



Darwin Festival



February 2015



Events with this logo are family friendly!

Sunday 8

Singing Darwin's praises

St Chad's Choir will perform Choral Evensong in celebration of The Darwin Festival with guest preacher Rev Dr Gareth Leyshon.

St Chads, 1 St Chad's Terrace,
Shrewsbury SY1 1JL
6pm

St Chad's Church
Free



Tuesday 10

Darwin the Botanist: A passion for plants

An exploration of the many botanical discoveries Darwin and his contemporaries made. Find out about the weird and wonderful world of plants whilst journeying through the tropics, arid deserts and mountainous regions. An illustrated talk by botanist Mark Duffell of Arvensis Ecology.

Suitable for all ages
7.30pm

Free event (donations to Shrewsbury Unitarian Church welcome)

Booking not required

For more information visit www.ukunitarians.org.uk/shrewsbury or contact Arvensis Ecology by email: enquiries@arvensisecology.co.uk or ring 07731 965831
Shrewsbury Unitarian Church, High Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1LR

Shrewsbury Unitarian Church



Thursday 12

Finding young Darwin in The Lost Gardens of Heligan

Discover the fascinating restoration story of The Lost Gardens of Heligan with Peter Lavis, specialist speaker on the subject. Peter will guide you through the dramatic transformation that has taken place at Heligan since their discovery in 1990. Sara Bellis, co-author of 'The curious mind of young Darwin' will follow Peter to share Shropshire Wildlife Trust's plans for rediscovering Darwin's inspirational childhood garden.

Suitable for 16+

7.30pm – 9pm

Donation of £10 per adult/ £5 for under 18

Booking essential, ring 01743 284 280

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Friday 13

Gattaca (film, USA, 1997, 102 mins, cert 15)

Set in the near future, "Gattaca" tells of a world where the genetically-engineered perfect people have inherited the earth and babies born naturally face a life of drudgery as "In-valids". One man (Ethan Hawke) decides to challenge the system using an illegal DNA broker. A powerful thriller with ideas emerges. Also stars Uma Thurman and Jude Law, with the remarkable Gore Vidal in a cameo role, and music by Michael Nyman.

Suitable for 15+

8pm – 10pm

Tickets £5 per person available from The Hive

www.hiveonline.org.uk/shrewsburyfilmsociety or ring 01743 234970

The Hive Music and Media Centre, 5 Belmont,
Shrewsbury SY1 1TE

Shrewsbury Film Society

Saturday 14

Darwin's Garden official opening

This is your first chance to walk in Darwin's footsteps. Sara Lanyon will be leading short tours along 'Middle Walk', where young Charles Darwin first learned about the natural world. Discover more about the Darwin family in Shrewsbury during the early 1800s and find out about our plans for this site over the coming years.

Tours (lasting 1 hour) at 10am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.45pm

Donation of £5 per adult, £3 per child, including refreshments

Booking essential, ring 01743 284 280

Meet at St Georges Church, Frankwell

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Thursday 12 February Finding young Darwin in The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Photo reproduced with permission from Heligan Garden.



Saturday 14

Tierra del Fuego: the uttermost tip of the earth

Follow Darwin to the end of the world with this fascinating lecture by Dr Goronwy Wynne, fellow of Bangor University. This fascinating illustrated talk is sponsored by the West Midlands Branch of the Society of Biology.

Suitable for ages 16+

2pm

Free

Booking essential, contact

wmsbbooking2015@btinternet.com

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Sunday 15

Darwin Memorial Lecture: A 'brilliant blunder'? Darwin and Mendel revisited. Dr Gregory Radick

With February 2015 marking 150 years since Mendel presented his views, this lecture will explore the questions of what Darwin believed about inheritance, how he came to think about inheritance in the ways he did, and why we might lose more than we gain if we classify his efforts under "brilliant blunder."

Suitable for a general adult audience and sixth formers

2.30pm-4pm

£10 per person

Tickets available from Theatre Severn Box Office call

01743 281281 or www.theatresevern.co.uk

Walker Theatre, Theatre Severn, Frankwell, Shrewsbury, SY3 8FT

Friends of Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery, kindly sponsored by University Centre Shrewsbury



Tuesday 17

Muddy madness

Get messy in the mud. Try mud painting, making mud pies and creating muddy monsters.

11am – 12pm and 2pm – 3pm

Donation of £3 per child

Accompanied children only

Booking advisable, ring 01691 622981

Meet at The Boathouse, Ellesmere

Shropshire Wildlife Trust



Tuesday 17

Gas! Big bangs, bad smells and strange goo

Darwin's curious experiments: create big bangs, bad smells and strange goo.

The young Darwin carried out experiments in his back garden and got hooked on science. Will you do the same?

10.30am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

Donation of £3 per child

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Wednesday 18

Darwin's beetles

Charles Darwin collected beetles and loved their colours, shapes and sizes. Help us discover the world of beetles in our wildlife garden and make a beetle house to take away with you.

10.30am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

Donation of £3 per child

Accompanied children only

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Wednesday 18

Darwin's Discoveries!

Art and craft workshop: create your own colourful creatures for Darwin's Beagle voyage using a range of recycled materials, fabrics and arty stuff!

Suitable for ages 8-13

10.30am – 3pm

£15 per child

Booking essential, ring 01743 234 970

The Hive, 5 Belmont, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1TE

The Hive





Thursday 19

Fossil frenzy

What is a fossil and what can it tell us about life on Earth? How are fossils formed? What animals will you discover? Make your own fossil and take part in some fun and games.

10.30am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

Donation of £3 per child

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Saturday 21

Potato day

Stock up on traditional and new varieties of seed potatoes, vegetable seed and onion sets and fruit trees for your allotment, garden or containers.

Families can have a go at printing a picture using potatoes and there will also be homemade refreshments and a pop up gardeners shop.

10am - 2pm

Free entry

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Saturday 21

Sound travels: musical improvisation workshop

Radnor Improvisers invite you on a voyage of discovery into a new universe of sound, combining musical improvisation with 'found' instruments and animal calls. Workshop participants are encouraged to be part of the performance to follow.

Ages 7+

2pm – 3pm

£5 per adult, £3 per child with free entry to performance (book through Shropshire Wildlife Trust)

Booking advisable, ring 01743 284 280

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Friday 20

Darwin's worms

Darwin thought worms were AMAZING. Find out why with some wormy, wriggly games. Make your own worm and send it travelling through time at this highly unusual event celebrating Darwin and evolution.

10.30am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

Donation of £3 per child

Accompanied children only

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Saturday 21

Darwin's Shrewsbury guided walk

If you haven't walked round Darwin's Shrewsbury, you've missed out! Book yourself on an eye-opening and jaw dropping tour of the naughty young Darwin's Shrewsbury. Afterwards, you'll be wowing friends with your new found knowledge of Shrewsbury's local legend.

11am

£5 per adult, £3 per child

Start from Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery

Pre booking essential in person at Shrewsbury Visitor Information Centre or call 01743 258888

Shrewsbury Visitor Information Centre



Saturday 21

Sound travels: performance

Radnor improvisers and workshop friends invite you to join them for a performance inspired by evolution using found instruments and animal calls.

Ages 7+

3pm – 4pm

£5 per adult, £3 per child (book through Shropshire Wildlife Trust)

Booking advisable, ring 01743 284 280

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