

# What's On

*Autumn & Winter 2016/17*

**banbury**MUSEUM



ADMISSION FREE – DONATIONS WELCOME

[www.banburymuseum.org](http://www.banburymuseum.org)

# A very warm welcome to Banbury Museum

Banbury's modern family friendly, canal-side museum offers exhibitions and events for the whole family. Hands on displays tell of the town's origin and history. The Civil War, plush manufacturing, the Victorian market town, costume from the 17th century to the present day, Tooley's Boatyard and the Oxford Canal, are just some of the stories illustrated in the museum. There are also regularly changing exhibitions and activities to ensure that there is always something new to see and do.

## Inspiring Story

### Spur

This spur was found near Neithrop on the edge of Banbury and dates to the 1600s. It was one of a pair, and would have been strapped to a riding boot and used to control a horse. Its date, and the place it was found, suggest that the rider may have lost it on the way to fight at the Battle of Edgehill, the first major conflict of the English Civil War, which was fought on 23rd October 1642. This spur is on display on Banbury Museum.



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# Exhibitions

## Cold War Frontier:

The story of 'Little America', RAF Upper Heyford

17 September 2016 – 7 January 2017



RAF Upper Heyford is probably the best-preserved Cold War base in Britain. Though set in North Oxfordshire's countryside, it was on the frontier of Cold War tensions and by July 1971 it could be claimed that Upper Heyford was the largest fighter base in Europe. Discover more about this fascinating place through original artefacts and rare images.

Exhibition curated by Chris Prescott in association with Banbury Museum.

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## Experts on Hand:

A deeper experience of 'Cold War Frontier'

8 October, 12 November & 7 January  
2017 • 10:30am - 12:30pm &  
1:30 - 4:30pm

This is a fantastic chance to see and handle extra items relating to Upper Heyford's history and ask questions of those who know the site well. Join us for a free drop in (no tickets required) on these Saturdays to meet those involved in the production of the exhibition.



BCC 1950's Club Outing

## Banbury Camera Club:

70 Years Young

28 September – 20 October

Museum Foyer

Later this year, follow the story of Banbury Camera Club through a display of historical photographs from when the club was established in 1946 to this, its 70th anniversary.

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## The Royal Photographic Society's International Images for Science

21 January – 25 March

One hundred of the best scientific images from the International Images for Science 2016 competition of the Royal Photographic Society, supported by Siemens plc as part of the Curiosity Project.

The exhibition features an extraordinary variety of images – from highly technical to highly conceptual, from entrants who are imaging professionals to those who are enthusiastic amateurs, showing subjects from the scale of atoms to the scale of the Universe.



Richard Beech

The exhibition showcases intriguing and awe-inspiring imagery, revealing the diverse ways in which photography records, documents and communicates modern science, often with images captured with types of light that are beyond human vision.

Part of British Science Week 2017 and the first part of a photography double-bill with the British Life Photography Awards exhibition (8 April – 3 June 2016).



Benjamin Lappalainen

Images from previous years' competitions

# Talks & Tours

## Wellington and Napoleon – a strange relationship

Thursday 13 October • 7:30pm

Christopher Danziger will be talking about evidence which sheds light on the psychology of two great commanders. £3 per person (BHS members free).



## The struggle for Heyford 1979-1986

Saturday 5 November • 3:00pm

When in December 1979 NATO announced that it would be deploying US cruise missiles in six European countries, the USAF nuclear air base at Upper Heyford, suddenly seemed to be on the front-line. This talk will focus on this intense period in the second great phase of the Cold War and how we might interpret it through a local Oxfordshire lens. Talk by Mark Levene. £7.50 per person.

## Opus Anglicanum and the Steeple Aston Cope

Thursday 10 November • 7:30pm

Zoe Boden will talk about her own doctoral research into this sort of embroidery and this cope in particular. £3 per person (BHS members free).



Rosy Burke

## A Trip to the Ally: Alcan Revisited

Saturday 26 November • 2:30pm

**'Back by very popular demand'**  
Rosy Burke presents a photographic record of the site; a rare chance to see images and video footage and discover or remember this part of the town's heritage. £5 per person.

## RAF Upper Heyford Airfield Tours

*Sunday 16 October*

*11:00am-2:00pm*

*Sunday 20 November*

*11:00am-2:00pm*

Step back into the Cold War era with a special guided tour of RAF Upper Heyford. Though closed as an air base over twenty years ago many buildings survive and retain their special character, including the hardened aircraft shelters and the command centre. This is a tour guaranteed to live long in your memory. £15 per person. For adults and older children.

Limited tickets available in the museum, please ask during your visit to the exhibition. Please note tickets are not available online.



## The Elgin Marbles

*Thursday 8 December • 7:30pm*

Dr. Steve Kershaw will explore the aesthetics, back-story, and heated debates surrounding these beautiful, fascinating and controversial works of ancient Greek art. £3 per person (BHS members free).



## History from Underneath: Girls' Lives in Early Industrial Britain

*Thursday 12 January • 7:30pm*

Professor Jane Humphries will build on her prizewinning work on childhood and child labour in the industrial revolution to compare and contrast the experiences of girls and boys. £3 per person (BHS members free).



## A small town politician: George Crosby 1820-1886, mayor of Banbury 1872-1873

*Thursday 9 February • 7:30pm*

Dr. Alan Crosby was intrigued by the respect shown to his forebear George Crosby's funeral procession through Banbury in 1886. £3 per person (BHS members free).



## Turner's Romance with Oxfordshire

*Thursday 9 March • 7:30pm*

Dr. James Hamilton will explore and celebrate Turner's motivation and magic. £3 per person (BHS members free).



For more information please visit the website [www.banburymuseum.org](http://www.banburymuseum.org)  
Tickets can be purchased in the museum shop or online.

# Film Favourites



We have delved into the British Pathé extensive archive to create a series of special film compilations silent and with sound celebrating Banbury, Oxfordshire and beyond. What a treat!



## Canal Days

*Sunday 2 October • 11:30am and 2:30pm*

Be transported back to yesteryear with a touching focus on life, times and special moments on the waterways.

## In Flight

*Saturday 22 October • 2:30pm*

What a treat, a selection of film clips including footage from RAF Upper Heyford and clips of national significance.

## Christmas Cheer

*Saturday 3 December • 2:30pm*

We wish you a Merry Christmas British Pathé style. Truly delightful!

## Winters Past

*Saturday 21 January • 2:30pm*

Come in from cold and be thoroughly warmed watching Winter clips of the past.

## The Appliance of Science

*Saturday 18 March • 2:30pm*

Brilliant Inventions which have shaped our present day or not! Celebrating British Science Week.

**Duration: 40 minutes**

**Cost: £5 per person**

Tickets can be purchased in the museum shop or online.

For more information please visit the website [www.banburymuseum.org/pathe](http://www.banburymuseum.org/pathe)



# Story Bash is back!

*Saturday 12th November 2016*

*10:00am -5:00pm*

## **All activities are free**

Story Bash day is our biggest event of the year! It is a simply brilliant day celebrating the wonderful stories of Banbury and bringing the museum collections to life.



Come and...

**Listen** to the brilliant story telling of Katrice Horsley – National Storytelling Laureate (2012-2014)

**Join in** the excitement of Colonel Robert Hammond's, Regiment of Foote, Citty of London Brigade of The Sealed Knot, just as noisy as always with lots of English Civil War displays for curious minds.

**Meet** the super talented Alison with a colourful array of face and arm painting patterns and ideas – stunning!

**Create** with The Mill Arts Centre magical fairy tale castles. Help to bring to life magical turrets and towers.



**Relax** in the Reminiscence sitting room – snuggle down to listen to the memories of 'Times Gone By' from local residents.

**Celebrate** and cheer the winners of the first ever 'Once Upon A Time in Banbury...' school stories competition.

**Unwind** in our pop up British Pathé cinema as part of our Film Favourites season.

**Excite** your taste buds in our café with delicious food in our canal side setting.



For more information or to view the detailed programme of events please visit the website [www.banburymuseum.org/story-bash](http://www.banburymuseum.org/story-bash)

# Autumn Adventures

Museums are magical places where the stories of days of old are brought to life and curious young minds are encouraged. At Banbury Museum we offer a dedicated space for families to engage in collection-themed activities and make treasured memories together.

## Spy Games 'Bizzy Bags'

17 September 2016 – 7 January 2017

10:30am - 12:30pm & 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Do you have what it takes to become a spy? Make your very own periscope and go on a secret museum mission. Good luck! Designed for children aged 6+.  
£3 per child. Available Saturdays and every day during the Oxfordshire school holidays.

Drop in activity



## The Spy Trail

24 September – 7 January • Anytime!

Win a prize by following clues to find and break the secret code. £1.75 per trail booklet including pencil and prize. Suitable for children aged 5+. We have a wide variety of prize trails on offer, to suit a range of ages. Please ask in the museum or visit the website for more information.

Drop in activity

## Canal Day

Sunday 2 October • 10:30am - 3:30pm

Free activities include dressing up in historical boating costume and the ever-popular giant 'Canal Builder' snakes and ladders game. This year we will also be showing 'Canal Days' part of our British Pathé Film Favourites season – Be transported back to yesteryear with a special focus on our waterways life, times and special moments... 40 minute film show – £5 per person – family friendly – a real treat! Only two film showings at 11.30am and 2.30pm.

Drop in activity

**Please note** our family fun activities can be very popular. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets can be purchased in the museum shop 10 minutes before the event starts. Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by, and remain with, an adult at all times. For more information please visit the website [www.banburymuseum.org](http://www.banburymuseum.org)

## Spooky Banbury

Wednesday 26 October  
11:00am - 4:30pm

Drop in  
activity

Things have got very spooky in Banbury Museum. Dare you complete the spooky gallery trail and play the 'Box of Mystery' game? Will you shudder listening to scary Banbury stories?

Have a goulish time making

your very own clay pumpkin pot and a jumpy spider or a lucky black cat. Lots of fun for families with children aged 4+. £4 per child.



**Five activities for £4! WOW!**

## Ice World – Crafty Corner

22 October 2016 – 28th January 2017  
10:30 - 12:30 & 2:00 - 4:00

Drop in  
activity

Wrap up nice and warm as you explore our magical Ice World. What will you make? A polar bear hat, a perky penguin, a pop up ice world, cosy mittens, a super sleigh. Don't forget your gloves and scarf. Brrrr... Suitable for families with children aged 3+. £2 per child. Available Saturdays and every day during the Oxfordshire school holidays.



## Story Bash

Drop in  
activity

Saturday 12 November • 10am - 5pm

After an extremely successful day in 2015 we are hugely excited to announce a bigger, bolder and better Story Bash 2016! This is our day to celebrate the inspiring stories the museum and town has to offer with the community of Banbury. We welcome all ages to enjoy a range of FREE activities including, storytelling, face painting, a showcase of Civil War items, musket gunfire displays and an area of reminiscence. See page 9 for more information.

# Step into Spring

## Sense It! Prize Trail

28 January – 25 March

Drop in activity

Use all your senses to guide you and solve the clues, to claim your prize. £1.75 per trail booklet including pencil and prize. Suitable for children aged 5+. We have a wide variety of prize trails on offer, to suit a range of ages. Please ask in the museum or visit the website for more information.

## Secret Garden – Crafty Corner

11 February – 21 April

10:30-12:30 & 2:00-4:00

Drop in activity

Come and step into our secret garden. What will you make?

A super snail,

sparkly bird,

hoppy frog, a happy

gnome, a glimmering glowworm or your

very own secret garden scene. Shhh...

Our garden is a secret though! Suitable for families with children aged 3+. £2 per child. Available Saturdays and every day during the Oxfordshire school holidays.



## Fabulous Fossils Goes Close Up!

Tuesday 14 February

11:00am-12:30pm

and 1:00pm-3:00pm

Drop in activity

A rare chance to see fascinating fossils and beautiful crystals close up under the microscope. You can even explore what is under your own fingernails! Also dinosaur and ice age mask making, a fossil dig where you can find and keep a fossil, and lots of Oxfordshire fossils to see and handle.

You are welcome to bring along your fossil or mineral finds for an expert opinion. Event presented by the Oxfordshire Geology Trust in association with the Royal Microscopical Society and accompanies the museum's International Images for Science exhibition. Family-friendly but all welcome. Suitable for families with children aged 3+. Fossil handling and identifications free, mask making and fossil dig £3 per child.

## Awesome Art

Wednesday 15 February

11am - 4.30pm

Drop in  
activity

**Get your aprons on** – it is going to get messy! Paint, sparkles and junk modelling action! A day of creative fun making secret garden flowers and your own shoe box secret garden. With coloured chalk in hand, transform our grey outside into rainbow colours. Become art detectives to complete the awesome art trail and then snuggle down to a very special storytime. Suitable for families with children aged 4+.

£4 per child.



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## Frogs Galore

Thursday 16 February • 11:00am - 3:00pm

Prepare to be amazed as you turn a boring cardboard box into a huge 'hungry frog' game Brilliant fun! Suitable for families with children aged 4+. £3 per child.

Drop in  
activity



## Hobby Horse Club

Have you heard about our hobby horse club? Membership includes a family certificate, advance notice of all family events and FREE activities. Simply collect one stamp for every family activity that you purchase and receive the 8th family activity free!

Drop in  
activity



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# Shop

A visit to the Shop @ Banbury Museum will never disappoint. Our team constantly seek out new ranges of cards, wrapping paper and contemporary gifts for our visitors, many of which you won't find elsewhere in the area.

Every month you can discover more local talents through our commitment to showcasing local crafts, jewellery and textiles to complement our permanent



range of local history books, Banbury Museum goods and infamous Banbury Cakes!

Our shop is an important way for us to generate funds to do more for our visitors and collections and we look forward to welcoming you soon. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:45am-5:15pm; Wednesday 10:00am-5:15pm and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm.

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# Facilities

## Group Access

Lift access to all floors of the Museum.  
Accessible toilet on the ground floor.  
Baby change facilities on all floors.  
Various parking options surrounding the museum.

## Educational Visits

For more information visit the website or contact Suzi 01295 753782.

## Venue Hire

The museum has a number of spaces available for hire and can accommodate various events from breakfast meetings and conferences to drink receptions and fashion shows. We are able to provide bespoke catering through Café Red who can freshly prepare a fantastic range of tasty options. For more information visit the website or call 01295 752782.

# Café Red by the canal



Café Red is the perfect place to take a break, nestled next to the beautiful canal side offering freshly prepared dishes, a healthy children's menu and the fabulous illy coffee brand.

## Christmas Panini

Back by popular demand is our favourite winter warmer – our festive panini, just £5.95



## Start your Saturday

*It's the most important meal of the day!*  
Start your Saturday with a lovely family breakfast. Sausage, bacon, egg, hash brown, tomato, beans and toast.  
Our delicious breakfast also comes in a child's size (half the portion). £7.95 adult £4.95 child. From 9am -11:30am on Saturdays.



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## Banbury Historical Society



Banbury Historical Society was founded in 1957 to encourage, promote and publish the history of Banbury and its surrounding hinterland, the neighbouring parts of Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. The society holds lectures in Banbury Museum during the winter months, has a varied summer programme and is active in several spheres of local history publishing.

Membership is £13 per year, benefits include the Society's thrice yearly journal *Cake and Cockhorse* and entrance to all lectures. Visit [www.banburymuseum.org](http://www.banburymuseum.org) for further information and to join online.



# Visitor Information

## Admission

Free admission – donations welcome.

## Opening Times

Galleries: Monday - Saturday

10:00am-5:00pm

Also open Bank Holidays

10:30am-4:30pm

## Keep in touch

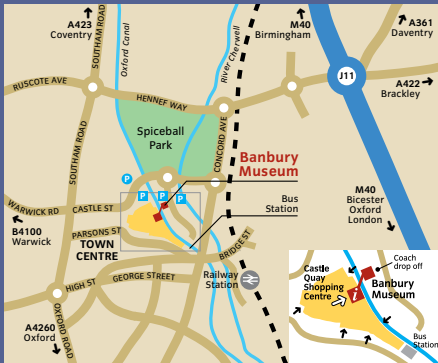
Visit the website or ask in the Museum to join our mailing list to receive regular news and updates.

## How to find us

Our main entrance is in the Castle Quay Shopping Centre and is fully accessible to all. Coming by car? Our postcode is OX16 2PQ. Using public transport? We are a short walk from the bus and train stations – follow signs to Castle Quay Shopping Centre.

## Parking

The nearest car parks to us are Spiceball North or Spiceball Park Road.



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