Shop
- C5 Brick Classroom
- C6 Redford Pugmill
- C7 Petersfield Brick-drying Shed
- C8 Sheffield Park Saw-Pit
- C9 Lurgashall Watermill
- C10 Walton Heath Animal Pound
- C11 Victorian Smithy from Southwater
- C12 Wiston Wagon Shed
- C13 Court Barn from Lee-on-Solent
- C14 Watersfield Stable
- C15 Pevensey Windpump
- C16 Vehicle & Implement Gallery
- C17 Eastwick Park Dairy*
- C18 Newdigate Bakehouse*

Downland Gridshell Area

- D1 Downland Gridshell Building
- D2 Catherington Treadwheel
- D3 Longport Farmhouse (Temporary Exhibition Space)*
- D4 Hambrook Barn (Family Hub)*

Early Dwellings

- E1 Boarhunt Medieval Hall House
- E2 Hangleton Medieval House
- E3 Anglo-Saxon Hall House

Market Square Area

- M1 Titchfield Market Hall
- M2 Horsham Medieval Shop
- M3 Crawley Hall
- M4 North Cray Medieval House
- M5 House from Walderton and Garden
- M6 Toll House from Beeding and Garden
- M7 Lavant Building (Education Room)
- M8 Reigate House Extension
- M9 South Wonston Church
- M10 Stoughton Bell Frame
- Rural Homes
- R1 Sole Street Medieval House (hands-on history)*
- R2 Poplar Cottage and Garden
- R3 Tindalls Cottage from Ticehurst
- R4 Pendean Farmhouse and Garden

Stables Area

- S1 West Kingsdown Horse Whim
- S2 Charlwood Cart Shed
- S3 Littlehampton Granary
- S4 Lurgashall Cattle Shed
- S5 Ockley Hay Barn
- S6 Kirdford Cattle Shed
- S7 Goodwood Cattle Shed
- S8 Gonville Cottage, West Dean
- S9 May Day Barn & Stable from Tonbridge*
- S10 Shed from Rusper

Victorian Era

- V1 Whittaker's Cottages and Garden
- V2 Victorian School from West Wittering

Working Woodyard

- W1 Timber Crane
- W2 Coldwaltham Cattle Shed
- W3 Charcoal Burners' Camp

* Under construction or redisplay

About The Pas of the Silver Tree

In the Arena at 1.30pm

A Pas D'armes is a medieval term that describes how Knights tested themselves against each other. They attempted to outdo their peers in feats of arms, but also in acts of chivalry. Dancing, feasting and extravagant shows of wealth and generosity were just as important as the ability to fight, and many tournaments of the 15th century included extra events beyond the joust.

The Pas of the Silver Tree aims faithfully to recreate a tournament. As such it will include not just martial displays, but the many other aspects of a medieval Pas. In the 15th century jousts were often hosted by one or more Tenans. These Knights would take up residence on the tournament field and deliver an invitation to all comers to take up arms against them. The invitation often explained the specific way in which the Venans (or challengers) should deliver the challenge, although even if there was no explicit way of doing so, it would be expected that they approach the subject with style and panache. In order to achieve all this Knights would of course be attended by retinues which could be quite large and impressive, with each man attempting to outdo the other in the expense paid.

Every Knight has his own retinue to look after him and his horse, and to serve him in the banquet. In the medieval period it was often that the Ladies were the judges of the joust, and they would present the finest Knight with the prize at the evening celebration. As such, Ladies and their retinues will of course also be in attendance at the joust, and participating in the evening entertainment.

Tournaments often took place outside cities or towns in repurposed fields. Many Knights rented rooms in local houses for the duration, and as hospitality was part of what was on display local landowners and merchants were only too happy to invite the Knights and Ladies to their houses for banquets and dancing.

The order for the tournament is as follows:

To host this joust, Sir John Paston and his brother John, has augmented his retinue with additional servants and Men at Arms, accommodating them in tents around his Manor House and extending his kitchens to provide hospitality to the visiting knights, fitting his own knightly status. He must ensure nothing is left to chance in creating the best impression of his own chivalric values and the degree of his personal household.





During the weekend of the Joust, the household will be constantly busy and the camp around The Manor will buzz with activity under the watchful eye of the Steward and the sharp orders of the Sergeant at Arms. Every last detail must be attended to for the centrepiece High Table at the hour of None.

- 10.00am One hour after Terce in the Medieval Day, Sir John will parade his retinue in full harness not just as a mark of his worth but as a show of force.
- 10.45am Arrival of the Knights: The Jousts and their retinues arrive at the hall and are received. The heralds announce the time and manner of the joust.
- 11.00am Sir John will take his first substantial meal of the day, one hour before Sext. This will be served to him in state from his kitchens and by his household. A display of medieval dining, service and etiquette
- 12.30pm Arming of the Knights: The jousts retire and are armed by their valets. Visit your favourite knight and wish them luck, and see their beautiful armours up close. Don't listen too carefully once the priest arrives, for each man must confess his sins in case of mishap...
- 2.30pm Parade and joust: both households make their way in procession to the tournament field to display their prowess. After passes with sword and light spear against targets they trust their bodies to their armour and to God, and break lances upon each other!
- 3.00pm Fine dining display: having struck blows upon one another the competitors retire to the hall where they show their great friendship and eat together. Come to the hall and see how medieval nobility really ate. No chicken legs over the shoulder here!
- 4.30pm Final parade: The households join the rest of the performers for the final 1,000-years parade.





Health & Safety


 **Farm animals** carry the potential risk of E. coli O157 – contact with animals and their faeces should be avoided. Please wash your hands with soap and water at the toilet blocks marked on the map in the centre pages.


 **Smoking** is prohibited in our buildings and in the open spaces and fields within the Museum site. Visitors may smoke in the car park only.

 **First Aid, Emergencies & Lost Children:** seek assistance from the First Aid & Lost Children tent in the market square, at the Museum Shop (A1), or speak with any of our staff or volunteers who all wear name badges.

 **Children** must be supervised at all times – please take extra special care of children during your visit. Please do not allow children to climb trees or to enter the mill pond.

 **Dogs** are welcome but must be kept on a short lead (lock extending leads at a short length) and under control at all times. Please clean up after your dog and keep them away from animals and birds. Please do not allow dogs to enter the mill pond.

 **Toilets** and accessible toilets are marked on the map in the centre pages. They are situated at the visitor centre (A3), near the market square (behind M2), behind Longport Farmhouse (D3) and in the cattle shed from Kirdford (S6). Portable toilets are also available.

 **Baby change** facilities are located inside the new visitor centre toilets (A3) and in the accessible toilet near the market square (behind M2).



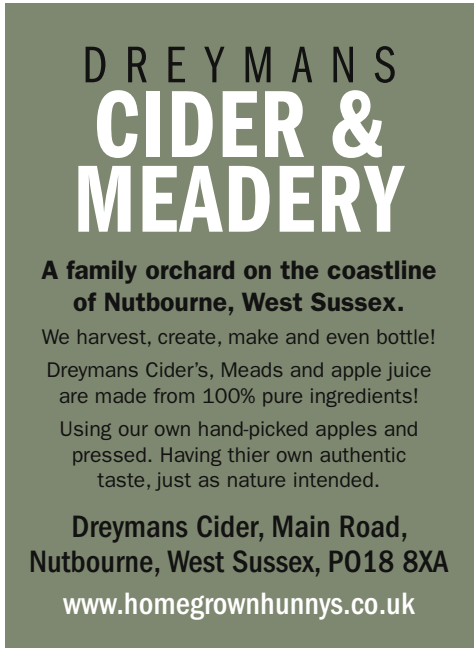
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What's on



Historic Gardens Weekend

30 June - 1 July

Come and discover the gardens of rural households from Tudor to the Victorian era. Enjoy displays, guided walks and talks, plus chat to our gardening team.



The Midnight Gang (ticketed)

18 July

Bring your chairs, blankets and picnics and be prepared to be daring at this outdoor theatre adaptation of David Walliams' bestseller.



Working Animals Show 21-22 July

Enjoy an entertaining and informative new show featuring traditional and modern working breeds. Enjoy free talks and demonstrations, meet the animals and watch arena displays.



Wonderful Wednesdays Throughout August

Every Wonderful Wednesday, accompanied children can try a wide range of arts, crafts and traditional countryside activities as part of a fun day out at the Museum.



Rural Life Weekend: Scything

4-5 August

Learn about traditional scything and haymaking during this informal weekend of demonstrations, displays and taster talks.



The Railway Children (ticketed)

14 August

All aboard! Find your travel companions and take your seats (bring your seats actually) for an outdoor adaptation of Edith Nesbit's classic children's tale.



Vintage & Steam 18-19 August

Experience the bustle and excitement of a traditional Steam Festival, with steam engines on display and working around our 40-acre site during this special weekend.



Twilight Tale Trail (ticketed)

23 August

Come and listen to folklore and historical tales of mysterious places, magnificent creatures and magical adventures! Suitable for accompanied children aged 7+.



Rural Life Weekend: Charcoal and Woodyard 25-27 August

See a traditional charcoal burn in full smoke, enjoy demonstrations in our working Woodyard, plus learn about the importance of these activities in south east England.



Rural Life Weekend: Harvest 1-2 September

1-2 September

Enjoy seasonal harvest demonstrations - from the vegetables in the Victorian cottage garden, to flax at Tindalls Cottage and the produce of Bayleaf farmhouse garden and orchard.



Rural Life Weekend: Home 29-30 September

29-30 September

With our collection of exhibit homes spanning rural life in south east England from 950AD to the Victorian era, join us for fascinating talks and demonstrations about domestic life through the ages.



Autumn Countryside Show 6-7 October

6-7 October

See heavy horses and vintage tractors ploughing, steam-powered threshing, plus woodland and rural craft demonstrations, displays, traders and competitions.

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