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Tameside

OCTOBER 2018 - APRIL 2019



EVENTS

 **Tameside**
Metropolitan Borough





Welcome to Tameside's Cultural Events

There is plenty to enjoy in this programme of events throughout the Autumn, Winter and Spring months. The wide range of activities offers something for everyone whatever your interest, age or ability.

Learn a new skill in our 'I Made It' master-classes at Portland Basin Museum, or come along to a 'Making Friends with the Archives' session to discover some fascinating secrets of our borough's past.

For children we have regular 'Kids in the Environment' days and some great activities in our parks and countryside.

'Make, Do and Play' and our Little Hands drop-in sessions are always popular at Portland Basin Museum and this winter we have some great family theatre.

If you would like more information about any of the events, please phone the relevant number on the back of this leaflet.

Please note:

Cost - All the events are free unless otherwise stated.

Children - An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age.

Groups - We welcome groups, but please ring **0161 342 4144**.

For group visits to the museums and galleries please ring **0161 343 2878**.

PORTLAND BASIN MUSEUM

With its picturesque canal-side setting, Portland Basin Museum celebrates the lives of Tameside's people and the rich industrial history of its nine towns. Step back in time on the museum's old street, see what's new in our regularly changing exhibition space and enjoy a tasty treat in the Bridge View Café.



Every Thursday (Tameside Term Time only)

Little Hands

An hour of storytelling, crafts and fun for pre-schoolers

£2 per child (£1 for siblings)

10am - 11am



20 October – 31 March 2019

Accessorise!

Come and see an array of beautiful and functional accessories from hatpins, shoes, bags and jewellery to cufflinks, ties and handkerchiefs.

Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton under Lyne. OL7 0QA



Second and Fourth

Wednesdays of the month

Quilting Bee

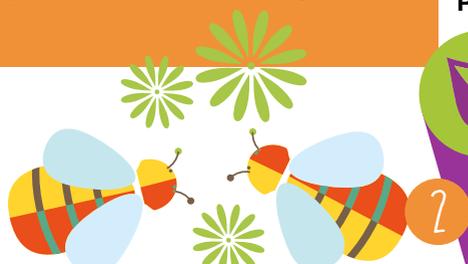
Develop your patchwork and quilting skills.

1 - 3pm

'I Made It!' Adult Masterclass

We have invited local artists and crafts people to facilitate a series of 'I Made It!' Adult Masterclasses.

Please see listings for further details.



CENTRAL ART GALLERY

The gallery has a changing programme of exhibitions by local artists and community groups, plus a permanent display of artworks by Harry Rutherford. There is always something new to see and do, so why not pop in to visit next time you're in the library?



6 October – 22 December 2018

My Health Heroes - NHS 70 Birthday

We're celebrating 70 years of the NHS with this exhibition featuring art works by local SEN schools and groups, alongside items from Tameside's archives and museum collections.



'Brittany' by Simon Parkin

6 October – 22 December 2018

Simon Parkin: To See the Sea

The new exhibition explores the power of the sea, the complexity of its beauty, the strength and force along with the calm and peaceful qualities. The sea can bring many different feelings, it can be seen to be destructive or it can have a transformative quality which can bring joyous feelings of transcendence and escape.

Central Art Gallery
Central Library, Old Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG



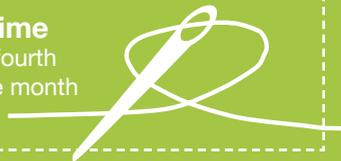
Knit and Natter

Second and fourth
Tuesdays of the month
10am - 1pm



Stitch in Time

Second and fourth
Fridays of the month
10am - 1pm



ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALLERY

The gallery houses the borough's stunning art collection, bequeathed by local industrialist J.F. Cheetham. We change exhibitions throughout the year to showcase different paintings from the collection. You can see some of the paintings online at www.artuk.org



'Clown' by Wendy Raphael

Until 3 November 2018

Colour:

The Art of Powerful Pigment

Using paintings from our collection, we're exploring the use of colour in art. Why do artists choose the colours they do? How do we perceive colours?



'Sir Perceval' by George Frederic Watts RA

17 November 2018 – Spring 2019
Art Treasures of Tameside

To mark 250 years of the Royal Academy of Arts this exhibition showcases the work of some of Britain's most eminent artists in the Astley Cheetham Collection.

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery,
Trinity Street, Stalybridge. SK15 2BN

LOCAL STUDIES AND ARCHIVES



Tameside Local Studies and Archive Centre is your first stop for finding out about the history of Tameside. We hold unique documents about our area. Visit us if you are looking for the history of your house, doing your homework, writing an essay or thesis on any aspect of the history of the area, interested in finding out about the place where you live, planning anniversary celebrations for a local club or organisation, or researching the Manchester Regiment. We host a large variety of workshops and classes about all aspects of local and family history which are a great way to start off your lifelong learning journey, meet new people and find out about your local area.



Family History

Visit us to create your own 'Who do you think you are' moment! You can read newspapers from yester-years to find out what your ancestors got up to, and revisit family events in our records of baptisms, marriage and burials. We have free access to Find My Past and Ancestry and offer one-to-one support for people who need help using a computer.

Junior History Club

For children ages six and over, the Junior History club meeting will take place during the school holidays.

2-3pm booking essential. As from February 2019 Junior History Club will change to drop-in sessions on 1st Saturday in the month from 10am - 12noon

See listings for details

Free Family History Helpdesk

Book a half hour slot with one of our experts on 0161 342 4242. **Every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am - 1pm**



Bobbin Club

An out and about group that arrange visits to local historical attractions.

For more details contact Local Studies & Archives 0161 342 4242 or email localstudies.library@tameside.gov.uk

First and third Tuesday of each month Family History Detectives

Search for your ancestors with volunteers from the Tameside Group of the Cheshire Family History Society. **Drop-in free session - no need to book. 2pm - 4pm**

Last Tuesday of the month Making Friends with the Archives

Interested in local history but not sure where to start? You can join in our Making Friends with the Archives sessions to get to know our collections and how to use them, as well as meeting other people interested in local history. **Limited FREE places. Please book in advance 0161 342 4242 or email localstudies.library@tameside.gov.uk 2pm - 3.30pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre, Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG**

Quarterly on Wednesdays Masterclasses

These classes cover a variety of local history topics in greater depth. Suitable for beginner and more experienced family history researcher. **2pm - 3.30pm. Limited FREE places. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment 0161 342 4242 or email localstudies.library@tameside.gov.uk**

TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

There's a lot going on in your local library. It's FREE to join so take a look. Look out for details of events in your local library at www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries or on Tameside Libraries Facebook page.



FUN PALACES

Saturday 6 October 2018

The Fun Palaces

We believe everyone is an artist and a scientist, and creativity in community can change the world for the better, so together we have created a Fun Palace where you can join us for a fun packed day! There will be a range of FREE family-friendly activities, with something on offer for everyone across Tameside Libraries.

10.30am to 2.30pm

8 – 13 October

National Libraries Week

Tameside Libraries will be holding a week of promotions and activities as part of celebrations of the nation's much-loved libraries. Find out how you can use Open+ to access the full branch library opening hours and have a go at using Borrowbox to download and review an eBook or eAudiobook for your chance to win an iPad mini.

15 – 21 October

Get Online Week

#try1thing

Whether you're a complete online novice, are looking for a quick course to build your confidence or just fancy exploring new Apps and websites there'll be something interesting for you to try as part of Tameside Libraries Get Online Week. Just #try1thing or complete the full Get Online Week Passport for a chance to win in our prize draw.

18 – 23 February 2019

Tameside Libraries

Festival of Science

A week of amazing, inspiring and exciting scientific fun in Tameside Libraries! Events for children and families during February half term.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

October Half Term Holiday Fun

Free, family activities in libraries with crafts, games and a treasure hunt, suitable for children aged 4-11 years and their parents and carers. No need to book, just come along on the day!



Story Makers: People Who Help Us Free interactive story sessions with songs puppets and instruments. Suitable for children aged 0-4 years

Monday 1st October -
Wednesday 19th December 2018

Monday 7th January -
Wednesday 27th March 2019

Mondays
9.30am - 10.30am at Droylsden Library
1.30pm - 2.30pm at Dukinfield Library
(during Open+ hours)

Wednesdays
9.30am - 10.30am at Hattersley Library
(during Open+ hours)
1.30pm - 2.30pm at Hyde Library

Time for a Rhyme:
Join in the fun at rhyme times, weekly at
every Tameside library. Free and suitable
for children aged 0-4 years.

First Wednesday of every month Droylsden Lively Minds Club

The club is open to all adults and we offer a varied programme of events – it's free and there is no need to book, you can just come along on the day.

10-11.30am Droylsden Library

Second Wednesday of every month Dukinfield Lively Library Club

The club is open to all adults and we offer a varied programme of events – it's free and there is no need to book, you can just come along on the day.

10-11.30am at Dukinfield Library



READERS GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Meetings are informal, fun and a great way to share your thoughts and feelings about books and authors. There are a number of groups meeting at our libraries across Tameside.

Last Tuesday of the month Lego Club

Each month we have a different theme to inspire your building creativity!
All children aged 7+ welcome.

4 to 5pm at Tameside Central Library.

ARTS AND ENGAGEMENT

Being creative helps us all solve problems, see the sunny side of life. It puts a spring in our step and it is just more fun!

So prepare yourself for the fabulous, the weird and the wonderful.



First Sunday of each month **KITE (Kids In The Environment)**

KITE is a group for young people aged 7-11 years who want to learn more about their environment and wildlife in a fun and exciting way. You can make friends and have lots of fun taking part in all sorts of practical activities, from pond dipping and camp craft to tree planting and nature trails.

First Sunday of each month at 10am for 2 hours at Park Bridge Heritage Centre, off the A627 Oldham Road, Ashton-u-Lyne. OL6 8AQ. For more information phone Tameside Arts and Engagement team on: 0161 342 4144 or contact: lesley.bardsley@tameside.gov.uk

Theatre for all

We all love great theatre and we aim to bring family theatre right to the heart of our communities. Look out for puppetry, drama, storytelling and crazy capers in a variety of performances from professional theatre companies across the borough.

To find out more details of performances listed, follow us on twitter for the latest news @tmbc_culture or visit www.tameside.gov.uk/theatre



Follow Stickman around the borough and see if you can guess where he is.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The weather may be a bit unpredictable but we aim to make all of our outdoor events family friendly with a variety of activities in parks and greenspaces to suit all ages. This year we have a fun packed programme that gets us closer to nature- building bird boxes, foraging in the wild, pond dipping and worm charming!





Saturday 6 October **The Fun Palaces**

We believe everyone is an artist and a scientist, and creativity in community can change the world for the better, so together we have created a Fun Palace where you can join us for a radical fun packed day! There will be a huge range of FREE family-friendly activities, with something on offer for everyone.

10.30am - 2.30pm at Tameside Central Library and Art Gallery, Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tameside. OL6 7SG

Sunday 7 October **KITE (Kids In The Environment)**

Fun outdoor activities discovering and exploring nature.

See page 8 for details

Sunday 14 October **Foraging in the Wild**

Meet James Wood, expert forager and author of 'The Foragers' Cookbook' who will take us on a walk in the wilds of Rocher Vale, discovering and sampling the vast array of edible species that lie all around us. We'll return in time for a welcome wild brew and some tasty foraged soup.

10am – 1pm.

Children aged 8 and over welcome.

Meet at Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Park Bridge, Ashton-u-Lyne OL6 8AQ.

Please call 0161 342 4144 to book a place. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Cost: £8 per participant. £5 children and concessions

Wednesday 10 October

Tameside History Club

Margaret Ashton with author Alison Ronan.

2pm at Local Studies & Archives

Call 0161 342 4242 to book a free place

Thursday 18 October

Bobbin Club

Saddleworth Museum visit.

£5 including tour & refreshments.

Meet at the Museum 11am.

33 High Street,

Uppermill, Oldham OL3 6HS

Booking essential 0161 342 4242

Saturday 20 October

'I made it!' Adult Masterclass:

Introduction to Willow Weaving

Led by professional willow weaving artist, Juliette Hamilton, you will learn all the skills required to make your very own willow hare to be proudly displayed in your garden or home.

All materials included. £35/£30

concessions. Spaces are limited so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878.

10am - 3.30pm at Portland Basin Museum



Monday 29 October
Junior History Club



Flanders Field – a look at The First World War
See page 5 for details

Tuesday 30 October
Making Friends with the Archives

This month's topic: Immigration and Emigration. **See page 5 for details**

Tuesday 30 October
Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Wednesday 31 October
Call of the Wild

Never mind the cold and damp - let's get all wrapped up and go outdoors. Come to the woods in Bardsley Vale and make your wizard stick or fairy wand, set up camp and warm yourselves with a drink at the campfire.

1pm - 3pm.

**Meet at Bardsley Vale car park,
Oldham Road, Ashton-u-Lyne,
OL7 9PG**

Wednesday 31 October
**Meet Tommy Atkins:
First World War Soldier**

Have you ever wondered what a soldier wore, what he ate, how he lived, fought and died in the 'Great War for Civilisation'?

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum



Thursday 1 November

Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child

11am - 3pm Portland Basin Museum



Thursday 1 – Sunday 11 November

11 Days of Remembrance

All across the borough mini memorials will take place in the 11 days leading up to Remembrance Day. From hidden toy soldiers to a moving tribute of 100 poppies, doves of peace and silent soldier silhouettes, look out for a surprising tribute appearing near you.

Friday 2 November

Old Macdonald and the 3 pigs

plus the brilliant Booster Cushion Theatre Company are back with another amazingly tall tale! The Three Pigs are fed up with singing “Eee aye eee aye oh!” every day and bravely decide to move away from Old McDonald’s farm. Help the little pigs build homes of their own, but beware, the big bad Wolf is on the prowl.

Showtimes 11.30am and 2.30pm

Central Gallery, Old St, OL6 7SG

Tickets £3 per child, accompanying adults free (max 1 per child).

Online Box Office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-abc or call 0161 342 4144

Wednesday 7 November

Tameside History Club

Manchester Regiment diaries from First World War

2pm at Local Studies & Archives

Call 0161 342 4242 to book a free place

Wednesday 7 November

North West Film Archives Presents: The First World War – Life on the Home Front in North West England

A film presentation

2pm - 3pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre, Old Street, Ashton-u-Lyne.

OL6 7SG

Monday 12 November

Bobbin Club

Elizabeth Gaskell House tour.

£10 including refreshments

11am Meet at Gaskell House,

84 Plymouth Grove, Manchester. M13 9LW

Booking essential call 0161 342 4242.

Wednesday 14 November

Masterclass: Truth, Lies and Family History (part 2)

Looking at old local maps Local Studies & Archives.

2pm. Booking essential 0161 342 4242.

See page 5 for details.





Saturday 17 November
Apocalyptic Ashton:

John Wroe, Tameside Prophet

Professional actors will perform Wroe's story from his rise to power to the scandals that brought him down. Archives from the John Wroe collection will also be on display, with a historian from Manchester Metropolitan University on hand to talk visitors through the documents.

This event is co-organised by Tameside Archives, Manchester Metropolitan University, and part of the "Being Human: Festival of the Humanities"

<https://beinghumanfestival.org/>

10.30am & 12 noon. Central Art Gallery,
Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7SG

Free tickets available through
www.ashton.eventbrite.co.uk



Saturday 24 November

'I made it!' Adult Masterclass:

Make your own glass Christmas Decorations. Introduction to Glass Fusing

Working with professional crafter Kay Stowell, participants will be introduced to the basics of glass fusing, working with the glass tools create at least 5 different glass decorations. Decorations will be taken away to be fired in a kiln and ready to collect from museum a week later.

All materials included. £35/£30 concessions. Spaces are limited so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878. 10am - 3.30pm at Portland Basin Museum

Monday 26 November

Pack up your troubles - rebooted

The true stories of the families of soldiers from Ashton Grammar School who lost their lives during the First World War are told in this promenade theatre performance. Starring performing arts students of Ashton Sixth Form College, written and produced by 2 Boards & A Passion Theatre Company.

Showtimes 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm then 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, OL7 0QA

Tickets; places are free but very limited Online Box Office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc or call 0161 342 4144

Tuesday 27 November

Making Friends with the Archives

This month's topic: 'Manchester Regiment War diaries'. **See page 5 for details.**

Sunday 2 December

KITE (Kids In The Environment)

Fun activities for 7-11years discovering and exploring nature. Come and join us making some tree decorations

See page 8 for more details.



Sunday 2 December

Christmas family day

We're bringing the Christmas spirit to life with characters and activities for the whole family.

Visit Father Christmas in the parlour, enjoy festive music and try some Christmas crafts.

Tickets to see Father Christmas are £4 and include a gift (tickets are available on the day for timed slots on a first come first served basis).

11am-3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Saturday 8 December

Tameside Christmas celebrations.

Join us for some magical Christmas celebrations. This year we have partnered with our friends at Global Grooves and are working with schools and community groups to light up the streets of Denton bringing you a lantern parade, festive music and dance and a special guest-Santa!.

6pm – 8pm. Civic Square, Denton. M34 2XW

Chris T, Maz And Carol

Chris T, Maz and Carol are waiting for the actors to arrive, they have sold all the tickets, but there's no sign of the company... what if the weather takes a turn for the worse? What if the professionals can't make it?

Join us for this incredible comic retelling of the Charles Dicken's classic A Christmas Carol... well sort of.

Various showtimes and venues across December see online box office for details

and booking: www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc or call 0161 342 414

Places are free but very limited



Saturday 22 December

Stickman

Come and join in with a fun craft activity then enjoy a showing of the famous children's animated film.

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery



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Sunday 6 January

KITE (Kids In The Environment)

Fun activities for 7-11years discovering and exploring nature

See page 8 for more details.



Saturday 26 January:

I made it! Adult Masterclass: Introduction to Calligraphy

Fancy starting a new hobby? Local crafter Caroline Coates will introduce you to the wonderful world of calligraphy and hand lettering. Step by step introduction to calligraphy including traditional and modern styles. Whether you are a complete beginner or an enthusiast wanting to develop your skills, this day is for you

**All materials included. £35/£30 concessions. Spaces are limited so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878
10am - 3.30pm at Portland Basin Museum**



Wednesday 23 January

Tameside History Club

'The Good War? World War Two in Ashton & Mossley' with Dr Neil Redfern

2pm at Local Studies & Archives

Call 0161 342 4242 to book a free place.

Tuesday 29 January

Making Friends with the Archives

This month's topic: The Great Provider

See page 5 for details.



Saturday 2nd February Junior History Club

Drop in to Local Studies & Archives to find out the historical topic of the month. Children's activity around a historical event

From 10.30am - 12noon

See page 5 for details.



Sunday 3 February

KITE (Kids In The Environment)

Fun activities for 7-11years discovering and exploring nature

See page 8 for more details.

Saturday 9 February:

I made it! Adult Masterclass: Introduction to Felt Making.

Led by felt maker Beverley Fish the day will be an introduction to traditional and contemporary felt making with an opportunity to experiment using a range of fibres to create functional and decorative felt pieces.

Whether you are a complete beginner or an enthusiast wanting to develop your skills, this day is for you.

All materials included. £35/£30 concessions. Spaces are limited so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878 10am - 3.30pm at Portland Basin Museum

Wednesday 13 February

Tameside History Club

2pm - 3pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre, Old Street, Ashton-u-Lyne.

OL6 7SG

Tuesday 19 February

Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Tuesday 19 February

Rabbit Girl and the Search For Wonder

A new family show with music, animation and puppetry. Hear about some pretty awesome adventures by some pretty awesome kids just like you.

Showtime 11.30am and 2.30pm

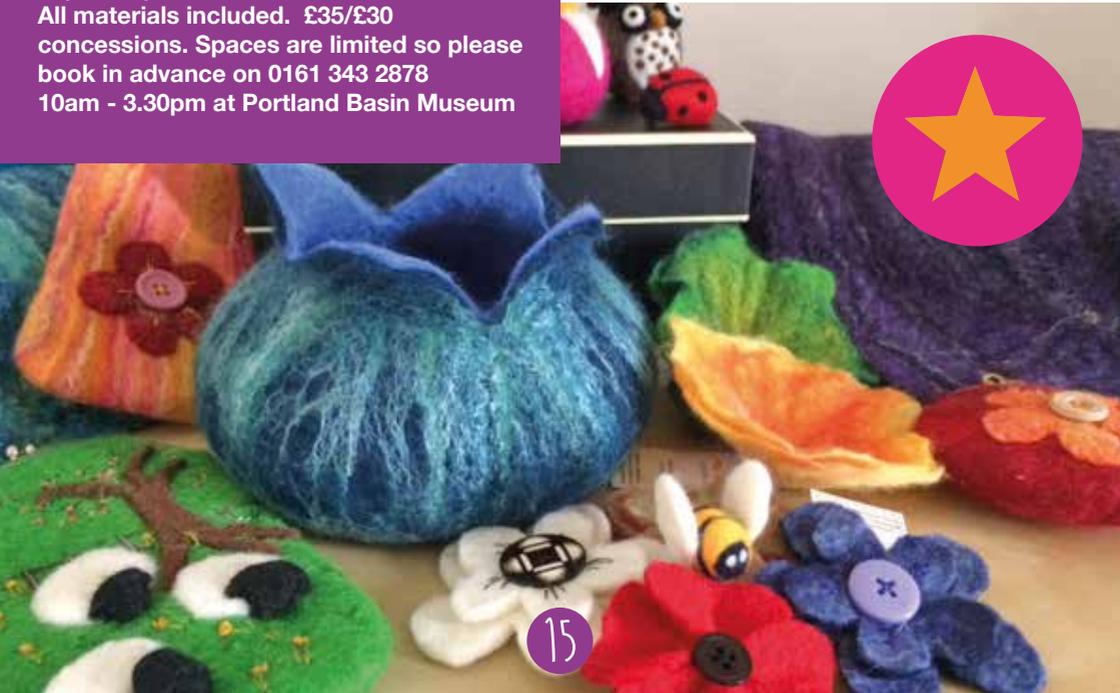
Astley Cheetham Gallery, Trinity St, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN

Tickets £3 per child, accompanying adult free (max 1 per child).

Online Box Office:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc

or call 0161 342 4144



Wednesday 20 February
Nature and Nestboxes

With spring and the nesting season just around the corner, come and give our feathered friends a helping hand this half term.

Build a birdbox to take home and try a wild craft activity.

11am - 3pm drop in.

£3 charge per nestbox.

Near the Orchard, Hyde Park, SK14 4JX



Wednesday 20 February
Meet Tommy Atkins:
First World War Soldier

Have you ever wondered what a soldier wore, what he ate, how he lived, fought and died in the 'Great War for Civilisation'?

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Thursday 21 February
Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Tuesday 26 February
Making Friends with the Archives

This months topic: Back to School

See page 5 for details.



Saturday 2 March

Junior History Club

Drop in to Local Studies & Archives to find out the historical topic of the month. Children's activity around a historical event

From 10.30am - 12 noon

See page 5 for details



Wednesday 6 March

Masterclass

Dave Govier – The importance of oral history.

Booking essential 0161 342 4242.

See page 5 for details.



Saturday 2 March

Big Book, Tall Tales

The irreverently ridiculous Booster Cushion Theatre Company are back with another tall tale!

Big Book Tall Tales is a story that takes place in a forgotten tattered library. Our Rainbow Caretaker can't stop talking about all his favourite books while he cleans the forgotten rooms, when suddenly, he finds a 6ft tall book!

Showtime 11.30am and 1.30pm

Astley Cheetham Gallery, Trinity St, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN

Tickets £3 per child, accompanying adult free (max 1 per child).

Online Box Office:

**www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc
or call 0161 342 4144**

Sunday 10 March

Safari Phil and the Critter Crew

Safari Phil and the critter crew return to Tameside to celebrate British Science week, with a special ecological and zoological animal adventure. This is no ordinary animal handling experience. With an educational focus, everyone involved will go home knowing something new!

11am to 3pm at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton under Lyne. OL7 0QA



Wednesday 13 March

Tameside History Club

The history of Clayton Hall

2pm - 3pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre, Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

OL6 7SG

Sunday 3 March

KITE (Kids In The Environment)

Fun activities for 7-11years discovering and exploring nature

See page 8 for more details



Saturday 16 March

I made it! Adult Masterclass

Make your own unique lampshade
Let local artist and crafter Sam Sterken guide you through the process of creating your own unique pendant lampshade. Experiment with techniques to create something unique, or use fabric that coordinates perfectly with your interior design and colour scheme.

**All materials included. £35/£30 concessions. Spaces are limited so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878
10am - 3.30pm at Portland Basin Museum**

Sunday 24 March

Portland Basin Museum's Big Birthday Bash

Help us celebrate Portland Basin Museum's 20th birthday in style! Discover crafts and characters from days gone by, explore the museum with our trails and join in with a host of fun activities.

11am - 3pm Portland Basin Museum



Tuesday 26 March

Making Friends with the Archives

This months topic: The Rise and Fall of King Cotton

See page 5 for details

Sunday 17 March

Mad Science

To celebrate National Science Week, 'Mad Science North West' will bring children the fun, amazement and wonder of all things scientific. With four mad scientists and their labs there is bound to be something to bewilder, baffle, surprise and entertain everyone.

11am to 3pm at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton under Lyne. OL7 0QA





Saturday 6 April Junior History Club

Drop in to Local Studies & Archives to find out the historical topic of the month. Children's activity around a historical event

From 10.30am - 12 noon

See page 5 for details

Sunday 7 April KITE (Kids In The Environment)

Fun activities for 7-11years discovering and exploring nature

See page 8 for more details

Tuesday 9 April Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum



Tuesday 9 April The Boy and the Mermaid

Join three abundantly be-bearded storytellers as they weave a fishy tale of musical merfolk, menacing monsters and spectacularly bad town planning. With live music, puppetry, a rapping octopus and a shifting set full of surprises – this enchanting show is fun for all the family (5+).

Showtime 12noon and 2.30pm

Astley Cheetham Gallery, Trinity St, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN

Tickets £3 per child, accompanying adult free (max 1 per child).

Online Box Office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-abc or call 0161 342 4144



Wednesday 10 April

It's a Small (and wiggly) World

Join us on a bug hunt and nature walk, taking a close look at the tiny creatures that live around us. Let's try some 'worm charming' and then create your very own miniature world.

12pm - 3pm. Drop in.

Lymefield Broad Mills, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG.

Wednesday 10 April

Meet Tommy Atkins:

First World War Soldier

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Thursday 11 April

Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

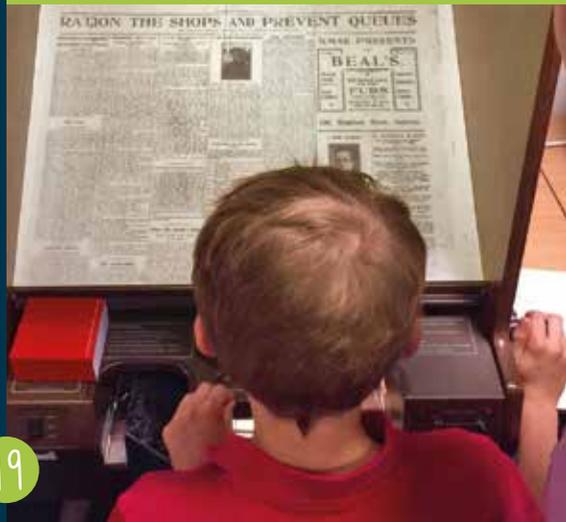
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Thursday 11 April

Junior History Club

See page 5 for details



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Wednesday 17 April

Tameside History Club

Stephen Sayers talks about his book 'Waiting for the Angel' based on his Gorton childhood.

2pm - 3pm at Local Studies and Archives

**Centre, Old Street,
Ashton. OL6 7SG**

Thursday 18 April

Make, Do and Play

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Thursday 18 April

Go Wild in Spring

A chance for the whole family to get outdoors and 'Go Wild' in Cowbury Dale. You can try a bit of den building, have a go at a nature craft and see what secret life lurks in the stream.

**1pm - 3pm Castle Clough car park,
Carrbrook, Stalybridge.
SK15 3PJ**



The Black Knight and Tameside



Monday 22 April Easter Monday Event: The Black Knight and Tameside Terrible Tales.

Local tradition and history has it there was a 'Black Knight' padgent every year on Easter Monday – this year there will be stories and activities that would make the Black Knight quiver and shake.. ScallyWags Theatre Company are back to tell some terrible tales about Tameside's horrible history. lots of fun for all the family.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum



Saturday 27 April I made it! Adult Masterclass: Introduction to Mosaic

Led by professional crafts maker Caroline Coates, you will be taught this amazingly enjoyable process of mosaic making. From learning techniques, designing the shape and colour, grouting, cleaning and finishing off you will take home a wonderful creation at the end of the day.

All materials included. £35/£30 concessions. Spaces are limited so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878
10am – 3.30pm Portland Basin Museum

Tuesday 30 April Making Friends with the Archives

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Tameside Celebrates Christmas

Head along to Denton Civic Square as this year Denton plays host to the Tameside Christmas celebrations. With music, magical light displays and of course Santa! It's a spectacle for all the family.

Saturday 8 December
Denton Civic Square
6-7pm

There will be amazing Christmas celebrations in towns across the borough.

Visit the website for details.
www.tameside.gov.uk

ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALLERY

Trinity Street, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN

0161 343 2878

Opening Times: first and third Saturdays of every month (except Easter Saturday) plus every Saturday in August, 10am - 3pm.

FREE ENTRY

CENTRAL ART GALLERY

Central Library, Old Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG

0161 342 2650

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday,
10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm.

FREE ENTRY

LOCAL STUDIES AND ARCHIVES CENTRE

Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG

0161 342 4242

Opening Times: Tuesday/ Wednesday/Thursday
10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm.

PORTLAND BASIN MUSEUM

Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL7 0QA

0161 343 2878

Opening Times Tuesday - Sunday and
Bank Holidays, 10am - 4pm.

FREE ENTRY

The Museum of the Manchester Regiment is currently closed but we can still help with enquiries and offers of objects to the collection. Please phone 0161 343 2878. You can see a small number of Regimental objects on display at Portland Basin Museum.

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