

Clubs, Groups and Drop in Sessions

Culture Club

Feed your mind at lunchtime! Culture Club is usually a 40 minute talk in the City Museum looking at different aspects of Gloucester's culture past and present. Occasionally though we like to go out and about and take a walk to find the culture and history that is on our doorstep. Our topics are different every month so whether you like to discover something new or just dip into those topics that are of particular interest, you are most welcome to join us. There is no specific charge for Culture Club but normal admission charges apply. **Culture Club will be taking place on the first Wednesday of each month on 4th January, 1st February, 7th March and 4th April. There are more details in our main listings.**

Sewing Circle

Sewing Circle takes at the City Museum on the first Wednesday of every month. Whether your passion is for sewing, knitting, embroidery, crochet or anything textile, bring your latest project and have a coffee and chat while you create. Whether you are an expert in your field or a novice, come along and share your expertise, questions and all those tricky bits with like-minded people. Everyone is welcome. **Sewing Circle will be taking place on the first Wednesday of each month on 4th January, 1st February, 7th March and 4th April.**

Silver Seniors

Silver Seniors is open to anyone who considers themselves to be in their senior age (even if it's just numerically!) It is a new venture to go along with our Heritage Lottery funded improvements at both Museums. We'll have talks, walks, concerts and practical crafts and skills to try out, as well as a chance to have a coffee and a chat after the sessions. Like all of our clubs there's no formal membership so you can attend when you wish, but we do hope to see you as much as possible. **This Seasons Silver Seniors will be held at the City Museum on 12th & 26th January, 9th & 23rd February, 8th & 22nd March and 26th April. We will visit the Folk Museum later in 2012.**

Exhibitions - Touring Gallery

'Dinosaur Art'

Paleo-artist Bob Nicholls joins us to explore the incredible world of dinosaurs. With paintings, drawings, murals, 3D models and computer generated images this eye-catching exhibition will delight all ages. Prints and posters along with actual artworks will also be available to buy. **10th December - 14th January 2012**

'Worn to be Wild'

This magnificent costume exhibition takes inspiration from British birds and mammals and each piece represents a specific era of fashion. Visually stunning, this collection aims to enlighten and inspire the audience through the beauty and diversity of nature, the craft of costume making and the art of creative textiles. **21st January - 10th March**



'Make Your Mark'

Graffiti is now a popularly accepted art form with prints of some work being sold for thousands of pounds. Just a few years ago graffiti was considered nothing more than a criminal activity. How else has this ageless art form changed over time? From local Romans in the AD70s to partygoers in the 1970s: see what historic graffiti we have discovered on artefacts in the museums' collections. With photographic evidence of historic graffiti left on the Cathedral, Blackfriars and many of our most loved buildings, along with recent additions from around the city, this exhibition will show how street art has been part of life for thousands of years. Why not come and leave your mark on our 'Make Your Mark' blackboards or guess which part of the city the graffiti comes from in our competition. **24th March - 28th April**

Exhibitions - Community Gallery

'The Recycled Art of Ecology'

Year 5 pupils from St Paul's Church of England Primary School have drawn upon the delicate beauty and harmony of nature to create this stunning and colourful exhibition. **19th November - 14th January 2012**

Gloucester College presents ...

Showcasing the creative talents of our local college students. This stunning exhibition is definitely worth a visit. **21st January - 3rd March**

'Architecture'

A fascinating compilation of mixed media pieces and ceramic forms by year 10 & 11 students from Pate's School, drawing its inspiration from the local architecture of the Docks and Cathedral. **10th March - 21st April**

All our clubs, groups, exhibitions and drop in sessions are free to customers who are part of our annual membership scheme. If you are not a member then details of the scheme are on the back of this brochure.

For more information check online at www.gloucestermuseums.co.uk or call the City Museum on 01452 396131 or Folk Museum on 01452 396868.

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Museum Tois

All ages are welcome at the Museum so why not join us with your under 5s for our Museum Tois afternoons. There will be chances to paint, stick, and create, try out some new toys, listen to storytime, make some music, look around our galleries and meet other parents and tois. All of our sessions operate on a drop in basis, so come along and explore our Museum. **This season's Museum Tois will explore the theme of 'Travel' at the Folk Museum on 17th January, 7th & 21st February, 6th & 20th March and 17th April. We will visit the City Museum later in 2012.**



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Finding Us

The Folk Museum is located on Westgate Street and the City Museum is located on Brunswick Road, both are in the City Centre. We are within walking distance of the bus and train stations.

Enews Letter

Join our monthly news letter and find out about exhibitions, events days and family craft activities first email - museums@gloucester.gov.uk

Post

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OPENING TIMES

Tues to Sat all year, 10.00-17.00.

Concessions include Adults over 60, Children between 5 and 17, Students, persons in receipt of benefits.

ADMISSION

One entry ticket will allow the ticket holder to visit both museums within 1 month.

Visitors with disabilities - one companion for free

MEMBERSHIPS

Entry to the shops and cafes: FREE
Adults: £3.00
Concessions: £2.00
Family (2 adults 5 children): £10.00

Unlimited entry to both museums for one year
Individual: £10.00
Family (2 adults 5 children): £20.00

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What's On
Jan - April 2012



Culture Club - 'Where do we go from here?' - Louise Follett

Where are the best places in Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham for future development over the next 20 years? This Culture Club will be considering the three Council's latest consultation document on this issue. Louise Follett, City Council Planning Officer will be here to listen to your views and to encourage you to look into this issue further.

4th January, 1.10pm

Sewing Circle

4th January, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Creative Corner - Star Jigsaws.

7th January, 11am - 4pm

Silver Seniors - 'Dinosaurs' with Bob Nicholls

Join Paleo-artist Bob Nicholls as he explores the breathtaking world of dinosaurs. Prints and posters along with actual artworks will be available to buy, making the perfect present to beat those January blues.

12th January, 10.30am - 12pm

Creative Corner - Saturn's Moon Titan.

14th January, 11am - 4pm

Celebration Creative Corner - Chinese

New Year red dragon masks.

21st January, 11am - 4pm

Silver Seniors - 'Top Tudor Trumps' with Tom Crook

Royal blood, religious prestige, the right family connections, political nounce, or a good technique on the battle field? What exactly was the key to power, influence and prestige in the Tudor age? Join us for a lively debate as we explore some of the most obvious and less well know candidates for the title of Top Tudor Trump!

26th January, 10.30am - 12pm

Creative Corner - Holocaust

Remembrance Day

Add a person to our wall.

28th January, 11am - 4pm

Culture Club - 'Sharpness Scuppered Ships' - Paul Barnett

The secrets of the scuppered ships at Sharpness will be revealed! After the talk there will be a collection towards the work of the Friends of Purton who are surveying, photographing and recording each vessel to build up a full archaeological record of the site.

1st February, 1.10pm

Sewing Circle

1st February, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Creative Corner - Valentine's Day Love

Bugs.

4th February, 11am - 4pm

Silver Seniors - 'Purton Hulks' with Paul Barnett

Join us as we discover more about the largest collection of maritime artifacts on the foreshore of mainland Britain today. After the talk there will be a collection towards the work of the Friends of Purton who are surveying, photographing and recording each vessel to build up a full archaeological record of the site.

9th February, 10.30am - 12pm

Residence Day

Come and meet some of the characters that used to live in our City and find out how they have shaped the Gloucester of today.

11th February, 11am - 4pm

Workshop Wonder - Worn to be Wild Hats

Make your own wild and wonderful hat inspired by the 'Worn to be Wild' exhibition.

14th February, 10.30am - 12pm & 2.30pm - 4pm

Creative Corner - God's Eye

Explore this traditional Mexican blessing.

15th & 16th February, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Worn to be Wild

brooches.

17th & 18th February, 11am - 4pm

Silver Seniors - 'Gloucester Docks then and now' with Tony Conder

Join us as we trace the history of Gloucester Docks from its industrial and commercial roots to its modern day incarnation as a tourist and retail hub.

Thursday 23rd February, 10.30am - 12pm

Creative Corner - Word Wheels.

25th February, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Mother's Day keepsake folder.

3rd March, 11am - 4pm

Culture Club - 'Science Spectacular'

Join us as we celebrate National Science & Engineering week.

7th March, 1.10pm

Sewing Circle

7th March, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Silver Seniors - Crochet Crafts

Get creative with Claire Taylor-Jones as she takes you through the basics (and more advanced bits if you want!)

Thursday 8th March, 10.30am - 12pm

Science Saturday

We might not quite manage to get all the way to the moon with our air powered paper rockets but you will be very surprised with how far they will go. So far in fact we will need to be outside for this one!

10th March, 11am - 4pm on the Bowling Green behind the City Museum

Science Saturday

Join us for National Science and Engineering Week as we celebrate this year's theme of the World in Motion with lots of hands on experiments for all the family.

17th March, 11am - 4pm

Silver Seniors - Have you seen us?

Richard Trelfa from Gloucester Civic Trust will be our quiz master as we explore the unusual faces to be seen in the city centre's architecture and street furniture.

Thursday 22nd March, 10.30am - 12pm

Crafty Corner - Poem Trees for World Poetry Day.

24th March, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Hand to Hand

Use your unique hand outline to Make Your Mark.

31st March, 11am - 4pm

Workshop Wonders - Make Your Mark - clay figures

Create a clay you to Make Your Mark.

3rd April, 10.30am - 12pm & 2.30pm - 4pm

Culture Club - 'Mosaics of Gloucestershire' - Mrs Barbara Blatchley

Gloucestershire is home to some of the finest mosaics in the country, but they are often overlooked - until now.

4th April, 1.10pm

Sewing Circle

4th April, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Celebration Creative Corner - Easter baskets.

4th, 5th & 7th April, 11am - 4pm

Workshop Wonders - A stitch in time to Make Your Mark.

Fantastic fun with fabric using sewing, embroidery and textiles to Make Your Mark.

10th April, 10.30am - 12pm & 2.30pm - 4pm

Creative Corner - Hopping Frogs.

11th & 12th April, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Flutter-by butterflies.

13th & 14th April, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - World Creativity & Innovation Day

Let your imagination run wild with our craft materials.

21st April, 11am - 4pm

Silver Seniors - Armchair Tour' at St Michael's Tower

See a different view of the city from the comfort of St Michael's Tower and without taking a single step. Using cameras mounted right at the top of the tower we will be zooming in on some of the stunning architecture and rooftops that are usually hidden from view. Afterwards our armchair tour will explore the tower itself.

Thursday 26th April, 10.30am - 12pm Meet at Gloucester City Museum & Art Gallery at 10.30am or 10.40am at St Michael's Tower, at the Cross.

Creative Corner - Hobby horses.

28th April, 11am - 4pm

On the Trail of Space

This month we will be looking towards the sky as we explore planets, stars and the moon in a big space adventure. Our exploration starts with a space trail around the Museum.

7th - 31st January, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Planets

Explore the planets in our solar system and make a memento to take home.

14th January, 11am - 4pm

Museum Tots - Footsteps.

17th January, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Creative Corner - Museum moon madness

21st January, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Stars above

Learn more about the stories and science of stars.

28th January, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Tu B'Shevat

Celebrate with us the Jewish Festival of Tu B'Shevat - New Year for Trees.

4th February, 11am - 4pm

Museum Tots - Buses.

7th February, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Residence Day

Come and meet some of the characters that used to live in our City and find out how they have shaped the Gloucester and world you live in today.

11th February, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Newsprint collages

Today's newspapers may be tomorrow's recycling, but we will be using them to create collage art inspired by the life of Robert Raikes.

14th, 16th & 17th February, 11am - 4pm

Workshop Wonder

During the late eighteenth century pin making was big business in Gloucester, so we will be getting creative making pin cushions and pin boxes inspired by the industry itself.

15th February, 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Creative Corner - Newsprint mats

Create a woven newsprint inspired table mat ready for your Shrove Tuesday pancakes.

18th February, 11am - 4pm

Museum Tots - Train travel.

21st February, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Creative Corner - Banana Balmy

On this day in 1946 the first ship load of bananas since World War Two came into Britain. Join us as we celebrate this delicious and versatile fruit.

25th February, 11am - 4pm

Transport Trail

Throughout March we will be celebrating the National Science & Engineering Week theme of the World in Motion by looking at transport through the ages.

3rd - 30th March, 11am - 4pm

Museum Tots - Cars, Cars, Cars!

6th March, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Creative Corner - Submarine Spectacular

Make a self propelled submarine that will float and resurface as we explore chemical propulsion and buoyancy as part of National Science & Engineering Week.

10th March, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Mothers Day Planes

Make your Mum a beautiful paper plane with a special message for a quirky Mother's Day treat.

17th March, 11am - 4pm

Museum Tots - Horse riding.

20th March, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Creative Corner - Civil War Wheels

Create a self propelled Civil War siege tower or cart.

24th March, 11am - 4pm

Civil War Living History Event

Gloucester Museums are very excited to welcome the English Civil War Society to the Folk Museum for a Civil War living history event. The siege of Gloucester is considered to have changed the history of England and is one of the most important parts of the Civil War. On the 24th March, the day in 1643 that Waller and Massey defeated Lord Herbert at Highnam, come and witness how life really was during that time. Expect military drills, cannon displays, domestic chores, shopping, socialising and talks on the Siege of Gloucester.

24th March 10am - 5pm

Spring Trail

Spring has well and truly sprung at the Folk Museum this Easter. Follow our gallery trail to find out more about the changes in nature this accompany this vibrant season.

31st March - 14th April, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Easter and Passover Cards

Make a beautiful card to celebrate this holy season.

3rd, 4th & 5th April, 11am - 4pm

Workshop Wonder - Bird & Chicks mobile.

4th April, 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Creative Corner - Flower posies.

7th April, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Pom-pom animals

Create your own woolly wildlife.

10th, 12th & 13th April, 11am - 4pm

Workshop Wonder - Plant Spectacular

Take your own bit of Spring away with you from our plant and plant pot workshop.

11th April, 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Creative Corner - Embroidered Place mats

Embroider a mat for your dinner or picnic table.

14th April, 11am - 4pm

Museum Tots - Bikes and trikes.

17th April, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Creative Corner - Tudor-tastic

On this day in 1509 Henry VIII became King of England. We'll be celebrating this anniversary with some Tudor-tastic crafts.

21st April, 11am - 4pm

Creative Corner - Get out & play

Try some of our traditional playground and street games to make the most of Spring's beautiful weather.

28th April, 11am - 4pm

Don't forget to check out **Gloucester Waterways Museum** and the **Soldiers of Gloucester Museum**, both situated at Gloucester Docks.