

The Museum of Oxford provides an insight into the history of the city and its people. Visitors to our galleries can discover more about Oxford's earliest residents, medieval crafts, Civil War stories, Oxford's famous literary connections and the growth of the modern city. The museum works with local people and groups to present an exciting programme of projects, exhibitions and events to help bring our displays to life. We also offer a wide range of themed hands-on activities for children, families and visiting school groups.

The museum is located in the Town Hall on St Aldate's (at the corner with Blue Boar Street). We are open Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00-17:00 (last admission 30 minutes before closing).

Admission is free to all the permanent displays and special exhibitions!



(l-r) Tegan Bennett and Kate Toomey



(l-r) Colin Langton and Marsali MacGregor



(l-r) Vanessa Lea, Katie Timmins and Jill Boodell



(l-r) Neil Stevenson and Helen Fountain

Meet the Museum Team...

Museum Operations Officer

Vanessa Lea is responsible for the day-to-day management of staff and volunteers, public access and visitor experience at the Museum of Oxford.

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Museum Assistants

Katie Timmins and Jill Boodell play a leading part in the provision of front of house services. They also deliver museum education sessions and activities and help supervise our growing team of volunteers.

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Learning Team

Tegan Bennett and Kate Toomey develop all the learning services for the museum. Kate works with school and community groups and Tegan develops resources for children and families to use in the museum's galleries.

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Volunteers

Colin Langton and Marsali MacGregor are part of our pool of 22 volunteers. We are looking to recruit more volunteers to help support the Museum's day-to-day services and seasonal programme of activities.

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Community Groups

Neil Stevenson works with local groups to carry out exciting community based projects. He is currently working with Oxford Community School on a film project and the Searchers group (see p3) on an exhibition in the Museum.

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Reminiscence Officer

Helen Fountain takes collections of museum objects to groups of older people in Oxford City Centre. So far Helen has worked with Shotover Day Centre, Rosewood Day Centre, The Albany Care Home, Abbeyfields sheltered housing and the Morris Motors Over 60's club.

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What's on at Museum of Oxford



Taking Flight: A History of Pegasus Theatre

■ 12 December 2009 – 3 April 2010

A unique Oxford history researched, designed, produced and created by young people from the Oxford Youth Theatre Production Company.

During the exhibition's run there will be a mask making workshop (6th March) with Company members, a dance performance with the OYT Dance Company, a new version of King Lear with the OYT Theatre Company and a chance to meet the creators of the exhibition every Saturday.

Tudor Times Family Day

■ Thursday 18 February: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Find out what life was like in Tudor times. Meet a costumed interpreter who can tell you all about what it was like to live under the Tudor Kings and Queens. What made Henry VIII laugh? What did Tudor people eat? How did people in Tudor Oxford make a living? What did children play with in the days before electricity? All these questions and more will be answered at this exciting Tudor experience. Free, drop-in.



Activities for Children

■ 15th - 19th February

If you're looking for something fun to do during February half term then sign up to one of Ollie the Ox's Art and Craft Workshops. Children aged 5 to 12 years can make a miniature stage inspired by Philip Pullman's Northern Lights, create a costume of your favourite Alice in Wonderland character and have a go making your own Tudor hobby horse. Workshops cost £3 per person.

We also have a range of fun themed trails and drop-in craft activities to appeal to our younger visitors. Trails and packs include an 'Adventures with Alice', brass rubbing and Humpty Dumpty's springtime trail or make a Jingling Jester or Magical Pegasus at the Creation Station. All cost £1.

For more information or to book contact museum@oxford.gov.uk or 01865 252761

Tudor Dancin' Oxford

■ 2nd -5th March

For one week only, Oxford city schools have been invited to learn about traditional dances with two experienced Elizabethan dancers and get to create historical dances of their own. Students will also find out about rich and poor life in Tudor Oxford, handle replica artefacts, try on period clothing and even identify Tudor smells!



Community Groups

Are you part of a group or know of one who would like to get involved with the Museum of Oxford?

We are looking to make links with local groups to carry out a number of exciting community based projects. This offer is open to all community groups based within the city regardless of age, background or ability.

Ever fancied creating a short film or soundtrack? How about designing a historic garden? Perhaps you might like to create your own exhibition or maybe you have an idea for a project you would like to do.

If so please contact the Community Volunteer Officer, Neil Stevenson on **01865 252118**

COMING SOON

Look out for the museum survey! Your views count – help shape the future of the museum!

Reminiscence Groups

The Museum of Oxford Reminiscence project (MOOR) is a brand new initiative delivering reminiscence sessions to groups of older people in Oxford city centre.

Helen Fountain, Reminiscence Officer, will bring a collection of museum objects to sessions to stimulate discussions, encouraging participants to communicate with each other by sharing stories and memories in a fun and interactive way.

The sessions last for approximately one hour and groups can choose from a range of themes, including 'fun and games', 'all dressed up' and 'making your own entertainment'.

If you would like to discuss the project or are interested in hosting a session then please contact the Reminiscence Officer, Helen Fountain on **01865 252795**



The Searchers

The Searchers are a group of people aged 50 or over who meet to carry out research on their own chosen topics and share this with other members of the group. The group work together and support each other, so that learning becomes exciting and exhilarating. This lively, energetic and inspired group are currently working with the Museum of Oxford to create an exhibition of their work.

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