

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Museums, Exhibitions & Events

October - January 2020



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Cheshire West
and Chester

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD

Located in England's most picturesque city, the Grosvenor Museum's nationally important collections celebrate Chester's cultural heritage. The Roman galleries explore life in the Roman fortress of Deva and display the largest group of inscribed and sculpted Roman stones from a single site in Britain. The paintings and sculpture in the Art Gallery span half a millennium of art in Cheshire, while the Silver Gallery presents the definitive collection of Chester silver. Nine period rooms illustrate changing fashions in domestic interiors from the 17th century to the 1920s. Further galleries explore Cheshire's diverse natural history and present a range of temporary exhibitions.

Admission free - donations welcome

Monday – Saturday 10.30am-5pm, Sunday 1-4pm.
Closed 24-28 December & 1 January.



Telephone 01244 972197

Find us on Facebook: Grosvenor Museum and Stretton Watermill

Follow us on Twitter @cwacmuseums

Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk



Support us

The Grosvenor Museum Society provides vital support for the museum. Members of the society enjoy a full and varied programme of events, including lectures and outings. See www.grosvenor-museumsociety.co.uk.

Volunteers

Please see all West Cheshire Museums volunteering roles on the website www.west-cheshiremuseums.co.uk

Disabled access

Wheelchair access to the ground floor, including Exhibition Gallery One, Lecture Theatre and accessible toilet. No lift to Art Gallery, Costume Gallery or Exhibition Gallery Two on first floor.

Exhibitions

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Until 6 October

Going the Distance: 480 Years of Racing at the Roodee

Coin Gallery



Once likened to racing on 'green velvet' by jockey Lester Piggott, Chester's hallowed Roodee turf is uniquely positioned at the heart of the city. As the racecourse celebrates another milestone in its illustrious history, this exhibition presents objects and images from the Chester Race Company and the Grosvenor Museum to explore the origins and heritage of the oldest racecourse still in operation in the world.



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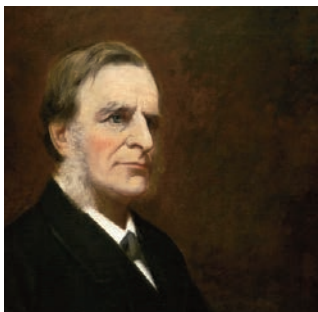
Until 10 December

Charles Kingsley: Christian Socialist and Natural Historian

Chester Cathedral Library

Open by appointment with George Brooke on 01244 351432 or george.brooke@manchester.ac.uk. No wheelchair access.

This exhibition marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Kingsley (1819-1875). It explores his activities as a social reformer, notably his interests in sanitation and clean water and, as reflected in his children's novel *The Water-Babies*, his campaign against the use of child chimney sweeps. The exhibition also examines Kingsley as a natural historian and associate of Charles Darwin. He became a canon of Chester Cathedral in 1869 and established the Chester Society of Natural Science, which led to the founding of the Grosvenor Museum.



Until – 17 January

Curated Closet

Costume Gallery



This small exhibition showcases costumes inspired by objects from the Grosvenor Museum collections, made by West Cheshire College Fashion and Design students under the expert guidance of local fashion designer Matthew O'Brien and photographer Kat Hannon of the *Cheshire Magazine*.

Exhibitions

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Until 3 November

Louise Rayner: Victorian Watercolours

Exhibition Gallery Two

The much-loved watercolours of Louise Rayner (1832-1924) present a uniquely charming vision of Victorian Chester. She delighted in the textures of crumbling plaster, weather-beaten timber, peeling posters and rough cobbles. Her views of Chester's picturesque streets are brought vividly to life with ordinary people going about their daily lives in the sunlit city. Louise Rayner came from a family of artists, and the exhibition includes watercolours by her father Samuel and sister Margaret.

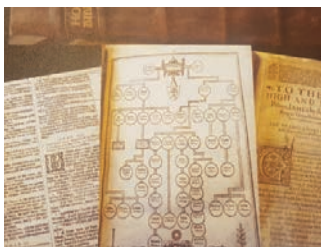


1-31 October

Chester Bibles

Newstead Gallery

A small display of beautifully written and illustrated historic bibles on loan from Chester Cathedral. This exhibition is part of the Chester Festival of the Bible, which is running in various locations in Chester throughout October.



5 October – 22 March

Treasure

Exhibition Gallery One

The museum's collections are full of 'treasures', but why do we value certain things and want to keep them, hoard them, show them off and hand them down? This exhibition explores the nature of treasure and our relationships with it, showcasing some of the most cherished, rare and valuable artefacts from Cheshire's past.



9 November - 15 March

Made in Chester: Art by Nicky Thompson

Exhibition Gallery Two

Following the huge success of the Mid-Cheshire Railway Posters, the Grosvenor Museum is delighted to display the new series of 1930s-style art pieces featuring iconic Chester views. Chester-based artist Nicky Thompson, of Lemondrop Creative, evokes the golden age of travel in these original holiday posters designed to entice and inspire the exploration of Britain.



1-31 December

Castle Street at Christmas

Period House

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and step back in time to the Christmas of yesteryear. Come and see our period rooms decked out in festive finery, and discover how the people of Chester have celebrated Christmas over the last 350 years.

Exhibitions & Family Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

12 October - 26 January

Minted: Making Money and Meaning

Coin Gallery

The Grosvenor Museum has an amazing money collection containing coins, tokens, jettons and paper money. It not only charts the history of people's interaction with wealth, but documents political issues, cultural attachments and even fashion. This small exhibition looks at how money was made, how it was used by those who created it, and what it meant to the people who owned it.



Family Events

Children's activities are aimed at 4 to 12 years unless otherwise stated. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the Museum Shop 01244 972112 for group bookings.

Fridays 4 October, 1 November, 6 December, 3 January

Grosvenor Museum 'Quiet' Afternoons

3-4.30pm, drop-in. Suggested donation £2.

For those who enjoy a 'quieter' visit to the museum, including people living with autism, their families and carers. Our 'quiet' afternoons are themed, with hands-on activities to engage all ages and abilities. Pre-visit orientation pack available on request from Virginia Kettle on 01244 972120 or virginia.kettle@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Mondays 14 October, 11 November, 9 December, 13 January

Museum Explorers

Natural Cheshire Gallery

Arrive 9.50am for 10-11am. Free, suggested donation £2.

Especially for ages 2-4, although younger siblings are also welcome. Come and explore nature's changing seasons and discover lots of exciting things from the past through play, crafts, stories and songs.



Saturday 26 October

Children's Ghost Tour

Meet at the Visitor Information Centre, Town Hall Square

5-6.30pm. Adult ticket £8, pay guide on day, but booking essential on 01244 972115.

Guided walk by Tour Guide Ann Coward for children under twelve years old, accompanied by an adult. Not a scary tour. Chester's ghosts are friendly. This tour includes steps. Up to two children go free with a responsible adult.



Tuesday 29 October

Be a Royal for the Day!

Newstead Gallery

2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Find out about famous princes and princesses from history and dress up as your favourite. What would you do if you were royalty? Leave a message for display in our community case.

Family Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester



Wednesday 30 October Parachutes

Newstead Gallery
2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Prince Charles trained as a parachutist in the 1970s, so have a go at making your own parachute person and aiming for the target cross in the gallery.

Thursday 31 October Halloween Masks

Newstead Gallery
2-4pm, drop-in. £2.

Join us for some Halloween fun. Have a go at making your own spooky mask to give your family and friends a fright!



Thursday 31 October
Ghost Walks
Grosvenor Museum Foyer
6-8pm, £2.



Members of the Museum's Youth Panel lead ghost walks in some of the city centre's spookiest locations, unearthing chilling tales from Chester's past. Can ghosts really come to life on All Hallows' Eve? Join us and find out. Suitable for ages 12+.

Saturday 7 December
Makaton-Friendly
Santa!

11am-1pm & 2-4pm. Drop-in, £2. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It is designed to support spoken language. Chester is aiming to become the first Makaton-friendly city in the UK. To celebrate this we welcome families to visit our 'Signing Santa'. We'll also be offering activities such as 'Festive Foods through Time' and making unique Christmas decorations to help us bedeck our Period House Christmas Tree, and to decorate your own tree at home. All the activities will be Makaton-friendly.



Family & Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester



Saturday 14 December Make Your Own Christmas Card

Newstead Gallery

Self-led, donations welcome.

Make your own festive card to wish your family and friends a very Happy Christmas!



Saturday 21 December Christmas Tree Magazines

Newstead Gallery

Self-led, donations welcome.

Christmas is often a time for new gifts and decorations, but why not recycle something to create a decoration instead? Bring along a couple of your own old magazines, or use some of ours, to make a Christmas tree decoration to take home.

Every day of the year Guided Walking Tours of Chester with the Guild of Chester Tour Guides

Meet at the Visitor Information Centre, Town Hall Square

10.30am-12noon. £8, £7

concessions, tickets from guide on the day. www.chestertours.org.uk.

Your guide will lead you on a captivating journey through 2,000 years of history, taking in all the main sites along the way, including the Rows, Walls, River and the exterior of the Cathedral. Discover Chester's rich heritage, beginning in Roman times, through the vibrant period of medieval expansion, the desperation of the Civil War, Georgian elegance and Victorian revival, right up to the present day.



Thursdays 19 September, 3, 17, 31 October, 14, 28 November, 12 December, 9 & 23 Jan

Café Crafts

Museum Café



2-4pm. £3, including tea or coffee.

Join Tracey Todhunter, freelance knitwear designer and author of *Woman's Weekly Guide to Crochet*, for an afternoon of craft and chat in our 1940s café. Bring along your own project or feel free to join in with one of ours. Everyone is welcome – whether you're a master or a beginner, Tracey will be on hand to help.

Adult Events



Thursday 10 October

The Way it Was: Fond Memories of Britain from the 1930s to the 1960s

Lecture Theatre

3-4.30pm, £2.

Join us as we re-visit memories of British life from the 1930s to the 1960s. Film show plus objects from our wonderful handling collection. Refreshments included. Fully accessible. This event is aimed at older people and is dementia-inclusive.

Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Tuesday 15 October Face-Off: The Contemporary Portrait

Lecture Theatre
1.30-3pm. £3, pay at the door.



This lecture by Adrian Sumner examines the contemporary obsession with 'Self' and how it is expressed in the many media available to current practitioners. Including stunning examples of faces both celebrated and anonymous in photography, film, painting, print and sculpture, and the *terra incognita* of CGI and its avatars, we explore the battle between Fame and Celebrity.



Wednesday 16 October Courtly Societies of the Middle Ages: The Northumbrian Court, c.600-750

Lecture Theatre
1-2pm. £3, pay at the door.
From about 600 onwards, the Old English speakers north of the river Humber were united into a new Northumbrian people with their own kings. This lecture by Dr Thomas Pickles will use Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People, completed around 731, and the excavated royal vill at Yeavering, Northumberland, to bring that courtly society to life. *A University of Chester event*



Wednesday 9 October Comedy Gold Lecture Theatre

7.30-9pm. £10, with a free drink:
tickets from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/westcheshiremuseums.

Join our regular comics for an evening of hilarity based around our Treasure exhibition.



Friday 18 & Saturday 19 October Chester Archaeological Society Anniversary Conference

Lecture Theatre

Friday
5.30-9.30pm,
Saturday
10am-4.30pm.

To book, send a cheque for £18, payable to Chester Archaeological Society, to Ian Candlin, 6 Fox Lane, Waverton, Chester CH3 7PQ.

Chester Archaeological Society was founded in 1849 as the Chester & North Wales Historical, Architectural and Archaeological Society. The conference will look back at some of the major projects undertaken by the Society over the last 170 years, as well as looking forward. The built landscape of the city was changing in the mid-19th century as the population increased dramatically, and of course Chester's heritage is still a contentious issue today as sites are redeveloped. For programme details see

www.chesterarchaeolsoc.org.uk.
Enquiries to Cllr Janet Axworthy, CAS Chairman,
janet.axworthy@flintshire.gov.uk.



Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 23 October Courtly Societies of the Middle Ages: The English Court, c.900-1066

Lecture Theatre

1-2pm. £3, pay at the door.



From about 900 onwards the first kingdom of the English was forged, stretching from the Channel to the Tees, and aspiring to rule territories up to the Firth of Forth. This lecture by Dr Thomas Pickles will use the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, Latin histories, royal charters (land grants), and Old English poetry to throw light on the kings of the English and their courtly society.

A University of Chester event

Saturday 26 October The Norman Earls of Chester: A Walk with the Guild of Chester Tour Guides

Meet Entrance Hall,
Grosvenor Museum

11am-12.30pm. £8, £7 concessions;
book in advance at Museum Shop,
01244 972112; tickets from guide
on the day.

The earldom of Chester was founded c.1070 by William the Conqueror. The title has been granted to the heir apparent to the English throne since 1301, and Prince Charles was created Earl of Chester in 1958. The Norman earls of Chester have symbolised Chester's pride in her antiquity since the 16th century. They and their arms are depicted in paintings, stained glass, statuettes and shields around the city. Join a member of the Guild of Chester Tour Guides to discover the Norman earls of Chester.



Wednesday 30 October Courtly Societies of the Middle Ages: The Burgundian Court c.1363-1477

Lecture Theatre

1-2pm. £3, pay at the door.



From 1384 onwards the Valois dukes of Burgundy expanded their authority into the Low Countries to create the wealthiest and most powerful state in western Europe. In the process, they almost transformed themselves from dukes into kings. This lecture by Dr Katherine Wilson will use ducal histories, accounts, inventories, surviving residences, and visual images to analyze the largest and most admired court in later medieval Europe.

A University of Chester event

Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 13 November Roman Treasures: An Insight into an Era

Lecture Theatre

2.30-3.30pm.

Suggested donation £3.

Liz Stewart, Curator of Archaeology and the Historic Environment at the Museum of Liverpool, will join us to explore the stories associated with the Malpas, Knutsford and Poole Hoards of Roman coins and jewellery. Such finds are shrouded in mysteries: how was such wealth attained? why were the items buried? and why were they never recovered? This talk explores some possible connections to the wider Roman archaeology of the region.



Thursday 14 November A Right Royal Tea Party

Lecture Theatre

3-4.30pm, £2.



It's HRH Prince Charles's 71st birthday today, and we're hosting a 'Right Royal Tea Party' to celebrate. Come and enjoy some refreshments fit for a royal, even a birthday cake! We'll also enjoy some film footage of Prince Charles and other royal children growing up. There will be handling items relating to royalty through the ages. Fully accessible. This event is aimed at older people and is dementia-inclusive.

Wednesday 20 November Picture This!

The History Hub @ the Grosvenor Museum

1.30-3.30pm, drop-in. Free.

Do you love seeing photographs of Chester? Take a look at our imagebank of many thousands of photos taken from the early days of photography through to well-remembered shots from the 1960s, '70s and '80s. As well as this online collection you can search through the undigitised images from the Chester Photographic Survey – maybe find the street where you grew up, your old school, dance halls, cinemas and many more from past days in our beautiful city.



Adult Events

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 11 December Roman Coins in the Grosvenor Museum

Lecture Theatre

2.30-3.30pm.

Suggested donation £3.



Coin expert, Matthew Ball of Cambridge's Fitzwilliam Museum, will explore the varied and fascinating Roman coins in the museum's collections, unlocking their hidden stories and meanings.

Wednesday 15 January Hoards

Lecture Theatre

2.30-3.30pm.

Suggested donation £3.

There are a number of important hoards in the Grosvenor Museum collections deposited in Cheshire from Prehistoric times to the 17th-century Civil War. This talk will explore them in more detail, and look at the various times of crisis which caused them to be deposited.



Friday 31 January

The Public Archaeology of Treasure:

The 5th University of Chester Archaeology Student Conference

Newstead Gallery

9.30am-4.30pm. Free.

Archaeologists work with and debate treasure in legal, ethical and research terms. But what is 'treasure' and how is it understood in contemporary society? This conference will explore how public archaeologists foster education and engagement with treasure, but also critically evaluate treasure-related misconceptions, abuses, unethical and illegal practices. Can public archaeologists create new archaeological strategies and stories that promote the ethical, responsible and culturally respectful discussion of rare and unique items from the human past? Can they also create new definitions of treasure that directly challenge criteria focusing on artisanal skill and monetary value?

Corporate Partnerships at the Grosvenor Museum

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the Grosvenor Museum's Corporate Partners:

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As a Corporate Partner you and your business can show a real passion for social responsibility and enjoy a wide range of special benefits, including brand exposure to over 80,000 visitors every year and more online.

Membership benefits include:

- Free use of the iconic Victorian lecture theatre for meetings and corporate entertainment
- VIP invitations to private events and exhibition openings
- Sponsor an item on public display
- Enjoy exclusive gallery tours and access behind the scenes at the museum

To receive a Corporate Partnership Scheme information pack and to discuss sponsorship opportunities for your business, please contact Richard Hall on 01244 972094 or richard.hall2@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Chester History & Heritage

The History Hub @ The Grosvenor Museum, 27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD

Visit Chester History & Heritage at The History Hub @ The Grosvenor Museum, with books, maps and photographic collections and our popular family history research service. Our wonderful Facebook and website pages are followed by well over 4,000 history lovers, and you can explore our online imagebank which boasts over 21,000 unique historic images of Chester.



Monday – Friday 10.30am-5pm. Closed 20 December – 2 January

Telephone 01244 972115

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Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk



Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse

162 London Road, Northwich, CW9 8AB

Weaver Hall Museum and Workhouse is full of displays and tales of the history and industry of West Cheshire. The stories are told through films, reconstructions, models and vivid displays of intriguing artefacts, which relate to local industry, market towns, transport, archaeology, and the building's former history.

Housed within the old Northwich Union Workhouse, a special exhibition in the former workhouse schoolroom explores life for the paupers. Our younger visitors can dress up as workhouse inmates, learn all about the 3 Rs and challenge themselves with our workhouse quiz. Visitors can also find out about workhouse food, discover some of the people who lived in the workhouse, and visit the recreated Master's sitting room.

A regularly changing exhibition programme features local history subjects, artist groups, and fascinating items from our wider museum collections.



Admission

Adult £3.50, concession £2.50, child £1.80. Other ticket options available. Free access to temporary exhibitions (donations welcome) and the coffee shop and gift shop.

Tuesday - Friday 10am-5pm. Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays 2-5pm.
Closed 23-27 December & 30 December – 1 January.



Telephone 01606 271640

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Follow us on Twitter @cwacmuseums

Website: www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Support us

The Friends of Weaver Hall offer vital support for the museum. Friends enjoy a full and varied programme of events including evening talks and film nights. See www.fowhm.org.uk.

Volunteers

Please see all West Cheshire Museums volunteering roles on the website www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Disabled access

Wheelchair access is available throughout the museum.



Exhibitions, Family & Adult Events

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Exhibitions

Until 28 September Mid-Cheshire Suffragettes

A pop up display as part of Heritage Open Days featuring Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy, who for most of her campaigning life lived in Cheshire and championed higher education for women, birth control, and the Married Women's Property Act.



5 October – 1 December Visual Arts Cheshire: Winter Open Exhibition



Visual Arts Cheshire is a Northwich based community arts group which has previously exhibited at Weaver Hall. We are pleased to welcome them back with their Winter Open Exhibition. Up to fifty exhibits will be selected from members' submissions, and all will be for sale.

10 December – 20 January Young Artists in Tuscany

This project, organised by Edsential, gives young art students from CWAC, Cheshire East, Warrington, Halton, Manchester, Wirral and Liverpool the opportunity to undertake a programme of study in Tuscany. Upon their return from Italy the students have produced work in a variety of media for this exhibition at the museum.



Family Events

Children's activities are aimed at 4 to 12 years unless otherwise stated. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact 01606 271640 for group bookings.

Tuesday 29 October Spooky-noon

2-4pm, drop-in. £2 per child. Join us for a fun afternoon of Halloween-themed stories and crafts.



Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 October Pop-up Cards

10am-4pm, drop-in. £2 per child. Make some spooky, pop-up Halloween cards to take home.



Every Wednesday Chatty Café

10.30am-12noon. Free, ring 0300 666 6226 for further details.

Managed by Snow Angels, this Makaton-friendly coffee morning will give you the opportunity to learn and practice Makaton whilst enjoying coffee, cake and company.

Adult Events



Saturday 21 September The Cheshire Yeomanry

3-4pm. Free, but booking essential on 01606 271640.

Join Corey Estensen to discover the leaders, movers and shakers in the Cheshire (Earl of Chester's) Yeomanry, from Peterloo to World War Two. Find out about some of the characterful men of the county who held commissions with the Yeomanry, and their deeds. The Yeomanry are renowned as 'the last British regiment to fight on horses', and their history is full of incident and tradition.

Family & Adult Events

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Wednesday 25 September Nursery Rhymes

3-4pm. £3, complimentary tea & coffee from 2.30pm.

Join Phil Robinson to discover the secret of nursery rhymes, and why you will never tell your grandchildren one again!



**Fridays 27 September, 25 October,
29 November, 31 January**

Craft and Chat

10.30am-12.30pm.
£3, including tea or coffee.



Meet like-minded crafters, learn a new skill, and enjoy a cup of tea in the relaxed setting of Weaver Hall Museum's café. There will be regular demonstrations and projects to work on. Suitable for all levels of experience.

Saturday 19 October 2019 Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer

6.45pm for 7.30-9.10pm. Bar available. Adult £9.50, under-17 £6.50, family tickets available: book at Weaver Hall Museum 01606 271640 or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts.



Shane Shambhu will have audiences laughing out loud as he reveals his past through a vivid display of characters, lived experiences and comical stories. Reflecting on his personal story of growing up in East London and learning and performing Indian dance in the UK, Shane plays with the ways in which race, language, identity and culture have defined him. Suitable for ages 7+.
Supported by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts



Wednesday 30 October Congleton: A Town of Surprises



3-4pm. £3, complimentary tea & coffee from 2.30pm.

This talk with Ian Doughty from Congleton Museum will uncover some of the town's quirkier historical facts. Discover how Congleton is connected to the death of Charles I, the imprisonment of Napoleon, the Bank of England, and the Representation of the People Act of 1918.

Thursday 31 October Film Club: Handsome Devil

7pm for 7.30-9pm. £5 (£4 Friends of Weaver Hall), call the museum on 01606 271640 to book.



Organised by the Friends of Weaver Hall Museum, films are shown in museum's Regalette Cinema. Two opposites, Ned and Conor, are forced to share a bedroom at their boarding school. The loner and the star athlete at this rugby-mad school form an unlikely friendship until it's tested by the authorities.

Adult Events

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich



Friday 15 November Makaton at Christmas

10am-12noon. £20, email
Amanda@itmatterscic.co.uk or call
07500016544 to book.

Learn Makaton signs and symbols
for Christmas and the Nativity.



Friday 15 November Signing for Santas

1-3pm. £20, email
Amanda@itmatterscic.co.uk or call
07500016544 to book.

Learn the essential Makaton signs
and symbols to make your
Christmas event/
performance/grotto experience a
truly memorable event for all.



Wednesday 27 November Exploring Your Archives

3-4pm. £3, complimentary tea &
coffee from 2.30pm.

Join an archivist from Cheshire
Archives to hear about what we do
and why, and discover some of the
amazing stories that archives have
to tell.

Thursday 28 November Film Club: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

7pm for 7.30-9pm. £5 (£4 Friends
of Weaver Hall), call the museum on
01606 271640 to book.

Organised by the Friends of Weaver
Hall Museum, films are shown in
Museum's Regalette Cinema. In
1946 a London-based writer begins
exchanging letters with residents
on the island of Guernsey, which
had been occupied by the Nazis
during the Second World War.
Feeling compelled to visit the
island, she starts to get a picture of
what it was like during the
occupation.



Northwich Museums Corporate Partnerships Scheme

To support the collections and exhibition programmes at both Weaver Hall and Lion Salt Works, we have launched a new Corporate Partnership scheme for both museums.

We are delighted to announce that our founder partner for the Northwich Corporate Partnership scheme is INOVYN part of the INEOS group.

To receive information about the Northwich Corporate partnership scheme please contact Richard Hall on 01244 972094 or richard.hall2@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

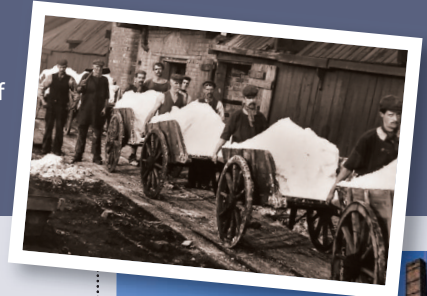
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Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Ollershaw Lane, Marston, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6ES

The Lion Salt Works is a restored historic open-pan salt making site in the village of Marston, beside the Trent and Mersey Canal and close to the remarkable Anderton Boat Lift. This £10 million project opened in 2015 and was voted the UK's Best Heritage project in the 2016 National Lottery Awards. It offers a fascinating journey through the life of the country's last open-pan salt works.

You can explore the site and its restored buildings to discover how the Salt Works operated and the impact of salt on mid-Cheshire's people, economy and landscape. Your visit will also set the scene for a wider exploration of the footpaths, waterways and attractions of the adjacent Northwich Woodlands and the Weaver Valley.



Admission

Adult £6.25, concession £5.50, child £4. Other ticket options available. Free access to café, gift shop, butterfly garden, play area, canal towpath and car park.

Museum open Tuesday – Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays
10.30am-5pm. Play area and butterfly garden open daily
9am-5.20pm. Closed 23-26 December & 1 January.



General Enquiries **01606 275066**
Room Hire and Group Bookings **01606 275040**
Find us on Facebook: **Weaver Hall Museum and Lion Salt Works**
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Website: **www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk**



Support us

The Lion Salt Works Trust offers vital support including technical and historical advice, project and grounds development, visitor tours and a regular publication. To become a Saltie contact ngkhunt21@gmail.com.

Volunteers

Please see all West Cheshire Museums volunteering roles on the website www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk.

Disabled access

Wheelchair access is available across the whole site.

Exhibitions & Family Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Exhibitions

Until 29 September
Northwich:
Then and Now



Take a trip back in time with photographs depicting the changes that have taken place in Northwich town centre over the last 100 years. Compare past and present with photographer Derek Randall, who has recreated some of these iconic images for the modern day.

Supported by Northwich Townscape Heritage Initiative

12 October – 16 February
The Intrigue of Cheese:
Cheshire Salt and the Dairy Industry

Salt has been crucial in the development of Cheshire's dairy and cheese production for over 2000 years. Voluntary Researcher, Tom Holmes, has drawn on a range of primary and secondary sources to pull together this fascinating exhibition, which will surprise and amuse with quirky tales, the history, trade, traditions and influence of Cheshire cheese. Students from Reaseheath College's award-winning cheese-making department have produced storyboards showing the modern processes, which are displayed alongside objects from the museum stores.



30 November – 5 January
Visual Arts Cheshire
presents Twelve Images
of Northwich

Lion Salt Works is proud to present the twelve artworks that will feature in Visual Arts Cheshire's 2020 Northwich calendar. Produced by local artists and photographers, these captivating images offer viewers twelve scenes of Northwich and surrounds, presenting the region's beautiful landscapes and remarkable industrial heritage.



Family Events

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Little Lions Explorer Club

Fridays 13, 20, 27 September; 4, 11, 18, 25 October; 8, 15, 22, 29 November; 6, 13, 20 December
9.45-11.15am. £3.

Calling all Little Lions to discover, play and create. Come and join our Early Years Explorer Club, aimed at ages 2-4 (younger siblings welcome). Loads of exciting activities, stories and popular songs. Bring your old clothes – things might get messy!



Family Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Saturday 21 September Heritage Open Days

10.30am-5pm, drop in and book on the day. Free.

As part of Heritage Open Days, we are offering free taster tours of the unique buildings of the Lion Salt Works.



Tuesday 29 & Wednesday 30 October Patchwork Crafts

10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm,
drop-in. £2.

To celebrate Patchwork Wonders visiting Lion Salt Works over half-term, we have some patchwork inspired crafts for you all!

Wednesday 30 October Patchwork Wonders by Stitch Brothers

10.30am for 11am-12noon. Adult
£6.50, under-17 £4.50, family tickets
available: book at Lion Salt Works
01606 275066 or visit
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruralto
uringarts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruralto
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Welcome to Patchwork Wonders, a genre-bursting mix of beatboxing, live drawing, animation, jazz, hip hop and South Asian folk music. Get ready to be transported into the wonky, magical, dreamlike world of the Stitch Brothers as they take you on a journey of discovery. The show is part gig, part immersive theatre experience, part spoken word. Playful, engaging and fun, the show is perfect for 5-8 year olds and their families!

Supported by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 November CheeseFEAST

10.30am-5pm.



Join us for a weekend of all things cheesy as we celebrate the impact salt has had on the historic and contemporary Cheshire cheese industry. We welcome Jenny Linford, author of Great British Cheeses, Dan Acres and the Periodic Table of Cheese Game Show, chef demonstrations, a cheese-making walk-through and lots more to whet the palette of the cheese-intrigued.



Family & Adult Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15
December**

A Victorian Christmas at the Works

10.30am-5pm.

Come along to the Lion Salt Works and celebrate the start of the Christmas season with us. Festive fun for all the family, including music and traditional crafts and games, steam engines, the Rivendell choir and bell-ringers. Santa has already sent a message that he will be here with his Reindeer on Saturday from 1-5pm.



**Saturday 18 January
Butter making**

11am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm,
drop-in. £2.



Have a go at making your own butter, and see how it was made in the past and the tools that were used. It's magic!

Adult Events

Friday 20 September

The Salt Works Sessions: Merry Hell Acoustic

7.30-10.30pm. £12.50 (Northwich Folk Club members £11). To book email lswsessions@gmail.com or ring 07796 175437.



A band founded on the ever evolving folk tradition – music made by the people and shared by the people. Folk-rock with a great history and pedigree. Award-winning, and critically acclaimed for their song-writing, with widespread radio airplay, Merry Hell have developed a reputation as a live favourite, both at home and internationally. Merry Hell Acoustic is a slimmed-down version of the group, which enjoys the intimacy and atmosphere of small venues around the country, but still maintaining the energy and exuberance for which they are loved with “prolific, ingenious, insightful song writing”.

In association with Northwich Folk Club

Friday 4 October

Murder @ the Works

Starts 7pm. £25 (includes evening meal): book at

www.ticketignite.com/event/1523/murder-theworks or direct from the Salt Barge Pub, Marston, Northwich.

A murder mystery from the height of World War II. The night starts with the murder of a much loved local. Your job is to identify the murderer with suspects to question, village feuds to unravel and a few red herrings. The evening starts in The Salt Barge at 7pm with a 2 course war-time meal at 7.30pm, after which the event moves to the Salt Works for even more intrigue and deception. War-time dress optional, but there will be a prize for best-dressed guest.



Sunday 6 October

Yoga for Wellbeing: Beginners and Improvers

2-4pm. £10: To book either email yoga4wellbeing@outlook.com or phone Lion Salt Works on 01606 275066.

Aimed at those new to yoga or who wish to improve their technique. You will be taken step by step through a Sun Salutation, the common component in many yoga classes, and some gentle restorative yoga poses. The session also includes an introduction to Yoga Nidra, a meditation practice similar to mindfulness.

Adult Events

Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Saturday 12 October Stone Carving Workshop

10am-4pm. £55 (including materials and equipment): book at www.pamgordonartist.co.uk/book-online. This one-day course is an exploration into techniques of relief carving with limestone. You will be introduced to basic stone carving techniques, learn how to use appropriate tools, map out your design, as well as carving and smoothing techniques.



Saturday 19 October Jazz 'n' Stuff @ The Works: Deep Cabaret

Starts 8pm. Tickets £12.50: from www.ticketstignite.com/whatson to pay on-line, email ed@urbantrendztheatre.co.uk to pay by bank transfer.



Deep Cabaret is a thing of riffs and drones driven through rooted folk, jazz, improv, African & leftfield pop with hurdies, bagpipes, bass clarinets, cellos and the beguilingly unsettling harmonics of overtone singing: desert blues improv and noir-drenched dronesongs; fulsomely romantic and coruscatingly edgy.

Sunday 10 November Yoga for Wellbeing: Relax and Refresh

2-4pm. £10: book through Eventbrite or email yoga4wellbeing@outlook.com. Stretch the body and calm the mind with this session focusing on reducing stress and anxiety. The afternoon includes a Hatha Yoga practice, restorative Yoga, and a Yoga Nidra style meditation (similar to mindfulness). Beginners welcome.

Saturday 23 November The Salt Work Sessions: Martin Simpson

7.30-11pm. Tickets £15: to book contact lsessions@gmail.com or 07796 175437. Martin Simpson is universally acclaimed as one of the finest ever acoustic and slide guitar players, a formidable talent, equally at home playing English traditional folk, American folk and blues, and his own compositions. His intimate solo performances bear witness to an artist at the very top of his game. Simpson is a remarkable storyteller, bringing passion, sorrow, love, beauty, tragedy and majesty through his playing. Captivating and profoundly moving, every gig is a masterclass. There is no support act this evening.



Friday 29 November FEAST Journal presents 'The Great Salt', a Dinner at Lion Salt Works by Fairland Collective

7.30-9.30pm. £5, book through Lion Salt Works on 01606 275066 or online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-great-salt-tickets-68191240837> Over the past nine months, Lion Salt Works has been working with FEAST Journal and artists Fairland Collective to explore how the salt industry has shaped both our culinary traditions and the local environment. Having hosted a series of workshops with Lion Salt Works volunteers and the public, Fairland Collective invite you to join them for their final event – a delicious meal revealing the histories of the salt-formed landscape of mid-Cheshire. Using local wild food, Salt Works pickles and a bit of theatre, the evening will be a celebratory feast of salty discovery.



Sunday 12 January Yoga for Wellbeing: January Detox and Positive Thinking

2-4pm. £10, book through Eventbrite or email yoga4wellbeing@outlook.com. Get your new year off to the right start with a Hatha and restorative Yoga practice aiming to detox the body and a Yoga Nidra style meditation focusing on achieving your goals in the year ahead. Beginners welcome.

Diary



Key

- Grosvenor Museum
- Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse
- Lion Salt Works

September

● **Friday 13**
Little Lions

● **Thursday 19**
Café Crafts

● **Friday 20**
Little Lions

● **Friday 20**
Merry Hell Acoustic

● **Saturday 21**
Heritage Open Days

● **Saturday 21**
The Cheshire Yeomanry

● **Wednesday 25**
Nursery Rhymes

● **Friday 27**
Craft and Chat

● **Friday 27**
Little Lions

October

● **Thursday 3**
Café Crafts

● **Friday 4**
Little Lions

● **Friday 4**
Murder @ the Works

● **Friday 4**
'Quiet' Afternoon

● **Sunday 6**
Yoga Sessions: Yoga for Wellbeing

● **Wednesday 9**
Comedy Gold

● **Thursday 10**
The Way it Was: Fond Memories

● **Friday 11**
Little Lions

● **Saturday 12**
Stone Carving Workshop

● **Monday 14**
Museum Explorers

● **Tuesday 15**
Face-Off: The Contemporary Portrait

● **Wednesday 16**
The Northumbrian Court, c.600-750

● **Thursday 17**
Café Crafts

● **Thursday 17**
Haunted House at the Museum

● **Friday 18**
Chester Archaeological Society Conference

● **Friday 18**
Little Lions

● **Saturday 19**
Chester Archaeological Society Conference

● **Saturday 19**
Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer

● **Saturday 19**
Deep Cabaret

● **Wednesday 23**
The English Court, c.900-1066

● **Friday 25**
Craft and Chat

● **Friday 25**
Little Lions

● **Saturday 26**
The Norman Earls of Chester

● **Saturday 26**
Children's Ghost Tour

● **Tuesday 29**
Spooky-noon

● **Tuesday 29**
Be a Royal for the Day!

● **Tuesday 29**
Patchwork Crafts

● **Wednesday 30**
Parachutes

● **Wednesday 30**
Pop-up Cards

● **Wednesday 30**
Patchwork Crafts

● **Wednesday 30**
Patchwork Wonders

● **Wednesday 30**
The Burgundian Court c.1363-1477

● **Wednesday 30**
Congleton: A Town of Surprises

● **Thursday 31**
Halloween Masks

● Thursday 31
Café Crafts

● Thursday 31
Ghost Walks

● Thursday 31
Handsome Devil

● Thursday 31
Pop-up Cards

November

● Friday 1
'Quiet' Afternoon

● Friday 8
Little Lions

● Sunday 10
Yoga for Wellbeing: Relax and Refresh

● Monday 11
Museum Explorers

● Wednesday 13
Roman Treasures

● Thursday 14
Café Crafts

● Thursday 14
A Right Royal Tea Party

● Friday 15
Makaton at Christmas

● Friday 15
Signing for Santas

● Friday 15
Little Lions

● Saturday 16
CheeseFEAST

● Sunday 17
CheeseFEAST

● Wednesday 20
Picture This!

● Friday 22
Little Lions

● Saturday 23
Martin Simpson

● Wednesday 27
Exploring your Archives

● Thursday 28
Café Crafts

● Thursday 28
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society

● Friday 29
Craft and Chat

● Friday 29
Little Lions

● Friday 29
FEAST Journal Presents:
A Dinner at Lion Salt Works

December

● Friday 6
Little Lions

● Friday 6
'Quiet' Afternoon

● Saturday 7
Makaton-Friendly Santa!

● Monday 9
Museum Explorers

● Wednesday 11
Roman Coins

● Thursday 12
Café Crafts

● Friday 13
Little Lions

● Saturday 14
Christmas Cards

● Saturday 14
A Victorian Christmas @ the Works

● Sunday 15
A Victorian Christmas @ the Works

● Friday 20
Little Lions

● Saturday 21
Christmas Tree Magazines

January

● Friday 3
'Quiet' Afternoon

● Thursday 9
Café Crafts

● Sunday 12
Yoga: January Detox

● Monday 13
Museum Explorers

● Wednesday 15
Hoards

● Saturday 18
Butter-making

● Thursday 23
Café Crafts

● Friday 31
The Public Archaeology of Treasure

● Friday 31
Craft and Chat

Grosvenor Museum Chester History & Heritage

27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD



Stretton Watermill

Mill Lane, Stretton, Farndon, SY14 7HS



Weaver Hall Museum and Workhouse

162 London Road, Northwich,
CW9 8AB



Lion Salt Works

Ollershaw Lane, Marston,
Northwich, CW9 6ES



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