

# HERTFORD MUSEUM

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## Walk Like an Egyptian!

Everyday life in Ancient Egypt  
from 11th October 2006



This Autumn, Hertford Museum will be the setting for an exciting one year long exhibition about life in Ancient Egypt. Visitors will be able to see a small selection of amazing objects from Hertford Museum's Egyptology collections, many of which have never been on display before. The exhibition is aimed at all age groups and will include hands-on interactives to assist in interpreting objects and text. Enter the Mummy's 'burial chamber' (if you dare!), write your name in hieroglyphics and much more. There will also be free drop in activities to complement the exhibition.

**Teachers!!!** Book an exhibition visit and workshop now! Our Heritage Lottery funded handling collection will allow your class to dress like Egyptians, write like a scribe and find out about the afterlife by re-enacting the mummification process!

**Save our Mummy Fund.** Our thanks go to Bengeo Primary who raised £53 through their 'Sponsored Hop, Skip and Jump' and to the Patrons of Hertford Museum (who collectively raised £430) and last but by no means least, a young visitor called Alex from Great Amwell who donated all of his £5 pocket money to our fund! All these funds are going towards the conservation of our Mummy's head, in preparation for the exhibition.

**Big Draw Egyptian Style!** Saturday 14th October, 10am-5pm. See next page for details!

### **'On the Banks of the Beane' An exhibition about the village of Waterford and Goldings, 23rd Sept - 25th Nov**

This local history exhibition on the first floor of the museum looks at the development of this well known village on the outskirts of Hertford using many locally lent objects, photographs and memories.



### **An Exhibition of Exhibitions, 9th December—20th January.**

This touring exhibition on the ground floor of the museum traces the story of major exhibitions held in Great Britain since the 1850s, such as the Festival of Britain.



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*Please help support your local museum!*

## WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN

**BIG DRAW EGYPTIAN STYLE!** Saturday 14th October, from 10am to 5pm (just drop-in and enjoy for free!).

- Learn to draw like an ancient Egyptian!
- Discover how the Egyptians used grids to make perfect tomb paintings and have a go yourself by adding to our Egyptian wall.



The Campaign for Drawing  
[www.drawingpower.org.uk](http://www.drawingpower.org.uk)

**CELEBRATE DIWALI!** Saturday 21st October, 10am—5pm, (drop-in)



Find out all about Diwali: The Hindu festival of lights and how it is celebrated, make a diwali card, create a rangoli pattern and make a special diwali lamp out of clay. Activities are free except a 50p charge to make a lamp.

**October half term : HAPPY HERTFORDSHIRE HALLOWEEN!**

Tuesday 24th—Saturday 28th October, free drop-in events, 10am-5pm

Donations always welcome

Find out about the customs and traditions surrounding Halloween in the County. Add to our mural of unsavoury Hertfordshire characters from times past or make a spooky room scene.

**GRUESOME GARGOYLES!** Tuesday 24th October, 10am—5pm, (drop-in) Come along and make a gargoyle out of clay. Cost £1, no need to book, just turn up!



**WINTER FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD** a great display in the museum's first floor activity room from Tuesday 5th December until Saturday 6th January. Find out who celebrates what during winter in our display. Lots of free, drop-in activities, see posters or the website for more details.

Father Christmas will be here every Saturday in December from 2nd to 23rd, 11am—1pm and 2pm—4pm, £3 per person (includes a little gift)

Hertford Museum's Storyboat has a new name! Well done to Katie Dunlop, aged 7 (right) for choosing an excellent name for our popular boat. Katie named our boat 'Adventurine'. Sadly we have to put our 'Adventurine' to bed for the winter but you will see her again from the Easter holidays until the beginning of September.



### Family ties!

These two young ladies are the great granddaughters of one of the founders of Hertford Museum (Robert Thornton Andrews).

Olivia Lloyd Wickham (left) and Amelia Lloyd Wickham (right) popped in to the museum this summer to have a look at our seaside exhibition



**HAUNTED HERTFORDSHIRE!** Friday 13th October - Friday 3rd November  
Celebrate this spooky time of year with a visit to Hertford Museum's 'Haunted Hertfordshire' display of photographs and tales about our ghostly county (on the stairwell). If anyone has got any stories they would like to share, please contact Ruth at the Museum. **Haunted Hertford Walk: Tuesday 31st Oct, 7.30pm from the museum returning to the museum afterwards for tea and biscuits. Price £4, suitable for children over 8, price £2** Join us if you dare

on an evening walk through the streets of Haunted Hertford on Halloween. Listen to ghostly tales about this historic county town. You may even see a ghost – if you're really lucky.

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### **Jack's War - The Story of a Great War Survivor, 28th October to 2nd December**

This thought-provoking touring exhibition from Royston Museum is based on the World War 1 illustrated diary kept by Royston Gunner Jack Halstead. The exhibition contains many of his personal diary entries and also on display are copies of his pen and ink drawings that were found in his diary. His matter-of-fact and unvarnished account of his experiences is more impressive than many more dramatic ones; the full horror of life in the trenches comes across very vividly. Also available to buy is the recently published in hardback of the same name to accompany the exhibition priced £19.95.



**'One Man's War'** A performance by Lee Wilkinson and the Haileybury Players Friday 10th and Saturday 11th of November, 7.30pm start, tickets £5 available from the museum (includes tea and cakes). Funds go towards the Museum's Development Fund. This performance is based on the writings of Jack Halstead's Diary from World War 1.

**KEY STAGE 1 TEACHERS!** Special 'Remembering Remembrance' workshops available. To book your visit and workshop please contact the museum for details. Small charge.

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**Model Railway Day!** Saturday 2nd December, 10am - 4pm in the first floor activity room. Come along and see working model railway layouts galore! Admission free.

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**Enjoy a coffee at the museum on Friday 29th September, from 10am - 12pm, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief!** Please give generously to this worthy cause.

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**Hertford Museum's new 2007 calendar!** This year's calendar for sale at the museum will be of local views throughout the seasons painted by local artist Trevor Chamberlain.



**A BIG THANK YOU!** To museum patron Mr. Michael Chambers and to Mr. Wedge of Bird and Wedge, for helping us towards the costs of running our free broadband internet service. It costs approximately £500 per year for the museum to run this free service for visitors and it has been really popular since it was started over 3 years ago. We rely heavily on generous donations from the likes of Mr. Chambers and Mr. Wedge to help us to continue providing this service for free. If anyone can help to support this popular service, we are still looking for £200.

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## Centenary Development Update

The museum has nearly completed the first phase 'Project Planning' and the plans will be available for visitors to look at in the museum. These plans (Audience Development, Access and Conservation Management) are really important parts of the development and will hopefully make our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund a success. Thank you to all those people who gave their comments to the consultants.

Another important area that has been largely the focus of the team has been FUNDRAISING. We need to raise approximately £90,000 in support of a heritage lottery fund bid and have formed a new fundraising team to carry on the good work that has been done so far in raising just over £25,000. Our newly-formed fundraising team (Colin Harris, Nicky Abbiss and Ann Kirby) have been extremely busy producing a quiz (raising well over £800), contacting local businesses to get their support as well as preparing for our very special prize draw which will be launched in September with an array of prizes.

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## East Herts Learning and Outreach Project

Since April this year, the museum has received over £8000 funding from the Learning and Outreach Project (funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund) which we have been using to promote learning activities in the museum. We have used the money to pay for a 'Walk like an Egyptian' handling collection. School children will be able to dress up like an Egyptian and discover what people's clothes could tell you about them. The class will then either discover the life of a scribe – finding out about the best educated people in Egypt - learning to write in hieroglyphics and have a go at writing them on papyrus or discover what the Egyptians believed about the afterlife and take part in the process with our life size mummification doll.

We also had funding to build and paint our storyboat 'Adventurine' which comes equipped with lots of fun things. The remaining funds were used to produce an innovative garden trail for families. Museum volunteer Sarah Beazley worked on this creative project and produced a brilliant and informative trail that comes in a bag, including smelly bags, play-dough and line drawings to colour in, drawn by volunteer Philip Sheail (*right*)



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## Future exhibitions in 2007:

### Our Village: Our Museum

### An exhibition of Victorian life from Years 5&6 at Little Mundens Primary

From 10th February, first floor

### Remembering the Regiment Opens February 3rd until End May, ground floor

An exhibition about the Hertfordshire Regiment

### Paintings by John Godden June—July, on the ground floor

### Our Prehistoric Past— August - end of November

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