

What's On at Woodhorn...



Exhibitions

BBC Walking with Dinosaurs

6 February – 3 May 2010, Workshop Galleries

Children £2.95, Concessions £3.50, Adults £3.95, Family (2+2) £12.50

Explore the science and technology behind the award-winning BBC TV series and discover the prehistoric world of dinosaurs. This exciting exhibition shows some of the science and technology behind the award winning BBC series and tells you more about dinosaurs and their world.

- See real fossils, casts and replica dinosaurs and dinosaur heads
- Put yourself in the dinosaur landscape in a special bluescreen theatre
- Learn about dinosaurs with interactive computer games
- Discover how the BBC series was made using animatronic models and special effects



Check the events section below for details of our accompanying Dinosaur events programme including a Dino-trail, Explorers Tent and Dino-Dig!

Tudor Lives

FREE Exhibition, 23 Jan – 18 April 2010

In Tudor Times the North East was seen as a wild and dangerous place with nearby Scotland often an enemy of England and Border Reivers roaming the land. Tudor Lives reveals what daily life was like nearly 500 years ago. Explore the recreated parlour and kitchen together with original Tudor objects. Examine books, armour, pottery and engravings and learn about crime, sport, religion and pastimes.

Check back for details of our Tudor events programme which includes a Tudor Easter with music, dancing and storytelling.



Ashington Group Paintings

FREE Exhibition in the East Gallery

The Ashington Group collection features work by miners and other working men who began to paint in the 1930's as part of an educational welfare programme. Untutored in the conventional sense, these men drew inspiration directly from their working lives. The story of the Ashington Group forms the basis of Lee Hall's play, 'The Pitmen Painters'.



Events & Activities



The Explorers Tent

FREE activity, every weekend and Bank Holiday during the Dinosaur exhibition plus half term (16-21 February) and the Easter holidays (2-11 & 13-18 April)

12noon – 3pm

Visit our Explorers Tent to take part in our Dino-Dig and unearth genuine fossil specimens.

Woodhorn Dino-Trail

Only 20p per trail sheet, every day during the Dinosaur exhibition

Pick up a self-led trail sheet and explore all of Woodhorn's buildings to discover more fascinating facts about dinosaurs.



Narrow Gauge Train

Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, 10am–4pm, weather permitting, small charge applies

Take a ride on the narrow gauge train from Woodhorn through the QEII Country Park. Children and concs. £1, adults £2.

Wansbeck Matters

FREE Demonstrations every Thursday 12 noon - 2pm

Come and watch the traditional art of Hooky and Proggy mat making demonstrated by the Wansbeck Matters. Demonstrations take place in the 1936 Coal Town display area in the Cutter building.



Searchroom Mentors and Surgery Sessions

November 2009 – March 2010, Wednesday to Saturday

Woodhorn's new search-room mentor service can help you make the most of your time in the search-room, from offering basic advice on ancestry research to instruction on practical skills such as loading films and making prints.

In addition to this service, why not ask our mentors about FREE one-to one advice surgeries? These sessions are bookable Weds-Fri and offer a tailor-made opportunity to help advance your research.

Please remember that new users of the archive search-room need to bring identification and complete a registration form.



Half-Day Schools

FREE half-day schools, Jan – March 2010, 10am-1pm, Search-room, booking essential



2010 sees the launch of a series of free half-day schools on various topics relating to the Northumberland Archive Service at Woodhorn.

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| 19th January 2010: | Palaeography (reading old handwriting) |
| 2nd February 2010: | Records of the Diocese of Newcastle |
| 9th February 2010: | Maps and plans for Local Historians |
| 16th February 2010: | School records |
| 23rd February 2010: | Northumberland Families – a case study |
| 2nd March 2010: | Poor Law Records |
| 9th March 2010: | Estate records |
| 16th March 2010: | Oral Histories |



Booking is essential. Please call 01670 528080 or speak to a Search-room Mentor to reserve your place. Places will be limited to 10 people per half day school.

Thank Folk it's Friday 2010

FREE Performance, every final Friday of the month 2010, 2pm, Woodhorn Café

Thank Folk it's Friday takes a new form in 2010, with informal performances taking place every final Friday of the month throughout the year. **Mike Weston** is our performer for February, so come along for a cup of tea and some heart-warming entertainment.





Museum Explorers: Family Backpacks

FREE BACKPACK, limited number available every day, £5 Deposit

These free packs contain a variety of activities for families to use together on their visit to Woodhorn. Enjoy the games, trails and quizzes and meet Eddie the Teddy Bear! Please ask at the welcome desk if you would like to borrow a pack during your visit.

Sunday Crafternoons

FREE workshops, every final Sunday of the month 2010, 12noon-3pm, booking advised

New for 2010, Sunday Crafternoons will take place on the final Sunday of each month throughout the year. Each artist-led session will feature a different craft project designed to be completed by visitors of all ages and abilities. Come along to enjoy discovering new skills and to meet new people.

February's Crafternoon is on Sunday 28th February. Booking is advised, call 01670 528080 to reserve your place.



Family Storytelling

FREE Storytelling sessions, every Saturday, Sunday and open day during school holidays until the end of March, sessions start at 12.30pm and 2pm.

Enjoy stories inspired by Woodhorn's collections in these free storytelling sessions. Hear about ghostly goings-on, the gruesome tale of William Winter and the fascinating story of Grace Darling.

A Tudor Easter at Woodhorn

A full programme of family activities during the Easter Holidays inspired by the Tudor Lives exhibition

Rent a Peasant, 5th April: Join Rent a Peasant (right) to find out about a Tudor Easter, including pace eggs and newly hatched chicks.



A Tudor Entertainment, 10th and 11th April: A weekend for all the family with Tudor music, dance and storytelling from Trouvere Medieval Minstrels (left).

Tudor Time Bandits 13th-16th April: Join living history group the Time Bandits for some gruesome Tudor activities on the themes of 'Daggers, Duels and Death' and 'Blood, Snot and Bile'!

The Easter Bunny 1st-4th April: Find the Easter Bunny on site and receive a small Easter Treat.



Other News...

A History of the World: Hartley Memorial Glass



A History of the World is a unique partnership between the British Museum, the BBC and museums across the UK including Woodhorn. Woodhorn's Hartley Memorial Glass is one of only 10 objects chosen from the North East. To find out more about the project and the glass itself, visit the BBC website.



museumaker

Woodhorn has been selected to take part in museumaker, a prestigious, national project involving 16 museums across the country.

museumaker is an ambitious partnership between makers, museums, and visitors, and is supported by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, Renaissance in the Regions and Arts Council England.

Outstanding contemporary makers have been chosen to create exceptional new commissions for each partner museum in response to its site and heritage collections. A participatory project, involving the public, is an integral element in each programme.

By exploring the possibilities of creative interchanges between the historical and the contemporary, museumaker offers something special for existing museum visitors

Woodhorn's Museumaker project will see two contemporary makers, Rebecca Chitty and Jessamy Kelly, creating unique items for Woodhorn's shop inspired by the Ashington Group Collection. We'll keep you updated on the progress of these exciting new products, and they will be available in-store from June 2010.

Northumberland History Fair

FREE History Fair Monday 31st May 2010

Woodhorn Museum, Archive and Country Park is committed to celebrating Northumberland's rich heritage. The Northumberland History Fair is due to take place on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 2010. The Fair will take place in Woodhorn's 'Workshop Gallery' a large exhibition space reserved for block-buster exhibitions and major events. The cost for exhibitors is only £10 per table which includes a free parking space. If you are involved with a local history society and would like to book a table, please contact Woodhorn on 01670 528080 or e-mail: wow@woodhorn.org.uk

