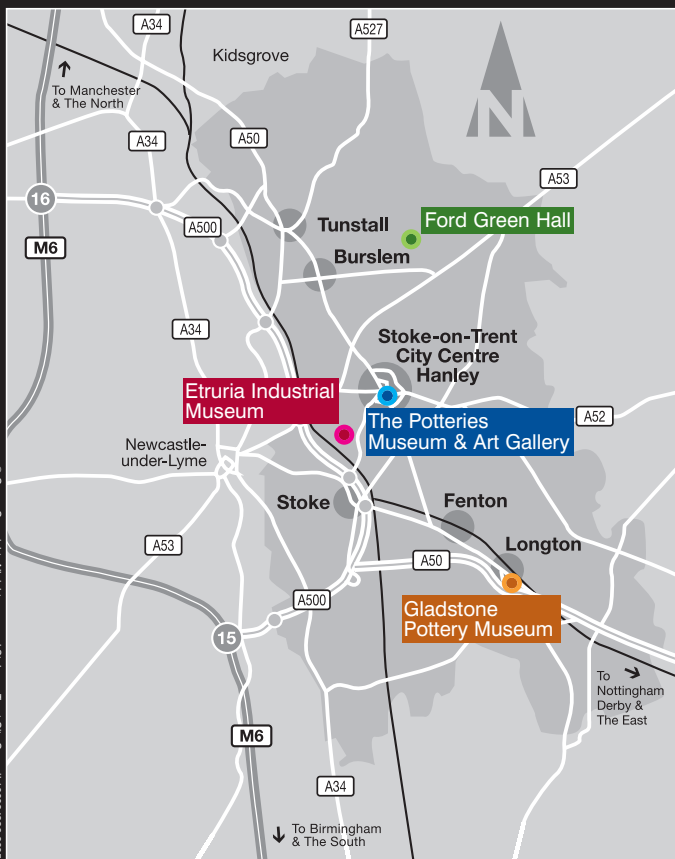


Museum & Gallery Education

To book a learning session call the Education Team at the appropriate Museum.

Museum Friends

Become a friend of the Museums in Stoke-on-Trent, for more information contact 01782 232323.



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



stoke.gov.uk/museum

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Stoke-on-Trent Museums

Welcome to the Spring What's On

This guide is split into different sections. The first section tells you more about our four Museums. Each one is different and they all play an important part in preserving the history and heritage of Stoke-on-Trent. They combine education and entertainment and there's plenty to see and do.

We've listed all of the details we think you might need to know about the Museums, including opening hours, prices and how to contact us. On the back of this leaflet you will also find a map of the city marked with each of the Museums' locations.

In the next section of the What's On there is a list of exhibitions, followed by the other exciting events and school holiday activities we have going on until the end of April.

Introducing Stoke-on-Trent Museums new website

Discover the story of the 'Potteries' on our new website stoke.gov.uk/museum



The Museums Passport provides great value for money allowing unlimited daytime admission to

Gladstone, Etruria and Ford Green for one year and 10% discount in The Foyer Shop at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery.

Passport Charges

Did you know? A family passport costs the equivalent of 39p per week offering an affordable pass to many school holiday and weekend activities.

Adults £8.50, Concessions £7.50,
Family (2+2) £20.50 additional child £3



The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery,

Bethesda Street, City Centre,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3DW

Telephone: 01782 232323

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E-mail: museums@stoke.gov.uk



Opening Hours:

Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 2 - 5pm.

Travel back in time and discover the history of the Potteries, including the world's greatest collection of Staffordshire ceramics. See Reginald Mitchell's World War 2 Spitfire and all sorts of art and craft. Enjoy a light lunch or afternoon snack in our relaxing Café Museum with regular musical accompaniment by Frank Leigh. Browse in The Foyer Shop for unique quality gifts, cards, books and souvenirs of the Potteries.

Admission: Free
Donations Welcome

Satellite Navigation reference: ST1 3DW

stoke.gov.uk/museum

Visitor information



Arty Party

**9 and 23 January, 6 and 20 February,
6 and 20 March, 3 and 17 April**

Our Saturday morning art club for
8 - 14 year olds. 10.30am - 12.30pm.
£2.60 each or £10 for 4 sessions. **B**

Clean Air Superheroes

Until 2 May

Visit this fun display to travel back in
time with Travis, freeze vehicles with
Fiona and suck the pollution with OxyGen.



What's New to ...

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



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.

What Is It?

6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 7 April

Free expert advice on the identification and care of
your objects from ceramics and art, to local and
natural history. 1 - 2.45pm. Booking essential. **B**

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.

Gladstone Pottery Museum

Gladstone Pottery Museum,

Uttoxeter Road, Longton,
Stoke-on-Trent ST3 1PQ

Telephone: 01782 237777

E-mail: gladstone@stoke.gov.uk



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

Admission: Adults £5.95, Children £4.50,
Concessions £4.95, Family (2+2) £18.00
There is a small extra charge for craft activities.
Free car and coach parking.

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 kilns create an atmospheric time-warp that has no equal. Visit the gift shop with exclusive handmade pottery, books and gifts. Please allow 2 - 3 hours for your visit.

Visitor information



Gladstone Tea Room

The friendly tea room has a varied menu. With a daily roast carvery (and vegetarian alternative) eating at the museum is excellent value. The tea room is open to non-museum visitors.



The Gladstone Shop

Our shop stocks a wide range of gifts including studio ceramics, local paintings, children's novelties and unusual items for the home. We also have an extensive range of bone china florals and ceramic gifts made at the museum. Shop also open to non-museum visitors 10am - 5pm.



'have a go'


Everyday. Take away a real souvenir of your visit to Gladstone by having a go at throwing a pot, making a bone china flower or decorating a piece of pottery. (small extra charge).



Gladstone in Business

Gladstone Pottery Museum is a unique and affordable venue for meetings and conferences.

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.

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



Open: Sunday - Thursday 1 - 5pm.

Admission: Adults £2.50 Concessions £1.50
Family Ticket £5.95, Under 5s and wheelchair
users free. Free car park.

Home to the Ford family for nearly 200 years, Ford Green Hall is a 17th century timber-framed farmhouse complete with period garden. An award-winning museum, the Hall offers visitors a fascinating insight into the life of the 17th century. The rooms are furnished with an outstanding collection of textiles, ceramics and furniture. Family friendly displays, children's parties and seasonal events.

Visitor information



Weddings, Civil and Baby Naming Ceremonies

If you are looking for a romantic and atmospheric venue, why not hire Ford Green Hall for your special occasions? We can help you plan your day. Please contact us for further details or a free wedding pack.

Birthday Parties, Group Tours and School Visits

The Hall is also available for children's birthday parties, guided group tours and school visits.



B - limited numbers, please book in advance



- hands-on activities for families. *All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

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Etruria Industrial Museum

Etruria Industrial Museum,

Lower Bedford Street, Etruria,
Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7AF

Satellite Navigation reference: ST1 4RB
Satellite Navigation reference for disabled
car park: ST4 7AF

Telephone: 01782 233144

E-mail: etruria@stoke.gov.uk



Open: The museum re-opens on
31 March 2010. Wed - Sun 12 - 4.30pm.

Admission: Adults £2.50 Concessions £1.50
Family Ticket £5.95, Under 5s and wheelchair
users free. Free car park off Etruria Vale Road.

Etruria Industrial Museum, the last working steam-powered potters' mill in Britain, includes Jesse Shirley's Bone and Flint Mill - scheduled an ancient monument in 1975. It also includes a family friendly interactive exhibition, tea room and shop. The mill is 'in steam' several times a year when the 1903 boiler is fired and the 1820s 'Princess' beam engine powers the historic machinery.

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



stoke.gov.uk/museum

Visitor information

Seasonal Opening

The museum will be closed to casual visitors until 31 March but remains open for special events and pre-arranged visits by groups, schools, families or individuals. Please call us for details.

New this year at the museum - a half day study session with local historian Andrew Dobraszczysz exploring the history of the steel industry in Etruria.

The partnership with Canals for the Community continues this winter with the popular monthly canalside History Walks starting from the museum on selected winter Sundays. This is an opportunity to find out about the history of Etruria from 1760 to the present day.

The Poor Knights of St. Chad will be re-enacting life in the 7th century when they set up camp at Etruria on 28 March.



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Exhibitions

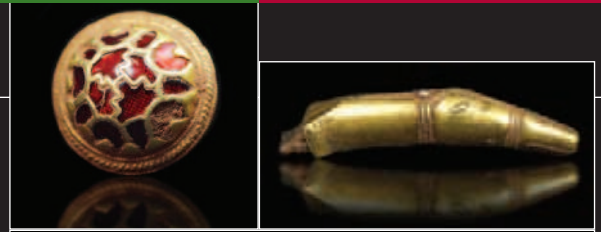
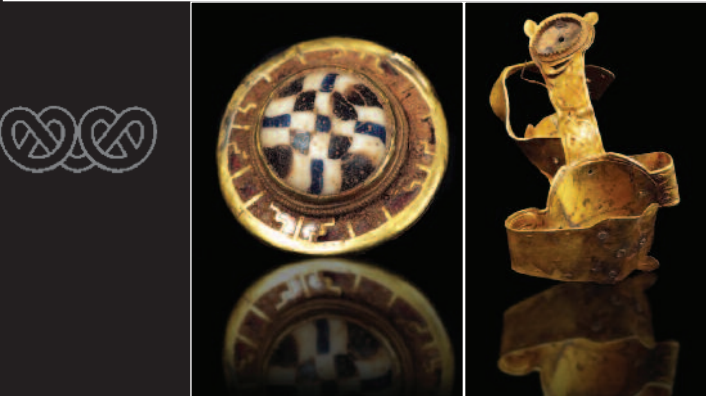
The Staffordshire Hoard

13 February - 7 March

A stunning selection of around 80 artefacts from the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found, including significant items never before seen in public. This is the first time that the hoard will be displayed in the county in which it was found. The Staffordshire Hoard will redefine the Dark Ages. Now see it for yourself.

Only on display until 7 March!

■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



The Staffordshire Hoard Comes Home

The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery plans to jointly acquire the Staffordshire Hoard with Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery to ensure it stays in the West Midlands.

The unparalleled treasure comprises more than 1,600 items of superbly crafted warrior gear in gold and silver.

The exhibition is free. However, donations towards the acquisition of The Staffordshire Hoard are gratefully accepted. Your generous donation will help support acquisition, research, display and interpretation of The Staffordshire Hoard.

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

www.staffordshirehoard.org.uk

Exhibitions

Romantic Proposal

Until 18 April

An exhibition exploring the rituals of courtship from the medieval to the contemporary. The show includes work selected from the Museum's collections, the Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London, Wolverhampton Arts & Museums and local artists.



■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery



Love Letters, Rachel Grant



Paine,
Nicholas
Hudson



Building Jerusalem: Bethesda Chapel Reborn 23 January - 9 May

Located opposite The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Bethesda Chapel is one of the most significant historical buildings in the city. This timely exhibition explores the fascinating history of this former Methodist chapel and plans for the future.

■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery



Stoke Through Time - An Expression of a New Generation 13 March - 25 April

Young people's multi-media artwork, inspired by the city's past. ■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Activities and Events

Stoke Your Fires Festival of Animation

Stoke Your Fires is back! Explore the fascinating world of traditional animation, stop-motion and computer generated imagery through exciting activities and events.

January

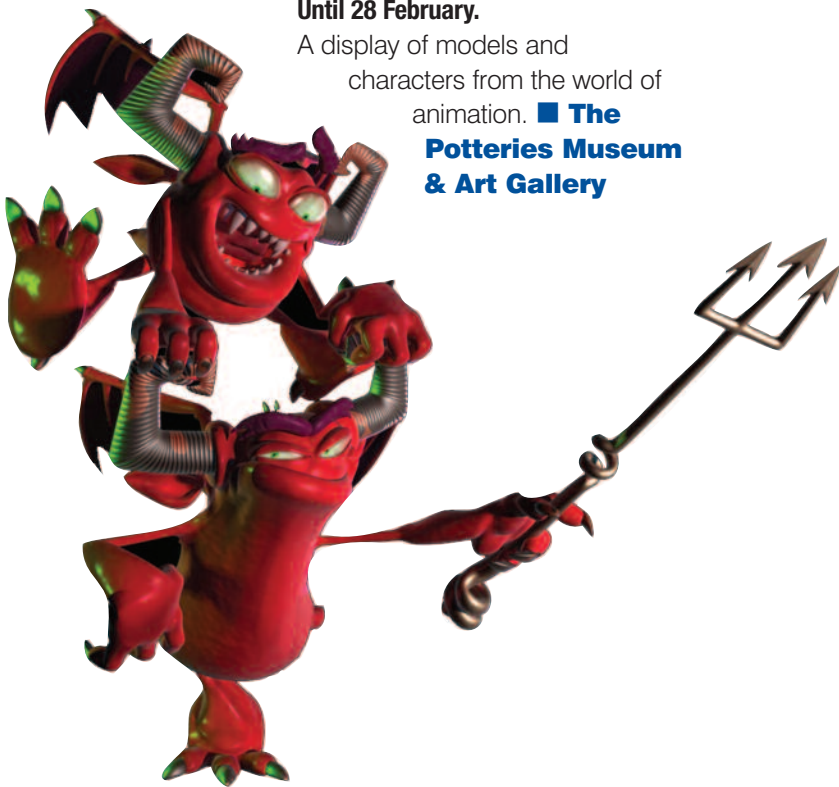
2, 9, 16 Exploring Animation

In-depth, three day animation workshop, 11am - 3.30pm (£10) **B ■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

30 Animation on Display

Until 28 February.

A display of models and characters from the world of animation. **■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



February

6 - 7 Forum Features

Screenings of animation feature films in the Forum theatre. £1 **■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

13 Exploring Animation

Use different techniques used by professional animators. 11am - 3.30pm. Lunch not included. 16+ only, £5. Pre-booking essential. **B ■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

15 - 19 Animation in Action

Use different techniques to create your own animated classic. Drop-in workshop, 11am - 4pm, free **■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

20 Exploring Animation

Under 16 workshop, 11am - 4pm. Lunch not included, £3, Please book with The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery **B ■ City Centre Library**

25 - 27 Stoke Your Fires Festival of Animation 2010

Seminars and workshops for professionals, students and those interested in animation. Charges apply **B ■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

See stokeyourfires.com for ticket prices and further information

January



- 2 Winter Trail**
Hunt for our winter inspired clues hidden around the Museum. £1 plus admission. Free gift to all who enter. **B. ■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**

- 2 - Feb 28 Dressed to Thrill**
Enjoy the display of reproduction costumes as worn by Henry VIII and his wives. 1 - 4pm. Normal admission applies. **■ Ford Green Hall**

- 18 Closer To Home Walk**
2 - 3pm. Free. **■ Ford Green Hall**

- 23 Clarice Cliff style Painting Workshop**

Find out more about Clarice Cliff and paint your piece in her style in our workshop for adults. 1.30 - 3.30pm. £7.50 per session including museum admission **B ■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**
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- 24 Free Guided Tours at Ford Green Hall**
Costumed interpreters will bring the history of the Hall alive. 1 - 4pm. Normal admission charges apply. **■ Ford Green Hall**



- 31 Wedding Open Day**
Ford Green Hall is the perfect small venue for an intimate wedding ceremony. Talk to staff and exhibitors about our wedding packages. 1 - 4pm. Free admission. **■ Ford Green Hall**

- 31 Guided Walk 'Historic Etruria'**
1.30pm. Free. **■ Etruria Industrial Museum**



February

- 1 Closer to Home Walk**
2pm - 3pm. Free. **■ Ford Green Hall**

- 5 Bamfords Valuation Day**
Free valuations 2 - 4pm. **■ Etruria Industrial Museum**



- 13 Papermaking workshop - make your own Valentine card**
10am - 12pm and 1 - 4pm. Include your own poem in your card or write a poem in the poetry workshop. Event at **■ The City Central Library** 10am - 12pm and at **■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery** 1 - 4pm.

February

14 **Gladstone Special Valentine's Day Lunchtime Carvery**
Please call 01782 234098 for details and bookings. **B ■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**

14 **Victorian Romance - Magic Lantern Show**
Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Victorian view of romance in a show compiled and performed by the British Magic Lantern Theatre. Performances 1.30 - 4pm. Free with admission. **■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**

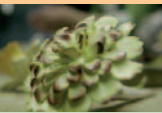


14 **Hearts and Roses**
Make a unique card for your special Valentine. Drop-in, 1 - 4pm. 50p plus admission. **■ Ford Green Hall**

15 **Closer To Home Walk**
2 - 3pm. Free. **■ Ford Green Hall**



15 - 9 **Love Lives On**
Decorate a ceramic flower or figure for the one you love. 10am - 4pm. Prices from £1 plus admission. **■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**



15 - 18 **Ruff it!**
Use your creative skills to produce a Tudor ruff. Drop-in, 1 - 4pm. 50p plus admission. **■ Ford Green Hall**



16 **Anglo-Saxon Stories**
The costumed re-enactors the Poor Knights of St. Chad will be on hand to tell visitors about life in the Anglo-Saxon period. 10am - 4pm. Free with admission. **■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**



16 - 18 **Under Wraps**
Make a box for someone special. Drop-in, 10.30am - 4pm. £1. **■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

18 **Off with her Head!**
Come and hear the tales of the grisly executioner and discover the consequences of upsetting the King of England in Tudor times. Enjoy the display of reproduction costumes as worn by Henry VIII and his wives. 10am - 4pm. 50p plus admission. **■ Ford Green Hall**



18 **Heartfelt Messages**
Stamp a message to a special person on a clay heart. 11am - 4pm. 50p plus admission. **■ Gladstone Pottery Museum**

20 **Enter the Year of the Dragon**
Enjoy the sights and sounds of Eastern culture as we celebrate Chinese New Year with traditional festivities. See the colourful lion and dragon dance and much more. 10.30am - 4pm. Free admission, small charge for some activities **■ The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



February

- 20 **Methodism in the Potteries:
From Wesley to Bethesda**
A talk by John Anderson. 2pm. Free. ■ **The
Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



- 21 **Illuminating the Saxons**
Watch calligrapher Kerry Richardson create hauntingly beautiful illuminated manuscripts inspired by Saxon and Celtic knotwork.
1 - 4pm. ■ **Ford Green Hall**



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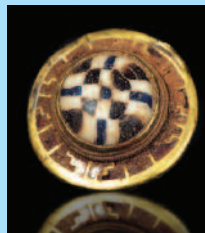
- 23 **Building Jerusalem:
Bethesda in Context**
Discover Hanley's Bethesda Chapel and its place in the local historical, social and cultural landscapes. Five week course in partnership with Keele University. To enrol call 01782 733436. 2 - 4pm **B ■ The
Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

- 26 **Designer Maker
Until 30 June**
Students from Staffordshire University 3-D art course display their work in the Changing Fashions gallery. ■ **The
Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

- 27 **The History of Bethesda
Methodist Chapel**
A talk by John Booth. 2pm. Free. ■ **The
Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



- 27 **Saxon Gold**
Make a Saxon-style cross or brooch inspired by the Staffordshire Hoard.
10 - 4pm. Free. ■ **The
Potteries Museum
& Art Gallery**



27

- The Saxons and their Gold**
See the Staffordshire Hoard and discover what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain as warriors from the Poor Knights of St Chads patrol the museum, 10.30am - 4pm. Free.
■ **The Potteries Museum & Art
Gallery**

March

1

- Closer to Home Walk**
2 - 3pm. Free. ■ **Ford Green Hall**

5

- Bamfords Valuation Day**
Free valuations. 2 - 4pm. ■ **Etruria
Industrial Museum**

6 - 7

- Meet Miss Byrne**
Meet and talk with factory inspector Miss Caroline Byrne while on this day in 1910 she visits to inspect Gladstone Pottery. 10am - 4pm. Normal admission charges apply. ■ **Gladstone Pottery Museum**



6



- Staffordshire Hoard Study Day**
Just announced as we go to press. Leading experts including Dr. Kevin Leahy and Dr. Roger Bland of the Portable Antiquities Scheme will discuss this remarkable Saxon find, giving their current thinking on the dates and origins of the 1600 gold and silver artefacts. There will be a charge for the day which will go towards purchasing the Hoard. Further details will be available shortly via the website and a separate leaflet. Booking essential. **B ■ The
Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

6 The Historic Chapels Trust: Its involvement with Bethesda Chapel and plans for the future

A talk by Dr Jenny Freeman. 2pm. Free

■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



13 Materials from the Earth

Join in with the earthy experiments presented by Keele University Postgraduate students as part of Science Week. Drop-in, 11am - 3pm. £1. ■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



14 Gladstone Special Mother's Day Lunchtime Carvery

Please call 01782 23 4098 for details and bookings. ■ **Gladstone Pottery Museum**



14 Mothering Sunday at Ford Green Hall

Explore the period garden and timber framed house with your Mum and make a unique gift for her. Free admission for Mums. 1 - 4pm. Activity £1 plus admission.

■ **Ford Green Hall**



15 Closer to Home Walk
2pm - 3pm. Free. ■ **Ford Green Hall**

20 Future Science

Meet the popular characters from the world of science fiction. Discover the secrets behind the science of animatronics.

10.30am - 4pm.

Free Admission.

Watch our interactive show and try on the costumes. Theatre show £2.50, booking essential for show. ■

■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



20 Repairing Bethesda: Looking at Architectural Restoration

A talk by Adrian Mathias. 2pm. Free

■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**

28 Tales of Tudor Life

Meet a pedlar who will tell you about life in 16th century rural England. 1 - 4pm. Normal admission charges apply.

■ **Ford Green Hall**

28 Guided Walk- Historic Etruria
1.30pm. Free. ■ **Etruria Industrial Museum**



28 Anglo-Saxon Encampment

The Poor Knights of St. Chad will be re-enacting life in the 7th Century when they set up camp at Etruria. The group will provide visitors with a fascinating insight into Anglo-Saxon food, arms and clothing. 12 - 4pm. Free. ■ **Etruria Industrial Museum**

April



1 - 14 **Spring Pottery Painting**

Paint and take home a piece of Easter themed pottery you've decorated. 10 - 4pm. From £1 plus admission. ■ **Gladstone Pottery Museum**

2 **Bamfords Valuation Day**

Free valuations. 2 - 4pm. ■ **Etruria Industrial Museum**

5 **Closer to Home Walk**

2 - 3pm. Free. ■ **Ford Green Hall**



5 - 8 **Easter Bunny**

Make an Easter Bunny mask, complete with floppy ears and whiskers. Drop-in, 1 - 4pm. 50p plus admission. ■ **Ford Green Hall**



4 - 12 **Easter Trail**

■ **Ford Green Hall**



6 - 8 **Perfect Pictures**

Make a frame for your favourite photo. Drop-in, 10.30am - 4pm. £1. ■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



5, 13 **Birds in their little nests agree...**

Make a nestful of spring birds. 11am - 4pm. 50p plus admission. ■ **Gladstone Pottery Museum**



7, 14 **Bottle Ships**

Transform an old milk bottle into an exciting pirate ship. Drop-in. 1 - 4pm. 50p plus admission. ■ **Ford Green Hall**



7, 14 **Sticky Insects**

Make an insect fridge magnet. 12 - 3pm. 50p plus admission. ■ **Etruria Industrial Museum**



13 - 15 **Savage Saxons**

Celebrate the discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard by making your own Saxon helmet. Drop-in, 10.30am - 4pm. £1. ■ **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**



19 **Closer To Home Walk**

2 - 3pm. Free. ■ **Ford Green Hall**

24 **Earl of Granville - Etruria's Man of Steel**

A talk by Andrew Dobraszczyc. Find out who built Shelton Ironworks and what they did to the landscape and environment of Etruria. Including a tour around the 1857 potters' mill. 1.30 - 4.30pm. £7.50. ■ **Etruria Industrial Museum**

25 **Trendy Tudors**

What did the Tudors consider fashionable? Dress up as a Tudor and dance to Tudor music. Family event. 1 - 4pm. Normal admission charges apply. ■ **Ford Green Hall**

