

# WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | December 2022-January 2023



**All the staff and volunteers at West Berkshire Museum would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.**

**We have enjoyed working with you in 2022 and very much hope we will continue to do so in 2023.**

The West Berkshire Museum Learning and Participation Service has much to offer in 2023. There are museum artefact loan boxes to borrow (please see attached museum artefact loan boxes FAQ leaflet), led sessions (most of which can be held either in school or at the Museum, please see the attached brochure for more details) and free self-led visits to the permanent exhibition (telling the story of West Berkshire) and the special exhibitions – it is usually possible to also get a free museum trail to accompany a visit, as well as to borrow clipboards and pencils. For more information on any of the above, please contact Clare and/or go to:  
[www.westberkshireheritage.org/schools](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/schools)

## December school holiday

At the Museum on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December there is a festive family craft morning where we will be decorating a ceramic Christmas tree ornament with paint pens. For more information or to book:  
[www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on)

## Current exhibitions

### Special exhibition: Barrels and Bottles.

The story of brewing in West Berkshire. Ends mid-January 2023.

**Special exhibition: Focus on Thatcham.** An exploration of the history of this parish over two galleries.

### Special exhibition: The Age of Dinosaurs.

An exploration of the Mesozoic era. Ends late April 2023.

### Special exhibition: Hope and Pride.

Exploring how UK Pride started & the events that have led to social and political change.

**Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscapes.** The story of West Berkshire.



Image: A decorated ceramic Christmas tree decoration – please see the details (left) on the festive family craft morning at the Museum.

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