

Spring &
Summer
Events
2019

The Samuel Johnson

Birthplace Museum & Bookshop

Lichfield Literature Festival Events



At Stowe Pool Boathouse

Willow Words

Thursday 7 – Sunday 10 March
11am – 3pm, free

Installation showcasing poetry and prose written by visitors to the Birthplace over the summer of 2018, inspired by Johnson's willow



Lichfield Poets

Saturday 9 March, 12 noon, free

Readings on the water inspired by Johnson's willow and the natural world

Hosted by Lichfield's Sculpture and Art Foundation CIC



Word Café

Guildroom, Lichfield Guildhall
Saturday 9 March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, free

A fair for word lovers! Meet readers, writers and poets over tea and cake, discover the art of bookbinding, and enjoy a pop-up exhibition of rare books and letters



History Workshop: Behind Every Great Man...



Sunday 28 April, 2pm, £4

Join Sue Bray as she explores the hidden histories of the women in Johnson's world, revisits some of his well-known quotes and gives insight into attitudes in the 18th century and beyond. Includes behind-the-scenes archive visit

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1. Journey; act of passing from

Imagination and reality: Johnson and the use of travelling

Saturday 4 May – Sunday 7 July
Daily, 10.30am – 4.30pm, free

Discover travel writing and 18th century journeys in this exhibition. Including maps and atlases, travel journals and Johnson's own adventures around the country and beyond



Paintings in Focus

Saturday 13 July - Sunday 8 September
Daily, 10.30am – 4.30pm, free

An in-depth look at the Museum's art collection with a self-guided tour leaflet available daily, plus a programme of special tours and sketching sessions throughout the summer. Visit our website for full details



Samuel Johnson's 310th Birthday

Saturday 14 September
10.30am – 4.30pm, free

A day of celebration with cake, activities, and performance at the Museum and on the Market Square, including traditional Civic Ceremony at noon



The Girl in the Picture

Saturday 28 September
7pm & 8.30pm, £9.50, including a drink

Inside us all is the child we once were... discover how events and people shaped Lucy Porter, Dr Johnson's step-daughter, in this new drama from David Tittley and Intimate Theatre



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Words Alive!



Saturdays (Jan to July)
10.30am – 11.45am
£3 per session, discounts for family groups
A weekly club for 7-11 year olds who love words! Read, write, create, act, and illustrate in an inspiring setting



Half Term Fun



Thursday 21 February & Thursday 30 May
11am & 2pm, £2
Craft activities for the school holidays

Easter Trail



Daily, Saturday 6 – Monday 22 April
10.30am – 4.30pm, £1 for trail pack
Join an Easter word hunt around Johnson's House, plus free activities throughout the holiday

Family Crafternoon Tea Party



Thursday 18 April, 2pm
£3.50 per child, £1 accompanying adults
Join a tea party with a difference! Find out about famous tea parties in history and fiction and enjoy an afternoon of magic, cake and craft activities in a tea-lover's house

Pirate Storytelling



Wednesday 29 May
1pm, 2pm & 3pm, £3.50, £1 adults
Sail the high seas with travelling tales from Lichfield Storytellers in a pirate ship cabin – fancy dress optional!

Summer Fun at Sam's House



Thursday 25 July &
every Thursday in August
11am & 2pm, £2
Craft activities for the school holidays

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Birthplace Writers Group



Second Saturday of the month
2pm, free. No meetings in July and August.

Facilitated by an experienced teacher,
both beginners and current writers are
welcome to this friendly adult group to
nurture and fulfil their writing aspirations in
our inspiring venue

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Term-time Tuesday afternoons
12.45pm, £20 per 5-week half term
or £5 per session

A fascinating and friendly course starting
from the basics of the ancient language.
Contact us for dates and to book

Birthplace Book Club



First Wednesday of the month
1pm, free

Friendly and informal group reading along
with Radio 4's Book Club show, new
members welcome

* Please note that the Museum is accessed
by a small flight of steps and there are
stairs throughout

The
Samuel Johnson
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For information and booking

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