

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | March-April 2024

This e-newsletter contains information about the next **Museum Learning Advisory Panel meeting, school holiday activities** and **From the Nile to Newbury special exhibition** as well as the other current exhibitions.

Museum Learning Advisory Panel

The next panel meeting is on **Wednesday 20th March at 4.15pm at West Berkshire Museum.**

It is your opportunity to meet colleagues from other schools and to find out more about the museum learning and participation service.

To find out more about joining or to confirm your attendance, please contact Clare.

School holiday activities

There will be the usual **family craft days** at **Shaw House** (Wednesdays) and **West Berkshire Museum** (Fridays). The *Messy Museum Days* will be ancient Egypt themed. On Friday 12th April, we'll be making and painting a clay hippo model (pictured, right).

These events are to complement the **From the Nile to Newbury special exhibition** and there's plenty of *free* hands-on activities as well as trails and colouring sheets in the gallery.

Don't forget that in term-time, you can bring a class to visit the **From the Nile to Newbury special exhibition** (or another exhibition) for *free*. If the class numbers more than 15, you can opt to split them into two groups (no more than 18 per group) with one doing some of the *free* self-led gallery trails and the other group doing a led ancient Egypt craft with Clare (small fee per pupil applies). They would then swap over after a set time. If this is of interest, please contact Clare for more information and/or a booking form. **We host (booked) school visits when we are closed to the public (Mon/Tues).**

Current exhibitions

Special exhibition: Waterways. Exploring the history of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Ends 19 May 2024.

Special exhibition: House of Toomer. The story of the family behind the store.

Special exhibition: Drawn to the Ridgeway – Art by Nick Schlee. Ends 31 March 2024.

Special exhibition: The Works of Majorie Heather. Opens 10 April 2024.

Special exhibition: Focus on the Eastern Parishes. History of the parishes of Burghfield, Wokefield, and Beech Hill.

Special exhibition: From the Nile to Newbury. Exploring life and death in ancient Egypt. Ends 17 November 2024.

Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscape. The story of West Berkshire.



Image: hippo to be created on the *Messy Museum Day* on Fri 12th April.

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