

L2012 Open Weekend: West Midlands listings of events by sub-region

Title of event	Synopsis	We challenge the public to...	Website	Date/time	Event detail	Address Postcode	Information	Sub-region
Artwalk2010	Art, Culture and Heritage in Handsworth	take part in three activities as an artist/participant/audience in Handsworth over the weekend.	www.comeunityarts.org.uk	23-25 July All day	<p>Artwalk2010 has been developed through Come:Unity Arts work with residents in Handsworth who have asked for more events that the whole family can enjoy. The free arts festival aims to transform the Handsworth locale into an arts district for three days, featuring the work of visual artists, live musicians, street performers and poets. There will also be film screenings, dance workshops, theatre performances and children's activities.</p> <p>Visitors will see original work in all mediums and participants will be able to try their hand at different art & craft skills. Participating artists will be predominantly from Handsworth and surrounding communities, showcasing the wealth of local talent. Friday evening can be compared to a huge gallery opening with open studios and launch events in community spaces, while Saturday will feature live music and theatre. Saturday and Sunday afternoons will cater more to the family crowd with special children's activities, experience Chinese love sonnets, an artist's exhibition in their front room, a poetry tea party in an inner city garden, an art installation in a telephone box and dub poetry on the number 79 bus!</p>	Soho Road Handsworth Birmingham B21 9EG	Free Please visit our website www.comeunityarts.org.uk to download a map or phone for a brochure 0121 678 8849	Birmingham
Walking As One	Photography and visual arts event in Birmingham	walk For The Camera - Return and Find Yourself	www.walkingasone.net	24 July 2010 @ 6.00pm	<p>Hop, skip, jump, wheel or amble across Centenary Square as part of the London 2012 Open Weekend and then bring your friends, family and colleagues to see yourself walking along on the hoarding around what will be one of Europe's most significant cultural buildings - the New Library of Birmingham. The installation will be made by Hungarian artist Adam Magyar, using the same technologies as that on the Olympic Finish Line, which captures 13000 slices of data a second! Alongside the Magyar image will be a historical print by Edward Muybridge drawn from the nationally and internationally significant collection of photographs held by Birmingham Library and Archives Services. Like Magyar, Muybridge developed a particular technological solution to reveal everyday motion. Muybridge's late nineteenth century image captured 24 phases of motion at intervals of 87 thousandth's of a second. The project's final image will be unveiled on Sunday 1st August at 5.30pm and will be there for 8 weeks and be seen by around 2 million visitors, throughout the Rhubarb Festival of the Image and Artsfest.</p>	Room 101, 25 Heath Mill Lane, Digbeth	To sign up for the Walk for the Camera, go to www.walkingasone.net and sign up for the Birmingham event on 24th July 2010.	Birmingham

Sampad Arts Mela	Summer arts mela	Chance to Dance:learn a routine and perform in one hour	sampad.org.uk	25 July 2010. 10:00 to 22:00	Celebrate our 20th birthday with a fun-filled day out for family and friends. The best of local artists will be offering a range of entertainment and workshops, with Indian food available, to bring a taste of South Asia to your doorstep. 10am - 11.30am Absorb the tranquil and melodic atmosphere with Morning Ragas. From 11.30am Meander in and out of stalls at the Meena Bazaar, where talented artists will offer an enticing mix of activities in mehndi, rangoli, and a variety of arts and crafts to enjoy throughout the day. From 1pm Traditional folk and modern dance and music including Bollywood, Bhangra, Giddha, Garba and Raas, followed by Boliyaan and Qawali from local artists and groups. 7pm Utsa v - a dance and music extravaganza showcasing contemporary and Bollywood performances, plus the popular folk-rock Raghu Dixit band from Bangalore, India. With a towering voice fronting traditional Indian folk music, subtly infused with elements of Western Rock, Arabic, Latino and Reggae textures and rhythms, Raghu's music transcends borders.	Mac Cannon Hill Park Birmingham B12 9QH	Free	Birmingham
Come on, Vogue	A day and evening of being seen, showing off and celebrating the performer in everyone.	step up, learn new moves and make shapes on the catwalk following a number of open workshops and open catwalk sessions	www.birminghamhippodrome.com	24 July 2010 12pm - 7pm	A day of being seen, showing off and celebrating the performer in everyone. A take on the 1980s New York vogue ball phenomenon, the runway will be ready for you to stand up and be noticed, or stand back and watch as others take to the floor in their own inimitable style. Whether it is a dramatic strut, Hip Hop dance or display of sporting prowess, at Come on, Vogue we'll be celebrating the performer in everyone with a high-low fashion show, come dance-off to the sound of rapturous applause. Strike a pose, release your inner diva and get inspired by one of our open workshops hosted by professional Vogue-ers from Liverpool, House of Suarez. The runway is ready and waiting, Vogue, Vogue, Vogue... Come on, Vogue will open Birmingham Hippodrome's new summer season of outdoor performance. Presented by Birmingham Hippodrome in partnership with Wunderbar Festival, Fierce Elsewhere, Shout Festival and DanceXchange.	Arcadian Centre Hurst Street Southside Birmingham B5 4TB	FREE	Birmingham
Culture Vulture Family Weekend	Weekend of family fun; trails, quizzes, ancient games, Anglo Saxon soldier and much more...	Take part in a weekend of family fun; trails, quizzes, ancient games, Anglo Saxon soldier and much more...	www.bmag.org.uk	25 July 2010 1pm till 4pm each day	Culture Vulture Weekend : Celebrate London 2012 and the Cultural Olympiad with a weekend of fun, family events at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery! Strike gold with our Treasure Hunt through the galleries, solve our 'Art Around the World Quiz' explore the world of the Dark Ages; meet a real live Anglo-Saxon soldier in the Staffordshire Hoard exhibition and pit your wits against the Anglo-Saxon Challenge, try playing historical games like the ancient Egyptian game of Senet and make a gold-medal winners victory laurel wreath in our family craft activity. 1pm till 4pm throughout the museum, free drop-in and suitable for	Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3DH	FREE	Birmingham

					all the family.			
Mind Out	A unique fusion of dance and theatre that looks at the modern misconceptions of mental health	participate in our interactive dance workshop & improve their mental health awareness	www.communityvibe.co.uk	23 July 2010 Matinee 2.30pm Evening show 7.30pm	From February 2010 Community Vibe have provided Fit and Funky (an outreach Arts in Health dance project for young people and adults with experience of mental health issues). Working with all participants we have produced an innovative dance and theatre show called "Mind Out" .We will showcase this work with a film project documentary at The Birmingham Hippodrome/ The Patrick Centre DX July 2010. Mental Health is a subject matter which people find very difficult to confront and there are still a lot of negative stigmatisation. From our extensive experience of working in this sector, we believe that we can produce a high artistic quality performance that can provide a rich cultural experience for the audience, raising awareness and understanding of the misconceptions of mental health.	The Patrick Centre, The Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham B5 4TB	Please contact Rachel Green 07772572060 or email rachel@communityvibe.co.uk	Birmingham
CULTEX	Exhibition featuring six major innovative textile artists from Japan and Norway.	Experience an enriching transnational exchange of ideas and creative practices	www.ragm.org.uk	23 July 1010: 10am-5pm 24 July 1010: 10am-4pm 25 July 2010: 12noon-4pm	CULTEX features six major innovative textile artists from Japan and Norway: Machiko Agano, Anniken Amundsen, Gabriella Göransson, Yuka Kawai, Eva Schjøllberg, and Kiyonori Shimada. The artists sculptural textile installations have emerged from an exchange of diverse cultural perspectives, working methods and creative processes. In addition, Rugby Art Gallery & Museum has commissioned two new site-specific works by artists Eva Schjøllberg and Gabriella Göransson, and will be showing a new work by Machiko Agano. These new works will make use of the normally unused outdoor balconies, creating a fascinating dialogue with the works in the gallery. The exhibition runs from 22 June to 22 August.	Rugby Art Gallery & Museum Little Elborow St Rugby CV21 3BZ	FREE ADMISSION	Coventry and Warwickshire
Every Picture Tells a Story	To celebrate the London 2012 Open Weekend, listen to professional storytellers bring exhibits to life in this exciting event for all the family.	On arrival each participant will be handed a scroll and set their very own puzzle to solve, using clues from within the stories.	http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms	24 July 2010: 12pm and 2pm prompt start	Take part in a day of fantastic stories at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, to celebrate the London 2012 Open Weekend. At 12pm and at 2pm on 24th July 2010, storytellers will bring the art gallery and museum exhibits to life, with stories that will capture your imagination. On arrival each participant will be handed a scroll and set their very own puzzle to solve, using clues from within the stories. Their answers can then be entered into a special draw to win a mystery prize. All ages will enjoy this FREE event.	Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade, Leamington Spa CV32 4AA	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire
Flintknapping Workshop & Demo	Workshop & demo showing visitors the prehistoric art of flintknapping	Watch and learn as our expert flintknapper shows you how to make your very own prehistoric tools!	www.ragm.org.uk	24 July 2010: 10am-12noon, workshop: 1pm-3pm.	An opportunity to try your hand at making prehistoric tools.	Rugby Art Gallery & Museum Little Elborow St Rugby CV21 3BZ	FREE for demo; £5 for workshop call (01788) 533201 to book a place. Booking essential.	Coventry and Warwickshire

Sports Taster Day	Come along and have a go at various sporting activities throughout the day.	have a go at various sporting activities	www.rugby.gov.uk	24 July 2010: 11.00am -4.00pm	Come along to Rugby's premier Green Flag Award winning Park in the heart of this historical sporting town and try your hand at various sporting activities. Sports coaches will be on hand to encourage participation in sports such as football, tennis, bowls and volley ball to name a few.	Caldecott Park, Lancaster Road, Rugby CV21 2QN	free of charge	Coventry and Warwickshire
Gold Medal Trail	Explore our gallery & museum for exciting objects and artworks inspired by Olympic sports and the Cultural Olympiad - enter our prize draw to win a rugby ball!	Complete our Gold Medal trail and get the chance to win your own rugby ball!	www.ragm.org.uk	24 July 2010 10-4pm	Explore our gallery & museum for exciting objects and artworks inspired by Olympic sports and the Cultural Olympiad. Enter our prize draw to win a rugby ball! All children must be accompanied by an adult. One entry per person.	Rugby Art Gallery & Museum Place: Rugby Art Gallery & Museum Little Elborow St Rugby CV21 3BZ	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire
Rugby School Tour and Museum.	Enjoy a fascinating tour of this historic school - birthplace of Rugby Football.	learn the original rules of the game of rugby football	www.rugbyschool.net/commercial	23 - 25 July 2010 11am to 3pm	Steeped in fascinating history and positively crammed with old world charm, a tour of Rugby School and its museum is not to be missed. The scene is set with a wander round the charming museum, home to a wealth of carefully displayed Rugby School artifacts and information. Step inside the former coach house and experience the nostalgia of school days dating back to the 18th century, complete with top hats, birching stool and cane. Discover the lives of famous past pupils, from poet Rupert Brooke to the author Lewis Carroll, whose Alice in Wonderland adventures are still enthralling the pupils of today. Sporting memorabilia features ancient rugby balls, an original 'death cart' used to trundle away injured players, and the very first 'caps' from the game's beginnings. Rugby enthusiasts just can't wait for a glimpse of The Close, the ground on which the sport was first played with William Webb Ellis's fine disregard for the rules of football in 1823. Step inside the Butterfield-designed Chapel and marvel at the splendid décor and exquisite stained glass windows. Experience the heady atmosphere of Old Big School, at almost 200-years-old, where the pupils' original carvings still remain on the wood paneling. In a setting reminiscent of Tom Brown's School Days, the impressive 'birching tower' is a sobering sight, and in the atmospheric, arched Old Quad stands the pump under which Mr Brown was ducked. Scale the winding stone stairs to Upper Bench to experience a room worthy of a scene from Harry Potter's Hogwarts. With its balcony library crammed with ancient books and old carved desk lids covering the walls, it's a fitting end to this unique tour.	Rugby School Enterprises Place: Rugby School Barby Road Rugby CV22 5DS	£5.95 per adult	Coventry and Warwickshire
The Whale	A big, friendly metal Whale with a surprise within.	enter the jaws of the Whale to see what's inside.	www.talkingbirds.co.uk	23 July 2010 12pm-3pm	The Whale is a gentle giant made in metal which swallows audiences one or two at a time for an unforgettable 3 minute theatre performance.	Institute for Creative Enterprise Parkside Coventry CV1 2QR	Free, 5 min slots can be booked in advance by emailing	Coventry and Warwickshire

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The Bubble Chamber	An interactive digital dance event	to experience / discover something new about the way they move by spending some time in the Bubble Chamber and engaging / interacting with the technology	www.bubblechamber.org	23 July 2010 - 25 July 2010 10am - 4pm	The Bubble Chamber is a fun, unique and exciting digital dance event created by Mercurial Dance with participants aged 14-19 years old. It combines dance film and interactive projections to bring the empty shop space alive.	The Bubble Chamber 8 City Arcade Coventry CV1 3HX	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire
Brueton parkrun	A free 5km run or walk around Brueton Park every Saturday 9.00am	complete 5km - it's a race against the clock	www.parkrun.org.uk/brueton	24 July 2010 9.00am start	Brueton parkrun is a free, timed walk/run that takes place in pleasant parkland surroundings. We encourage people of every ability to take part, from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians, we welcome you all. You must register for free in advance by visiting the website. Brueton parkrun will take place every Saturday at 9.00am from the 24th July 2010. Challenge yourself, come down and see your times improve each week!	Parkridge Centre Brueton Park Warwick Road Solihull B91 3HW	See website for details	Coventry and Warwickshire
Open Tennis Tournament	An open tennis tournament for all.	To play a game of tennis against someone new	www.warwickdc.gov.uk/WDC/Leisure/Parks/Major+parks/Victoria+Park.htm	25 July 2010: 11-5pm.	This is a chance for the local community to come together and take part in a tennis tournament. It will be a fun day for all and a great way to meet new people while enjoying the game of tennis. Food and refreshments will be provided and there is prizes for the winner and runner up	Victoria Park Archer Road Leamington Spa CV32 5Hz	Contact vptennis@hotmail.com	Coventry and Warwickshire
A Yard of Song	Weekend workshop audition to create a choir	Come and sing with BAFTA winning composer and musical director - Ilona Sekacz	www.imagineerproductions.co.uk	24 July 2010: 11am - 5pm 25 July 2010: 2pm - 5pm	In July 2012 Coventry will play host to 'Godiva Awakes'. an exciting project forming part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and funded by Arts Council England. Over the Open Weekend Ilona Sekacz will be looking for people to create a 100 strong choir to perform in 2012 as part of the project. She will be leading an open audition workshop and is inviting anyone who has a passion for singing to come and give it a try. The workshop will include a Coventry Anthem and a range of musical styles and vocal techniques. The workshop is free and open to 14yrs and over. To register your interest and for further details please contact Julie Boyle: dramaboyle@yahoo.co.uk Mobile: 07799540176	Blue Coat School Terry Road Coventry CV1 2BA	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire
'Have A Go' @ Coleshill Leisure Centre and Arley Sports Centre	Opportunity to 'Have a Go' at an event and experience something you haven't tried before.	'Have a Go' at three new events at the Leisure Centre for at least 20 minutes at each activity to win yourself a drinks bottle or t shirt.	www.northwarcks.gov.uk/leisureolympic	25 July 2010 11.00am - 2.00pm	'Have A Go' at one of our activities including mini Triathlon Challenge in the Fitness Suite, Gymnastic & Trampolining in the Sports Hall, Spinning and Aerobics in the Marquee, Tennis and Martial Arts and the Football challenge. We also have Bouncy Castle and soft play fun, challenges and events, health & Wellbeing health checks and the opportunity to get on your bike and make something with our ingenious smoothie bike. We also have Skate boarding and BMX workshop with our professional instructors - so there really is an opportunity to 'Have A Go' for all the	Coleshill Leisure Centre Park Road Coleshill B46 3LA	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire

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Have A Go	Have A Go at an activity that you have never experienced before	'Have a Go' at three new events at the Leisure Centre for at least 20minutes at each activity to win yourself a drinks bottle or t shirt.	www.northwarcks.gov.uk/leisure	25 July 2010 9.00am-2.00pm	Try your hand and 'Have A Go' at one of the exciting activities available at Polesworth Sports Centre including Aerobics and Indoor cycling, Tennis, Football challenges, Martial Arts, Archery, Olympic events outside including track and field or why not try out the inflatable obstacle course in a Sumo suit! or even tackle our mini triathlon event in the Lifetimes Fitness Suite. We have something for all the family.	Polesworth Sports Centre Dordon Road Dordon B78 1QT	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire
Community Empowerment Network event	To engage and encourage members of the Coventry Community Empowerment Network and all local community groups to understand the opportunities available from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, bringing people together to add value to Coventry's community cohesion strategy.	Use the London 2012 Games as an inspiration for change and to achieve outcomes by working together to get involved in 2012 opportunities locally, regionally, nationally.	www.cswp.org.uk/london2012	24 July 2010 11am - 3pm	This event aims to engage and encourage members of the Coventry Community Empowerment Network and all local community groups to understand the opportunities available from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Across Coventry there are many opportunities for communities to be apart of the Games and this event will provide individuals and groups with ideas, information and inspiration to bringing people together and increase the cohesion within community groups across the city. The event will be a mixture of presentations, performances and networking to enable an exciting and energetic introduction to many about how Coventry is involved in London 2012 and how their community group can be too! Key subject areas include Coventry as a Host City for 2012 Olympic football, the Cultural Olympiad, the inspire programme, community games toolkit, volunteering opportunities and the personal best programme. Performances will be made by groups and organisations who have already engaged and been part of the key subject areas and will offer challenges related to their area for attendees to be involved	City of Coventry Stadium 71 Phoenix Way Foleshill Coventry CV6 6GE	FREE	Coventry and Warwickshire
Digging Up the Celts	Celtic Archaeology themed Open Day	Become an archaeologist for the day	http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/leisure/museums_galleries/musevnts.aspx	23 July 2010: 11am - 3pm	Come along to our open day and learn all about archaeology and the Celts. Get your face painted like a Celtic Warrior, excavate a Celtic skeleton and create some Celtic-inspired art. A fun day out for all the family.	Museum Resource & Learning Centre 58 Friars St Hereford HR4 0AS	Phone 01432 260692 for details	Herefordshire
Focus Here	A photography and sport project by artists and visually impaired students from the Royal National College for the Blind Football World Cup	Find out for yourself how it feels being a blind football player and become part of the Focus Here exhibition for Hereford Photography Festival	www.photofest.org	23 July 2010: 10 am - 5pm 24th July 10 am - 5pm	Imagine playing football for your country on an international stage and not being able to see the ball, your teammates or the opposing team. Have you ever though what it must be like to even try to shot the football when you are totally blind? We challenge you to be photographed with a blindfold dribbling and shooting. We challenge you to add those photographs to Hereford Photography Festival's 'Focus Here' exhibition.	thePoint4 Royal National College for the Blind, Venns Lane, Hereford, HR1 1DT	Not needed	Herefordshire

					Focus Here opens at thePoint4 in Hereford on 23rd July.			
Having a go in a coracle!	Try out this ancient method of travel	Come and have a go in a coracle	www.coracles.org	24 July 2010 10 am to 4 pm	The Millers Mile Coracle Race exists as a challenge for hard core experienced Coraclers. The race involves River, Mill Stream & Track Events timed on a stop watch. It is held in the grounds of the historic ancient monument of Croft Castle Estate Water Mill .Several world records exist. To tempt newcomers into the sport of Coracling The Millers Mile Coracle Club has a taster session on July 24th. Come & have a go. You must be able to swim. Bring a buoyancy aid if you have one	Croft Castle Estate Mill Mortimers Cross, Lucton Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9PE	FREE	Herefordshire
Marches Youth Festival	Festival for young people and families	Come and try a new sport or art activity for free	www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk	24 July 2010: 12 noon - 4pm	The event is a participatory youth festival which will showcase the sports and arts talents of local young people and encourage them to see and take part in activities they have not tried before	Wheeler Road Playing Fields, Ludlow, Shropshire SY81AZ	It's free - turn up on the day	Shropshire
Telford & Wrekin CultureFest 2010	A celebration of sport, music dance and the creative arts. Event includes the annual Let's Get Physical Fun Run and a host of leisure time taster activities	Take the CultureFest challenge. Come along and try something new. Take part in five or more activities and win free admission to a wide range of leisure time activities available in the Borough of Telford and Wrekin	www.telford.gov.uk/culturefest	24 July 2010: 11am to 5pm	Telford & Wrekin CultureFest is a celebration of sport, music, dance and the creative arts. It starts with a Fun Run at 11am for runners, joggers and walkers. The two mile route through the beautiful telford Town Park is also suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and even dogs on leads. At 12 noon a performance programme will begin on the main stage showcasing local talent and there will be a wide variety of have a go activities, exhibitions and displays for all the family. The event is free of charge and aims to promote active lifestyles.	Civic Offices PO Box 59 Telford TF3 4WZ	Admission and all activities free of charge	Shropshire
Uncovering the Wyre Forest	A weekend of activities including, guided walks, flying falcons and family activities	Discover what lies beneath the surface!	www.wyreforest.gov.uk/museum	24-25 July 2010: 10.00am - 4.00pm each day	Guided geology and archaeology walks, flying falcons, and family activities with fossils and dinosaurs, accompany the 'Uncovering the Wyre Forest' exhibition at the museum.	Bewdley Museum Load Street Bewdley DY12 2AE	Family activities will be free but walks need to be booked in advance, please ring for details	Shropshire
Amusements and distractions on the Blists Hill Green	A day of fun performances on the village Green at Blists Hill Victorian Town.	make a Victorian costume and wear it when you visit on 24th July.	www.ironbridge.org.uk	24 July 2010 10am - 5pm Oddsocks 6.45 pm- 9.15pm Approx	Amusements and Distractions on the Blists Hill Green. In addition to all the normal fun and games that take place at Blists Hill Victorian Town, on Saturday 24th July, we will be taking part in Open Weekend by putting on a variety of 'Amusements and Distractions' on the Village Green. Showcasing a range of traditional theatrical performance styles and giving a taste of what a Victorian audience may have enjoyed. Throughout the day and into the evening, visitors will be treated to a fantastic and fun selection of	Blists Hill Victorian Town Near Ironbridge TF7 5DU	Day Time admission Adult £14.60 Child £9.35 Oddsocks Adults £10 All other categories £8	Shropshire

					different styles of street theatre. The youngsters can join in the shouting as they watch a traditional Punch and Judy show, all will be amazed by Yendor The Magic, as he performs his Victorian conjuring tricks, everyone will be touched by the moving mime performances by the much acclaimed Kaleidoscope Theatre Company and amused by The Prince Albert Players, a small company of strolling players who perform scenes from a variety of plays. In the evening The Green will transform into to a wonderful open air venue for Oddsocks, one of the country's favourite Shakespearean touring theatre companies. They perform the much loved A Midsummer Nights Dream in their own unique fashion. Your challenge is to make a fantastic Victorian Costume and come wearing it on 24th July.			
Kites on the Stiperstones	Learn about the Red Kites that make their home on The Stiperstones then make your own kite to fly.	make and fly your own kite	www.naturalengland.org.uk	24 July 2010 Time: 13.00 - 16.00	Red Kites have returned to The Stiperstones and can be seen soaring above the ridge. This event will look at this impressive bird, learn about its habitat and the work done to conserve it. We will then make a kite to fly above The Stiperstones to mimic the soaring flight of the birds as the catch the thermals.	The Stiperstones NR Rigemoreoak Pennerley Minsterley Shropshire SY5 0NE	Please telephone 01743792294 or email jenni.clegg@naturalengland.org.uk to book	Shropshire
Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses NNR – All about your Mosses	Join Joan Daniels from Natural England on a walk around the Mosses to celebrate International Bog Day and see some of the creatures that thrive in this wetland of international importance.	learn how to identify the boggy wildlife of the Mosses and see how many different plants and animals you can spot on the walk	www.naturalengland.org.uk	25 July 2010: 2pm	Join Joan Daniels from Natural England on a walk around the Mosses to celebrate International Bog Day and see some of the creatures that thrive in this wetland of international importance.	Manor House NNR Base Moss Lane Whixall Shropshire SY13 2PD	FREE	Shropshire
Closer to home	Circular Walks events at Burslem Park. A short health walk in Burslem Park, everyone welcome - children under 16 to be accompanied by a responsible adult	Walk, get fit and have fun with our led walking group	www.closetohomewalks.co.uk	23 July 2010 13:00, meet at Burslem Park Pavilion	We provide short led health walks in and around Stoke-on-Trent, for people to come out and enjoy the City's pleasant parks and greenways whilst getting fit and having fun. All walks are between 45 and 60 minutes and people can walk at a pace that suits their ability	Suite 20 VPEC Hamil Road Burslem Stoke on Trent	Free event... No tickets required	Staffordshire and Stoke
Away Pitch	A touring exhibition combining art, sport and poetry on a Borough wide level across Staffordshire to celebrate and recognise	Help us knit a large scale knitting installation as part of Knit Away!	www.brewhouse.co.uk	23 July 2010: 2pm onwards	Away Pitch is a development of last year's exhibition project entitled "Pitch" that combined art with sport in an exciting visual way to link the two specialisms together to celebrate our local success and expertise. Away Pitch will extend this celebration through the County of Staffordshire involving 12 exhibition sites linking artists and sports	The Brewhouse Arts Centre Union Street Burton upon Trent DE14 1 EB	Details from 01283 508100	Staffordshire and Stoke

	the wealth and talent of both artists and sports practitioners across our region.				representatives to deliver a county wide visual art experience that will involve the community and live performance. Sports representatives will house artists work in their own homes and the response will culminate in a touring exhibition involving 12 separate launches throughout the year. Away Pitch aims to celebrate the wealth of talent in both sport and art across the County.			
A Charity 'It's a Knockout Competition'	Enjoy the challenge whilst raising funds for your chosen charity	To get as many individuals,charities,group s,organizations to take part in fun way that also encourages healthy exercise	www.archnorth staffs.org.uk	25 July 2010: Registration 12.30pm.Competiti on 2.00pm onwards	'It's a Knockout Challenge' Enjoy the It's a Knockout Challenge whilst raising funds for your chosen charity. The event is open to individuals,charities,groups,organizations to take part in fun way that also encourages healthy exercise. Money is raised by 1. Paying a nominal registration fee to take part. 2. Getting people to sponsor you for participating. The money raised from sponsorship can be donated to the work of Arch or to any other charity of your choice. Why not bring along the family and a Picnic and make it a truly 'Family Fun Day'.	Michelin Sports & Leisure Rosetree Avenue Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6NL	Admission is 50p per person. Registration is £2.00 per person	Staffordshire and Stoke
Celebrating Staffordshire	Opportunity to visit this historic venue in the centre of Stafford	Participate in art and historic activities throughout the day	www.staffordshire.gov.uk/sams	24 July 2010: 10:00 - 4:00	Join us in the Market Square where we will be celebrating all things Staffordshire! Get creative with artists and musicians, enjoy live music and dance - or find our more about the BBC's History of the World and join in with some of our art and historical activities! Free drop in suitable for all ages.	Shire Hall Gallery Market Square Stafford ST16 2LD	Free of charge	Staffordshire and Stoke
Community Games	Fun filled day with traditional games and some diverse events.	Anyone who has a hidden talent and wants to show Burton their act. Bring equipment on the day and have your five minutes of fame.	N/O	24 July 2010: 10.30-4.00PM	We have been inspired from Much Wenlock and made it into a more up to date version including all the traditional games and some more diverse events including the Rodo bull and a knitting competition as they did back in 1850.	Queen Street Community Centre, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 3LW	You need to fill in an application form, you can pick one up at Queen Street Community Centre, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 3LW	Staffordshire and Stoke
Culture Cube project Launch	Be part of the art for 2012	Create an assemblage art installation reflecting your culture for 2012	www.staffordshire.gov.uk	24 July 2010: 10.00-2pm	Be Part of the Art! We are asking members of the public to visit Stafford Library and create a work of art! Using images cut from magazines, found objects, photographs or bits of material, we would like you to create a visual statement about the area and the community around you, its diversity and how you feel about it. Each piece of artwork has to fit into a cube 2012mm square. The finished Assemblage Art Cubes will become part of a larger installation and will also be Photographed and recorded for Staffordshire Libraries local studies collection.	Shire Hall Library Market Street Stafford ST16 2LQ	Free but spaces limited	Staffordshire and Stoke

					This ongoing project will be launched on 24th to compliment Celebrating Staffordshire: Staffordshire Arts & Museum support for the Cultural Olympiad which includes the opening of its new exhibition A Sense of Place and related events taking place in the market square.			
Take the Challenge Open Weekend	Invitation to try new activities	get higher than your friends on the climbing wall; Take the Robo-Pong Challenge; Take the Wii Challenge; Join us for the Tug of War; and Make your own Medal	www.tamyouth.org.uk	24 July 2010 10.00 – 16.00	We're opening our doors to the public – adults, families, children and young people and encourage them to try something new or different. Try out the Climbing Wall, artistic challenges (make your own medal), Fun Sports, silly games, and much more. Food & Refreshments will be available throughout the day at a small cost. Full use will be made of both the indoor & outdoor Sports Areas, Arts Workshop & Coffee Bar areas . This event is operating at the beginning of the summer holidays and it will be a platform for a variety of providers to promote their activities which will be available to young people within the Tamworth District during the summer period. Young people from the Centre & the Tamworth District Youth Forum will be involved in all elements of planning & organisation and be there on the day to support the activities. Users such as the Tamworth Table Tennis Association and the Urban Fusion Dance Crew (Street Dance) will be on hand to offer demonstrations etc.	Tamworth Youth Centre, Spinning School Lane, Tamworth	Free	Staffordshire and Stoke
Wildflower meadow safari	A guided walk highlighting the variety of plants and animals that can be found in and around wildflower meadows	See how many different plants and animals you can spot during the event!	www.stoke.gov.uk/parkhallcountrypark	25 July 2010: 1.30pm-3.30pm	This fun family activity will introduce you to some of the wildlife that can be found in and around the beautiful wildflower meadows at Park Hall Country Park and Hulme Quarry National Nature Reserve. Do you know what hay rattle is? Have you ever seen a small skipper? Join us and find out more about the wonderful wildlife that lives around us.	Park Hall Country Park and Hulme Quarry National Nature Reserve, Hulme Road, Weston Coyney, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 5BH	Call 01782 331889 to book your place.	Staffordshire and Stoke
Mile Triathlon Challenge	Swim or run or cycle a mile of our journey from Newcastle to London without leaving North Staffordshire	Swim or run or cycle a mile or more of our journey	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk	25 July 2010 Swim a mile Sunday 25th July starting a 6pm run or cycle can be done during normal opening times	The Newcastle-under-Lyme Triathlon Challenge Residents of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough are invited to take part in our Triathlon Challenge. The task to every participant is to swim, run or cycle a mile or more towards the collective aim of completing the distance from the Borough of Newcastle to the London Olympic stadium. The challenge to participants at Jubilee Pool in Newcastle-under-Lyme is to collectively complete the 173 miles to London. Participants of the event are invited to record the distance that they have achieved on a map which will be broken down in to blocks of miles. On completion, participants will be rewarded with a certificate badge or shirt for their efforts. Runners and cyclists are invited to make their	Jubilee Pool & Fitness Centre Nelson Place Newcastle Staffs ST5 1HG	Contact centre on 01782 616606	Staffordshire and Stoke

					contribution between Friday 23rd and Sunday 25th July at the centre. The Swimamile will take place at Jubilee Pool on Sunday 25th July from 6pm onwards. The London 2012 Open Weekend has provided a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to involve themselves, get active and achieve something.			
Journey to London	Swim/run/cycle a mile to the Olympic venue	participate in a triathlon event	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk	23 July 2010 - 25 July 2010 Time: Kingsgrove Sports Centre - normal opening times for Gym and pool. Swim a mile session Saturday 24th July 4pm start.	Join us on our journey from North Staffordshire to the site of the 2012 games in London. The aim is to cover the distance from the centre's to London without leaving North Staffordshire creating a link with 2012 games. Jubilee to London 173 miles, Kingsgrove to London 184 miles. You can swim, cycle or run a minimum of 1 mile of the journey either on your normal visit to the centre or by taking part in a special swim a mile session on either Saturday at Kingsgrove or Sunday at Jubilee pool. You can also do all three events if you wish or enter a family team.	Kingsgrove Sports Centre Forth Avenue Stoke-on-Trent Staffs ST7 1DR	Contact Wendy Blantford - wendy.blantford@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk	Staffordshire and Stoke
Closer to home, Circular Walks events at Burslem Park	A short health walk in Burslem Park, everyone welcome - children under 16 to be accompanied by a responsible adult	Walk, get fit and have fun with our led walking group	www.closetohomewalks.co.uk	23 July 2010 13:00, meet at Burslem Park Pavilion	We provide short led health walks in and around Stoke-on-Trent, for people to come out and enjoy the City's pleasant parks and greenways whilst getting fit and having fun. All walks are between 45 and 60 minutes and people can walk at a pace that suits their ability.	Burslem Park Pavilion Moorland Rd Stoke ST6 1AW	FREE	Staffordshire and Stoke
Wild Steps Discovering your local Wild Space	Get Fit and Explore your local Wild Space	discover Apedale Country Park, through healthy guided walks, wild play and green wood working activities	http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk	24-25 July 2010: 11pm - 3pm	Come and join in and explore Apedale Country Park in Newcastle Under Lyme. Discover about the fauna and flora of the park with regular healthy guided walks lead by local experts. Also try your hand at the green woodworking skill of pole lathing. Children get to explore the Park also and get fit by joining in the regular Wildplay session run throughout the day.	Apedale Country Park Loomer Road Newcastle Under lyme ST5 7RR	FREE	Staffordshire and Stoke
Staffordshire Hoard Torchlight Night	Explore new additions to the Staffordshire Hoard by torchlight and enjoy Saxon storytelling.	put their theories forward about the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found.	www.stokemusums.org.uk	23 July 2010: 7pm to 8.30pm	An opportunity to explore thrilling new additions to the Staffordshire Hoard by torchlight. Joining staff from the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery participants will also be able to enjoy traditional Saxon storytelling and riddling and discuss the latest theories about the Hoard. The Staffordshire Hoard is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found. Entry to the event is by ticket only.	Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Bethesda Street, Cultural Quarter, City Centre, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3DW	Tickets cost £5 including a drink. Tickets need to be booked in advance by calling 01782 232323	Staffordshire and Stoke
The 2010 Triathlon Challenge	collectively swim, run or cycle the distance from the sports Centre to the 2012 Olympic Stadium in London.	swim run or cycle a mile or more as a contribution on our collective journey to London	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk	23 July 2010 - 25 July 2010: Make your contribution any time within normal opening hours. We are also hosting a supervised	Join us on our journey from North Staffordshire to the site of the 2012 games to the Olympic Stadium in London. The aim is to cover the 184 miles from the centre to the brand new stadium in London. If you wish you can do a combination of running, cycling and swimming...The choice is yours! This is a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to involve themselves, get active and achieve	Kingsgrove Sports Centre Forth Avenue Stoke-on-Trent Staffs ST7 1DR	No ticket required. (Contact wendy.blantford@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)	Staffordshire and Stoke

				uninterrupted swim from 4pm-6pm on the 24th July.	something.			
History in the headstones	Discovering local history stories in a landscaped setting and the official unveiling of a new heritage interpretive panel, with guided tours of the headstones by Jean Weston & Marlene Price, authors of the book Lye & Wollescote Cemetery and Chapels: A Victorian Cemetery and its Notable Burial (published 2010).	Identify links between headstone inscriptions featured on the guided walk and place names and to the modern Olympic Games.	www.lyeandwollescote.info	24 July 2010: 11.30am - 3.00pm	Here's your chance to visit a hidden green landscape in an otherwise built-up area and at the same time hear true stories about people who lived and worked in this Black Country town in the period of the industrial revolution. The authors of a new history book will be on hand to act as guides and story-tellers. Enter our challenge (full details available on the day) for the opportunity to be one of 10 winners of a year's free individual membership of the West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust. A new on-site interpretive panel will be officially unveiled at the same event, providing a permanent display to explain the history and heritage significance of the cemetery and Grade II Listed chapels building.	Lye & Wollescote Cemetery Cemetery Road Lye West Midlands DY9 8AL	Free access	The Black Country
Open Weekend at Bantock House Museum	Join us for fun Victorian dressing up and a historic activity trail.	get together, get active, enjoy new experiences and document it using photography. Over Open Weekend we will give people the skills to share photographs with family and friends to treasure precious family moments forever.	www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk	25 July 2010: 11am - 4pm	Dress up as a Victorian family and have your portrait snapped by a professional photographer in the Bantock House Museum's Drawing Room. Join in the fun historic activity trail and learn all about the Bantock Family who lived in the house.	Finchfield Road Wolverhampton WV3 9LQ	Free	The Black Country
Open Weekend at The New Art Gallery Walsall	Join us for fun workshops including medal making, self portrait photography and canal boat painting	get together, get active, enjoy new experiences and document it using photography. Over Open Weekend we will give people the skills to share photographs with family and friends to treasure precious family moments forever.	www.thenewartgallery.org.uk	24-25 July 2010: 11am - 4pm	Pose with your friends and family and create your own photo using our unique self-portrait photo booth. Enjoy a hands-on experience of making medals using modelling clay. Learn how to fold your own origami boat and learn how to paint the traditional roses seen on all narrow boats with artist Beccy Roberts.	Gallery Square Walsall WS2 8LG	Free	The Black Country
Open Weekend at Wolverhampton Art Gallery	Join us for photography workshops, the chance to win a professional family portrait and tours of the gallery.	get together, get active, enjoy new experiences and document it using photography. Over Open Weekend we will give people the skills to share photographs with family and friends to treasure precious family moments	www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk	24-25 July 2010: 11am - 4pm	Bring your family to Wolverhampton Art Gallery and join in with photography workshops for both kids and adults, the chance to win a professional family portrait and tours of our gallery.	Lichfield Street Wolverhampton WV1 1DU	Free	The Black Country

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Walsall Arboretum Relays	A four lap relay race is Walsall's premier park, Walsall Arboretum.	We challenge you to a 3k relay race! This is an exciting opportunity to run with your, friends, family or even work colleagues. You can run to achieve a personal best, get fitter or for a charity of your choice. Will you accept the challenge?	www.walsall.gov.uk/walsall_arboretum_relays_2010	25 July 2010: 10.00am - 2pm	This is an opportunity to complete a challenge and run with your friends, family or work colleagues. You can even run for your own charity. This event is a product of the Cando (Community Activity Network). The aim of the event is to encourage more adults to take the recommended 3 x 30 minutes of physical activity every week. We have decided on this approach because the group activity will: Increase participation by adults (16+) across the borough Improve health for people who work and live in Walsall Reduce social isolation Improve community spirit Give a higher profile for sport and physical activity Increase the user rates to the parks.	Willenhall Library Walsall Street Willenhall WV13 2EX	£5 per Team	The Black Country
Making Links	Inspired by the values of the Cultural Olympiad and the great chain-making heritage of the Black Country.	make a link in a chain to celebrate the Black Country chain making heritage	www.dudley.gov.uk/dpa	24 July 2010 The event is 2 site-specific performances at 3.30pm & 6.00pm with a visual art challenge to the audience to make a link in the chain	"Making Links" is part of the People Dancing programme, part of the West Midlands Culture Programme for London 2012 funded by Legacy Trust UK, Arts Council England West Midlands and Advantage West Midlands. "Making Links" celebrates the great chain-making industry of the Black Country through Dance and Physical Theatre. Each performance represent one link in a chain of historic events that celebrate chain-making characters and events from Dudley and Sandwell in an entertaining and informative way by local young people	The Solid Swivel Factory Portersfield Rd Cradley Heath West Midlands B64 7BL	Tickets can be applied for by a Ticket Lottery by contacting Maggie.lewis@dudley.gov.uk	The Black Country
Official Opening and Launch of Sycamore Adventure	Launch of new adventure playground	get their families to take part in a Sand Castle Competition – Children Vs Adults	www.sycamoreadventure.co.uk	24 July 2010 11.00am - Official opening by D2 11.30am - Explore the playground and experience the opportunities on offer	Sycamore Adventure aims to provide children and young people with rich and varied play opportunities. The environment, materials and equipment available will offer children a wealth of play opportunities and encourage self-directed play which means that children and young people are free to choose their own activities. A range of structured adventurous activities are also on offer.	Sycamore Adventure Sycamore Green Old Park Farm Estate Dudley West Midlands DY1 3QL	N/A	The Black Country
Outdoor Games Event	Health led sports event.	Participate in sport and try something new	dudley.gov.uk/adult_community_learning	24 July 2010: 1-3pm	Come along and take part in lots of different sports and fun activities. Challenge yourselves and your family and see the benefits of a healthy lifestyle with help and advice from Dudley Primary Care Trust professionals and Dudley's Sports Development Team. Have fun and make a difference. Activities include athletics, canoeing, football, outside gym exercises, hockey, a climbing wall, a gymnastics display and much more.	Bryce Road Pensnett Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 4NE	FREE	The Black Country
Church Hill Community Sports Fun Day	Involvement of the local community in a Redditch YMCA led sports fun day	Become involved with the Redditch YMCA	www.redditchymca.org.uk	24 July 2010: 12noon to 4pm	A family and community based fun day with the emphasis on sporting activities which develops intergenerational relationships and encourages participation of the Church Hill community regardless of ability.	Redditch YMCA Loxley Close Redditch B98 9JG	FREE	Worcestershire

Go Wild in Worcestershire's Parks and Countryside	Providing an opportunity for people of all ages to have a go at an outdoor activity	Have a go at: Climbing, Canoeing, Kite Flying, Orienteering, Archery, Practical Conservation and Health Walks	www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside	24 July 2010: 10am - 4pm	A number of organisations have come together at the wonderful Worcester Woods Country Park to offer people of all ages the opportunity to have a go at a range of outdoor activities that are available in Worcestershire's Parks and Countryside including, Orienteering, Climbing, Practical Conservation, Canoeing, Health Walks and Archery. Entrance and all activities are free of charge, the site boast a new children's play area, an award winning cafe and waymarked Woodland and Meadow trails.	Worcester Woods Country Park Wildwood Drive Worcester WR5 2LG	FREE	Worcestershire
10-minute Dance Challenge as part of the Final Spin	10 minute dance class for all ages in Worcester City Centre	join us in a 10 minute dance class and learn a new skill	www.dancefest.co.uk	24 July 2010 11.20am - 10-Minute Dance Challenge - Street class 12.20pm - 10-Minute Dance Challenge - Zumba class	Performances by participants of all ages from Dancefest's Street classes and the chance to have fun and try different dance styles in the 10-Minute Dance Challenge. Dancefest teacher, Laura Cowan, will be teaching the basics of Street and Zumba in Worcester City Centre from 11am on 24th July. Both are enjoyable and physical dances to get people moving and having fun. Dancefest, the dance development agency for Herefordshire and Worcestershire, would like lots of people to join in with the Challenge so bring along the whole family - all ages are welcome!	The Angel Centre, Angel Place, Worcester WR1 3QN	Ticket information: 01905 611199	Worcestershire
Museum on the Move	Museum on the Move comes to Bromsgrove	share their memories of Bromsgrove using the bus memory pod	www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/conservation	23 July 2010 - 24 July 2010 Time: Friday and Saturday 9-5pm	The Museums Keep Moving (MKM) Project is a joint initiative between the five shire counties and metropolitan areas of the West Midlands. The Museum on the Move (or MOM) is a vehicle that, in a similar way to a library bus, travels around the County taking exhibitions to the people of Worcestershire. The bus will visit Bromsgrove town centre on 23rd and 24th July and visitors can take part in memory based activities as well as learning more about the history of Bromsgrove. The bus will be accompanied by an exhibition on the built heritage of the town and an architectural walking tour will also take place on 23rd July at 2pm.	The bus will be sited outside 140 High Street, Bromsgrove B61 8ES	FREE	Worcestershire
Poetry Competition	Poetry competition for young people to tell us what they love about natural places.	write a poem that will inspire others to appreciate the natural environment and wildlife	www.naturalengland.org.uk	23 July 2010: Poem submissions can be made from the 23rd of July to the 30th of September.	The Wyre Forest National Nature Reserve want people to love natural places as much as they do! We want young people to tell us what they love about natural places and wildlife through poetry, so they can inspire other people to appreciate nature. The age categories for poem submissions are 5-10, 11-14 and 15-18. Winners will receive a WHSmiths voucher and their poem will appear on new interpretation panels to be found around the Wyre Forest in 2011, to be read by thousands of people in the coming years!! The closing date for submissions is the 30th of September 2010.	Natural England Lodge Hill Farm Dowles Brook Bewdley Worcestershire DY12 2LY	FREE. Entries should be posted to: Tabatha Leigh-Perry Natural England Lodge Hill Farm Dowles Brook Bewdley Worcestershire DY12 2LY Or e-mailed to: Tabatha.leigh@naturalengland.org.uk.	Worcestershire

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