

WHAT'S ON 2018



PETERSFIELD MUSEUM
and
THE FLORA TWORT GALLERY

Welcome to a new year at Petersfield Museum!

We have a whole range of new and exciting events and activities planned throughout 2018, as well as our new displays in the Courthouse and Police Station.

Displays in the Courthouse will be commemorating some of the big events from a century ago.

With the First World War drawing to a close in 1918 we have a look at the impact of the conflict on Petersfield and its residents. A new exhibition, *1918: In Memoriam*, situated in the old garages aims to give an impression of what soldiers would have had to face in that final year of war,

as well as commemorating local soldiers from Petersfield and the surrounding villages. We also look at how victory and peacetime was celebrated after Armistice Day.

Another important event of 1918 was the passing of the Representation of the People Act. This year we look back at women's suffrage in Petersfield and celebrate those who helped fight for voting rights. You can also learn about some of the strong and inspiring women who have called Petersfield home in the last century and their legacies.

Alongside our big Spring event, Victorian Day (see page 11), we will be looking at what life was like in Petersfield in Victorian times. There were a lot of changes in Petersfield, such as the coming of the railway, and the Courthouse and Police Station in which the museum is housed were also built during this time.

Liss Archaeology will be sharing their work and findings from Stroud Roman Villa in a new collaboration with the Museum, and we remember the first ever Hi-Lights performance 50 years on.

We will also be showcasing items from our collections picked by our very own volunteers. This 'cabinet of curiosities' brings together an eclectic mix of items which volunteers have come across while working on updating our Museum catalogue.

All of the exhibitions will be accompanied by events and activities to appeal to visitors of all ages, so come visit us, explore, and have fun!



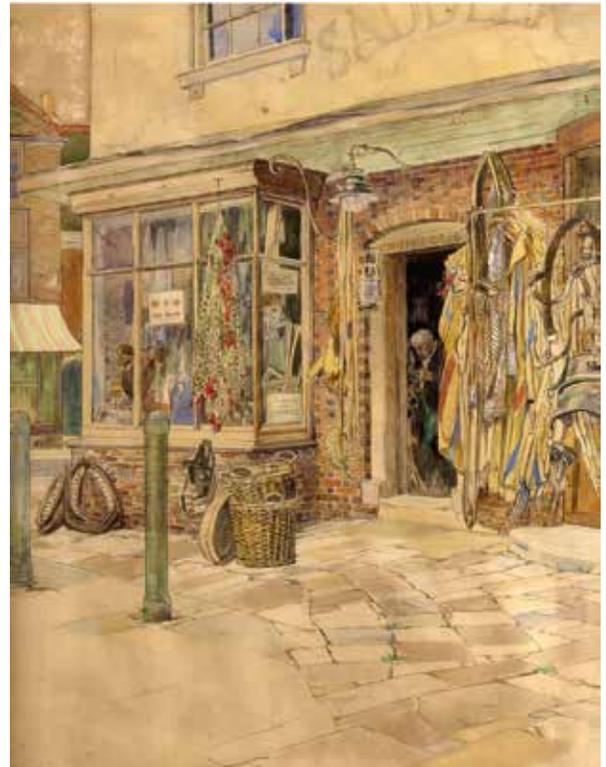
Flora Twort: 'Some of the Things we have Lost'

100 years ago, Flora Twort arrived in a town that was different to the Petersfield we know today. She lived here until her death in 1985, and recorded a lifetime of change in her artwork and writing.

This exhibition will showcase paintings of Flora's which capture her experience of Petersfield. She painted the shops around the Square, and the Taro Fair on the Heath, both of which were affected by the introduction of motor power. Later in life she would look back upon her work as 'a record of some of the things we have lost.'

But Flora was ambivalent towards change, and acknowledged that some things had changed for the better. 50 years after her arrival, she wrote that she hoped 'the future people of Petersfield will like their new town as much as we loved ours'.

Now another 50 years have passed, have a look at Flora's paintings and see what you think.



Labour and Leisure – an exhibition of menswear from the Bedales Collection

Petersfield Museum is very lucky to have some great examples of menswear from as early as the 18th century. Using some striking examples from the Bedales Collection of Historic Dress, we look at how men expressed themselves using clothing and accessories, and how trends changed over time.



How did fashions reflect status? What would young boys have worn? From formal wear to workwear, sportswear to uniforms, come and see what was gracing the male wardrobe from the 1700s to early 1900s.



Folklore and Myths of the South Downs 20 March – 9 June

According to the Sussex Centre for Folklore, Fairy Tales and Fantasy, the South Downs could be home to 80 percent more fairies and a third more ghosts than surrounding areas. Here at the Museum, we've been investigating the folklore shared in and around Petersfield.

Learn about the stories that have grown around the local landscape. Discover the sites of magical buried treasure. Hear about witches in the villages and what people did to keep them away. Listen to Petersfield-born folk music, and see the costume worn in folk performances in the town to this day.



People of the Heath: Bronze Age Barrows in Petersfield 12 June – 24 November

This special exhibition will showcase some of the amazing finds and discoveries which have been made over the four years of this Heritage



Lottery Funded project. See what archaeological techniques were used, learn from the volunteers who worked on the project and learn about the people who created this barrow complex on Petersfield Heath 4000 – 3500 years ago.



Our Community Gallery showcases the work of local artists, community groups and societies in a series of temporary exhibitions that include a wide range of subject-matters from local landscapes, sculpture and wood work to local historical society displays and school projects.

Here are some of the exhibitions in the Community Gallery this year:

20 – 31 March

In Pursuit of Spring; an exhibition of art work inspired by the works of Edward Thomas.

22 May – 9 June

Spring Jewels; A contemporary jewellery exhibition by ACJ Wessex. Handmade work by 14 local studio jewellers.

26 June – 7 July

History of Farming in East Meon; Discover more about the heritage of East Meon with this exhibition by the East Meon History Society.

17 July – 28 July

Art Club; An exhibition of the art work created by Petersfield Museum's after school Art Club.

31 July – 11 August

150 Years of St Mary's; Celebrate 150 years since the consecration of St Mary's Church with this exhibition by St Mary's History Group.



The Community Gallery is available to hire to any community group, artist, school or society who would like to display and promote their work. To find out more about our Community Gallery or see what is going on, then visit our website or call 01730 262601.

People of the Heath: Understanding and Conserving Petersfield's Prehistoric Barrows is a Heritage Lottery-funded project managed by Petersfield Museum. The project started in 2014 and has now completed six seasons of excavations into the Bronze Age barrows on Petersfield Heath under the supervision of archaeologists Dr Stuart Needham and George Anelay, with the help of many enthusiastic volunteers. The finds have not disappointed! In last year's excavation the team found two more burial urns, a Palaeolithic bruised blade and what is one of the largest Bronze Age burial pits known in the UK!

In the four years of excavations the team have made significant discoveries relating to burials, monument forms and the contemporary environment. Volunteers have also investigated a rich Mesolithic site on the Heath and undertaken a systematic survey of barrows throughout the Rother Valley to give the Petersfield barrows a broader context.

This year we will host events to share all that we have learned throughout the project. But don't worry, this is not the end! The project's legacies will continue to share our findings. Interpretation signage around the Heath and a monograph detailing the finds will be produced and the People of the Heath website will remain live to share events and information for all those interested in the project.

See page 10 for information about our project conference, page 19 about our archaeology walks and page 5 about our special exhibition.



Edward Thomas is now recognised as one of the most important poets of the twentieth century. Though born in South London, he with his wife and children lived for the greater part of their married life in Steep, Hampshire, a couple of miles from Petersfield. His importance as a poet is partly because of the poems he wrote, which include many connected with places in the area – and the local landscape – and partly because of his enduring influence on poets of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Indeed, his literary importance is increasing: Ted Hughes, the former Poet Laureate, when unveiling a memorial to First World War poets in Westminster Abbey, called him “The father of us all.”

Now entering its second year, the Edward Thomas Study Centre is once again open by appointment only as we await the next stage of the Museum’s redevelopment programme which will see it move into the Victorian Stable Block and become more accessible. Within the Study Centre, there is a wonderful collection of over 2,000 books by and about Edward Thomas, and many of his contemporaries – ranging from prose to poetry and including literary criticism.

This collection is available to all – be you someone who enjoys reading his work, wanting to read a book of his that may not be readily accessible elsewhere, or wanting to carry out some research for a course of study or perhaps an article you are writing – whatever it is please contact us.

To complement the Study Centre, we will be holding two events – “An Evening with Edward Thomas” – keep an eye on our website for full details.

If you would like to know more about Edward Thomas please have a look on www.edward-thomas-fellowship.org.uk



Volunteering

Are you looking for something new to do this year? Maybe you want to meet new people, learn new skills, or support your local community.

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to help run the Museum. We have a range of opportunities available, from welcoming visitors into the Museum and helping in the shop, to working behind the scenes with our collections.

Our current volunteers are of a variety of ages and backgrounds. We have students looking for work experience, retirees wanting to contribute the skills gained during their working life, and everyone in-between. Just let us know what you want to get out of volunteering, and we'll provide you with training and support.

The Museum was started by volunteers, and without their continued support it would not be what it is today. If you are interested in volunteering at Petersfield Museum, please contact us on 01730 262601 or email curator@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Support Us

Petersfield Museum is an Independent Charitable Trust and Accredited Museum, and currently does not receive regular

funding from local or central government. As a result we are reliant on public support to allow us to continue to provide the range of services and events we offer.

You could help by becoming a Friend of the Museum. It costs just £10 per year (or £18 for a family) and we will keep you updated with all the exciting things that are happening through a monthly newsletter, as well as inviting you to special private views of new exhibitions.

If you would like to help the Museum with a financial donation there are many ways of doing so, from a one-off gift to joining the 200 Club, to remembering the Museum in your Will. We also run fundraising events throughout the year which are great fun to attend. For more information, please see our website.



Petersfield Museum holds a number of different events throughout the year. To find out more or to book a ticket please visit www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk or call 01730 262601.

Conference: 'Peopling the Heath: Petersfield Heath and its Region in Prehistory'

24 March, 9.30am – 5.00pm
Petersfield Festival Hall

This conference gives you the opportunity to hear about our discoveries on Petersfield Heath and also about contemporary landscapes in Wessex, southern England and across the water in Holland. Speakers will look at the impact of the project on the local communities, give insight into the structures of the barrows and look beyond to the broader themes of barrows, fields and environments across the Bronze Age landscape.

Specialised knowledge of archaeology is not needed – this conference is open to anyone who wishes to learn about early communities in their region.

This conference is free but booking is essential to reserve a seat. Please book via the People of the Heath website www.peopleoftheheath.com



Victorian Day

13 May, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Step back and experience Petersfield 150 years ago in this fantastic new event. Petersfield Museum will be taking over The Square and St Peters Road to highlight the Victorian era, with entertainment, food, drink and stalls all on a Victorian theme. There will be transport from the period on show, and many attendees in Victorian costume, along with rides behind a traction engine. Some attractions will be ticketed. Please check our website for more information. **FREE** entrance to the Museum.



Museums at Night

This year as part of Museums at Night we will be holding three new events.

18 May, 7.00pm: Folk Evening

A first for the Museum: we will be putting on a live folk evening! There will be a folk trio singing songs from Petersfield, a storyteller dramatizing a traditional tale from the South Downs and the chance to have an after-hours look around our exhibition on local folklore.

Tickets: £10 (£8 Members)

Tickets will include a drink and nibbles.

25 & 26 October from 7.00pm:

Petersfield Museum by Torch Light

Explore Petersfield Museum by torch light in this unique tour of our Museum. Explore our collections as you follow our expert guide around the Museum with only a torch, from historic costume to ancient artefacts nothing will look quite the same in the darkness. This tour will also take you into our Victorian Police Cells, who knows what you might find lurking in the shadows!! There will be a number of tours throughout the evenings, booking is essential.

Tickets: Children £1, Adults £3, Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £6.

27 October from 8.00pm:

Nightmare at Petersfield Museum (18+ only).

From the creators of Fright Night at The Farm comes a new interactive horror experience for 2018! Visit Petersfield Museum and discover the story of Joseph Burbidge, the 'mad sailor' and the perpetrator of Petersfield's most mysterious murder! What caused him to arrive in Petersfield and then proceed to shoot and kill an unsuspecting victim? Come along and find out but be warned... there may be a few bumps in the night!

There are a number of tours throughout the evening and booking is essential.

Tickets: Adults only, £10.



1914-1918 War Time Christmas

2nd December, 10.00am – 3.30pm

As part of Petersfield Christmas Market, Petersfield Museum will be open for a special event. Discover what Christmas was like on the Home Front during the First World War and learn how families marked the occasion. Meet our costumed interpreters and take part in fun festive craft activities as you discover more about Christmas past.

Tickets: Adults £3, Children FREE

Hometown
- FESTIVALS -

Throughout the school holidays, Petersfield Museum will be running a programme of fun, hands-on activities for the whole family. Activity sessions run from 10.30am until 12.30pm Tuesday to Friday. All activities are free to take part in (adult admission to the Museum applies).

Easter Holidays

3 – 6 April *Monster Creations*

10 – 13 April *Magical Poetry*

May Half Term

29 May – 1 June *Of Myths and Comics*

Summer Holidays

24 – 27 July *Awesome Women*

31 July – 3 August *Sticky Finger Prints and Solving Crime*

7 – 10 August *Give me Oil in my Lamp*

14 – 17 August *Stone Age survival*

21 – 24 August *A Victorian School Day*

28 – 31 August *The Frightful First World War*

October Half Term

22 – 26 October *The Archaeologists Club*



Petersfield Museum Kids club

Want to have a look behind the scenes at the Museum? Ever wondered what is behind the door that says Private? Then this is your chance. Become a member of Petersfield Museum's Kids club by collecting 6 activity stamps (collect a stamp every time you take part in a different holiday activity) and get a goody bag and a personal tour for you and your family behind the scenes of Petersfield Museum.

On three Saturdays entry to the Museum is FREE for everyone and there are special events:

28 April: Folklore and Myths of the South Downs.

Join us on our first free Saturday to find out more about the Dragons and Giants, Fairies and Witches and many other magical stories of the South Downs.

10.30am – 11.30am: Take part in some mythical themed craft activities inspired by stories from around the South Downs.

11.30am: Enjoy a performance from renowned storytellers Faye's Fables and immerse yourselves in a magical world.

2.00pm – 3.00pm: Discover the magical world of medicinal herbs with a talk that looks at the use of herbs as medicine throughout history and have a go at making your own herbal tea.

28 July: Festival of Archaeology.

To coincide with our People of the Heath exhibition and the national Festival of Archaeology this free Saturday brings you all things Archaeology!

10.30am – 12.30pm: Come and take part in our hands-on activities looking at what it is like to be an archaeologist. From digging up artefacts to drawing them and displaying them in a museum.

2.00pm – 3.30pm: Discover the subject of Experimental Archaeology from our own Experimental Archaeologist before having a go yourself! Put archaeological theories to the test and find out what life was like in the past through hands-on scientific experimentation.



15 September: Extraordinary Women.

As part of the national Heritage Open Day festival, Petersfield Museum is celebrating 100 years of women first getting the vote.

10.30am – 12.30am: Meet the Museum's very own suffragette and learn more about how women won the right to vote and how it wasn't only women who gained the vote for the first time in 1918. Design your own Suffragette pin badge or banner – a great activity for all ages.

2.00pm – 3.00pm: Discover more about the inspirational women who have called Petersfield home over the years with our afternoon of interesting talks.



Unless otherwise stated, talks will be held at the Museum, starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 (£4 for Museum Members) and can be bought on our website or by calling 01730 262601. Refreshments will be provided.

3,000 Years of a Working Calendar

19 April

Join us for this fascinating look into the past as we explore 3,000 years of a working calendar, looking at the persistence of folk beliefs and their survival against the odds.

Discover how ancient celebrations like Beltain, Samhain and Lughnasadh have shaped our modern day holidays and celebrations.

Buriton Heritage Bank – a snowball with tentacles!

17 May

The parish of Buriton has a rich agricultural and industrial heritage and some fascinating local history.

The Buriton Heritage Bank, launched in 2001, works to ensure that the history of the parish is collected, shared and recorded forever.

This talk will look deeper into the project and illustrate a range of its exciting and interesting findings.

Women's Work – Women on the railway

21 June

This talk given by Becky Peacock from the Mid Hants Railway Watercress Line will look at the roles played by women in the building, maintenance and running of Britain's railways between the outbreak of the Second World War 1940 and the 1960s.

Petersfield in Transition

19 July

This talk, given by local historian and author David Jeffery, will look at the profound changes that Petersfield has gone through from its rural past to its commercial present. Based on the research of his latest book 'Petersfield at Work', David will explore the changes seen by the town in the 20th century.

Butser Ancient Farm

16 August

Established in 1972 by the Council of British Archaeology, Butser Ancient Farm was set up to allow archaeologists to experiment and test their theories on how people lived in Iron Age Britain. This talk will take you on a journey from the Farm's foundation under the leadership of renowned archaeologist Peter Reynolds to the present day where it continues its legacy as a research centre, education hub and much more.

Food you can forage

20 September

Do you know your wild garlic from your woodruff? Enjoy an illustrated presentation exploring the basics of foraging your own wild food, including a range of species found in different habitats, the ethics of foraging, and how to transform your wild harvest into something tasty for the kitchen table – just in time to look for berries and nuts in the autumn hedgerow this season!

Wymering Manor

18 October

Wymering Manor, the oldest remaining house in Portsmouth, has a long and interesting history. First recorded in 1042 when it was owned by King Edward the Confessor it has changed hands many times and accommodated many dignitaries. This talk given by The Wymering Manor trust will shed more light on this fascinating building and highlight their goals for the future restoration and conservation of the house and grounds.

East Meon

15 November

East Meon was chosen as 'The Domesday Village' in 1986 because it still reflects the layout of the medieval settlement, with its magnificent Norman church and Court Hall, where the Bishops of Winchester administered their largest Hampshire estate. Join Michael Blakstad as he describes what life was like in medieval East Meon.

Unless otherwise stated our walks are £5 per person (£4 for Museum members) and start at 2.30pm outside the Museum. The maximum number on a walk is 20, so to avoid disappointment it is best to book in advance on our website or by calling 01730 262601. If you have any queries please email education@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk or give us a call.

Historic Petersfield

8 April

Join us for a historic walk around Petersfield, led by an expert guide. This walk tells the fascinating history of Petersfield and its people from Norman to modern times by walking the streets and viewing the buildings.

Heroes of Petersfield

27 May & 11 November

As part of the Museum's commemoration of the end of the First World War, we are proud to be offering this special walk that explores the lives of just a few of the brave individuals who were affected by the 'Great War' and called Petersfield home.

NEW

Women of Petersfield

10 June & 26 August

1918 saw the beginning of voting equality for women in Britain. 100 years on join us on this walk around Petersfield to discover and celebrate some of the remarkable and inspiring women that have worked, lived and played in the town.

NEW



Pubs, Inns and Breweries

NEW

24 June & 29 September

Over the centuries, there have been more than 40 pubs and inns in Petersfield as well as the maltings and breweries to support them. This walk will answer the questions of why there were so many, where they were and what happened to them.

Ticket Price: £7/£6 members. Ticket includes a drink (1/2 pint or equivalent) at the Good Intent at the end of the walk.

Historic East Meon

NEW

15 July

East Meon was chosen as 'The Domesday Village' because it still reflects the layout of the medieval settlement, with its magnificent Norman church and Court Hall. Learn more about the historic village of East Meon with this walk led by East Meon History Group.

This walk starts at 2.30pm and meets at the East Meon Village Hall, just off Workhouse Lane.

**Beating the Bounds**

NEW

22 July

Beating the Bounds is an ancient custom where a group from the community would walk the boundary of the parish. Whilst there is no recorded evidence that this ceremony took place in Petersfield, there are maps that show the ancient boundaries of the borough and parish.

Our walk will perambulate this 4 mile route stopping at intervals to explain the historic connections that formed the boundary and its future expansion into the town we know today. The walk will take 2 ½ hours - good sturdy walking boots are recommended!

Historical items of interest in Steep

NEW

5 August

Join us for a historic walk around Steep, led by an expert guide. Discover more about the history of the village, exploring the church and churchyard, Edward Thomas's Yew Tree Cottage and the Cricketers crossroads.

This walk starts at 2.30pm and meets outside All Saint's Church, Steep.

Archaeology of Petersfield**9 September**

As part of the Secrets of the Heath event Petersfield Museum is offering a walk around the barrow cemetery on Petersfield Heath looking at the discoveries that have been made as part of the People of the Heath project.

This walk will start at 2.30pm and meets at the Petersfield Museum stand on the Heath. Please note that this walk goes across country and will run unless severe weather conditions prevail.

Victorian Petersfield

NEW

7 October

The coming of the railway in 1859 led to a significant increase in the population of Petersfield during Victorian times with major developments taking place that still shape the town today.

This walk will explore how new industries and shopping opportunities were created together with the supporting infrastructure and housing, before finishing outside our very own Victorian Police Station.

This walk starts at 2.30pm and meets at Petersfield Railway Station.



The Museum's learning and community engagement programme is designed to make the Museum's collections and the town's history accessible for everyone; we do this through a series of workshops, resources and events designed especially for the local community.

Schools

Our dedicated schools programme is designed to offer children and young people unique opportunities to develop their learning in a fun and engaging way. The key topic areas we cover include: Prehistory and Archaeology, the Romans, Petersfield through time, the Victorians, Edward Thomas, Flora Twort and many more. If you are looking for something different then we are always happy to discuss how we can support other subject areas.

Our programme can be delivered in a range of different ways to accommodate the needs of our users.

Workshops These are designed to bring the Museum to life and offer a learning experience outside the classroom. From Town Walks to a Victorian school day we have a wide selection of workshops that tie into the National Curriculum.

Outreach Our Outreach programme brings the Museum to you in one of our 'Time Travelling Trunks'. Our outreach sessions use fun and interactive activities to engage your pupils in the comfort of your own classroom or hall.

Time Travelling Trunks Our 'Time Travelling Trunks' can be borrowed by schools as a great way to complement classroom learning. Each Trunk has everything a teacher will need to deliver engaging activities and comes with all the support needed to make the most out of it.



Teacher CPD We are always happy to help support teachers on new topics or to boost their current knowledge about any of the subjects we cover.

Community:

We are always looking for ways to make our collections more accessible to the public and we offer a range of activities, events and workshops to do this. We also work closely with local support groups and care homes to provide resources and activities to members and residents.

Reminiscence Sessions These sessions led by our staff are designed to encourage looking back on times past in a social and friendly manner.

Walks and Talks We offer walks and talks on a range of subjects to groups and societies which can be tailor-made to suit individual needs.

Community Gallery The Museum's Community Gallery is available for individuals, local groups and societies of any kind to hold exhibitions and raise awareness of their work.

For more details of any of our learning and outreach activities, please contact us at education@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk



Since 2014, Petersfield Museum has been working on plans to extend and develop our site to increase display space and improve visitor experience. Since successfully receiving our first-round development funding from the Lottery in 2016, the Museum has employed a professional project team to help bring our vision of the new museum into reality. The team has been working hard with Museum staff and trustees, and various public consultation sessions have taken place throughout 2017. This has culminated in a set of plans for the new museum, which include a new link building to join the Victorian Police Station and Courthouse, new permanent exhibitions and education and outreach activities. Submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in early spring, we should know if our proposals are accepted by late summer.

The Museum has also been actively fundraising the £900k needed in matched funding to access our HLF grant for the second round. Three quarters of this sum has been raised, with just £300k left to find. Generous grants from local trusts, individuals and Petersfield Town Council have helped us on our way to reaching this target. The Museum will be holding events throughout the year; including our Victorian Day on Sunday 13 May and our 'Buy a Brick' campaign, giving people the opportunity to become a part of the build itself! If you would like to know more about our development plans or how you can help, please contact Curator Katherine Mills at curator@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk



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Opening Times

Tuesday to Saturday
10.00 am – 4.00 pm
20 March – 24 November

Entrance Fees

Petersfield Museum & Flora Twort Gallery	£3.00
Annual Ticket	£5.00
Children under 16	FREE

Tickets available from the Museum



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