

HERTFORD MUSEUM

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Trevor Chamberlain: 60 Years of Painting 6th May - 26th August

Local born and bred artist Trevor Chamberlain celebrates 60 years of painting this year. To mark this event, Hertford Museum will be hosting an exhibition of his work, detailing his life and passion for painting.

There will be around 80 works on display on the first floor of the museum (oils, watercolours and pencil drawings) including the first watercolour he produced at the age of 12, and an early oil-painting of Port Hill, painted in 1958. There will also be an opportunity to listen to Trevor talking about his work on a special listening post in the exhibition. Some of the paintings will be for sale.

A new hardback publication about Trevor Chamberlain and his work will also be available to buy, 'Trevor Chamberlain: England and Beyond', which features illustrations of over 120 paintings in full colour. On Saturday 6th May there will be a chance to meet Trevor and have a copy of the book personally signed (time to be confirmed).

At the Seaside! 1st July - 16th September



Hertford may be land-locked, but we all love to be beside the seaside! This exhibition highlights the history of seaside holidays and all things British. There will be lots of fun familiar items on display together with some rather strange objects from times past.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS OF YEARS 1 and 2!

Hertford Museum is organising specially tailored seaside sessions for schools based on the QCA Schemes of Work: Unit 3: What were seaside holidays like in the past?. To find out more, contact the museum on 01992 582686

'The Way of Kings' An exhibition about West Street, Castle Street and a Royal Residence, Until 11th July. Ever wanted to know more about the centre of Hertford and the surrounding streets? This exhibition tells visitors all about the history and development of the importance of Castle Street, West Street and the Castle with photographs objects and paintings. Local historian Jean Riddell has produced a publication to complement this called 'Alley and Ditch' priced at £4.99 which is available to buy in the museum shop.



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Please help support your local museum!

WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN

May Half Term: Tuesday 30 May—Saturday 3 June

Oak Apple week—a week of old-fashioned celebrations



Find out about the legends of this old English festival, lots of activities including add to our mural, making an oak apple or leaf brooch, and crowns. Come and meet a 17th century Soldier on Tuesday 30th May between 12pm and 3pm!

6 weeks of summer fun!

Hertford Museum has organised 6 different fun themes for each week of the summer holidays which means our local visitors can enjoy something different every week! Most activities are free and drop-in but if you can donate something to the museum we would really appreciate it. This will help us to continue to provide fun events.

1. SEASIDE WEEK, Tues 25th—Sat 29th July

Lots of fun seaside activities to complement our latest exhibition

2. GARDEN WEEK, Tues 1st - Sat 5th August

Drop-in activities include making a sundial and add to our garden mural.

FAMILIES! Have a go at our new 'Garden Explorer' trail around the garden! Ask at the desk for details.

Tues 1st Aug - **PEBBLE PAINTING DAY** (drop in) small charge, 50p per pebble (in the museum garden)

Weds 2nd Aug - **MAKE A GARDEN BUG!** (drop in), come along and make a colourful garden bug. Funded by the Learning and Outreach Project.

Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th - **PESTS!** - 11am—12pm, £2 per child. Come along and listen to Kevin Richardson's from East Herts Council talk about pests. He may also be bringing in Cockroaches!



3. RAKSHA BANDHAN WEEK

Tues 8th - Sat 12th August

Find out all about this Indian festival. Lots of fun drop-in activities including making friendship bracelets. See our poster for more details.



4. RIVER WEEK

Tues 15th - Sat 19th August

Have fun in our very own museum narrow boat, add to our mural and have a go at barge art.

5. AROUND THE WORLD WEEK

Tues 21st—Sat 26th August

Be inspired by our 'Forgotten Cultures' exhibition and have a go at making ceremonial masks.

6. PIRATES AND FAIRIES WEEK Tues 29th August—Saturday 2nd Sept.

A fun week of all things pirates and fairies! Lots of fun things to make and do, between 10am and 5pm.



We want to ensure all our young visitors can access our activities. At present, the only access to the first floor activity room is by the stairs. If you have a child who is a wheelchair user, we would be more than happy to bring some of the crafty things downstairs so that they can enjoy our activities too. Please contact Helen at the museum if you would like to arrange this.

Forgotten Cultures 22nd July - 21st October. During the early 1900s many wealthy townspeople from Hertford visited far off countries and brought back with them 'souvenirs' from different communities. Some of these communities no longer exist. The exhibition will showcase the museum's fascinating collection of household and ceremonial items from as far afield as New Zealand, Africa and Japan.

Museums and Galleries Month: Flashback Friday at Hertford Museum

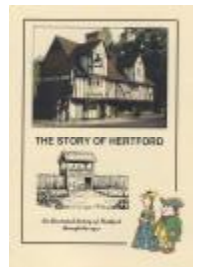
Come and join us every Friday from 28th April to 2nd June for coffee and biscuits and reminisce about Hertford's past looking at photographs. It's free! 10.30am start, to finish around 12pm. All welcome. See poster for details.



Cream Teas in the Museum Garden The museum's Jacobean-style garden is open to all visitors but did you know that we serve cream teas in the garden every Saturday from 29th April through to the 9th of September? Come along and enjoy tea and scone or a piece of home-made cake or cookie in our beautiful garden between 11am and 4.30pm. We have two new additions to our garden this summer: a large piece of locally found puddingstone and a beautiful 'Town Twinning' sundial presented by the Mayor of Hertford. Both of these will feature in our new GARDEN EXPLORER'S trail which is being funded by the Learning and Outreach Project through East Herts Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.



A new publication called 'The Story of Hertford' is now available in the museum shop. This charming little booklet, produced by Gill Cordingley and Philip Sheail provides an ideal introduction to the history of the area for new visitors and also for local children doing projects at school, particularly for Years 3 and 4 who study the topic 'What was it like to live here in the past?' There are 22 pages of black and white illustrations and photographs which take you through time from early Hertford right up to the present day.



NEW EVENING CLASSES AT HERTFORD MUSEUM, STARTING 11 September 2006

Hertford Museum is working with the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Cambridge to provide a series of evening courses open to all at Hertford Museum. These classes are open to everyone; there are no exams or essays, just the opportunity to learn something new in a relaxed environment. The first course is called 'The Impressionist View of Leisure' and runs for 10 weeks from 11th September 2006. Participants will look at painters such as Monet, Renoir & Degas and their innovative styles of painting. There will be a charge (payable in advance) of £50 for the 10 week course and £40 for concessions (students, OAPs and people in receipt of Income Support). Classes will be from 7pm to 9pm with a short break (tea and coffee will be served and there will be a small charge for this). There will be another course starting in January which will be 'Post- Impressionism & its Impact on England' and will look at Hertfordshire artists among many others. All classes will be located on the first floor of the museum (access is currently limited to two flights of stairs).

MODEL RAILWAY DAY, Saturday 10am-4pm, Admission Free!

Come along and enjoy the popular display of working model layouts in the museum's first floor activity room. Just turn up between 10am and 4pm. Experts will be on hand to answer any questions.

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Centenary Development Update

THANK YOU! To everyone who has given money towards the museum's target of £90,000 partnership funding needed in support of the Heritage Lottery bid. We have managed to raise nearly 1/3 of our £90,000 target through donations from local businesses and local individuals, including £10,000 from the Civic Society! Work is now underway to produce the three important plans to submit to the Heritage Lottery Fund. These are an Audience Development Plan, Access Plan and Audit and a Conservation Management Plan. The Consultants working on these will be consulting with museum visitors together with local groups and organisations connected with the town.

East Herts Learning and Outreach Project

This year, we have been very fortunate to receive funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund and East Herts Council's Learning and Outreach Project to produce a fun and hands-on 'Garden Explorer' trail around the museum's garden for families, together with a very special 'child size' narrow boat for our younger visitors to play in, in the museum's activity room.

Upcoming exhibitions at Hertford Museum in mid-late 2006:



THE EGYPTIANS ARE COMING! (we hope!)

From 12th September (first floor) Hertford Museum has applied to the Awards for All to fund a special exhibition all about the Egyptians on the first floor of the museum. This fascinating exhibition will explore all areas of Egyptian life - from birth to death. Opens Tuesday 12th September for one year. **TEACHERS!** Book your class visit now! 10am start, bookings available for Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The usual charges apply. We will be sending posters out to all schools in the area soon!

'On the Banks of the Beane' An exhibition about the village of Waterford and Goldings 23rd September—November a local history exhibition

Jack's War - The Story of a Great War Survivor

Saturday 28th October to Saturday 2nd December

This touring exhibition from Royston Museum is based on the WW1 illustrated diary kept by Royston Gunner Jack Halstead.

An Exhibition of Exhibitions, 9th December—20th January. This exhibition traces the story of major exhibitions held in Great Britain since the 1850s, such as the Festival of Britain.

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. We have already had £100 given to us for this purpose by a very kind local supporter. If you sponsor this your business will be displayed on the homepage which will be seen by a great many people. If you think you can help towards this please contact the Curator on 01992 582686. This service is extremely popular with all ages.



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