

HITCHIN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

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DATE	EXHIBITION OR EVENT	DESCRIPTION	COST
Until 17th April	WILLOW WATERCOLOUR GROUP	An exhibition by a group who explore a full range of watercolour techniques and experiment with new and exciting approaches to using watercolours.	FREE
3rd April	ARTIST DEMONSTRATION MORNING	Margo Ward and Ray Ward from the Willow Watercolour Group will be in the gallery.	FREE
3rd April – 17th April	EASTER EGG HUNT	Solve the clues round the Museum and win a mini egg. Drop in event throughout the Easter Holidays.	FREE
8th April	EASTER FUN	Make an Easter basket and fluffy Easter chicks. 10am-12 and 2pm – 4pm. Drop in family activity.	£1 for materials
10th April	ARTIST DEMONSTRATION MORNING	Patti Barfoot from the Willow Watercolour Group will be in the gallery.	FREE
13th April	EASTER EGG PAINTING	Try your hand at the traditional art of Easter Egg painting. 10am – 12 and 2pm to 4pm. Drop in family activity.	£1 for materials
15th April	TODDLERS SESSION	Easter Fun. 1.30pm–3pm.	FREE
24th April – 15th May	PHOTO-ART BY SHILLINGTON AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB	Founded 50 years ago, this large and successful club now covers a wide area, and this exhibition showcases Members' work, covering varying subjects, from landscape to natural history.	FREE
24th April – 15th May	80 YEARS OF MUSIC	A display to celebrate 80 years of the Rural Music Schools Association, now at Little Benslow Hills. In the 'community case'.	FREE
8th May	SHILLINGTON AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB DEMO DAY	Mark Burley will be demonstrating hand colouring of prints and, together with John Currant LRPS, will be demonstrating the use of Photoshop software using a laptop.	FREE
13th May	TODDLERS SESSION	Funky Flowers. 1.30pm–3pm.	FREE
14th May	MUSEUM AT NIGHT	Hitchin photographic artist Bakhti and DJ Keith will be staging a sound and visual extravaganza from 8pm to midnight in this contribution to Museum Night. Outside or indoors depending on weather.	FREE
22nd May – 3rd July	MEMORY LINES – INSTALLATION AND PRINTS	Ija's Hird's memory line installation is made of screen painted acrylic plates, based on her memory line drawings. They represent the positive and negative colours of the 5 senses and the 'sixth sense' of perception.	FREE
22nd May – 3rd July	RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD	Celia's Husband's work is acrylic and mixed media paint on canvas and these paintings draw on the colour and movement present at a carnival.	FREE
22nd May – July 3rd	200 YEARS OF THE ODDFELLOWS, A CELEBRATION	Community Case Exhibition.	FREE
3rd June	AN AFTERNOON IN THE FLEAPIT (AT THE FLICKS)	Silent film show including, footage of King George V coronation procession in Hitchin and British Pathe reports on Hitchin and around. With musical accompaniment by Derek Wheeler. Followed by a short magic lantern show for the children. Two showings. 2–3pm and 3pm–4pm. Pay on the day.	£1
17th June	TODDLERS SESSION	Flick Book Fun. 1.30pm–3pm	FREE
29th June	MISS LEWIS MEMORIAL LECTURE	Briony Hudson will speak on the subject of 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society'. Part of the Hitchin Festival Please book tickets in advance through the Hitchin Initiative. 8pm.	£4
6th July	YARDS AND ALLEYS OF HITCHIN	Walk 7pm from the Museum. Part of the Hitchin Festival. Please book tickets in advance through the Hitchin Initiative.	£4
8th July	THE SHAPE OF WOMEN	An illustrated talk on women's fashion and foundation garments from the 19th to early 20th century with items from the Museum's extensive costume collection. 8pm. Part of the Hitchin Festival. Please book tickets in advance through the Hitchin Initiative.	£4
10th July – 4th September	HITCHIN'S HORRID HISTORY	Put away those rose tinted spectacles and find out what life was really like in Hitchin of old.	FREE
10th July – 4th September	MARQIE'S ROCK AND ROLL RETROSPECTIVE -1969-1975	<i>A selection of different photographs will displayed after 11 August.</i> Never before seen iconic photographs of rock legends by rock photographer Marqie Field.	FREE
10th July, 23rd July, 21st August	MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHER	Rock photographer M. Field will be signing prints and talking about her work. 11am-3pm.	FREE
10th July – 4th September	RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD, A PHOTOGRAPHIC RESTROSPECTIVE	Community Case Exhibition	FREE
13th July	YARDS AND ALLEYS OF HITCHIN	Walk 7pm from the Museum. Part of the Hitchin Festival. Please book tickets in advance through the Hitchin Initiative.	£4
15th July	ENTERTAINMENT THROUGH THE AGES	This talk traces the history of entertainment in Hitchin from Victorian times to the present day, including cinema, theatre, music and more. 8pm. Part of the Hitchin Festival. Please book tickets in advance through the Hitchin Initiative.	£4
15th July	TODDLERS SESSION	Music Mayhem. 1.30pm–3pm	FREE
18th July	LAVENDER FAIR	1.30pm – 4.30pm.	FREE
24th July	SPORTS FUN SATURDAY	Part of London 2012 Open Weekend. Display of sporting history in Hitchin, and indoor activities including table football, mini crazy golf.	FREE
27th July	SPORTS SUMMER FUN	Display of sporting history in Hitchin, and indoor activities including table football, mini crazy golf. 10am–12 and 2pm–4pm.	FREE
3rd August	SUMMER FUN – DESIGN AN ALBUM COVER	Design your own album cover from the swinging 60's, the hip 70's or the eclectic 80's, and for younger visitors – see a record player! 10am–12 and 2pm–4pm. Prizes for the best designs.	FREE
10th August	ARCHAEOLOGY FUN DAY	Meet a Tudor apothecary, look at and handle real archaeological artefacts, try your hand at tablet weaving and more.	FREE
12th August	TODDLERS SESSION	Groovy Fashion Accessories. 1.30pm–3pm.	FREE
17th August	SECOND WORLD WAR	Meet the ARP warden, try out a stirrup pump, and learn about the second World War through our mystery objects. 10am–12 and 2pm–4pm.	FREE
24th August	VICTORIAN DAY	Join Miss Kershaw, Hodges the butler and the amazing Mr Pilbeam for a fun-packed day of optical illusions, mystery objects and games. 10am–12 and 2pm–4pm.	FREE
31st August	THE DOCTOR RETURNS – DR WHO DAY	Back by Popular Demand. Meet the Master, find out all about the history of Dr Who. Don't miss! 10am–5pm.	FREE
11th – 25th September	6TH FORM ART	Exhibition in both galleries.	FREE
11th September	HERITAGE OPEN DAY	Have a look behind the scenes, guided pharmacy tours, mystery objects and more. 11am–3pm.	FREE
16th September	TODDLERS SESSION	Autumn Leaves.	FREE

BOTH MUSEUMS ARE FREE! • Come and enjoy all we have to offer • Friendly and helpful staff • Research facilities • Changing exhibition and events programmes • Object enquiry and identification service • Museum shops • Talks and walks • Access for the disabled on ground floor to both museums • Reach us on our website www.north-herts.gov.uk • Rail stations and bus stops within 5 – 15 mins walk of both museums. • The Museum Service helps deliver North Hertfordshire District Council's Vision, *to make North Hertfordshire a vibrant place to live, work and prosper.* • Our Mission Statement is: "To increase understanding and enjoyment of the culture, heritage and environment of North Hertfordshire."

ARTIST DEMOS
Some artists exhibiting work at Hitchin Museum will be demonstrating in the small gallery on Saturdays during their exhibitions. Please contact the Museum at the beginning of the exhibitions for details.

TODDLER SESSIONS AT HITCHIN AND LETCHWORTH MUSEUMS
These are listed above. Free fun for the under 5's • Activities for toddlers and their carers. Toys and games to play with, always something new to make and take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All sessions are from 1.30 to 3pm, are free and there is no need to book.

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3rd April – 1st May	COLOURSCAPE GROUP OF PAINTERS	Main Gallery. Active over ten years, these painters use a range of media and techniques to produce colourful artworks.	FREE
10th April – 8th May	TERRY WOOD	Mezzanine Exhibition. Vibrant acrylic and oil landscapes by this local artist.	FREE
12th April	TODDLERS AFTERNOON	Spring craft. 1:30–3pm.	FREE
13th April	DINOSAUR EGGSTRAVAGANZA	Make dinosaur eggs and follow the dinosaur egg trail- drop in event. Suitable for age 5+ years. Last admission 30 mins before end of session. 11am–1pm.	£1.50 per child
15th April	EASTER HOLIDAY CRAFTS AFTERNOON	Find out about April traditions and take part in some craft activities. Drop-in. Suitable for age 5+ years. Last admission 30 mins before end of session. 2pm–4pm.	£1.50 per child
17th April	SATURDAY CLUB: FLOWER POWER	Flowery fun with puzzles, jokes and a craft activity. 11:30am–1pm.	50p per child
8th May – 5th June	TAKE A SECOND LOOK	Main Gallery. A chance to see two very different styles of artwork by Krysia D Michna-Nowak & Anne Songhurst. Krysia specialises in painting decorative women and quirky cats. Anne's style is still life – contemporary realism.	FREE
15th May – 12th June	J H CARR	Mezzanine Exhibition. Paintings in various media and styles by this Cambridgeshire-based architect and designer, whose works have been sold in London, New York and San Francisco.	FREE
10th May	TODDLERS AFTERNOON	Flower collage. 1:30–3pm.	FREE
15th May	SATURDAY CLUB: COOKIE DELIGHTS	Cookie Decorating and puzzles for you to do. 11:30am–1pm.	50p per child
15th May	MUSEUMS AT NIGHT – IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT	The museum will stay open until 8pm. Activities will include magic lantern children's stories, and a chance to see how the museum itself has changed over the years.	FREE
15th-21st May	ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK	Contact the museum to find out about taster sessions going on this week.	FREE
18th May	ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK TASTER SESSION: WRITING WORKSHOP	Adults of any age are invited to try their hand at writing a story. 3pm–4pm.	FREE
1st June	ZOOLAB RECYCLING ROADSHOW	Get hands on with nature's recyclers, including a millipede, a snake and a rat! 11am-12noon. Ages 6+ Booking in advance essential.	£3.50 per child
7th June	TODDLERS AFTERNOON	Butterfly craft and colouring. 1:30–3pm.	FREE
12th June – 17th July	THREADS X 4 TEXTILE ARTISTS	Main Gallery. An exhibition by four local textile artist who met at college studying embroidered textiles and design.	FREE
19th June – 24th July	LESLEY SCOTT	Mezzanine exhibition of richly coloured silk paintings.	FREE
19th June – 24th July	SATURDAY CLUB: SUMMER!	Summer-themed craft and puzzles. Suitable for all ages. 11:30am–1pm.	50p per child
3rd and 4th July	LETCHWORTH FESTIVAL BROADWAY GARDENS CELEBRATION	 Second World War Victory in Europe Celebration. Visit the museum tent for themed mystery objects and activities.	FREE
5th July	TODDLERS AFTERNOON	Ladybird craft. 1:30–3pm.	FREE
6th July	THE LIFE OF A TUDOR HOUSEWIFE	Lunchtime talk as part of the Letchworth Festival. Find out how a Tudor housewife ran her home. 1pm–2pm.	FREE
10th July	SATURDAY CLUB: DIG UP SOME DINOSAURS	Dinosaur-themed craft and puzzles. Suitable for all ages. 11:30am–1pm.	50p per child
24th July – 11th September	THE AGE OF THE DINOSAURS EXHIBITION	Main Gallery. Learn all about dinosaurs through our interactive exhibition. Be a fossil finder in the dinosaur dig, guess what dinosaurs ate and why they might have died out.	FREE
31st July – 14th August	TRAVELS WITH A PAINTBRUSH	Mezzanine Exhibition. A journey through art from the museum collection to places near and far.	FREE
July and August	SUMMER STORY TIMES	Contact the museum for information about story time sessions linked to our summer exhibition in partnership with Letchworth Library.	FREE
17th July	ARCHAEOLOGY ACTIVITY DAY IN THE MUSEUM GARDEN	As part of the Festival of British Archaeology, join us for a day of family fun, including a mini dig, making jewellery, tablet weaving and a chance to see the museum's Iron Age Roundhouse. 11am–3pm. *Small charge for some activities.	FREE*
2nd August	TODDLERS AFTERNOON	Dinosaurs craft. 1:30–3pm.	FREE
5th August	MAKE A DINOSAUR DIORAMA	Craft activity. Age 7+ Book in advance; last admission 30 mins before end of session. 11am–12:30 & 2pm–3:30pm.	£1.50 per child
7th August	SATURDAY CLUB: DINOSAUR DELIGHTS	Dino theme. 11:30am–1pm.	50p per child
12th August	DR DINOSAUR PRESENTS DISCOVERING DINOSAURS	Find out how scientists gather information from a dinosaur dig, join in the dinosaur race and handle real dinosaur bones! Ages 6–12 years. Booking in advance essential. 11am-12noon.	£3.50 per child
19th August	MAKE A DINOSAUR	Craft activity. Age 7+ Book in advance. 11am–12:30 & 2pm–3:30pm. Last admission 30 mins before end of session.	£1.50 per child
21st August – 18th September	STEVENAGE LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY EXHIBITION	Mezzanine Gallery. A display by this local group who promote and cater for interest in transport for enthusiasts living in the North Herts area.	FREE
6th September	TODDLERS AFTERNOON	Dinosaur theme. 1:30–3pm.	FREE
11th September	HERITAGE OPEN DAY.	Find out about the history of the museum, with themed trails, tours, quizzes and craft activities. 11am–3pm.	FREE
18th September	SATURDAY CLUB: GET ON BOARD!	Railway themed crafts and puzzles. 11:30am–1pm.	50p per child
18th September – 16th October	HVAF CERAMICS GROUP	Main Gallery. Explore a range of decorative and functional ceramic art, with some works for sale.	FREE
25th September – 23rd October	ANGELS AND OTHER ANIMALS	Mezzanine Gallery. Exhibition of 3D object d'art by local artist Judy Billson. Some of her artwork will be for sale.	FREE

