

Museum and Gallery Education

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Stoke-on-Trent Museums

what's on

Exhibitions, Events and Activities
September - December 2010



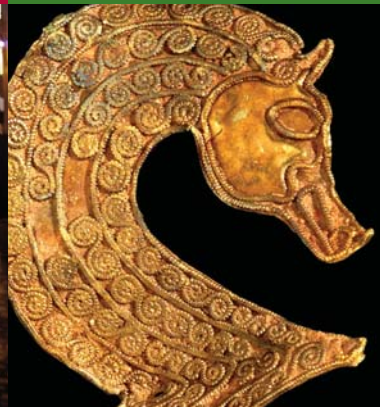
Etruria Industrial Museum



Ford Green Hall



Gladstone Pottery Museum



The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Alternative versions of our What's On leaflet are available on request, please telephone 01782 232323 for more information.



Renaissance Museums for changing lives



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Stoke-on-Trent
Your Museums



The Staffordshire Hoard

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery and Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery have jointly acquired the Staffordshire Hoard after a highly successful fundraising campaign. Around 80 artefacts from the largest Hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found are now on show at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery.



This exceptional group of seventh-century gold and silver warrior gear, many pieces with intricate garnet inlay, was found buried in a field last year. A recent reassessment has shown that there are 3400 gold, silver and silver gilt artefacts, including helmet plaque fragments and loose cut garnets.

Further funding of £1.7million is needed to conserve, research, restore and display the Hoard. Donations towards the Hoard's interpretation are gratefully accepted.

For up-to-date information please visit:
www.stokemuseums.org.uk/pmag/hoard

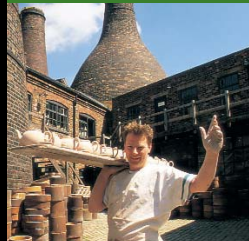
www.staffordshirehoard.org.uk



Etruria Industrial Museum



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Stoke-on-Trent Museums

Welcome to What's On

This guide lists all of the events and exhibitions planned at our four museums from September until the end of this year. Each of our museums tell their own important part of the social and industrial history of our city, using a combination of education and entertainment.

During 2010 we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Federation of Stoke-on-Trent, bringing together the six towns as one city. We will be celebrating the centenary with exciting events featuring suffragettes, Edwardian explorers, a Christmas Festival and traditional crafts. Exhibitions will compare the Potteries of the past with the city of today and whatever your interest we're sure you'll find something you'll enjoy.

Our website has lots more information about our museums and special events and you can also sign up to receive information from us by post or by email, please take a look at www.stoke.gov.uk/museum and we hope to see you soon at our museums, shops and cafes.

Christmas Opening Times

Please phone us or take a look at the website for details of Christmas opening times at our museums.


Etruria Industrial Museum



Etruria Industrial Museum,
Lower Bedford Street, Etruria,
Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7AF
Sat Nav reference: ST1 4RB
Sat Nav reference for disabled
car park: ST4 7AF
Telephone: 01782 233144
E-mail: etruria@stoke.gov.uk



The last working steam powered potters' mill in Britain and a scheduled ancient monument. Etruria Industrial Museum has seasonal opening and will be closed to casual visitors from 6 December 2010, re-opening in spring 2011. Pre-arranged visits by individuals, groups or schools are welcome during this period, please contact us for more information.

- B** limited numbers, please book in advance
-  hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.



Access: If you are a wheelchair user or have a pushchair please contact us for access information.

Open: Wed - Sun 12 - 4.30pm.

This museum has an admission charge. Please phone us or see www.stoke.gov.uk/museum for up to date charges.

stoke.gov.uk/museum


Ford Green Hall



Ford Green Hall,
Ford Green Road, Smallthorne,
Stoke-on-Trent ST6 1NG
Telephone: 01782 233195
E-mail:
ford.green.hall@stoke.gov.uk



A 17th century timber-framed farmhouse, the Hall was home to the Ford family for nearly 200 years and has a collection of ceramics, textiles and furniture. It offers a fascinating insight into 17th century life and has seasonal events. The Hall is available for civil weddings and baby naming ceremonies and we also provide children's birthday parties.

- B** limited numbers, please book in advance
-  hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Open: Sunday - Thursday 1 - 5pm.

This museum has an admission charge. Please phone us or see www.stoke.gov.uk/museum for up to date charges.

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Gladstone Pottery Museum



Gladstone Pottery Museum,
Uttoxeter Road, Longton,
Stoke-on-Trent ST3 1PQ
Telephone: 01782 237777
E-mail: gladstone@stoke.gov.uk




The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery



The Potteries
Museum & Art Gallery,
Bethesda Street, City Centre,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3DW
Telephone: 01782 232323
Minicom: 01782 232515
E-mail: museums@stoke.gov.uk



Gladstone is the only complete Victorian pottery factory from the days when coal burning ovens made the world's finest bone china. Traditional skills, original workshops, the cobbled yard and huge bottle ovens transport visitors back in time. Visit the gift shop and tea room and have a go at throwing a pot, making a china flower or decorating pottery. Please allow 2 - 3 hours for your visit.

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Access: If you are a wheelchair user or have a pushchair please contact us for access information.


Open: Museum open every day from 10am - 5pm.
Shop and Tea Room open to non-museum visitors.

This museum has an admission charge. Please phone us or see stoke.gov.uk/museum for up to date charges.

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Discover the history of the Potteries including the world's greatest collection of Staffordshire ceramics, a WWII Spitfire, decorative arts and natural history. See items from the Staffordshire Hoard and visit the museum café and shop in the heart of the city centre.

Knitting Group - join us on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Please call us for more details.

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Opening Hours:
Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 2 - 5pm.

Donations Welcome

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Exhibitions and Displays



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hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Contemporary Glass

Display Until 31 October

A new display in the Changing Fashions Gallery showcasing work by local artists selected for the 2010 British Glass Biennale in Stourbridge. Part of the International Festival of Glass.

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Designer Maker

Display Until December

Students from Staffordshire University's 3-D art course display their work in the Changing Fashions Gallery.

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1910: A Portrait of the Potteries

25 September - 3 January

Explore life in the six towns 100 years ago at the birth of the Federated County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent.

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2010: A Portrait of the Potteries

25 September - 3 January

What are Potteries' people like today? Come and see photographer Martin Elliot's take on us – you might even spot yourself.

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The Stoke-on-Trent City Archive Service is holding a series of talks by popular historians at the City Central Library which explores the centenary theme and is connected to this exhibition. Please visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/archives for more information.

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Moving Toys Display

6 - 31 October

Visit our returning display of automata models, marvellous machines and toys at Etruria. Discover how machines work by experiencing gears, levers and cams in action.

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Escape

16 October - 30 January

Landscape, as a form of escape, is explored in this exhibition featuring contemporary and historical images from the museum's collections. Part of Conjunction 10, Stoke-on-Trent's second Contemporary Art Biennial.

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Newlyn, Looking towards Mousehole, John Currie

Potteries Past/Present

23 October - 3 January

See the Potteries through the eyes of local school children, inspired by early 20th century photographer William Blake. Includes interactive activities for families.

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Activities and Events



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hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

What is it?

1 September, 6 October,
3 November, 1 December
Free expert advice on the
identification and care of your
objects from ceramics and
art, to local and natural
history. Please note we do
not give valuations.
Booking essential,
1 - 2.45 pm.
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Bamfords Valuation Day

Friday 3 September
Bring your treasures in for a free valuation,
2 - 4pm.
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Bone China Flower Making Workshop

Saturday 4 September
Learn about the art of flower making and produce
your own china blooms to take home
1.30 - 3.30pm. £7.50 per person per session
including museum admission.
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Arty Party

Saturday 4 September
Our Saturday morning art club for 8 -14 year olds.
10.30am - 12.30pm. Fortnightly. £2.60 each
or £10 for four sessions.
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Mill 'in steam'

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 September
Experience the sights and sounds of Victorian
engineering in the heart of the Potteries.
Steaming on the hour. Try a new skill, knitting,
knotting, rag rugs and more at this special canal
crafts themed steaming. Normal admission
applies, 12 - 4.30pm.
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Heritage Open Day

Saturday 11 September
Free entry to Etruria Industrial Museum
See Jesse Shirley's Bone and Flint Mill where
raw materials were prepared for the pottery
industry. 12 - 4.30pm,
free admission.
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Guided Walks: 'Historic Etruria'

Sunday 12 September
Join our canal side stroll through 250 years
of local history. 12 - 1.30pm Free.
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Heritage Open Day

Sunday 12 September
Free entry to Ford Green
Hall. Visit the oldest house
in Stoke-on-Trent and enjoy
its picturesque grounds.
1 - 4pm, free admission.
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Heritage Open Day

Sunday 12 September
Free entry to Gladstone Pottery Museum
Visit the preserved Victorian factory, Tile
Gallery and Flushed with Pride – the story
of the toilet. 10am - 5pm, admission free.
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Historic Walk of Longton

Sunday 12 September
Guided walk of Longton, umbrella, sensible
footwear and small binoculars recommended.
2pm. Free but booking essential.
Call 01782 237777.
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Activities and Events



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hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Arty Party

Saturday 18 September

Art club for 8 -14 year olds.

10.30am - 12.30pm. Fortnightly,
£2.60 each or £10 for four sessions.

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Britain at War

Saturday 18 September

See the Dakota flypast,
military vehicles, 1940s
singers, have a go at
jiving and watch jive
demonstrations.

10.30am - 4pm,
free.

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Staffordshire Open Studios

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 September

Come and see our resident blacksmith, Charis
Jones, at work. Normal admission applies,
12 - 4.30pm.

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Proms at the Hall

Sunday 19 September

Bring a picnic and enjoy
The Uttoxeter Town
Brass Band performing
at Ford Green Hall.

1 - 4pm, free outdoor
event, normal
admission applies to the
Hall.

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Staffordshire Open Studios

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September

Come and see our resident blacksmith, Charis
Jones, at work. Normal admission applies,
12 - 4.30pm.

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Toddler Tuesday

Tuesday 28 September

Have fun discovering our wonderful collections!
Under 5s and their carers/parents can make a
'crafty' creation and enjoy story time provided by
a librarian from Stoke-on-Trent Libraries.
Limited places, advance booking essential
Carers/parents must stay with their toddler at all
times. 10 - 11am. Free.

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Spooky Skull Hunt

1 October – 1 November

Find the scary skulls hidden around the museum
to earn your prize, £1 plus admission.

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Bamfords Valuation Day

Friday 1 October

Want to know what it's worth? Come along for a
free valuation, 2 - 4pm.

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Mikron Theatre Company

Saturday 2 October

Freewheel through 100 years of cycling history in
a play interwoven with comedy, songs and
tomfoolery. Tickets £6 (£5 concessions), 1.30pm.

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Arty Party

Saturday 2 October

Art club for 8 -14 year olds, 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Fortnightly. £2.60 each or £10 for four sessions.

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Mill 'in steam'

Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 October

Experience the sights and sounds of Victorian
engineering in the heart of the Potteries.
Steamings on the hour from 1pm.
Normal admission applies, 12 - 4.30pm.

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Activities and Events



limited numbers, please book in advance
hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Exposing Art

Thursday 7 October

Collections Officer Jean Milton shows contemporary art highlights from our reserve collection. 2pm, free.

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Local and exotic locations: Music in the Midlands and Europe 100 years ago.

Saturday 9 October

Free concert and public lecture by Professor Barbara Kelly, Michael Bell and Karen Radcliffe, Keele University, including music by Debussy and Vaughan Williams. 2 - 4pm.

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Arty Party

Saturday 16 October

Art club for 8 -14 year olds, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Fortnightly, £2.60 each or £10 for four sessions.

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The Greatest Show on Earth

Saturday 16 October

Roll Up! Roll Up! for the greatest show on Earth and journey into the lost world of the Edwardian Sideshow. Meet Edmund and Hilary two 'Edwardian Gentlemen Explorers', who will tell tales of their comic adventures.

10.30am - 4pm.

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Historic Walk of Longton

Sunday 17 October

Guided walk of Longton, umbrella, sensible footwear and small binoculars recommended. 2pm. Free but booking essential.

Call 01782 237777.

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Toddler Tuesday

Tuesday 19 October

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10 - 11am. Free.

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Sounds Brilliant

Saturday 23 October

Enjoy a range of musical activities for all ages, and take part in this year's Big Draw.

Free family fun day, 10.00am - 3.00pm.

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Run up a Rag Rug

Saturday 23 October

Make a rag rug using either your own recycled materials or those provided. Beginners welcome. £2 Booking essential, 11am - 4pm.

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limited numbers, please book in advance

hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Exposing Art - Workshop

Saturday 23 October

Work with a practicing artist to create your own piece of contemporary art. 10am - 4pm pre-booking essential, £5, over 16s only.

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Dry Bones - Halloween Craft Activities

25 - 28 October

Make a scary Tudor skeleton to take home, 50p plus admission, 1 - 4pm.

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Half Term Spooky Pottery Painting

25 - 29 October

Paint a piece of ghoulish themed pottery every day during half term.

From £1 plus admission.

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What a Hoot!

Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 October

Make an owl mask to go haunting in.

Drop-in 10.30am - 12.30pm,

1.15 - 4pm, £1.

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Animating Blake

Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 October

Create colourful characters and bring William Blake photographs to life through animation.

11am - 4pm, drop in, free.

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Scary Stones

Tuesday 26 October

Paint a scary stone to ward off evil spirits.

50p plus admission, 11am - 4pm.

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Over the Moon

Wednesday 27 October

Make a jumping cow lever driven toy. 50p plus admission 12 - 4pm.

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Haunted Tour of Gladstone

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October

Paranormal illusionist Chris Stokes leads a tour of Gladstone ending with a "séance" at the haunted museum. Includes glass of wine, free daytime return entry and showing of the Most Haunted episode filmed on site.

£12 per person, £7.50 for passport holders, adults only, pre booking essential.

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Journey to the Underworld

Saturday 30 October

Meet the ferryman searching for lost souls on the River Styx. Learn about monsters of Greek mythology at our Halloween event with a difference.

10.30am - 4pm

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Tudor Tales from the Crypt

Sunday 31 October

Not for the faint hearted!

1 - 4 pm

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Superdads: Rockets at Etruria

Sunday 31 October

Make and fire a rocket. Small charge to cover materials.

12 - 4 pm

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Activities and Events



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hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Exposing Art

Thursday 4 November

AirSpace Director David Bethell explains the challenges of running an independent contemporary art gallery.

2pm, free, pre-booking essential.

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Bamfords Valuation Day

Friday 5 November

Want to know what it's worth? Come along for a free valuation. 2 - 4pm.

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Reginald Haggart Memorial Lecture

Saturday 6 November

Respected writer Jenny Uglow will speak on the subject Words and Pictures - Writers, Artists and a Peculiarly British Tradition.

2.30pm, tickets are free, no booking required.

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Mill 'in steam'

Saturday 6 and
Sunday 7 November

Experience the sights and sounds of Victorian engineering in the heart of the Potteries.

Steaming on the hour from 1pm.

Normal admission applies.

12 - 4.30pm

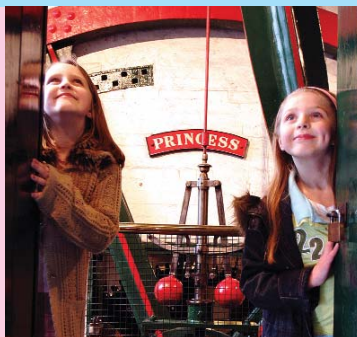
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Blacksmiths' Bonanza

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November

Charis Jones, our resident blacksmith will be working with fellow blacksmith artists and offering visitors the chance to have a go, 12 - 4pm.

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Votes for Women

Sunday 7 November

Learn about the sensational stories of the fight for the vote, see costumes and hear readings from the Edwardian Age as we dress a Suffragist from 1903 and a Flapper from 1928. 3 - 4pm, free. **B**

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Arty Party

Saturday 13 November

Art club for 8 - 14 year olds, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Fortnightly. £2.60 each or £10 for four sessions.

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Meet Miss Byrne

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November

Meet and talk with Factory Inspector Miss Caroline Byrne while on this day in 1910 she visits to inspect Gladstone Pottery.

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Guided walk of Historic Etruria

Sunday 14 November

Join our canal side stroll through 250 years of local history. 1.30pm, free.

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Superdads: Juggling

Sunday 14 November

Join our hands on activity 12 - 4pm, small charge.

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Toilets by Twilight

Friday 19 November

An activity evening by candlelight for children aged 8 - 12, in the famous Flushed with Pride Gallery. Learn about loos, take part in crafts and get a goody bag to take home. £7.50 per child, who must be accompanied by an adult.

5.30 - 7.30pm

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Activities and Events



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hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday 21 November

Quality crafts will be on sale at Ford Green Hall just in time to purchase a perfect gift for Christmas.

1 - 4 pm, normal admission applies

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Arty Party

Saturday 27 November

Art club for 8 - 14 year olds, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Fortnightly. £2.60 each or £10 for four sessions

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Toddler Tuesday

Tuesday 30 November

Have fun discovering our wonderful collections! Under 5s and their carers/parents can make a 'crafty' creation and enjoy story time provided by a librarian from Stoke-on-Trent Libraries.

Limited places, advance booking essential
Carers/parents must stay with their toddler at all times. 10-11am. Free

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Christmas Pottery Painting

1 - 24 December

Paint and take home a piece of Christmas themed pottery you've decorated.

From £1 plus admission.

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Christmas Lunches in the Tea room

1 - 24 December

Enjoy Christmas lunch in the Gladstone Tea room, for menu options and booking details call 01782 234098.

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Exposing Art

Thursday 2 December

Artist Chris Parkes talks about his work for the upcoming 'Leave no trace' exhibition.

Call for more details, free.

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Antique Valuation Day at Gladstone

Friday 3 December

Bring your objects to experts from Bamfords Auctioneers for a free valuation.

2 - 4pm

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Gladstone Edwardian Christmas Festival

Saturday 4 December

Enjoy a traditional Edwardian Christmas featuring bands, choirs, candle lit pottery demonstrations, craft fair, children's entertainment and a sing-a-long carol finale. Adults £6.95, children £5.50 (includes a free return visit in 2011).

Museum Passport holders can purchase tickets for only £1, tickets on sale 1 November, please call 01782 237777 or visit us to book.

1.30 - 6.30pm.

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Santa at the Mill

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December

Father Christmas arrives at Etruria by canal narrowboat to open the festive season.

Mince pies and music. Normal admission applies.

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Mill 'in steam'

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December

Experience the sights and sounds of Victorian engineering in the heart of the Potteries.

Steamings on the hour from 1pm. Normal admission applies, 12 - 4.30pm

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Arty Party

Saturday 11 December

Art club for 8 -14 year olds, 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Fortnightly, £2.60 each or £10 for four sessions.

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17th Century Christmas

Sunday 12 December

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of 17th century festivities. Enjoy traditional music, mulled punch and minced pies. Have a go at pomander making and other seasonal crafts.

Normal admission applies, 1 - 4pm.

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Toddler Tuesday

Tuesday 14 December

Have fun discovering our wonderful collections!

Under 5s and their carers/parents can make

a 'crafty' creation and enjoy story time provided by a librarian from Stoke-on-Trent Libraries.

Limited places, advance booking essential

Carers/parents must stay with their toddler at all times. 10 - 11am. Free.

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Curators at work

monthly

Housekeeping is an important part of caring for the fantastic Museum collections in Stoke-on-Trent. Each month the Collections Team will be cleaning displays in our permanent galleries.

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What's New to ...

ongoing

The Museum's collections are a fascinating resource. See the recently acquired, the newly conserved, or the recently researched, in displays around the Museum.

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Pay only once:

The Museums Passport provides great value for money allowing unlimited daytime admission to all our charging museums for a year and a 10% discount at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery Foyer Shop.

For current passport charges please phone any of our museums or look at www.stoke.gov.uk/museum



Staffordshire Prints Looking for an unusual gift?



Staffordshire Images is a new website where you can buy prints of images owned by Staffordshire museums. The online shop has a large selection of images and you can choose from framed or unframed prints or canvasses.

This world-class collection brings together the diversity of the region and celebrates the history and beauty of Staffordshire with many historical images of the area. The site encompasses many famous and beautiful works of art including Constable and William Blake and also features works by Staffordshire artists such as Arnold Bennett and Reginald Haggard.

Take a look at www.staffordshireprints.org.uk