

# HERTFORD MUSEUM

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## TOYS-TASTIC!

**An exhibition of toys from the past  
Saturday 3rd December - Saturday 25th February**

Discover toys from all different periods, from Roman and Victorian times to toys made and played with a decade ago. Lots of fun for all ages! **TEACHERS!** Hertford Museum has organised a special Key Stage 1 activity (Unit 1: How are our toys different from those in the past?) to complement this exhibition, where the children will have the opportunity to get hands on and play games. There is a small charge for this session. Please contact the museum to find out more on 01992 582686.

## Home Sweet Rome

20th January - 22nd April

Ever wondered what the Romans did at home? Come in and find out all about the domestic life of Roman Hertfordshire. Lots of archaeological finds which highlight Roman life on display on the first floor. See our children's page for details of the Half Term Roman activities, including a special visit by re-enactor David Cadle, who will be showing visitors all things Roman. **CALLING ALL TEACHERS OF YEARS 3 & 4!** The museum will be providing hands-on activity sessions for classes based on Unit 6A: Why have people invaded and settled in Britain in the past? A Roman case study. To book, please telephone 01992 582686 or email: [hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com). (Small charge)



## Way of Kings: West Street, Castle Street and a Royal Residence

11th March - 8th July

A local history exhibition tracing the development of this important area in Hertford and its past status as a royal highway, tracing the royal progress from Hatfield to Hertford Castle proceeding through West Street and Castle Street. In collaboration with the Hertford Oral History

group, the story unfolds with the added attraction of 20th Century memories.



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**Open Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Admission free**

***Please help support your local museum!***

## WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN

Chinese New Year, Saturday 28th January. Drop in between 10am-5pm, it's free! Find out about the Chinese New Year. This year is Year of the Dog— find out what sign were you born under. Join in making Chinese dog puppets, lanterns and fans.



### February Half Term



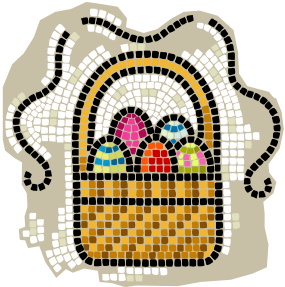
Feast and Fashion —A week of Rollicking Roman Fun Tuesday 14th - Saturday 18th February, 10am-5pm, just drop in for free fun (donations are always welcome). On Tuesday 14th, between 10am and 4pm our very own Roman, David Cadle, will be on duty to tell you all about what life was like in Roman Hertfordshire. And if this isn't enough, you can also: dress up, handle *real* Roman objects, taste Roman food and make mosaic murals and oil lamps.

### Hina Matsuri—Japanese Festival of Dolls

Saturday 4 March. Drop in between 10am—5pm, free admission. Kids, celebrate this Japanese Festival with Hertford Museum. A day dedicated entirely to dolls! See how this day is celebrated in Japan and make your own Hina dolls.



### Easter Holidays



Eggs-Cellent Easter (drop in activities throughout Easter) Between Tuesday 4th and Saturday 15th April. What does Easter mean? Find out about the traditions of spring from long ago. Drop-in activities include making a 3D Easter Duck and adding to our mural and find out about various Spring and Easter traditions

Roman bits 'n' bobs, For ages 6+, Tuesday 4th April, 10.30am-12pm, £3. Be inspired by the past and join in with Roman Shield painting and making Roman jewellery .

Make a dinosaur egg for ages 4+, Thursday 6th, 2pm-3.30pm, £3  
Come and make and decorate a big dinosaur egg of your own together with a nest. Lets hope they don't hatch there and then! We may have to hunt for baby dinosaurs around the museum!

Easter Fun for the little ones (Parent and Toddler activity) Tuesday 11th April, 10.30-11.30am, £2.50 Make a special Easter Egg and hunt for eggs in the museum's garden.

Make an old fashioned egg tree, for ages 6+, Wednesday 12th April, 2pm-3.30pm, £3 learn about ancient traditions and make an egg tree!

**TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR TIMED ACTIVITIES IN ADVANCE**

## A hearing loop system for Hertford Museum!



The Hertford Disability Support Group have kindly awarded £120 for the installation of a portable hearing loop system at Hertford Museum. A loop system helps deaf people who use a hearing aid or loop listener to hear sounds more clearly by reducing or cutting out background noise. This system is portable and will mainly be used at the museum reception desk, but will also be used for other things such as meetings and lectures and the Friends of Hertford Museum talks. We hope this will be of benefit to our visitors and welcome your feedback.

## The Friends of Hertford Museum - Garden party

Well done to the Friends of Hertford Museum who laid on a great summer garden party in September to raise funds for the Centenary Development. Despite the bad weather, over £400 was raised, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Chairman of the Trustees, Colin Harris (second from right) shows some Friends information about the house and garden lived in by photographer Arthur Elsdon.



**Quiz Night!** Once again, the Friends are organizing another exciting quiz night to raise money for the museum development. This will take place on the evening of Saturday 11th March, 7pm (7.30pm start) at St. John's Hall in Hertford. All are welcome, book your table now to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £7.50 each and include a light supper. There will also be a licensed bar.



## 'Hertford Weddings' A display of Wedding dresses, past and present at Hertford Castle, Monday 10th April—Sunday 14th May

Hertford Museum is working with Hertford Town Council to put on a local display of wedding dresses and paraphernalia from the past in the Castle's Robing Room.

**We need your help!** Were you married in Hertford? We would like to borrow your wedding dress for a display to be held in the Castle. We are keen to hear from you if you have photos (which can be copied at the museum while you wait) and stories to accompany the dress. This exhibition will be open on the weekend of 29th/30th April, also on the Castle Open Day on Sunday 14th May. Viewing is possible during the week by appointment, please contact Susanne Mead on 01992 552885.

## Remembering the Regiment: an exhibition of the Hertfordshire Regiment

We planned to have this exhibition to open in the summer of 2006, but as there is so much preparation to be done and we want to make sure the exhibition is excellent, we would like a little more planning time. So it will now open on the 3rd of February 2007. In the meantime, we are still collecting photographs, memories and objects from anyone who served in the Hertfordshire Regiment. Please contact the museum on 01992 582686.

## Mucking in and Making Do: Remembering the Home Front in and around Hertford

This popular exhibition runs until 15th April. See posters for details or contact the museum to make a booking. TEACHERS! - our popular Year 5/6 sessions are still available until 15th of April.

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**Centenary Development Update....GREAT NEWS!** In November, the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded Hertford Museum £29,400 for PHASE 1 of our Centenary Development Project: the Project Planning. This money will now enable us to fund the production of three important plans: Conservation Management, Audience Development and Access. This January, we will be launching our appeal to raise funds towards Phase 2. Again, we are hoping to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund later this year, for approximately £900,000. We need to raise 10% of this. Waitrose and the Friends of Hertford Museum have started this kitty off and so far we have about £4,000. We will be approaching local businesses and doing lots of fundraising activities this year. If you can help us in any way, please contact Helen Gurney on 01992 582686 or email us on [hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com).



'**Museums and Galleries Month**' is coming up in May 2006 with the theme '*Making Connections: past, present and future*'. Hertford Museum will be taking part in this national event. The details of this will be advertised in posters and on the website in the coming months.

### Upcoming exhibitions at Hertford Museum in mid-late 2006:

- 'Trevor Chamberlain - 60 years of painting', 6 May - 26 August, on the first floor, a new publication will be available to complement this.
- 'Changing lives II', April to June. Work produced by offenders who have turned their lives around through developing new interests.
- 'At the Seaside' July - October (TEACHERS! Special term time activities for Year 2)
- 'Waterford and Goldings', August - November, a local history exhibition

**CAN YOU HELP?** The Museum provides a free Broadband internet service for the public at a cost of £500 a year. We need sponsors to help us continue to provide this service. If you sponsor us, your business will be displayed on the homepage which will be seen by a great many people as this is a hugely popular service. We will also advertise your business cards on the front desk.

Thanks to all who took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Over £120 was raised and will go directly to the Hertfordshire area fund.



### Hertford Music Festival, Young Soloists Competition, 2006

Plans are afoot to organize this year's Hertford Music Festival, and once again, Hertford Museum will be taking part, by providing a venue for the area's young soloists to show their talent. This is likely to take place on Saturday 13th of May, but those interested are advised to look for details on the posters.

Hertford Museum is generously supported by Hertford Town Council and East Herts District Council.



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