

River & Rowing
Museum
Henley on Thames

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The Café at the River & Rowing Museum

Open daily, 10am – 5pm

Enjoy delicious, fresh and seasonal dishes, all made on site, including our lovely range of cakes. We serve excellent coffee, sourced directly from the farms and plantations on which they're grown, loose leaf Canton tea, and a range of vibrant and healthy juices pressed to order.

Our breakfast is based on traditional sourdough bread from the Flourstation, with smashed avocado, free range eggs and local bacon. Lunch includes hearty home made soup, contemporary and enticing salads, hot food to include warming pies, stews and fishcakes.

We are very family friendly with a dedicated children's menu, including placemats and colouring pencils. Enjoy a glass of wine or local Marlow brewery ale. Indulge in a cake, freshly made scones and seasonal sweet treats.

Private hire is available – we'd be happy to discuss your needs.

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Welcome to Henley's River & Rowing Museum



This Spring we are delighted to be bringing the incredible work of **Barbara Hepworth** to Henley. Hepworth's work has delighted audiences for years, and in **Barbara Hepworth: Finding Form**, we will be displaying some of her most iconic pieces.

The hugely popular John Piper Gallery will enjoy an update this year, with exciting new works on display from the Arts Council Collection and a series of accompanying talks and workshops.

Our award winning family programme is packed with fun activities this season, starting with a celebration of **Chinese New Year** in February and a fantastic **Birds of Prey** family day in April.

As an educational charity, we rely on your support and are currently looking for energetic individuals to join our enthusiastic team of volunteers. For more details and to find out how to get involved, please visit our website.

In 2018 we will be celebrating our 20th Birthday – 20 years of bringing history and the arts to life! We will be hosting a series of celebratory events throughout the year, so do be sure to check the website for details – we look forward to welcoming you to the Museum soon!

Find out more about the work of our wonderful learning team at: rrm.co.uk

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to sharing our Spring season with you.

Opening times

The Museum and Shop are open daily

10am – 5pm



Admission prices

Annual Pass

Adult – £12.50

Concessions – £11.50

Child 4 & over – £9.95

Family groups – 10% discount

Pay once and enjoy free re-entry for a year!

Free admission for carers

Free Parking

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Barbara Hepworth: Finding Form

9 February – 3 June 2018

Barbara Hepworth: Finding Form will celebrate the work of one of the country's most renowned sculptors. During the course of the 20th century Barbara Hepworth played a vital role in the development of British Modernism, leading to the creation of her most recognisable style.

Featuring a unique selection of works on display from collections around the country including Tate, National Portrait Gallery and the Arts Council, the exhibition will explore the development of Hepworth's sculpture and her lifelong preoccupation with forms from the 1930s to the 1960s. This will be the first time that works by Hepworth have been exhibited in Henley on Thames.

Beginning with the human body and moving from the figurative into the abstracted, the exhibition will look at how Hepworth chose to interpret the forms around her in her sculptures. A selection of lesser known oil on board works, showing Hepworth's experimentation with geometric shapes and colour during the 1940s, will also be on display.

A series of exciting family friendly interactive activities will explore the different forms and shapes.

The exhibition has been generously supported using public funding by Arts Council England and is supported by Alec Tiranti Ltd.

Exhibition Extras

Barbara Hepworth: Finding Form Curator's Tour

Tues 6 Mar & Thurs 26 Apr
11am
Tour ticket £6

External/Internal – Sculpture Workshop

Fri 13 Apr
10.30am – 3.30pm
£45
Suitable for age 16+

Modernism and Tradition: Hepworth, Piper and British Art between the Wars

Weds 2 May
11.30am – 12.30pm
Lecture ticket: £6

**Booking is essential for events,
please call 01491 415600**

Delicious lunch packages available when you book an event, full details at: rrm.co.uk

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Group Visits



Enjoy a day out at the River & Rowing Museum and discover the history of this quintessentially English town.

We have a range of discounts, tour and boat trip packages and delicious catering options to suit your group.

Our idyllic location, together with galleries packed with fascinating objects and stories, makes the perfect group day out.

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To find out more, please call: **01491 415631**

John Piper: A Very British Artist



John Piper, Fawley textile, c. 1960, produced by David Whitehead & Sons Ltd, River & Rowing Museum/Estate of John Piper.

Our Gallery demonstrates Piper's ability to diversify with work ranging from stained glass and ceramics to paintings and drawings. We have three new additions to the gallery, on loan from the Arts Council Collection, including the hand-coloured aquatint Regency Square (1939), Palace of the Bishop of Winchester (Design for mural at Merton Priory Civic Restaurant) and Stained Glass Window Sketch (Merton Priory design) both commissioned in 1942.

New loans from private collections will feature in our 'Modern' display, including two designs for the set of Stephen Spender's Trial of a Judge (1938). This was one of the earliest productions that Piper worked on as part of Group Theatre during the 1930s, and shows how his experimentations with abstraction influenced his design work.

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Your Space: The Community Gallery

Henley College Students – Art Exhibition

23 Jan – 4 Feb

'Breakout' marks the exciting debut exhibition for a collection of young artists currently studying at the Henley College. From fine art to fashion, installation to design, Breakout exhibits the incredible diversity of skills amongst the students.

Yarn Bombing!

15 Feb – 2 Apr

Enjoy these incredible colourful creations as the Museum is hit by a wave of yarn bombing! Thames Path Together crafting group have created an astounding variety of crochet and knitted designs, weaving, needlework, and collage. On show you'll be able to see textile paintings, rowers, boats, ducks and a giant Mr Toad!

Humphrey Gainsborough: Henley's Inventor

7 Apr – 13 May

Celebrated former Henley resident Humphrey Gainsborough was born 300 years ago, and this exhibition explores his remarkable life and work. Minister of the Independent Chapel in Henley and a notable inventor and engineer, he was a renowned figure in Henley and beyond even during his lifetime.

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Pom Pom Pom!

Fri 16 Feb

11am – 3pm, drop in

Bring back childhood memories or make new ones by creating a pom pom to hang in our yarn tree – or to take home.

Free with admission

Leander Club: The first 200 years



23 May – 15 July

In 1818 six gentlemen climbed into a boat called 'The Leander', the rest is history!

Leander Rowing Club began 200 years ago outside a boat builder's yard opposite the Houses of Parliament. Now idyllically located by Henley Bridge, the club boasts an impressive 124 Olympic and 3 Paralympic medals.

This exhibition examines Leander Rowing Club's rich history and the performance athletes who have made this the most successful rowing club in the world.



Museum Galleries



Packed with historic boats, Olympic medals and beautiful boats, the **International Rowing Gallery** tells the story of rowing, from Ancient Greeks to modern Olympians.

New for 2018 and opening in March, our exciting exhibition in partnership with the BBC, *The Boat Race – Through the Lens*, showcases technological innovations in broadcasting the most famous rowing event in the world: The Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race. The display will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the first televisation of the Boat Race and explore how this British institution has been popularised by pioneering coverage and rousing reporting.

In the **Henley Gallery** you'll discover many remarkable stories, an Iron Age hoard of gold coins and the beautiful steam launch Eva built in 1874.

The **River Gallery** takes visitors on a journey through thousands of years of life along the majestic Thames.

Our new hands on family zone – **Discover** – enables children to recreate their own mini-Henley, with construction play, a puppet theatre, dressing up and a story corner.

Wind in the Willows



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Join Ratty, Toad, Mole and Badger as they picnic by the river, whilst the wicked weasels ransack Toad Hall in this beautiful 3D exhibition that brings this children's classic story vividly to life.

Make a cup of tea in Toad's caravan, journey through the Wild Wood, hear Badger snoring and see Toad's daring prison escape!

Since publication in 1908, Kenneth Grahame's tale – originally written as a bedtime story for his son – has enchanted generations of children and earned its place in the hearts and imaginations of millions.

"There is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Kenneth Grahame

Barbara Hepworth: Finding Form Curator's Tour

Tues 6 Mar & Thur 26 Apr
11am

An exciting opportunity to have an expert tour of the stunning Barbara Hepworth exhibition, with our Museum Curator guiding you around the works on display and exploring the development of Hepworth's work from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Tour ticket £6

Lucy Pocock-Stillwell: A woman in a waterman's world?

Thurs 8 Mar
11.30am – 12.30pm

Not only a champion sculler in England but subsequently a women's rowing coach in the United States, Lucy Pocock-Stillwell led an extraordinary life for a woman in the early 20th Century. This talk will explore her career as a professional sculler and as a coach to women in Washington State, and consider how her experiences align with, or challenge, social expectations of women at the time on both sides of the pond.

A talk to mark International Women's Day.

Lecture ticket £6



International
Women's Day

External/Internal – Sculpture Workshop

Fri 13 Apr
10.30am – 3.30pm

Experiment with shape and form, surface and space in 3D construction under the guidance of an experienced art tutor. Use wire, paper, Modroc, plaster and clay to interpret the theme and create a sculpture in a day. Suitable for beginners and those who wish to develop their skills.

Workshop ticket £45

Suitable for age 16+



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Revd Humphrey Gainsborough (1718 to 1776) – Man of God, Man of Science and Man of Henley

Thurs 19 Apr
11.30am – 12.30pm

Humphrey Gainsborough, brother of Thomas, became Minister of the Independent Chapel (now Christ Church URC) in Henley on Thames in 1748 at a time of rising non-conformist thinking. He also used his inventive spirit and engineering skills in road, bridge and lock design for the benefit of his fellow man and the people of Henley in a myriad of ways.

Lecture ticket £6

Modernism and Tradition: Hepworth, Piper and British Art between the Wars

Weds 2 May
11.30am – 12.30pm

*Dr Chris Stephens,
Director of the Holburne Museum*

This talk will explore how both Piper and Hepworth, and numerous other artists, negotiated a synthesis of national and international art forms and values in a period when such concerns extended beyond the artistic realm into the fraught world of politics.

Lecture ticket £6

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Shop!

Enjoy a visit to the Museum's shop,
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related gifts, wooden toys, books
and beautiful leather handbags.

All purchases support the Museum.

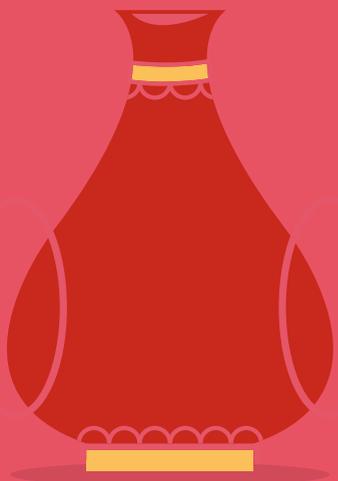
Open daily **10am – 5pm**
or shop online at: **rrm.co.uk/shop**

Chinese New Year

Thurs 15 Feb
10.30am – 4pm

Join us to celebrate the Year of the Dog, making paper pottery, a zodiac calendar, origami animals and lucky bracelets.

Free with admission



Seahorse Spring

Tues 13 Feb
10.30am – 12.30pm

Make a clay seahorse plaque and wild cellophane waves. Find out what seahorses do in Spring and visit the gallery to see Barbara Hepworth's 'Curved Form'.

4 – 7 yrs
£8.50

Ode to Orpheus

Wed 14 Feb
10.30am – 12.30pm

Dive into the mythical world of the Ancient Greek musician, Orpheus, who inspired Barbara Hepworth's work and create musical instruments to bring his story to life!

4 – 7 yrs
£8.50

Creative Clocks

Tues 13 Feb
2 – 4pm

Create a fabulous frame for a clock (provided) with special easy to use modelling material. Add colour and plenty of imagination and take home your customised design.

7 – 11 yrs
£8.50

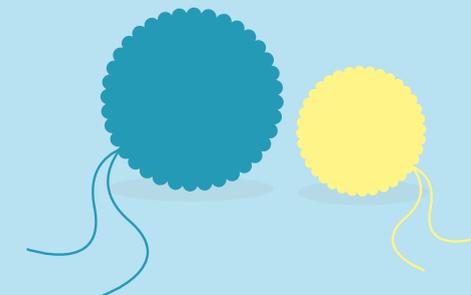


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Bird Boogie

Tues 3 Apr
10.30am – 12.30pm

Be a bird for the morning!

Make a beak and wings and a puppet nest of birds.

4 – 7 yrs
£8.50



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Story Seekers

Wed 4 Apr
10.30am – 12.30pm

Use the Museum's collection full of fantastic tales of adventure and curious histories to create your own story. Your imagination is the only limit!

7 – 11yrs
£8.50



Easter Egg Hunt!

Daily, 29 March – 15 April

Follow our Easter trail and claim a mini Easter Egg as your prize!

Free with admission



Birds of Prey

Thurs 5 April
10.30am – 4pm

Meet the magnificent birds from Millets Farm Falconry and get up close to hawks, eagles and owls.

Enjoy nature themed art and craft activities – watch out for the vultures!

Free with admission



Family Days

Shapes and Sculptures

Thurs 31 May
10.30am – 4pm

Be inspired by the work of Barbara Hepworth to create your own artworks! Help us make a giant sculpture from recycled materials and make a mini masterpiece to keep with weaving and collage. Craft a pair of wings and a musical instrument inspired by the sculptures, use a viewfinder to discover the world around you in new ways and sculpt shapes in model magic. Add your creations to our pop-up gallery then take them home for your own mini-museum.

Free with admission



Children's Workshops

Toad's Travels

Tues 29 May
10.30am – 12.30pm

We all love Mr Toad! Create a banner showing his adventures with his friends using all sorts of paint and collage.

4 – 7 yrs
£8.50



Shimmering Shells!

Fri 1 Jun
10.30am – 12.30pm

Use Modroc and modelling skills to make a beautiful sculpture inspired by shells and then arrange it on a special plinth.

7 – 11 yrs
£8.50



Weaving Wonders

Wed 30 May
10.30am – 12.30pm

Create colourful woven hanging artwork full of texture and pattern, inspired by the Museum's collection.

7 – 11 yrs
£8.50

Booking Essential – call 01491 415600

Taylor Tugs Under 5s Club

Wednesdays, term time

10 – 11.30am pre booked,
call 01491 415605 to find out more!

3 – 4pm drop in, £3 per child

Enjoy fun, interactive structured sessions for you and your little one, with craft, stories and songs. Themes and activities change weekly.

Age 18 months – 5 yrs



Artways Art Club

Saturdays, term time

7 – 11 yr olds 10.30am – 12.30pm,
11 – 15 yr olds 2 – 4pm

A fantastic opportunity for children and young people to develop their practical skills in painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles and screen printing.

Our experienced art tutor will help children to discover different artists and to work towards achieving their Arts Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold.

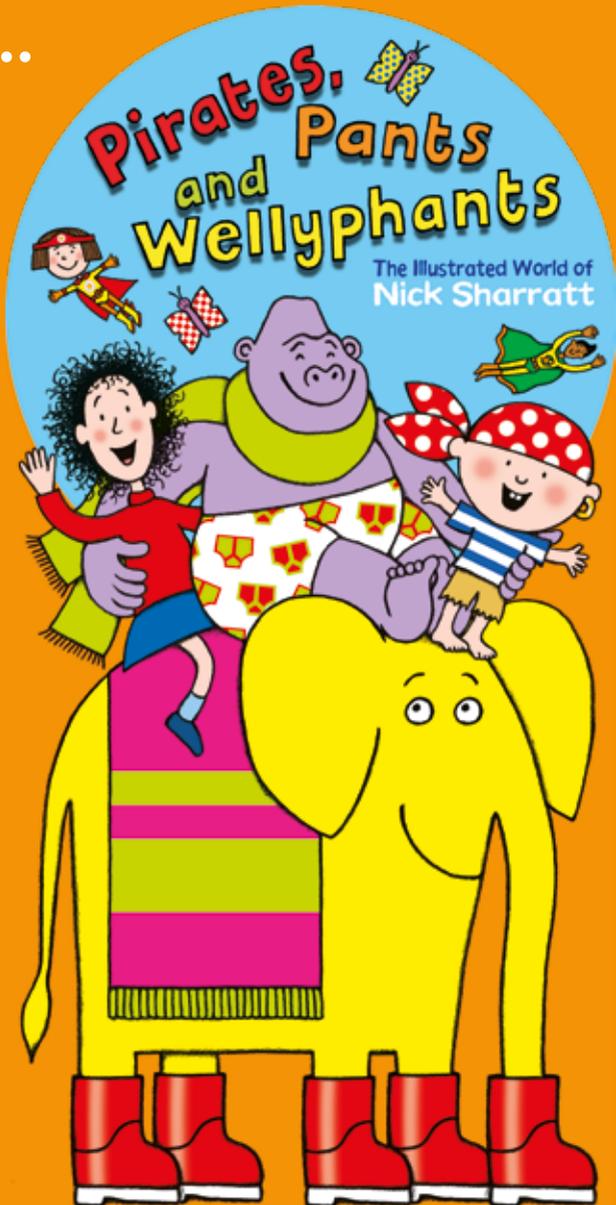
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