

# WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | December 2023

This e-newsletter contains information about the forthcoming **Ancient Egypt Family Fun and School Days** in February 2024, a **new and free art teaching resource** as well as the current exhibitions at West Berkshire Museum.

## Ancient Egypt Family Fun & School Days

Do you know what an ostracon is? This and other information will be shared at the **\*free\* Ancient Egypt School Day** on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

A session includes members from the Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society (TVAES) and Ancient Egypt themed crafts and activities. Both the morning (9.30am-11.30am) and afternoon (1pm-3pm) sessions are **fully booked**. However, we do have a **\*standby list\*** so if you wish to book a place on this list, please contact Clare.

A school on the standby list would only be contacted should one of the schools currently booked on the event cancel for any reason. Schools on the standby list will be contacted in order of booking.

If you're unable to do a school visit, please tell your pupils about the **\*free\* Ancient Egypt Family Fun Day** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, drop-in, 10am to 3pm, including TVAES members and Ancient Egypt themed crafts: [www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on)

These events are to complement the From the Nile to Newbury special exhibition running until 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. You can always book (with Clare) a free self-led visit of the exhibition with a free self-guided tour and museum trail sheets.

## Art teaching resource **\*NEW and FREE\***

Artist Nick Schlee whose special exhibition about the Ridgeway is currently on display at the Museum has produced an art teaching resource – *no lines around things in nature*. He has kindly given us permission to make this available for

## Current exhibitions

**Special exhibition: Waterways.** Exploring the history of the Kennet & Avon Canal.

**Special exhibition: House of Toomer.** The story of the family behind the store.

**Special exhibition: The Ridgeway – Art by Nick Schlee.**

**Special exhibition: Focus on the Eastern Parishes.** History of the parishes of Burghfield, Wokefield, and Beech Hill.

**Special exhibition: From the Nile to Newbury.** Exploring life and death in Ancient Egypt. Runs until 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscape.** The story of West Berkshire.



Image: mummified cat's head in the Ancient Egypt exhibition.

you to view, download and utilise in the classroom for free. The resource is here: [www.westberkshireheritage.org/life-long-learning](http://www.westberkshireheritage.org/life-long-learning)

**Festive family craft: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, Messy Museum Morning (10am-1pm), drop-in, £2.50.**

## Contact details:

Clare Bromley (Ms),  
Learning and Participation Officer.  
West Berkshire Museum,  
The Wharf, Newbury RG14 5AS.  
Telephone: 01635 519562  
Email: [clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk)



West Berkshire  
C O U N C I L