

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | March-April 2020

Exhibitions at West Berkshire Museum

Special exhibition: Villa. Looking through the eyes of a fictional Roman family in their villa we explore our ancestors' lives and legacy. **Open until July 2021.**

Special exhibition: Focus on Stratfield Mortimer. This exhibition will explore Stratfield Mortimer's history and archaeology through objects from the Museum collection and loans from the local community. **Open until July.**

Special exhibition: Hoards – New Treasure. An exhibition bringing together over eleven hoards (buried treasure) from different periods, all found in West Berkshire. **Open until end of July 2021.**

Special exhibition: Place to Place. Sharing the stories of journeys taken to, from and around West Berkshire. **Open and runs until 22 Nov 2020.**

Gallery 5: A Time and A Place. Newbury College Art and Design students showcase artwork inspired by a visit to West Berkshire Museum. **Open and closes on 26th April 2020.**

Lives and Landscape. Our permanent exhibition tells the story of West Berkshire, from local characters such as Jack of Newbury to events such as the Newbury coat, A34 bypass and Civil War battles. **Open.**

It is free to do a self-led visit of the exhibitions and free activity trails can be provided too. If given enough notice, a trail can be tailor-made for your visit; this service is free. Please contact Clare.

Picture, right: Butser IX Legion are at West Berkshire Museum on Saturday 25th April for a FREE Family Fun Day.

Romans Family Fun Day

At our **FREE Romans Family Fun Day on Saturday 25th April** there will be Roman re-enactors, crafts, object handling and an opportunity to view the special exhibition, **Villa**. If you have been/about to study the Romans then please encourage your class to visit the Museum on this day as it will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Romans. If you want to do a **FREE** self-led school visit to the **Villa** exhibition instead, this can be combined with a free self-led visit to the permanent exhibition and/or a **Roman object handling session** (£45 for a class, and the session is also available as outreach at same cost). The Museum can provide free activity sheets for you to do when you explore the permanent exhibition and/or Villa exhibition. You can also purchase our **Villa resource pack** looking at life in Roman Britain for £15, which is yours to keep and reuse. For more information or to book, please contact Clare.

Roman-themed craft days

We've two family craft days themed about the Romans in the Easter holidays. One is on Thurs 9 April, when we'll be making oil lamps, and the other is on Fri 17 April when we'll be using a face jug as inspiration to create a face out of clay. Drop-in between 10am and 3pm, £2.



For more information about talks, family activity days, craft workshops and other events at West Berkshire Museum: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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