

RAYLEIGH ARTS FESTIVAL

Part of the Heritage Open Days programme

12 - 15 September 2013

Discover your local heritage through an exciting mix of arts events and activities at the Rayleigh Windmill Museum

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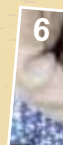

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Rayleigh Arts Festival 2013

Visit Rayleigh Windmill Museum this September and immerse yourself in local heritage, culture and folklore.

This year's Rayleigh Arts Festival presents another innovative and playful programme of exciting arts events inspired by the history and stories of Rayleigh.

The Festival is part of the nationwide Heritage Open Days initiative – a perfect opportunity to discover Rayleigh's Grade II Listed Windmill and enjoy performance, exhibitions, workshops and much more.



Thursday 12 September,
7pm

Heritage Open Mic Rayleigh Windmill

Shining a light on hidden heritage – and hidden talents – with our Heritage Open Mic. An evening of live poetry and spoken word hosted by **Sundown Arts**.

Booking is essential. Contact arts@rochford.gov.uk for tickets, or to sign up for a performance slot.

FREE

Friday 13 - Sunday 15 September Rayleigh Mystery Hunt Rayleigh Mount and Windmill

FREE

Flickers of escaped magic are being detected on Rayleigh Mount. Collect the clues to find the source in this free-roaming scavenger trail created by artist **LH Trevail**.

Pick up your Rayleigh Mystery Hunt map from the Windmill * or download it from www.lhtrevail.co.uk/mysterymap (Online map available 9 September)

Mystery hunters can take part and follow the trail any time between 13 and 15 September

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Saturday 14 September,
12 – 4pm

Arts Festival Day

**In and around Rayleigh
Windmill and WI Hall**

The **Culture Cart** is a pop up art workshop and gallery. Take part in a print workshop run from a hand-crafted cart using bespoke woodcut stamps inspired by Rayleigh's heritage.

FREE

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Saturday 14 September,
12 – 4pm

**Rayleigh Pin
Windmills**

Rayleigh Library

Drop in to a free arts workshop at the Library to create a beautiful pin windmill inspired by local folklore tales and using parchment and old maps. For children aged 3+ and their families.

FREE

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Saturday 14 September, 6.30pm
Sails by Moonlight

**Rayleigh Mount
and Windmill**
Tickets £2

Dim the lights and come close. Prepare yourself for an evening of spine-tingling, shiversome storytelling inspired by the history and folklore of Rayleigh Windmill. **Sails by Moonlight** is a magical new story written and performed by **Vanessa Woolf**, specially commissioned for the Windmill by the Rayleigh Arts Festival.

Please note that parts of this performance will take place outdoors.

All tickets cost £2 and available by calling Rochford District Council on **01702 318171**.

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Saturday 14 & Sunday
15 September, 12 – 4pm
Rayleigh Windmill Museum

(Donations Welcome)

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FREE Guided tours, the Sails in the Wind exhibition and all you need to know about the traditional trade of milling, with Windmill volunteers dressed in period costume on Sunday 15.

* Please check Windmill opening times by visiting www.rochford.gov.uk/windmill



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Turn of the century photography with local artist and photographer **Alan Hockett** capturing family portraits on a Victorian plate camera. Take home a paper negative as a permanent reminder of the day.

The WI Hall is open from 10am and will host a collection of local memories and photos from Rayleigh's archives. Local community organisation **Rayleigh Through The Looking Glass** offers a glimpse in to the history of Rayleigh's cinema, theatre and entertainment.

The **Rochford District Community Archive** will also be on hand with a collection of maps, articles and online archive.

Music throughout the afternoon by **Sweyne Choral Society and the Yardarm Folk Orchestra**.



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Venues

**Rayleigh Windmill Museum,
Rayleigh Mount and WI Hall**
Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED

Rayleigh Library
132-4 High Street SS6 7BX

Information

The Rayleigh Arts Festival programme of activities is correct at time of print but maybe subject to change.

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For further information, please contact
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Bellingham Lane
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 2. The Regal Cinema in Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh (1953)
 3. Rayleigh High Street Carnival (1921)
 4. Victorian Photographer
 5. Plate Camera
 6. Workshop with The Culture Cart
 7. Prints by The Culture Cart
 8. Victorian Photographers
 9. Vanessa Woolf
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