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Press release: Free talks and demonstrations by Leicester's leading sports stars

Leicester's leading sports personalities will be giving talks and demonstrations at the city's museums this summer.

To support the Leicester Mercury's Back Page Exhibition which is touring the city's museums, Leicester's sports stars have volunteered to give talks about their experiences.

Rendall Munroe, sometimes nicknamed "the boxing bin-man", is a European Super Bantamweight Champion and will be talking about his rise to the top and his big fights, alongside Lauren Turner of the Leicester Ladies Hockey Club. They will be speaking at New Walk Museum & Art Gallery on Saturday 30th July 2011 at 2.00pm.

Basketball fans will also not want to miss the chance to meet members of the Leicester Riders at Newarke Houses Museum on Sunday 4th September 2011 at 2.00pm.

The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition then travels onto Abbey Pumping Station on Saturday 11th September 2011 with CKI Martial Arts will provide a demonstration of their skills, and hopefully get some of the audience participating too! CKI Martial Arts will be performing between 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition is a touring exhibition of sporting photographs that have appeared on the Back Page of the Leicester Mercury. The exhibition is a celebration of sporting achievements from Leicester and Leicestershire together with the skill of the Mercury's photographers who have captured the action as it happens.

For more information about the talks and demonstrations or the Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition, please contact the venues or visit: www.leicester.gov.uk/backpage

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Visitor Information

The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition will be on display at Leicester Museums this summer on the following dates:

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery: 30th July – 14th August 2011
Tel: 0116 225 4900

The Guildhall: 15th August – 21st August 2011
Tel: 0116 253 2569

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens: 1st September – 9th September 2011
Tel: 0116 225 4980

Abbey Pumping Station: 11th September 2011
Tel: 0116 299 5111

Belgrave Hall Museum & Gardens: 24th September – 28th September 2011
Tel: 0116 266 6590

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Events

Special events involving the sports personalities featured and Leicester Mercury photographers will be held alongside the exhibition, unless specified the accompanying events are free:

**The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition: Rendall Munroe & Lauren Turner
Saturday 30th July 2011
2.00pm**

New Walk Museum & Art Gallery

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**The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition: Mike Sewell, Leicester Mercury
Photographer
Sunday 21st August 2011
2.00pm – 3.00pm**

The Guildhall

Mike Sewell has worked for the Leicester Mercury for ten years, during this time he has had the privilege of covering some amazing sporting events. It was because of this passion for sports photography that he was asked to curate The Back Page exhibition. Alongside the Leicester Mercury photographers, Mike Sewell produced 25 stunning sports images for the show. Mike will be talking about the thinking behind the pictures and discussing the process of exactly how they were taken. “It was a pleasure to work with the best sportsmen and women in Leicestershire and we were fortunate that they went for our crazy ideas.”

**The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition: Leicester Riders
Sunday 4th September 2011
2.00pm**

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens

Basketball fans will also not want to miss the chance to meet members of the Leicester Riders for a talk and demonstration.

**The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition: CKI Martial Arts
Saturday 11th September 201
1pm – 3.00pm**

Abbey Pumping Station

CKI Martial Arts will provide a demonstration of their skills, and hopefully get some of the audience participating too!

The Leicester Mercury Back Page Exhibition: Victorian Sports Day

Saturday 24th September

11.00am – 3.30pm

Belgrave Hall Museum & Garden

Celebrate the launch of the Leicester Mercury Back Page exhibition and the build up to the 2012 Olympics at Belgrave Hall. Step back in time and enjoy a sports day of croquet on the lawn, skittles, blindman's bluff, three-legged race and a sack race. Also, learn about Victorian health food. £2.50 for activities.

Supporting Images

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