

# Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery

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June to October 2024



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# Welcome

Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery has been bringing inspiration, fun, and learning to audiences since 1917. Set in the beautiful Riversley Park, the Museum hosts a varied programme of exhibitions, events, and activities for all ages.

## Opening Hours

Until 27 October 2024

Museum:

Wednesday to Saturday 10.30am - 4.30pm

Tearoom:

Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am - 3.00pm

**Please Note: the museum only, will be closed Wednesday July 24th and Thursday 25th. The tearoom only Saturday July 27th.**



## Last Chance to see: “Wiv Luv Larry”

White Gallery | 16 March – 14 July

Our celebratory exhibition about local comedian Larry Grayson returns with some new exhibits. Learn about his life in Larry's own words.

The exhibition features the letters he wrote to superfan Pauline as well as numerous images and ephemera collected by Margaret Kane. The exhibition will also feature his big red book from, 'This is Your Life' as well as many rarely seen private photographs on loan from his nephew Mike Malyon. The exhibition also includes a Dress Up Larry, bow tie interactive and colouring sheets which celebrate Larry's always dapper appearance.



All details are correct at the time of going to press.

# Exhibitions

## Festival of Arts Showcase Exhibition

**Yellow Gallery | 8 June – 20 July 2024**

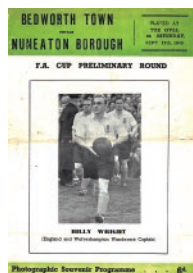
The museum is pleased to offer the first-place winners in the Creative Arts categories in Nuneaton Festival of Arts the opportunity to be part of a showcase exhibition at the gallery. Some of the artworks are for sale.



## “From Town to Town” by Nuneaton Town Supporters Co-operative

**Landing Gallery | 15 June – 10 August 2024**

This exhibition provides a taster of the rich history of Nuneaton Town Football Club. Featuring football shirts, photographs and programmes from key moments in the Club's history. This is a chance to reminisce about happier days. As usual there are activities for children.



## “Endangered and Extinct” by Val Hunt

**Landing Gallery | 22 July – 21 September 2024**

This touring exhibition ‘Reincarnated Rubbish – Endangered and Extinct’ hopes to raise awareness and presents a subtle message of preservation and why species are dying out at an alarming rate combined with inspiring everyone to experiment with creative recycling. This exhibition encompasses Val's love of the natural world with her ingenuity and skill at recreating the creatures that are ‘on the edge’ or ‘gone for ever’ from materials that most of us discard. Some of the pieces are for sale.



# Exhibitions

## Cusp by Anne Guest

**Yellow Gallery | 26 July – 2 September 2024**

This series of Cyanotype artworks show the beauty and fragility of nature at a time when we appear to be on the cusp of losing so much. The Cyanotypes are made using the ultraviolet from the sun. Anne loves that these works are made in partnership with nature, allowing chance and the weather to be partners in the process. Anne was shocked to discover that the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world and she hopes her work will inspire the viewer to see the beauty in the flora and fauna so that they are not taken for granted. Anne's work will be for sale.



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## Walking With Trees by Hilary Morris

**Landing Gallery | 17 August – 28 September 2024**

This exhibition by local artist Hilary focusses on trees, many of them local. Hilary began making the work during Covid when she couldn't access the coast where she normally finds inspiration. Initially attracted by their shape Hilary produced paintings which show the variety of species and how they change through the seasons. Hilary's work will be for sale.



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## Wild Winter a Touring Exhibition from Blue Tokay

**White Gallery | 28 September - 10 November 2024**

This stunning exhibition brings together wildlife photography and science. It encourages visitors to think about animals which live in harsh winter environments. How have they adapted their lives to survive and even thrive in these very cold conditions.



# Permanent Galleries

## The Picture Gallery

### First Floor

This room showcases a range of paintings and sculpture from the Museum's collection. We like to encourage people to look closely at the art. What can a portrait tell us about the person's background and mood? How have different artists depicted the changing nature of the sea? What different stories can artworks reveal?



## The Local History Gallery

### Ground Floor

The Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth has been a place to live and work for over 1000 years. This gallery brings to life its rich history through objects and stories. Find out about the entertainer Larry Grayson, the Royal Gurkha Rifles regiment, how Nuneaton got its name, and Nuneaton's varied industries.



## The George Eliot Parlour and Writing Room

### Ground Floor

George Eliot (1819-80) was a famous Victorian novelist who grew up in Griff, Nuneaton. She wrote several books including Middlemarch and Adam Bede. Our galleries include a reconstruction of her parlour where she wrote and entertained, and objects associated with her life and novels. You can find out who George Eliot was, what influenced her writings and how her fame has spread across the world.



# Children's Activities

Join us for some fun Free Make and Take Activities over the school holidays!

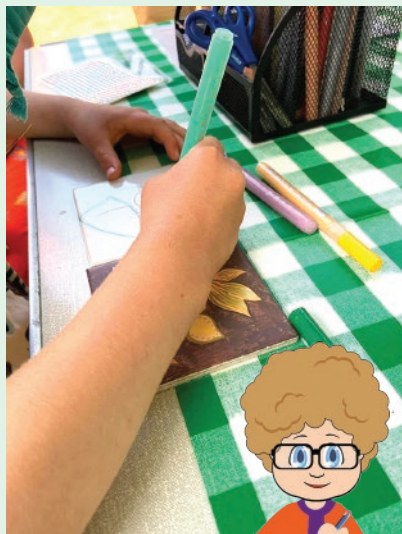
**Activities run from 10.30am to 3.00pm.**

No booking required, just drop in.

All activities are free, but donations are welcomed.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

At busy times you may be asked to wait.



## School Summer Holidays

### Inspired By Our Picture Gallery

Wednesday 31 July

Thursday 1 August

Friday 2 August

Create a Knox Jigsaw

Make your own Antelope Mask

Make your own Parrot Bookmark

### Inspired By Our Football Exhibition

Wednesday 7 August

Thursday 8 August

Friday 9 August

Help us create our footballing mural

Make your own Supporter Rosette

Make your own Footballer Finger Puppet

### Inspired By Val Hunt's Exhibition 'Endangered and Extinct'

Wednesday 14 August

Thursday 15 August

Friday 16 August

Create a Jelly Fish

Make a Butterfly

Colour a Sabre Tooth Tiger Mask

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### Inspired By Val Hunt's Exhibition 'Endangered and Extinct'

**Wednesday 21 August**

Design a Dragon Fly puppet

**Thursday 22 August**

Make a Honeybee Mobile

**Friday 23 August**

Colour a T-Rex Mask

### Inspired By Our Local History Gallery

**Wednesday 28 August**

Make a Miner's Mask

**Thursday 29 August**

Construct a Windmill

**Friday 30 August**

Make a Gurkha Hat

**Our Holiday Activities will return for October Half Term watch out for details on our facebook page.**

# Saturday Activities

Join us for some fun Free Make and Take Activities on Saturdays with our Access Assistants!

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**6 July 2024**

## **Sensational Seascapes**

Be inspired by the seascapes in the Picture Gallery. Let's get creative making imaginative mixed-media scenes of the ocean.

**3 August 2024**

## **'Back to School' Pencil Case**

Get ready for the new school term with your own personalised pencil case.

**7 September 2024**

## **Recycled Arty Animals**

Come and make an animal picture using recycled materials inspired by creative recycling artist Val Hunt's wonderful exhibition.

**5 October 2024**

## **Spooky Spiders**

I wonder how many spiders you can find in the Museum? Join us to make a spider and go on a spider hunt around the Museum.



# Storytelling for Under 5s

Join us on the third Thursday of every month for Storytelling between 11.15am and 11.45am.

On sunny days we may take our stories outside!

Be prepared to join in, make some noise and have fun!

No need to book, just drop in.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us on the following dates:



Thursday 18 July

Thursday 15 August

Thursday 19 September

Thursday 20 October

## Family Events Day

**Imagine Bamboo Events Day,  
Riversley Park and the Museum**

**Saturday 14 September 2024**

**11.00am until 4.00pm**

Join us for a day of family fun and creativity using UK grown bamboo to celebrate National Bamboo Day on 18 September. "Imagine Bamboo" is a special event in the park where you will be wowed by leading circus artists, 'No Fit State' as they perform their new show BAMBOO. A spectacular new high impact, new high-skill outdoor circus production using only bamboo and human bodies. To accompany this, the museum will be providing a very special hands-on history focusing on our objects from across the globe, which have been made from bamboo. Younger visitors can make and build their own bamboo models and admire the impressive bamboo models made by Nuneaton and Bedworth artists.



# Hands on History

## For all ages

Get hands on with Museum objects every third Saturday of the month! Join one of our Museum Access Assistants as they spotlight items from the Museum's collections.



**All sessions run 11.00am – 3.30pm.**

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### Saturday 20 July - Sport in the Borough

To celebrate the opening of the Olympics 2024 we will be sharing with you the sporting achievements of the Borough.

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### Saturday 17 August - Endangered Animals

Val Hunt's current exhibition is the inspiration for this month's object handling event, come and explore Museum artifacts that feature vulnerable and endangered animals.

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### Saturday 14 September Bamboo - Bamboo for the Future

To celebrate World Bamboo Day, join us to explore how different cultures have been using this sustainable material.

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### Saturday 19 October - Leaves are Falling, Autumn is Calling

We'll be sharing the beauty of Autumn through Museum objects that reflect the colours of the woodlands as the Season changes.

# Friday Lunchtime Talks

12.30pm to 1.30pm

Join us for one of our popular monthly Lunchtime Talks! The talks are FREE but donations are welcomed. Places are limited so booking is essential.

To book your place call the Museum on **024 7637 6158** or email [museum@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](mailto:museum@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk)



## Friday 19 July

### “Plant Hunters” by Simon Gulliver

The Plant Hunters: How our wealth of garden plants were found and brought back to our gardens. Tales of daring do's, exotic places and alarming encounters that brought the world's wealth of beautiful plants back to our English gardens.

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## Friday 20 September

### “Bamboo” by Simon Frearson

This talk ties in with the “Imagine Bamboo” Event on the 14th alongside International Bamboo Day on September 18th. Bamboo has been part of daily life for more than a century. This tremendously useful grass can be used in a number of ways from construction, clothes to food and fuel. Find about more about this wonder plant.

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## Friday 18 October

### “Beware the Resurrection Men” by Paul Thompson

A spooky subject for the month of Halloween. Find out from Mr Thompson the local surgeon whether or not he is on the receiving end of the goods on sale from the Resurrection Men. How did these men go about grave robbing, why some of them went on to commit murder and what did the Victorians do to try and stop them?

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## Friday 25 October

### “Relationships and Marriages in George Eliot” by the George Eliot Fellowship.

George Eliot's special gift was to bring everyday experiences to life and her works did not neglect love both happy and unhappy in her works. Join the George Eliot Fellowship as they share a selection of readings from the locally born novelist.

# Access & Information



- Wheelchair access
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Lift to all floors
- Baby-changing facilities
- Accessible toilets
- Tearooms
- Staff Assistance
- Induction Loop




## Groups


The Museum welcomes small school groups and other organised parties. All groups must book in advance by emailing [museum@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](mailto:museum@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk) or calling us on 024 7637 6158.

## Get in Touch

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Please note our phone, email and social media are only monitored during museum opening hours.

## How to find us

The Museum is in Riversley Park near Ropewalk Shopping Centre and just off Coton Road and Vicarage Street. Approximately ten minutes' walk from Nuneaton train station and three minutes' walk from the town centre. Long and short stay car parks are nearby which include disabled parking. There is free parking for up to 3 hours next to the Museum building, or a pay and display area off Coton Road (turn left at Cocks Lloyd Solicitors, postcode CV11 5TX) Bus Routes: the closest bus stop is on Coton Road.



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## Museum Gift Shop

Our small shop supplies a variety of toys, local history books, local postcards, and greetings cards. All at very reasonable prices!

## Museum Tearoom

The Museum Tearoom serves drinks, snacks, and light meals. The menu includes a range of sandwiches, paninis, jacket potatoes, cakes, and a selection of hot and cold drinks.