**February Half Term Special**

**Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 February**

**Light Up Cheltenham**
Buildings including The Municipal Offices, The Queens Hotel, Boots, Cheltenham Town Hall, The Brewery Quarter will light up for the first time, and lit throughout the week, until Sunday 18 February 2018.

Lighting up with a launch event on Saturday 10 February 2018, the first night will kick off at 5pm with a performance from the spectacular Spark! drumming group at The Brewery Quarter, with the group having delighted crowds across the UK and beyond with previous performances.

There will then be a parade through town, stopping off in the Promenade, before another show from Spark! at the Quadrangle at 5.45pm.

The lights will also change colour in time for Valentine’s Day, promising the perfect romantic spot for couples.

**Tickets:** free admission
**Telephone:** (01242) 571123
For the map, please go to website: cheltenhambid.co.uk/time-light-cheltenham/

**Lambing Live at Cattle Country Adventure Farm Park**
Berkeley Heath Farm
Berkeley GL13 9EW

Lambing Live will offer the chance to bottle feed calves, meet the lambs and enjoy the play barns this half term.
**Time:** 10am to 4pm
**Tickets:** from £8.99, with children's tickets costing from £9.89
**Telephone:** (01453) 810510

**Wild Bird Feed at Slimbridge**
WWT Slimbridge
Slimbridge, Gloucestershire GL2 7BT

Don't miss this fantastic winter spectacle - From the comfort of the heated Peng observatory hear our warden’s commentary as he feeds the thousands of wintering wild birds and hundreds of Bewick’s swans that have flown all the way from arctic Russia to be here.
**Time:** 4pm
**Tickets:** Included in normal admission and free to members
**Telephone:** 01453 891900
**Saturday 10 to Sunday 11 February**

**Snowdrop Open Days at Colesbourne Park**
Colesbourne Park, Colesbourne, Nr. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 9NP
A435, Halfway between Cheltenham/Cirencester

Colesbourne Park has been called 'England’s greatest snowdrop garden’ by Country Life. Now with a collection of 350 varieties, visitors can enjoy the snowdrops throughout the ten acre garden with its woodland and lakeside paths, the Spring Garden and Formal Garden, alongside drifts of cyclamen, hellebores and other winter plants. The surrounding park, arboretum and nearby church are also open.

Time: Gates open at 1.00pm. Last entry 4.30pm
Tickets: Adults £8.00 Children under 16 free
Telephone: 01242 870567

**Valentine’s Weekend at The Boathouse**

The Boathouse and Central Cross Café
Pittville Park
Cheltenham GL52 3JE

Loved up couples can enjoy a romantic row in Pittville Park when The Boathouse releases its anchors for Valentine’s. This event includes a cupcake and a rose for every couple.

Time: From 10.30am to 3.30pm
Tickets: from £7
Telephone: (01242) 519215

**Saturday 10 to Thursday 15 February**

**Half term films at Sherborne Cinema**
Sherborne Street, Kingsholm,
Gloucester GL1 3BY

Gloucester’s independent picture house, Sherborne Cinema will be entertaining the kids this half term, with tickets costing just £4 for screenings, visitors can also grab cinema staples including popcorn and slushes for just £1.

**Early Man**
Saturday 10 February to Thursday 15 February 2018 at 10.30am and 1pm
*Take a trip back to prehistoric time where lead character Dug and his sidekick Hognob have to come together to stop their nemesis, Lord Nooth from taking over their city in this flick from the creators of Wallace & Gromit.*

**Coco**
Saturday 10 February to Thursday 15 February 2018 at 3.30pm
*Pixar is back with another winner for all ages. Featuring aspiring singer Miguel, who faces his family’s ban on music, he has to go on a quest to the Land of the Dead to seek the help of his great-great-grandfather who is a singing superstar.*

Tickets: £4
Telephone: (01452) 520560
Saturday 10 February
Beowulf Play at Everyman Theatre
Regent Street, Cheltenham, GL50 1HQ

The Everyman Theatre invites audiences on a thrilling adventure in Cheltenham, when Beowulf is brought to life on stage.
The play is inspired by the epic Anglo-Saxon poem and offers a gripping retelling about the heroic Beowulf, who fought monsters and dragons in defence of the King of the Danes.
Time: From 3pm and from 6pm
Tickets: £8.50
Telephone: (01242) 572573

Monday 12 to Saturday 17 February 2018
Festival of Puppetry
Bayshill Unitarian Church Hall
Royal Well Lane, Cheltenham GL50 3ET

Monday 12th at 2pm
Minstrelesque Marionettes (A colourful collection of large string puppets in a lively variety show)

Tuesday 13th at 10am
Jig doll Workshop

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Wednesday 14th at 11am and 2:15pm
Jack and the Beanstalk (Unexpected things happen when poor Jack sells the family cow)

Thursday 15th at 11am
Pauline’s puppet making workshop – Make and take home your own unique puppet. All materials provided.

Thursday 15th at 2:15pm
Bears……..and more bears! (Stories familiar and not so featuring a selection of furry friends)

Friday 16th at 11am
Minstrelesque marionettes (A colourful collection of large string puppets in a lively variety show)

Friday 16th at 2:15pm
Jack and the Beanstalk (Unexpected things happen when poor Jack sells the family cow)

Saturday 17th at 11am and 2:30pm
The Willow Pattern Plate (An exciting Chinese adventure)

Tickets: Monday to Friday - Adult £3.50, Child £2.50, special family ticket £10 (2 adults and 2 children).
Saturday – Adult £4, Child £3.
Telephone: 01242 263283 / 255820
Mobile: 07940 430094
Tickets are also available from The Tourist Information Centre, Clarence Street, Cheltenham GL50 3JT
Telephone: 01242 237431
Crafty Fun at The Wilson
Clarence Street
Cheltenham GL50 3JT

Drop-in craft for all family
Time: 1:30pm
Tickets: £3
Telephone: (01242) 237431

Synchronised Swimming at Leisure at Cheltenham
Tommy Taylors Lane
Cheltenham GL50 4RN

The activity will be led by Cheltenham Synchronised Swimming Club, with one session for children aged five to eight years old, and one session for children aged nine and over.
An exciting hybrid of dance, gymnastics and swimming, the Synchronised Swimming event will be held in the teaching pool, with some swimming skills potentially needed depending upon the height of children.
Time: From 1pm to 1.45pm for children aged five to eight;
from 1.45pm to 2.30pm for children aged nine and over
Tickets: £5
Telephone: (01242) 528764

Twelfth Night
Twelfth Night tells a timeless tale of loss and unrequited love as twins Viola and Sebastian are separated in a giant shipwreck; believing one another to be dead, Viola assumes the guise of her twin brother, ensuing in bittersweet hilarity as Viola falls in love with the handsome Duke Orsino.
Time: from 7pm
Tickets: from £15
Telephone: (01285) 655611

Bedknobs and Broomsticks – from 11am
Thursday 15 February 2018
With singing along welcomed, Bedknobs and Broomsticks stars Angela Lansbury as an apprentice witch who teams up with three children and a Professor to defend Britain during the war, with the help of a little magic.

Pretty Woman – from 7.45pm
Thursday 15 February 2018
Richard Gere and Julia Roberts star in the timeless romantic classic, Pretty Woman, following the unlikely relationship that develops when a rich businesswoman pays a woman to be his escort for the week.

Tangled – from 11am
Friday 16 February 2018
Popular animated Disney film Tangled tells the story of Rapunzel who has spent her life locked in a tower, only to discover the outside world when a thief finds her.
**A Fish Called Wanda – from 7.45pm**  
*Friday 16 February 2018*  
*A Fish Called Wanda* is a hilarious comedy with an all-star cast, following four very different characters who get involved in an armed robbery and try to double-cross one another.

**Back to the Future – from 10.30am**  
*Saturday 17 February 2018*  
*Back to the Future* follows the adventures of teenager Marty McFly who is accidently sent thirty years into the past on a time machine DeLorean, and has to ensure that his parents fall in love to save his future.

**Back to the Future Part II – from 2.30pm**  
*Saturday 17 February 2018*  
The second instalment in the popular trilogy, *Back to the Future Part II* sees Marty sent into 2015 to solve a problem; when this leads to even more trouble, they must travel back to 1955 to put things right.

**Back to the Future Part III – from 7.45pm**  
*Saturday 17 February 2018*  
*Back to the Future Part III* once again sees Marty travelling time, this time back to the Old West to save his friend, Doctor Emmett Brown.

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – from 2.30pm**  
*Sunday 18 February 2018*  
*Being shown during its 50th anniversary year, Dick Van Dyke stars in classic musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, telling the story of an inventor who turns an old wreck into a magical flying car.*

**Lady Macbeth – from 7.45pm**  
*Monday 19 February 2018*  
*Directed by William Oldroyd, Lady Macbeth is set in 19th century England and tells the story of Katherine, a woman trapped in a loveless marriage, who finds an inner power unleashed after she embarks on an affair.*

**The Elephant Man – from 7.45pm**  
*Tuesday 20 February 2018*  
*Anthony Hopkins stars in the film adaptation of The Elephant Man, a story about a heavily disfigured man who encounters mistreatment due to his appearance.*

Tickets: £3.50 to £7.00  
Telephone: (01242) 522852

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**Thursday 15 February**

**Aquabatics at Leisure at Cheltenham**

Tommy Taylors Lane  
Cheltenham GL50 4RN

Leisure at Cheltenham will play host to an Aquabatics session with international diving coach Naomi. Welcoming children aged seven and over on Thursday 15 February 2018, the Aquabatics session will feature gymnastics, diving and trampolining, making for an exciting experience in Cheltenham. Naomi will translate her experience into teaching a range of skills that can be applied to a wide range of sports, making the session beneficial and enjoyable.

Time: from 12:15pm to 4pm  
Tickets: The session costs £30  
Telephone: (01242) 528764
Brainiac Live! at Bacon Theatre
Dean Close School
Shelburne Road
Cheltenham GL51 6HE

Science’s most exciting show will return to the Bacon Theatre for a sensational show this spring, offering fantastic family fun – which shouldn’t be done at home!
Sure to entertain audiences of all ages, the anticipated show, based on the multi award-winning television show, Brainiac Live! will explore the mysteries of science during the fun and fearless performance.
Time: from 2pm
Tickets: tickets cost £14, £12 for concessions, £48 for a family ticket
Telephone: (01242) 258002

Lloyd & Rose Buck: Our Life with Birds at Pittville Pump Room
East Approach Drive
Cheltenham GL52 3JE

The event offers the rare opportunity to meet golden eagles, peregrine falcons, hawks, owls, starlings and many more, all raised and trained with loving care by bird handlers Lloyd and Rose Buck.
Having appeared on programmes such as Springwatch and Countryfile, the show is interspersed with Lloyd and Rose’s own film footage and photography, and is sure to be a thoroughly entertaining evening.
Ticket Offer: Get 50 per cent discount on tickets using the code BUCK50.
Time: 7:30pm
Tickets: £16.50 each
Telephone: 0844 576 2210

Friday 16 February
KlubKidz at Pittville Pump Room
East Approach Drive
Cheltenham GL52 3JE

This is a family rave for children from birth to 8-year olds and their adult accomplices, with live DJs bringing you a mix of old skool and club classics, along with a dance floor, balloons, bubbles, face painting, glow sticks and club lights (no strobes).
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Tickets: £5 to £7
Website: thecheltenhamtrust.wearegifted.co.uk/klubkidz-earlybird

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February
Welly Walk at Pittville Park
The Boathouse and Central Cross Café
Pittville Park
Cheltenham GL52 3JE

Hosted by The Boathouse and will include a nature activity pack complete with duck food, goodies and activities.
Pick up an activity pack and join us for a stomp around the Park!
Time: 11am
Tickets: Nature activity packs cost £3 per child, with additional siblings costing £2
Telephone: (01242) 519215