

# King's Lynn Museums



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## NEWSLETTER

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## Exhibitions:

**6 July-12 October** – 1940's – Make-do and Mend: Lynn's Homefront. Exhibition focusing on life in Lynn during the Second World War

**19 October – 5 January 2003** - On the ball – City. An exhibition looking at the history of Norwich City Football Club.

**20 October – 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Maritime Festival. Displays with a maritime theme in the Town House Museum.

## WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR SCHOOLS?

King's Lynn Museums have a range of objects which can be handled to support the National Curriculum including;

- Tudor objects
- Victorian domestic objects
- Victorian costume
- 1940s/ 50s objects
- Wartime objects
- Roman/ Egyptian objects
- Life in Grandmas Time
- World War Two – home front

Bring your group for a 45 minute session combined with a look at our period rooms.

We can also combine sessions for a longer visit such as Victorian handling + washday activities.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARITIME FESTIVAL – HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

#### 'JUNK JUNKS'

Place Lynn Museum

Date 24<sup>th</sup> October

Cost £2

Time 10.30-12.00 for 4-7 years

13.00 14.30 for eights and up

Have fun with craft activities with a maritime theme.

### VICTORIAN LIVING HISTORY

#### AN EVENT FOR KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS

Place Town House Museum

Date 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2002

Time 9.30 – 12.00 or 12.30 – 3.00

Cost: £2.50 per pupil (includes museum entry)

Visit the museum for a morning or afternoon learning what life was like in Victorian times for the rich and poor.

### ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

#### FOR KEY STAGE 1 PUPILS

Place Lynn Museum

Date 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2003

Time 10.00 – 11.45 or 13.00 – 14.45

Cost £2 per pupil (this includes museum entry)

Another chance to visit the museum and learn about fairs long ago. See a clown, play some games and make a fairground galloper.

### UEA INTRODUCTION TO ART HISTORY

Place Town House Museum

Date Every Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup> 2003

Time 10.00 – 12.00

Cost £60 – concessions available

A 10 week UEA accredited course for people who would like to know more about art history. This introductory course looks at materials and techniques used by artists from c. 1500 to present.

#### BOOKING ALWAYS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EVENTS

contact Town House Museum 01553 773450.

### Reminiscences

The Museum service recently made a request for reminiscences from the people of Lynn...

"I remember the rations, clothing coupons, having to wait in long queues at the butchers, and being so pleased if you could get luxuries - like biscuits. Some families were quite poor and sold clothing and sweet coupons for extra money."

"Rugs were made out of old coats etc. Hairpieces were made from cellophane paper, as well as belts. My aunt made her stair carpet out of large balls of string. Fish net scarves were the fashion - my mother was a fisherman's daughter so knew how to make them."

**Mrs. Mary Gant  
Gaywood**

### Collecting Your Past

The Museum service has recently been involved with a number of reminiscence projects. One, funded by the Norfolk Rural community Council, looked at life in rural areas. The sessions were recorded and can now be seen playing on a video in the Town House Museum.

The Norfolk Rural Community Council has agreed to fund another project that will be looking at memories of playground games. This will involve re-creating the games with today's children. There is also a project just starting in South Lynn that will aim to create an archive of memories from members of the South Lynn community.

If you are interested in any of these projects or would be interested in taking part in reminiscence work in any way please contact Julie Russell by email or phone the Town House museum on 01553 773450

To view the museum website visit [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk) and type local history into the search box

### On the ball (city Football)

Lynn Museum will be showing a new exhibition that has come direct from the Castle Museum in Norwich. Between 19 October and the 5 January there will be a display looking at the history of Norwich City Football Club. This is your chance to look at memorabilia that charts the Canaries career over the last 100 years.

There will also be a local element to this exhibition as there will be a section devoted to the Linnets (King's Lynn Football Club). If you have any items you would like to offer for display please contact Tim Thorpe on 01553 775001

### Summer Activities

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation awarded the Lynn Museums £2000 to embark on a series of children's activities to be held in rural areas in the West Norfolk area. The grant allowed children who live at a distance from the museum the opportunity to see artefacts and learn more about their local history.

This was delivered through a series of arts based workshops held in village halls over the school summer holidays. These workshops were delivered by local people and were co-ordinated by people from within the Villages, and Millennium Volunteers supplied helpers.

Five villages took part, Brancaster Staithe, Watlington, Welney, Wimbotsham and Sandringham and West Newton. The children who said they wished the workshops were on all through the holidays! If you would like your village to take part next year please email

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