

Opening times

The Museum, terrace café and shop are open daily

Summer (1 May to 31 August) 10am - 5.30pm

Winter (1 September to 30 April) 10am - 5pm

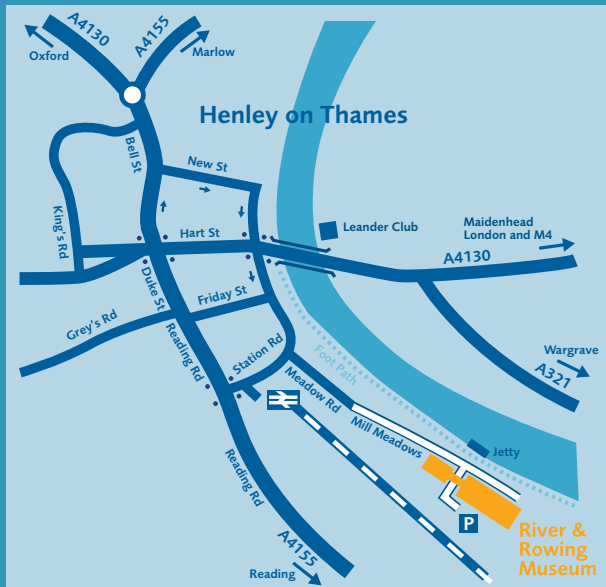
The Museum is closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve & Day

Admission prices

Adult	£8
Child 3 & under	Free
Child 4 & over	£6
Concessions	£6
Family of 4	£24



Where to find us



By Car Sign-posted from the town centre. Free parking for Museum visitors.

By Rail Hourly services to Henley from London Paddington, Reading and Maidenhead via Twyford. The Museum is a short walk from the station.



The Museum has full disabled access and carers are entitled to free admission.



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**River
& Rowing
Museum**

What's on

December 2011 – June 2012



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our permanent galleries

River Gallery

Over the next few years, the River Gallery is undergoing a major redevelopment with new areas and objects being added all the time. The first area 'Life' is now open and looks at life in, on and around the Thames. Discover the story of Britain's greatest river from prehistoric times to the present day.

Schwarzenbach International Rowing Gallery

Experience the history of rowing from the ancient Greeks to the modern Olympic Games. Compare the very first Oxford/Cambridge University Boat Race boat from 1829 to Sir Steve Redgrave's gold medal winning Olympic IV from 2000. Row as a team on our 'row together' interactive display or try out our Water Rower.

Invesco Perpetual Henley Gallery

You can learn about the history of Henley since 1150, see our beautiful steam launch 'Eva' and exhibits on Henley's historic buildings and local companies.

Wind in the Willows

Meet Mr Toad, Ratty, Badger and Mole at the magical Wind in the Willows exhibition. The story is brought to life by 3D models, theatrical lighting and sound.



exhibitions

Shooting on the Front Line – One Soldier's War in Afghanistan

The Wall

3 September 2011 –
29 January 2012

The dramatic photographs of Major Paul Smyth, a Territorial Army soldier from Henley, documenting his tour of duty in Afghanistan between April and October 2010.

Taken on ground patrols and helicopter sorties they show the country's stunning landscape and the challenge faced by NATO forces as they attempt to protect its people from insurgents.



exhibitions

Valley of the Thames – the Thames and its Tributaries in Oxfordshire
Kirkham Gallery
21 January – 18 March



Sarah Wenden has been painting images of water for over 30 years, recently focusing on the Thames and its tributaries. This is an exhibition of bold, brightly-coloured collages, oil paintings and drawings.

Trees of the Waterside Drawings by Ewan Anderson
The Wall

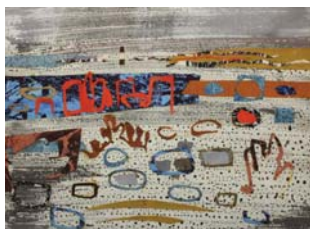
6 February – 13 May

A detailed exhibition of waterside trees, a blend of the botanical and artistic. Ewan Anderson has exhibited at Kew Gardens and Wisley.



John Piper (1903-1992) The Gyselynck Collection
Treasures Gallery
3 March – 8 October

A stunning private collection of Piper's work exhibited for the first time in the UK. Over 30 years Michael Gyselynck developed a collection that explores Piper's creative genius throughout his artistic life, from his early abstracts to his interest in topographical and architectural heritage to his later figurative work. A unique opportunity to view work by the Oxfordshire based artist.



John Piper and the Church
21 April – 10 June
This exhibition is at
Dorchester Abbey,
Oxfordshire OX10 7HH
and not at the Museum



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This special exhibition demonstrates Piper's vision to bring colour, energy and modernity into the heart of church buildings. Including stained glass, tapestries, ecclesiastical vestments, paintings and drawings. A celebration of HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee by The Friends of Dorchester Abbey and sponsored by Bohun Gallery and RKH Insurance.
www.johnpiperandthechurch.co.uk

The Perfect Rower – 100 years of Racing for Glory
Kirkham Gallery
31 March – 30 September



Come and celebrate Britain's big year with us and visit this interactive, family friendly exhibition. Discover artefacts from the last Olympic Games held in Britain in 1908 and 1948. Learn how training for rowing at the Olympic Games has changed over the last century. Find out about the vast changes in the technology of boat building, oar making and rowing kit and how these have improved rowers' performance. Learn about the psychology behind winning a gold medal. Build your own Sir Steve Redgrave and design a menu to help a rower to victory.



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Meet at the Museum

With a choice of two stunning meeting rooms, the Museum offers a unique and high quality venue, with first class catering facilities. Wi-Fi, AV facilities and a dedicated event manager included in all bookings.

Contact events@rrm.co.uk

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exhibitions

**Triumphant Thames
The Thies International
River Prize**
River Gallery
April 2012 – April 2013



A partnership exhibition with the Environment Agency celebrating the dramatic recovery of the River Thames from a biologically dead river in the 1950s to today's thriving waterway. Britain's most iconic river beat off worldwide competition to scoop the international Thies River Prize. This display explores the 5 projects that have helped to make the Thames one of the best managed and maintained rivers in the world.



**Oarsome – Paintings by
Tonia Williams**
The Wall
26 May – 12 August

Vivid contemporary artwork by the former World Champion and Team GB lightweight oarswoman, Tonia Williams. Her vibrant canvasses are based on a scientific and emotional response to the power, symmetry and dedication of rowing. Each piece draws on the technical skills Tonia honed during her post rowing career as an urban designer. They all delight in the unique visual beauty of the sport.



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events for adults

Our adult events programme complements the Museum's collections and temporary exhibitions, providing informative and entertaining insights into local history, culture and the environment. Lecture and adult workshop tickets include FREE Museum entry for the day. A gift voucher for one of our adult workshops makes a perfect present!
Booking is recommended for lectures and essential for workshops. Please call **01491 415600** to book.

**Women in Rowing –
Rocking the Boat**
Saturday 4 February
11.30am – 12.45pm
(coffee from 11am)

Guin Batten is an Olympic medallist, the first person to row the English Channel in an Olympic class single scull and the first woman to row across the Channel solo

Olympian Chris Ernst who, in response to substandard conditions for women in the 1970s, galvanized her rowing team to storm the Yale athletic director's office...in dramatic fashion! The film was hailed by The New York Times as a 'landmark film'.
£6

Hydropower Seminar
Thursday 22 March
10.30am – 12.30pm
(coffee from 10am)

The Museum's fourth Hydropower Seminar, reviewing progress and developments over the past year. Speakers to be announced; please contact us if you wish to be added to the mailing list.
£10



Guin will talk about the changing experience of women in rowing over the last 30 years. She made history at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 by being part of the crew that won Britain's first ever women's Olympic rowing medal. Followed by a screening of A Hero for Daisy - the inspirational story of



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events for adults

Piper Exhibition Tour

Sunday 25 March

2pm & 3pm (tour lasts approximately 45 minutes)



Enjoy an informal tour of the John Piper exhibition with its curator Netty Rawlings and artist Camilla Shelley. This is a unique opportunity to discover more about this private collection. Places limited to 12 per tour. **£5 (coffee not included)**

Painting with Fabric

Sunday 15 April

10.30am – 4.30pm

Kate Findlay is a textile artist, experienced teacher, and a member of the Henley Art and Crafts Guild

Make a textile wall hanging or cushion cover inspired by the river at Henley! After learning about subject matter and composition, you will plan and make your work using fabric pieces fused to a background material. You will be shown how to use bondaweb and a hot iron to join fabrics. Use your sewing machine to embroider on top or, alternatively, stitch by hand to create detail. Participants will need to bring their own sewing machine.

£42 + £10 materials



The People of St. Mary's

Saturday 19 May

11.30am – 12.30pm

(coffee from 11am)

Elizabeth Hazeldine is a member of the Museum staff and is also a Museum volunteer researching local history



This talk will consider some of the people who have been part of the long history of St. Mary's Church, Henley. Find out about Richard Jennings, the master carpenter of St. Paul's and Elizabeth Periam, the three-times married founder of the Chantry House School, as well as the individuals who commissioned alterations to the church. What happened to St. Mary's during the Civil War will also be discussed.

£6

Paths to Abstraction

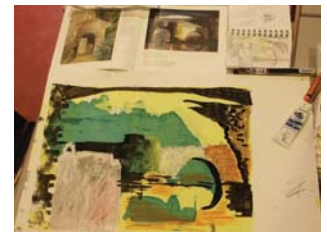
Sunday 17 June

10.30am – 4.30pm

Camilla Shelley is a landscape and portrait artist with many years' experience of using mixed media

Taking inspiration from the John Piper exhibition, develop your skills in using mixed media to produce work relating to the Museum and its surroundings. Choose from a range of media, including digital photographs (a camera will be provided), acrylic paints, ink and collage to make individual compositions exploring representation and abstraction. This workshop is suitable for both beginners and advanced practitioners.

£42 + cost of canvas



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the shop

For a fun and unusual range of gifts and souvenirs, don't forget to visit our shop!

Every purchase supports the Museum.

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OFF purchase *Valid for one transaction. One voucher per family.

events for adults

People in a Chiltern Landscape: the Victoria County History's Ewelme Hundred Project

Saturday 30 June
11.30am - c.12.30pm
(coffee from 11am)

Simon Townley is Editor of the Victoria County History of Oxfordshire, which recently published a volume on Henley, Bix, Harpsden, and the Rotherfields

Fresh from completing its recent book on Henley, the Victoria County History is turning its attention to the rural parishes which made up the area known as Ewelme Hundred. Stretching across the Chilterns from Benson to Nettlebed, this is an area of contrasting landscapes. The lecture will summarise discoveries so far, and outline some of the new approaches being adopted.

£6



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family & children

Christmas with Mr Toad & Friends

Wednesday 21 December

10.30am – 3.30pm

Join Mr Toad and his friends Ratty, Mole and Badger as they celebrate Christmas with crafts, activities, song, dance...

and presents! Find out what happens to wildlife in the winter.

Most suitable for under 10s

Museum admission + £3 per child



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RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch - Every Bird Counts

Sunday 29 January

10am – 4pm (drop in anytime)

The RSPB are returning for another Big Garden Birdwatch event. There'll be lots of fun wildlife-related activities for the kids to enjoy, such as badge making and creating dragonflies. You'll also be able to make your own bird feeder and nest box to take home and put up in your garden. They'll be hanging up some feeders outside, full of tasty snacks for the birds to feast on. Look through their binoculars and see what you can spot. Make a note of what you see and add your results to the Big Garden Birdwatch – the biggest bird survey in the world! As if that wasn't enough, the Museum is offering RSPB members a 50% discount on admission.



FREE with admission
No need to book

Shh...Secret Squirrel

Monday 13 February

10.30am – 12.30pm



Find out about the secret world of squirrels. Make a special nut tree album to hold all the facts you find out about them, with space for special photos of your own...it even has a hidden pocket!

Age 4-7 £8.50

Make a Stirling Engine!

Monday 13 February

2pm – 4.30pm



Work with two experienced Stirling engine builders and have fun building a model working engine to take home. Air is repeatedly heated and cooled and this drives a piston to make a silent, clean and efficient engine that, when full-size, can be used to power small boats.

Age 12-16 £9

Valentine in Venice

Tuesday 14 February

10.30am – 12.30pm

If you like painting and making things, you'll enjoy designing and decorating a 3D model gondola and putting it in the Grand Canal. You can also listen to some wonderful Italian love songs as you work!

Age 7-11 £8.50



The Lambton Worm

Wednesday 15 February

11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm

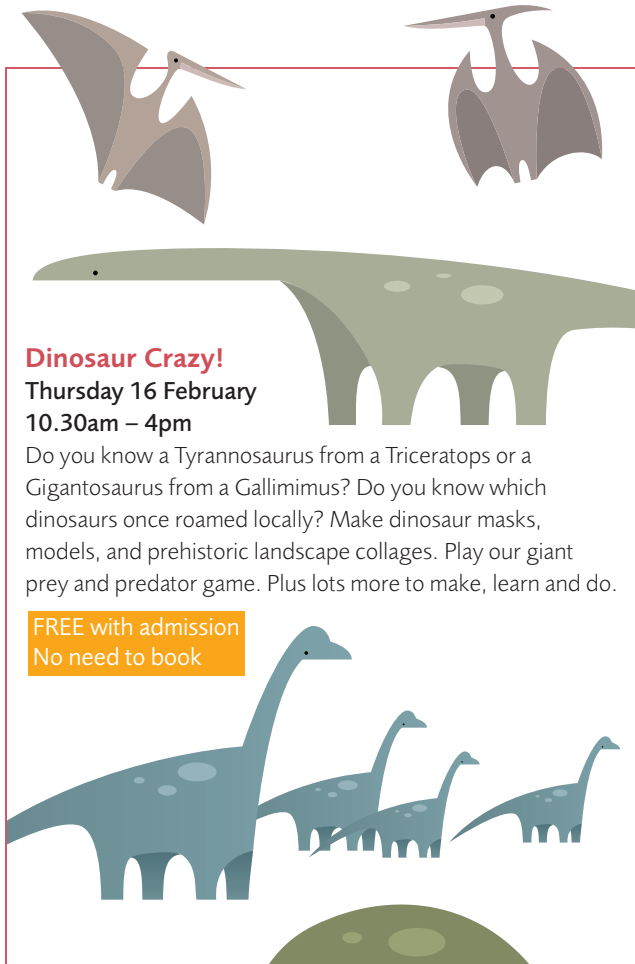
Join Theatrix for a story, told through puppets, of the Lambton Worm - a dragon that grew from the river. Followed by a workshop where you get to make your own dragon.

Age 7-12 £9



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Dinosaur Crazy!

Thursday 16 February

10.30am – 4pm

Do you know a Tyrannosaurus from a Triceratops or a Gigantosaurus from a Gallimimus? Do you know which dinosaurs once roamed locally? Make dinosaur masks, models, and prehistoric landscape collages. Play our giant prey and predator game. Plus lots more to make, learn and do.

FREE with admission

No need to book

Easter Egg Hunt

31 March – 15 April DAILY

10am – 5pm

The Easter Bunny will be making a secret visit to the Museum to set a challenge for all young visitors. Eggsplare the Museum galleries to hunt for clues and help solve a puzzle to claim a mini Easter egg.

FREE with admission

No need to book



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Who is the Green Man?

Tuesday 3 April
10.30am – 12.30pm



Find out about the Green Man and where to look for him. Make a wonderful print, using nature and the John Piper exhibition as inspiration.

Age 7-11 £8.50

Taylor Tug's Easter Holiday Happening

Wednesday 4 April
11am – 12.30pm

Find out about all the baby animals and birds that come to the river in spring. Make, paint, sing and enjoy a creative session for under 5s, their parents and carers.

Age 18 months - 5 years £8



Toads on the Thames

Thursday 5 April
10.30am – 4pm

Mr Toad is very excited about this event! Join him and Froglife to learn loads about frogs and toads and discover how you can help them. Plus lots of fun activities and froggy arts and crafts. Froglife will also run 3 pond dipping sessions (11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm); to sign up for one, call 01491 415605 as places are limited.



FREE with admission
No need to book

Spring Fish

Tuesday 10 April
10.30am – 12.30pm



Find out why the fish is the symbol of spring in many cultures and look at some examples in the Museum collection. Then make your own model of a fish in clay.

Age 7-11 £8.50

Froggy Fingers

Wednesday 11 April
10.30am – 12.30pm

Make a finger full of wildlife fingerbobs on a gardening glove and get ready for story showtime.

Age 4-7 £8.50



Wildlife Rocks!

Thursday 12 April
10.30am – 4pm

Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue are back with some of the adorable creatures in their care. Your chance to get up close and stroke the animals. They will also do 2 light-hearted presentations

about our amazing wildlife at 11am and 1.30pm.

Plus lots of fun things to make.



FREE with admission
No need to book



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If the Thames Could Talk

Friday 13 April
10.30am – 3pm

Invent a crazy creature, share its antics and make it the star of your very own story in this highly interactive and fun creative writing workshop. We will be creating the tales the Thames would tell, if only it could talk... and finding out more about the bugs and wildlife that live along the river. Please bring your own lunch and snacks.

Age 8-11 £24



Children's Art Exhibition

Saturday 19 May &
Saturday 26 May
10am – 4.30pm

An exhibition of mixed media work by children aged 7-15 who attend the Museum's Artways art clubs, including work from Bronze and Silver Arts Awards. This event is part of Oxfordshire Artweeks.

FREE



Drawing Inspiration

Wednesday 6 June
10.30am – 12.30pm



Use a variety of drawing media, including charcoal, pencil and Indian ink and take inspiration from the Museum collections. Museum tutor and artist Camilla Shelley will help you develop your skills in drawing and observation.

Age 7-11 £8.50

Toad Treads the Boards

Friday 8 June
10.30am – 12.30pm



Create a model theatre set complete with Wind in the Willows characters and stage your very own production. Learn more about Toad, Mole, Ratty and Badger with a trip to the Wind in the Willows exhibition and the Life display.

Age 4-7 £8.50

Royalty & the River

Thursday 7 June
10.30am – 4pm

Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by discovering some royal connections with the River Thames. Lots of fun activities such as making a royal barge for your favourite doll or teddy. Royal fancy dress optional – prizes for the best dressed princes and princesses!

FREE with admission
No need to book



Boat Trips on the Steam Launch 'Alaska'

Sunday 17 June
45 minute trips leaving at:
11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

Join Thames Steamers Ltd for a trip on a historic passenger steamer. Alaska was built in 1883 at Bourne End and was rediscovered in 1974 in Oxford and has since been restored to her former glory.

£10 adults £6 children (4-16 years) and senior citizens;
free under 4s limited to 2 per paying adult.

Booking advised as places are limited to 35 per trip.



artways art club

For 11-15 year olds
Saturdays during term time
2pm – 4pm



A chance to work towards a recognised qualification in art. The Arts Awards are accredited by Trinity Guildhall (London) at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels in recognition of a young person's achievement in creative arts. To qualify, young people will need to be signed up for 4 blocks of 5 sessions. This is a great opportunity to develop skills and confidence in drawing, painting, printmaking and 3D under the guidance of qualified Arts Award Advisors. Sessions must be booked as a 5 week block.

Starting dates: 7 January, 25 February, 21 April, 16 June
Limited to 12 places.
£60 for 5 weeks, plus additional Award administration costs.



artsaward

For 7-11 year olds
Saturdays during term time
10.30pm – 12.30pm

Children explore ways of making art in a wide range of media such as drawing, painting, printmaking, craft, textiles and 3D construction and take inspiration from the Museum's collection and temporary exhibition programme. Sessions must be booked as a 5 week block.

Starting dates: 7 January, 25 February, 21 April, 16 June
Limited to 12 places.
£50 for 5 weeks

taylor tug's under fives club



Wednesdays during term time
10am – 11.30am &
1pm – 2.30pm

Interactive sessions for parents to enjoy with their children. A range of creative activities including crafts, stories, songs and free play which explore the Museum. Sessions are led by a trained teacher and are informal and fun!

Age 18 months - 5 years
Limited places. Sessions must be booked in advance for a half or whole term; term lengths vary.
£8 per session.

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bookings

Lectures & Workshops

- Please book workshop places as soon as possible to ensure your place
- Payment must be made at the time of booking
- Lecture tickets are not refundable
- Workshop tickets are not refundable less than 21 days before the event
- Where there is an additional charge for materials, this will be payable to the workshop leader on the day
- Adult workshops are available to anyone aged 16 years and over
- Only children aged 5 or over attending booked events can be left without an accompanying adult

We are proud to be a signatory to the Kids in Museums Manifesto.

We welcome families in the Museum and there are plenty of fun things to see and do.

Explore the galleries with our free backpacks or get creative with our activity trolley full of free colouring, crafts and museum trails for all ages. Activities are regularly updated so there is always something new to do!

River & Rowing Museum's mission is to provide inspiration, education and fun to all our visitors.

Thank you for your support.

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