



## January

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 13th January* 10.30am-1pm
- **Mosaic Trees Sculpture Workshop** *Sunday 29th January* 1-4pm

Help us to create a sculpture as part of the new "Hidden Gems" Sculpture Trail. Event suitable for families.

## February

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 3rd February* 10.30am-1pm
- **Junk Modelling**

*Saturday 4th February* 1-4pm

Come and make a fantastic model out of junk in the Discovery Zone. This event is supported by the Phoenix Resource Centre.

- **Valentine's Dinner**

*Tuesday 14th February* From 7pm

Enjoy a romantic meal in the stunning surroundings of the visitor centre. Limited places – booking essential.

- **Help our Feathered Friends**

*Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th February* 1-4pm

Make the birds in your garden happy – build them a bird box or a bird feeder to take home. Also a bird-themed treasure trail and bird-related activities in the Discovery Zone. Modest charges apply.

- **Decorative Painting Class**

*Thursday 23rd February* 10am-12.30pm

Learn easy but highly effective techniques to paint simple buds, leaves and a teddy bear. No artistic experience required and all painting materials needed will be provided. £8. Booking essential. Contact 01933 460676 for information.

## March

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 2nd March* 10.30am-1pm
- **Mother's Day Cards**

*Sunday 11th March* 1-4pm

Come to the Discovery Zone to make beautiful cards for Mother's Day. Modest charges apply.

## April

- **Wild about Woodcraft!**

*Thursday 12th April* 11-4pm

A chance to see traditional woodcrafters at work, including basket makers, bodgers and chainsaw carvers. You can have a go yourself and even make a dream catcher to take home. Modest charges apply for some activities.

- **Easter Egg Trail**

*Friday 6th – Monday 9th April* 10am-4pm

Follow the trail, solve the clues and win a small chocolate egg! £1 per child.

- **Bird Walks with Bob Webster**

*Sunday 15th & Sunday 22nd April* 9-11am

Come on either of these bird walks to spot and identify birds migrating through the Nene Valley. £1 per person, free to members. Booking recommended.

- **Roundhouse Springclean**

*Wednesday 25th April* 10am-2pm

Help us to freshen up the daub and weave the boundary walls of our Iron Age Roundhouse to prepare it for a summer of visitors. Booking essential.

## May

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 4th May* 10.30am-1pm

- **Bird Ringing Walk**

*Sunday 13th May* 9am start

A unique opportunity to help ornithologists monitor the local bird population. £1 per person, free to members. Booking essential.

- **"Life Swap" 2000 years ago!**

*Saturday 19th May* 11am-4pm

Spend a day in the life of the Iron Age and Roman people that lived at Stanwick Lakes. Exciting heritage activities will include visiting the Roundhouse, meeting a Celt and making a prehistoric pot! This event includes

- **"A Walk Through Time"** with archaeologist Andy Chapman to discover the history of Stanwick Lakes. 2-4pm. Main event is free thanks to Lottery funding, but "A Walk Through Time" £1, free to members and booking recommended.

- **Spring Craft Fayre**

*Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th May* 11am-4pm

Unique, handmade gifts from talented crafts people.

## June

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 1st June* 10.30am-1pm

- **Fishing Tutorial**

*Wednesday 6th June*

Free instruction on coarse fishing at Stanwick Lakes Fisheries. Some equipment supplied. For more information and booking, please contact Phil Dunn on 07974 300015.

- **Busy Buzzy Bees**

*Thursday 7th June* 11am-4pm

The Stanwick Lakes bees have been busy. Join us to celebrate the latest crop of honey with games, crafts and more. You can even meet some of our bees! Modest charges apply for some activities.

- **Winged Wonders**

*Saturday 9th June* 10.30am -12 noon

Join Butterfly expert Doug Goddard for a walk around Stanwick Lakes. £1 per person, free to members. Booking recommended.

- **Social Strolling for Health**

*Tuesday 12th June* 11am-2pm

Meet with other walkers for a sociable stroll (approx. 1 hr) followed by lunch in the Visitor Centre. Organised as part of Stanwick Lakes Health Walks programme. Booking essential £6 per head including lunch.

- **Shelter Building**

*Saturday 16th June* 11am-2pm

Learn survival skills, including building a shelter and cooking your own lunch! Suitable for children aged 7 and over, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential. £6 per child.

- **National Moth Night**

*Saturday 23rd June* From 7.30pm

Join us for an evening of nocturnal discovery. £1 per person, free to members. Booking recommended.

- **Survive at Stanwick**

*Saturday 30th June & Sunday 1st July* Noon til noon

Join the Stanwick Lakes Rangers for an overnight camp and learn all the skills you need to survive including shelter building, map reading and starting a fire. For families with children aged 10 and over. Booking essential. Prices to be confirmed.

## July

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 6th July* 10.30am-1pm

- **Quest for Camelot**

*Saturday 7th July* 11am-4pm

Join Merlin and young Arthur on a quest to save Camelot! Defend the castle with a giant catapult, cast a spell and see if you can pull the sword from the stone. Come dressed as a knight or a princess – prize for the best costume. There will be modest charges for some activities.

- **Wildflower Walk**

*Saturday 14th July* 2-3pm

Discover summer flowers on this stroll with Gill Gent. £1 per person, free to members. Booking is recommended.

- **Fishing Tutorial**

*Tuesday 24th July*

Free instruction on coarse fishing at Stanwick Lakes Fisheries. Some equipment supplied. For information and booking contact Phil Dunn on 07974 300015.



## July and August Summer Holiday Fun

- **Stanwick Lakes Olympic Challenge**

*Saturday 21st July to Friday 31st August* 10am-5pm  
Accept our self-guided Olympic Challenge this summer – conquer the assault course, explore the adventure trail, walk, cycle or kayak around the lakes to win your very own Stanwick Lakes Olympic Medal. Charges apply for some activities.

- **Sword in the Stone**

*Wednesday 25th July*

Workshop 2.30pm; Performance 4pm  
The fantastic Cambridge Touring Theatre return with a family performance of Sword in the Stone. There will also be pre-performance drama workshop for 5-11 year olds. Workshop and ticket prices to be confirmed.

- **"Get Arty"**

*Every Tuesday of the School Holidays* 1-4pm

Painting, sculpting, modelling and drawing – it's all in the Discovery Zone. Visit the website for details.  
● **Pond Dipping with the Rangers**  
*Every Wednesday of the School Holidays* 12.30-3pm  
Discover the little beasts that live in the water at Stanwick Lakes. £1 per child, free to members. Booking recommended.

- **Minibeasting with the Rangers**

*Thursday 2nd & Thursday 30th August* 1-2pm

Hunt for minibeasts in the grass and trees at Stanwick Lakes. £1 per child, free to members. Booking essential.



## September

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 7th*

*September* 10.30am-1pm

- **A Walk Through Time**

*Saturday 22nd September* 2-4pm

Discover the history of Stanwick Lakes with archaeologist Andy Chapman. £1 per person, free to members. Booking recommended.

- **Autumn's Bounty**

*Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th September*

Celebrate the start of autumn with an array of special events including seed gathering and folklore walks and talks, seasonal food and breadmaking. Charges for some activities.



## October

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 5th October* 10.30am-1pm

- **Haunted Halloween**

*Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st October* 12.30-4.30pm

Arts and Crafts, Treasure hunts, face painting and much more spooky fun! Modest charges apply.



## November

- **Craft Cafe** *Friday 2nd November* 10.30am-1pm
  - **Bird Walk with Bob Webster**
  - Sunday 25th November* 9-11am
- Migration through the Nene Valley - a chance to spot and identify Stanwick Lakes wildfowl. £1 per person, free to members. Booking recommended.

**Don't forget the Stanwick Lakes Membership Scheme**  
For an annual fee you can enjoy many benefits including unlimited car parking access into Stanwick Lakes during the site's opening hours.



## December

# Stanwick Lakes Festival of Winter Lights

A series of events to celebrate the beauty and excitement of this special time of year.

- **Illuminate!**  
*Saturday 1st December* 3-4.45pm  
Our official switching on of the winter lights to get Christmas off to a sparkling start. A special guest will be on hand to greet our young visitors, plus music, Christmas treats and a festive treasure hunt.
- **Members' Event**  
*Saturday 1st December* 5-6.30pm  
Food, crafts and Christmas cheer at the visitor centre for Stanwick Lakes members. Booking recommended.
- **Christmas Craft Cafe**  
*Friday 7th December* 10.30am-1pm
- **Sparkles and Snow**  
*Sunday 9th December* 1-4pm  
Drop into the Discovery Zone and make a sparkly Christmas decoration for your tree at home. Suitable for families. Modest charges apply.

- **Lantern Making Workshop**  
*Sunday 16th December* 1-4pm  
Make a beautiful lantern using local willow ready to take part in the Stanwick Lakes Solstice Lantern Walk on Friday 21st December. All materials provided. £5. Places limited, booking essential.
- **Winter Solstice Lantern Walk**  
*Friday 21st December* 5-7pm  
Join us on the shortest day of the year for a festive walk around the visitor centre lake. At the end of the walk, enjoy singing Christmas carols in the outdoor theatre and mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies in the visitor centre. Wrap up warm and bring lanterns or torches to light your way! £2 adult, £1 child.

Whether you prefer adventure and wildlife spotting outdoors, or fun activities inside in the **Discovery Zone** or **Hideaway**, Stanwick Lakes offers an endless supply of entertainment all year round. To book an activity or for more information, call the visitor centre on **01933 625522**

### Don't forget our Discovery Zone!

The Discovery Zone is open most weekend afternoons and many afternoons during the school holidays for arts, crafts, games and fun! In particular, look out for 'Get Arty' throughout the summer holidays.



Stout footwear and outdoor clothing are recommended for all events. The site's main paths are surfaced but please phone the rangers for advice on individual events' accessibility for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc. In certain circumstances it may be necessary to change or cancel an event without warning.

## We will have lots more exciting events coming up throughout 2012

See our website for the latest additions to our Events Programme – [www.stanwicklakes.org.uk](http://www.stanwicklakes.org.uk). Events coming up include...

### The Heritage of Stanwick Lakes

The new **Stanwick Lakes Heritage Trail** reflects over 5,000 years of local history, with six stone markers showing where important historic settlements existed at the Lakes. A key element is the reconstruction of an Iron Age Roundhouse, which now has a turf roof and will be the focal point for school visits and a heritage event on Saturday 19th May.



### Arts and Crafts

The visitor centre will hold a wealth of arts and crafts events throughout 2012, including exhibitions, art classes, photography workshops and craft events. Why not come along to our monthly **Craft Cafe**? Usually held on the first Friday of each month, it is a chance to learn a new skill or practise an old one in the company of other crafters. Dates for the Craft Cafe can be found in the main events programme.



### Stanwick Lakes keeps you healthy!

As well as regular fun runs, cycle rides and charity walks, Stanwick Lakes has its very own **Health Walk Scheme**. Did you know, regular walking can give you more energy, keep your heart strong and help you manage your weight? Health Walks take place every Tuesday at 10am or join us at our 'Social Strolling for Health' event in June.

Stanwick Lakes is situated off the Stanwick roundabout on the A45 in East Northamptonshire between **Wellingborough** (eight miles away) and **Thrapston** (seven miles away).



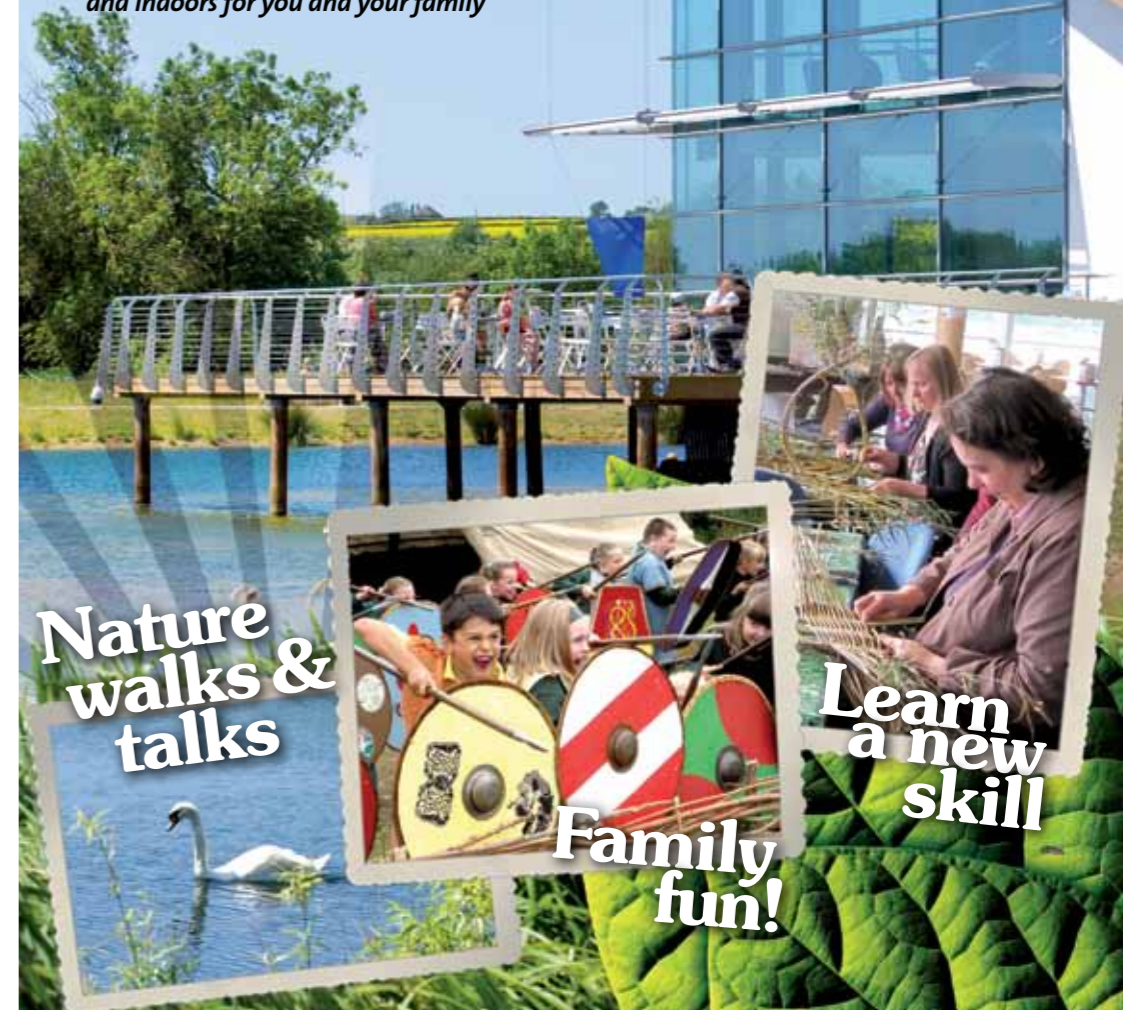
The Rockingham Forest Trust is an environmental and rural development charity which manages Stanwick Lakes as a social enterprise in partnership with East Northamptonshire Council.



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