**Cressing Spooky Fun a Spooktacular Success**

This October half-term a ghostly crew took over at the historic 13 century Cressing Temple Barns near Witham and Braintree, to run **Spooky Fun**. This year has already seen a record number of visitors enjoying **Spooky Fun**, with more people then ever before attending the popular event.

Visitors were able to pick their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and carve it. Meet slithery and scary creatures at **Snakes Alive** and make spooky slime to take home (in a bookable workshop for years four and above).

Entertainment was provided by a variety of enchanting and death-defying acts including sword swallowing, fire eating, stilt walking and a magic show. Face painting, creepy crafts Halloween games and a fancy-dress competition were also available each day.

This year in a twist on the ‘Trick or Treat’ theme there were also special treats hidden around the site all week to be found. Treats included a £50 Braintree Village voucher, an Essex Country Parks Explorer Pass worth £75 and a Magical Christmas at Cressing voucher worth £54. Visitors will need to look out for golden envelopes.

Spooky Fun at Cressing Temple Barns runs until and including Saturday 2 November.

**To find out more and book these events visit:** [**http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/**](http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/)

**Ends**

**Notes to editors**

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**Location:**

Cressing Temple Barns

Witham Road, Cressing CM77 8PD

**Dates:**

Saturday 26 October – Saturday 2 November

11am-4pm

**Prices:**

Online price: £14 per child. Under 3's and adults free of charge. On the day price: £15 per child. Under 3's and adults free of charge.

**Parking:**

Free of charge

**How to book:**

Book on-line or by phone

<http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/spooky-fun/>

01206 573948

**Spooky Fun Activities available include:**

• Pick and carve their own pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch
• Meet some slithery creatures at Snakes Alive
• Make some spooky slime to take home with them (bookable workshops for age 4 years and above)
• Transform into a terrifying creature with face paint (suitable for age 3 and above)
• Marvel at performances from a fire eater and stilt walkers
• Watch a magic show
• Make some creepy crafts
• See a danger show, including sword swallowing
• Play some traditional games with a Halloween twist
• And more!

Slime workshops need to be booked in advance (only children aged 4-12 years need a ticket for the slime workshop)

**Week of Treats:**

**Saturday 26 October:** Sky Ropes voucher for 2 (worth £20)

**Sunday 27 October:**Country Parks Explorer Pass worth £75!

**Monday 28 October:** Braintree Village voucher

**Tuesday 29 October:** Creation Station Art Box voucher (worth £30+)

**Wednesday 30 October**: Essex Outdoors voucher (2 free spaces for February ½ term worth £60)

**Thursday 31 October:** Starlight Cinema voucher (worth £20 minimum)

**Friday 1 November:** Magical Christmas at Cressing voucher for 2 children and 2 adults (worth £54)

**Saturday 2 November:** Tiptree Cream Tea for two voucher

**Hauntings at Cressing Temple Barns**

According to the source: Haunted Chelmsford by Jason Day

There are five ghosts at Cressing Temple Barns. They include a Roman solider with a head wound that appears in the fields next to the barns, a knight who according to legend is buried on the estate, a cavalier, an ostler killed in a tragic accident and the footsteps of an unidentified man who lost his partner in a fire hundreds of years ago . . .

**Terrifically Terrifying Tales**:

Two new ghost stories performed live especially for the spooking season.

**The King's Head written and performed by Patrick Marlowe** A traveller down on his luck steals the coins from a dead man's eyes and ends up finding good fortune. But are the coins as lucky as they seem?

**As Shuck Would Have It written and performed by Neil D'Arcy-Jones**A writer goes in search of the legend of the Ghost Dog of East Anglia and turns up more than he bargained for.

Packing Shed Theatre Company produces work inspired by East Anglia, performed by creatives based in the East.

**Times:**

Doors open at 7pm. Performance starts at 7.30pm.

Suitable for aged 12 and over. Not recommended for primary school children or younger. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be an interval between stories where light refreshments will be available.

<http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/terrifically-terrifying-tales/>

**Drive-in Movie: Rocky Horror Picture Show**

Saturday 26 October

Price is £20 per car, with max 5 occupants.

Gates open at 7pm - show starts at 7:30pm

(rated 15)

<http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/drive-in-cinema-rocky-horror-picture-show/>