

West Berkshire HERITAGE

Music, Talks,
Craft workshops
Family Activities
Christmas events,
and much more...

What's On

Autumn/Winter
2016/17



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SHAW HOUSE



Welcome to West Berkshire Heritage

West Berkshire is a wonderful place to live, work and visit. We have lots of new events and activities for all the family at the West Berkshire Museum and Shaw House. Check out our website www.westberkshireheritage.org where you can find out more about local history and archaeology and all sorts of walks, talks, events and activities organised by a range of local heritage organisations, clubs and groups.

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Shaw House

Church Road, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2DR
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Shaw House is a Grade I listed building and is one of the best preserved Elizabethan mansions in England, built in 1581. We have nine stunning rooms available to hire as a unique venue for conferences and meetings and we also offer wedding, christening and bereavement receptions.

We offer a year-round programme of events and activities for all ages, from concerts to the annual Christmas fair.

Why not join us for Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea, served on selected Thursdays throughout the year. Next available dates are 1st Sept, 27th October and 16th February. For more information please visit www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on.

Facilities: Café, gift shop, toddler hip seats, access for people with reduced mobility.



Shaw House



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Craft workshops

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new craft workshops for adults, at Shaw House and the West Berkshire Museum.

There are a variety of crafts from handmade books to bespoke ceramic Christmas decorations. All of our workshops are taught by professional, locally based tutors.

Please see the listings for more details and booking information.



Family Activity Days

Our Family Activity Days run throughout the school holidays with fun craft activities, puzzles and trails. Activities are aimed at children aged 4 – 11 years old. There is no need to book, just drop in. Sessions run (during the school holidays) every Wednesday at Shaw House 10am – 3.30pm and every Thursday and Friday at the West Berkshire Museum 10am – 3pm. All sessions are £2 per child. Please check the listings for more details about the planned activity.



West Berkshire Museum

The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5AS
T: 01635 519562 E: museum@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum is housed in two of Newbury's best loved historic buildings - the 17th century Cloth Hall and the old Granary/Corn Stores in the Wharf. The museum explores stories of life in the local area, from pre-history to today, through ten regularly changing galleries.

We provide family-friendly activities in the galleries throughout the year as well as a programme of talks, performances and presentations.

The museum's learning room, known as The Space, is available to hire for community groups, clubs or meetings and can accommodate up to 40 people.

Facilities: Café, gift shop, access for people with reduced mobility.

Museum collections

We have a wide range of material in our collections covering art, science, history and culture. We have internationally important finds from the Mesolithic period of the Stone Age and nationally important collections of Egyptology and material from the English Civil War.

We welcome interest in the collections and if you would like to see any item we hold for research or personal interest, please contact the museum to make an appointment.



West Berkshire Museum



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Local Heritage

The Archaeology Service, West Berkshire Council,
T: 01635 519534 E: archaeology@westberks.gov.uk

The West Berkshire Council Archaeology Service provides curatorial advice and information about the rich and diverse historic environment of the district.

There are over 500,000 years of human activity in West Berkshire, our mission is to promote the understanding and preservation of this fascinating resource for the benefit of all. For more information please visit www.westberks.gov.uk/archaeology

Find out more

We maintain the West Berkshire Historic Environment Record (HER), the primary index of archaeological and historical sites in our area. It is the evidence base for planning and land-use changes, but also a public record that can be used by anyone interested in West Berkshire's past. We can tell you about heritage assets and archaeological investigations, provide lists of sources and explain about the historic character of the landscape. www.westberks.gov.uk/HER.

Tell us what you've discovered

Our database has developed over many years and is continually updated. You can help by passing on your knowledge. If you have uncovered archaeological features please get in touch with us. www.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=31896.

If you have found any interesting objects while digging or metal detecting, these can be identified by the Finds Liaison Officer for West Berkshire and Oxfordshire, who holds regular Finds Surgeries in the West Berkshire Museum. <https://finds.org.uk>



Carrying out research

The Berkshire Record Office is the archives of the Royal County of Berkshire, it is free to visit and research or you can request copies. www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk



West Berkshire Museum Exhibitions

We have ten exhibition galleries in the museum, the displays are changed regularly so there is always something new to see.

The museum is open from 10am - 4pm every Wednesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays. Entry is free but you can support the museum by donating which helps us to buy new items to display, maintain our historic buildings and conserve our collections.



Artists At the Chapel

Work by three local artists
(Ends 18th Sept 2016)



Newbury Camera Club

New work from local photographers
(Ends 2nd Oct 2016)



Boxford Masques

A look at the history and future of this famous community drama group
(Starts 7th Oct 2016)



The Lie of the Land

Landscape paintings of West Berkshire
(Starts 30th Sept 2016)



Cabinets of Curiosity

A collection of strange and wonderful things from our collection



Playtime

Toys and Games throughout history



Dressed to Impress

Exploring how people have dressed through time
(Ends 20th Nov 2016)



Scouts' Choice

Objects chosen from the collection by local scouts
(Ends 25th Mar 2017)



Embroiderers' Guild

Recent work inspired by the Kennet and Avon canal
(Ends 25th Sept 2016)



Something old, Something New

Wedding fashions throughout history
(Starts 25th Nov 2016)



Family At War

World War I in West Berkshire



Thatcham Remembered

Wedding fashions throughout history
(Starts 22nd Sept 2016)



King and Cause

West Berkshire and the English Civil War 1642-46

adult craft Workshops



To book a place on these workshops please call Shaw House 01635 279279 or email shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk



Handmade books

Tutor: Anne Griffiths

Anne has worked nationally and internationally as a Textile Artist and tutor and has taught a variety of City & Guilds courses at Gloucester College of Further Education as well as for Guilds and Art Centres. She was Artist in Residence at Diamond Light Source where she collaborated with Newbury born sculptor Paula Groves as well as with the Oxfordshire Federation of WI's. Anne continues to work on Public Arts and Community Projects, her most recent commission "Stitching Wantage 2016" can be seen at The Vale & Downland Museum.

Japanese Stab Bound Books

Monday 17th | October

Shaw House 12pm – 4.30pm, £35

Japanese Stab Bound Books are ideal for anyone beginning to think about making their own books. There is no folding or gluing involved, although if you want to make your own more personalised cover you could use traditional origami paper or marbled paper. You may also want to add beads and develop the stitched bindings after the class.



Coptic Bound Books

Monday 21st | November

Shaw House 12pm – 4.30pm, £35

Coptic Bindings are made by sewing together a number of paper sections together through their folds. Each section is stitched to the last across the spine and decorative ribbons or bead may be added to enhance the look of your stitching. You will also be shown how to cover cards with decorative paper to give a neat and professional finish.

Filling Albums and Sketchbooks

Monday 20th | March

Shaw House 12pm – 4.30pm, £35

During this course we will look at how to arrange the material you have collected, in either your own bought or handmade sketchbook. We will look making windows, folds, flaps and inserts to alter the structure of the book as well as ideas for decorating individual pages. Please bring along your own collection of materials plus a sketchbook or scrapbook. This material could include photographs, recipes, postcards or any other material of your choice. Do note there is no sketching or drawing involved in this class!



For all of Anne's workshops, please bring with you a pencil, pair of scissors, metal ruler and any scraps of interesting fabric or papers that you'd like to incorporate in your book. If you have a cutting mat then please bring it along with you, otherwise one will be supplied. No previous experience needed.

Collections Care

Tutor: Sue Hourigan, Berkshire Record Office

Berkshire Record Office holds the historic archives relating to Berkshire. The archives are looked after by Jane and Sue, who clean, package and repair the documents. The techniques used to repair old documents and books can also be transferred into contemporary papermaking, picture mounting and bookbinding. The classes are designed for beginners. All materials and equipment will be supplied.

Talk: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Monday 12th | September

Shaw House 1pm - 2pm, Free (donations to Shaw House)

During this introductory talk, Sue will cover the threats to paper documents and photographs such as exposure to light, high humidity and poor quality boxing and how best to preserve family memorabilia. You will have the opportunity to find out more about her workshops and sign up on the day.

How to Prolong the Life of your Paper Document Collections

Monday 3rd | October

Shaw House 12pm – 4pm, £25

This workshop will cover several areas from how to surface clean documents, remove staples from magazines and comics, and sew them together. Sue will also show you how to remove sellotape and repair paper documents, and how to make simple preservation boxes.

Papermaking for Beginners

Monday 7th | November

Shaw House 12pm – 4pm, £25

This workshop is suitable for absolute beginners who would like to learn the art of making handmade paper as a creative medium. After a brief introduction, the session will be very much hands-on allowing you to experiment with different fibres and pulps.

Picture and Photograph Mounting

Monday 6th | February

Shaw House 12pm – 4pm, £25

Learn to cut and decorate window mounts for your pictures and photographs. Sue will teach you how to use the correct materials, tools and techniques to make your pictures look their best. This workshop is suitable for complete beginners or for those wanting to refresh their mount cutting skills.



adult craft Workshops



To book a place on these workshops please call the museum 01635 519562 or email museum@westberks.gov.uk

Painting Ceramic Christmas Decorations

Tutor: Piet van den Beuken, Roelofs & Rubens

Roelofs & Rubens is a local company which designs and produces handmade blue and white tableware, tiles and decorations. Being Dutch, Piet admits that the much-loved Delft Blue of the Netherlands holds a special place in her heart, whilst her original designs bring a fresh Continental look to her collection of quality English earthenware. Piet van den Beuken studied Architectural Design at St Joost Academy of Art Breda and Graphic Design at the Rietveld Academy of Art Amsterdam.



Painting Ceramic Christmas Decorations

Friday 14th | October, Friday 18th | November

West Berkshire Museum 10am – 1pm, £40

The workshops begin with a brief talk about the history of the Christmas tree and its decorations followed by hands-on painting of 4 ceramic decorations of your choice out of the vast collection of Roelofs and Rubens bisque shapes. There is plenty of help at hand for you to create your own unique and personalised Christmas decorations. The decorations will be taken away to be fired, finished with beads and ribbon and delivered to your house. Materials, beads, ribbon and postage are all included.

Floral Arrangements

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Kim attended Brighton Technical College City & Guilds floristry courses. She now runs her local business, Lavenders, where she hosts flower arranging sessions to groups and individuals. Kim also teaches at the Newbury Conservative Club and provides flower arrangements for local companies including Shaw House. These workshops are relaxed, fun and designed for absolute beginners or those wishing to revive their skills.

The Classic Posy Arrangement

Friday 4th | November

West Berkshire Museum 1pm - 3pm, £25

This circular centre piece forms the basis and focal point on any table or surface. Come along and make your own centre piece in autumn colours, which you are able to take home. All equipment and seasonal flowers and candles are provided.

Christmas Wreath Making

Tuesday 6th | December

Shaw House 10am or 1pm (2 hour workshop), £35

For more information please see December listings. To book a place on this workshop please call Shaw House 01635 279279 or email shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk.

Christmas Table Arrangement

Friday 16th | December

West Berkshire Museum 10am or 1pm (2 hour workshop), £25
For more information please see December listings.

Flowers in a Basket

Friday 17th | March

West Berkshire Museum 1pm - 3pm, £25

Baskets can be arranged with flowers for lots of occasions, from gifts to weddings or simply for your home. Come and join in the fun, arranging seasonal flowers in a basket. All materials provided.

Occasion Arrangements

Friday 31st | March

West Berkshire Museum 1pm - 3pm, £25

With the season of prom, weddings and the races just around the corner, come and learn a few techniques on how to make your own corsage, button hole and table arrangements with an introduction to planning your wedding flowers.



Family Workshops

National Celebration of Stitch

Newbury Embroiderers' Guild

Saturday 6th | August

West Berkshire Museum 10am – 4pm

Newbury Embroiderers' Guild is offering a range of textile activities suitable for adults and children as part of the National Celebration of Stitch. Come along to the museum for an opportunity to use an embellisher machine and a sewing machine. **Free.**

Stitch a Card

Saturday 3rd | September

West Berkshire Museum 10am – 4pm

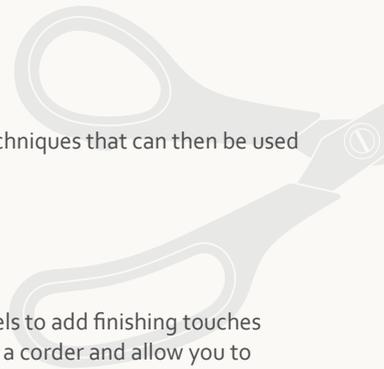
The Newbury Embroiderers' Guild will introduce various textiles techniques that can then be used on a greetings card. **Free.**

Cords, Braids and Tassels

Wednesday 14th | September

West Berkshire Museum 10am – 4pm

Join us for a demonstration of ways to make cords, braids and tassels to add finishing touches to your sewing projects. The Guild will also demonstrate the use of a corder and allow you to have a go! **Free.**



Talking History

A series of illustrated talks about history, heritage and culture. Themes include the English Civil War, family history and fashion.

Wednesday 21st | September

The First Battle of Newbury, 1643

West Berkshire Museum 7pm - 8pm

How did the royalist and parliamentary forces find themselves in a major confrontation on the fields of Newbury and what was the outcome? Find out in this fascinating talk by local historian **David Stubbs**.

Wednesday 19th | October

Sources for Family History at the Berkshire Record Office

West Berkshire Museum 2pm - 3pm

Interested in family history? Want to find out about your Berkshire ancestors? Why not come along to a talk by the Berkshire Record Office (BRO) who will be providing information on sources for family history that are available at the BRO and touch on what else may be useful when researching your family history in general.

Wednesday 19th | October

Late Victorian Newbury

West Berkshire Museum 7pm - 8pm

The later 19th century was a time of considerable change for the town of Newbury, with a new hospital, additional railway lines, new roads, a new St. Bartholomew's School, and a new Town Hall. Cycling became popular and the first motor cars appeared. Many Newbury personalities made a mark which still echoes over a century later. A talk by local historian **Dr David Peacock**.



Tickets £5

Available to buy from the museum 01635 519562
or westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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Wednesday 16th | November

The Second Battle of Newbury, 1644

West Berkshire Museum 7pm - 8pm

Thwarted in his attempt to relieve the siege of Basing House, King Charles I quartered his royalist army in Newbury. Three parliamentarian generals, Essex, Waller and Manchester aided by their subordinate Oliver Cromwell combined their forces at Basingstoke and marched to meet him. The ensuing battle ended in a tactical stalemate but a strategic victory for Parliament and a complete overhaul of how they fought the rest of the war as told in this fascinating talk by military historian **Dr Christopher L Scott**, part of the Battlefields Trust.



Thursday 24th | November

Social dance and Fashion

Shaw House 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Social dancing has always been one of the major ways for people to show off their skills, and to impress potential partners; and wearing the right clothes has played an important part in this. Fashion has sometimes been affected by new dance crazes - and dance crazes have been helped by fashion. Come and find out why the waltz was so scandalous, how the tango affected corsets, and what was a cha-cha petticoat!

Image credit:
'A Delightful Waltz'
sheet music
(V&A collections
E.2468-1914)



Clare Rose is the Lecturer in Contextual studies on the BA programme at the Royal School of Needlework. Her most recent publication is 'Art Nouveau Fashion 1890-1914' (V&A Publishing, 2014) and she has made many media appearances including Great British Sewing Bee Series 1 and 2.

Please note that all seating is unreserved.

Talking History

Tickets £5

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or westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Wednesday 18th | January

The Last Days of Charles I

West Berkshire Museum 7pm - 8pm

King Charles I once said, "A subject and a sovereign are clean different things", yet it was his own people that brought him to trial and execution in 1649. Historian **Alan Turton** tells of the last tumultuous years and days of this controversial monarch.



Wednesday 15th | February

Before TV: what did Victorians and Edwardians look at in their leisure time?

West Berkshire Museum 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Ros Clow has been leading the History Group of the Friends of Newtown Road Cemetery since 2009. The group's research has shed light on local life. Painters, authors, archaeologists, ministers, masons, horticulturalists, all made their contributions to the richness of life. Many are now forgotten. This talk by Ros Clow will bring back to life some of these characters from West Berkshire's past.



Wednesday 15th | February

The Alehouses & Inns in 17th Century West Berkshire

West Berkshire Museum 7pm - 8pm

The term Common Alehouse had a specific meaning in the law relating to licensed premises and covered most places serving beer or spirits. Very little evidence and very few buildings remain to bear witness to these important semi-public institutions, early incarnations of the great and ever-varying tradition of the English Pub. Piecing together information from all over the district, local historian **Phil Wood** tells the story of these establishments through a century of religious and political turmoil.



Wednesday 15th | March

Shaw House in the 17th Century

West Berkshire Museum 7pm - 8pm

The continuing story of this grand Tudor house on the edge on Newbury, the home of generations of the Dolman family throughout the 17th century; with royal visits and the part played by Shaw House in the Second Battle of Newbury, during the Civil War. A talk by local historian **Dr David Peacock**.



Berkshire Family History Society

West Berkshire Museum

The Berkshire Family History Society are hosting two afternoon talks at the museum with speaker **Margaret Crook**.

Margaret is a retired primary school teacher. She started researching her family because myth had it that she was related to Ann Hathaway, her paternal grandmother's maiden name. So far no link has been found but she's had great fun tracing back to the early 19th century and possibly farther back.



Wednesday 16th | November

Starting Your Family History, Overcoming Pitfalls & Problems

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 18th January

Missing Down Under, How I Found My Great Aunt

2.30pm - 3.30pm



Please note that all seating is unreserved.

Blaze's Buddies



Join us at the museum,
once a month, for our
free under 5's workshop
11am - 11.30am.

During the session children are introduced to Blaze, the dragon on the weathervane on top of the Cloth Hall, through a short action poem. This is followed by an activity linked to the treasure Blaze has found that day.

Dates and themes:

6 th October:	Music
3 rd November:	Owls
1 st December:	Victorian Christmas
2 nd February:	Blaze the Dragon
2 nd March:	Buses



Tickets are
available from
10am on the day -
it is on a first come,
first served basis as
places are limited.

Saturday Stories at the Museum West Berkshire Museum 11am – 11.30am

3rd September
3rd December

1st October
7th January

5th November
4th February



The Corn Exchange family story sessions are back! Held in the West Berkshire Museum's intimate learning space amongst beanbags and cushions, these fun, interactive sessions will feature stories themed around a Museum object.

Explore the Museum's exhibitions afterwards and make it a full morning of family fun! These sessions are for families with children aged 7 years and under.

Tickets £3 Adults, £3 Child

Please remember to book places in advance from the Corn Exchange on **08455 218 218** or via www.cornexchangenew.com. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Touch to See

West Berkshire Museum 10.30am – 12pm

September 12th
November 14th
January 9th

October 10th
December 12th
February 13th

"I find it a very friendly group, we have some laughs and lots of fun! At first it doesn't seem that art can be accessible to visually impaired people but it really can be!"
Touch to See participant

This is a sociable discussion group for those with visual impairments that meets monthly for a chat and a cup of tea. The group has access to tactile and audio resources from the Living Paintings library enabling them to explore the work of famous artists, architects and designers, Local artists and guest speakers are also invited to talk about their work.

To find out more, call the Corn Exchange on **01635 582 666** or email getinvolved@cornexchangenew.co.uk This activity is free to attend and no booking is required.



Events Autumn/Winter 2016/17

September

Friday 2nd | September

Linking the Landscape: Bats in town

West Berkshire Museum 7.15pm - 8.45pm

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire



A talk and walk by local bat expert James Shipman about the life of these amazing creatures. James will give an overview of bats in the UK and some fascinating facts and myths both locally and worldwide. He will explain how and where to see bats and why they are protected by law.

After a short talk, James will help us see and hear several species that emerge at dusk near the museum (weather dependent). Suitable for age 7 and above.

Tickets **£5**, available from the museum or online at www.bbwt.org.uk/whats-on



Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days celebrate our fantastic history, architecture and culture. Offering people the chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences - all of which are free to explore.

Thursday 8th - Sunday 12th | September

West Berkshire Museum 10am - 4pm

Drop in to the museum to pick up a specially designed trail – one available for adults and another for children – based around the two historic buildings that house the museum; the Cloth Hall and Corn Stores. **Free.**

Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th | September

Shaw House 11am - 4pm

Join us in the Great Hall for introductory talks about the history of the House at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and visitors will be able to self navigate their way through the rest of the House. No need to book, just drop in. **Free.**

www.heritageopendays.org.uk



October

Saturday 1st | October

An Afternoon of Spoken Word and Poetry

West Berkshire Museum 2.30pm – 3.30pm

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 365
blackhistorymonth.org.uk



West Berkshire Museum welcomes you to an afternoon of spoken word from Cynthia Salami and poetry from John Akinde that both commemorates and celebrates Black History Month 2016.

"Cynthia Salami presented an honest and personal account of what Black History means to her [and] John Akinde presented some thought-provoking pieces while engaging the audience with humour." Newbury Weekly News on last year's Black History Month launch event at the museum.

Tickets **£5** available from the museum 01635 519562 or online www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on.

Saturday 9th | October

Wedding Fair

Shaw House 11am - 3pm

Save the date...for all the inspiration and expert advice that you need for your big day as well as information about how you can book your ceremony and drinks reception at Shaw House! **Free.**

www.newburyweddingservices.co.uk

Shaw House and café open from 11am – 4pm with free entry to the House.



The wedding of Mr & Mrs Brench
Photography Nick Hook
Elegant Lady Wedding Cars



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"Piva perform with style and panache."
fRoots Magazine

"A very talented band of specialist musicians"
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

Friday 14th | October

Measure to Measure – Music from Shakespeare’s Time

Piva - Music of the Renaissance

Shaw House Doors open 7.30pm, performance 8pm

Concert

2016 is the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death. To mark this event Piva has developed a special show where they will be playing late 16th century popular dance and ballad music which would have been familiar to the theatre audiences of the day. Shakespeare wrote for all of society – from the courtiers who paid handsomely for the best seats in the house through to the servants paying a penny to stand as groundlings in the pit. Piva will be reflecting this by performing music which run the gamut from village green to stately court and rowdy tavern to country house.

As with any Piva show, they bring the period alive with stories and tales about life in Shakespeare’s theatre – learn how to behave like an Elizabethan audience, discover what interval refreshments were available and find out about the various dangers of attending the theatre.

Since forming in 2002, Piva have established themselves as one of the country’s leading early music groups and they play throughout the UK and across Europe. In that time they’ve gained an excellent reputation for giving lively and entertaining shows. Playing on a wide range of period instruments such as hurdy gurdies and bagpipes, shawms and curtals, they are all multi-instrumentalists with backgrounds in renaissance, jazz, classical, folk and roots; Piva melds all this together to create music of the past played for today.

Tickets Adults £12 (£10 with WBC card), under 16s £2
Available from Shaw House 01635 279279 or online
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Saturday 15th | October

English Civil War Family Fun Day

West Berkshire Museum 10am-3pm

Drop-in and meet the historical re-enactors in period costume who will tell you about life in 17th century West Berkshire as well as demonstrate skills and crafts that you can have a go at. There will be a themed trail and also an opportunity to handle artefacts, colour in and draw your own scene from the Civil War, with a chance to win museum goodies! **Free.**

Music, Myth and Mirth

With Simon Mayor and Hilary James

Shaw House

Concert

A season of events for all the family from age 6-106, featuring music, poetry, stories and workshops, all celebrating our traditions and folk music and spiced with a uniquely British sense of humour!

Resident musicians, masters of ceremonies and general purveyors of much bonhomie Simon Mayor and Hilary James will introduce a series with a chance to listen, learn, laugh and occasionally sing along. Simon is one of the world’s leading mandolin virtuosos and composers for the instrument, as well as a fine fiddle player and guitarist.

Hilary has ‘one of Britain’s finest voices’ (BBC Radio 4) as well as an unusual taste in bass instruments including her amazing giant mandobass. If you’ve heard them on BBC Radios 2, 3, 4, Oxford and Classic FM, you’ll know just what a treat is in store.

Look out for listings 21st October, 19th November & 28th January.



Friday 21st | October

Pre-concert meet with Hilary James and Simon Mayor
Shaw House 6pm - 7pm

Join Hilary and Simon for an hour long introduction and insight into their music, instruments and stories. Free to concert ticket holders.

Friday 21st | October

Tears of Laughter

Shaw House Doors open 6.30pm, Performance 7.45pm

An eye-watering collection of ancient and modern comic ditties alongside heart-rending classics, ballads and airs. From folk farces to gems from the great English comic songwriters, including Jake Thackray and a few more modern surprises.

The show also features some quirky instrumentals from the virtuosic duo so fans of Simon Mayor's mandolin wizardry won't be disappointed.

Bring your tissues; one way or another, you'll definitely need them!!

<http://mayorandjames.com>

Tickets Adults £12, under 16s £4

Available from Shaw House 01635 279279
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

"A witty and captivating mix of folk, blues, swing and classical showstoppers, spiced with a unique brand of off-beat humour."
The Guardian



Concert

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HALLOWEEN

Family Activity Day^s

Shaw House is open to the public
24th – 28th October, 10am – 4pm.
Entry to the House is free!

Wednesday 26th | October

Shaw House 10am-3.30pm

Make a bat mask out of a variety of craft materials ready for you to go trick and treating and then do the spooky Halloween-themed house trail.

Thursday 27th | October

West Berkshire Museum 10am-3pm

Make an African mask out of a variety of craft materials. Part of Black History Month 2016.

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blackhistorymonth.org.uk

Friday 28th | October

West Berkshire Museum 10am-3pm

Make a monster out of a variety of craft materials that you use to decorate your home at Halloween.

Shaw House is a Grade I listed building and unfortunately cannot accommodate pushchairs. We have a policy where visitors are asked to please leave pushchairs on the ground floor, in the safe area provided. We offer hip seats which are suitable for children from 6 months to 3 years. Thank you.

£2 per child. For
4-11 year olds
but younger and
older children are
welcome. No need
to book, drop in.





HALLOWEEN

Friday 28th | October

Museums at Night

West Berkshire Museum 5.45pm - 7.45pm



Family friendly event involving a FREE dragon hunt through a dark or dimly lit museum – please bring a torch. Blaze, the museum dragon, has a number of dragon friends who have decided to play hide and seek in the museum, help Blaze to find them! **Free.**

Monday 31st | October

Halloween Party Night

Shaw House 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us for a night of spooky fun! With Halloween trails, apple bobbing and snapping in the grounds.

Plus indoor crafts, ghostly story time and trick or treating throughout the night. Come in fancy dress and please bring a torch!

Children **£5**, accompanying adult free, additional adults **£1**.

Suitable for ages from 4 years. This is a ticket only event, book early to avoid disappointment, tickets available from 16th September from Shaw House 01635 279279.



November

Friday 11th | November

Ravish'd by Magic

Charivari Agréable - Early Music

Shaw House Doors open 7pm, performance 8pm



'One of the classiest baroque bands'
The Sunday Observer

Isobel Collyer: reader and soprano

Layil Barr: bass viol and recorders

Kah-Ming Ng: virginals

Award-winning early music ensemble Charivari Agréable bring to Shaw House this popular programme, which premiered last summer at the Oxford Festival of Early Music by Candlelight to sell-out audiences and standing ovations.

Director Kah-Ming Ng is joined by Isobel Collyer and Layil Barr, and together they take the audience on a narrative journey through some hugely significant historical events, including the build-up to the Battle of the Armada, and Elizabeth I's famous speech from Tilbury Dock. The programme takes us on into the reign of James I and encompasses themes of superstition and necromancy, the astonishing life of the polymath Dr Dee, and belief in witchcraft and the body's humours. Entitled "Ravish'd by Magic" it includes sonnets, speeches and extracts from Macbeth, Hamlet and The Tempest, as well as anecdotes from the time of Elizabeth and James and of course, lots of truly ravishing music. Ravish'd by Magic includes music by Dowland, Lawes, Morley and Simpson. www.charivari.co.uk

The café will be open, serving wine and local beer/cider.

Tickets Adults **£16**, under 16s **£4**. Available from Shaw House 01635 279279 or www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Saturday 19th | November
Musical Mystery Tour family show
With Simon Mayor & Hilary James
Shaw House 3pm - 4pm

Concert

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online

*'Classics, original songs and
tunes delivered with charm,
wit and expert musicianship.'*
BBC Website

An hour of original songs, choruses, humorous sketches and audience participation. The show features a wide variety of musical instruments; the mandobass, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, Victorian bodiless fiddle and ukulele. Sing along with the Parrot-Parrot from Hong-Hong-Kong-Kong and twist your tongue around the Flock of Fat Flamingoes.

Simon and Hilary have worked as presenters, songwriters and musical directors for BBC TV and Schools Radio programmes (Play School, Playdays, Green Claws and The Song Tree.).

More at www.childrensmusic.co.uk
Tickets Adults £8, under 16s £5

Six Centuries of Spectacular Song
With Simon Mayor & Hilary James
Shaw House 7.30pm

Simon Mayor and Hilary James with guests Elias Sibley and Florence Petit explore six centuries of song, with show-stopping instrumentals on a dazzling array of instruments - mandolin, fiddle, 'cello, guitar, ukulele and banjo - and of course Hilary's own unforgettable bass mandolin.

Elias Sibley is one of the finest ukulele players of his generation as well as a superb classical guitarist and banjo player. He combines the ukulele's traditional characteristics with the guitar's qualities as a solo instrument. Franco-British cellist Florence Petit is an exciting young musician. The recipient of a diverse host of awards and in demand as a soloist, she currently tours with the South Bank Sinfonia but has managed to squeeze in a day to play for us at Shaw House.

The café will be open, serving wine and local beer/cider.

Tickets Adults £14,
under 16s £4



Tickets for both shows available from
Shaw House 01635 279279 or online
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Christmas at

SHAW HOUSE



Sunday 4th | December

Christmas Fair 11am-4pm

If you are looking for unique and creative Christmas gifts then the Christmas Fair is not to be missed!

We have over 50 amazing local crafters, bakers, artists and photographers all brimming with bespoke wares that can't be found on the high street. And to provide the perfect Christmas sparkle we also have carol singing with the Speenhamland Ladies Choir, mulled wine and hot food. **£1 adults, children free.**

Children's Christmas Parties 11.30am, 12.45pm, 2pm, 3.15pm

It's party time at Shaw House! Featuring Mr Muddles the charming, if muddlesome magician, who captivates and amazes children with his comical slapstick magic. There will also be a special visit from Father Christmas and all children will receive a present.
Parties £4 per child.

Tickets must be booked in advance from Shaw House 01635 279279, tickets available from 1st November. Due to limited space we can only allow one adult per child.

£1 Entry
Children Free
Parties £4 per child,
includes a present

Merry
Christmas!



Tuesday 6th | December

Workshop: Wreath Making

10am or 1pm (2 hour workshop), £35

Get creative this Christmas and come along to make your own door wreath. The wreath (with a pre-mossed frame), a selection of foliage and decorations will all be provided. Please feel free to bring any personal decorations for your wreath. Price includes a hot drink and mince pie in the café.

To book a place on these workshops please call Shaw House 01635 279279 or email shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk.

Thursday 15th | December

Three Rivers Community Choir

Refreshments in the café from 6.30pm, performance 7pm – 8pm

Join the Three Rivers Community Choir for a festive evening of carols and readings. Revel in the beautiful sounds of Christmas as the choir treats you to a programme of Christmas songs, prose and poetry, then join the singers in some traditional carols. A local choir of over 60 members, Three Rivers Community Choir brings warmth and fun to all their programmes. First set up as Trinity Community Choir, it is a true community choir - involving any member of the local community who wishes to share their joy of singing. www.threeriverscommunitychoir.org.uk

The ticket price includes a glass of festive mulled wine (juice for children) and a mince pie, served in the café before the performance.

Tickets £6 (£5 with a WBC card) 16 and under £3 (2.50 with a WBC card)

Available from Shaw House 01635 279279 or www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Concert

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Concert



Monday 19th | December

A Brief History of Christmas

Doors open 7pm, performance 7.30pm

Beginning in the Middle Ages and ending in the 20th century, 'A Brief History of Christmas' is a whistle-stop tour of the origins of our midwinter festivities. Featuring long-forgotten songs and tales as well as some familiar and well-loved carols, this is a show guaranteed to delight the hearts of young and old.

The first half takes in 600 years of music – featuring music and songs played on archaic instruments such as cittern, shawm and rauschpfeife, as well as more familiar instruments such as guitar, flute, oboe and accordion and all helped along with wit and humour. The second half is a thrilling retelling of Dickens' A Christmas Carol – using spoken word, drama and music to bring this classic story to life in a riot of sound and colour.



A Brief History of Christmas is the perfect show for anyone looking to recapture the simple Yuletide delights of fellowship, laughter and good cheer.

The café will be open, serving wine, local beer/cider, mince pies and mulled wine.

Adults £12 (£10.80 with WBC card) Under16s £5 (£4.50 with WBC card).

Available from Shaw House 01635 279279 or www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

WEST BERKSHIRE
MUSEUM

Christmas at West Berkshire Museum

Friday 16th | December

Workshop: Christmas table flower arrangements
10am or 1pm (2 hour workshop), £25

We all enjoy decorating our home for Christmas, come and create your own Christmas arrangement with candles. All materials provided, but feel free to bring your own personal decorations. No experience required! The café will be open for refreshments. **To book a place on this workshop please call the museum 01635 519562 or email museum@westberks.gov.uk**

Thursday 22nd | December

Family Activity Day 10am-3pm

Make a Victorian-inspired Christmas card. **£2 per child.** For 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome. No need to book, drop in.

Christmas opening:

24th December: open 10am -1pm

Christmas Day: closed

Boxing Day: closed

27th December - closed

28th, 29th, 30th December: open 10am – 4pm

New Years Eve – closed

New Years Day: closed



January

Saturday 28th | January

Fiddle Day Special - to be confirmed
With Simon Mayor & Hilary James
Shaw House tbc

Join us for a fun packed day with workshops, talk and evening concert, look out for more information on www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

February

Family Activity Days

Wednesday 15th | February
Shaw House 10am-3.30pm

Thursday 16th | Friday 17th February
West Berkshire Museum 10am-3pm

Shaw House is open to the public every weekend from **11th February to 24th September 2017**, 11am – 4pm and during school holidays 10am -4pm. Entry to Shaw House and the museum is free!

£2 per child.
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but younger and older
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No need to book,
drop in.

Saturday 25th | February

My Ladye Loves

Charivari Agréable - Early Music

Shaw House Doors open 7pm, performance 8pm

Concert

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Isobel Collyer: reader and soprano
Layil Barr: bass viol and recorders
Kah-Ming Ng: virginals

*'Exquisitely performed,
these exemplified the
best of Baroque style'*
The Henley Standard

Award-winning early music ensemble Charivari Agréable present this popular programme encompassing themes of dangerous, forbidden and courtly love.

The programme is held together by a narrative containing anecdotes, letters and speeches from Queen Elizabeth I and her close circle and is both entertaining and educational, which together with beautiful music and Shakespeare's incomparable poetry makes for a rich and varied evening. My Ladye Loves includes music by Campion, Dowland, Ortiz, Byrd and Farnaby.
www.charivari.co.uk

The café will be serving wine and local beer/cider.

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Full list of events

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At Shaw House At West Berkshire Museum

September

■	Fri 2	Bats in Town	Family
■	Sat 3	Saturday Stories	Family
■	Sat 3	Stitch a Card	Workshop
■	8 - 11	Heritage Open Days	Family
■	10 - 11	Heritage Open Days	Family
■	Mon 12	The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	Talk
■	Mon 12	Touch to See	Group
■	Wed 14	Cords, Braids & Tassels	Workshop
■	Wed 21	The First Battle of Newbury	Talk

October

■	Sat 1	Saturday Stories	Family
■	Sat 1	An Afternoon of Spoken Word & Poetry	Family
■	Mon 3	Prolong Life of Paper Documents	Workshop
■	Thur 6	Blaze's Buddies	Family
■	Sun 9	Wedding Fair	Family
■	Mon 10	Touch to See	Group
■	Fri 14	Ceramic Christmas Decorations	Workshop
■	Fri 14	Measure to Measure	Concert
■	Sat 15	English Civil War Family Fun Day	Family
■	Mon 17	Stab Bound Books	Workshop
■	Wed 19	Sources for Family History	Talk
■	Wed 19	Late Victorian Newbury	Talk
■	Fri 21	Tears of Laughter	Concert
■	Wed 26	Family Activity Day	Family
■	Thur 27 Fri 28	Family Activity Day	Family
■	Fri 28	Museums at Night	Family
■	Mon 31	Halloween Party	Family

November

■	Thur 3	Blaze's Buddies	Family
■	Fri 4	Posy Flower Arranging	Workshop
■	Sat 5	Saturday Stories	Family
■	Mon 7	Paper making	Workshops
■	Fri 11	Ravish'd by Magic	Concert
■	Mon 14	Touch to See	Group
■	Wed 16	Family History	Talk
■	Wed 16	Second Battle of Newbury	Talk
■	Fri 18	Ceramic Christmas Decorations	Workshops
■	Sat 19	Musical Mystery Tour	Concert
■	Sat 19	Six Centuries of Spectacular Song	Concert
■	Mon 21	Coptic Bound Books	Workshops
■	Thur 24	Social Dance & Fashion	Talk

At Shaw House At West Berkshire Museum

December

■	Thur 1	Blaze's Buddies	Family
■	Sat 3	Saturday Stories	Family
■	Sun 4	Christmas Fair	Family
■	Tues 6	Wreath Making	Workshop
■	Mon 12	Touch to See	Group
■	Thur 15	Community Choir	Concert
■	Fri 16	Christmas Flowers	Workshop
■	Mon 19	A Brief History of Christmas	Concert
■	Thur 22	Family Activity Day	Family

January

■	Sat 7	Saturday Stories	Family
■	Mon 9	Touch to See	Group
■	Wed 18	Missing Down Under	Talk
■	Wed 18	The Last Days of Charles I	Talk
■	Sat 28	Fiddle Day Special (tbc)	Concert

February

■	Thur 2	Blaze's Buddies	Family
■	Sat 4	Saturday Stories	Family
■	Mon 6	Picture & Photo Mounting	Workshop
■	Mon 13	Touch to See	Group
■	Wed 15	Before TV : Victorians & Edwardians	Talk
■	Wed 15	17 th Century Alehouses & Inns	Talk
■	Wed 15	Family Activity Day	Family
■	Thur 16 Fri 17	Family Activity Day	Family
■	Sat 25	My Ladye Loves	Concert

March

■	Sat 4	Boxford Masques Workshop	Adults
■	Sat 11	Civil War at Shaw House	Family

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The Corn Exchange (Newbury) provide box office services, including online booking, for selected events. Where online booking is available you will be directed to a booking page hosted by the Corn Exchange. Online bookings are subject to a £1 booking fee per ticket, participatory workshops are exempt from the fee



BOOKING AT THE VENUE

Bookings made in person, or by telephone at Shaw House, West Berkshire Museum or the Corn Exchange Box Office will be processed free of charge.

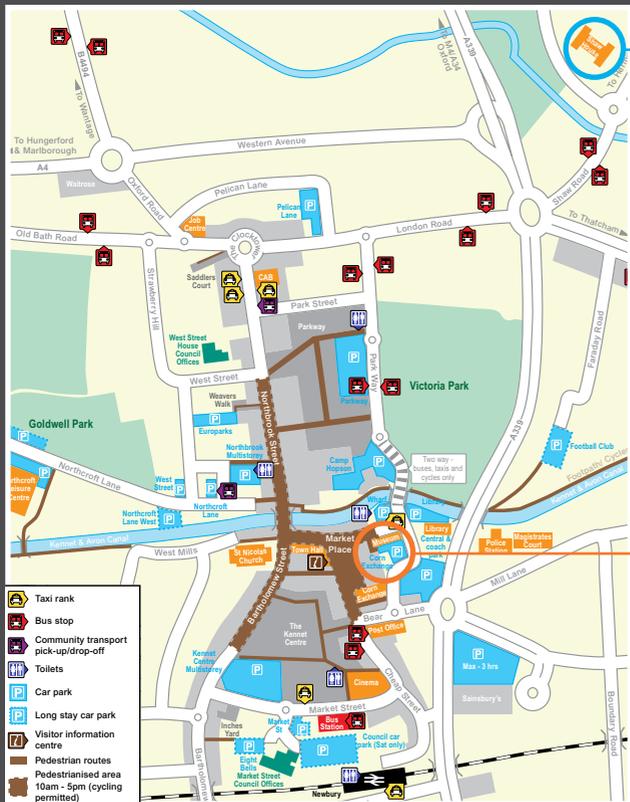
DISCOUNT WITH WEST BERKSHIRE CARD

Discount is available on selected events, one discounted ticket per card. Cards available from www.westberks.gov.uk/wbcard

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- Tickets are non-refundable except in the event of cancellation by the venue/promoter, in which case a refund to the full value of the tickets will be offered
- Tickets can be collected free of charge from the venue that you have purchased from, if you would like tickets posted there will be a charge of £1.20
- All events have unreserved seating unless otherwise stated
- All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- In the case of severe weather, outdoor events may be postponed to an alternative date
- Pushchairs and prams are not permitted inside Shaw House, because of restricted space available in a Tudor building – however, they can be left safely by reception.

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Calls cost 2p per minute plus your telephone company's access charge

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www.westberkshireheritage.org

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