

Ancient House, Museum of Thetford Life

Invitation to a Preview

Wednesday 27th September or Thursday 28th September

4.30 pm – 5.30pm refreshments provided

I'm delighted to invite you to join us for a preview of the Ancient House, Museum of Thetford Life.

The museum closed to the public in October 2004 for a redevelopment that includes important conservation work, a top-to-toe re-display and improved visitor facilities.

We are now inviting local teachers to drop in and look at the new displays, hear about our schools events programme and see our new teachers packs.

The redevelopment of Ancient House, Museum of Thetford Life, is being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, ERDF Objective 2 Programme, Norfolk County Council, Keystone Development Trust, Breckland Council, WREN and Thetford Town Council.

Please RSVP on T. 01842 752599 or ancienthouse@norfolk.gov.uk to let us know if you are able to attend.

I hope to see you on the day.

Oliver Bone
Curator, Ancient House

Ancient House

Museum of Thetford Life

Schools Programme 2006/7



Ancient House provides high quality educational visits for all ages and abilities. Our experienced learning team offers advice, ideas and support.

Opening autumn 2006 after major refurbishment, this charming museum tells the remarkable story of Thetford and the Brecks. Set in an atmospheric Tudor merchant's house, displays combine rich collections with audio guides, animations and films.

We specialise in Tudors and Victorians and can support curriculum work in history, English, religious education and citizenship. We also offer support with risk assessments.


Choose between one of 4 options:

- Come on a teacher-led visit
- Book for a special event (see below)
- Work with us to devise a programme for your group
- Enhance your teacher-led visit with an additional activity*



* Object handling, cooking on the range or old fashioned washing.

Special Events for Schools 2006/7

Children and staff are invited to come in costume for activities marked with this symbol. 

Key Stage 1

Fairy Tale House

27 & 28 February, 1 & 2 March 2007

10am to midday or 12.30 to 2.30pm

Meet fairy tale characters in our crooked house. An imaginative way to explore 'houses and homes'.

£1.50 per child plus admission



Key Stage 1 and 2

Seeking the Maharajah

3 & 4 July 2007

10am to midday or 12.30 to 2.30pm

A hands-on introduction to Sikh culture:

- Make chapattis
- Tie a turban
- Learn to bhangra dance

£1.50 per child plus admission

Key Stage 2

Tudor Christmas



5, 6, 7, 12 & 13 December 2006

9.30am to midday or 12.30pm to 3pm

Take part in preparations for a 1540s Christmas and find how Tudor rich and poor ate, lived and celebrated. Including writing with quills and handling real Tudor objects. £2 per child plus admission

Victorian Domestic Life

24, 25 & 26 April 2007

9.30am to midday or 12.30pm to 3pm

Meet the Newtons who lived in the Ancient House in the 1890s. Cook, wash and play with them.

£2 per child plus admission



Tudor Times

12, 13 & 14 June 2007

9.30am to midday or 12.30pm to 3pm

Find out about daily life for rich and poor. Learn a Pavane dance, meet a Tudor apothecary and see if you can lift a real Tudor tankard!

£2 per child plus admission



Free teacher's resources available to borrow from Ancient House

- **Archae Bin** - a portable plastic bin with layers of real objects dating from the Stone Age to the present day.
- **Outreach Display Cases** - containing museum collections, these cases can be booked out for up to a term. We currently have three collections on offer: Toys from the Past, World War II and Weird and Wonderful
- **Loan Boxes** - a range of replica object boxes that include suggestions for use. The following boxes are available: Sikhism, Victorians, Tudors, Vikings and Toys in the Past.

Call us on 01842 752599 to book any of these resources.

Where to find us

Ancient House, 21-23 White Hart Street, Thetford, IP24 1AA

Ancient House is in central Thetford, 5 minutes from the A11, 20 minutes from Bury St Edmunds and 45 minutes from Norwich.

Museum opening times: Easter to October, Monday to Saturday 10 to 5 and October to Easter, Mon to Sat 10 to 4.

Free admission for all schools.

Access information

We aim to make our site and activities fully accessible. To help us do this, please indicate when booking whether any of your students have specific access requirements. You can also call 01842 752599 to discuss your visit and we will do our best to accommodate you.

For bookings and information

t. 01842 752599

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