

What's on?

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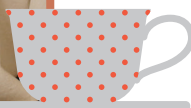
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July – December 2019



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The Roman Baths



Jane Austen
Fashion Tea
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Family Events · Workshops · Tours · Talks

The Roman Baths

Family Events

Togas and Tunics

Saturday 20-Sunday 28 July
Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August
Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 Sept
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm

Discover how the Romans dressed and transform yourself by trying on a toga.

Rhyming Roman Baths

Friday 12 July
6pm-8pm

Roam around the Roman Baths discovering ancient and modern words of wisdom. Meet our poet in residence and be inspired to add some lines to our collection of poetry.



Words on Wednesdays

Wednesdays
17, 24, 31 July; 7, 14, 21 August
6-8pm

A series of evening sessions looking at objects from the Roman Baths' collections. Handle objects at our touch tables and discover which Wednesday Word has inspired us.

Amazing Arches

Monday 29 July-Friday 2 August
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm

Have you seen the big Roman arches? Have a go with our wooden model and create a pop up arch using card and pens.

Can you make a wig as wonderful as our very own Flavia's?



A Head of the Game

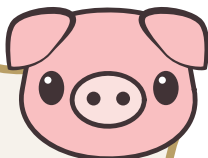
Monday 5 August-Friday 9 August
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm

What did a Roman's hairstyle say about them? Find out and make a wiggly wonder.

Measure for Measure

Monday 12-Friday 16 August
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm

How did the Romans weigh and measure objects? Explore ancient weights and measures and create a Roman measuring ruler.



Brilliant Bladud

**Monday 19-Friday 23 August
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm**

What is the connection between Bath and pigs? Explore the founding myth of the city of Bath – and help us to bring the story right up to date.

Wacky Weaving

**Monday 26-Friday 30 August
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm**

How did the Romans make their clothes? Investigate how they made fabrics and have a go at weaving.

Mosaic Mix Up

**Monday 28 October-Friday 1 November
10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm**

No Roman home should be without a mosaic! Create a jazzy mosaic using a mix of pictures and colours.



Lighting up the Season

**Saturday 14-Sunday 15 December
11.30am-3pm**

Celebrate the festive season by creating mini Roman lamps using model magic.

Events for Adults

T'ai Chi on the Terrace

**Weekly sessions on Tuesdays at 8am
2 July-3 September
1 October-3 December**

Weekly sessions led by qualified private instructor Paddy Nisbett.

Phone 01225 477773 to book.
£4 per session.

Museum Shop Sunday

Sunday 1 December, 10am-6pm

Make the Roman Baths Shop an inspiring destination for your Christmas shopping as we celebrate this worldwide cultural event.

Out and About

Midsomer Norton Arts Festival

**Saturday 13 July, 12pm-4.30pm
The Hollies, Midsomer Norton**

Get creative with us, Roman style, as part of this family art festival.

Festival of Archaeology: The Deathly Secrets of Sydney Gardens

**Saturday 20 July, 11am-3pm
Sydney Gardens, Bath**



Pleasure Gardens were very popular in the 18th and 19th centuries. Little did people know what lay beneath their feet! In 1793 the tombstone of a Roman priest was discovered in what is now Sydney Gardens. Join us as we investigate death and burial through the ages.

Lansdown North Local History Store

**Thursday 19 September
Lansdown Playing Fields North**  **heritage open days**

Explore the weird and wonderful objects from the spa collection. Join a treat of a tour at 11am and 2pm.

Booking essential.
Phone 01225 477773 to book.

Batheaston and Beyond

**Tuesday 29 October, 11am-3pm
Batheaston Scout Hut, Batheaston**



Investigate objects found in the area from Charmy Down to the River Avon. Make a miniature Iron Age Round House and handle objects from the Bronze Age to the time of Queen Victoria.

Fashion Museum

Family Events

Beaded Beauties

Tuesday 23 July

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

We have some beautiful beaded dresses on display in the Fashion Museum. Use beads and sequins to create a special design of your own.

Folded Fancies from the 60s and 70s

Tuesday 30 July

**10.30am-12.30pm
and 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Take a look at 20th-century fashion displays and use origami to create special miniature outfits from the 1960s and 1970s.

Woolly Wonders

Tuesday 6 August

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

There are some interesting crochet designs in the Fashion Museum's collection. Use a cardboard frame and wool to create a crochet-effect design.

Fashion of the Future

Tuesday 13 August

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Fashion designers are always creating designs that are one step ahead of the clothes we see on the high street. Look at our *Dress of the Year* collection and use unusual materials to create something really different.

Magazine Mix-up

Tuesday 20 August

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Have you explored the gloves on display in our *Glove Stories* exhibition? Use magazine collage to create a design in the style of John Galiano's amazing newsprint gloves.

Cloche Hat, Posh Hat

Tuesday 27 August

**10.30am-12.30pm
and 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Decorate and accessorise traditional hat designs into something modern by adding colour, pattern and 3D elements.



Gloves Galore

Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 October

1.30pm-3.30pm

Use a hand template to create glove-like decorations such as a wreath or garland. Take a look at the work by artist Rozanne Hawksley in our *Glove Stories* display for some inspirational ideas!

On a Starry Night

Sunday 15 December

11.30am-3pm

Join us this festive season to create multi-coloured star ornaments using yarn.



Creative Activities

Saturday Sketching

**First Saturday of every month
10.30am-2.30pm**

Sketch the beautiful objects on display in the *Collection Stories* exhibition, with suggestions of key spots of interest. Self-led sketching sessions in the Museum, materials provided. Free to attend with Museum entry.

Bath Knitting & Crochet Guild

**Second Saturday of every month
10am-12pm**

Monthly knitting and crochet session which takes place in the Assembly Rooms. Free to attend, all skill levels welcome.

Jane Austen Fashion Tea

**Sunday 29 September
3pm-5pm**

Tickets £45 fashionmuseum.co.uk

Take afternoon tea in the elegant surroundings of the 18th-century Assembly Rooms. This will be followed by a talk from Curator Rosemary Harden on the fashions of Jane Austen and the Regency era. Enjoy a visit to the Fashion Museum afterwards as part of your ticket.



Classes for Adults

Bespoke Embroidery: Inspired by 1690s Crewelwork Petticoat

Saturday 20 July, 10am-4pm

Recreate a ship motif on an historic crewelwork petticoat with Deborah Wilding.

Bespoke Embroidery: Inspired by 1600s Gauntlet Gloves

Saturday 3 August, 10am-4pm

Recreate the decoration on a beautiful tabbed gauntlet glove with Kate Barlow.

Bespoke Embroidery: Inspired by 1700s Embroidered Waistcoat

Saturday 17 August, 10am-4pm

Learn how to recreate an embroidered bird motif using silk shading techniques with Kate Barlow.

Bespoke Embroidery: Inspired by 1850s Court Waistcoat

Saturday 7 September, 10am-4pm

Recreate the stunning floral decoration on a man's court waistcoat with Deborah Wilding.

Bespoke Embroidery: Inspired by Jane Austen

Saturday 21 September, 10am-4pm

Make a lavender bag using traditional whitework techniques from the time of Jane Austen with Deborah Wilding.

Tickets £84, plus £30 for materials payable in cash on the day.

Book at www.royal-needlework.org.uk/ courses.

All attendees need to be comfortable climbing two flights of stairs

Victoria Art Gallery

Family Events

Minibug Masterpiece

Wednesday 24 and Friday 26 July
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Explore bugs and insects in our ceramics collection. Use collage papers to create 2D and 3D bugs, snails and caterpillars.

Stamp a Story

Wednesday 31 July and Friday 2 August
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Investigate one of the most popular paintings in the Gallery, *The Watersplash*, and create a story about taking a goose for a walk. What happens on the way? Use stamps and special papers to illustrate it.

Me, Myself and I

Wednesday 7 and Friday 9 August
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Explore our amazing pictures of people in the First Floor Gallery displays. Create a junk portrait using a range of mixed media.

Outside Inside

Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 August
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Enjoy exploring our wonderful pictures of Bath houses on display in the First Floor Gallery. Create house interiors and exteriors using pastel, pen and card.

Reflecting my World

Wednesday 21 and Friday 23 August
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Create a street scene featuring reflections. Use watercolours and a wax resist technique.

Pastel Power

Wednesday 28 August
10.30am-12.30pm
and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Draw some furry friends. Use pastels and special paper to make drawings of rabbits, dogs and birds in the First Floor Gallery art collection.



Plasticine Pictures

Saturday 26 October
11am-3pm

Join William Harbutt, the inventor of Plasticine, and create some Plasticine perfect pictures.



Big and Bold

Tuesday 29-Thursday 31 October
10.30am-12.30pm

Use the style of ceramic artist James Tower to create a big and bold abstract collage.



Marvellous Masks

Friday 1 November
10.30am–12.30pm



Get up close and personal with some characters from the Gallery paintings and create a marvellous mask.

Fairy Christmas

Saturday 14 December
10.30am–12.30pm and 1.30pm–3.30pm

Create fairies and angels using inspirations from the characters in our amazing Lichfield Clock.

Events for Adults

Art Store Tours

Wednesdays 10 July, 14 August,
11 September, 16 October,
13 November, 11 December
12pm–12.45pm

Explore the wonderful artworks housed and cared for in our art stores.

Free, booking essential.
Phone 01225 477233.

Art on Mondays

10am–11.30am

Free talks about the art on display for blind and visually impaired visitors, no booking required. Phone 01225 477233.

War and Rumours of War

15 July

Fake or Fortune

9 September

James Tower Centenary

14 October

Circus Paintings

18 November

The Dog Show

9 December

Collection Highlight Tours

Wednesdays 3 July, 7 August,
4 September, 2 October, 6 November,
4 December
1pm–1.45pm

Discover the stories behind the wonderful treasures on display in the First Floor Galleries with Dr Chris Davies. Free, no booking required.

Artists' Talks

Bernard Ollis

Saturday 24 August, 5.30pm–6.30pm
Victoria Art Gallery

Free, booking essential at
victoriagal.org.uk/ollistalk

Peter Brown

Saturday 30 November, 12pm–1pm
Victoria Art Gallery

Free to Discovery Card and exhibition ticket holders

Lunchtime Exhibition Tours

War and Rumours of War

Every Thursday, 18 July to
5 September, 12.30pm–1pm.

Free to Discovery Card and exhibition ticket holders.

Resident's Discovery Card



Residents of Bath and North East Somerset can obtain free admission to the Roman Baths, Fashion Museum and Victoria Art Gallery with a Resident's Discovery Card.

See bathnes.gov.uk/discoverycard
Not a resident of Bath and North East Somerset? See our websites for details on our **Annual Pass**.

Bath Record Office

Archives and Local Studies

Bristol and Avon Family History Society: Family History Fair

Saturday 28 September

10am-4pm

**BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton,
Bristol, BS34 7RG**

Interested in finding out more about tracing your family history? Come to the fair and find out how Bath Record Office can help with your research.

All visitors welcome. £2 admission.



Free Lunchtime Talks at the Guildhall

Wednesdays, 1.10pm-1.45pm

A series of free talks to complement *James Tower: a Centenary Celebration* on display at Victoria Art Gallery.

James Tower, Lucie Rie, Hans Coper: an evolving studio pottery collection

9 October

Jon Benington,
Victoria Art Gallery Manager

Fire, Earth, Water

16 October

Peter Hayes,
Bath-based ceramic artist

Passionate About Pots: Studio Pottery in the Ken Stradling Collection, Bristol

23 October

Cleo Witt,
Trustee of the Ken Stradling Collection



The Archway Project

A new state-of-the-art learning centre is currently being developed. The Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre will contain a hands-on archaeological investigation zone for school children and learning groups. More areas of the Roman site will also be revealed to the public for the very first time. To help support this important learning and conservation project, or to keep up to date with our newsletter, please visit romanbaths.co.uk/archway