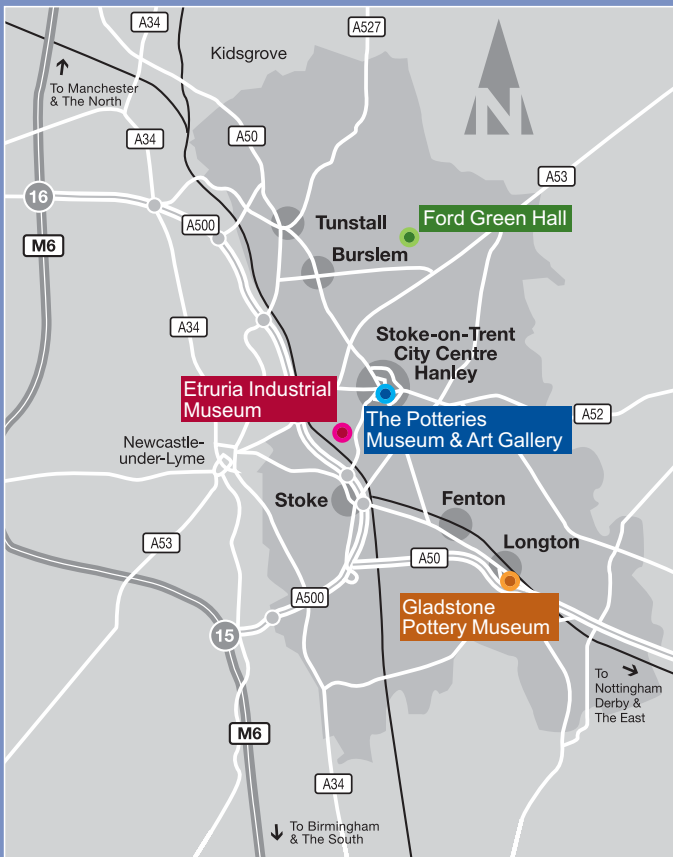


Museum and Gallery Education

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.



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Stoke-on-Trent Museums

what's on

Exhibitions, Events and Activities
December 2011 – April 2012



Costumes of a Gilded Age - Sunday 1 April
The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

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Gladstone Pottery Museum



Gladstone Pottery Museum,
Uttoxeter Road, Longton,
Stoke-on-Trent ST3 1PQ
Telephone: 01782 237777
Email: gladstone@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 two to three hours for your visit. The shop and tea room, which serves a selection of drinks and light lunches, are open to non-museum visitors.



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

Open: Every day, 10am - 5pm
Tea room open 11.00am - 3.30pm

Admission: Adults £6.95, Children £4.75 (4 to 16 years - all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult), Concessions £5.50, Family Ticket £20. There is a small extra charge for activities. Free car and coach parking available.

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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
Email: museums@stoke.gov.uk



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.



Donations Welcome

Please donate £3 to help support your museum. Every donation makes a real difference... thank you.

Open: Monday to Saturday, 10am - 5pm
Sunday, 2 - 5pm

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Ford Green Hall



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



The hall is a 17th century timber-framed farmhouse and was home to the Ford family for nearly 200 years. With a collection of ceramics, textiles and furniture, it offers a fascinating insight into 17th Century life. The hall is available for civil weddings and baby naming ceremonies, as well as children's birthday parties. Room hire is also available for meetings and there is a range of seasonal events. The hall's shop and tea room are open to non-museum visitors.

Access: There is downstairs access only for wheelchair users. However, virtual tours of the first floor are available on request.

Admission: Adults £3, Concessions £2, Family Ticket £6.50, under 5s and wheelchair users free. Free car park available next to the hall.

Open: Sunday to Thursday, 1 - 5pm.
Last admission: 4.30pm

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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
Email: 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 5 December 2011, re-opening on 4 April 2012. Pre-arranged visits by individuals, groups or schools are welcome during this period; please contact us for more information.

Admission: Adults £3, Concessions £2, Family Ticket £6.50, under 5s and wheelchair users free. Free car park off Etruria Vale Road.

Open: Wednesday to Sunday, 12 - 4.30pm

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Further Information

This guide lists a selection of what we have planned at our four museums from December 2011 until the end of April 2012. We have plenty of events and exhibitions, including activities during the school holidays at all our sites, as well as craft courses for all ages.

To receive more updated information from us by post or email, go to stoke.gov.uk/museum. Whatever your interest you are bound to find something to enjoy within our lively and varied programme.

Titanic



15 April 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the tragic sinking of the Titanic. To honour this occasion there will be a number of events and displays.

Please look in the Activities and Events section of this guide for a complete list of events including historical interpretation and a dramatic theatrical presentation.

The Staffordshire Hoard



The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery owns the Staffordshire Hoard jointly with Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery. Around 90 artefacts from the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon treasure ever found are now on show at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery.

This exceptional collection of exquisitely wrought gold and silver warrior gear, found in a Staffordshire field in July 2009, probably dates from the seventh century. Many pieces are decorated with finely cut garnets or intricate filigree.

Research into the Hoard will rewrite what we think we know about Anglo-Saxon history and culture.

Watch out for the new Staffordshire Hoard exhibition opening on 21 July 2012. Recently conserved key pieces will be on dazzling display. Find out the latest research news and take part in a range of talks and activities.

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

www.staffordshirehoard.org.uk

Exhibitions

Picturing the Potteries

10 December - 7 May

An evocative exhibition, exploring how painters, potters and photographers have created striking images of the local area, from the nineteenth century to the present. *Picturing the Potteries* brings together works from the museum's collections, by Michael Ayrton, William Blake, C. W. Brown and Reginald Haggard, among others.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)



Penkhull,
John Currie

Artists and Printmakers

14 January - 15 April

Featuring work from the museum's outstanding print collection, this exhibition focuses on a group of artists known as the Senefelder Group, active from 1910 to 1930. The exhibition shows their work in the context of the history of printmaking and how it influenced international artists such as Matisse and Forain.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)



Haunt of the Dragonfly,
Lily Blatherwick.

Displays

If Wards Could Talk

10 December - 7 May

A People's History display featuring the stories of former patients, current and retired nurses, doctors and support workers. The project has been organised by the University Hospital of North Staffordshire with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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Titanic Trail

11 February - 31 December

Follow the *Titanic Trail* around the museum and in a series of small displays discover the city's links with the doomed ocean liner. Learn about various aspects of the Titanic, from Captain Smith's loving cup to the fashions of the period.

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Going Underground

Until 27 February

A display of around 30 items of coal mining memorabilia, related to the safety and comfort of miners working underground.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

Craft Space

Until 30 April

This space in Changing Fashions showcases the work of contemporary artists and makers from the West Midlands. Currently showing work by MA Students from Wolverhampton University.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

Designer Maker

Until June

Showcasing students work from Staffordshire University's 3D Art course, in the Changing Fashions Gallery.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

Digital Activities

An Introduction to Digital Photography

Thursday 19 January, 10.30am - 3pm

From opening the box to getting your first picture printed, this one day course is ideal for beginners. Lunch provided.

Maximum eight people, pre-booking essential.

Workshop costs £30.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

An introduction to Video Recording

Thursday 2 February, 10.30am - 3pm

Learn the basics of how to use a digital video camera and techniques that will improve your recordings. Lunch provided.

Maximum 8 people, pre-booking essential.

Workshop costs £30.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

An introduction to Video Editing

Thursday 9 February, 10.30am - 3pm

Learn the basics of how to edit digital video using Adobe Premiere Elements', from capturing raw footage to creating a DVD. Lunch provided.

Maximum

eight people, pre-booking essential.

Workshop costs £30.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)



Digital Drop-ins

Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16

February, 10.30am - 3.30pm

Join us for free drop-in activities that use digital technology to explore our exciting museum collections.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

Ongoing Events

Toddler Sessions

Learn, play and explore in our toddler sessions taking place at [The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#) and [Gladstone Pottery Museum](#).



Please see website or call the museums for further details.

Please note parents/carers must stay with their children during the Toddler Sessions.



Arty Party

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

Please see website or call the museum for further details.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)



What is It?

First Wednesday of every month.

Free expert advice on the identification and care of your objects including ceramics, art, local and natural history. Please note we do not provide valuations. Call 01782 232323 to book.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

Antique Valuation Day

2- 4pm

Bring your objects to experts from Bamford Auctioneers for a free valuation, first Friday of the month.

[Gladstone Pottery Museum](#)

Ripping Yarns

Friendly and informal "knit and natter" group who crochet, tat, rag rug, embroider and are keen to try new activities. Please visit the website for dates at [Etruria Industrial Museum](#) and [The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#).

Ongoing Events

Ceramics Gallery Talks

Starts 14 February 2012

The Friends of The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery and the Northern Ceramic Society are presenting a series of informal talks on ceramic subjects by NCS members using the museum's extensive collections. These short talks are free of charge and will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Ceramics Gallery, beginning on 14 February 2012. For times and subjects, please contact the museum or have a look at the website. No booking is required.

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery



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 go to stoke.gov.uk/museum



Would you like to volunteer at any of the museum sites?

For more information on how your time can help us, please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01782 233146, see stoke.gov.uk/museum or email museum.volunteers@stoke.gov.uk

Activities and Events

'Santa' Steaming Weekend

Saturday 3 - Sunday 4 December
12.30 - 4.30pm

Join Santa on his annual visit to Etruria and see the mill in steam. Enjoy a range of craft activities, festive music and seasonal food and drink. This will be the last chance to see Jesse Shirley's Bone & Flint mill in action until spring 2012, don't miss it! Normal admission charges apply.

Etruria Industrial Museum



Gladstone Christmas Festival

Saturday 3 December, 11am - 5pm

Experience a traditional Victorian Christmas. A programme of entertainment featuring appearances by Queen Victoria, Scrooge, bands and choirs plus costumed pottery demonstrations, craft fair, children's entertainment and a sing-a-long carol finale. Normal admission charges apply.

Gladstone Pottery Museum



A Tudor Christmas

Sunday 11 December, 1 - 4pm

Enjoy traditional 17th century festivities and see the hall decorated with winter foliage. Have a go at pomander making, hear Tudor Christmas tales, listen to carol singers and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine. Normal admission charges apply.

Ford Green Hall



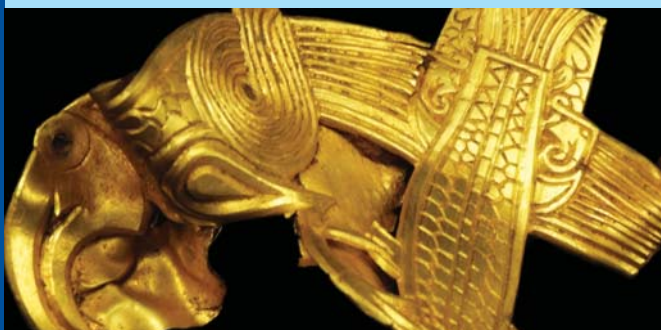
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hands-on activities for families. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 10 or more please book in advance.

Secrets of the Lost Gold

Thursday 15 December, Film Screening 7pm



See the new National Geographic film about the Staffordshire Hoard on the big screen followed by a discussion and book signing by Dr Kevin Leahy, National Adviser with the Portable Antiquities Scheme. There will also be an opportunity to see the Hoard by torchlight and see the gold dazzling in the darkness.

Tickets for the film £4.50 and £9.50 with the Hoard by torchlight talk. All tickets must be booked in advance. Please contact the museum on 01782 232323 to book or e-mail melanie.firman@stoke.gov.uk

Hoard by torchlight 5.30 & 6.15pm
The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Yuletide Family Craft Activity

Tuesday 20 December, 11am - 3pm

Make a ceramic Christmas brooch. Is it a star? Is it a snowflake? 50p plus admission.

Gladstone Pottery Museum



Make Your Mark!

Thursday 29 December, 11am - 4pm

Contribute to our Make Your Mark! project and create a monoprint to be included in a large-scale piece of artwork. This collaborative community piece will be exhibited as part of the Artists and Printmakers exhibition.

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Victorian Death and Ritual

Saturday 21 January, 11am - 4pm



Mr Ambrose Hazel, the Victorian Undertaker, recounts the nature of his craft – offering funeral ‘services’ to all levels of society. Hear of the Victorian’s fascination with death and all things funeral and meet a widow in mourning. Normal admission charges apply.

Gladstone Pottery Museum



Chinese New Year

Sunday 29 January, 10.30am - 4pm

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with traditional Chinese festivities including the dragon and lion dance, Cantonese Opera, ribbon dancing and

martial arts displays. There is a small charge for the afternoon professional theatre show.

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery



February Half-Term Fun at Stoke-on-Trent Museums



Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

A range of drop-in craft activities will be taking place at our museums during half-term week. Please see website or call the museums for further details.



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Wedding Fair

Sunday 12
February,
1 - 4pm

Ford Green Hall is a perfect venue for a small wedding ceremony. Meet wedding suppliers and talk to experienced staff about our specially tailored wedding package. Normal admission charges apply.
Ford Green Hall



Titanic Science

Saturday 17 March, 10.30am - 4pm

Explore the science of the sinking of the Titanic. Try your hand at fascinating scientific experiments as you discover how the unsinkable liner met its watery doom.
The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Mother's Day

Sunday 18 March, 1 - 4pm

Make your mum feel special at Ford Green Hall this Mothering Sunday. Make a posy or plant a bulb to give to your mum and enjoy a cream tea. Normal admission charges apply.
Ford Green Hall



A Journey through the Potteries

Saturday 24 March, 2pm

In conjunction with 'Picturing the Potteries' exhibition, local historian Andrew Dobraszczyc will take you on a journey through Stoke's historic landscape. The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Discoveries and Inventions

Saturday 10 March, 11am - 4pm

Find out about the history of inventions from Pre-Roman times through to the Victorian era. Adults and children will be taken on an exciting journey through time with plenty of hands-on activities. Normal admission charges apply.
Gladstone Pottery Museum

Gladstone Shop Promotion

Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 March

15% off purchases over £5 in the Gladstone shop. Admission tickets, passports and stamps excluded. Shop open to non-museum visitors.
Gladstone Pottery Museum

Tudor Alchemist

Sunday 11 March, 1 - 4pm

As part of National Science Week, discover the latest scientific advances and theories from the 17th Century. Meet the Tudor alchemist as he experiments with his 'modern' technical equipment. Normal admission charges apply.
Ford Green Hall

Captain Smith's Fellow Travellers - and other local connections to the Titanic

Sunday 25 March, 2 - 3pm

A talk by Gary Cooper, author of "Titanic Captain: The Life of Edward John Smith". Free event.
Gladstone Pottery Museum, Twyford Room

Easter Fun at Stoke-on-Trent Museums



Monday 2 - Friday 13
April

A range of drop-in craft activities will be taking place at our museums for the Easter holidays. Please check the website for further details or call the individual museum for more information.



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Costumes of the Gilded Age

Sunday 1 April 2 - 3pm

History Wardrobe, who specialise in historical costumed interpretation, will be commemorating the Titanic's first and only voyage. They will be inviting you back to April 1912, by taking you on an evocative journey through Edwardian society.

Tickets £7, Friends £5, please call 01782 504259 to book.

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Let's all go to the Music Hall - The Good Old Days

Saturday 14 April, 2.15pm and 7.15pm

In a tribute to the Edwardian period Mow Cop Players will be performing a recreation of a glorious Edwardian Music Hall. Packed with comedy and all your sing along favourites. All tickets £5, please call 01782 232323 to book.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)

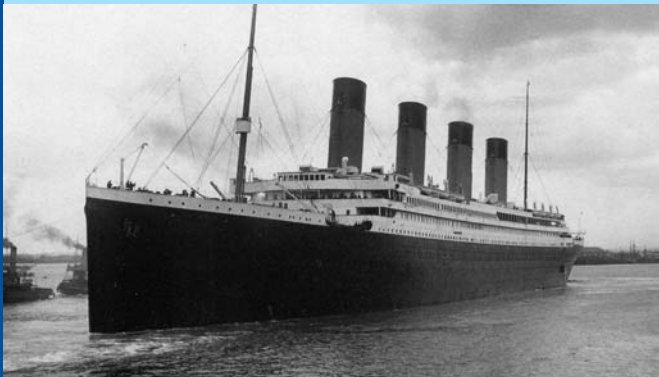
Titanic - The Return of a Dream

Saturday 21 April, 2 - 4.30pm

In this highly acclaimed presentation, the story of the ship - from her conception in 1907 to rediscovery in 1985 - is told in dramatic fashion. An emotional performance, illustrated with audio effects, music and props.

Tickets £10, Concessions £8, please call 01782 232323 to book.

[The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery](#)



Museum Gift Shops

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery and Gladstone Pottery Museum have extensive retail shops stocking a wide range of unique merchandise including cards, prints, local history books, locally produced ceramics and jewellery. Located within the heart of the 'Potteries' these outlets offer traditional quality products at affordable prices and can be accessed free of any admission charges.

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[Gladstone Pottery Museum](#)



Denise O'Sullivan contemporary ceramics at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Anita Harris Staffordshire Hoard Vase (Large)



Staffordshire Gifts

Staffordshire Gifts is designed to help museums & heritage sites all over the county showcase their unique gifts and collectibles online for the very first time.

From books about the history of the Staffordshire Hoard to contemporary ceramics from local artists, it's all waiting to be found at

www.staffordshiregifts.org.uk

