

Events 2019

LOCAL
STORIES
AT
THE
MUSEUM
AMERSHAM



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MUSEUM RECEPTION

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

Amersham Museum reopened in summer 2017 after a major refurbishment. The new museum includes a glass reception area, a complete redisplay of the collection and a new activity and temporary exhibition space. The museum's medieval hall house is now more clearly visible for visitors to see and enjoy.

Throughout the museum there are opportunities to explore Amersham's past through maps, photos, objects and documents. There are hands-on activities, discovery boxes with handling objects and multimedia tablets which provide access to the museum's wider archive.

FRIENDS OF AMERSHAM MUSEUM

The museum is supported by an active Friends group and a team of over 100 volunteers. Email info@amershammuseum.org to find out more about volunteering.

The Friends of Amersham Museum (FOAM) promote, support and assist the museum by raising money through subscriptions, donations and fundraising events. Members benefit from free entry to the museum, preferential rates to talks & lectures, early and private viewings to exhibitions and a calendar of social events.

Individual membership is £20 pa and Family Membership (2 or more people) is £30. Contact Jill Mace for more information: jill.mace@ntlworld.com

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WOMEN IN WWI

EXHIBITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

All of the museum's exhibitions and events are FREE to visit after admission to the museum, unless otherwise stated.

AMERSHAM'S WOMEN AT WAR EXHIBITION

February - 12th May

Discover the incredible stories of local women who supported the war effort in WWI and campaigned for women's suffrage. The exhibition will be regularly changed, featuring different women each time.



LOTTERY FUNDED

AMERSHAM'S WOMEN AT WAR OPEN AFTERNOON

Saturday 30th March, 12noon-4.30

A special open afternoon, including a talk about Amersham's local women and arts and creative writing workshops.



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PORTRAIT PAINTING WORKSHOP, INSPIRED BY THE WORKS OF MARIE-LOUISE VON MOTESICZKY FOR BEGINNERS UP!

Friday 3rd May, Friday 10th May, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Booking required, free

Work with an artist to try creating a work in oil pastels or acrylics inspired by the work of Austrian artist Marie-Louise von Motesiczky, who lived in Amersham in the 1940s and 1950s. The museum has recently acquired three of her paintings.

These workshops are supported by the Marie-Louise von Motesiczky Charitable Trust.



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WREATH MAKING

EXHIBITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MOBILE MUSEUM LAUNCH

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April,
during normal opening hours

Visit the museum this Easter weekend to see our fantastic new Mobile Museum, a vintage style vehicle packed full of stories about Amersham in the 20th century. On both days there will be lots of additional crafts, inspired by local 20th century artists, for people to join in.



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HOME: SOCIAL HOUSING EXHIBITION

15th May to 15th September

Find out about the history of social housing in Amersham from the almshouse to modern day council houses.

BUCKS ART WEEKS: CATHERINE BRIDGET PHILLIPS

7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, June, FREE entry to the exhibition (normal admission applies to the rest of the museum)

Catherine will be exhibiting her ceramics in the museum, including a special series of pieces inspired by the museum's collection.



HOME: ARTS & CRAFTS AMERSHAM EXHIBITION

18th September to end of November

Discover the wealth of the Arts & Crafts style in our local houses and community buildings.

EXHIBITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

HERITAGE DAY

Sunday 8th September, 11am-4pm

Visit the museum for FREE on this busy day in Amersham. Stop outside to see our amazing new Mobile Museum!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December,
10am-4pm, FREE admission

Shop for wonderful Christmas gifts made by local craftspeople. To get you in the Christmas spirit there is carol singing and festive refreshments.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Wednesday 11th December, 10am-12 noon, £30 per person. Booking required

Join this popular session, facilitated by Shaw's of Amersham, and learn how to make a wonderful wreath or table centre for Christmas. Price includes wreath, materials, mulled wine and mince pies.

OPENING UP LITERATURE

On Tuesday afternoons, the Tony Woodcock Room is host to a range of classes that offer a new perspective on literature. Join us to take part in seminars that range from Shakespeare to Creative Writing and Classical Mythology to the latest fiction. All welcome - absolutely no prior knowledge needed. Contact marysharp@binternet.com or call 01494 773139 for details of courses and to book your place.



TUDOR WALKS



AMERSHAM TOP TO BOTTOM

ADULT WALKS

WALKS OF AMERSHAM OLD TOWN

Every Sunday, April to October, 2.30pm, £3 per person, children free

A fascinating walk, led by a guide, around old Amersham. Discover the historic buildings and the interesting stories of the people who lived in and shaped the town in the past. 1½ - 2 hours.

TUDOR WALKS

Last Saturday of the month, April to September, 2.30pm, £3 per person, children free

These walks tell you about life - and death - in Amersham in Tudor times; food and drink, work and housing, fairs and markets, sickness and cures, clothing, and ghosts and religious beliefs. Costumed guides will tell you about the Lollard martyrs as you visit some of the places relevant to their story. Note the walk includes a steady climb through fields to the martyrs memorial. Walks start at the museum and usually last about about 2¼ hours but can be shortened by request.

J H KENNARD AND AMERSHAM-ON-THE-HILL WALKS

Sunday 19th May, Thursday 23rd May, 2pm, £3 per person, children free, booking required

Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Amersham-on-the-Hill and find out about the many projects undertaken by this Arts & Crafts architect. The walk starts outside Amersham station and lasts 1½ to 2 hours.

To book: www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest or email info@amershammuseum.org

There will be further walks in autumn; see our website for further information.

ADULT WALKS

J H KENNARD AND CHESHAM BOIS WALKS

Saturday 25th May, Thursday 30th May, 2pm, £3 per person, children free, booking required

Discover one of the most important architects in Amersham's 20th century development, J H Kennard. Join this walk around Chesham Bois and find out about the many projects undertaken by this Arts & Crafts architect. The walk starts outside the Parish Centre, Glebe Way, Chesham Bois and lasts 1½ to 2 hours.

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HISTORIC AMERSHAM TOP TO BOTTOM

Wednesday 29th May, Saturday 1st June, 11.15am, £3 per person, children free, booking required

A short woodland walk starting at Amersham station through the beech woods down to Amersham old town. Discover the unique features of the town including evidence of domination by one of the richest non-noble families in England. There will be a rare opportunity to see impressive memorials to this family in the Drake Chapel. The walk will finish outside Amersham Museum.

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SPECIAL WALKS for groups or schools can be organised at any time of the year. Visits to the museum or for a guided walk cost £5 per person or £8 for both a walk and a museum visit.



CLAIRE LEIGHTON



MEMORY BOXES

TALKS

AMERSHAM'S WOMEN AT WAR TALKS

During Women's History Month in March we have a series of talks focusing on local women, their work and their links with WWI and the campaign for suffrage.



CLARE LEIGHTON IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Wednesday 13th March, 7.30pm in Amersham Museum. Tickets £5, £3 for Friends of the Museum
Curator of Art & Studio Ceramics at Bucks County Museum, Mel Czapski, will share the story of renowned artist Claire Leighton, detailing her career as a wood engraver and her home in Monks Risborough during the 1930s. Leighton had a long-standing relationship with suffrage campaigner, H. N. Brailsford, whose family lived in Amersham.

THE LONG BATTLE: THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE COLLECTION IN THE WOMEN'S LIBRARY

Wednesday 27th March, 6.30pm in Amersham Museum, Tickets £5, £3 for Friends of the Museum
Dr Debbie Challis, Education and Outreach Officer at the Women's Library, will provide an introduction to the material relating to the campaign for women's suffrage held in the Women's Library at LSE. The different campaign groups, personalities and methods of protest in the long fight to get women the vote at all and then on an equal basis to men will be considered.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HONEYBEES

Wednesday 1st May, 2.30pm, in Amersham Museum, Free after admission
Meriet Duncan is a beekeeper, author and speaker. She will give a talk about the life cycle and importance of the honeybees. She will also be explaining how much we, as a community, can learn from a thriving colony of honeybees. Free after admission, no booking required.

AGE FRIENDLY

REMINISCENCE GROUP

Amersham Museum runs a monthly reminiscence group where we share our stories and memories from the past. These sessions are both stimulating and fun and give us the opportunity to meet new people. The sessions cost £2 per person and last for around an hour and always include tea, coffee and biscuits. The sessions are on Monday mornings, 10.30am-11.30am The dates for 2019 are: 4th March, 1st April, 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 9th September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.

SINGING GROUP

Join us for a sing-a-long to much loved songs from the 20th century. This session is once a month on a Thursday, 10am-11.30am and it's FREE and drop-in. The dates for 2019 are: 14th March, 4th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec.

MEMORY BOXES

The museum has developed a collection of memory boxes which contain various objects, (including sensory objects for scent, sound and touch) photos and documents that help to promote discussion, sharing memories and laughter in a friendly environment.

The boxes can be borrowed for a fortnight with a hire charge of £15 or we can facilitate a session for £30.

REMINISCENCE AT HOME

The Reminiscence at Home project works with people in their homes helping them to create a booklet of stories about their lives. People will have the opportunity to work with museum staff to turn their memories into a keepsake for themselves and their families.

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, be involved in Reminiscence at Home, book a memory box session or borrow a box then please contact the museum: 01494 723700, jane@amershammuseum.org.

With the support of the Paradigm Foundation and the Shanly Foundation.



FAMILIES

Visit the museum for one of our many arts and crafts sessions linking Amersham's history with hands-on fun.

Drop-in (unless otherwise stated). Subject to availability, during busy periods there may be a short wait for some activities. More details on our website.

EASTER GLIS GLIS TRAIL

6th April - 23rd April during normal opening hours,

£1 per person after usual admissions

Hunt the museum for the Easter glis-glis. Find them all and win a colouring book to take home.

CREATE! PORTRAIT PAINTING

Tuesday 16th April, Thursday 18th April, 10.30am-12.30 or 2-4pm, £4 per person

Work with artist Katy Cook to paint portraits using oil pastels. Your work will be inspired by the museum's recent acquisition of three paintings by Marie-Louise von Motesiczky. These sessions are for ages 5+ and booking required.

These sessions are supported by the Marie-Louise von Motesiczky Charitable Trust.

CREATE! WOMEN AT WAR

Wednesday 10th April, Wednesday 17th April 12 noon-4pm

Design a fabric banner for your bedroom or a t-shirt, inspired by posters designed by local women.



FAMILIES

CREATE! SCREEN PRINTING

Wednesday 29th May 12-4pm, £3 per child after usual admissions

Learn about how to make a screen print and create your own house themed screen printed bag.

CREATE! HOME SERIES

Every Wednesday 31st July - 28th August 12-4pm, £3 per child after usual admissions

- Design and print a set of greetings cards based on a design of your own home (31/07)
- Design and make a house-shaped treasure box (7/08)
- Explore our doll's house and make a mini interior of your own (14/08)
- Design and print a set of greetings cards based on a design of your own home (21/08)
- Design and make a house-shaped treasure box (28/08)

CREATE! HALLOWEEN SCREEN PRINTING

Wednesday 30th October 12-4pm, £3 per child after usual admissions

Create a Halloween design and screen print your own special Trick or Treat bag.

CREEPY CRAWLY TRAIL

Saturday 26th October - Sunday 3rd November during normal opening hours, £1 per child after usual admissions

Hunt the museum for creepy crawlies and learn about how we protect the museum's collections from pest damage! Finish the trail by making a creepy crawly to take home.



SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

CHILTERN JUNIORS ART CLUB

Our arts club for children aged 7-11 will continue to run termly throughout 2019. Topics range from watercolour painting, printing, and illustration, to sculpture and glasswork, and we use objects in our collection and local artists for inspiration.

Email emily@amershammuseum.org for further information.

YOUNG CURATORS

Young Curators is an after-school group for 14-18 year olds. The group provides opportunities for young people to work with museum professionals to develop their skills and understanding of museum curation. The sessions are fortnightly on a Wednesday and can be used to support DoFE and school work experience. To find out more email emily@amershammuseum.org

SCHOOLS

The museum runs an engaging and interactive programme for KS1 and KS2. Themes include:

- Traditional toys from the 20th century
- Amersham and the coming of the railway (this is a good topic for a local history study)
- Fossil Hunters and their collections
- Victorian Amersham
- Amersham in Tudor times
- Settlements and the Chilterns



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OPENING TIMES AND ADMISSIONS

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