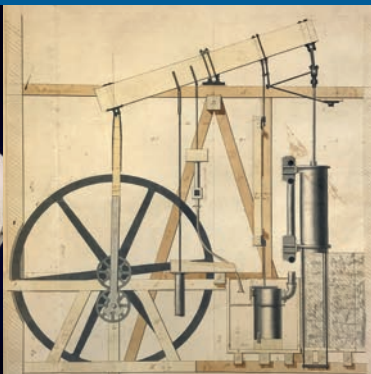




JAMES WATT 2019

Bicentenary programme celebrating
the life and legacy of James Watt





JAMES WATT 2019

2019 marks the 200th anniversary of the death of the steam engineer James Watt (1736-1819), one of the most important historic figures connected with Birmingham and the Midlands.

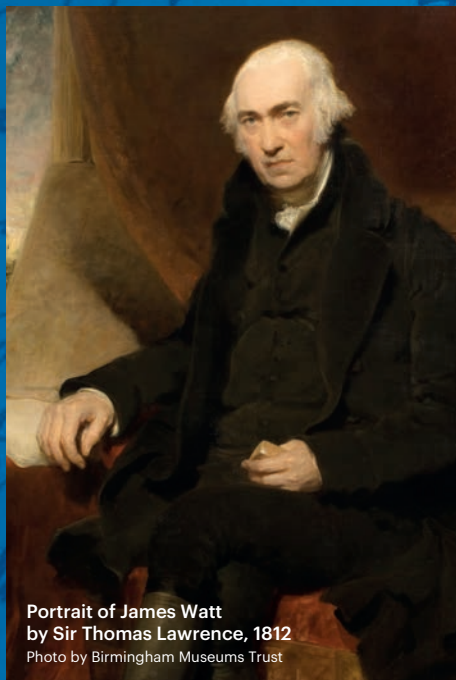
Born in Greenock in Scotland in 1736, Watt moved to Birmingham in 1774 to enter into a partnership with the metalware manufacturer Matthew Boulton. The Boulton & Watt steam engine was to become, quite literally, one of the drivers of the Industrial Revolution in Britain and around the world.

Although best known for his steam engine work, Watt was a man of many other talents. At the start of his career he worked as both a mathematical instrument maker and a civil engineer. In 1780 he invented the first reliable document copier. He was also a talented chemist who was jointly responsible for proving that water is a compound rather than an element. He was a member of the famous Lunar Society of Birmingham, along with other leading thinkers such as Matthew Boulton, Erasmus Darwin, Joseph Priestley and Josiah Wedgwood.

The Boulton & Watt steam engine business was highly successful and Watt became a wealthy man. In 1790 he built a new house, Heathfield Hall in Handsworth (demolished in 1927).

Following his retirement in 1800 he continued to develop new inventions in his workshop at Heathfield. These included a machine that could produce three dimensional copies of sculpture.

Watt died at Heathfield on 25th August 1819 aged 83.



Portrait of James Watt
by Sir Thomas Lawrence, 1812
Photo by Birmingham Museums Trust

The 2019 James Watt Bicentenary commemorative programme is coordinated by the Lunar Society. We are delighted to be able to offer a wide-ranging programme of events and activities in partnership with a host of other Birmingham organisations.

For more information about the programme and to book tickets visit jameswatt2019.org

[@LunarSoc](https://twitter.com/LunarSoc)

[#jameswatt2019](https://twitter.com/jameswatt2019)

Friday 5 April, 6pm-8pm Watt Inventions

Family event

Be inspired by James Watt's ingenuity and create your very own work of genius. Who knows, maybe your inventions will end up changing the world too!

The Lighthouse Young People's Centre,
100 Alma Way, Birmingham, B19 2LN

Free, drop-in craft activity for children aged 8+

Friday 12th April & Friday 11th October, 2pm-3pm A Visit to the Assay Office Silver collection

Behind the Scenes

James Watt was one of the first Wardens of the Birmingham Assay Office, established in 1773. To celebrate James Watt 2019 the Assay Office is opening the doors to its important private collections. Curator Craig O'Donnell will deliver a brief talk before inviting visitors to view the impressive array of silver and coins and medals from the Soho Mint. Private Assay Office ledgers and books not normally accessible will also be on display.

Assay Office, Icknield Street,
Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, B18 6RZ

£10 including drinks on arrival.
Limited places, booking essential.
Book at theassayoffice.com/news

Spoon handle showing
the 1774 Birmingham
hallmark

Saturday 13 April, 11.30am-12.30pm James Watt: Powering Canals and Industry

Talk

Jim Andrew, engineer and early steam engine expert, describes how James Watt's steam engines were used to pump water out of mines and up canals, focussing on the Smethwick Engine and Birmingham Canal System.

Library of Birmingham, Floor 4,
Heritage Learning Space, Broad Street,
Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org



Smethwick Engine,
Thinktank

Wednesday 17 April, Steaming at 12noon & 2.30pm Smethwick Engine Steaming Day

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Thinktank, Millennium Point,
Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG

Entry to this event is included in the price of Thinktank admission.

Follow in the footsteps of James Watt

Watt's Wanderings: Discover Hidden Handsworth

Get your walking shoes on and explore Handsworth, the place where James Watt came to make his mark on the world! Free walks organised by legacy-wm.org. Come prepared for the weather.

Saturday 27 April, 10am-11.30am

Start and finish at St Mary's Church, Hamstead Road, Handsworth, B20 2RW

Tuesday 14 May, 9.30am-11am

Start and finish at Handsworth Leisure Centre, Holly Road, Handsworth, B20 2BY. Please note this is a women only event.

Thursday 16 May, 11.30am-12.30pm

Start and finish at Handsworth Association of Schools, 2-8 Broughton Road, Handsworth, B20 2PS

Friday 17 May, 1pm-2pm

Start and finish at Soho House, Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5BL

Thursday 30 May, 10.30am-12.30pm
Sunday 20 October, 1.30pm-3.30pm
**Geology of the Lickey Hills:
A walk in the footsteps of
James Watt and his sons**

James Watt and his sons had a keen interest in geology including rock formations of the Lickeys. Join Julie Schroder, amateur geologist and volunteer with Lickey Hills Geo-Champions to discover the geology of these popular hills.

Free event. Meet at the Lickey Hills Visitor Centre, Warren Lane, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 8ER

Come in sturdy shoes and prepared for whatever the weather may bring.



Bilberry Hill,
The Lickeys

Thursday 18 April, 1pm-3pm
Casting Creations

Family event

Take inspiration from the plaster pictures created by engineer and inventor James Watt and make your own plaster portrait.

The Coffin Works Museum,
13-15 Fleet Street, Jewellery Quarter,
Birmingham, B3 1JP

Free, drop-in craft activity for children aged 5-12. Donations welcome.

Factory visit not included but participants can enjoy a reduced rate tour.

Friday 17 May, 6.30pm-8.45pm
Illuminating James Watt

Talk

Join Dr Malcolm Dick, Director for the Centre of West Midlands History, and hear how James Watt's pioneering work on improving steam engines led to a highly successful partnership with the industrialist and entrepreneur Matthew Boulton.

Soho House, Soho Avenue, Handsworth, Handsworth, B18 5LB

£15. Includes optional tour of Soho House. Book at birminghammuseums.org.uk

Saturday 18 May, 11.30am-12.30pm
**The Men, Women and
Children of Soho**

Talk

Caitlin Russell and Christopher Olive have used the extensive Boulton and Watt archive to uncover the stories of the people who worked for James Watt and Matthew Boulton. Find out about their everyday factory experiences.

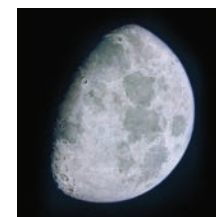
Library of Birmingham, Floor 4,
Heritage Learning Space, Broad Street,
Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Saturday 18 May, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Watt Make and Take

Family event

Be inspired by James Watt and his friends in the Lunar Society. Come and create your very own pastel drawing of the moon.



Handsworth Library, Soho Road,
Birmingham, B21 9DP

Free, drop-in craft activity for children aged 5-12.

Tuesday 21 May, 2pm-3.30pm
Conservation Studio Tour

Behind the scenes

Come behind the scenes at Birmingham Museums Trust on a conservation studio tour. See how objects are conserved and prepared for display in the *Watt in the World* exhibition (12 July to 31 October).

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH

£15. Booking essential. Age 14+. Book at birminghammuseums.org.uk

Monday 27 May, 11am-4pm
Soho Steam Fair

Family event

Come to Soho House and see miniature model steam engines and a miniature model railway for children to ride on. Meet James Watt or take part in a drop in craft activity.

Soho House, Soho Avenue, Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

£5 (£2.50 children).

More info at birminghammuseums.org.uk

Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 May, 10am-3pm
**Watt's Going On: Young
People's Holiday Programme**

School Holiday programme offered by Legacy West Midlands

Get inspired by James Watt's life and ideas with this exciting holiday programme. Arts, crafts, hands on activities and inspiring speakers. Help to create a film that tells the tale of James Watt's life. Suitable for 8-13 year olds.

Soho House, Soho Avenue,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

Free, places limited and booking essential. Book at legacy-wm.org



Conservation studio

Tuesday 28 May, 10am-12noon Kaleidoscope Colours

Family event

James Watt owned a Brewster kaleidoscope, invented by his friend Sir David Brewster in 1817 and an instrument that has delighted people with colourful combinations of glass ever since. Be inspired by the Divine Beauty of the Cathedral's windows, learn about the friends of Watt who worshipped here and create your own kaleidoscopic art.

Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2QB

A free, drop-in family friendly event for all.

Wednesday 29 May Steaming at 12noon & 2.30pm Smethwick Engine Steaming Day

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Thinktank, Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG

Entry to this event is included in the price of Thinktank admission.

Sunday 2 June, 11am-1pm

What's Watt

Talk and guided tour

James Watt Junior lived at Aston Hall for nearly 30 years and made it a comfortable home. Join Historian Chris Rice for an introduction to James Watt Junior followed by a guided tour of the Hall.

Aston Hall, Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6JD

£15, pre-booking essential.
Book at birminghammuseums.org.uk

Thursday 30 May, 10.30am-12.30pm Geology of the Lickey Hills: A walk in the footsteps of James Watt and his sons

Free. See page 4 for further details.

Sunday 2 June, Wednesdays 5, 12, 19 & 26 and Thursdays 6, 13, 20 & 27. Tour times 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm James Watt Tours

Guided tour



Soho House

Enjoy a themed guided tour of Soho House and learn more about the great inventor and steam engine designer James Watt, once a regular visitor to the house.

Soho House, Soho Avenue, Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

£7 adults, £3 Child, £5 concessions
Book at birminghammuseums.org.uk



The Great Hall, Aston Hall

Thursdays 6, 13, 20 & 27 June, 1pm-2.30pm

Who, Why, Where, When: Find Watt in Handsworth

Walk

Join Rachel West of Legacy West Midlands, put on your walking shoes and follow in the footsteps of James Watt, Handsworth's adopted son. Discover hidden Handsworth with a walking tour that explores this diverse area and investigates Watt's decision to relocate here.

Soho House, Soho Avenue, Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

£5. Come prepared for the weather.
Book at legacy-wm.org



St Mary's Church

Saturday 8 June, 11.30am

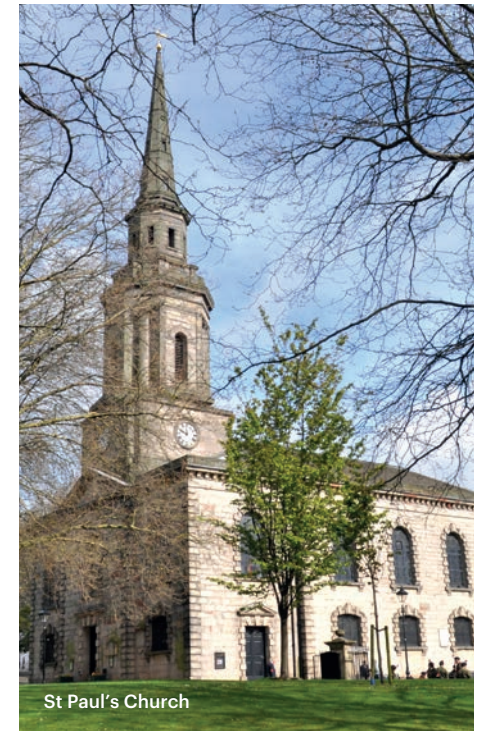
Selling Steam: Watt's Steam Engine in Popular Print Culture

Talk

Dr Katherine Croft reveals how Matthew Boulton and James Watt used contemporary newspapers, pamphlets and other print to promote their steam engine business.

Library of Birmingham, Floor 4, Heritage Learning Space, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org



St Paul's Church

Friday 14, Saturday 15 June, 9am-2pm and Sunday 16 June 9am-10.30am & 11.30am-2pm St Paul's Flower Festival: A Celebration of James Watt

Floral display

St Paul's church in the Jewellery Quarter will be celebrating in floral arrangements the life and achievements of James Watt, who once had a pew in this church. The vibrant floral display is a collaboration between the flower arrangers of St Paul's in the Jewellery Quarter and St Phillip's Cathedral.

St Paul's Church, St Paul's Square, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, B3 1QZ

Free entry

Saturday 15 June, 11am

Remembering James Watt: Death and Memorials in Georgian Birmingham

Talk

Josie Wall, who is completing PhD research about the development of Victorian cemeteries, will look at James Watt, his death, and the memorials erected to him in Birmingham and beyond. She will pay particular attention to the 'Cathedral of the Industrial Revolution'; St Mary's church in Handsworth where James Watt is buried along with Matthew Boulton and William Murdock.

Coffin Works, 13-15 Fleet Street, Birmingham, B3 1JP

£5. Book at coffinworks.org



Saturday 15 June, 7pm-9pm

From the Age of Steam: A Musical Tribute to James Watt

Concert

A special evening concert of music and readings from the life and times of James Watt, followed by a drinks reception.

St Paul's church, St Paul's Square, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, B3 1QZ

£7 (£5 concessions). Tickets at the door. Further info at stpaulsjq.church



Trees by Gregory Watt, c1790

Thursday 20 June, 3pm-4pm

Visit Watt's Workshop at Science Museum London

Guided Tour

Join Ben Russell, curator of Mechanical Engineering at the Science Museum, London, for a tour of Watt's Workshop. The workshop fittings and content, well over 8000 objects, were moved from Watt's home in Birmingham to the Science Museum in 1924.

Science Museum London, Exhibition Road, Kensington, London, SW7 2DD

£10. Meet at round reception desk inside the main entrance to the museum. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Tuesday 25 June, 6pm-8pm

The Lunar Society and the European Enlightenment

Talk

Simon Schaffer, Professor of History of Science at the University of Cambridge, will examine the Lunar Society in the context of the wider European Enlightenment movement.

Birmingham City University, Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7BD

Free event. Booking essential. Book at lunarsociety.org.uk

Saturday 29 June, 11.30am-12.30pm

The Family of James Watt

Talk

Join Eleanor Beestin and Harry Wilkins as they share their post-graduate research into James Watt's relationships with some of his closest family; his two wives, his son Gregory and his daughter Margaret.

Library of Birmingham, Floor 4, Heritage Learning Space, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Weekends in July and every day in August, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 3.30pm

James Watt

Family Lego Sessions

Family event

Come along to take part in our James Watt themed Lego family sessions and awaken your curiosity, science and computing skills. In this session you will learn how to come up with solutions to problems and test your ideas. Limited places. Sessions 45 minutes.

Thinktank, Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG

£2. Thinktank entry charge applies.

Boulton, Murdock and Watt by William Bloye



Saturday 6 July, 11am-1pm

City Centre Lunar Walking Tour

Walk

Join blue badge guide Diana Perowne for a walking tour around Birmingham city centre, taking in historic sites associated with the Lunar Society.

Start at Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BQ. Please note that this walk ends in the Jewellery Quarter.

Free event. Limited places. Booking advised. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Friday 12 July to Saturday 2 November, Mon & Tue 11am-7pm, Wed to Sat 11am-5pm. Closed Sunday.

Watt in the World: the Life and Legacy of James Watt (1736-1819)

Exhibition

This major exhibition features over 100 internationally important archival and museum objects, including paintings, original drawings and letters, furniture, silver, scientific instruments, personal items, photographs, documents and notebooks.

Library of Birmingham, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

Free. Further info at jameswatt2019.org

Saturday 20 July, 11.30am-12.30pm A History of Harper's Hill: James Watt's First Family Home in Birmingham

Talk

Researchers George Demidowicz and John Townley reveal details about James Watt's first family home in the area that was to become the Jewellery Quarter.

Library of Birmingham, Floor 4,
Heritage Learning Space, Broad Street,
Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Tuesday 23 July, 1pm-3pm Watt the World Needs Now...

Family event

Be ingenious, imaginative and inspired and create the next 'must have' invention.

Nettlefold Garden, Margaret Grove,
Harborne, Birmingham, B17 9JH

Free, drop-in event for children aged 5-12.
Contact the Education Officer for more
details on 0121 426 2908 or
email: education@moorpoolhall.com

Wednesday 24 July Steaming at 12noon & 2.30pm Smethwick Engine Steaming Day

Family event

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Thinktank, Millennium Point,
Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG

Entry to this event is included in the price of Thinktank admission.



Wednesday 31 July, 12noon-3pm Crazy Science & Garden Picnic

Family event

Come along and take part in some hands-on Crazy Science inspired by James Watt's experiments. Bring a picnic and relax in the garden afterwards.

Soho House, Soho Avenue,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

Free drop-in event. Please note that entry to Soho House is not included.



Wednesday 7 August, 12noon-3pm Imagination Playground

Family event

Come along to Soho House and be inspired by James Watt. Imagine, think, and build big structures in the garden with mega blocks of Imagination Playground.

Soho House, Soho Avenue,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

Free, drop-in event. Please note that entry to Soho House is not included.

Saturday 10 August, 11.30am-12.30pm Watt's Rotative Steam Engines: Case Studies of Ecton Copper Mine and Chester Flour Mill

Talk

Bill Whitehead and Chris Hodrien provide a fascinating insight into the problems encountered with some of Watt's early commercial steam engines. Hear about troubles at a Staffordshire copper mine and Chester flour mill.

Library of Birmingham, Floor 4,
Heritage Learning Space, Broad Street,
Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Saturday 24 August to Monday 26 August, 10am-5pm Please check steaming times on the Thinktank website

James Watt Weekend

Family event

To celebrate one of the greatest engineers of all time, come and find out about some of his inventions. Take part in our interactive science show and hands on activities to discover his legacy.

Thinktank, Millennium Point,
Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG

Entry to this event is included in the price of Thinktank admission.

Thursday 29 August, 1pm-3pm Lunar Inventions

Family event

Come and design incredible inventions inspired by the life of James Watt, his Lunar Society friends and the Summer Reading Challenge which celebrates the moon landings 50 years ago. Crazy, simple or just plain 'out of this world' we want to see and hear all about your creations.

Children's Library, Library of Birmingham,
Centenary Square, Broad Street,
Birmingham, B1 2ND

Free drop-in event for children aged 5-14.

Friday 30 August to Sunday 1 September Rethinking James Watt (1736-1819): Innovation, Culture and Legacy

Conference

This conference at the University of Birmingham will highlight recent research about James Watt. Contributions will explore his legacy and will go beyond his role in improving steam engine technologies.

Contact Malcolm Dick for more details,
email: m.m.dick@bham.ac.uk

Saturday 7 September, 1pm-3.30pm The Family of James Watt

Behind the scenes

A rare opportunity to join archivist Fiona Tait behind the scenes at Birmingham Archives and view original documents from the James Watt Archive Collection.

Library of Birmingham, Wolfson Centre,
Floor 4, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org

Saturday 14 September,
11.30am-12.30pm

Preserving the Dust: James Watt and Industrial Iconography

Talk

A jewel in the collections of the Science Museum London is the workshop of engineer James Watt. The workshop contents are preserved essentially as he left it upon his death in 1819. Ben Russell, Curator of Mechanical Engineering, will explore the workshop contents and discuss their implications for our interpretation of the industrial revolution and one of its most significant figures.

Library of Birmingham,
Heritage Learning Space, Floor 4,
Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org



Sunday 15 September, 2pm Mechanical Wonders: The Lap Engine

Gallery talk

Meet model maker David Hulse and hear how he researched and built the scale model steam engine on display in the exhibition.

Library of Birmingham, The Gallery, Floor 3,
Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

Free event

Sunday 15 September, 1pm-3pm Watt Make and Take

Family event

To coincide with the full moon in September, we will be creating lunar pastels and finding out more about Watt's friendships with the other members of the Lunar Society.

Soho House, Soho Avenue,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

Free, drop-in craft activity for children aged 5-12. Please note that entry to Soho House is not included.

Saturday, 21 September, 2pm-3pm St Mary's Church: Cathedral of the Industrial Revolution

Guided tour

Join the Friends of St Mary's Church on a guided tour of this ancient church and discover the stories behind its many memorials, including a large commemorative sculpture of James Watt.

St Mary's Church, Hamstead Road,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B20 2RW

Free event. Limited places. Booking advised.
Book at jameswatt2019.org

Left: Watt's attic workshop
at Heathfield House



Saturday 21 September Doors 7.30pm, performance 8.15pm Watt's Orbit

Sound installation

Sonic artist Bobby Bird aka Higher Intelligence Agency will give an immersive live surround sound performance of his composition Watt's Orbit, created from the sounds and rhythms of James Watt's steam driven beam engines. A transcendental tribute to James Watt, bringing history to life through sound.

St Paul's Church, St Paul's Square,
Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham, B20 2RW

Recommended 12 yrs+
£12. Book at wattsorbit.org

Sunday 6 October, 2pm-3.30pm Boulton, Watt and the Wyatts

Talk and guided tour

Watt's Heathfield house was designed by Samuel Wyatt. Join Rita McLean to hear about the varied and fascinating connections between the Wyatt family and Boulton and Watt business activities. The talk will be followed by an (optional) tour of Soho House.

Soho House, Soho Avenue,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

£5. Book at jameswatt2019.org

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£10 including drinks on arrival.
Limited places, booking essential.
Book at theassayoffice.com/news

Saturday 12 October Doors 7.30pm, start 8pm Soho on a Lunar Night

Light installation

Be amazed by this spectacle of light and images projected onto Soho House against the night sky. A show inspired by historical references and James Watt's wide ranging interests.

Soho House, Soho Avenue,
Handsworth, Birmingham, B18 5LB

Book at legacy-wm.org

Saturday 19 October, 2pm-3pm St Mary's Church: Cathedral of the Industrial Revolution

Guided tour

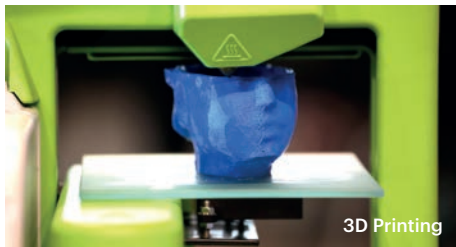
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Free. See page 4 for further details.



3D Printing

Saturday 26 October, 1pm-4pm
3D Workshop

Family event

In this interactive drop-in session, Black Country Atelier will be giving live demos of 3D scanning and 3D printing technology. This technology was used to make a copy of a bust of James Watt by sculptor Sir Francis Chantrey. Have a go at designing an object in 3D, get yourself 3D scanned, and maybe even get a mini-3D selfie made!

Library of Birmingham,
 Heritage Learning Space, Floor 4,
 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

Free drop-in session,
 suitable for all the family.

Tuesday 29 October, 1pm-3pm
Watt Can We Copy?

Family event

An exciting make and take activity for creative geniuses inspired by James Watt's copying inventions.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,
 Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH

Free, drop-in event for children aged 5-12

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Thinktank, Millennium Point,
 Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7XG

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Saturday 23 November, 11am-1pm
James Watt Bicentenary
Tree Planting

Family event

Join in and help the Birmingham Trees for Life team as they plant trees in Handsworth Park. Find out about the different species of trees in the tree trail walk.

Meet at the bandstand, Handsworth Park,
 Holly Road (for car park), Birmingham,
 B20 2BY

Free event.

Come prepared for whatever the weather may bring and wear sturdy boots or wellies.
 Info at jameswatt2019.org



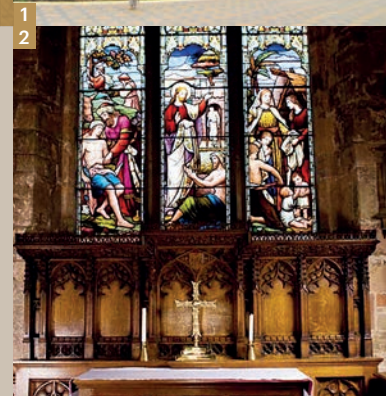
Tree Planting

James Watt in Birmingham

Birmingham is home to a wealth of heritage related to James Watt. **The Library of Birmingham** (1) holds the 'Archives of Soho', four major collections relating to the business activities and personal lives of James Watt and his partner Matthew Boulton. **Birmingham Museums Trust** is responsible for a significant collection of Watt material including Sir Thomas Lawrence's fine portrait painted in 1812.



Watt-related historic sites in Birmingham include **Handsworth Parish Church** (2), where Watt is buried; **Aston Hall** (3), home to James Watt Junior; **Soho House** (4) the former home of Matthew Boulton; the **Jewellery Quarter** (5), where Watt lived between 1774 and 1790; **Thinktank**, home to the Smethwick Engine, the oldest working steam engine in the world, and collections at **Birmingham Assay Office** (6), of which Watt was a Warden.



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