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SHAW HOUSE



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WELCOME TO WEST BERKSHIRE HERITAGE

Exhibitions, workshops, talks, concerts, theatre, cinema and more family events than ever. There is so much to do and it's very reasonably priced. You can visit Shaw House free on weekends and in school holidays and the museum is open and free to visit from Wednesday to Sunday.

www.westberkshireheritage.org

We are also promoting the benefits of library membership. Libraries probably provide a lot more than you think; e-books, internet access, events, activities and of course thousands of new books for adults and children, and it's all free!

www.westberks.gov.uk/libraries

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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 prehistory 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

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Shaw House



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EXHIBITIONS

West Berkshire Museum

The Way We Were, opens	Wed 16 Jan
Focus on Lambourn, opens	Wed 20 Mar
Christopher Hall, finishes	Sun 24 Feb
Food Stories, finishes	Sun 3 Mar
How We Remember, finishes	Sun 23 Jun
Hoarders	Continues
Cabinets of Curiosity	Continues

WORKSHOPS

West Berkshire Museum

Green Man	Sat 09 Mar
Willow for the Garden	Fri 03 May
Kiln Carving	Fri 10 May
Watercolour Painting	07 & 14 Jun
Delft Tiles	Fri 21 Jun
Willow Bird Feeder	Fri 05 Jul
Braiding and Tapestry Weaving	Sat 31 Aug
Spinning	Sat 07 Sep
Weaving	Sat 14 Sep

Shaw House

Design Your Own Perfume	Sat 02 Mar
Patchwork for Beginners	Wed 06 Mar
Spring Flowers	Thur 28 Mar
Summer Bunting	Wed 03 Apr
Easter Wreaths	Wed 04 Apr
Iron-fix Silk Painting	Mon 29 Apr
Bridal Flowers	01 May & 19 Jun
Macramé for Beginners	Wed 08 May
Watercolour Painting	17 & 24 May
Steam-fix Silk Painting	Mon 10 Jun
Symmetrical Flower Arrangement	Wed 17 Jul

FAMILY

West Berkshire Museum

Blaze's Buddies	Thur 07 Feb
Family Art Workshop	Thur 21 Feb
Messy Museum Day	Fri 22 Feb
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 07 Mar
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 04 Apr
Crazy Craft Day	Fri 12 Apr
Microscopic Signs of Spring	Fri 12 Apr
Crazy Craft Day	Thur 18 Apr
Discover Arts Award	06 – 29 Apr
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 02 May
Family Art Workshop	Thur 30 May
Family Activity Day	Fri 31 May
Bats at the Museum	Fri 31 May
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 06 Jun
Swifts in Newbury	Wed 26 Jun
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 04 Jul
Messy Museum Day	Fri 02, 9, 16, 23, 30 Aug
Bats at the Museum	Fri 30 Aug

Shaw House

Wedding Venue Fair	Sun 03 Feb
Family Activity Day	Wed 20 Feb
Civil War at Shaw House	Sat 09 Mar
Spring Food & Craft Fair	Sun 07 Apr
Family Activity Day	Wed 10 Apr
Family Activity Day	Wed 17 Apr
Sculpture Exhibition	04 - 27 May
Leonardo, 500 Years On	Thur 16 May
Shaw House Open Days	26 & 27 May
Family Activity Day	Wed 29 May
Summer Fair	Sun 21 Jul
Family Activity Day	Wed 31 Jul
Family Activity Day	Wed 07, 14, 21, 28 Aug
Open Air Cinema	Dates TBC

TALKS

West Berkshire Museum

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

CONCERTS

Shaw House

Cloaked in Secrecy	Sun 03 Feb
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THEATRE

Shaw House

3 Little Pig Tails	Mon 18 Feb
A Midsummer Nights Dream	Tue 30 Jul
Alice in Wonderland	Mon 12 Aug

Please note, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult for all of our family activities and events.

AFTERNOON TEA

Shaw House

Served at 2pm on the following Fridays;

22 Feb	12 Apr	31 May	26 Jul
02 Aug	09 Aug	16 Aug	23 Aug
30 Aug	01 Nov		

Book online or call Shaw House 01635 279 279
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.

We offer competitive hourly room rates which are inclusive of all technical facilities, for 2 to 100 delegates.

Please get in touch

01635 279 279
shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum

The Long Room is a comfortable and relaxed learning space which is available to hire for community groups and clubs.

The Cloth Hall is an atmospheric and historic space on the first floor that is ideal for meetings and events.

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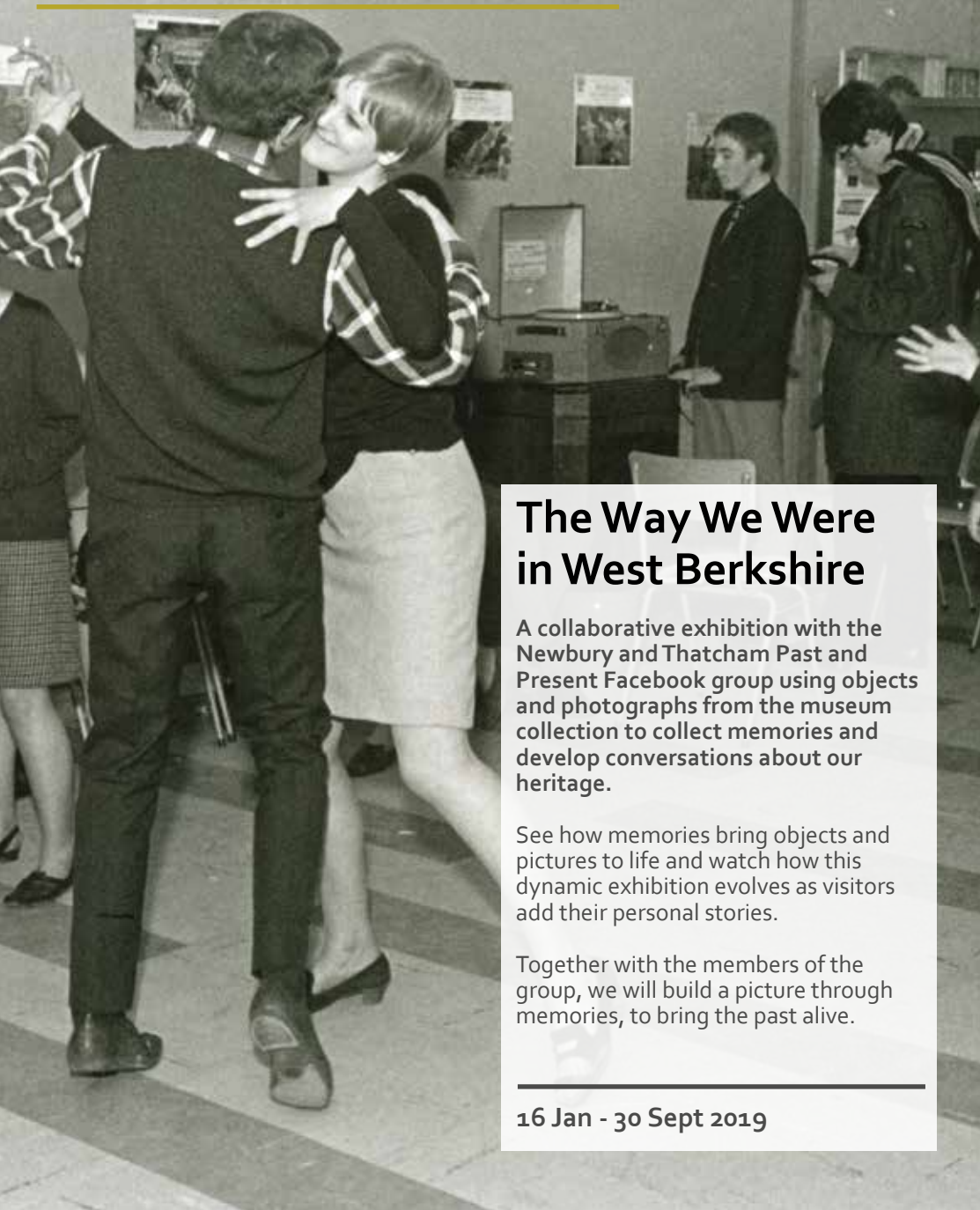
Special Exhibitions

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.



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 - 30 Sept 2019



Christopher Hall Retrospective

Another chance to examine the life and work of the late Christopher Hall, a highly respected local artist.

Christopher's fascination with history and his desire to preserve the individual character of towns and villages can be seen in his detailed studies of West Berkshire and further afield.

His attention to the small details of everyday life give his paintings a distinct style for which he has become well known.

14 Nov 2018 - 24 Feb 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.

Runs until 23 Mar 2019

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

Focus on Lambourn

From harrows to horses

Lambourn's rich history is evident in the landscape features that have been left behind dating back to prehistoric times.

This exhibition features around 30 objects including paintings which tell the story of this thriving village.

20 Mar - 24 Nov 2019

Oil painting © Nick Schlee

How We Remember

Personal Histories from World War One.

Commemorating the centenary of the end of World War One, this exhibition focuses on the personal histories of a selection of West Berkshire soldiers who fought in the Great War and the effect of the war on the locality.

It also explores how cherished memories cling to ordinary and extraordinary objects, enabling moments to be shared across the generations. Items include a prayer book that still bears mud from the Somme battlefield and the diary of a prisoner of war.

Runs until 23 June 2019

Hoards

Bringing together, for the first time, more than a dozen 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

Talking History

West Berkshire Museum

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATS ARE UNRESERVED

Tickets: £5

Available from the museum 01635 519562

or online westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



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

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

Craft Workshops

HOW TO BOOK

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Ceramic Green Man

Tutor: Christine Lack

Come and have fun learning how to create your own garden 'Green Man' using a robust stoneware clay suitable for all weathers.

You will be making and cutting a slab of clay and then hand modelling features and decorative elements to add to the surface.

Sat 9 March
10.30am - 1.30pm
West Berkshire Museum
£48

Willow for the Garden

Tutor: Trish Matthews

Join us to make a garden cloche or plant climber. We will explore weaving techniques that you can use to create decorative and useful objects for your garden. Learn about the history of willow and how complex objects can be made using natural materials and basic tools. All materials will be provided but please bring secateurs if you have them.

Fri 3 May
10.30am - 1.30pm
West Berkshire Museum
£25

Kiln Carving

Tutor: Christine Wolfe

Create a spoon rest and a hanging decoration or serving platter, made from up-cycled wine bottles and ceramic fibre paper. All whilst taking in a brief history of the fascinating craft of fusing glass. The bottles and fibre paper designs will be taken away to be fired, finished and delivered to your house. Materials and postage are all included.

Fri 10 May
10.30am - 1.30pm
West Berkshire Museum
£25

Delft Tile Painting

Tutor: Piet van den Beuken

Starting with unglazed ceramic tiles, you will learn all the techniques you need to paint four tiles with your own design in the Delft tradition whilst taking in a brief history of this fascinating craft. You can even take inspiration from the original tiles in situ at the Museum. The tiles will be fired, finished and delivered to your house. Materials and postage are all included.

Fri 21 June
10.30am - 1.30pm
West Berkshire Museum
£40

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



Willow Bird Feeder

Tutor: Trish Matthews

Make a variety of willow bird feeders to use in your garden. We will explore different weaving techniques, giving you an insight into working with this versatile material. Learn about the history of willow and how complex objects can be made using natural materials and a minimum of basic tools. All materials will be provided but please bring secateurs if you have them.

Fri 5 July
10.30am - 1.30pm
West Berkshire Museum
£25



Kennet Valley Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers



Braiding and Tapestry Weaving
Sat 31 August
Learn this really easy technique that can be used in everyday life, before you know it the whole family will want to try braiding or tapestry-making too.

Spinning
Sat 7 September
Create yarn to knit or weave using a wheel or spindle. It's not difficult and everyone

has their own style. You don't know what yours will be until you try spinning.

Weaving
Sat 14 September
Come and try weaving, see how easy and fun it is creating material for bags, scarves, and many other items.

Suitable for all ages.

1pm - 4pm
West Berkshire Museum
Free, drop in

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Water Colour on Location

Tutor: Isabel Carmona

Practising various techniques you will work to produce finished water colour pieces that you are happy to show off to your friends and family.

All artist quality materials will be provided. These workshops are suitable for beginners and those with some experience who want to clarify concepts and explore new techniques.

£35 per session
Or book all 4 for £125

Session 1: Shaw House and Grounds

Session 2: St. Mary's Church, Shaw

These sessions will begin with practicing various techniques to record shapes, light and shade, and composing a picture. Moving onto colour mixing and choosing colours that create a harmonious composition.

Session 1: Fri 17 May
Session 2: Fri 24 May
10.30am - 1.30pm
Meet at Shaw House

Session 3: Cloth Hall, West Berkshire Museum

Session 4: The Wharf and Canal View

Working at central Newbury locations you will concentrate on creating a completed watercolour piece (or pieces). The tutor will guide you in techniques to help you express your personality through your work.

Session 3: Fri 7 June
Session 4: Fri 14 June
10.30am - 1.30pm
Meet at Museum



Design Your Own Perfume

Tutor: Janette Hammond

Learn some of the history of perfume, about the ingredients and extraction methods, understand top notes, middle and base notes and their importance in constructing a lasting fragrance. Then design and name your own fragrance to take home with you.

It's fun and easy to do and what could be more luxurious than creating your own signature scent?

Sat 2 March
11am - 1pm
Shaw House
£40



Patchwork For Beginners

Tutor: Eileen Pryor

Always wanted to try making a quilt but a bit daunted by the terminology (fat quarter, wadding, flying geese, log cabin and more), not to mention the size? Learn how to make a block, quilt it and turn it into a cushion - a starting point for the quilt you will have the skills to make. If you can sew a straight line you can make a quilt.

Please bring your own sewing machine.

Wed 6 March
6.15pm - 9pm
Shaw House
£30 (+£10 materials cost payable on the day)



Spring Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Join in the fun creating seasonal flowers in a basket.

A perfect Mother's Day gift or maybe treat someone special to come along and create their own special arrangement.

All materials provided. Suitable for beginners.

Thurs 28 March
1pm & 6.30pm (2 hrs)
Shaw House
£30

HOW TO BOOK

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Celebration Bunting

Tutor: Eileen Pryor

Summer, celebrations, garden parties, Christmas - what would they be without a bit of bunting decorating the space?

Easy to make, lovely to look at and always there when you want it. Come along and spend an evening learning different ways to make bunting.

Please bring your own sewing machine, all materials included.

Wed 3 April
6.15pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House
£25



Easter Wreaths

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Come along to this spring wreath workshop and create your own arrangement using seasonal flowers, ribbons and Easter decorations.

These stunning designs are perfect for displaying on your door or table or maybe an Easter gift you can fill with chocolate.

Kim and her team will be on hand to assist.

Thurs 4 April
1pm - 3pm
Shaw House
£35



Iron-Fix Silk Painting

Tutor: Helen Mortimer

Discover the art of iron-fix silk painting to create your own beautiful design.

You will learn how to stretch silk onto a frame, use gutta to outline your chosen design and complete your painting using silk paints.

All resources provided including templates, but please feel free to bring your own designs.

Mon 29 April
10am - 1pm
Shaw House
£35



Bridal Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

During these workshops Kim and her team will run through the itinerary of planning your flowers to create the perfect arrangements for your special day.

Suitable for beginners, all materials supplied and you will take individual creations home.

Favours & Decorations

Come along and learn how to make a flower favour for your guests to take away which can also be used as a named place setting.

During the second part of the evening you will create a hanging design suitable for pews or decorating pillars which can be easily transported to the reception.

Wed 1 May
6.15pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House
£35

Buttonholes & Posies

Master the technique of wiring a simple buttonhole.

We will then go on to create the classic hand tied posy with seasonal flowers suitable for brides or bridesmaids.

You will receive full instruction and advice on flowers that can be used throughout the seasons.

Wed 19 June
6.15pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House
£35

HOW TO BOOK

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Macramé for Beginners

Tutor: Beth Hocking

Create your own Macramé hanging plant holder. Learn the artisan craft of knotting, to design and create a contemporary plant holder, perfect for hanging spring flowers, herbs or succulents

You will have a choice of colours and accessories to make your plant hangers completely unique, along with a pot to complete your creation. Arrive at 6.15pm to select colours.

Wed 8 May
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House
£35



Steam-Fix Silk Painting

Tutor: Helen Mortimer

Explore the delights of steam-fix silk painting whilst creating abstract floral and landscape designs. Learn a variety of techniques including adding salt and gutta to your designs.

All resources provided including templates, but please feel free to bring your own designs.

Mon 10 June
10am - 1pm
Shaw House
£40



Symmetrical Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Join us at this fun summer workshop and learn how to make a classic symmetrical triangle design - a front facing design which is often seen at receptions and functions.

Once mastered this design can be used throughout the seasons and is easily adapted to any size and container.

Wed 17 July
1pm - 3pm
Shaw House
£30

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 2019:

Food Stories 7 Feb
Blaze the dragon 7 Mar
Shiny! 4 Apr
Rabbits and hares 2 May
Sheep 6 June
Woolly mammoths 4 July



11am - 11.30am
West Berkshire Museum
FREE

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

Download the new Blaze's Adventure app and get exploring at the museum today!



FAMILY



Wedding Venue Fair

Save the date...

Try, buy, book and hire everything you need for your event or wedding.

You'll find everything from hair and beauty tips, grooms room, designer dresses, wedding décor ideas, photographers and so much more.

Hosted by Rusty and Roses.

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

Sun 3 Feb, 11am - 3pm
Shaw House

FREE

www.rustyandroses.com

Contact: 07792 104 418

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.

Featuring Elizabeth I's iconic Tilbury speech as well as the sonnets of Shakespeare.

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



3 Little Pig Tails

Puppet Theatre

'Let me in little piggie it's blowing a gale,
Not by the hairs on my little pink tail.'

A brand new version of the classic story of the three little pigs set in Paris. A grumpy old wolf is a chef who wants some pigs' tails for his soup. Will the little pigs outwit the wolf and what kind of house will they build?

A funny, warm hearted and interactive rustic tale to make you squeal with laughter, bristling with puppets, live music and lots of joining in.

Garlic Theatre entertain the whole family with beautifully crafted puppets, music and a garlicky French twist to the tale.

"The story was a brilliant twist on the original tale, really quirky and witty. The way you give the puppets character is so clever." Audience review

The show has plenty of joining in and is a funny and original take on a traditional tale.

Mon 18 Feb
House & cafe open 10am | Show 2pm
Shaw House

Adults £9, Child £7 (under 2yrs free)
Shaw House 01635 279 279

Running time 45 minutes with time at the end to see the puppets and ask questions.

Suitable for 3-7 years but older and younger children are welcome.



Family Activity Day

Beautiful Birds

Decorate a ceramic bird with porcelain pens. Why not look at the birds in the grounds for inspiration!

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 during school holidays 10am -4pm.

Entry to the House and exhibitions is free, donations are most welcomed.

Wed 20 Feb, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House

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



Family Art Workshop

Fascinating Fossils

Get hands-on with some of the museum's fossil collection while the Armadillo Art Experience teach you how to draw, colour and paint your own fun versions of how they look now and how they would have looked when they were living creatures millions of years ago!

You will have a range of artwork to take home and you will also be invited to contribute to the large-scale drawings we'll be creating to display at the museum.

Suitable for age 7+
(accompanying adult free)

Thurs 21 Feb, 10am & 1.30pm (2.5hrs)
West Berkshire Museum

£8.50 per child (advance bookings)
Book online or at the museum
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Messy Museum Day

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 museum's fossils?

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



Civil War at Shaw House

Immerse yourself in history at The Earl Rivers Regiment Muster (Members of The Sealed Knot)

Discover what life was like for those who had to take up arms against their fellow countrymen. Witness soldiers training to use swords, muskets and pikes and visit some of the tradesmen and civilians who accompanied the armies. Plus Living History demonstrations inside Shaw House.

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

Sat 9 Mar, 11am - 4pm
Shaw House

FREE

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Spring Food & Craft Fair

Spring is in the air and we are celebrating with our annual Spring Food & Craft Fair.

The House will be packed full of artisan food, drink and locally produced crafts giving you the perfect opportunity to shop for unique gifts and treats.

Local brewers will be on hand to keep you refreshed outside on the Orangery Lawn where hot food will also be available.

Sun 7 Apr, 11am - 4pm
Shaw House

Entry adults £1, children free

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Activity Day

Wild About Plants

Come along for this fun packed drop-in session and learn about the importance of planting wildflowers.

Decorate a plant pot in the Great Hall before going outside to plant a wildflower seedling with local charity Growing2gether, all whilst finding out about amazing ways that wildflowers support the natural environment.

Indoor activity: 10am - 3.30pm
Outdoor activity: 10.30am - 3pm

Wed 10 Apr
Shaw House

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

Crazy Craft Day

Delightful Decorations

Choose between decorating a bunny basket, tree or coaster.

A free Spring-themed trail will also be available.

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 12 Apr, 10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

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



Microscopic Signs of Spring

What can you see under the microscope?

Local Wildlife Trust expert Martin Woolner will be on hand with microscopes and an array of remarkable mini-beasts and plants to view up-close.

Explore the microscopic signs of spring happening unseen all around us.

Suitable for all ages, with a large screen view as well as microscopes.



Fri 12 Apr, 10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum

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



Family Activity Day

Floral Fun

Make a fridge magnet and note holder in the shape of a daffodil or other Spring flower, using Deco pens, felt, foam sheets and other craft materials.

There will be a free Easter-themed outdoor rock hunt available too.

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

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

Wed 17 Apr, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House

£2 per child
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Crazy Craft Day

Dress to Impress!

Choose between making and decorating a woodland animal mask, top hat, making a Spring picture (collage) on a square canvas, or any of the crafts still available from the previous session.

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

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

Thurs 18 Apr, 10am - 3pm

West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child

No need to book, just drop in

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Easter: Discover Arts Award

Earn your Discover Arts Award by taking part in a craft activity at the museum and completing the log book that is part of the museum's Arts Award pack.

The pack contains instructions, log book and a ticket allowing free entry to one craft activity (packs available from March onwards while stocks last).

The Arts Award Discover certificate will be issued on successful completion and submission of the log book to the museum before 29 April 2019.

www.artsaward.org



West Berkshire Museum

£5 per pack available from museum reception

Email: clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Leonardo, 500 Years On



Newbury Spring Festival

To mark the 500th anniversary of the death of one of the greatest geniuses, the quintessential Renaissance man Leonardo da Vinci. Dr Matthew Landrus of Oxford University, Leonardo authority and author of a recent book on him, talks about the polymath's achievements as artist, scientist and innovator, while also discussing recent attributions, such as the controversial 'Salvator Mundi'.

Talk followed by optional tea and cake.

Tickets available from the Corn Exchange Box Office from Monday 28 February 2019.

Thurs 16 May

Talk 3pm - approx. 4.30pm

Shaw House

Corn Exchange Box Office 0845 5218 218



Open Air Sculpture Exhibition

The Orangery Lawn at Shaw House will be transformed into a sculpture trail by the Friends of Open Studios, where you can discover artworks by acclaimed sculptors in this lovely historic setting.

The exhibition is under the umbrella of the annual West Berkshire and North Hampshire Open Studios Scheme.

Open Studio brochures will be available from the House and the works on display will be available for purchase.

Sat 4 - Mon 27 May

Open everyday 11am - 4pm

Shaw House

FREE

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Shaw House Open Days

Join us for the Shaw House Open Days where you will have the opportunity to access many areas of the House which are not normally open to the public.

Visit the 'Forbidden Corridor' on the second floor, the basement tunnel running along the length of the House and, for the first time, the Elizabethan bake house.

The bake house was discovered during the restoration of Shaw House and is one of the very special features of the House. Public access is not usually possible due to its location below the café but during

the open days you will have the chance to climb below the ground floor and discover the well preserved elements of the 16th century kitchen.

You can also visit the exhibition rooms and the Open Studio's outdoor sculpture trail.

Booking to view the bake house is essential and spaces will be limited. Access is via a descending fixed ladder which has a handrail on both sides. Anyone booking to visit the bake house must be physically capable of completing this manoeuvre as there is no alternative entry/exit.

Sun 26 & Mon 27 May
House open 11am - 4pm
Shaw House
FREE

Bake house viewings:
11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm
Book online or call 01635 279 279



Family Activity Day

Happy Hedgehogs

Make a multi-coloured model 3D hedgehog using a polystyrene shape for the body, wooden sticks for the prickles and Deco pens to make him or her colourful.

There will be a free hedgehog-themed activity trail available

Dress for mess!
Disposable aprons will be provided.

Wed 29 May, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House
£2 per child
No need to book, just drop in
Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Art Workshop

Roundheads & Cavaliers

Get a closer look at some of 17th century objects from the museum's Civil War collection and learn to draw them with the Armadillo Art Experience, along with famous people from the Civil War and some colourful local characters.

You'll create your own brilliant pictures to take home and help to paint some large Civil War-style banners to adorn the museum's Cloth Hall.

Suitable for age 7+
(accompanying adult free)

Thurs 30 May, 10am & 1.30pm (2.5hrs)
West Berkshire Museum
£8.50 per child (advance bookings)
Book online or at the museum
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Family Activity Day

Fly Your Flag!

Design and make a colour inspired by the Civil War flags carried by roundhead and cavalier regiments, using calico, fabric crayons, a stick and other materials.

This year marks the 375th anniversary of the Second Battle of Newbury.

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

Fri 31 May, 10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

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



Photo courtesy of Emma Bradshaw

Bats at the Museum

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire



A talk and walk by local bat expert James Shipman about the life of these amazing creatures. Did you know bats can live for up to 30 years?

Find out where the bats live, how they fly in the dark, and why they are so important and 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).

Friday 31 May, 9pm – 10.30pm
Friday 30 August, 8pm – 9.30pm

West Berkshire Museum

£5
Tickets can be purchased at the museum or online at www.bbwt.org.uk/whats-on



Swifts in Newbury

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire



A walk and a talk by local bird expert, Ailsa Claybourn, about these amazing birds who are disappearing from our skies, and how we can help them.

Did you know they live almost entirely aerial lives, fly up to 2 million km/1.24 million miles in a lifetime, sleep with only half their brain at a time and bathe by flying through rain?

After a short talk, Ailsa will take us to see Swifts and their nest sites in a walk from the museum, along the canal and back through Westfields.

Wed 26 June, 7pm - 9pm
West Berkshire Museum

£5
Tickets can be purchased at the museum or online at www.bbwt.org.uk/whats-on



Shaw House Summer Fair

Come and share the beautiful surroundings of Shaw House and enjoy all the fun of the Summer Fair, with craft stalls, children's rides and lots of family fun!

There will be plenty of entertainment, crafts and music for all the family.

After all that fun you'll be in need of refreshments; we'll have locally produced ales, as well as a Pimms tent and barbecue.

Dogs on leads are very welcome.

Sun 21 July, 11am - 4pm
Shaw House

£1 per adult, children free.
Shaw House 01635 279 279

AFTERNOON TEA



Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea

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

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. Group bookings for special celebrations are welcomed.

2019 dates:

22 Feb	12 Apr	31 May
26 Jul	2 Aug	9 Aug
16 Aug	23 Aug	30 Aug
1 Nov		

Served on selected Fridays, 2pm
Shaw House

Standard: £14.95pp

Prosecco: £18.95pp

Shaw House 01635 279279 or book online

FAMILY



Festival of Archaeology

Co-ordinated by the Council for British Archaeology, the Festival offers hundreds of events nationwide, allowing people to get hands-on experiences with the past.

Within West Berkshire there will be a varied programme of archaeological activities for all ages at West Berkshire Museum and other venues.

Look out for more details on
www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

July dates to be announced

www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk

OUTDOOR THEATRE



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Multi-award nominated Immersion Theatre are thrilled to present the most magical and romantic comedy of them all, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Set in Great Britain just before the start of the Great War, this hilarious and highly accessible adaptation sees Shakespeare's fantastical characters transported to a time of unparalleled peace and prosperity.

Four young lovers, a band of hapless actors, and a magical realm populated by enchanting spirits set on causing mischief and mayhem at every turn culminate in an unparalleled open-air experience of beauty and hilarity.

Suitable for ages 8+

Performance approx. 1hr 40 mins (plus 20 minute interval). Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic. The café will be open selling snacks, drinks and ice cream.

Tues 30 July, Gates 6pm, Show 7pm
Shaw House, Outdoor Theatre

Adults £12, Under 16s £8

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Activity Days Shaw House

Leaping Frogs
Wednesday 31 July
Make and decorate a frog with dangly legs.

Magnificent Mini-beasts
Wednesday 7 August
Make a real or imaginary mini-beast and colour with Deco pens.

Spinning Snakes
Wednesday 14 August
Make and decorate a spinning snake hanging decoration.

Animals Rock!
Wednesday 21 August
Paint a large pebble with your favourite real or imaginary animal.

Wise Owls
Wednesday 28 August
Make and decorate an owl mask out of card and feathers.

BBOWT Go Wild at Shaw House
Wednesday 7 & 21 August
10.30am – 3pm

Go on a wildlife safari of the gardens with your local Wildlife Trust (BBOWT). Hunt out beautiful and bizarre mini-beasts and help them add to a wonderful bug hotel.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This activity is included in the £2 Family Activity ticket price.



10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House

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

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

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



Messy Museum Days West Berkshire Museum

Beautiful Brooches
Friday 2 Aug
Make a Saxon saucer brooch out of air-drying clay. Then go and see the saucer brooch in our permanent exhibition, and why not do the Archaeology trail too?

Marvellous Mosaics
Friday 9 August
Make a Roman mosaic coaster with tiles and grout.

Wonderful Walls
Friday 16 August
Make and decorate a Roman wall painting by creating a wall (tile) from air-drying clay.

Spectacular Scarabs
Friday 23 August
Make a model 3D scarab beetle out of polystyrene shapes, card, Deco pens and metallic paint.

Perfectly Potty
Friday 30 August
Make a prehistoric pot from air-drying clay, using real and replica ones as inspiration. You'll use Stone Age-inspired tools such as twigs and feathers to make patterns on your pot.

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

10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

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

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



Alice in Wonderland

Follow Alice and the White Rabbit as they set off on a colourful, topsy-turvy adventure like no other.

Meet a host of outlandish characters including the troublesome twins, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, the notorious Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire cat and of course, the Mad-as-a bat-Hatter!

Immersion Theatre proudly bring their trademark energy to their most spectacularly bonkers show to date, as children and adults alike are invited to join in the hilarity of seeing this classic story brought vividly to life.

You'd be mad to miss it!

Mon 12 Aug, Gates 5pm, Show 6pm
Shaw House, Outdoor Theatre

Adults £12, Child £8

Shaw House 01635 279 279

"Little kids and big kids had a fabulous day. We laughed and danced the whole way through.."

Audience review

Performance approx 1hr 40mins (plus 20 min interval time).

Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic. The cafe will be open serving drinks, snacks and ice cream.



Open Air Cinema

Cult Screens will be returning to Shaw House in August 2019.

Enjoy the ultimate open air cinema experience with a choice of comfy deckchairs or beanbags to relax on and watch the film, plus fantastic snack and drink options including cocktails, speciality ales, wine and fresh popcorn.

Tickets will be available from cultscreens.co.uk

Dates and film titles to be confirmed
look out for more information at www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on
or the Shaw House Facebook page.



Heritage Open Days

Shaw House

Meet us in the Great Hall for introductory talks about the history of the House. You will then have the opportunity to access many areas which are not normally open to the public.

Talks at:

11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm.

West Berkshire Museum

Join us for guided tours of the permanent exhibition by one of the experienced museum guides of our volunteer-led tour team, **11am & 2pm.**

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September
FREE

No need to book, just drop in
www.heritageopendays.org.uk



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



Explore Newbury Walking Tours

A series of guided walks looking at our local heritage and history, in association with Newbury Town Council.

Churches & Chapels, Past & Present ...	Fri 19 Apr
Central Newbury History	Mon 21 Apr
Northbrook St & Speenhamland	Mon 27 May
Wartime Newbury	Fri 05 Jul
Bartholomew St & The City	Sun 14 Jul
Tudor Newbury, 11.30am	Fri 2 Aug
In the Footsteps of Newbury Artists ..	Sun 18 Aug
Central Newbury history walk	Mon 26 Aug
Market Place & Cheap St	Sun 8 Sept
First Battle of Newbury 1643	Sun 15 Sept

Tickets £5

2.30pm (except 5 Jul and 2 Aug 11am)
Tickets: www.cornexchangenew.com
Corn Exchange 0845 5218 218

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 our Finds Liaison Officer who will be holding Finds Surgeries at West Berkshire Museum.

For dates and times please visit call West Berkshire Museum on 01635 519562 or email museum@westberks.gov.uk

Carrying out research

The Berkshire Record Office is the archive 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

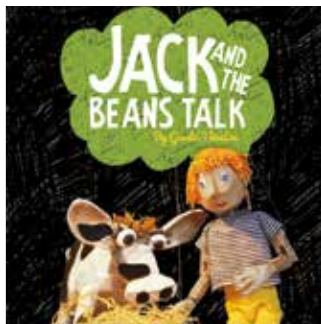


Forthcoming Events



Annabel Farley Photography

Wedding Fair
Shaw House : Sun 6 Oct



Jack & the Beans Talk
Puppet theatre - Mon 28 Oct



Halloween Party Night
Shaw House : Thurs 31 Oct



Museums at Night
West Berks Museum: Oct 2019



Christmas at Shaw House
Events throughout Dec



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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Online bookings

Online bookings are free via our secure booking system BookingBug. You will have the option to create an account or check out as a 'guest'. Tickets will be emailed to you which can then be presented as a print out or on a mobile device on arrival.

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 16 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.

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Our Venues



Shaw House

Church Road
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 2DR

T: 01635 279279
E: shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum

The Wharf
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 5AS

T: 01635 519562
E: museum@westberks.gov.uk

Booking Information

Online:

All bookable events are available online via our secure booking system BookingBug, there are no booking fees and your tickets will be emailed to you.

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

In Person:

Bookings can be made at the respective venue in person.

By Phone:

Shaw House: 01635 279 279 | West Berkshire Museum: 01635 519 562

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