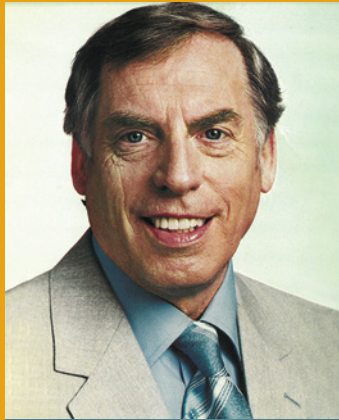


Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery

WHAT'S ON

January to May 2024



Exhibitions

Children's Activities

Storytelling

Hands-on History

Lunchtime Talks

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Welcome

You'll notice a few changes when you pop in as our lift, which has served us so well, is being replaced thanks to funding from the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund. Unfortunately, this also means there will only be access upstairs by the main staircase from 8 January until 8 March. As a result, we are not putting displays in the White Gallery during this period and haven't programmed any lunchtime talks. Our Hands on History, Make and Take Activities and Storytelling sessions will all be located downstairs during this time.

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 18 February 2024

Thursday 11.00 – 3.45pm

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Saturday 10.30 – 4.00pm

We are awaiting confirmation of our opening hours after February, please check www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/museum or Facebook for up to date information.

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

Exhibitions

“Different but the Same” by Jeudis Textile Group

Landing Gallery | 28 October 2023 – 24 March 2024

The Jeudis group was formed over 18 years ago with the aim of inspiring each other to develop their skills and practice to create textile works of art. As with all of Jeudis' exhibitions, you'll be amazed at just how many ways textiles can be used to create works of art. The members who are exhibiting are, Catherine Ball, Hazel Brewer, Wendy E Williams, Gill Green, Elaine Winterton, Sue Glasper and Sue Lewis. They have been inspired by such diverse themes such as the formation of coal, landscape, flowers and dry stone walling. They use a range of materials in their work including leather, silk, organza, and use a mixture of techniques and stitching.



Detail - Scorched Earth - Catherine Ball - Jeudi Group

“Shores of the Infant Sea” by Rachel Shirley

Yellow Gallery | 24 November 2023 – 17 March 2024

This display marks the first exhibition of these remarkable illustrations from Rachel's children's books: *Katie's Magic Teapot* and the *Cosmic Pandas*, *Katie and the Cosmic Pandas' Deep Sea Voyage* and *Ben's Little Big Adventure*. Rachel is a local artist. There are more than 40 works on display. Each illustration is a detailed colourful oil painting which captures both real and imaginary worlds. There are plenty of activities for children to enjoy whilst they are in the gallery.



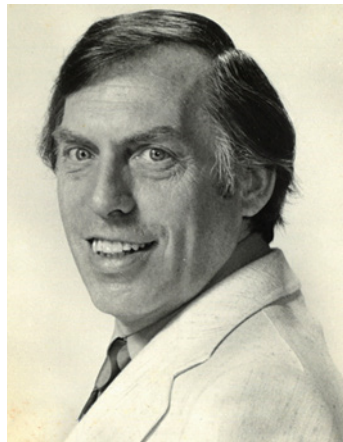
Rowing Across the Sink - Rachel Shirley

Exhibitions

“Wiv Luv Larry”

White Gallery | 23 March – 2 June 2024

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.



Unknown Photographer Museum Collection

‘50 Years of Change’

Landing Gallery | 30 March – 19 May 2024

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough is 50 years old this year. This exhibition looks at how things have changed in the last 50 years whether it's what we wear, how we communicate or how the borough looks. This display will be a real blast from the past!

As ever, there will be activities for younger visitors within the exhibition.



Museum Collection

Festival of Arts ‘Showcase’ Exhibition

White Gallery | 8 June – 14 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.



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 on Thursdays and Fridays over the school holidays!

Sessions run between 10.30am - 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.



February Half Term

Our February Half Term activities focus on adventures to compliment Rachel Shirley's exhibition 'Shores of the Infant Sea'.

Thursday 15 February Create your own rocket

Friday 16 February Make your own boat

Easter Holidays

To tie in with our 'Fifty Years of Change' exhibition, we've got some activities to take you back to the 1970s.

Thursday 28 March Design a 1970s inspired kipper tie

Friday 29 March Make a 1970s inspired mask

Thursday 4 April Create a 1970s inspired medallion

Friday 5 April Colour a 1970s dress up doll



Join us for some fun Make & Take Activities on Saturdays with our Museum Access Assistants!

**Sessions run between
10.30am - 3.00pm**



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Saturday 3 February

Classic Tales Bookmarks

What is your favourite story? Join us at the Museum and design your own bookmark based on some children's classics.

Saturday 2 March

George Eliot's Dress Up

Join us in George Eliot's parlour and get creative with textiles as we design Victorian clothing.

Saturday 6 April

Bags of the Borough

To celebrate 50 years of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, come along and design your own Nuneaton-themed shopping bag.

Storytelling for Under 5s

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

Thursday 15 February

Thursday 21 March

Thursday 18 April



Family Events Day

Join us for a bumper hands on Events Day where you can find out more about how the Victorians lived.

30 March 2024

10.30am until 3.15pm

Meet an upper-class Victorian family to find out more about everyday life for the well off and get hands on with Victorian artefacts. You can also meet the celebrated Professor Septimus Ringwood of London, Quack Medicine seller, accompanied by his wife Mistress Prudence Ringwood. Before the National Health Service of today, medicine and treatment were very expensive. The less well off in society would seek out men like 'Professor' Ringwood who peddled his dubious wares at fairs and markets. The professor had a sideline in tooth pulling; audiences are always fascinated by dental equipment of yesteryear.



Younger visitors can participate in a Victorian themed 'Make and Take'. The event is suitable for all ages, just drop in. There is no charge for the event, but donations are welcome.

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 – 3.00pm.

20 January Arctic Blast!

Join us this Winter for a unique chance explore the polar regions through the Museum's collection of artefacts from the Arctic region.



17 February World of Dragons

It's Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dragon. At the Museum we will be exploring objects from around the world featuring these fantastic mythological creatures.

16 March Melly's Museum

Today's Hands on History will be exploring the life of Edward Melly, the founder of Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery, through objects relating to his life.



20 April Whatever the Weather

April's changeable weather is the inspiration for this month's Hands on History. Come rain or shine, join us as we explore objects from our collection relating to weather.

18 May Who's Coming to Dinner?

How would you lay the table for a special dinner guest? This month we'll be sharing items from our decorative arts collection linked to dining.

Friday Lunchtime Talks

12.30pm to 1.30pm

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**

Please note that no talks have been programmed for January and February during our lift replacement project.

Friday 15 March

'Tommy and Dennis!'

Guarderobe

Find out about the brief career of the only known British lady to fight at the front during WW1. Explore the daily life and equipment of the British soldier at the Front that Dorothy Lawrence would have had to familiarise herself with and what happened to her once discovered.

Friday 19 April

'The History of Morris Dancing and The Morris Dancing Year'

John Frearson

The questions you have never asked - answered! Why is it called Morris? When and where did it start? Why do they do it? The speaker danced the Morris for some 30 years - and was the Bagman [national secretary] of The Morris Ring for seven years. A fully illustrated talk on the history and many forms of Morris dancing through the year.

Friday 17 May

'Bodices and Bloomers'

Guarderobe

A hands-on exploration of Victorian fashion using a selection of original garments to illustrate the basics of men's and women's outer and underclothing from the latter part of the 19th century.

Prints of the Museum's paintings now available to purchase online

We are excited to have partnered with Art UK, the online home for every public art collection in the UK, to sell quality prints of our stunning art collection! Prices start at just £12.95, with different sizes and framing available. These wonderful pictures would make a unique and original gift for a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion.



Up to His Knees - Alfred William Strutt (1886-1924)

The Museum currently has over 60 prints to choose from in the Art UK shop. They include local Nuneaton scenes; restful mountains, coastal and river landscapes, military scenes and paintings of animals.

Each purchase of a print goes towards supporting Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery. To see what's on offer, please visit the Art UK online shop at: artuk.org/shop/NuneatonMuseum

Is your group interested in working with us on a Community Showcase?

Community organisations, schools, youth organisations and special interest groups are invited to work with members of the Museum team to create their own display using museum objects.

The next slot will be April to September. Groups would ideally be between 4 and 12 people.

If your group would like to be involved, please contact liz.taylor@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk for more information.

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 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.