Sat 10 & Sat 17 June 2023 10.00 to 14.00 Dags

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for the free Wednesbury Day community festival that celebrates the town. Black Country Touring and Multistory are bringing family-friendly theatre performances, interactive street games with live music and other fun activities to the town centre. The main celebration will take place on 17 June 2023 but check out the programme for the other activities on Saturday 10 June and Friday 16 June.

Everything is free and suitable for the family; just stop by during the times given. There's no need to book – except for the poetry event on 16 June, which is for 12+.

There will be an information point in Market Place from 10:00 to 14:00 on Saturday 10 June and Saturday 17 June. Please come along and say hello.

More details can be found at the link below and please check it before you set off, just in case we've had to make any changes (because of the weather, for example).

multistory.org.uk/product/wednesbury-day/



Street Games by Autin Dance Theatre 10:00 - 11:00 / 13:00 - 14:00 Market Place

Join us for Street Games - an inclusive and accessible hour of fun street games, live music and dance with BSL Performance and Interpretation. You can expect games from around the world that everyone can get involved in, hosted by fabulous hosts and party music sets from EIF Sound and Music. Come and join in the fun!

Family friendly Interactive games and street disco







Face painting by Rainbow Faces 10:00 - 14:00 Market Place

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Family friendly Face painting Suitable for ages 3+





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Family friendly

IS That A Yeti, Hetty? by Crow's Nest Theatre Company 11.00 - 11.15 / 12.00 - 12.15 / 12:45 - 13.00 Market Place

Every window tells a story and this window has an exciting snowy adventure written all over it. Is That A Yeti Hetty? is a live-illustrated storytelling show for families about a child on a quest to convince her nay-sayers that Yetis really do exist. Will Hetty's Himalayan efforts prove that this abominable stranger is just like the rest of us?

Family friendly Theatre performance

Doomsday – A Wednesbury Reckoning (BOOKING REQUIRED) 19.30 to 20.30 St Bartholomew's Church, 4 Little Hill, WS10 9DE Satnav postcode: WS10 9DG Booking link: https://bit.ly/AWednesburyReckoning or call: 07922 571832 BSL interpreted

It's a minute to midnight on the Doomsday Clock and the spirits of Wednesbury have been called together at The Black Church to state their case for salvation before God. Join us for an evening of song and spoken word featuring performances from a range of Black Country talent including Brendan Hawthorne, Priyanka Joshi, Alex Vann, Heather Wastie, Steve Pottinger, Billy Spakemon, Emma Purshouse, Gracey Bee, Reaya Seeley, Suzan Spence and David Calcutt. With support from 'Suzie's Community Choir - Wednesbury'. Bring your own cushion because the pews are rock hard!

Suitable for ages 12+ Theatre performance





Wednesbury Craft Exhibition 10.00 - 14.00 Upstairs room at Wednesbury Library, Walsall Street, WS10 9EH The room can be accessed by stairs and lift.

A community craft exhibition and craft demonstrations where you can meet some of the Wednesbury craft groups, see what they make and have a go yourself. This is a friendly, accessible event with tea and coffee.

Family friendly Creative activity Community exhibition



When the busy postman is caught in a sudden rain shower he discovers that all of his parcels have lost their labels. In trying to work out the intended recipients, he discovers a bit more about the people on his rounds and decides to bring a little sunshine into their lives.

Family friendly Theatre performance



The Pigeons by Circii 10.00 - 14.00 Around the town centre

Wednesbury welcomes two new (giant) pigeons for the day! Eternally curious and entirely shameless, the pigeons do what pigeons do. Mr & Mrs Pigeon investigate everything they come across by pecking and scratching, and they express their love for each other in true pigeon style with much strutting and feather ruffling.

Family friendly





Tat'n'Tranklements by Vicky Roden 10.00 - 14.00 Market Place

Tat'n'Tranklements is a celebration of the famous Wednesbury markets – a collection of souvenirs that can be won, bought or traded for a tale. Try your luck at Splat A Rat to win a prize. Everybody who takes part will walk away with a stick of Genuine Wednesbury Chobbling Tube!

Creative activity Family friendly

Welcome to Wednesbury with Brendan Hawthorne 10:00 - 14:00 Market Place

Come and say hello to Wednesbury poet Brendan Hawthorne and send a beautiful postcard to someone from Wednesbury.

Family friendly Creative activity



Rangoli Art with Ranbir Kaur

10.00 - 14.00 Upstairs room at Wednesbury Library Walsall Street, WS10 9EH The room can be accessed by stairs and lift.

Watch whilst Ranbir creates a Rangoli installation using coloured sand and fresh flowers. You are welcome to ask questions whilst it's happening.. There will also be information on Rangoli and how it's created.



Not to be missed!



Out Of The Deep Blue by Autin Dance Theatre 10:30 / Eko puppet parade from Market Place to Lower Union Street

11:00 / dance performance at Lower Union Street 13:00 / Eko puppet parade from Lower Union Street to Market Place 13:30 / dance performance at Lower Union Street

Come and join the parade with Eko as it makes its journey through Wednesbury Town Centre. Out of the Deep Blue is a family-friendly outdoor performance featuring a 13-foot puppet! It tells the magical story of Eko, a sea giant who rises from the deep ocean and encounters a little girl called Violet on the shore. The show begins with a 25-minute community parade with Eko exploring its environment (and the audience!) followed by a 25-minute outdoor dance theatre performance. It's really not to be missed!

Family friendly Theatre performance Community parade

Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band

10:30 / parade with Out of the Deep Blue(see Autin Dance Theatre above) from Market Place to Lower Union Street
11:30 - 11:45 / performance at the Leisure Centre
12:30 - 12:45 / performance at Market Place
13:00 / parade with Out of the Deep Blue (see Autin Dance Theatre above) from Lower Union Street to Market Place

The Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band is exactly what you think it is - a live brass band - but with a twist! An exciting celebration of Rajasthan's vibrant and colourful lifestyle, music and dance, the band fuses North Indian classical melodies, popular Bollywood songs, Rajasthani and English folk, Bhangra beats, and maybe even something from a galaxy far, far away...

Family friendly Live Music







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17 JUNE 2023

Black Country Art Trip

10:00 - 14:00 at both Market Place and the upstairs room at the Library The room can be accessed by stairs and lift

Cradley Heath will be visiting Wednesbury Day as part of their Black Country Art Trip. Join them to network with local artists and have a go at creating art such as painting, drawing, bear crafting and costume jewellery.

Family friendly Creative activity

High Street Portraits by photographer Marta Kochanek Exhibition starts: 14 June Wed – Thurs: 11:00 – 16:00 Sat: 11:00 – 14:00

Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery, Holyhead Road, WS10 7DF

This community exhibition captures Wednesbury high street through portraits and stories of local business owners. Despite the backdrop of a global pandemic, huge increase in costs to run a business and the challenge of online shopping, many shops that have been in Wednesbury for years are still here, and new ones are opening. This exhibition shows the resilience and loss but also the hope and determination of local people.

On 17 June, come and have a chat with Marta and join in with the exhibition activities.

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We are Wednesbury Community Magazine: Issue 2

You can pick up a free copy of the second, annual issue of the We are Wednesbury magazine at Wednesbury Library, or download the PDF version from the Multistory website: www.multistory.org.uk/news This issue contains lovely new writing by our brilliant Citizen Journalists including articles about the shopkeepers and business owners of Wednesbury High Street, reviews of the We are Wednesbury cultural programme of events and a short story.

Funders and Partners

Wednesbury Day has been produced through the We Are Wednesbury Cultural Programme, part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone initiative funded by Sandwell Council and Historic England to re-establish the historic character of the area and create a vibrant and welcoming space. Since 2021, Multistory, has been working with local residents, communities and groups, who are members of the We Are Wednesbury working group, and local artists to deliver the programme of activities.

www.multistory.org.uk

Black Country Touring supports local venues and organisations to programme live theatre, film and dance for all ages, at a low cost. We also create new performances based on stories of local communities in the Black Country. Find out more at **www.bctouring.org.uk**











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