



### ALICE'S DAY

*Various locations throughout Oxford, 5th July*

Watch Oxford get transformed into a wonderland on 5th July, as the city unites to celebrate Alice's Day in honour of Lewis Carroll's famous novel. This year's theme is 'Underground', and many events are free - including an Alice and Lewis Carroll photography and illustration exhibition at Christ Church Library, and a decoding session specialising in Lewis Carroll's *Nyctograph* at The Ashmolean.

Visit [www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/alice](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/alice)



### FILMS ON THE WATERFRONT

*Northampton 11th - 12th July*

When a family ticket to the cinema won't come shy of £30 nowadays, we're amazed that this event, taking place at Becket's Park, is completely free. Already on the listings are recent blockbuster and family favourite, *Frozen*, plus *Mamma Mia*, *Despicable Me 2* and more to be announced. Saturday will also feature face painting, rides and amusements (which may cost). Go to [www.northampton.gov.uk/waterfront](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/waterfront) for all the details.

### MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

*Tewkesbury 12th - 13th July, 11am to 6pm*

It's Europe's largest annual medieval re-enactment, and bar a small parking charge, it's

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absolutely free. See medieval music, dance and drama, plus a host of characters from days gone by - maybe even a knight in shining armour or a dragon keeper. Expect plenty of fancy dress, food, drink and fun.

More information at: [www.tewkesburymedievalfestival.org](http://www.tewkesburymedievalfestival.org)

### WARWICK THAI FESTIVAL

*Warwick town centre 13th July, 11am to 6pm*

Immerse yourself in an unexpectedly authentic cultural experience. This annual festival kicks off at 11am with a parade of Thai drummers and dancers, followed by a day of Thai food, Thai music, over 40 craft stalls, plus a puppet show, boxing, sword fighting and much more. Taking place in Warwick's town centre, expect a vibrant experience to entertain the whole family.

Visit [www.warwickrotary.org.uk](http://www.warwickrotary.org.uk) for more information.

### COLNE VALLEY FESTIVAL

*Denham, Buckinghamshire 28th July - 4th August*

Colne Valley Park's annual festival. Craft stalls, fresh foods, special appearances, including the Bucks Search and Rescue Dogs and the Pinner and Ruislip Bee Keepers. Festival Duck Race back by popular demand!

For more information visit: [www.colnevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk)

### WELLINGBOROUGH SPLASH PARK

*Open weekends in July, then every day until 1st September*

The ultimate antidote for children on long, hot days. The Splash Park at The Embankment has shallow paddling pools and plenty of fun water features to cool everyone down, picnic tables, food and ice cream vans, plus toilet facilities. Pack your cossies! Visit [www.wellingborough.gov.uk](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk)

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