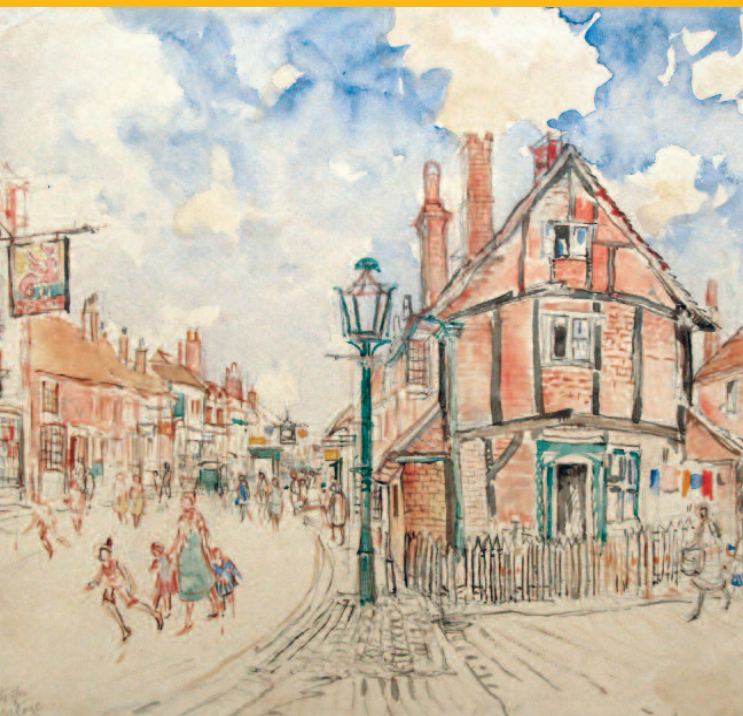


Events 2018

LOCAL STORIES AT THE MUSEUM AMERSHAM



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OPENING TIMES AND ADMISSIONS

The museum is open Wednesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays 12noon-4.30pm. Admission £3, children free

We can open for groups 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.

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 fund raising 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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MEDIEVAL HALL HOUSE



AMERSHAM TOYS' GAME

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.

Discover what life was like at five key moments in the town's history:

- Be a Tudor merchant in our 1580s interior
- Find out about the lords of the manor and their Georgian home
- Find out about life in Amersham in 1892 when the railway arrived and created the new town
- Sit down in our 1930s sitting room and listen to local people's stories on the radio
- Visit the record shop sound booth to listen to stories about local life in the 1960s

The museum's herb garden has been expanded and is now accessible to people in wheelchairs.

There are also improved facilities including an accessible toilet, baby changing and a lift with access to the activity space.

EXHIBITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

All of the museum's exhibitions are FREE to visit after admission to the museum.

THE WATERCOLOURS OF CAR RICHARDSON

Saturday 10th February - Sunday 29th April

Discover the wonderful watercolours of local artist Car Richardson, who lived in Chesham Bois. This exhibition focuses on her paintings of local people, places and events from the end of WWI to the 1940s.

WORKAID

Wednesday 2nd May - Sunday 3rd June

Find out more about Workaid, an amazing local charity.

AMERSHAM TOYS

Wednesday 6th June - Sunday 2nd September

Discover the wonderful and varied objects produced by Amersham's local toy factory in the early 20th century.

SHARDELOES

Wednesday 5th September - Sunday 28th October

Discover the fascinating stories behind the design, construction and fitting out of Amersham's iconic 18th century stately home.

AMERSHAM AT WAR

Wednesday 31st October - December

This exhibition explores what it was like to live in Amersham during WWI; the experiences of the women and children left behind as well as those who passed through the town.

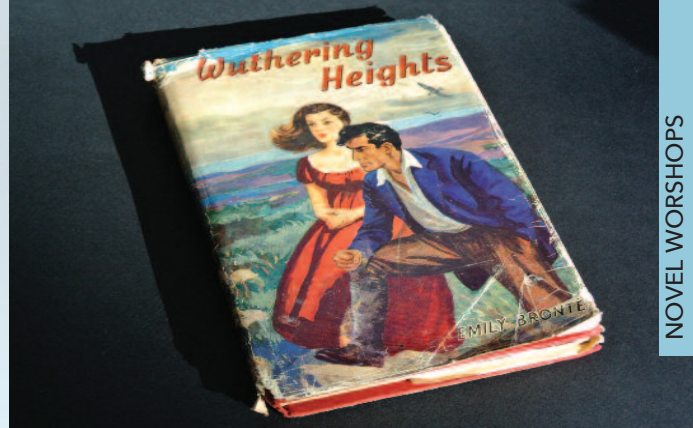
CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December, 11am-4pm,
FREE admission

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



CRAFT WORKSHOPS



NOVEL WORKSHOPS

THE CHILTERN CLUB OF ARTS FOR ADULTS

The Chiltern Club of Arts, a thriving cultural group established in Chesham Bois in 1919, has been relaunched at Amersham Museum. There is a wide range of classes, talks and workshops, delivered by teachers, artists and artisans. Where booking is required use our website unless detailed otherwise.

CHILTERN CLUB OF ARTS/CRAFTS

TALK AND TRY CRAFTS

Fridays 23rd February - Friday 30th March [term 1],
8th June - 27th July [term 2], 7th September - 19th
October [term 3], 10-11.30am, FREE

These free, weekly craft workshops offer a mixed programme of talks and workshops by skilled artists and artisans, plus a chance to have a go yourself. Contact georgina@amershammuseum.org to book a place.



KNITTING GROUP

Fortnightly on Thursdays from 22nd February,
10am-12noon, £2 per person per session
For beginners to the more experienced, this fun social knitting group provides a place for people to knit together and learn and develop their skills from experienced craftspeople.

EASTER TABLE DECORATIONS

Tuesday 27th March, 10am-12noon, £20 per person.
Booking required
Create an impressive display for Easter this year and learn how to make a wonderful Spring table centre. This session is facilitated by Shaw's of Amersham. Price includes materials, tea, coffee and cake.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Wednesday 12th December, 10am-12noon, £25 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.

CHILTERN CLUB OF ARTS/LITERATURE

OPENING UP THE NOVEL

Tuesdays 6th February - 27th March, 2pm-3pm, £120 which includes an edition of the novel, study materials and membership of the Serious Book Group. Booking required

This course is for anyone who loves reading and would like to discover more about how novelists manage to engage us so powerfully. Starting with the extraordinary *Wuthering Heights*, course tutor Mary Sharp will guide you through different writing styles and techniques. Absolutely no prior knowledge required. To make a booking email marysharp@btinternet.com or call 01494 773139.

OPENING UP POETRY

Tuesdays 6th February - 27th March, 3.30pm-4.30pm, £120 which includes a poetry anthology and study materials. Booking required

This course is for anyone who would like to develop their enjoyment for and confidence in poetry. Looking at writers from John Milton to Bob Dylan, course tutor Mary Sharp will guide you through different genres and techniques that writers use to create powerful emotional effects. No prior knowledge needed. To make a booking email marysharp@btinternet.com or call 01494 773139.



OPENING UP HAMLET

GLOBE THEATRE OPENING UP HAMLET

Tuesdays 24th April - 10th July, 1.30pm-3pm (no session 29th May and 19th June), £150 includes a copy of the play and theatre ticket. Booking required

This ten week course aims to open up the pathos, language and brilliance of Shakespeare's most powerful play and culminates in a visit to a production at the Globe Theatre. To make a booking email marysharp@btinternet.com or call 01494 773139.

TELLING TALES

Tuesdays 24th April - 10th July, 3.15pm-4.45pm (no session 29th May and 19th June), £130. Booking required

This ten week course tells ten of the most famous stories of our civilisation from Prometheus to Dr Faustus, showing how they have been re-used over the centuries and what their significance is for us today. To make a booking email marysharp@btinternet.com or call 01494 773139.

CHILTERN CLUB OF ARTS/FINE ARTS

OPENING UP ART WITH MISSENDEN ARTS CLUB

The Tate Britain Course: £105, Mondays (10.15am-12.15pm) 24th September, 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th October, 5th, 12th November and 19th November at Tate Britain. This eight week course introduces participants to seven key paintings at the Tate Britain leading to a fun trail at the Tate Britain on the eighth week.

OPENING UP ART WITH MISSENDEN ARTS CLUB

The National Gallery Course, £105, Mondays (10.15am-12.15pm) 16th, 30th April, 14th, 21st May, 4th, 11th, 18th June and 25th June at the National Gallery

This eight week course comprising seven interactive workshops introduces participants to seven key paintings at the National Gallery leading to a fun quiz, trail and tour at the National Gallery on the eighth week.

To make a booking for either of the art courses email missendenartsclub@gmail.com or call Roger Thomson on 07896 328346.



J H KENNARD WALK

ADULT WALKS

WALKS AROUND AMERSHAM OLD TOWN

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

A walk around Old Amersham viewing the buildings which make the old town unique. The guides explain the history of Amersham and cover the High Street, Broadway plus St Mary's Church, School Lane, Mill Lane and the Platt and Whielden Street. The walk starts at the museum and lasts 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. 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 2¼ hours but can be shortened by request.

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

Sunday 20th May, Wednesday 23rd May, 11am, £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.



LOTTERY FUNDED

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.



AGE FRIENDLY

REMINISCENCE GROUP

Amersham Museum runs a monthly reminiscence group where we share our stories and memories from the past. 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 2018 are: 5th March, 9th April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July, 10th September, 8th October, 5th November, 3rd December.

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. Themes include: Night Out in the 1950s; The 1960s; Working Life; Shopping; Metro-land; Toys.

The memory boxes are a valuable resource for care homes, independent community groups, sheltered housing groups. Sessions can either be delivered by a member of the museum or used independently. The boxes can be borrowed for a fortnight with a hire charge of £15 or we can facilitate a session for £30.

MAKE YOUR OWN MEMORY BOX

Join our special project to create your own memory box. Work with museum staff and an artist to bring together special objects, photos and documents to make a box or a book that you can share with friends and family. Booking is required but the sessions are offered for FREE with the support of our funders who are detailed below. The project runs for six weeks on a Monday afternoon, 1pm-3pm. You can book for either Monday 19th February - 26th March OR Monday 11th June - 16th July.

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, book a memory box session or borrow a box then please either phone the museum on: 01494 723700 or email: jane@amershammuseum.org

FAMILIES

Visit the museum for one of our many arts and crafts sessions linking aspects of 20th century Amersham history with hands-on fun.

Drop-in (unless otherwise stated) and free after admission with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Subject to availability, during busy periods there may be a short wait for some activities.

More details on our website.



CREATE! WATERCOLOURS

Wednesday 14th February 12-4pm

Inspired by the watercolour paintings of Car Richardson, make your own watercolour insects or garlands out of paper doilies.

CREATE! FOSSILS

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th April 12-4pm

Create your own fossilised creatures trapped in amber and turn them into magnets, based on Robin Reid's fossils in our collection.

CREATE! MAPS

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th April 12-4pm

Choose your favourite scene from historic Amersham maps to be turned into a keyring to take home.

CREATE! BIRD HOUSES

Wednesday 30th May 12-4pm

Build and decorate a bird house with the help of Workaid members from the local area.

FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY: ROMAN TREASURES

Wednesday 25th July 10-11.30am

Get up close with Roman coins and artefacts from the museum's collections, then learn about Roman minting and coin-making, before designing and creating your own coin dies (stamps) to take home. Pre-booking required (see website for more details).



CREATE! SUMMER

Every Wednesday

1st – 29th August 12-4pm

- 1st August: Make a mobile out of 'vinyl records' like the ones found at Ron Haddock's record shop
- 8th August: Concoct mini lava lamps inspired by Goya's perfume bottles
- 15th August: Construct your own butterfly-feeder in our fragrant museum garden
- 22nd August: Sew a Met-Line cross-stitched London Underground map
- 29th August: Decorate an Amersham Toys inspired tea set

MUSEUM MINIATURISTS

- Tuesday 31st July & 7th August 10am-4pm: Families with children aged 6-10 for joint workshops
- Tuesday 21st & 28th August 10am-4pm: Children aged 10+ for independent workshops

Can you help us restore our historic doll's houses? Design and make interiors for the Georgian and 1940s doll's houses in our collection, with help from a miniaturist. Visit our website for more details and to register your interest (pre-booking required) or email georgina@amershammuseum.org



LOTTERY FUNDED

CREATE! HALLOWEEN

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th October 12-4pm

Mask-making inspired by our Cinderella puppets' masquerade costumes, to wear for Halloween.

CREATE! CHRISTMAS

Saturday 8th December 12-4pm

Mix up some festive bath-time treats to give as gifts this Christmas.

SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

SCHOOLS

The museum runs an engaging and interactive programme for KS1 and KS2. Themes include Tudor and Victorian life in Amersham.

The museum has launched five new sessions, which are FREE for schools, with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. They are:

- WWII & Refugees
- Traditional Toys from the 20th century
- Amersham and the Coming of the Railway
- Local Artists and Landscapes
- Fossil Hunters and Their Collections

For more information please visit our website or contact Georgina@amershammuseum.org



CHILTERN CLUB OF ARTS JUNIORS

Our premier arts club for children aged 7-10, the Chiltern Club of Arts Juniors will continue to run termly throughout 2018. With topics ranging from watercolour painting, printing, and illustration, to sculpture and glasswork, there is something for everyone at CCA Juniors. Participants will also work towards their Arts Award, a nationally recognised initiative from Arts Council England, with the help of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Artsworld. Visit our website or contact us for more details and to register your interest.



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