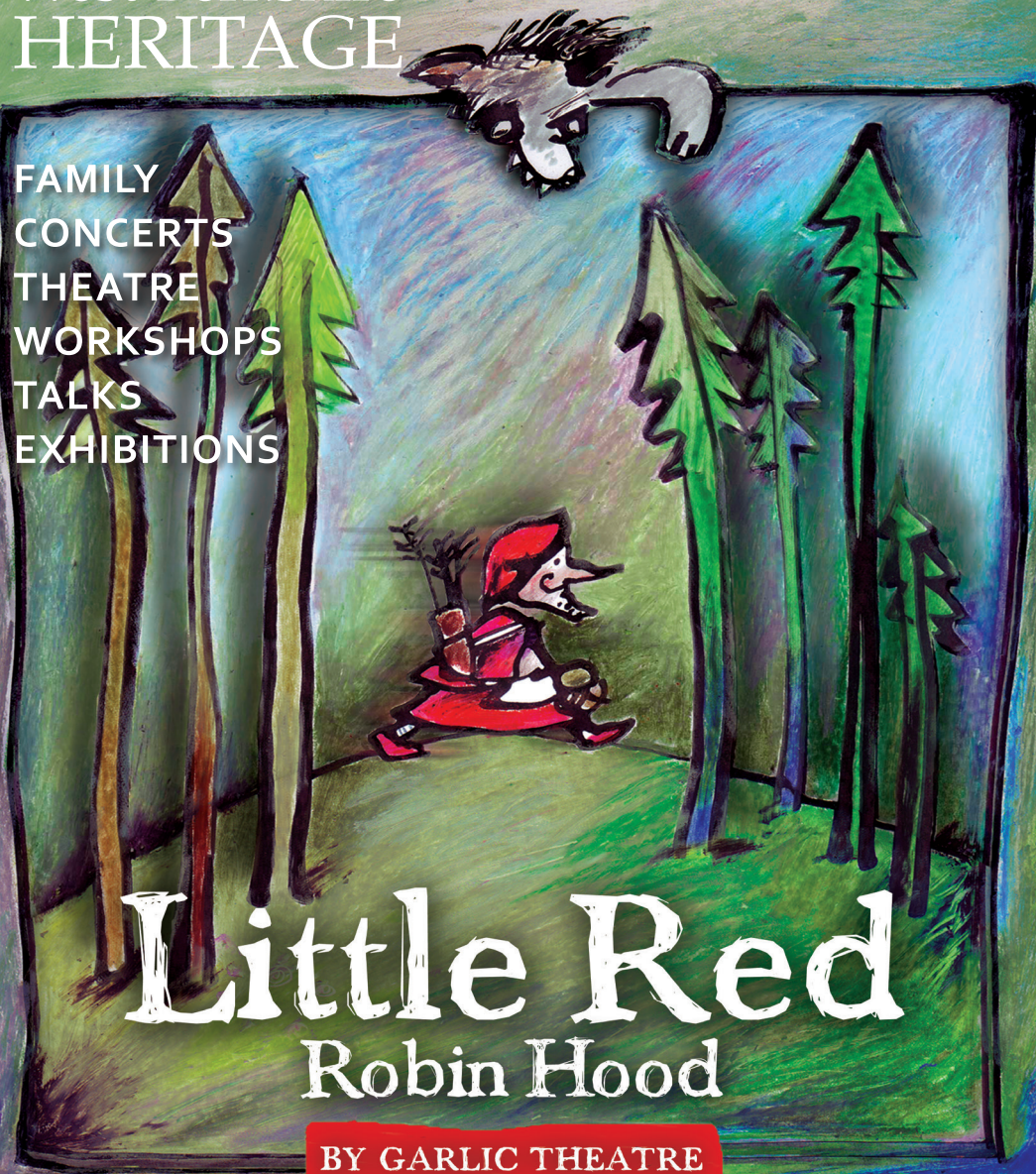


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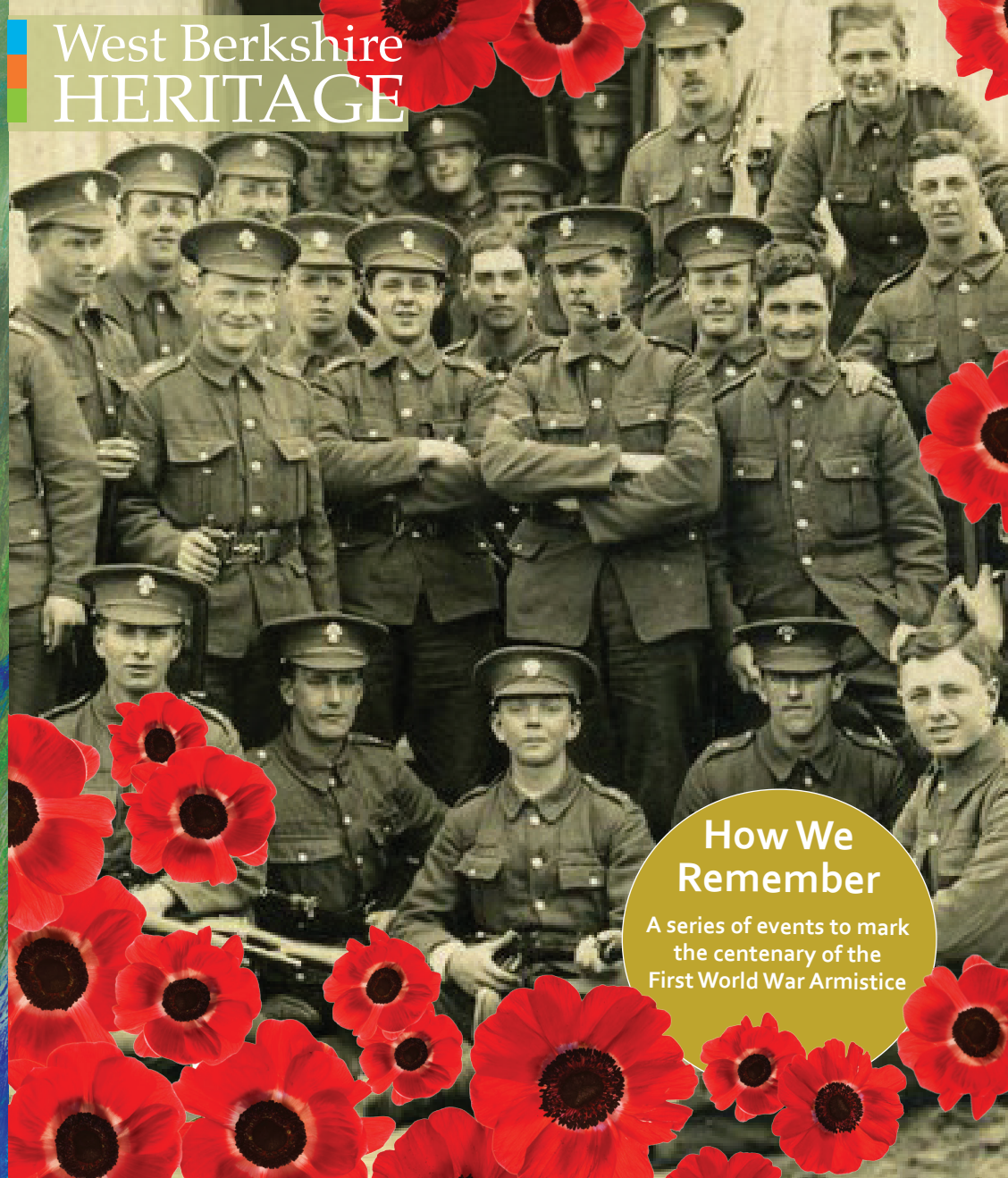


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How We Remember

A series of events to mark
the centenary of the
First World War Armistice

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WELCOME TO WEST BERKSHIRE HERITAGE

I hope you enjoy reading our Autumn and Winter season brochure packed with events and activities for all ages. This season we're leading with How We Remember, a series of events and activities to mark the centenary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War. The war itself affected every family in West Berkshire, Britain, Europe and much further afield in some way and it is fitting for us to pause and remember the Armistice which finally brought it to a close.

I'd also like to draw your attention to our Talking History series of illustrated talks at the West Berkshire Museum which has been going from strength. If you are a local club, group or society, why not bring your group along?

Paul James
Culture & Libraries Manager
paul.james@westberks.gov.uk



Cover Photo:
Royal Fusiliers soldiers, 1915. Includes Griffith Parker, who was born in Northbrook Street, Newbury and signed up at just 14 years old. To see more visit the special exhibition How We Remember, West Berkshire Museum, opens Oct 2018.

OUR VENUES

Thank you for your donations, they help us to buy new items to display, maintain our historic buildings and conserve our collections.

West Berkshire Museum

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 exhibition Lives & Landscapes explores stories of life in the local area, from pre-history to today along with regularly changing special exhibitions, family activities and events.

Open 10am - 4pm Wednesday - Sunday
Entry is free.

Contact us
Email: museum@westberks.gov.uk
Call: 01635 519562



West Berkshire Museum



@WBerksMuseum

Shaw House

Shaw House is one of the best preserved Elizabethan mansions in England.

Shaw House is the ideal venue to create an inspiring and productive environment for conferences and meetings, we also offer a variety of celebration drinks receptions, Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea and events.

Public open dates; Every weekend
and school holiday from 16 February -
29 September 2019. Entry is free.

Contact us
Email: shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk
Call: 01635 279279



Shaw House



@Shaw_House

EXHIBITIONS

West Berkshire Museum

Food Stories, opens	Wed 12 Sep
How We Remember, opens	Wed 03 Oct
The Way We Were, opens	Wed 16 Jan
Greenham: War & Peace, opens	Continues
Hoard	Continues
Cabinets of Curiosity	Continues

WORKSHOPS

West Berkshire Museum

Ceramics Candle Holder	Sat 22 Sep
Painting Birds	Wed 26 Sep
Common Words	Sun 30 Sep
Ceramic Christmas Trees	Sat 03 Nov
Painting Christmas Decorations	09 & 10 Nov
Willow for Christmas	Fri 30 Nov
Painting Christmas Decorations	07 & 08 Dec

Shaw House

Autumn Flowers	Fri 19 Oct
Personalised Picture Mounting	Mon 12 Nov
Silk Painted Christmas Cards	Mon 19 Nov
Christmas Wreath Making	04 & 05 Dec
Decopatch for Christmas	Mon 10 Dec
Christmas Table Flowers	Wed 19 Dec

COURSES

West Berkshire Museum

2,000 Years Around Newbury (8 wks)... From 15 Jan

Shaw House

Choose Happiness	Thur 18 Oct
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FAMILY

West Berkshire Museum

Their Legacy, Our History	08 & 09 Sep
Heritage Open Day	15 & 16 Sept
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 04 Oct
Family Story Telling	Wed 24 Oct
Arts & Culture Passport Day	Thur 25 Oct
Messy Museum Day	Fri 26 Oct
Under the Microscope	Fri 26 Oct
Museums at Night	Fri 26 Oct
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 01 Nov
Christmas Family Craft Workshop	Sat 01 Dec
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 07 Feb
Messy Museum Day	Fri 22 Feb

Shaw House

Heritage Open Day	15 & 16 Sep
Wedding Fair	Sun 07 Oct
Halloween Wreath Making	Mon 22 Oct
Family Activity Day	Wed 24 Oct
Halloween Party Night	Wed 31 Oct
Christmas Fair & Children's Parties	Sun 02 Dec
Family Activity Day	Wed 20 Feb

CONCERTS

Shaw House

The Men Who Marched Away	Sun 04 Nov
Sing for Fun Community Choir	Fri 14 Dec
A Brief History of Christmas	Mon 17 Dec
Old Christmas Return'd	Thur 20 Dec
Cloaked in Secrecy	Sun 10 Feb

TALKS

West Berkshire Museum

Villa to Village: Voluntary Archaeology ...	Wed 19 Sep
Greenham Common Airfield	Wed 17 Oct
Memorials of the Great War	Wed 14 Nov
Thatcham and the Great War	Wed 21 Nov
Raleigh-ing to the Cause	Wed 12 Dec
Sugar and Spice	Wed 16 Jan
In Praise of Apples	Wed 13 Feb
Lives of Berkshire Women	Wed 20 Mar
Jack of Newbury	Wed 24 Apr

THEATRE

Shaw House

Little Red Robin Hood	Thur 25 Oct
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Please note, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult for all of our family activities and events.

TOUR & TEA

West Berkshire Museum

Guided tours of the Lives & Landscapes exhibition
07 July | 04 Aug | 01 Sept | 06 Oct | 03 Nov | 01 Dec

AFTERNOON TEA

Shaw House

Served at 2pm on selected Fridays throughout the year. To check availability and to book please visit www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

COMMUNITY

West Berkshire Museum

Touch to See, full dates in listings Monthly

Flexible Room Hire

Shaw House

We have nine stunning rooms, all with their own historic character, plenty of natural daylight and a restful ambience. Along with free parking and WiFi

Our competitive hourly room rates are inclusive of all technical facilities, with rooms suitable for small meetings to large scale conferences.

Please get in touch

01635 279 279
shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum

The Long Room is a comfortable and relaxed learning space, ideal for community groups and clubs. The Cloth Hall is an atmospheric and historic space on the first floor that is available for meetings and events.

We also offer 'Super Sleepovers' at both venues for youth groups such as Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and similar. For more information please email Shaw House or West Berkshire Museum.

01635 519 562
museum.roomhire@westberks.gov.uk

Special Exhibitions

West Berkshire Museum

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS



Our second floor galleries host a series of regularly changing special exhibitions. Gallery 5 can be hired to display original artwork, sculpture and crafts, contact us for info.

How We Remember

Personal Histories
from World War One

Commemorating the centenary of the end of World War One, this exhibition focuses on the histories of the people of West Berkshire and will explore how cherished memories cling to ordinary objects, enabling moments to be shared across the generations.

3 Oct 2018 - 23 June 2019

Food Stories

This community exhibition tells of West Berkshire's food history as well as family recipes and food traditions, which are often tied to a cultural or religious festival.

Find out about the wonderful, unusual food and feast-related stories of this area as well as the fascinating food heritage of its current residents.

See objects from the Museum collection alongside the participants' own treasures and discover their connection to food, festivals and feasts.

12 Sept 2018 - Mar 2019

The Way We Were in West Berkshire

A collaborative exhibition with the Newbury and Thatcham Past and Present Facebook group using objects and photographs from the museum collection to collect memories and develop conversations about our heritage.

See how memories bring objects and pictures to life and watch how this dynamic exhibition evolves as visitors add their personal stories.

Together with the members of the group, we will build a picture through memories, to bring the past alive.

16 Jan 2019 - 30 Sept 2019

To see Gallery 5 exhibitions please visit: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Hoards

Bringing together, for the first time, over eleven hoards from all over West Berkshire.

A chance to see buried treasure from prehistory to the medieval period, ranging from a hoard of Bronze Age Axes, Iron Age gold coins, hundreds of Roman coins, to a collection of Charles I and James I coins.

Explore the history of each hoard, find out how and where they were found, and consider why they were hidden and never retrieved.

Continues into 2019



Greenham - War and Peace

Celebrating Greenham Common Trust's 20th anniversary since the former RAF airbase was returned to nature.

This exhibition looks back at the unique heritage of Greenham Common, from 1199 when it was given to the Knights Hospitaller; through to tank testing during the First World War; its time as an RAF/USAF airbase in World War 2; the Cold War missile base, the infamous peace protests of the 1980s and more recently, its transfer back to common land.

Continues into 2019



Cabinets of Curiosity

Here you will find wonders from the unusual, interesting and beguiling reaches of the museum's collections.

Cabinets of curiosities, also known as 'Wunderkammers' or 'wonder rooms', are often described as the fore-runners of museums. Like museums they used collections of objects to make sense of our place in the world by categorizing and making links between objects.

Hundreds of objects from the museums collections are exhibited along themes of Naturalia, Scientifica and Artificia.

Continues into 2019

Talking History

A series of illustrated talks about history, heritage and culture.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATS ARE UNRESERVED

Tickets: £5

Available from the museum 01635 519562

or online westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

WEST BERKSHIRE
MUSEUM



IN MEMORY OF THE MEN
OF PARSONS
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN
THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918
WALTER L. CLINTON
RICHARD HARRISON
ALBERT LOVELOCK
WILLIAM PEARCE
FRANKIS PEARCE
THOMAS PILCHER
JAMES PRESTON
MAURICE SOPER
STEPHEN STEVENS
WILLIAM TAYLOR



From Villa to Village

Timed to accompany a special exhibition on 60 years of work by the Berkshire Archaeology Research Group 'Still Digging Up The Past.'

This talk by archaeologist Steve Clark will explore how voluntary archaeology projects have often been at the forefront of expanding our knowledge of Berkshire from the Roman to the medieval period.

Steve Clark
Wed 19 September
7pm - 8pm



Greenham Common Airfield

Covering the life, operations and highlights of the history of Greenham Common airfield, from 1941 to 1992.

Starting with a look back at how the base started as one of a number of local airfields to help beat the Third Reich, it will go on to reveal the major contribution the base made to contain the threat of Soviet expansionism in the Cold War.

Jonathan Sayers
Wed 17 October
7pm - 8pm



Memorials of the Great War

Looking at the wide variety of memorials in West Berkshire, commemorating individuals lost in World War I.

Phil has created a website www.westberkshirewarmemorials.org.uk providing pictures of the memorials and a searchable database of the names on them, he is also researching the stories of the Newbury fallen.

Phil Wood
Wed 14 November
7pm - 8pm

Book at the museum or online: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Tickets: £5

Available from the museum 01635 519562

or online westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Thatcham & the Great War

Local historian Dr Nick Young will look back at the soldiers from Thatcham that took part in the Great War as well as looking at what Thatcham itself was like during the period.

Followed by a brief look at the inter-war years and the start of the Second World War.

Dr. Nick Young
Wed 21 November
7pm - 8pm



Raleigh-ing to the Cause

The Bicycle in Wartime.

Starting as early as 1817, the story takes us to many places, including the USA, Europe and Vietnam, and spans more than 140 years. We will see how Raleigh became a massive maker of munitions, bringing huge financial rewards to captains of industry and revolutionising the lives of the many women who worked as machinists on the shop floor.

Tony Hadland
Wed 12 December
7pm - 8pm



Sugar and Spice

During winter many homes in Europe and North America waft with the smell of cinnamon infused mulled wine and richly spiced fruitcake.

Familiar spices such as nutmeg, cloves and allspice, are synonymous with Christmas. However, the history of these common place spices takes us across time and continents, with people risking life and limb to bring them home.

Lynda Warren
Wed 16 January
7pm - 8pm



In Praise of Apples

There is evidence that apples grew wild in Britain in the Neolithic period but it was the Romans who first introduced varieties with sweeter and greater taste.

This talk by Charlotte Popescu, author of The Apple Cookbook, will include the social history and history of apples with lots of information on the different varieties and the best tasting apples.

Charlotte Popescu
Wed 13 February
7pm - 8pm



Lives of West Berks Women

A Peek into the Lives of Berkshire Women during the 19th Century.

Compared to other counties in 19th century England, why is there little or no information written about the women of Berkshire?

Who were they, what did they do and where can we find out more about them? A talk to tie-in with International Women's Day.

Lin Ricketts
Wed 20 March
7pm - 8pm



Jack of Newbury

Jack of Newbury (John Winchcombe) was producing cloth on an industrial scale in Newbury during Henry VIII's reign.

This left him wealthy and allowed him to buy substantial property in the area. Find out how his life story was mangled by a contemporary of Shakespeare's, and why he was a historical figure of national importance.

Dr. David Peacock
Wed 24 April
7pm - 8pm



2,000 Years Around Newbury

8 week course from 15 January 2019 (not including 19 February, half-term)

An introduction to the history of the Newbury area, covering a different period each week which will include major events, people and architecture from the Romans to the Victorians.

This course is suitable for a wide range of students: those seeking an introduction to the history of the area, as well as those with specialist knowledge of particular periods or places. There will be an opportunity to request specific topics and information will be given about resources available for further study.

7pm - 9pm | £80
West Berkshire Museum

Tutor: Dr. David Peacock
museum@westberks.gov.uk
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Tour & Tea

Highlights of the permanent exhibition Lives and Landscapes.

Led by an experienced member of the volunteer museum tour team, you will discover the history of the collection and will have the opportunity to ask questions about the permanent exhibition.

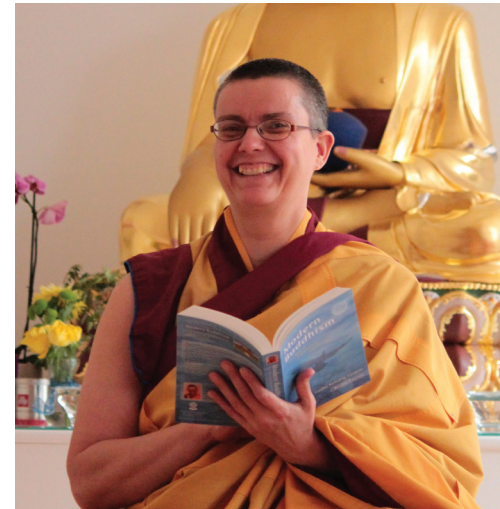
Lasting between 40-65 minutes, followed by tea and homemade cake in the museum café.

Places must be booked in advance from the museum (01635 519 562) before 3pm on the Friday before the tour on the following day.

1 Sept | 6 Oct | 3 Nov | 1 Dec

1.30pm
West Berkshire Museum

£6 per person
(Family ticket 2 adults and 2 children £15)



Choose Happiness

Meditation and mindfulness course

Each and every one of us has the capacity to tap into an endless supply of inner peace and happiness.

At this event, open to all, we will learn meditations that free us from negative emotions, making joy and happiness our everyday reality.

Gen Nyingpo is an English Buddhist nun and has taught meditation for 20 years.

Seating is on chairs and everyone is welcome to attend.

Thurs 18 Oct
7.15 - 8.30pm
Shaw House

£10
To book: www.learntomeditate.org



Touch to See

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, before hearing a guest speaker talk about a related subject, including Newbury Embroiderer's Guild, ceramicist Ursula Waechter and Silk Artist, Helen Mortimer.

2018:	2019:
10 Sept	14 Jan
8 Oct	11 Feb
12 Nov	11 Mar
10 Dec	

10.30am - 12pm
West Berkshire Museum
FREE

Corn Exchange 01635 582 666
getinvolved@cornexchangenew.co.uk



Craft Workshops

HOW TO BOOK

Museum courses

T: 01635 519562

Shaw House courses

T: 01635 279279



Ceramic Candle Holder

Tutor: Christine Lack

Starting with clay as the raw material, you will learn to make your own unique candle holder inspired by nature using a variety of techniques.

This workshop is suitable for complete beginners. The ceramics will be taken away to be fired and glazed and will be ready for collection four weeks after the workshop.

Sat 22 September
10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum
£48



Painting Birds

Tutor: Hazel Batchelor

Using specimens from the museum collection you will work with watercolour, pencil, pen and wash, and then looking particularly at interpretations of texture, light and shade in feathers and structure. In the afternoon, there will be the opportunity to sketch birds by the Kennet and Avon canal (weather permitting).

Please see website for materials you will need.

Wed 26 September
10am - 3pm (1hr lunch break)
West Berkshire Museum
£20



Common Words

Tutor: Steve Wallis

Celebrate the continuing history of Greenham Common by turning your memories and experiences of the site into a poem.

West Berkshire poet Steve will guide participants through the creation of their own cinquaine, a simple but powerful poetic form suitable for beginners and experienced poets alike. Suggested age 10+/adult.

Sun 30 September
2pm - 4pm
West Berkshire Museum
£3



Ceramic Christmas Trees

Tutor: Christine Lack

Create your own handmade set of three individual stylish Christmas trees, colour them to fit in with your home. Great to keep or give as a gift for Christmas.

This workshop is suitable for complete beginners. The ceramics will be taken away to be fired and glazed and will be ready for collection four weeks after the workshop.

Sat 3 November
10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum
£48



Hand Painted Decorations

Tutor: Piet van den Beuken

A brief talk about the history of the Christmas tree and its decorations followed by painting 4 ceramic decorations of your choice out of the vast collection of Roelofs and Rubens bisque shapes.

Price includes firing, decorative beads and ribbon and delivered or posted to your house.

Fri 9 & Sat 10 November
Fri 7 & Sat 8 December
West Berkshire Museum
10am - 1pm | £40



Willow For Christmas

Tutor: Trish Matthews

Make a variety of decorative willow objects (stars, wreaths, reindeer and bells) to celebrate the festive season.

Along the way we will explore different weaving techniques.

All materials are provided, please bring secateurs if you have them and wear old clothes!

Fri 30 November
10am - 12pm (max 3 hrs)
West Berkshire Museum
£25



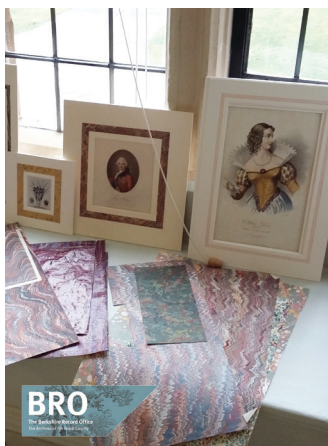
Autumn Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Create your own bespoke pumpkin arrangement or a wreath with autumn flowers using an oasis frame. All materials will be provided. Kim and her Lavenders team will be on hand to help you. Please make your choice when booking.

If you have a carving kit please bring it along otherwise you will be provided with all the tools that you need.

Fri 19 October
10am - 12pm
Shaw House
£30



Personalised Photo Mounting

Tutor: Sue Hourigan

Using your own pictures or special photographs, learn to cut and decorate window mounts to create a personal addition to your home or a thoughtful gift for a loved one.

Sue, Senior Conservator from the Berkshire Record Office, will teach you how to use the correct materials and techniques to make your pictures look their best.

Mon 12 November
12pm - 4pm
Shaw House
£25



Silk Painted Christmas Cards

Tutor: Helen Mortimer

Create your own silk painted Christmas cards that you can personalise for your friends and family using iron-fix silk paints.

In this relaxing workshop, you will be guided through various techniques including blending and tinting to build up your own unique cards using pre-outlined festive images.

Mon 19 November
10.30am - 12.30pm
Shaw House
£20

HOW TO BOOK

Museum courses

T: 01635 519562

Shaw House courses

T: 01635 279279



Wreath Making

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Come along and join in the festive fun creating your own bespoke Christmas wreath. You will learn how to moss your wire wreath frame and then add seasonal foliage. A selection of dried fruits, fur cones, cinnamon sticks, as well as coloured baubles, ribbons and silk decorations will all be provided.

Price includes a hot drink and mince pie.

Tues 4 & Wed 5 December
10am & 6.30pm (2.5 hrs)
Shaw House
£40 (10% discount groups of 10)



Decopatch for Christmas

Tutor: Helen Mortimer

Enjoy the art of decopatch in this festive workshop.

Using specialist papers, create beautiful designs on baubles, boxes and more!

You will even have to opportunity to personalize an item to give as a gift.

Price includes a hot drink and mince pie.

Mon 10 December
10.30am - 12.30pm
Shaw House
£20



Christmas Table Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Create your own table arrangement, with a choice of three styles from classic rectangular to suit a long table; posy design suitable for round tables or a circular arrangement made from an oasis wreath frame in which you can place your tea lights inside at home.

Please make your choice when booking.

Price includes a hot drink and mince pie.

Wed 19 December
10am - 12.30pm
Shaw House
£35

Family Events

Blaze's Buddies

Come and meet Blaze, the museum dragon, and join in with an action poem, story, simple craft, treasure hunt and sing-a-long!

Held in the Museum's comfortable and child-friendly learning space, Blaze's Buddies will encourage your child to take part in fun and interactive activities and crafts. The session closes with a hunt to find a museum object or a sing-a-long.

Dates and themes:

Music	4 Oct
Textures	1 Nov
Food Stories	7 Feb
Blaze the Dragon	7 Mar
Shiny!	4 Apr

11am - 11.30am
West Berkshire Museum
FREE

Tickets are available from 10am on the day on a first come, first served basis



FAMILY



Their Legacy, Our History

A family friendly event that will immerse visitors in wartime home front activities, taking place in and around Market Place, Newbury.

As well as interactive displays and exhibitions, talks and walks, there will be fashion shows, a children's street party, community & military parades and living history re-enactors.

Join us at West Berkshire Museum for free, drop-in family craft activity where you can make a pair of WWII aviator goggles.

Sat 8 & Sun 9 Sept
<https://visitnewburyevents.org.uk/their-legacy-our-history>

FAMILY



Heritage Open Days



Shaw House

Join us in the Great Hall for introductory talks about the history of the House at **11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm**

Please check the website for updates about access to other areas of the House that are not normally open to the public.

West Berkshire Museum

11am – 3pm

Explore the attic of the Cloth Hall, members of Kennet Valley Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will be on hand to demonstrate traditional skills, giving you a flavour of its original purpose.

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept, FREE
No need to book, just drop in
www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Image: Annabel Farley Photography

Wedding Fair

Save the date.....

Try, buy, book and hire everything you need for your special day.

With over 40 specialists from bridal boutiques and florists to jewellers and wedding venues, this is the ultimate wedding shopping experience!

Hosted by Rusty and Roses.

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

Sun 7 Oct, 11am - 3pm
Shaw House
 FREE
www.rustyandroses.com
 07792 104 418



Family Halloween Wreath Making

Celebrate Halloween with this fun and creative wreath making workshop.

Come along to make a spooky wreath for your door or party. You will be provided with a metal frame and a selection of decorations from pumpkins, skeletons, scary eyes and much more!

You may want to decorate a sugar skull or add a touch of the autumn season to complete your own design.

Suitable for adults, teens & children 8yrs + (children under 16 must be supervised).

Booking essential.

Mon 22 Oct
10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm
Shaw House
 £20 per person
 To book call: Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Activity Day

Perfect pumpkins

Using porcelain pens, decorate a ceramic pumpkin tea light holder, this will make a fantastic Halloween decoration for your home.

There will also be a new Halloween House trail!

Suitable for 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.

Wed 24 Oct, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House
 £2 per child
 No need to book, just drop in
 Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Storytelling

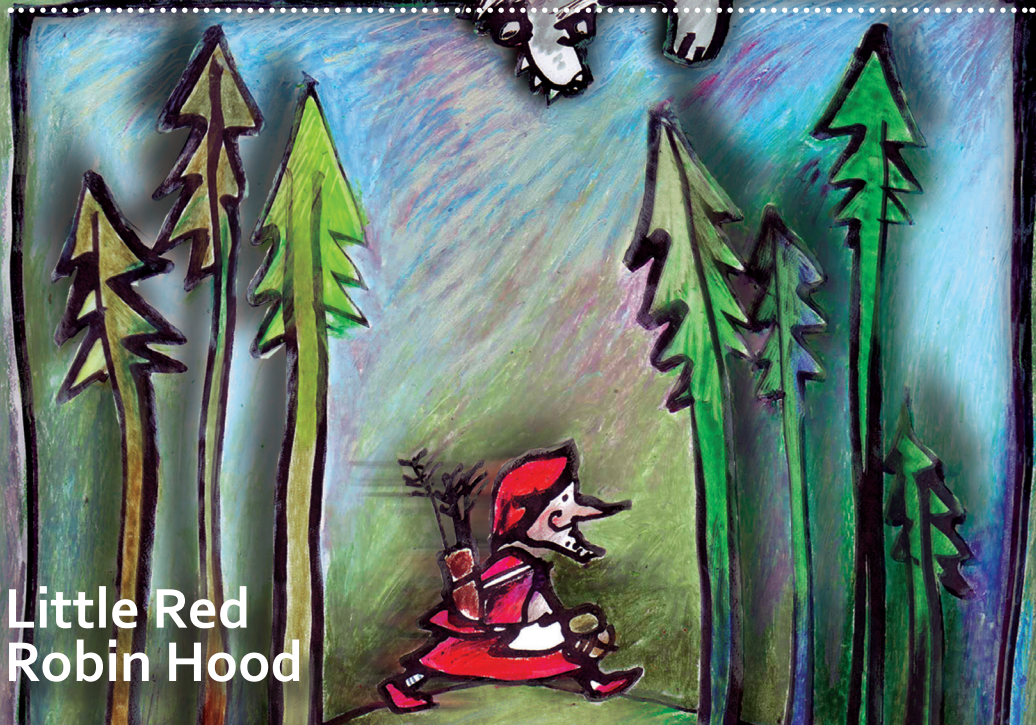
Food for your ears!

Family friendly interactive storytelling session themed around food, to tie-in with the Food Stories exhibition – more details to follow www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Suitable for children 4-7 years; approximately 45 minute duration.

Places must be booked from the museum in advance, limited spaces.

Wed 24 Oct, 10.30am
West Berkshire Museum
 £2 per child (accompanying adult free)
 To book call:
 West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Little Red Robin Hood

A long time ago in a deep dark wood, lived a brave strong lad who loved Grandma's pud, and his name was Little Red Robin Hood.

A merry mix up in the forest when Little Red Riding Hood cannot be found. Luckily Robin Hood agrees to go on a quest to take some cakes and flowers to Grandma.

Will he stay on the path or will he discover the big bad wolf who looks a bit like the Sheriff of Nottingham?

Garlic Theatre presents a funny, slapstick, glove puppet show with beautifully crafted puppets, clowning and gentle humour.

"One of the BEST PLAYS EVER! Finally a 21st Century play. Very ethical and full of FUN!!" Quote from audience member at Norwich Puppet Theatre

Running time 45 minutes with time at the end to show puppets and answer any questions from the audience.

Suitable for ages 3+ but younger and older children are welcome.

Thur 25 Oct
House and cafe open 10am | Show 2pm
Shaw House

Adults £9, Child £7

Shaw House 01635 279 279

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Arts & Culture Passport Day



Achieve your Discover Arts Award in a day!

Start at the Corn Exchange with some fun introductory activities and then move to the museum to do a Halloween-themed craft activity, break for lunch and then take part in a creative activity at Newbury Library, followed by a final visit to the Corn Exchange to hand in your completed Arts and Culture Passport.

For more information and to book a place, please contact the Corn Exchange. Suitable for ages 5-12.

Thurs 25 Oct, 10am - 4pm
West Berkshire Museum

£3.75 per child. Places are limited.

www.cornexchangenewbury.com

Corn Exchange 0845 5218 218

Messy Museum Day

Spooky skulls

Make a skull out of modelling clay and then paint its features to make a spookily good Halloween decoration.

Dress for mess! Disposable aprons will be provided for the messier activities.

For 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.

Fri 26 Oct, 10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child

No need to book, just drop in

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Linking the Landscape:



Under the Microscope

What can you see under the microscope?

Local Wildlife Trust experts will be on hand with microscopes and an array of remarkable mini-beasts up close. Learn about this fascinating essential world happening unseen all around us.

Suitable for all ages.

Fri 26 Oct, 10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum
FREE

No need to book, just drop in
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Museums At Night: Dragon Hunt!

Family friendly event with a fun dragon hunt through a dark or dimly lit museum.



Blaze, the museum dragon, has a number of dragon friends who have decided to play hide and seek in the museum – help Blaze to count the tiny glow-in-the-dark dragons as well as to find his dragon friends and a missing dragon egg.

Please bring a torch.

Fri 26 Oct, 5.15pm - 7.15pm
West Berkshire Museum
FREE

No need to book, just drop in
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea

Why not treat yourself to afternoon tea in the Elizabethan splendor of Shaw House.

Afternoon tea includes; a selection of Fair Trade tea, finger sandwiches, a scone with clotted cream and locally produced jam and a generous slice of homemade Victoria sponge cake and fruit cake.

And to complete your afternoon you can take a wander around the House and exhibition room. Entry is free.

Group bookings for special celebrations are welcomed, please enquire within.

Please check the website for other available dates throughout 2019.

Fri 26 Oct, Fri 22 Feb, 2pm
Shaw House
Standard: £14.95pp
Prosecco: £18.95pp
Shaw House 01635 279 279



Halloween Party Night

Join us for a night of spooky fun! With Halloween trails, apple bobbing and apple 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!

Suitable for ages 4+ but younger children are welcome.

This is a ticket only event, book early to avoid disappointment, tickets available from 17 September 2018.

Wed 31 Oct, Doors open 6pm
Event 6.20pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House

Children £6, 1 adult free, additional adults £1
Shaw House 01635 279 279



The Men Who Marched Away

Created to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Great War, acclaimed musicians **Chris Green and Sophie Matthews** use music and song to tell the story of 'The War to End All Wars'.

The Men Who Marched Away is a scintillating mixture of soldiers' songs, music hall numbers, war poems set to new music and original compositions.

The show does not flinch from conveying the full horror of the first global conflict but also celebrates the courage and humour of the Tommies under fire and those they left behind.

Featuring a host of wartime standards such as 'Pack Up Your Troubles', 'Tipperary' and 'Goodbye-ee' as well as brand-new musical settings of poems by lesser-known war poets such as May Wedderburn Cannan and C. Fox-Smith.

The Men Who Marched Away is a moving tribute to the fallen and a fitting reminder of their sacrifice.

Age suitability: 8+

www.greenmatthews.co.uk/shows/greatwar

Sun 4 Nov | Doors 6.30pm | Show 7pm
Shaw House

Adult £12, Child £5

West Berks Card: Adult £11, Child £4

Shaw House 01635 279 279

Book online: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Christmas Family Craft Workshop

Paper sculpture

Learn how to construct a paper sculpture based on cutting, curling and folding paper.

Choose to make either a Father Christmas head with a lift-off hat or a circular design based on a holly wreath that you can use to decorate your home.

Family workshop suitable for age 7 and above. Approximately 1 hour long. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

West Berkshire Museum Christmas Opening Hours;

Sat 22 Dec	10am - 4pm
Sun 23 Dec	10am - 1pm
Mon 24 Dec	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Thurs 27 Dec	10am - 4pm
Fri 28 Dec	10am - 4pm
Sat 29 Dec	10am - 4pm
Sun 30 Dec	10am - 4pm
New Year's Eve	Closed
New Year's Day	Closed
Wed 2 Jan	10am - 4pm
Thurs 3 Jan	10am - 4pm

Sat 1 Dec, 10.30am - 11.30am
West Berkshire Museum

£3.50 per child.

Book in advance due to limited spaces

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562

Christmas Fair

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

We have over 60 amazing local crafters, bakers, artists and photographers all brimming with bespoke wares that can't be found on the high street.

With mulled wine, hot food and Living Nativity with Miller's Ark Animals outside on the Orangery Lawn.

Sun 2 Dec, 11am - 4pm
Shaw House

Adult £1, Children FREE



Children's Christmas Parties

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.

Party times:
11.30am, 12.45pm, 2pm & 3.15pm

Advance tickets only, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Sun 2 Dec
Shaw House

Children £5

One accompanying adult per child.

Tickets available from 5 Nov



Sing for Fun Christmas Concert

An uplifting evening of festive music!

The programme will be packed full of popular seasonal songs that will bring back happy memories for people of all ages.

What a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit, in the Great Hall with an atmosphere of fun and friendliness.

Sing for Fun is a local community choir with the aim of providing accessibility to everyone in a warm and fun environment.

www.singforfun.co.uk



Fri 14 Dec, 7pm - 8pm
Shaw House

Adult £6, Child £3

West Berks Card: Adult £5, Child £2.50

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Brief History of Christmas

600 Years of Yuletide Songs, Carols, Tunes and Tales

Acclaimed musicians GreenMatthews (with special guest Jude Rees of Pilgrims' Way) present a festive romp through 600 years of Christmas music, songs and carols.

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.

The perfect show for anyone looking to recapture the simple Yuletide delights of fellowship, laughter and good cheer.

www.greenmatthews.co.uk

"Eclectic and enjoyable - a bewildering array of instruments"
English Dance and Song

Suitable: 8+

Mon 17 Dec
Doors 7pm | Show 7.30pm
Shaw House

Adult £12, Child £5

West Berks Card: Adult £11, Child £4

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Old Christmas Return'd

Seasonal Tudor Music and Songs

Winter could be a harsh time with long nights and little fresh food, but the Twelve Days of Christmas were filled with feasting, music, dancing, singing, games and revelry.

It was a time of entertainments, wassailing on the village green, and plays at court. Piva will be capturing a flavour of these times by playing and singing music of the period and telling tales from the time.

The evening will be a perfect way to drive

away the cold, dark nights of winter and prepare you for the Christmas festivities.

Playing a wide range of authentic period instruments such as shawms, cornett and recorders, this year Piva are delighted to be joined by their special guest, singer An Croenen Brutsaert.

www.piva.org.uk

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

Thurs 20 Dec
Doors 7pm | Show 7.30pm
Shaw House

Adult £14, Child £5

West Berks Card: Adult £13, Child £4

Shaw House 01635 279 279

CRAFT WORKSHOPS



Adult Christmas Craft Workshops

Learn a new skill and create a personalised gift or decoration for your home this Christmas!

Handmade Ceramic Christmas Trees
Saturday 3 November
West Berkshire Museum

Painting Ceramic Christmas Decorations
Friday 9 & Saturday 10 November
Friday 7 & Saturday 8 December
West Berkshire Museum

Personalised Picture & Photograph Mounting
Monday 12 November
Shaw House

Silk Painted Christmas Cards
Monday 19 November
Shaw House

Willow for Christmas
Friday 30 November
West Berkshire Museum

Christmas Wreath Making
Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 December
Shaw House

Decopatch for Christmas
Monday 10 December
Shaw House

Christmas Table Flowers
Wednesday 19 December
Shaw House

To book please call
Shaw House 01635 279 279
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562

All workshops are suitable for beginners.

CONCERT



Cloaked in Secrecy

Subterfuge, scandals,
and seafaring shenanigans

Award winning early music ensemble Charivari Agréable return to Shaw House with their new programme of words and music to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of Sir Walter Raleigh.

With works from the Golden Age of England & Spain (incl. Byrd, Cabezon, Campion, Dowland, Farnaby & Ortiz), and featuring Elizabeth I's iconic Tilbury speech as well as the sonnets of Shakespeare.

Isobel Collyer, Layil Barr and Kah-Ming Ng once more take us back to a time when Shaw House was a new and lively country mansion, and fill its Great Hall with the music, speeches and poetry of the period.

Isobel Collyer - Narrator and Soprano
Layil Barr - Recorders and Viol
Kah-Ming Ng - Virginals

Ticket price includes tea and cake after the performance.

Sun 10 Feb
Doors 1pm | Show 2pm
Shaw House
Adult £19, Child £7
Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Activity Day

Beautiful birds

Using porcelain pens, decorate a ceramic bird. A new house trail will also be available.

2019 public opening dates;

Shaw House is open to the public every weekend from 16 February to 29 September, 11am – 4pm and on weekdays during school holidays at 10am -4pm.

Entry to the House is free!

Wed 20 Feb, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House

£2 per child
No need to book, just drop in
Shaw House 01635 279 279



Messy Museum Days

Fabulous Fossils

Make your own fossil from a replica mini-beast using clay, Plaster of Paris and foil.

While waiting for the fossil to set, why not visit the museum galleries to see some of the fossils on display.

Dress for mess! Disposable aprons are provided for all of our sessions.

Fri 22 Feb, 10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child
No need to book, just drop in
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562

Local Heritage

The Archaeology Service
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.

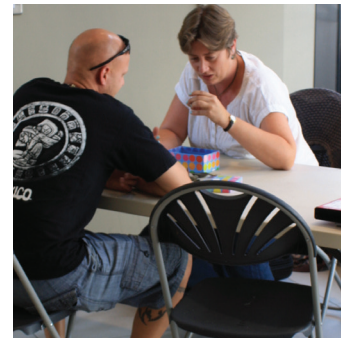
Tell us what you've discovered

If you have found any interesting objects while digging or metal detecting, they can be identified by Anni Byard, the Finds Liaison Officer for West Berkshire and Oxfordshire, who will be holding **Finds Surgeries** at West Berkshire Museum.

For dates and times please visit;
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on
anni.byard@oxfordshire.gov.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.
0118 937 5132 | www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk



 **Portable Antiquities Scheme**
www.finds.org.uk

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Forthcoming Events



Annel Farley Photography

Wedding Venue Fair
Shaw House : Sun 3 Feb



Earl Rivers Muster
Shaw House : Sat 9 Mar



Perfume Making Workshop
Shaw House : Sat 2 Mar



**Exhibition: Connections
& Collections - Opens 10 Apr**



Spring Food & Craft Fair
Shaw House : Sun 7 Apr



Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea
Please visit website for dates

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Online bookings

Online bookings are subject to a £1 booking fee per ticket.

Corn Exchange call charges

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

Terms and conditions of sale

- 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, tickets can be posted at 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, however, they can be left safely by reception.

Workshops cancellation policy

Workshops are non-refundable, however, you can transfer your booking onto any other session at either Shaw House or West Berkshire Museum and pay any higher price difference. Please contact reception directly (not the course leader) to transfer your booking.

The information contained in this brochure was correct at the time of going to press, but no guarantee can be given that it will not be amended before the commencement of any event. Any changes to times or venue will be made available on the website listings.



Our Venues



Shaw House

Church Road
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 2DR

shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum

The Wharf
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 5AS

museum@westberks.gov.uk

Booking Information

Online:

Where online booking is available you will be directed to a web page hosted by the Corn Exchange (Newbury).

In Person:

Bookings can be made at the respective venue in person, or at the Corn Exchange Box Office (free of charge).

By Phone:

Shaw House: 01635 279 279 | West Berkshire Museum: 01635 519 562
Corn Exchange Box Office: 0845 5218 218

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