

PROGRAMME

Welcome all wizards, witches and muggles to the magical town of Wirksworth.

The Wizinging Day Times has all the events and a souvenir map of venues.

The Wirksworth Magical Ministry has organised lots of activities around town. New this year is the Parade of Witches, Wizards, Professors and Magical Creatures! Bring or make a flag or banner with magical colours or a crest. There is a prize for the best banners. This is part of the famous Character Costume Contest.

There are also owls and snakes, a storyteller and a magician, the Harry Potter quiz and a magical red phone box, along with trains, buses, a Ford Anglia.

There are lots of magical crafts where you can make wands, puppets, LEGO, charm bracelets, candles and print your own spirit animal.

There is also the magical market,

Once again we are raising funds for local good causes. This year they are Wirksworth Preschool Group, Wirksworth Colts FC & the Fire Fighters Charity. To date, the day has raised over £10,000 for our causes, including previous beneficiaries Aquabox and Josh Stockell Skatepark.

www.wizardingday.com



Photo by Nick Rhodes.

You can buy tickets for certain activities online. They are highlighted in the programme

www.ticketsource.co.uk/wizarding

Other activities are pay on the door or via the activity providers website, eg Wizinging Express tickers are sold by EVR

<https://wyvernail.digitickets.co.uk>

We hope you all have an enjoyable day, Wirksworth Magical Ministry.

Wizinging Day is a community event put on by fans of Harry Potter to raise funds for good causes. Warner Bros. Entertainment and JK Rowling are not associated with or responsible for the day in any way.

Wirksworth Wizinging Day is kindly supported by


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And businesses advertising in the programme.

Thank you to Haarlem Mill, Ravenstor, TDP, Technolog and Willow Direct for providing car parks for park and ride to help raise funds for good causes. Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who make the day happen.

Magic, Sparks & Spells

**Old Market Place
11am - 2pm**

Light a fire using natural materials

Street Entertainment

**Around Town
Various times**

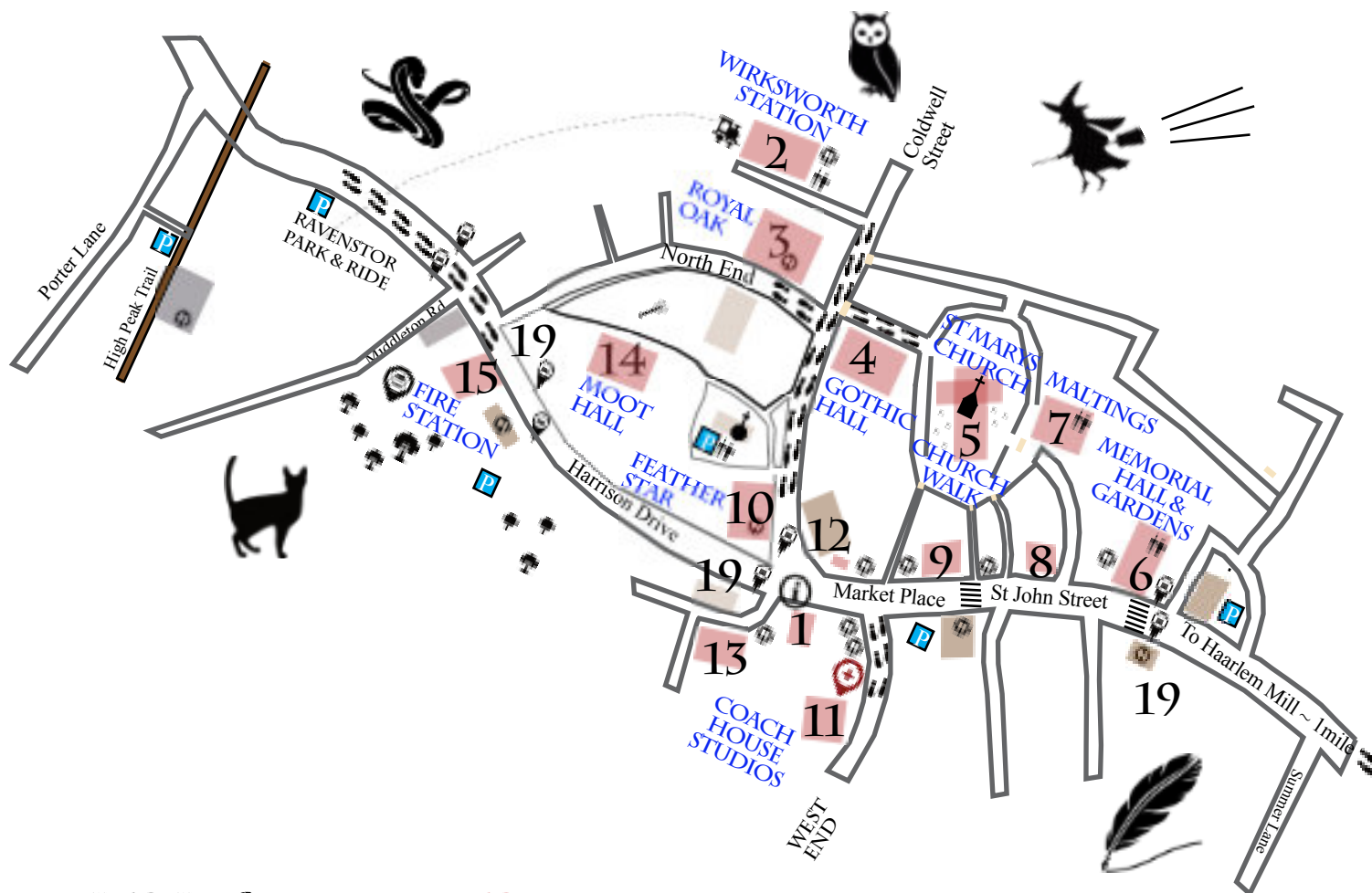
Music, Morris dancing

Watch out for Dementors

**Around Town
Various times**

3:15pm Church Walk for Parade

WIZARDING DAY MAP



ACTIVITIES

- 1 Wirksworth Wizarding Supplies
- 2 Owlery, Wizarding Express, Fairground & Wild Roots Crafts
- 3 Snakes & Dragons
- 4 Quizzadry
- 5 Character Costume Contest & Parade
- 6 Magical Markets
- 7 Magical Making Cavern
- 8 Ford Anglia
- 9 Fantastic Fused Glass
- 10 Fortune Telling?
- 11 Magical Plants & Enchanted Trees
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VENUE

- OLD MARKET PLACE**
WIRKSWORTH STATION
- ROYAL OAK, NORTH END**
GOTHIC HALL, COLDWELL STREET
ST MARY'S CHURCH
MEMORIAL HALL & GARDENS
MALTINGS
OLD CRUCK BEAM
CREATE SPACE & STUDIO
FEATHER STAR (RED LION)
COACH HOUSE STUDIOS
OUTSIDE LIBRARY
HESTIA BOOKS
MOOT HALL, CHAPEL LANE
HARRISON DRIVE
AROUND TOWN, ENTER AT INFO
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INFORMATION

9am - 5pm ~ Town Centre

Don't know where to go or why you're here? Look out for the INFO STALL at the Market Place.

Buy programmes, ask questions, enter the Horcrux Hunt (17) & Wizarding Windows (18).

LOST CHILDREN

Wirksworth Fire Station (past the Co-op)

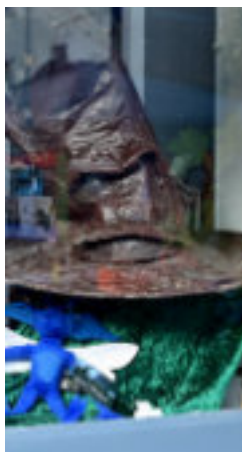
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Market Place outside Jasmine Nails

1 WIRKSWORTH WIZARDING SUPPLIES

9:30am - 5pm ~ No. 93/4 Old Market Place

Wirksworth's wizarding supplies shop will once more apparate into a secret location on the Old Market Place. Only wizards and witches will be able to spot it, so please guide any muggle friends or family to its door. The shop sells officially licensed Harry Potter gifts from wands to t-shirts, key rings to stationery, bags to games.



2 OWLERY, WIZARDING EXPRESS, WILD ROOTS CRAFTS & FAIRGROUND



Photos by Nick Rhodes.

10:00am ~ 4pm
Wirksworth Station

Meet the owls of Woodie's Wings Rescue Centre.

Potion making, crafts and test your magic powers in a wizarding game organised by Wild Roots Creative. Raising funds for Wild Roots Creative wellbeing groups.

There is a fairground and the popular Ecclesbourne Valley Wizarding Express return journeys between Duffield and Wirksworth or Wirksworth and Duffield.

Express tickets
<https://wyvernrail.digitickets.co.uk>

3 SNAKES & DRAGONS



10am - 4pm
Royal Oak Barn

Meet and handle some fantastic reptilian beasts including some very big snakes! Can you talk parseltongue? This activity is provided by Gary's Reptiles.
Free, donation to hold a snake.

The Royal Oak will be open from 12pm for chocolate frogs, 'I can't believe it's not butterbeer,' cobs and a range of drinks. Take them inside, outside in the courtyard or while you wait for a snake.

4 QUIZZADRY

11am, 1pm, 3pm The Gothic Hall



Attempt the 2026 Triwizarding Tournament. If you think you know the wizarding world, pit your wits against wizards and witches from around the world. The master sorcerers from Wirksworth Twinning Association have studied magic at Die, in France, Frankenau, in Germany and Varallo in Italy.

£5 adult , £3 under 18, no charge under 5s.

Book online to secure your place, or pay cash or use this booking link on the door.

<https://www.ticketsource.com/wizarding/e-zpomla>



5 CHARACTER COSTUME CONTEST

3pm St Mary's Church

Dress as your favourite wizard or witch and enter the Hall of Selection in St Mary's for the chance to win prizes. Whether you come as a student or professor, from the ministry or a practitioner of the dark arts, you will be welcome.

Judging begins at 3pm, with the costume contestants then joining the parade of around the churchyard at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to take part in the parade of Witches, Wizards, Professors and Magical Creatures, whether you have entered the costume contest or not.

After the parade, the judges will make their final decisions and announce the winners.

There are categories for children and adults, with prizes to be won, including family tickets to ride on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation, while category winners will also compete for the coveted Wizarding Day Cup.

£2 to enter on the door or online

<https://www.ticketsource.com/wizarding/t-njderr>



5 PARADE

3:30pm Church Walk

Parade of Witches, Wizards, Professors and Magical Creatures to close the day. All are welcome. With music and two fearsome characters to keep you moving. Dress up and bring a flag or banner to carry. There is a competition for flag and banner entries.

FLAG AND BANNER MAKING

10am - 2:30pm Maltings

Make your own wizarding world family crest on a banner or flag earlier in the day. Hold it high at the parade and enter the competition. With your imagination and lots of bits to stick and cut. Led by Molly who is raising funds to attend the Scout and Guide Jamboree in Poland in 2027.



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6 MAGICAL MARKETS

10am - 4pm ~ Memorial Hall & Gardens

Some quite magical stalls have appeared into town for the day to sell a range of supplies for the discerning witch or wizard*. Feast at the food court with a range of dishes for all dietary requirements.

There are also great takeaways, cafes, restaurants and pubs selling food and drink in town. We also have a range of quirky gift shops.

* Muggles welcome

Photos by Nick Rhodes.



7 MAGICAL MAKING CAVERN

10am - 4pm Maltings

Making sessions for all crafty wizards and witches.

Make a wizarding flag or banner for the Parade.

Create and keep an enchanting LEGO mini model.

Make a charm bracelet or enchanted wand.

Print your own spirit animal on a t-shirt or tot bag.

Candle-Making.

PRICES approx. £3 - £10 depending on activity

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8 FORD ANGLIA

10am - 4pm Cruck Beam

This is the type of car as used in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

Find it in the centre of town.

Free with donations to sit in it

9 FANTASTIC FUSED GLASS

10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm Create Space



Join local artist, Stevie Davies to make your own fantastic fused glass tile or hanging, from precut glass elements.

Create your own colourful glass design inspired by logos, symbols and motifs from Harry Potter and all things wizard themed. The cost includes all specialist materials and firing for a tile or hanging approx 9cm. Simply complete your design during the session and leave it at the studio for me to fire, finish and clean up for you. We will make arrangements for you to pick up your make a few weeks later or I can post your finished piece, at cost.

Things you might want to bring with you:

A bottle of water or travel cup of coffee/tea
An apron or old clothes so you don't have to worry about getting glue or little bits of glass on them

An open mind and willingness to experiment

<https://stevie-davies.co.uk/product-category/workshop-bookings/page/2>

10 FORTUNE TELLING

10am - 4pm The Feather Star

There may be a fortune teller in the Feather Star's Room of Premonition. We can't tell the future but she can! Pull aside the curtain and enter to have your fortune told.

There might be other magical surprises at the Feather Star so look in to find out!



11 MAGICAL PLANTS & ENCHANTED TREES

**10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm
Coach House Studios**

From mandrake roots, to the girls who turned into trees, from flowers of starlight to leaves of poison or wonder... Join our resident storyteller Gordon MacLellan from Creeping Toad for a walk in the Gardens of Magic and the Woods of Sorcery. Add your own leaf of magical ideas to our Tree of Spells... or take a leaf of dreams home with you...

Turn right at Jasmine Nails and enter through the arch and along the secret alley! **Tickets £3**

<https://www.ticketsource.com/wizarding/e-ljmgzp>

12 WIZARDING PHONE BOX

10am - 5pm Phone Box outside Library

Need to contact the Ministry? Or perhaps the Ministry needs to contact you...

Step inside the Wizarding Phone Box and pick up the receiver. Dial the numbers provided to hear important messages and magical warnings from the Wizarding Ministry Committee.

Keep your ears open — you never know what message might be waiting on the other end of the line.

If you hear that Dementors have been sighted nearby, we strongly advise you to keep your wits about you...

Written by Jo Metcalf and performed by Alice Counsell.

Photo by Nick Rhodes.



13 JOURNEY TO HOGWARTS LEGO MODEL

All Day Hestia Books

See the spectacular exhibit which includes Privet Drive, Hagrids Rescue, Hogwarts Express, Hogwarts Castle, Sorting Hat Ceremony and 4 houses, plus 7 mini book builds. The exhibit is 3 x 3ft .

14 LIAM JONES – MAGICIAN

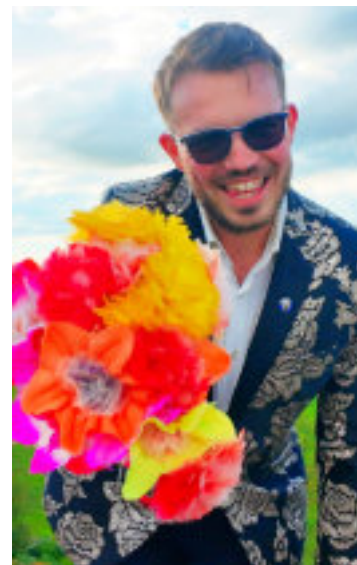
10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30pm

Moot Hall

Would you like to see a magician amaze you with close-up tricks? Enter the ancient Moot Hall and be amazed by the skills of Liam the Magician.

He brings a touch of comedy to his act. Shows run on every half past the hour and last approx. 25mins. Booking suggested to avoid disappointment but you can pay on the door. Some tickets for each show will be kept be available on the door on the day. **Tickets £3**

<https://www.ticketsource.com/wizarding/e-zpldqx>



15 FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

11am - 3pm Wirksworth Fire Station

If only Wirksworth firefighters had been there to save the Burrow! They would have had a good dowsing the dragon in Gringotts too.

Meet fire fighters, the aerial ladder platform, animal rescue unit and maybe a unicorn from across Derbyshire. Activities on the day depend on call outs. There is also face painting, children's rides, competitions, demonstrations and refreshments.

Raising funds for the Fire Fighters Charity.

The Fire Station is also the lost children location for the day.



Photo by Nick Rhodes.



16 THE CURSE BREAKER'S TRAIL

10am - 4pm Around Town

Seven cursed objects are hidden around Wirksworth. Join the Curse-Breakers' Trail: follow the map, break the curses, find the Chosen One, and win! Take your magical map and follow the clues through the streets. Spot witches and wizards wandering the town on the map.

Scan each cursed object to break its dark magic and unlock its secrets, and collect the letters it leaves behind. Once you've found all seven, unscramble the final clue and discover where the Chosen One is hiding. Bring a phone to scan the magic codes. Your progress saves as you go.

Buy your ticket at any Info Stall or at

breakthecurse.wizardingday.com

Entry £3



17 WIZARDING WINDOWS

Search for misplaced objects in shop windows. Shops that are participating have a Wizarding Windows logo in their window.

Find the object that shouldn't be in that window and write it on the competition sheet. Hand your sheet in at Marsdens Gift Shop. The winning entries will then be put in a draw and the winning person will receive a prize. Organised by scouts from 13 to 16 years old fundraising for their journey to the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. Part of the money raised also subsidises the participation of scouts from less affluent nations of the world.

Entry forms available from the Info Stall and Marsden's Gifts.

Entry £3

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18 WIZARDLY WINDOWS

Watch out for windows decorated in a magical or Harry Potter theme throughout town. The best window as voted for by the judges wins the coveted Wizardly Window Trophy. Past winners include Ken's, Le Mistral and Skopa. Who will win this year?



2025 winner - Ken's Quidditch Supplies window.

19 RIDE THE ROUTEMASTER BUS

10am ~ 4pm Town Centre

The bus runs through the town centre between the Haarlem and Ravenstor car parks all day. You can ride for free with your parking ticket or make a donation for a return journey to support our fundraising causes. Stan is rumoured to be the conductor for the day..







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