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## What's on at Foxton Locks: FOXTON LOCKS COME ALIVE!

If you want awe-inspiring countryside views, fascinating history, wonderful wildlife, great food and drink, or just a relaxing day watching canal boats go by, Foxton Locks in rural south Leicestershire has it all. A series of fun-filled family events, starting this summer and continuing through to Christmas, are set to bring Foxton Locks alive, with guided walks, themed boat trips and a chance to get back to nature!

Upcoming events include:

### **Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 August – Tales from Foxton**

Be prepared to discover some of the amazing stories associated with Foxton Locks. On your journey you'll enter a world filled with fascinating and amusing characters that have all played an important role in making Foxton what it is today. Enjoy refreshments afterwards in the peaceful surroundings of the Top Lock Cottage. Walks start at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. **Booking is essential – call 01908 302500.**

**Costs** (including refreshments)

Adult	Concession	Child	Family (two adults & up to three children)
£7.00	£6.00	£5.00	£22.00

### **Saturday 20 August – Afternoon and Sunset Cruises**

Relax and unwind on a delightful cruise starting from the bottom of the much admired Foxton lock flight. Meander along the Grand Union Canal on an elegant vintage wooden motor launch enjoying the wildlife and stories associated with this historic waterway. Enjoy a cream tea for the afternoon trip and a boatman's picnic for those joining us in the evening. Trips at 4pm and 6pm. **Booking is essential – call 01908 302500.**

**Costs** (including refreshments)

Adult	Concession	Child	Family (two adults & up to three children)
£12.00	£10.00	£5.00	£30.00

### **Friday 26 August – Bats, Cheese and Wine Evening**

Come and discover the truth about these fascinating and mysterious mammals. Try your hand with the bat detector and 'listen' into their secret world of echolocation. Enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink and bring a torch! Starts at 7.15pm. **Booking is essential – call 01908 302500.**

**Costs** (including refreshments)

Adult	Concession	Child	Family (two adults & up to three children)
£6.00	£5.50	£3.50	£18.00

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### **Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September – Foxton Forties Festival**

The Foxton Inclined Plane Trust will be hosting a Festival in celebration of the end of WWII. Plans include a performance in Foxton Village Hall by Day Star Theatre Company. They will be performing “Put that Light Out” (tickets From **Foxton Canal Museum**, Adults £3.00, Children £1.50). There will be displays and stalls round the site. Entertainment will include actors in 40's costume, music and more. For more information, call 0116 2792 657 or email [info@fipt.org.uk](mailto:info@fipt.org.uk).

### **Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 September – Tales from Foxton**

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### **Saturday 29 to Monday 31 October – Halloween Hoot**

A Halloween party that's sure to be a hoot! A scary canal boat trip, spooky tales, lantern making and apple bobbing are just some of the ghoulish ingredients on the hauntingly good night out! Bring a lantern or torch and come dressed to spook. Starts at either 2.45pm or 4.15pm. **Booking is essential – call 01908 302500.**

**Costs** (including refreshments)

Adult	Concession	Child	Family (two adults & up to three children)
£6.00	£5.00	£4.00	£20.00

### **Saturday 19 November – Amble around Foxton**

There's more to Foxton than the locks! Here's your chance to enjoy a gentle stroll around the less well known areas of Foxton in the company of a knowledgeable ranger. Enjoy warming refreshments afterwards at in the Top Lock Cottage. Starts at either 11am or 1pm. **Booking is essential – call 01908 302500.**

**Costs** (including refreshments)

Adult	Concession	Child	Family (two adults & up to three children)
<b>£6.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£4.00</b>	<b>£20.00</b>

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### **Saturday 17 to Thursday 22 December – Santa Cruise**

A festive delight for children of all ages! Enjoy a cruise along the Grand Union Canal. Find out why robins feature on Christmas cards and why reindeer fly! And, you never know, we may have a special visitor on board for the younger passengers! Mince pies and mulled wine included. Wrap up warm! Times to be advised. **Booking is essential – call 01908 302500.**

#### **Costs** (including refreshments)

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For more information on great days out at Foxton Locks, visit [www.foxtonlocks.com](http://www.foxtonlocks.com). For details of great days out on the inland waterways in other parts of the UK, visit [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com).

### **Ends**

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#### **Notes to editors**

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- **Waterscape.com** provides information on ALL of Britain's waterways, and guides visitors through the complete waterside experience in an easy to use, fully comprehensive online resource. The site includes a full range of services including:
  - How to hire a canal boat or waterside holiday cottage
  - Recommendations on walking, cycling, jogging and angling beside the water
  - Best waterside bars, pubs and restaurants
  - Waterway guides with information on visitor attractions, local history and wildlife
  - News and events guides and listings

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