



## May's Drive-in Movies in Beacon Park

'Blow the doors off' and 'have the time of your life' at two Drive-in Movies at Beacon Park this May!

After the success of Grease, our first Drive-in Movie at Beacon Park that took place last summer, we're offering two films in May and two more in August. We'll be improving the way we marshal cars in and will open the gates earlier.

**The Italian Job (1969) on Saturday 12 May.** Rated a PG, the film stars Michael Caine who plays a former prisoner who is planning a 'big job' to steal gold bars in Italy with the help of a criminal gang, mini cars and traffic chaos.

**Dirty Dancing on Saturday 19 May.** Rated a 15, Dirty Dancing follows 'Baby' Houseman (Jennifer Grey) as she goes on a journey of self-discovery with the help of dancer Johnny, played by Patrick Swayze.

The films will play on a giant inflatable screen, and movie-goers simply need to tune their car radios in to hear the soundtrack. There will be a reserved area in front of the cars for on foot ticket holders, and movie meals and cinema snacks will be on offer as well as some extra surprises.

Gates will open at 12noon to allow audience members to park up and enjoy all that Beacon Park and Lichfield has to offer. Both films will then start at around 9.15pm.

We will also be screening a further two drive-in movies later in the summer, Top Gun on **Friday 10 August** and Pretty Woman on **Saturday 11 August**.

It costs £25 a movie per car (max 4 people) and £5 on foot (optional £3 headset hire & £15 deposit). Tickets must be booked in advance, available at Lichfield Garrick Box Office by calling **01543 412121** and online at [www.lichfieldgarrick.com](http://www.lichfieldgarrick.com).

Find out more at [www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/drivein](http://www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/drivein)



**Welcome to ParkLife**  
Welcome to our spring edition of ParkLife.

This is the newsletter that keeps you up to date with all that's going on across Lichfield Historic Parks, which includes Beacon Park, Minster Pool and Walk, the Garden of Remembrance and Stowe Pool.

We hope you find ParkLife interesting. Please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.

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## Nature conservation with CPCG

Our Countryside & Parks Conservation Group (or CPCG) meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10.30am until 3pm and carry out conservation work at parks and open spaces across the district. All over 18s welcome - we provide the tools. Email Peter at [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk) for more information.



### Litter heroes!

Many thanks to Sandra and Helen who joined our Community & Education Officer, Ruth Piddington, on a two-hour deep litter pick of Beacon Park's woodland area on Friday 9 March.

This event was part of the Great British Spring Clean community litter pick that had to be rescheduled due to the snowy weather.

Together, the women cleared fragments of glass, bottles, cans and a lot of plastic - all unsightly and harmful to wildlife and pets.

### New date: Create a Poppy Field

We had to cancel the poppy field event in March due to another lot of snow, but have rearranged it to take place as part of the next Neaten and Natter volunteer event on **Tuesday 3 April**, weather permitting! All welcome. Children must be accompanied.

We'll meet at the Community Garden at 1pm or poppy field at 1.15pm. Please bring a rake and gardening gloves if you can. Call **01543 308869** to confirm your place and to check the activity is running.



**In the picture:** Ranger Peter Freeman, volunteer Susan Smith, Adrian Dorber, Peter Walker and Community Gardener Paul Niven.

### Peace Woodland for Beacon Park

We're working with Lichfield Cathedral on their Great Exhibition, Imagine Peace, that will feature 1,918 trees in an art installation by Artist in Residence, Peter Walker. Running from 17 to 27 August, the exhibition will explore the themes of war, reconciliation and peace.

The trees will then be planted in Beacon Park (by the poppy field next to the golf course) creating a new Peace Woodland. Planting will start in November and the new woodland will be launched in April 2019.

So far our parks team, along with volunteers, have potted hundreds of trees. In February the Dean of Lichfield, The Very Revd Adrian Dorber came to our Community Garden to take a look at the progress so far and helped to pot a tree.

He said: "2018 marks 100 years since the guns of World War One fell silent. Those who survived hoped it would be the war to end all wars, but the last century has seen millions more suffer in conflict all around the world. We must never forget the sacrifices made in war - we must also always continue to strive for peace."

### Dedicate your name to peace

At the heart of the woodland will be a bronze plaque as a dedication for peace. For £25 you can add a name - your own or a family member - to be permanently inscribed in the name of peace. Find out how at [www.lichfield-cathedral.org/peace](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/peace).

If you would like to volunteer to help with the planting, please email [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk).

### Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks

The Friends group makes sure park users and locals are involved in discussions about Lichfield Historic Parks.

The group meets at District Council House (Frog Lane) generally on the last Thursday of the month, from 6.20pm to about 8.15pm. To find out more email [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk)

Find the Friends on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FoLHP](http://www.facebook.com/FoLHP)





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at Beacon Park now!

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## What's on at Beacon Park - April & May

To find out more about these events, please visit [www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/whats-on) or call the parks team on **01543 308867**. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Date/time	Event details
<b>17 March to 15 Apr</b> 9am - 4pm Ranger Station <b>£1.50/£2</b>	<b>Easter Trail</b> Self-guided puzzle trail around Beacon Park. Aimed at 3+ with adult assistance. There are two levels of clues - one for little ones and another for older children. Includes a small prize. It costs £1.50 for Leisure Activity Passport holders and £2 for non-members. 
<b>Tues 3 Apr</b> 1pm - 3pm Community Garden <b>Volunteer event</b>	<b>Neaten and Natter (poppy event)</b> This volunteer activity is for adults who want to help us look after Beacon Park, which could include litter picking and weeding paths. Call <b>01543 308869</b> to confirm your place and to check the activity is running.
<b>Wed 4 Apr</b> 11am start Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks</b> These gentle walks over easy terrain are open to everyone of any age and are a great way to discover the city's parks. Weather permitting.
<b>Thurs 5 Apr</b> 10am - 12noon (approx.) Community Garden, <b>Free</b>	<b>Butterfly &amp; Bee Walk</b> Join us on monthly walks to help us record these important insects. The walks are dependent on fine weather. Call 01543 308869 on the day to confirm the event is running. 

## Date/time

## Event details

### Fri 6 Apr

1pm - 3pm  
Discovery Hub  
**Volunteer event**

### Event Volunteers

Help the parks team with its packed event schedule. Tasks will vary each month and include making props, resources and costumes for events.

### Sun 8 Apr

Start at Beacon Park

### Cathedral to Castle Run

A ten mile charity run. Find out more at [www.c2crun.co.uk](http://www.c2crun.co.uk)

### Tues 10 & Weds 11 Apr

10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm  
Woodland area  
**£2/£2.50**

### Pond Dip Days

Children are invited to have fun searching for pond life in these one-hour sessions at Beacon Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential. To book call **01543 308867**. Sessions cost £2 with a LAP and £2.50 without.

### Wed 18 April

11am start

### Lichfield Parks Health Walks

See 4 Apr listing for details

### Fri 20 April

1pm - 2pm  
Ranger Station  
**Free**

### Wellbeing Wonder Wander

Explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. April's session is called Muddy Puddles - please bring your wellies!

### Tues 1 May

1pm - 3pm

### Neaten and Natter

See 3 Apr listing for details

### Wed 2 May

11am start

### Lichfield Parks Health Walks

See 4 Apr listing for details

### Thurs 3 May

From 8.30am  
Community Garden  
**Free**

### Moth Recording Morning

We'll identify moths that have been caught in traps from the night before, then we'll let them go. Call to confirm event **01543 308869**.

### Thurs 3 May




10am - 12noon

### Butterfly & Bee Walk

See 5 Apr listing for details



## What's on at Beacon Park - May to June 2018

Date/time	Event details
<b>Fri 4 May</b> 1pm - 3pm	<b>Event Volunteers</b> <i>See 6 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Sat 5 May</b> 10am - 8pm Beacon Park <b>Free entry</b>	<b>Café International - Alfresco</b> Enjoy street food from across the world plus marquee bars serving beers, cocktails and more.
<b>Mon 7 May</b> 11am - 3pm Museum Gardens <b>Free entry</b>	<b>Victorian May Day</b> Join us for traditional games and activities, including maypole dancing and a coconut shy.
<b>Sat 12 May</b> Gate opens 12noon, film starts 9.15pm Beacon Park <b>£25 per car</b> <b>£5 on foot</b>	<b>Drive-in Movie at Beacon Park</b> Watch The Italian Job (PG) on a giant inflatable screen in your car. It costs £25 a car (up to four people), on foot tickets are £5 plus optional headset hire & deposit. Tickets from Lichfield Garrick or by calling <b>01543 412121</b> . 
<b>Wed 16 May</b> 11am start	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks</b> <i>See 4 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Fri 18 May</b> 1pm - 2pm Poppy field <b>Free</b>	<b>Wellbeing Wonder Wander</b> Explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. May's session is called Park Eavesdrop. We can meet at the Ranger Station at 12.50pm.
<b>Sat 19 May</b> 12noon, film starts 9.15pm	<b>Drive-in Movie at Beacon Park</b>  Dirty Dancing (15). <i>See 12 May listing for booking details.</i>
<b>21 to 31 May</b> 12noon - 4pm	<b>Celebrate Lives Lived</b> Dedicate an orange gerbera to a loved one. <a href="http://www.stgileshospice.com">www.stgileshospice.com</a>
<b>Sat 26 May to Sun 3 Jun</b> 9am - 3pm Ranger Station	<b>Hug and Rub Tree Trail</b> Follow a map to find interesting trees and textures for hugging and crayon rubbings. <b>£1 a trail</b>
<b>Mon 28 May</b> 11am to 5pm Beacon Park	<b>Lichfield Greenhill Bower</b> A fairground, stalls, arts and crafts. £2 early bird wrist band. £4 on day.
<b>Tues 29 May</b> 10am - 11.30am & 1pm - 2.30pm Community Garden, <b>£2/£2.50</b>	<b>Wonderful Worms</b>  Find out about these animals and try worm charming. Booking essential, please call <b>01543 308867</b> . £2 for LAP members and £2.50 without a LAP.

Date/time	Event details
<b>Weds 30 May</b> 10am - 11.30am & 1pm - 2.30pm Swinfen Broun Pavilion <b>£2/£2.50</b>	<b>Slug and Snail Safari</b>  Find out about these animals then see how many you can spot on safari around the woodland and choose your favourite for a race. Booking essential call <b>01543 308867</b> .
<b>Thurs 31 May</b> 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm Woodland area <b>£2/£2.50</b>	<b>Pond Dip Days</b>  Children are invited to have fun searching for pond life in these one-hour sessions. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential by calling <b>01543 308867</b> .
<b>Fri 1 Jun</b> 1pm - 3pm	<b>Event Volunteers</b> <i>See 6 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Tues 5 Jun</b> 1pm - 3pm	<b>Neaten and Natter</b> <i>See 3 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Wed 6 Jun</b> 11am start	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks</b> <i>See 4 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Thurs 7 Jun</b> From 8.30am	<b>Moth Recording Morning</b> <i>See 3 May listing for details</i>
<b>Thurs 7 Jun</b> 10am - 12noon	<b>Butterfly &amp; Bee Walk</b> <i>See 5 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Wed 20 Jun</b> 11am start	<b>Lichfield Parks Health Walks</b> <i>See 4 Apr listing for details</i>
<b>Fri 22 Jun</b> 1pm - 2pm Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Wellbeing Wonder Wander</b> A mindful session using various senses to explore the amazing natural world within Beacon Park. June's session is called Animal Observations
<b>Sat 23 Jun</b> 10am - 10pm <b>Free entry</b>	<b>Lichfield Comedy Festival</b> Stand-up comedy, and indoor seated area and street food!
<b>Sun 24 Jun, 10am</b> Ranger Station <b>Free</b>	<b>Cycle Rides for All</b> Join in a 20-mile cycle ride to Chasewater Country Park.

**Walking Netball:** Join in our adult only walking netball sessions each week running on Thursdays from 10.30am to 11.30am. It costs £2.50 a class. No need to book.

**Tennis for Free:** Come along to coach-led tennis sessions on Sundays at Beacon Park from 2pm to 4pm. Register & check online at [beaconparktennis.co.uk](http://beaconparktennis.co.uk)

