

D.H. LAWRENCE FESTIVAL 2026

Festival LAUNCH

Saturday 1 August - 3.00pm

A FREE event

With poetry from Annette Pateman
and refreshments



THE LIVING
MOMENT IS
EVERYTHING

D.H. Lawrence

1885 - 1930

Mural by Smallkid Design



EASTWOOD
TOWN COUNCIL



Broxtowe
women's
PROJECT



The D.H. Lawrence
Society
Incorporated 1976



Co-produced by the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, D.H. Lawrence Society, Haggs Farm Preservation Society, Broxtowe Women's Project, Eastwood Town Council, Hill Top Community Church and Ben Mark Smith of the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival.

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What's On

2026 CALENDAR



August

Date	Time		Event
01	3.00pm	f	Festival Launch
04	10.00am	h	Wellbeing Walk
05	2.00pm	l	Talk: D.H. Lawrence's Plays
06	12.00pm	f	Pop-up Museum: Eastwood Fun Day
07	6.00pm	m	Friday 18
13	1.00pm	v	Book Folding Workshop
16	2.00pm	f	Proms in the Park
19	12.00pm	f	Pop-up Museum: Chilwell Fun Day
20	12.00pm	f	Antique CANCELLED the Garden
22	10.00am	h	Guided Tour at Bennerley Viaduct
26	7.00pm	l	Reading Group: 'The Christening'

September

01	10.00am	h	Wellbeing Walk
05	12.00pm	m	D.H. Lawrence Music Festival
08	2.00pm	l	Book Launch: D.H. Lawrence and the Gypsies
10	7.00pm	l	Reading Group: 'Return to Bestwood'
11	10.30am	h	Guided Walk: D.H. Lawrence's Nottingham
12	10.00am	l	Lawrence/Leavis Conference
12	7.00pm	l	D.H. Lawrence Birthday Lecture
12	10.00am	h	Heritage Open Day
13	10.00am	h	Heritage Open Day



Family and Community



Heritage



Literature



Music



Visual Arts

What's On

① LITERATURE

Talk: D.H. Lawrence's Plays

Wednesday 5 August, 2.00pm



D.H. Lawrence Society member, Jonathan Long, will explore the varying dramas involved in Lawrence's attempts at getting his plays published and performed. Lawrence was absorbed by drama as a literary genre, writing eight plays and starting two others.

A FREE event, booking required
<https://tinyurl.com/hu6xk8B3>.

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

Lawrence/Leavis Conference

Thursday 10 September, 7.00pm

A series of talks exploring literary critic F.R. Leavis' understanding of Lawrence.

A FREE event, no need to book

Venue: Zoom (more information available at www.dhlawrencesociety.com)

Reading Group 'Return to Bestwood'

Thursday 10 September, 7.00pm

Led by authors Dr David Amos and John Pateman, this reading group will examine D.H. Lawrence's short story, 'Return to Bestwood'. Lawrence visited Eastwood for the last time in September 1926 at a time when the Miner's Lockout was starting to collapse and the return to work was gathering momentum.

A FREE event, booking required <https://tinyurl.com/mrymxahj>

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

Reading Group 'The Christening'

Wednesday 26 August, 7.00pm

Dr Andrew Harrison (University of Nottingham) will lead this reading group on D.H. Lawrence's 'The Christening', a fascinating early short story set in Eastwood, exploring the themes of illegitimacy, shame and rebellion.

A FREE event, booking required
<https://tinyurl.com/ya3cpbz3>

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

Book Launch:

D.H. Lawrence and the Gypsies, with author John Pateman

Tuesday 8 September, 2.00pm

D.H. Lawrence first encountered Romanies/Gypsies when they passed through Eastwood, and they appear in many of his works; his descriptions of Gypsies reveal his intimate knowledge of their lifestyle and culture. John Pateman explores how Lawrence's representation of Gypsies as 'the other' formed part of his analysis of race, class and domestic purity in English society.

John Pateman is the author of several books about his own Romany family. He is a Council member of the D.H. Lawrence Society and the author of *Willie Hopkin: D.H. Lawrence's Socialist Friend* and *D.H. Lawrence in Nottingham*.

A FREE event, no booking required. Refreshments provided.

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



D.H. Lawrence Birthday Lecture:

The Three Lady Chatterleys: Loss and Gain, with Professor Neil Roberts

Saturday 12 September, 7.00pm

Since the first and second versions of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* were published in 1944 and 1972 respectively, readers have differed about their respective merits. In this lecture, Professor of English Literature and literary critic Neil Roberts explores these different versions, examining the conflicts which drove Lawrence's revisions.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Zoom (more information available at www.dhlawrencesociety.com)



② VISUAL ARTS

The Optimist's Incomplete by SEVHAGE:

A Poetry and Photo Exhibition of (Un) Finished Becoming and More

From Thursday 23 July until Sunday 13 September.



Image: Dallas Museum of Art

Produced by SEVHAGE ABC4DE, TransitUs, and BBAAAF, and curated by Su'ur Su'eddie Vershima Agema, this exhibition brings together poetry, photography, letters and handwritten notes, in a layered conversation around love, (dis)trust, memory, nostalgia, sensuality, migration, inheritance, fracture, healing, and unfinished becoming. The exhibition will also feature some open poetry readings inspired by its central themes.

Inspired in part by D.H. Lawrence's poetry and literary oeuvre, the exhibition explores a broad range of themes and interrogates various shades of optimism - what it means to be or not be, and the incompleteness of what lies in-between in our contemporary reality.

COST: (free to visit during the museum's regular opening hours)

Venue: The Gallery Space at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

Book Folding Workshop

Thursday 13 August, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Join us for a relaxed and creative book folding workshop inspired by the literary heritage of Eastwood. Learn how to transform pre-loved books into beautiful, folded art to take home.

COST: £5 per person (book included). Booking essential, limited spaces.
<https://tinyurl.com/yjd6ruxp>

Venue: Pretties in the Wood, 39 Scargill Walk, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3AY





Wellbeing Walk

Tuesday 4 August, 10.00am

A free guided walk through Eastwood. The walk offers gentle exercise and a historical insight into the places that Lawrence knew so well.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Meet at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW.

Guided Tour: Bennerley Viaduct

Saturday 22 August, 10.00am

Discover the Iron Giant - A structure in the Erewash Valley, which D.H. Lawrence frequently depicted in his writings.

COST: from £1.79, booking required
<https://tinyurl.com/48u4jjkc>

Venue: Nottinghamshire (east) end of the Bennerley Viaduct is best accessed near Awsworth, Nottinghamshire, NG16 2RD, off Awsworth Road NG16 2BF.

Wellbeing Walk

Tuesday 1 September 10.00am

A free guided walk into the local countryside. The walk offers gentle exercise in the area that Lawrence called 'The country of my heart'.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Meet at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW.



Guided Walk: D.H. Lawrence's Nottingham

Friday 11 September 10.30am

Join the D.H. Lawrence Society for a guided walk around D.H. Lawrence's Nottingham. Meet at 10.30am at Nottingham Railway Station.

A FREE event booking required
<https://tinyurl.com/4mh9fu79>

Venue: Nottingham Railway Station (next to Costa), Carrington Street, Nottingham NG2 3AQ.

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 12 and 13 September,
10.00am - 4.00pm

Step back in time with costumed guides describing family life in Lawrence's first home part of the National Heritage Open Days.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



Antique Auction Garden

CANCELLED

Join us for an afternoon of vintage treasures, antiques and collectables in the beautiful garden setting of the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum. Browse, bid and uncover hidden gems while supporting Broxtowe Women's Project. A perfect event for lovers of history, heritage and one-of-a-kind pieces. Arrival from 12.00pm, auction 12.30-1.30pm.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: The Garden at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

POP-UP MUSEUM



Eastwood Fun Day

12.00 - 4.00pm 6 August,
Coronation Park,
NG16 3LQ

Chilwell Fun Day

12.00 - 4.00pm 19 August,
Inham Nook Recreation Ground
NG9 4GY

With crafts, toys and collaborative mural making.



MUSIC

D.H. Lawrence Music Festival

Saturday 5 September, from 12.00pm

15 stages at 14 Eastwood venues showcasing FREE live music from 150+ talented local artists, something for everyone! More information about stages and artists, available at facebook.com/DHLawrenceMusicFestival or search for the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival playlist on Spotify for a taste of what is to come.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Opening in the garden at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum at 12.00pm until 4.00pm and at pubs across Eastwood between 2.00pm and 11.00pm.

Other cultural events in the area include live music with the Friday 18 music events, and Proms in the Park.

See here for more information
www.broxtowe.gov.uk/musicevents

