

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Museums, Exhibitions & Events

February - May 2020



**GROSVENOR
MUSEUM**



**Chester
HISTORY
& HERITAGE**



**Stretton
WATERMILL**



**WEAVER HALL
Museum & Workhouse**



**LION
SALT
WORKS**



**WEST CHESHIRE
MUSEUMS**



**Cheshire West
and Chester**

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD

Located in England's most picturesque city, the Grosvenor Museum's nationally important collections celebrate Chester's cultural heritage. The Roman galleries explore life in the Roman fortress of Deva and display the largest group of inscribed and sculpted Roman stones from a single site in Britain. The paintings and sculpture in the Art Gallery span half a millennium of art in Cheshire, while the Silver Gallery presents the definitive collection of Chester silver. Nine period rooms illustrate changing fashions in domestic interiors from the 17th century to the 1920s. Further galleries explore Cheshire's diverse natural history and present a range of temporary exhibitions.

Admission free - donations welcome

Monday – Saturday 10.30am-5pm, Sunday 1-4pm.



Telephone 01244 972197

Find us on Facebook: Grosvenor Museum and Stretton Watermill

Follow us on Twitter @cwacmuseums

Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk



Support us

The Grosvenor Museum Society provides vital support for the museum. Members of the society enjoy a full and varied programme of events, including lectures and outings. See www.grosvenor-museumsociety.co.uk.

Volunteers

Please see all West Cheshire Museums volunteering roles on the website www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Disabled access

Wheelchair access to the ground floor, including Exhibition Gallery One, Lecture Theatre and accessible toilet. No lift to Art Gallery, Costume Gallery or Exhibition Gallery Two on first floor.

Exhibitions

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

5 October – 22 March Treasure

Exhibition Gallery One

The museum's collections are full of 'treasures', but why do we value certain things and want to keep them, hoard them, show them off and hand them down? This exhibition explores the nature of treasure and our relationships with it, showcasing some of the most cherished, rare and valuable artefacts from Cheshire's past.



9 November – 15 March Made in Chester: Art by Nicky Thompson

Exhibition Gallery Two

Following the huge success of the Mid-Cheshire Railway Posters, the Grosvenor Museum is delighted to display the new series of 1930s-style art pieces featuring iconic Chester views. Chester-based artist Nicky Thompson, of Lemondrop Creative, evokes the golden age of travel in these original holiday posters designed to entice and inspire the exploration of Britain.



29 Feb – 23 March Say what? Coin Gallery



From the earliest times, humans have needed to communicate. It's been a long journey from simple cave paintings to complex satellites out in space. The Museum's Learning Team have been working with Dorin Park Special School to create a fun exhibiton about communication in all of its diverse forms, such as Makaton and Braille.

4 April – 28 June Vibrant City: Multicultural Chester

Exhibition Gallery One

For nearly two thousand years, Chester has been enriched by people and ideas from Britain, Europe, Asia and beyond. Early Cestrians included Roman soldiers from Ukraine, Vikings from Norway who ran a mint on Lower Bridge Street, and Medieval traders from all over the Mediterranean. This exhibition explores why people came to Chester and the surrounding areas in the past, and tells the stories of the multicultural communities who enhance this vibrant city today.



Family Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Children's activities are aimed at 4 to 12 years unless otherwise stated. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the Museum Shop 01244 972112 for group bookings.

Fridays: 7 Feb, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May

Grosvenor Museum 'Quiet' Afternoons

3-4.30pm, drop-in.

Suggested donation £2.

For those who enjoy a 'quieter' visit to the museum, including people living with autism, their families and carers. Our 'quiet' afternoons are themed, with hands-on activities to engage all ages and abilities. Pre-visit orientation pack available on request from Virginia Kettle on 01244 972120 or virginia.kettle@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Mondays 10 Feb, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May

Museum Explorers

Natural Cheshire Gallery

Arrive 9.50am for 10-11am.

Free, suggested donation £2.



Especially for ages 2-4, although younger siblings are also welcome. Come and explore nature's changing seasons and discover lots of exciting things from the past through play, crafts, stories and songs. Makaton-friendly.



Feb - May

Films with Chester BID

Keep the kids happy with our Family Fun Screenings at Chester's Grosvenor Museum. Dates and times of screenings are available from the Museum, please call 01244 972197.



Tuesday 18 February

Pirate chest

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2

Make your own pirate chest.



Wednesday 19 February

Museum Treasure Hunt

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2 - free museum trail available all day.

Join us for a Museum Treasure Hunt and make your own treasure map.



Thursday 20 February

Make your own train

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

All aboard to make your own train with moving wheels.



Family Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Saturday 22 February

Butterfly making

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Crochet, knit, collage or craft a butterfly to add to our big Social Butterflies installation! Social Butterflies celebrates Cheshire West becoming an age-friendly borough, and is a collaboration between Age-friendly Cheshire West, Brightlife and others.



Tuesday 7 April

Make a hobby horse

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Make a unicorn or dragon hobby horse.



Wednesday 8 April

Easter Egg hunt and basket making

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2 - free museum trail available all day.

Join us for an Easter Egg hunt and Easter basket making.



Thursday 9 April

Make a Easter hat

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Create an Easter chick hat with dangly legs.

Tuesday 14 April

Make a Castle

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Make your own castle using recycled materials.



Tuesday 14 April

Make do and Mend

Cafe

3-4.30pm, drop-in. £2.

'Make do and Mend' – We go back in time to the 1940's for rag rug making and afternoon tea.

Dementia – Inclusive.

Wednesday 15 April

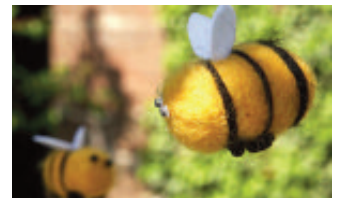
An afternoon of everything bee!

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2 - free museum trail available all day.

An afternoon of everything bee!

Try some honeycomb, make your own bee wings, plant a real mini garden and more!



Thursday 16 April

White paper dove making

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Make a white paper dove to join the flock in our entrance hall installation.



Family Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Saturday 25 April

Children's Ghost Tour guided walk with Tour Guide Ann Coward

Meet at the Visitor Information
Centre, Town Hall Square

5.30-7.00pm. Adult ticket £8, pay
guide on day, but booking essential
on 01244 972115.

Walk for children under twelve
years old, accompanied by an adult.
Not a scary tour. This tour includes
steps. Up to two children go free.
with a responsible adult.



30 April – 29 May and Open Afternoon 27 May Grosvenor Park Archaeological Excavation 30 April – 29 May

Cheshire West and Chester Council's
archaeologists in partnership with the
University of Chester will be running
their annual training excavation for
2nd year archaeology students in
Grosvenor Park, Chester. Visitors are
welcome and the students will be on
hand weekdays, except Bank
Holidays, to tell you about the Roman
and medieval archaeology of the
Park. A special open afternoon will be
held 1.30pm – 4.30pm on
Wednesday 27 May when there will
be site tours and a display of objects
found by the students.

Friday 8 May

75th Anniversary of VE Day

Newstead Gallery

11am-1pm and 2-4pm, drop in. £2
Celebrate the 75th anniversary of
VE Day with activities for all the
family, including dementia- friendly
activities. See website for further
details.



Tues 26 May

Green Knight helmet or headdress making

Cafe

3-4.30pm, drop-in. £2.

Make a helmet or a headdress from
the days of the Green Knight.

Family & Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 27 May**Spy day**

Newstead Gallery
2-4pm, drop-in. £2 - free museum trail available all day.

Join us for Spy Day – come and decipher codes, make your own invisible ink and follow the spy trail round the museum.

**Thursday 28 May****Mini Garden making**

Newstead Gallery
2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Make a real mini garden in a reused household container.



Adult Events

Every day of the year

Guided Walking Tours of Chester with the Guild of Chester Tour Guides

Meet at the Visitor Information Centre, Town Hall Square

10.30am-12noon. £8, £7 concessions, tickets from guide on the day. www.chestertours.org.uk.

Your guide will lead you on a captivating journey through 2,000 years of history, taking in all the main sites along the way, including the Rows, Walls, River and the exterior of the Cathedral. Discover Chester's rich heritage, beginning in Roman times, through the vibrant period of medieval expansion, the desperation of the Civil War, Georgian elegance and Victorian revival, right up to the present day.



Thursday 6, 20 February 5, 19 March, 2, 16, 30 April, 14 & 28 May

Café Crafts Museum Café

2-4pm. £3, including tea or coffee.

Join us for an afternoon of craft and chat in our 1940s café. Bring along your own project or feel free to join in with one of ours. Everyone is welcome – whether you're a master or a beginner.

**Wednesday 19 February****Carry on Curating**

Lecture Theatre

7.30-9pm. £10, with a free drink: tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/westcheshiremuseums.

Back for a fourth time! Comedians will become professors and deliver their humorous take on a 'TED' talk, commenting on some of the exhibits in the museum and filling you in on what they actually are. The catch? They've never seen any of the objects before and will be making it up on the spot. It's *Time Team* meets *Who's Line is it Anyway* and promises to be an excellent night.



Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Saturday 22 February Butterfly making

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Crochet, knit, collage or craft a butterfly to add to our big Social Butterflies installation!

Social Butterflies celebrates Cheshire West becoming an age-friendly borough, and is a collaboration between Age-friendly Cheshire West, Brightlife and others.



Wednesday 4 March The hidden history of plants in the Stone Age

Lecture Theatre

1- 2pm. £3, Pay on the door or send cheque/postal order (payable to 'University of Chester') to:

Lunchtime Lectures, Department of History & Archaeology, University of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ.

Enquiries:

history.archaeology@chester.ac.uk or 01244 512160



With Dr Barry Taylor- We associate the early human past with the use of stone tools but it was plants that provided many of the materials of daily life. From nettle cord fishing lines or birch bark containers to elm bows and lime canoes, early prehistoric communities made use of a wide range of plants, often using certain species for specific tasks. Plants were also important symbolically, and played an important role in ritual practices. In this lecture we will explore the lost world of plants as they were understood by the communities living in Britain shortly after the end of the last Ice Age, as well as having the opportunity to carry out some plant-based crafts.

Wednesday 11 March Forgotten in Britain? Remembering the German Dead of the two World Wars

Lecture Theatre

2pm. £3, Pay on the door or send cheque/postal order (payable to 'University of Chester') to:

Lunchtime Lectures, Department of History & Archaeology, University of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ.

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With Professor Tim Grady- Almost 7,000 Germans – military and civilians – were laid to rest in Britain during the two World Wars. The British initially buried these dead in cemeteries scattered throughout the country, including in Chester. However, in the 1960s, the vast majority of bodies were reinterred in a new German cemetery in Staffordshire. This talks explores the changing place of the German war dead, tracing how their presence gradually faded from local memory.



Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 18 March

Change in a Historic Landscape: The Lost Buildings of Port Sunlight

Lecture Theatre

1- 2pm. £3, Pay on the door or send cheque/postal order (payable to 'University of Chester') to: Lunchtime Lectures, Department of History & Archaeology, University of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ.

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With Dr Rebecca Andrew- Founded in the 19th century by William Hesketh Lever, to house 'Sunlight Soap' factory workers, Port Sunlight is a thriving tourist destination, containing 900 Grade II listed buildings. The village's identity focuses on its supposedly unchanging nature, despite considerable development throughout its relatively short history. This talk concentrates on demolished, replaced or re-purposed 'lost' buildings over the past 125 years.

Challenging common representations of Port Sunlight, it questions the significance for tourists and residents alike.



Corporate Partnerships at the Grosvenor Museum

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

We are delighted to welcome the Grosvenor Museum's founder Corporate Partners:

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**Cheshire College
South & West**

Silver Partner



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As a Corporate Partner you and your business can show a real passion for social responsibility and enjoy a wide range of special benefits, including brand exposure to over 80,000 visitors every year and more online.

Membership benefits include:

- Free use of the iconic Victorian lecture theatre for meetings and corporate entertainment
- VIP invitations to private events and exhibition openings
- Sponsor an item on public display
- Enjoy exclusive gallery tours and access behind the scenes at the museum

To receive a Corporate Partnership Scheme information pack and to discuss sponsorship opportunities for your business, please contact Richard Hall on 01244 972094 or richard.hall2@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.



Chester History & Heritage

Grosvenor Museum, 27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD

Visit Chester History & Heritage at The History Hub @ The Grosvenor Museum, with books, maps and photographic collections and our popular family history research service.

Our wonderful Facebook and website pages are followed by well over 4,000 history lovers, and you can explore our online imagebank which boasts over 21,000 unique historic images of Chester.



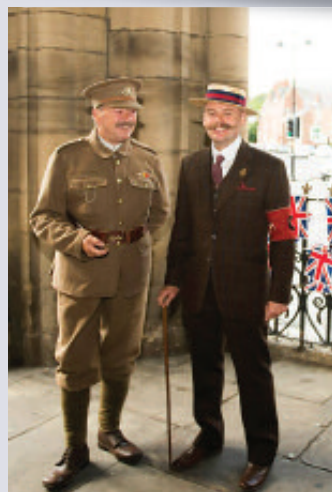
Monday – Friday 10.30am-5pm.

Telephone 01244 972210

Find us on Facebook: **Chester History and Heritage Centre**

Follow us on Twitter **@cwacmuseums**

Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk



Disabled access

Stairs at entrance, no wheelchair access.



Stretton Watermill, Farndon

Mill Lane, Stretton, Farndon, SY14 7JA

Step back in time and visit one of the country's best preserved water powered corn mills. First recorded in 1351, Stretton Watermill was a working mill until its last miller retired in 1959. Visit the 19th century stable block to learn about the history of the mill and explore models of the building and its machinery. One of our millers will then take you on a fascinating tour to see the ancient wooden machinery in action, listen to stories, and have a go at milling grain. Bring a picnic and enjoy the idyllic rural setting with beautiful views of the pond and mill buildings.

Disabled access

Accessible toilet, ramp to first floor of mill.

Telephone 01606 271640

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Follow us on Twitter

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Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Volunteers

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www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk



Admission

Adult £3.70, child £1.90, family £8 40.

April: Weekends and Bank Holiday
Mondays 1-5pm.

May - August: Tuesday - Sunday and
Bank Holiday Mondays 1-5pm.

September: Weekends only 1-5pm.



Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse

162 London Road, Northwich, CW9 8AB

Weaver Hall Museum and Workhouse is full of displays and tales of the history and industry of West Cheshire. The stories are told through films, reconstructions, models and vivid displays of intriguing artefacts, which relate to local industry, market towns, transport, archaeology, and the building's former history.

Housed within the old Northwich Union Workhouse, a special exhibition in the former workhouse schoolroom explores life for the paupers. Our younger visitors can dress up as workhouse inmates, learn all about the 3 Rs and challenge themselves with our workhouse quiz. Visitors can also find out about workhouse food, discover some of the people who lived in the workhouse, and visit the recreated Master's sitting room.

A regularly changing exhibition programme features local history subjects, artist groups, and fascinating items from our wider museum collections.



Admission

Adult £3.70, concession £2.60, child £1.90. Other ticket options available. Free access to temporary exhibitions (donations welcome) and the coffee shop and gift shop.

Tuesday - Friday 10am-5pm. Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 2-5pm.



Telephone 01606 271640

Find us on Facebook: **Weaver Hall Museum and Lion Salt Works**

Follow us on Twitter **@cwacmuseums**

Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Support us

The Friends of Weaver Hall offer vital support for the museum. Friends enjoy a full and varied programme of events including evening talks and film nights. See www.fowhm.org.uk.

Volunteers

Please see all West Cheshire Museums volunteering roles on the website www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Disabled access

Wheelchair access is available throughout the museum.



Exhibitions & Family Events

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Exhibitions

10 December – 19 January Young Artists in Tuscany



This project, organised by Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College in Northwich, gives young art students from the area the opportunity to undertake a programme of study in Tuscany. Upon their return from Italy the students have produced work in a variety of media for this exhibition at the museum.

1 February- 1 March LGBT History Exhibition and Film festival



Now in its third year Weaver Hall Museum hosts another exhibition and film festival organised by Silver Rainbows, a social network for older lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people in Cheshire. Look out for details nearer the time at www.silverrainbows.com.

7 March - 22 March Happy Mondays

Over the past year the Happy Mondays group have been taking part in a photography project celebrating their experiences and what is important to them. Happy Mondays is a social group for older people with learning disabilities which meets in Northwich every week and is supported by Snow Angels and funded through Brightlife. This exhibition includes a series of prints and some multi-media works.

28 March -22 June Friends of Anderton and Marbury Photographic Exhibition

Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM) will be showing a selection of photographs, taken in Northwich Woodlands, submitted in our bi-annual competition.

It will be a good chance to see the wide variety of ecological and leisure opportunities provided in Northwich Woodlands. There are four categories of entries: Landscape, Flora, Fauna, and Work Rest and Play.



Family Events

Children's activities are aimed at 4 to 12 years unless otherwise stated. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact 01606 271640 for group bookings.

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 February Clay Tiles

10am-4pm, drop-in. £2 per child. Make a decorative clay tile inspired by ones made hundreds of years ago or do a modern design of your very own.

Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 April Key Rings and Zip Pulls

10am-4pm, drop-in. £2 per child. Make something both useful & artistic! Either a key ring or a 'zip pull' to use on your coat or bag, why not make both?



Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 April Pictures of You

10am-4pm, drop-in. £2 per child. Create a picture leaving a gap so you can insert a photo of yourself, you could be an astronaut, a mermaid, a dinosaur, the possibilities are endless.

Family & Adult Events

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 May Pop Bottle Rockets

10am-4pm, drop-in. £2 per child.
Build your rocket then watch it soar towards outer space or will it come crashing back to earth? (please bring a fizzy pop bottle with you if you can)



Adult Events

Every Wednesday Chatty Café

10.30am-12noon. Free, ring 0300 666 6226 for further details.
Managed by Snow Angels, this Makaton-friendly coffee morning will give you the opportunity to learn and practice Makaton whilst enjoying coffee, cake and company.



Friday's 28 February, 27 March, 24 April, 29 May Craft and Chat

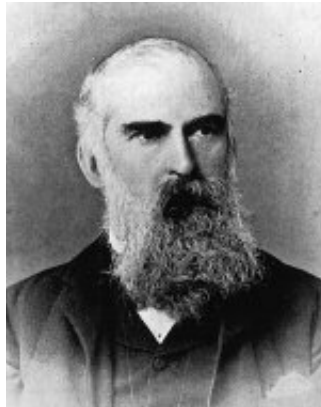
10.30am-12.30pm. £3, including tea or coffee.

Meet like-minded crafters, learn a new skill, and enjoy a cup of tea in the relaxed setting of Weaver Hall Museum's café. There will be regular demonstrations and projects to work on. Suitable for all levels of experience.

Thursday 13 February Sir John Brunner

7pm for 7.30pm £3.50 (Friends of Weaver Hall Free), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.

Organised by the Friends of Weaver Hall Museum. Join Dr Diana Leitch MBE, FRSC to examine the life and achievements of Sir John Brunner.



Wednesday 26 February Wartime Tatton (WW2)

3-4pm. £3, complimentary tea & coffee from 2.30pm.

This talk outlines the narrative of Tatton Park during World War Two. It tells the story of the people and the places connected to them and highlights the important, but largely unsung role of the estate during the conflict.



Thursday 27 February Film Club: The Keeper

7pm for 7.30-9pm. £5 (£4 Friends of Weaver Hall), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.

Organised by the Friends of Weaver Hall Museum, films are shown in museum's Regalette Cinema.



Thursday 19 March The tragedy of a misguided wife by Elizabeth Morris

7pm for 7.30pm £3.50 (Friends of Weaver Hall Free), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.

The mystery of Edith Brunner's murder of 1926, and the subsequent suicide of her husband Roscoe, became a Cheshire Society scandal. Was it simply a case of a misguided wife or something more sinister?.

Wednesday 25 March From frogs to toothbrushes

3-4pm. £3, complimentary tea & coffee from 2.30pm.

Join Julie Edwards to find out about the things we find on archaeological excavations, what do we do with them and what do they tell us?



Adult Events

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Thursday 26 March

Film Club: The Festival

7pm for 7.30-9pm. £5 (£4 Friends of Weaver Hall), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.

Organised by the Friends of Weaver Hall Museum, films are shown in museum's Regalette Cinema.



Thursday 23 April

Wild flowers and their secrets' by Peter Solan

7pm for 7.30pm £3.50 (Friends of Weaver Hall Free), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.

An illustrated talk about the amazing features of some of our most beautiful wild flowers.



Wednesday 29 April

The Story of D-Day

3-4pm £3, complimentary tea & coffee from 2.30pm.

On 6th June 1944 the Western Allies launched the largest invasion force in history against Nazi occupied Europe. Eleven months later Hitler was dead and the Third Reich defeated. Find out how D-Day came about, what happened on that fateful day and in the aftermath. Learn about the part played by the South Lancashire Regiment and something of the experience of the individual British infantryman though his kit and weaponry.

Thursday 21 May

The Colour of Heraldry by Tony Bostock

7pm for 7.30pm £3.50 (Friends of Weaver Hall Free), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.

The art and colour of heraldry brought to life with Cheshire examples. The talk will also cover the subject's importance in genealogical and local history studies.



Northwich Museums Corporate Partnerships Scheme

To support the collections and exhibition programmes at both Weaver Hall and Lion Salt Works, we have launched a new Corporate Partnership scheme for both museums.

We are delighted to announce that our founder partner for the Northwich Corporate Partnership scheme is Inovyn part of the INEOS group.

To receive information about the Northwich Corporate partnership scheme please contact Richard Hall on 01244 972094 or richard.hall2@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

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Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Ollershaw Lane, Marston, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6ES

The Lion Salt Works is a restored historic open-pan salt making site in the village of Marston, beside the Trent and Mersey Canal and close to the remarkable Anderton Boat Lift. This £10 million project opened in 2015 and was voted the UK's Best Heritage project in the 2016 National Lottery Awards. It offers a fascinating journey through the life of the country's last open-pan salt works.

You can explore the site and its restored buildings to discover how the Salt Works operated and the impact of salt on mid-Cheshire's people, economy and landscape. Your visit will also set the scene for a wider exploration of the footpaths, waterways and attractions of the adjacent Northwich Woodlands and the Weaver Valley.



Admission

Adult £6.60, concession £5.80, child £4.20. Other ticket options available. Free access to café, gift shop, butterfly garden, play area, canal towpath and car park.

Museum open Tuesday – Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays
10.30am-5pm. Play area and butterfly garden open daily
9am-5.20pm.



General Enquiries **01606 275066**
Room Hire and Group Bookings **01606 275040**
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Website: **www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk**



Support us

The Lion Salt Works Trust offers vital support including technical and historical advice, project and grounds development, visitor tours and a regular publication. To become a Saltie email George on roeegg@aol.com.

Volunteers

Please see all West Cheshire Museums volunteering roles on the website www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk.

Disabled access

Wheelchair access is available across the whole site.

Exhibitions & Family Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Exhibitions

12 October – 16 February

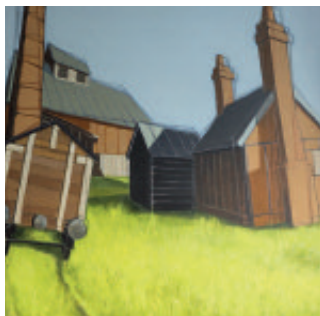
The Intrigue of Cheese: Cheshire Salt and the Dairy Industry

Voluntary Researcher, Tom Holmes, has curated this fascinating exhibition and students from Reaseheath College's cheese-making department have produced storyboards showing the modern processes which are displayed alongside objects from the museum stores.



22nd February – 1 June

Brine, steam and rust: industrial landscapes of Northwich



An exhibition of paintings by Richard Edmunds, reflecting the powerful presence of Cheshire's Industrial Age. Through a series of artworks this exhibition documents the huge towers, mounted platforms and steam-billowing chimneys that were synonymous with Northwich's industrial landscape. Many of the works feature sites that are now left abandoned, slowly deteriorating and rusting away to become overtaken and reclaimed by nature.

Family Events

Children's activities are aimed at 4 to 12 years unless otherwise stated. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact **01606 271640** for group bookings.

Friday 17, 24, 31 January; 7, 14, 28 February; 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 3, 24 April; 1, 15, 22 May

Little Lions Explorer Club

9.45-11.15am. £3.

Calling all Little Lions to discover, play and create. Come and join our Early Years Explorer Club, aimed at ages 2-4 (younger siblings welcome). Loads of exciting activities, stories and popular songs. Bring your old clothes – things might get messy!



Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 February

Salt Sack Printing

10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Salt from the Lion Salt Works went all over the world, and special sacks were made for each country. Choose somewhere in the world and design a salt sack based on that country.



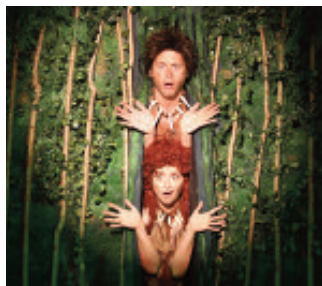
Family & Adult Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Saturday 14 March

Ogg 'n' Ugg and the World's First Dogg by Theatre Fidera Fidera

10.30am for 11am-12noon. Adult £6.50, under-17 £4.50, family tickets available: book at Lion Salt Works 01606 275066 or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshire_ruraltouringarts.



A long, long time ago there were no dogs – there were wolves, but we didn't like them and they didn't like us. But then along came Yorkshire hunter-gatherers Ogg 'n' Ugg who palled up with the wolves and invented our best friend, the dog. "Vastly entertaining for both adults and children this caveman story is heartfelt and engaging" New Perspective.

Supported by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.



Friday 27 March

Yours sincerely by Quick Duck Theatre

6.45am for 7.30pm-8.30pm. Adult £10, under-17 £6.50, family tickets available: book at Lion Salt Works 01606 275066 or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts.

Will Jackson has accidentally stolen 300 second class stamps from the post office. But he's making them count. He's going to write letters. From reconnecting with old friends and ex-boyfriends to run-ins with the marketing department at John Lewis, stamp collecting has never looked so sexy...



Based on real life correspondences; storytelling and lipsync cabaret collide in this queer coming-of-age comedy about the complications of 21st-century communication; hot off the heels of its incredibly successful Edinburgh fringe run. "An escalating comedy that takes you on a wild ride" ★ ★ ★ ★ The Skinny

Supported by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.

Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 April
Fossil Fun

10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

To celebrate Dippy the Dinosaur arriving up North, we're having a day of Fossils Fun! Fossils hold exciting clues about our past. Join us for some activities exploring these preserved remains.



Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 April
Drop In

Victorian Nature Boxes and Butterflies

10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

With spring in full season come and have a go at some nature based craft activities. These crafts are part of Social Butterflies, a spectacular art project where everyone is invited to take part!

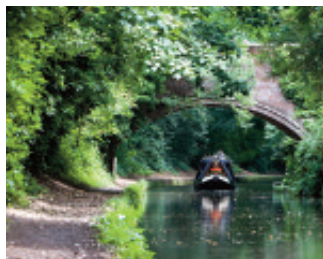


Family & Adult Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 May Canal Journeys

10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm,
drop-in. £2.



Lion Salt Work's is next to the Trent and Mersey Canal. Many boats go past the museum each day. Come and have a go at producing your own canal journey.

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May Heritage Transport Festival

10.30am-5pm. Suggested donation
£3.00



This evocative festival of a bygone era gives visitors an opportunity to imagine what vintage transport would have been like in its heyday. You can enjoy a range of vehicles from the 19th and 20th centuries, including traction engines, miniature steam engines, working narrow boats, vintage cars and commercial vehicles. There is also a series of themed children's activities over the weekend.

Adult Events

The SALT WORKS Sessions
Saturday 22 February 2020

The Jellyman's Daughter

Doors open 7.15 pm

Tickets £11.00 from :-

<http://www.danarts.org/events/the-jellymans-daughter/> or
email lswsessions@gmail.com .

Scottish duo The Jellyman's Daughter lands squarely in the middle of an intriguing crossroads between bluegrass, post-rock, folk and soul. Mixing their unique vocal harmonies with wild and visceral cello, driving guitar and sweet mandolin, Emily and Graham write their songs together with a focus on doing something new.

After touring extensively across the UK, Europe, USA, Canada and Australia in 2018/19, we're very lucky to be able to welcome Emily & Graham to The Salt Works Sessions. Be prepared to be entranced by their music and gorgeous singing ... completely captivating and spine-tingling.

"Song-writing of the highest order"

"Exquisite vocals and harmonies, and dynamic and expressive cello playing"



Saturday 25 April Stone Carving Workshop

10am-4pm. £55 (including materials and equipment): book at www.pamgordonartist.co.uk/book-online.

This one-day course is an exploration into techniques of relief carving with limestone. You will be introduced to basic stone carving techniques, learn how to use appropriate tools, map out your design, as well as carving and smoothing techniques.



Adult Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

The SALT WORKS Sessions Saturday 16 May 2020 EDGELARKS



We are thrilled to announce the return of the brilliant EDGELARKS in May 2020. Phil & Hannah's gig in 2017 inspired The Salt Works Sessions music programme, and we are eternally grateful to them for this... A class act built on Phillip Henry's much extolled musicianship, Hannah Martin's highly original song-writing and her deep, soulful voice. The Devon duo have been making 'world music from the West Country' since 2010 through 5 acclaimed studio albums, combining exquisite folk with

influences as diverse as the blues and Indian classical slide guitar. The BBC Folk Award winners take their strong roots sound, mixing original song-writing with stomping beatbox harmonica, soaring fiddle and vocal harmonies.

A formidable live show, making much more noise than only two people should be able to, taking audiences on a story telling journey around a new musical landscape.

"One of the best duos on the planet"
"Really sophisticated, quite brilliant"



Diary



Key

- Grosvenor Museum
- Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse
- Lion Salt Works

February

- **Thursday 6**
Café Crafts
- **Friday 7**
'Quiet' Afternoons
- **Friday 7**
Little Lions
- **Monday 10**
Museum Explorers
- **Thursday 13**
Sir John Brunner
- **Friday 14**
Little Lions
- **Tuesday 18**
Make your own pirate chest
- **Tuesday 18**
Salt Sack Printing
- **Wednesday 19**
Museum treasure hunt
- **Wednesday 19**
Salt Sack Printing
- **Wednesday 19**
Carry on Curating

- **Wednesday 19**
Clay tiles
- **Thursday 20**
Clay tiles
- **Thursday 20**
Make your own train
- **Thursday 20**
Café Crafts
- **Saturday 22**
Butterfly making
- **Saturday 22**
The Jellyman's Daughter
- **Wednesday 26**
Wartime Tatton
- **Thursday 27**
Film Club: The Kepper
- **Friday 28**
Little Lions
- **Friday 28**
Craft and Chat

March

- **Wednesday 4**
Plants in the Stong Age
- **Thursday 5**
Café Crafts
- **Friday 6**
'Quiet' Afternoons
- **Friday 6**
Little Lions
- **Monday 9**
Museum Explorers

- **Wednesday 11**
Forgotten in Britain
- **Friday 13**
Little Lions
- **Saturday 14**
Ogg 'n' Ugg
- **Wednesday 18**
The Lost Buildings of Port Sunlight
- **Thursday 19**
The Tragedy of a Misguided Wife
- **Thursday 19**
Café Crafts
- **Friday 20**
Little Lions
- **Wednesday 25**
From Frogs to Toothbrushes
- **Thursday 26**
Film Club: The Festival
- **Friday 27**
Little Lions
- **Friday 27**
Craft and Chat
- **Friday 27**
Yours Sincerely

April

- **Thursday 2**
Café Crafts
- **Friday 3**
'Quiet' Afternoons
- **Friday 3**
Little Lions

● **Tuesday 7**
Make a hobby horse

● **Tuesday 7**
Fossil Fun

● **Wednesday 8**
Easter Egg hunt and basket making

● **Wednesday 8**
Fossil Fun

● **Wednesday 8**
Key rings and Zip pulls

● **Thursday 9**
Key rings and Zip pulls

● **Thursday 9**
Make an Easter hat

● **Monday 13**
Museum Explorers

● **Tuesday 14**
Make a castle

● **Tuesday 14**
Victorian Nature Boxes and Butterflies

● **Tuesday 14**
'Make do and mend'- Rag rug making

● **Wednesday 15**
An afternoon of everything bee!

● **Wednesday 15**
Victorian Nature Boxes and Butterflies

● **Wednesday 15**
Pictures of You

● **Thursday 16**
Pictures of You

● **Thursday 16**
Cafe Crafts

● **Thursday 16**
White paper dove making

● **Thursday 23**
Wild Flowers and their secrets

● **Friday 24**
Little Lions

● **Friday 24**
Craft and Chat

● **Saturday 25**
Children's ghost tour guided walk

● **Saturday 25**
Stone Carving Workshop

● **Wednesday 29**
The Story of D-Day

● **Thursday 30**
Café Crafts

May

● **Friday 1**
'Quiet' Afternoons

● **Friday 1**
Little Lions

● **Friday 8**
75th Anniversary of VE Day

● **Monday 11**
Museum Explorers

● **Thursday 14**
Café Crafts

● **Friday 15**
Little Lions

● **Saturday 16**
Edgelarks

● **Thursday 21**
The Colour of Hereldry

● **Friday 22**
Little Lions

● **Tuesday 26**
Green Knight helmet or headdress making

● **Tuesday 26**
Canal Journeys

● **Wednesday 27**
Spy day

● **Wednesday 27**
Canal Journeys

● **Wednesday 27**
Grosvenor Park Archaeological Excavation open afternoon

● **Wednesday 27**
Pop Bottle Rockets

● **Thursday 28**
Pop Bottle Rockets

● **Thursday 28**
Mini Garden making

● **Thursday 28**
Café Crafts

● **Friday 29**
Craft and Chat

● **Saturday 30**
Heritage Transport Festival

● **Sunday 31**
Heritage Transport Festival

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27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD



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