



SHREWSBURY
MUSEUM
& ART
GALLERY
AT THE
MUSIC HALL

EXHIBITIONS
AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2014 - APRIL 2015

Presenting
WONDEROUS
NEW ARTWORKS
by
ESTEEMED ARTISTS
ALONGSIDE
A VERITABLE FEAST OF
HISTORIC
ARTEFACTS





THE BRAND NEW SHREWSBURY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY AT THE MUSIC HALL IS NOW OPEN FOR YOUR DELIGHT.

Here, alongside our Visitor Information Centre, Café and Shop, you can discover a mix of the old, the new and the curious all under one roof.

The extraordinary buildings that are home to our Museum cover 750 years of history: from a medieval town house to early Victorian public rooms.

The Music Hall has been entertaining generations of Salopians with famous faces from Charles Dickens to The Beatles. The Museum now returns to its former home to continue this tradition with an exciting special exhibition programme. From top class art exhibitions to hands-on family fun, there is an assortment of delights.

Come and discover the stories that make this county unique. Explore 650 million years of history through a thousand remarkable objects. There is much to amaze, enlighten and amuse.

LET THE VARIETY SHOW COMMENCE!

Opening times

Daily until 30th September 10am – 5pm
1st October to Easter, 10am – 4.30pm, closed Mondays.

Admission

Adult £4, Child £2, Senior £3.50

A range of season tickets also available.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS



UNTIL 31ST AUGUST 2014

ANCIENT WISDOM

Find out what the ancients did for us. Shoot down a castle wall with a Roman catapult and see how the Egyptians locked their doors. Build an aqueduct to guide water to a village and try the Greek way of using the Sun to burn the enemy's ships. There is art and music as well, and you can even write your name in hieroglyphics.

HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT ANCIENT DISCOVERIES!

Make a Mosaic

Use small marble and stone tiles to create your own design.

Archimedes Screw

Turn a handle to watch balls travel up the screw.

Catapult

Build a castle wall and fire balls with a catapult to knock it down.

Aqueduct

Place channels and pillars to build an aqueduct to channel water.

Roman Arch

Build a Roman arch and see how strong it is.

Ancient Translation

Write your name in hieroglyphics and use a clay tablet.

Grinding Wheel

Assemble cogs on a magnetic table to turn the grindstone.

Word Spinner

Make up entirely new words from Greek and Roman roots, or understand the origin of familiar words.

South Pointing Chariot

Wheel the chariot around the gallery and work out how the man always points south.

Signalling

Communicate with your friend using flags, as the Romans did.

Archimedes Mirrors

Position three mirrors to concentrate the 'sunlight' onto a ship and watch how quickly the temperature rises.

Mechanical Locks

Try opening an Egyptian and a Roman lock.

Musical Scales

Pluck a guitar string in the correct places worked out by Pythagoras and play harmonious chords.

Hero's five Simple Machines

Experiment with the lever, wheel, screw, pulley and wedge. These were the only machines ancient builders had to help them lift heavy weights.

There will also be the chance to see some ancient Greek and Egyptian artefacts provided by National Museums Liverpool. Discover more about the Romans in Shropshire in our Roman Gallery.

Ancient Wisdom is displayed on the Balcony.



UNTIL 31ST AUGUST 2014

‘Living Dangerously’

Photographs from the Archive of Terence Spencer with additional photos from Rockarchive

Terry Spencer was Biggles and James Bond wrapped up in one real-life man. A highly decorated Spitfire pilot during World War Two, he later became an award-winning and indomitable photo-journalist for LIFE Magazine, working from his base in South Africa where he had moved after the war.

He married English actress Lesley Brook who endured 15 years on an isolated farm near Johannesburg, where she brought up their children. They returned to England in the early 1960s, just in time for Terry to cover the ‘Swinging Sixties’. He photographed The Beatles, travelling with them all over England and Europe in the early days of their fame as well as other rock and film stars and world leaders. He also photographed on movie sets such as ‘The Battle of Britain’, ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’, ‘On Her Majesty’s Secret Service’ and ‘Ryan’s Daughter’.

Terry spent several months covering the Vietnam War, as well as the Six Day Arab-Israeli War and the Radfan campaign in Aden. Nothing however compared to the atrocities witnessed in the Congo. Terry loathed violence of any kind and wouldn’t even watch a cowboy film.

Terry and Lesley died within 24 hours of each other in 2009. He left his remarkable photo archive of over one million negatives to his eldest daughter, Cara. They wrote a joint autobiography called ‘Living Dangerously’.

Cara now lives near Shrewsbury and has generously allowed the cream of her father’s photographs to be exhibited during the summer holidays in the Special Exhibitions Gallery.

Award-winning photographer Jill Furmanovsky of Rockarchive is supporting the exhibition by contributing prints from the World’s largest collective of rock photographers. Jill was the official photographer of Pink Floyd. Many of Rockarchive’s prints displayed in Shrewsbury have recently been on show at London’s Royal Albert Hall in an exhibition called ‘50 Years of British Rock History.’

For more information visit
www.terencespencerphotoarchive.net
and www.rockarchive.com





15TH SEPTEMBER – 4TH JANUARY 2015

Exposed: The Body in Art from Dürer to Freud

A selection of works by artists such as Rodin, Bacon and Rosetti reveals a range of different responses to the human body.

The exhibition is centred around Burne-Jones' 1878 Pygmalion series, which is used to set out five themes for exploration. As well as looking at how the body has been a focus of artistic observation throughout history, the display picks out examples that depict visions of an 'ideal body', mutations of the body and how the body has been used as a vehicle for imagination and fantasy.

Other notable artists whose works are featured include Albrecht Dürer, Barbara Hepworth, Helen Chadwick and Lucian Freud.

Exposed is a touring exhibition from Birmingham Museums Trust supported by Arts Council England.



1ST OCTOBER 2014
TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

Re:Collect Artists Exhibition - Curiosity

Local Contemporary Artist Group, Re:Collect formed during a professional development programme at the Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery in 2012. Curiosity is an exhibition of ambitious new art works, sited throughout the museum, which responds to the museum and heritage collections.

The exhibition includes 'the Cabinet of Curiosity', a bespoke wooden treasure trove containing interactive artworks including; sculptures, prints, mind-maps and letters/postcards. Throughout October to February, Re:Collect artists will run creative workshops, handling sessions and artists' talks.

Please visit the Museum and Art Gallery website for more information.

24TH JANUARY - 26TH APRIL 2015

Secret Egypt: Unravelling truth from myth

Secret Egypt challenges some of the enduring myths about ancient Egypt that are perpetuated through films, books and other popular media and invites the visitor to look at a range of archaeological evidence to re-evaluate what they understand about this remarkable civilisation.



The exhibition contains 150 objects including statuary, coffins, stelae, ceramics, jewellery and animal and human mummies. These are presented in an exciting and thought-provoking way asking six key questions that reflect modern misconceptions, and areas of controversy, around the subject of ancient Egypt. These include: Beware the mummy's curse; Were the Egyptians obsessed with death? Did aliens build the pyramids?

Secret Egypt has been produced by Birmingham Museums Trust in partnership with The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum and supported by Arts Council England.

Secret Egypt will be on display in the Special Exhibitions Gallery.



17TH MARCH – 17TH MAY 2015

Treasure! The Discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard

The Staffordshire Hoard Mercian Trail Touring Exhibition

An exciting interactive touring exhibition that tells the fascinating story of how the Staffordshire Hoard was found and saved for the nation, will be on show on the Balcony at Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery.

Created by the museums team at Staffordshire County Council with the help of the Mercian Trail Partnership, this exhibition will travel to venues around the West Midlands.

Perfect for adults and children alike, it features high quality replicas of the Staffordshire Hoard, showing how it might have looked when it was first crafted, alongside hands-on interactives so you can have a go at detecting for treasure and cleaning a piece of the hoard yourself! Handling objects and try-on period costumes will also be on display to help bring the Anglo-Saxons to life.



OTHER EXHIBITIONS

UNTIL 19TH OCTOBER 2014

Made in Shrewsbury

This display celebrates the companies whose goods were made in Shrewsbury over the last 200 years - from steam trucks to swimsuits. It also celebrates the people who made them, sharing their memories as well as mementoes.



UNTIL 28TH AUGUST 2014

The Harold Thomas Collection

In 1873 well before the "Scramble for Africa" began in 1881 Harold Thomas, an unknown British anthropologist, set off on a journey to the Congo. His mission was to study its people, plant and animal life. In 1873 he mysteriously disappeared. A small selection of his drawings and specimens of previously undiscovered parasitic plant species was salvaged by locals. The collection was brought back to England as property of the State.

This Contemporary Art intervention was funded by Arts Council England.

Wedding Fair

1ST OCTOBER 2014

Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery is licensed for weddings. Come and meet some of Shrewsbury's finest organisations that can make your wedding in our unique setting a day to remember. From photographers to wedding dress-makers and car hire, you can start planning your perfect wedding.

Open from 5.30pm to 9pm. Admission is free.



Learning at Shropshire Museums and Archives

FAMILY SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

TERRIFIC TUESDAY 10.30am – 12.30pm, £12 one adult and up to two children + all day Museum entry. Booking essential.

19TH AUGUST

Pottering with the Romans

Be really 'hands-on' in this Clay Craft session. You will be able to take home everything you make. **Suitable for ages 3+**



26TH AUGUST

Light Fantastic

Add some colour and light to the end of your holiday and have a go at creating some beautiful 'stained glass' items. Bring along something to wear to prevent your clothing from 'staining'! **Suitable for ages 7+**

PLUS... Daily fun museum trails



28TH AUGUST

'We're Going on a Mammoth Hunt'

Squelch through the mud and Splash-splish through the water on our imaginative 'hunt'. Enjoy a 'hunter-gatherer' picnic and make something to take home in our Mammoth-based craft session.

10.30am – 12.30pm. £12 for one adult and up to two children, includes all day entry to the Museum. Booking essential.

FROM SEPTEMBER 2014

Family Friday

4pm – 5.30pm Bring the kids for a sandwich tea at STOP Café and enjoy a fun activity in the museum. £5.50 per child, adults free. Every Friday during term-time. **Booking required.**

Mini Mammoths at the Museum

0 – 2 years, every Friday during term time 10am – 11.30am. Grow little minds and stimulate senses at our museum-based parent and baby group. **Booking required. £2.50 per child.**

31ST OCTOBER

Halloween – Spooky Supper

4pm - 6pm Join us for Halloween night at the museum for some spook-tastic family fun. Enjoy a Stop Café children's sandwich supper, a ghostly story in Medieval Vaughan's Mansion followed by some creepy craft activities. **Booking essential. £8.00 per child, up to two accompanying adults free of charge.**

Birthday Parties

Themed birthday parties for mini history hunters (3 – 8 years). £10 per child, includes a party meal and party bag for each guest.



School visits

From first experiences to big ideas, our education programme will stimulate young minds and develop creativity. **We offer FREE planning visits for Teachers plus an opportunity to meet the education team and tour the museum at our Teachers' Twilight sessions.**

Adult education courses

Taster sessions and longer courses offer adult learners the opportunities to draw and paint under expert tuition, to understand more about local history or to create something wonderful.

Contact us at museumeducation@shropshire.gov.uk 01743 258884 or visit <http://www.shrewsburymuseum.org.uk/education/> for further information.



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