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the Common

Special Exhibition:
West Berkshire Museum

What's On
Spring/Summer
2018



www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

WELCOME TO WEST BERKSHIRE HERITAGE

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Our aim is to provide a range of heritage activities for all ages at West Berkshire Museum and Shaw House and we're particularly pleased with the growing popularity of our family activities during school holiday periods which have been selling out.

The programme is designed to increase access to our local history and heritage and we are always looking for new ideas for events and activities. Do get in touch if you wish. We are starting to work with West Berkshire Libraries. Library membership is free for all residents and in the coming year we hope you'll be seeing new events and activities that we'll be promoting in your local library.

Paul James
Culture & Libraries Manager
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OUR VENUES

Thank you for your donations, they help us to buy new items to display, maintain our historic buildings and conserve our collections.

West Berkshire Museum

West Berkshire Museum is housed in two of Newbury's best loved historic buildings, the 17th century Cloth Hall and the old Granary/Corn Stores in the Wharf.

The museum exhibition Lives & Landscapes explores stories of life in the local area, from pre-history to today along with regularly changing special exhibitions, family activities and events.

Open 10am - 4pm Wednesday - Sunday
Entry is free.

Contact us

Email: museum@westberks.gov.uk
Call: 01635 519562



West Berkshire Museum



@WBerksMuseum

Shaw House

Shaw House is one of the best preserved Elizabethan mansions in England.

Shaw House is the ideal venue to create an inspiring and productive environment for conferences and meetings, we also offer a variety of celebration drinks receptions, Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea and events.

Public open dates; Every weekend
and school holiday from 10 February -
30 September 2018. Entry is free.

Contact us

Email: shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk
Call: 01635 279279



Shaw House



@Shaw_House

EXHIBITIONS

West Berkshire Museum

Still Digging up the Past, opens	Wed 02 May
Greatest Show on Earth, opens	Wed 30 May
Food Stories, opens	Wed 12 Sept
Crime & Punishment, finishes	Sun 15 Apr
Paper, People & Print, finishes	Sun 20 May
Greenham: War & Peace, opens	Continues
Hoardings	Continues
Cabinets of Curiosity	Continues

WORKSHOPS

West Berkshire Museum

Clay Tiles & Brooches	Sat 10 Feb
Still Life Painting	Wed 21 Feb
Green Man ceramics	Sat 24 Mar
Indoor Planter	Sat 21 Apr
Paper Making	Fri 27 Apr
Delft Tiles	18 May, 22 Jun, 20 Jul
Willow for the Garden	Fri 08 Jun

Shaw House

Picture & Photo Mounting	Mon 05 Feb
Spring Flowers in a Basket	Wed 14 Mar
Make Your Own Fascinator	Sat 24 Mar
Ceramic Celebration Gifts	15 Mar, 17 May
Ceramic Place Names	29 Mar, 24 May
Bridal Flowers	18 Apr, 16 May, 20 Jun
Watercolours	14 May, 21 May, 4 June, 11 Jun
Symmetrical Flowers	Wed 18 Jul

CONCERTS

Shaw House

A Brief History of Music	Sun 20 May
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FAMILY

West Berkshire Museum

Blaze's Buddies	Thur 01 Feb
Messy Museum Day	15 & 16 Feb
Under the Microscope	Fri 16 Feb
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 01 Mar
Crazy Craft Day	Fri 06 Apr
Crazy Craft Day	Fri 13 Apr
Local Heritage Roadshow	Sat 28 Apr
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 03 May
Family Activity Day	Fri 01 Jun
Bats at the Museum	Fri 01 Jun
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 07 Jun
Newbury I: Re-enactment	23 & 24 Jun
Blaze's Buddies	Thur 05 Jul
Messy Museum Day	Fri 27 Jul
Festival of Archaeology	Dates TBC
Messy Museum Day	Fri 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Aug
Heritage Open Day	15 & 16 Sept

Shaw House

Family Activity Day	Wed 14 Feb
Civil War at Shaw House	Sat 10 Mar
Family Activity Day	Wed 04 Apr
Spring Food & Craft Fair	Sun 08 Apr
Family Activity Day	Wed 11 Apr
Shaw House School Open Weekend	6 & 7 May
Open Studios Sculpture Trail	12 May - 3 Jun
Family Activity Day	Wed 30 May
ACE Space @ Shaw House	Sun 10 Jun
Summer Fair	Sun 15 Jul
Family Activity Day	Wed 25 Jul
Family Activity Day	Wed 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Aug
Open Air Cinema	Dates TBC
Heritage Open Day	15 & 16 Sept

TALKS

West Berkshire Museum

Roman Silchester (Calleva)	Wed 17 Jan
Newbury's Lost Roman Cemetery	Wed 21 Feb
The Curridge Hoard	Wed 21 Mar
West Berks in Roman Times	Wed 18 Apr
The Armourer's Dilemma	Fri 22 June
Villa to Village: Voluntary Archaeology ...	Wed 19 Sept

THEATRE

Shaw House

Thumbelina Puppet Theatre	Thur 31 May
Peter Pan Outdoor Theatre	Mon 13 Aug

Please note, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult for all of our family activities and events.

AFTERNOON TEA

Shaw House

Served at 2pm on the following Fridays;

16 Feb	6 Apr	13 Apr	1 Jun
27 Jul	3 Aug	10 Aug	17 Aug
24 Aug	31 Aug	26 Oct	

To book please Shaw House 01635 279 279 or online www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

COMMUNITY

West Berkshire Museum

Touch to See, full dates in listings Monthly

Flexible Room Hire

Shaw House

We have nine stunning rooms, all with their own historic character, plenty of natural daylight and a restful ambience.

We offer competitive hourly room rates which are inclusive of all technical facilities, for 2 to 100 delegates.

Please get in touch

01635 279 279
shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum

The Long Room is a comfortable and relaxed learning space which is available to hire for community groups and clubs.

The Cloth Hall is an atmospheric and historic space on the first floor that is ideal for meetings and events.

01635 519 562
museum.roomhire@westberks.gov.uk

Special Exhibitions

West Berkshire Museum

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS



Our second floor galleries host a series of regularly changing special exhibitions. Gallery 5 can be hired to display original artwork, sculpture and crafts, contact us for info.

Still Digging Up The Past

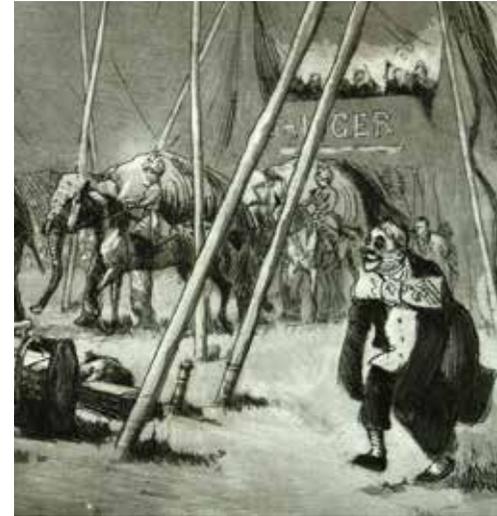
Berkshire Archaeology Research Group celebrates 60 years of revealing West Berkshire's fascinating history.

From excavations and field walking to geophysical surveys and test pits – come and find out more about the varied activities and local projects the group has been involved in.

As partners in the Boxford History Project they played a key role in discovering the Roman mosaic in 2017. Share in their excitement of uncovering this rare and internationally important find.

Complemented by the talk: From Villa to Village: the role of voluntary archaeology in uncovering historic Berkshire, Wednesday 19 September 2018.

Opens 2 May 2018



The Greatest Show on Earth

An exhibition to coincide with the UK's celebration of 250 years of circus.

Looking at the history and traditions of circus culture and focuses on entrepreneur and showman, Lord George Sanger, and his connections to the town of Newbury.

Sanger was a colourful character who brought the flair and showmanship of the fairground to the circus and made it part of mass entertainment culture.

Beginning with small peep shows, Sanger's circus grew in popularity, even performing before Queen Victoria.

Opens 30 May 2018



Food Stories

This community exhibition tells of West Berkshire's food history as well as family recipes and food traditions, which are often tied to a cultural or religious festival.

Find out about the wonderful, unusual food and feast-related stories of this area as well as the fascinating food heritage of its current residents.

See objects from the Museum collection alongside the participants' own treasures and discover their connection to food, festivals and feasts.

Opens 12 September 2018

Image courtesy of Richard Miller

To see Gallery 5 exhibitions please visit: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



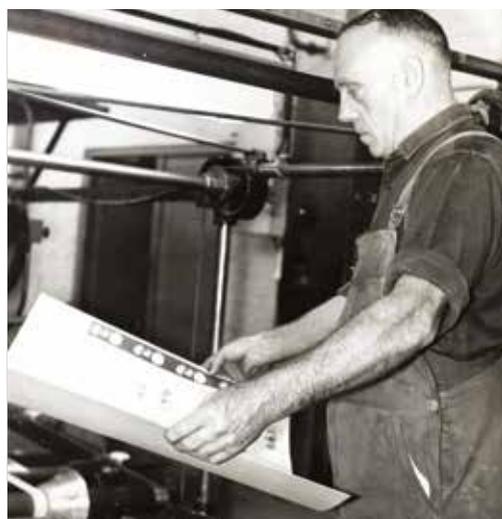
Crime and Punishment

The sleepy district of West Berkshire hasn't always been so quiet, in fact it has an interesting record of historic crime.

This exhibition looks at the nature of crime and the types of punishments that were dealt between 1500 to 1914.

Discover some of the notorious felonies that were committed in West Berkshire, including the early 19th century swing riots, the murder of a labourer by two teenagers in 1787, the notorious highwaymen working the coaching roads and the reason why the owner of Shaw House nearly caused a riot in 1907.

Runs until 15 April 2018



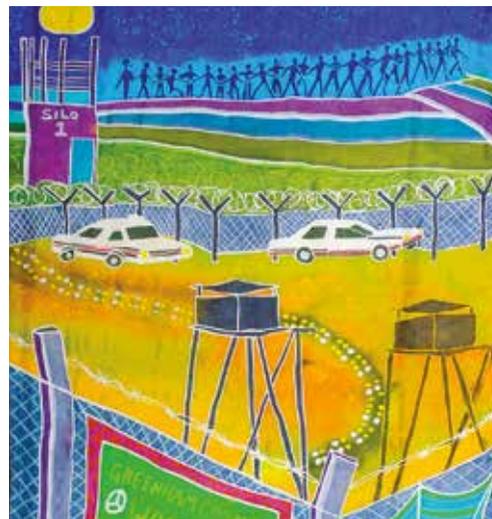
Paper, People and Print

Paper making has a long history in West Berkshire, starting from small mills making paper to large factories in the 20th century like Reeds, later Fields Packaging.

Fields Packaging was more than just a factory, the people employed were a community.

This community spirit is explored through photographs which document the board making and printing processes at Fields/Reeds Factory and the strong community of the people involved.

Runs until 20 May 2018



Greenham - War and Peace

Celebrating Greenham Common Trust's 20th anniversary since the former RAF airbase was returned to nature.

This exhibition looks back at the unique heritage of Greenham Common, from 1199 when it was given to the Knights Hospitaller; through to tank testing during the First World War; its time as an RAF/USAF airbase in World War 2; the Cold War missile base, the infamous peace protests of the 1980s and more recently, its transfer back to common land.

Continues for 2018



Hoards

Bringing together, for the first time, over eleven hoards from all over West Berkshire.

A chance to see buried treasure from prehistory to the medieval period, ranging from a hoard of Bronze Age Axes, Iron Age gold coins, hundreds of Roman coins, to a collection of Charles I and James I coins.

Explore the history of each hoard, find out how and where they were found, and consider why they were hidden and never retrieved.

Continues for 2018

Talking History

West Berkshire Museum

A series of illustrated talks about history, heritage and culture.

Roman Silchester

Recent and ongoing excavations within and around the Roman town of Silchester (Calleva Atrebatum) have shed important light on its pre-Roman origins.

These discoveries about Iron Age Calleva will be described with an illustrated talk by archaeologist Professor Michael Fulford from the Archaeology Department of the University of Reading.

Prof. Michael Fulford
Wed 17 January
7pm - 8pm

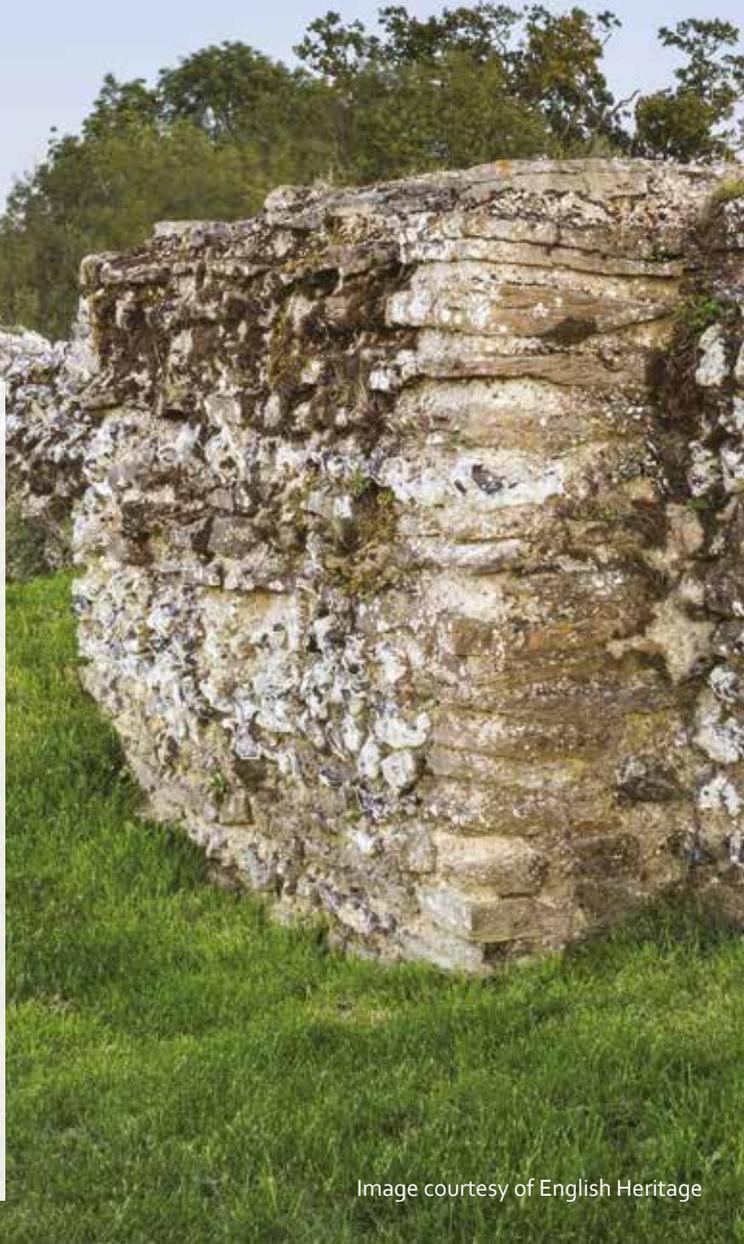


Image courtesy of English Heritage

PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATS ARE UNRESERVED

Tickets: £5

Available from the museum 01635 519562

or online westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Newbury's Lost Roman Cemetery

In the middle of the 19th century, a large Roman cemetery was discovered in an area near where Sainsbury's now stands in Newbury.

The cemetery was quickly destroyed, and poorly documented.

Local historian Dr David Peacock tells the story of the discovery, and of the Roman pottery and other items which have survived.

Dr. David Peacock
Wed 21 February
7pm - 8pm



The Curridge Hoard

In 1998 a pot of Roman coins was discovered at Curridge, Berkshire.

Although it contained everyday Roman brasses and coppers produced from the first to the third centuries AD they bore the names and images of some of the most famous emperors in Roman history.

A fascinating talk from British Museum Curator Richard Abdy.

Richard Abdy
Wed 21 March
7pm - 8pm

Book at the museum or online: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Talking History

West Berkshire Museum

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MUSEUM

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West Berkshire in Roman Times

In Roman times, the River Kennet was probably a boundary between the Atrebates civitas in the south and the Dobunii civitas in the north and Thatcham was a settlement on the road from Silchester to Cirencester and Bath.

This talk by archaeologist Dr Andrew Hutt uses archaeological evidence from sites in West Berkshire to understand the lives of the local elite, and the urban and rural communities.

Dr. Andrew Hutt
Wed 18 April
7pm - 8pm



The Armourer's Dilemma:

Armour and Firearms in the
British Civil Wars.

By the Civil Wars of the mid-17th century gunpowder weaponry had radically affected the nature of warfare. Increasing numbers of infantry and cavalry were equipped with firearms and the use of artillery led to new designs of fortification. This talk will examine how firearms developed and how armourers responded to these challenges.

This talk ties in with the re-enactment event 'Newbury I': 23 & 24 June – please see main event listing

Keith Downen, Assistant Curator
Royal Armouries, Leeds
Fri 22 June
7pm - 8pm



From Villa to Village:

The role of voluntary archaeology
in uncovering Roman, Saxon and
Medieval Berkshire.

These centuries saw tumultuous changes to the pattern of local settlement and the exploitation of the landscape.

The results from a variety of sites in West Berkshire and beyond will be used to explore what we can reconstruct of these periods and to show how voluntary projects can be best placed to help uncover hidden stories.

Steve Clark
Berkshire Archaeology Research Group
Wed 19 September
7pm - 8pm

Book at the museum or online: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Craft Workshops

HOW TO BOOK

Museum courses

T: 01635 519562

Shaw House courses

T: 01635 279279

Painting Still Life

Tutor: Hazel Batchelor

Using interesting items from the Museum collection you will put together a composition using construction (size and proportion), light (building up your picture in tone) and colour (applying colour, texture and detail). You will also study still life room interiors by artists such as Vermeer and Cezanne.

See website for list of required materials.

Wed 21 Feb
10am - 3pm (1hr lunch break)
West Berkshire Museum
£20



Handmade Ceramics

Tutor: Christine Lack

Tiles/Brooches

Starting with a piece of lino you will cut a simple form inspired by images provided or from your own imagination. You will then transfer the image onto porcelain clay and creating up to three tiles and brooches.

The ceramics will be taken away to be fired and glazed and will be ready for collection three weeks after each workshop.

Sat 10 Feb
1pm - 4pm
West Berkshire Museum
£48



Green Man

Come and have fun learning how to create your own garden 'Green Man' using a robust stoneware clay suitable for all weathers.

You will be making and cutting a slab of clay and then hand modelling features and decorative elements to add to the surface.

Sat 24 Mar
10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum
£48



Indoor Planter

Starting with clay as the raw material you will learn to coil and strap clay and manipulate it to create a small individual indoor planter.

You will then enhance the surface texture by adding clay and incised markings which may be inspired from the Museum collection or from nature.

Sat 21 Apr
1pm - 4pm
West Berkshire Museum
£48



Paper Making

Tutor: Sue Hourigan
Senior Conservator,
Berkshire Record Office

To tie in with the Museum's exhibition Paper, People & Print, this workshop will begin with a brief talk on the history of paper making in the local area.

This will be followed by a hands-on session where you will create your own handmade paper to take away with you. All materials will be supplied.

Fri 27 Apr
12pm - 4pm
West Berkshire Museum
£30



Delft Tile Painting

Tutor: Piet van den Beuken

Starting with unglazed ceramic tiles, you will learn all the techniques you need to paint four tiles with your own design in the Delft tradition whilst taking in a brief history of this fascinating craft. You can even take inspiration from the original tiles in-situ at the Museum. The tiles will be fired, finished and delivered to your house. Materials and postage are all included.

18 May, 22 June & 20 July
10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum
£40



Willow for the Garden

Tutor: Trish Matthews

Join us to make a garden cloche or plant climber. We will explore weaving techniques that you can use to create decorative and useful objects for your garden. Learn about the history of willow and how complex objects can be made using natural materials and basic tools. All materials will be provided but please bring secateurs if you have them.

Fri 8 June
10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum
£25



Photo Mounting

Tutor: Sue Hourigan,
Senior Conservator,
Berkshire Record Office

Learn to cut and decorate window mounts for your pictures and photographs. Learn how to use the correct materials, tools and techniques to make your pictures look their best.

Suitable for beginners or for those wanting to refresh their mount cutting skills.

Mon 5 Feb
12pm - 4pm
Shaw House
£25



Spring Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Come along and join in the fun creating a stunning display of seasonal flowers in a basket.

This classic arrangement is perfect for giving as gifts, using as wedding flowers or even just to bring some spring sunshine into your home!

All materials provided.
Suitable for beginners.

Wed 14 Mar
1pm - 3pm
Shaw House
£25



Symmetrical Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Join us at this fun summer workshop and learn how to make a classic symmetrical triangle design - a front facing design which is often seen at receptions and functions.

Once mastered this design can be used throughout the seasons and is easily adapted to any size and container.

Wed 18 July
1pm - 3pm
Shaw House
£25



Bridal Flowers

Tutor: Kim Harrison

Button Holes & Bouquets

At the start of this workshop you will learn how to wire a simple button hole. You will then design and make a wedding bouquet choosing from either a classic posy holder for brides and bridesmaids or a pomander, which is a popular design for bridesmaids or decoration. Suitable for beginners, all materials will be provided.

Wed 18 April
6.15pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House | £35

Top Table Arrangement

Come along and create your own long table arrangement, suitable for the top table or buffet table using seasonal flowers and greenery. You will also learn some techniques to make garlands on a budget using materials that can be used on tables, arches and mantelpieces to enhance your wedding design.

Wed 16 May
6.15pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House | £30

Corsages & Bouquets

In this workshop you will learn how to make a simple wired corsage. You will then go on to make a classic hand tied bouquet with seasonal flowers which can be used for a bride or bridesmaid. A classic and very popular design which is the ideal way to create your own bespoke flower arrangements.

Wed 20 June
6.15pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House | £35

Make Your Own Fascinator

Tutor: Emma Moscow

Learn how to create your own unique fascinator to compliment an outfit or the theme of a wedding or event, using various millinery techniques, such as sewing, rolling, steaming, shaping and trimming, with a variety of materials available to create your individual look.

Sat 24 Mar
11am - 4pm
Shaw House | £55

Celebration and Wedding Favours

Tutor: Piet van den Beuken

Create unique bridal party gifts for you to give to those important people on your special day; from bridesmaids to Mums and Dads. Choose from a vast collection of bisque shapes. For both workshops the price includes four decorations, firing, beads, ribbon and delivery. If you would like to create more than four decorations each, please email shawhouse@westberks.gov.uk for prices and availability.

15 March & 17 May
6pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House | £30

Wedding Table Place Names

Get creative with friends and family to make bespoke hand painted place names which also double up as personalised wedding favours for guests on your special day. Each person in your group can make a special contribution to your day whilst having the opportunity to paint their own place name!

Please allow 10 days for delivery.

29 March & 24 May
6pm - 8.30pm
Shaw House | £30



Challenge Yourself : Watercolour on Location at Shaw House

Tutor: Isabel Carmona

Gathering Information

During the first session, you will practice various techniques to record shapes, light and shade, and practice composing a picture.

On the second session, you will practice colour mixing and choosing colours that go well together to create a harmonious picture.

Producing a Picture

Having chosen your particular view, you will concentrate on creating a watercolour piece that you will be proud to hang at the group exhibition.

The tutor will guide you to express your personality through your painting and help you pace your work to completion.

Challenge yourself to produce one or more finished watercolour pieces ready to exhibit at City Arts Newbury on 16 & 17 June 2018.

All artist quality materials will be provided. These workshops are suitable for beginners and those with some experience who want to clarify concepts and explore new techniques.

£35 per session
Or book all 4 for £125

See website for
exhibition conditions

Session 1: Mon 14 May
Session 2: Mon 21 May
10am - 1pm
Shaw House

Session 3: Mon 4 June
Session 4: Mon 11 June
10am - 1pm
Shaw House

Family Events



Blaze's Buddies

Come and meet Blaze, the museum dragon, and join in with an action poem, story, simple craft, treasure hunt and sing-a-long!

Held in the Museum's comfortable and child-friendly learning space, Blaze's Buddies will encourage your child to take part in fun and interactive activities and crafts. The session closes with a hunt to find a museum object or a sing-a-long.

Dates and themes 2018:

Blaze the dragon	1 Feb
Springtime	1 Mar
Woolly mammoth	3 May
Canal	7 June
Clothes	5 July
Music	4 Oct
Textures	1 Nov

11am - 11.30am
West Berkshire Museum
FREE

Tickets are available from 10am on the day on a first come, first served basis



Family Activity Day

Ceramic Heart Decorations

Using porcelain pens, create your own design on a heart-shaped ceramic hanging decoration. A new house trail will be available too.

2018 public opening dates;
Shaw House is open to the public every weekend from 10 February to 30 September, 11am – 4pm and during school holidays 10am -4pm.

Entry to the House is free!

Wed 14 Feb, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House

£2 per child
 No need to book, just drop in
 Shaw House 01635 279 279



Messy Museum Days: Skilful Saxons

Thur 15 Feb: Be Illuminated!

Decorate an illuminated letter bookmark, as you would have seen in an Anglo-Saxon manuscript created by monks, using felt tip pens, gold paint and other craft materials.

Fri 16 Feb: Go Potty!

Make a small Saxon pot out of air-drying clay and decorate it using replica stamps. Visit the permanent exhibition, Lives and Landscapes, to see the Saxon objects on display.

Dress for mess! Disposable aprons are provided for all of our sessions.

Thur 15 & Fri 16 Feb, 10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child
 No need to book, just drop in
 West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Linking the Landscape:



Under the Microscope

What can you see under the microscope?

Local Wildlife Trust experts will be on hand with microscopes and an array of remarkable mini-beasts up close. Learn about this fascinating essential world happening unseen all around us.

Suitable for all ages.

Fri 16 Feb, 10am - 1pm
West Berkshire Museum

FREE
 No need to book, just drop in
 West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Civil War at Shaw House

Immerse yourself in history at **The Earl Rivers Regiment Muster (Members of The Sealed Knot)**

Discover what life was like for those who had to take up arms against their fellow countrymen. Witness soldiers training to use swords, muskets and pikes and visit some of the tradesmen and civilians who accompanied the armies. Plus Living History demonstrations inside Shaw House.

Shaw House and cafe open from 11am – 4pm with free entry to the House.

Sat 10 Mar, 11am -4pm
Shaw House

FREE
 Shaw House 01635 279 279



Spring Food & Craft Fair

Spring is in the air and we are celebrating with the return of our Spring Food & Craft Fair.

The House will be packed full of artisan food, drink and locally produced crafts giving you the perfect opportunity to shop for unique gifts and treats.

Local brewers will be on hand to keep you refreshed outside on the Orangery Lawn where hot food will be also be available.

And Miller's Ark Animals will be back with their spring animals that children can feed and handle!

**Sun 8 Apr, 11am -4pm
Shaw House**

Entry adults £1, children free
Shaw House 01635 279 279



Family Activity Day

**Bright Bunnies
10am - 3.30pm**

Make and decorate a wooden basket in the shape of a bunny, using Deco pens and the craft materials available. There will also be a free Easter-themed activity trail!

**Spring into Action at Shaw House
10.30am – 3.30pm**

Come on a scavenger hunt with your Local Wildlife Trust. Follow our trail, learn about the wildlife that makes its home in the grounds, then bring back your natural treasures to our base in the kitchen garden, and make a Spring themed creature.



**Wed 4 Apr
Shaw House**

£2 per child includes extra BBOWT activity
No need to book, just drop in
Shaw House 01635 279 279

Crazy Craft Day

Delightful Decorations

Choose between making an Easter sign, masquerade mask or decorating a wooden coaster or flower (while stocks last).

A free Spring-themed trail will also be available.

Dress for mess! Disposable aprons will be provided for the messier activities.

For 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.

**Fri 6 Apr, 10am -3pm
West Berkshire Museum**

£2 per child
No need to book, just drop in
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Family Activity Day

Rocking Roosters
10am - 3.30pm

Make a pecking chicken out of a coloured paper plate, feathers, wiggle eyes and a variety of other craft materials. There will also be a free Easter-themed activity trail!

Spring into Action at Shaw House
10.30am – 3.30pm

Come on a scavenger hunt with your Local Wildlife Trust. Follow our trail, learn about the wildlife that makes its home in the grounds, then bring back your natural treasures to our base in the kitchen garden, and make a Spring themed creature.



Wed 11 Apr
Shaw House

£2 per child includes extra BBOWT activity
No need to book, just drop in
Shaw House 01635 279 279

Crazy Craft Day

Dress to Impress

Choose between making a fan, top hat or any of the crafts still available from last week. You can then go along and try on the historical costumes in the permanent exhibition.

Dress for mess! Disposable aprons will be provided for the messier activities.

For 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.

Fri 13 Apr, 10am -3pm
West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child
No need to book, just drop in
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Easter: Discover Arts Award

Earn your Discover Arts Award by taking part in a craft activity at the Museum and completing the log book that is part of the Museum's Arts Award pack.

The pack contains instructions, log book and a ticket allowing free entry to one craft activity (packs available from March onwards while stocks last).

The Arts Award Discover certificate will be issued on successful completion and submission of the log book to the museum before 30th April 2018.

www.artsaward.org



West Berkshire Museum

£6 per pack available from museum reception
Email: clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Touch to See

A sociable discussion group for those with visual impairments that meets monthly for a chat and a cup of tea.

The group has access to tactile and audio resources from the Living Paintings library enabling them to explore the work of famous artists, architects and designers, local artists and guest speakers are also invited to talk about their work.

2018 dates:

8 January	14 May
12 February	11 June
12 March	9 July
9 April	10th September



10.30am - 12pm
West Berkshire Museum

FREE
Corn Exchange 01635 582 666
getinvolved@cornexchangenew.co.uk



Local Heritage Roadshow

Pop in to the Museum and find out more about the many local clubs, groups and societies in the area dedicated to our local history and archaeology.

Heritage staff will be on hand to advise on what's in the museum collection, what we do for schools, what to do if you discover an archaeological find, how to take care of heritage sites and assets and more.

Sat 28 Apr, 11am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum
 FREE

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Open Air Sculpture Exhibition

The Orangery Lawn will be transformed into a sculpture trail where you can discover artworks by local sculptors in this lovely historic setting. The exhibition is part of the annual West Berkshire and North Hampshire Open Studios whose accreditation is a seal of high quality, innovation and craftsmanship.

Some sculptors exhibiting at Shaw House will also be opening their studios at various times throughout the month of May and welcome browsers. Open Studio brochures will be available from the House and the works on display will be available for purchase. www.openstudios.org.uk.

Sat 12 May - Sun 3 June
Open everyday 11am -4pm
Shaw House

FREE
 Shaw House 01635 279 279



Shaw House School Open Weekend

Commemorating 75 years since Shaw House became a school.

Join us for a very special weekend where you will have the opportunity to access all areas of the House which are not normally open to the public, from the 'forbidden corridor' on the second floor, the back stairs which was once only allowed to be used by the boys, to the basement and kitchen bake house.

Visit the new exhibition 'Shaw House - The School Years' curated by West Berkshire Museum, which will look at the history of the school from May 1943, when the House became temporary school accommodation after the bombing

of Newbury, right through to 1985 when the building was vacated due to structural concerns. The exhibition will give a fascinating insight to the changes in teaching, curriculum and fashion!

Please bring along your Shaw House School photos and memories to share with the class!

You can visit the exhibition at any time during normal public open hours.

Sun 6 & Mon 7 May, 11am -4pm
Shaw House
 FREE

Shaw House 01635 279 279



A Brief History of Music

600 years of music in 90 minutes

Beginning in the Middle Ages and ending up in the 20th century (and incorporating everything in between!) this fun and fast-moving show is a whistle-stop tour of Western musical history.

Featuring long forgotten songs and tunes (not to mention jokes!) GreenMatthews paint a vibrant and vivid picture of our musical DNA, mixing the familiar and the obscure, the raucous and the reflective and the courtly and the commonplace.

The show combines the vigour of the medieval period, the musical intricacy of the Renaissance, the grandeur of the Baroque and the pomp and bombast of Victoriana. Add to that the wit of Blackadder and 1066 And All That and the stage is set for a veritable musical feast!

'A Brief History of Music' uses tunes, songs and humour to take you on a musical journey from which you won't want to return!

**Sun 20 May, Doors 7pm, Show 7.30pm
Shaw House**

Adult £12, Under 16 £5

West Berks Card: Adult £11, under 16 £4

Shaw House 01635 279 279

**"ECLECTIC AND ENJOYABLE...
A BEWILDERING RANGE OF
INSTRUMENTS"**

English Dance and Song

Book online: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Family Activity Day

Tremendous Trees

10am – 3.30pm

Using the trees in the grounds of Shaw House as inspiration, make and decorate a wooden tree using Deco pens and a variety of craft materials. There will also be a new free tree-themed trail!

Tree Trek at Shaw House

10.30am – 3.30pm

Come on a Tree Trek in the Shaw House grounds with your Local Wildlife Trust. Explore the wonderful gardens and the amazing trees, then come and join us for some tree-mendous twig and leaf crafts.



**Wed 30 May, 10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House**

£2 per child includes extra BBOWT activity

No need to book, just drop in

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea

Why not treat yourself to afternoon tea in the Elizabethan splendor of Shaw House.

Includes a selection of Fair Trade tea, finger sandwiches, a scone with clotted cream and locally produced jam and a generous slice of homemade Victoria sponge cake and fruit cake. Group bookings for special celebrations are welcomed.

2018 dates:

16 Feb	6 Apr	13 Apr
1 Jun	27 July	3 Aug
10 Aug	17 Aug	24 Aug
31 Aug	26 Oct	

**Served on selected Fridays, 2pm
Shaw House**

Standard: £14.95pp

Prosecco: £18.95pp

Shaw House 01635 279279 or book online



Thumbelina Puppet Theatre

There was once a girl so small that she could float on a lily pad and ride on the back of a dragonfly.

Hans Christian Andersen's magical tale of a girl no bigger than a thumb, and her encounters with a frog, mouse, mole and swallow is played gently amongst sunny fields and gardening tools.

Using traditional glove and rod puppets, this is an excellent introduction to the theatrical experience that will engage and touch young hearts and minds.

"*THUMBELINA IS A GEM*"
The Times

Suitable for children aged 2-7 years but younger and older children are welcome. Duration 40 minutes, no interval.

House and cafe open from 10am



Thurs 31 May, 2pm
Shaw House

£9 Adult; £7 child (under 2yrs free)
Shaw House 01635 279 279

Book online: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Family Activity Day

Cavalier or Roundhead?

Make your own Civil War soldier out of a wooden peg, felt pieces, wool, chenille stems and other craft materials.

This event is to tie-in with the re-enactment by English Civil War Society of the First Battle of Newbury 'Newbury I' please see the listing on 23 & 24 June.

For 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.

Fri 1 June, 10am -3pm
West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child
No need to book, just drop in
West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Photo courtesy of Emma Bradshaw

Bats at the Museum

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire



A talk and walk by local bat expert James Shipman about the life of these amazing creatures. Did you know bats can live for up to 30 years?

Find out where the bats live, how they fly in the dark, and why they are so important and protected by law.

After a short talk, James will help you see and hear several species that emerge at dusk near the museum (weather dependent).

Fri 1 June, 7.15pm - 9.30pm
West Berkshire Museum

£5
Tickets can be purchased at the museum or online at www.bbwt.org.uk/whats-on

For more information visit: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

ACE Space @ Shaw House

A one day festival with performers from Newbury's Arts and Community hub, ACE Space (and perhaps elsewhere!) in the House and grounds at the beautiful Shaw House. With music, storytelling, comedy, arts and crafts, local food and drink. Suitable for all the family.

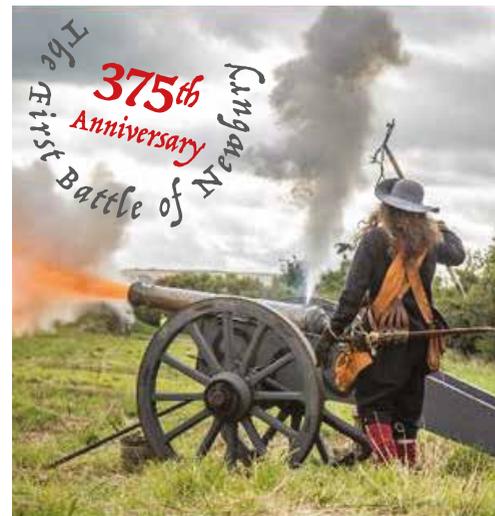
ACE Space is a Newbury based charity organisation whose volunteers provide a home for community groups, live music and a platform for local artists.

www.acespace.org.uk

**Sun 10 June, 1pm -8pm
Shaw House**

Adults £4, 12yrs and under free
Shaw House 01635 279 279

17yrs and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bucket collections in aid of Ace Space and Shaw House.



Newbury I

375th Anniversary of the First Battle of Newbury

Experience the thrill of cavalry in action, musket and artillery fire, and the clash of pikes at a re-enactment of the First Battle of Newbury which took place in 1643, by the English Civil War Society.

The all-day Living History display will show active demonstrations of 17th century crafts and activities and the setting up of Parliament's artillery battery.

www.ecws.org.uk

Sat 23 & Sun 24 June

Location, times and supporting events to be announced.



Festival of Archaeology

Co-ordinated by the Council for British Archaeology, the Festival offers hundreds of events nationwide, allowing people to get hands-on experiences with the past.

Within West Berkshire there will be a varied programme of archaeological activities for all ages at West Berkshire Museum and other venues.

Look out for more details on www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

July dates to be announced

www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk



Shaw House Summer Fair

Come and share the beautiful surroundings of Shaw House and enjoy all the fun of the Summer Fair, with craft stalls, bouncy castle, children's rides and fun dog show.

There will be plenty of free entertainment with performances from Mr Muddles the Magician and live music from local band Dragonfly Rhythms.

After all that fun you'll be in need of refreshments; we'll have locally produced ales, as well as a Pimms tent and barbecue.

Sun 15 July, 11am - 4pm
Shaw House

£1 per adult, children free.

Shaw House 01635 279 279



Summer: Arts Award Explore

Don't be bored this summer – come to West Berkshire Museum's Roman themed craft club Thursday mornings in the holidays (10.30am - 11.45am) and be an Arts Award Explorer.

Record all that you have done over the five weeks in the log book provided so it can be submitted for Explore Arts Award certification.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance from May 2018 onwards. Suitable for children aged 7-11 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

www.artsaward.org



West Berkshire Museum

£25: includes log book, Arts Award moderation, certificate and crafts.

Email: clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562



Summer Holiday: Messy Museum Days

Iron Age Coins (Festival of Archaeology)
Friday 27 July

Make an Iron Age coin out of air-drying clay and gold paint using the Iron Age gold coins in the Museum as inspiration.

Roman Bracelets
Friday 3 August

Make a bejewelled Roman bracelet in the shape a coiled serpent out of a craft roll, gold paint, gems and other craft materials

Roman Lamps
Friday 10 August

Make a Roman oil lamp out of air-drying clay. You can then go and find the real thing on display in the Museum.

10am - 3pm
West Berkshire Museum

£2 per child

No need to book, just drop in

West Berkshire Museum 01635 519 562

Ceramic Coasters
Friday 17 August

Using porcelain pens personalise your ceramic tile coaster, using as inspiration a Victorian sampler from our collection.

Beautiful Birds
Friday 24 August

Decorate a wooden bird with Deco pens and patterned paper and then varnish (decoupage) in the Victorian style

Pattern Printing
Friday 31st August

Using the museum's Arts & Crafts copper jug by Elizabeth Waterhouse as inspiration, make your own stamp to print on fabric.

For 4-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome.

Dress for mess! Disposable aprons will be provided for the messier activities



Shaw House: Family Activity Days

Ruffing it with the Elizabethans
Wednesday 25 July
 Make a bejewelled Elizabethan ruff.

Marvellous Masks
Wednesday 1 August
 Make a Tudor character mask.

Costumed Courtiers
Wednesday 8 August
 Make a Tudor lady or gentleman.

Glorious Gardens
Wednesday 15 August
 Make a collage of a Tudor garden.

Terrific tygs
Wednesday 22 August
 Make a Tudor tyg (cup) from air-drying clay.

Royal Roses
Wednesday 29 August
 Make a stained glass window-effect Tudor Rose.

Make a Mini Tudor Knot Garden
25 July, 8 & 22 August
10.30am – 3pm
 Using herbs and plants grown by local charity Growing2gether, make your own mini Tudor knot garden to take home. This drop-in activity will take place in the Kitchen Garden at Shaw House.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This activity is included in the £2 Family Activity ticket price.

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10am - 3.30pm
Shaw House
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 Shaw House 01635 279 279



Peter Pan

Immersion Theatre invites you to soar away to Neverland as they proudly bring their trademark energy to their most magical musical to date.

Get ready to think happy thoughts and fly high as the mischievous Peter embarks on an awfully big adventure, introducing the Darling children to the Lost Boys, the cheeky Tinkerbell, the hilarious Smee, and a host of other exciting characters before facing the most feared villain of them all, the infamous Captain Hook!

Filled with catchy music, heaps of audience interaction, a laugh-a-minute script, and the opportunity to meet the characters after the show, this hilarious and exciting musical of the boy who never grew up promises to have every member of the family entertained throughout... You'll be HOOKED!

**"ENERGETIC...BOLD AND BRIGHT...
 CHEERFUL AND FUN"**
 The Stage

Mon 13 Aug, Gates 5pm, Show 6pm
Venue
 Adults £12, Child £8
 West Berks Card: Adult £11, Child £7
 Shaw House 01635 279 279

Performance approx 1hr 40mins (plus 20 min interval time). Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic.



Open Air Cinema

Cult Screens will be returning to Shaw House in August 2018.

Join us for the ultimate open air cinema experience with a choice of comfy deckchairs or beanbags to relax on and watch the film, plus fantastic food and drink options including cocktails, speciality ales, wine, fresh popcorn and their famous specialty hot dogs.

Tickets will be available from cultscreens.co.uk

Dates and film titles to be confirmed look out for more information at www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on or the Shaw House Facebook page.

For more information visit: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



Heritage Open Days

Shaw House

Join us in the Great Hall for introductory talks about the history of the House at **11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm.**

West Berkshire Museum

11am – 3pm

Explore a normally closed-off part of the Museum, the attic of the Cloth Hall which is accessed via a steep and narrow staircase. Members of Kennet Valley Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will be on hand to demonstrate traditional skills, giving you a flavour of original purpose of the Cloth Hall.

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Sept, FREE

No need to book, just drop in www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Local Heritage

The Archaeology Service
T: 01635 519534
E: archaeology@westberks.gov.uk



The West Berkshire Council Archaeology Service provides curatorial advice and information about the rich and diverse historic environment of the district.

There are over 500,000 years of human activity in West Berkshire, our mission is to promote the understanding and preservation of this fascinating resource for the benefit of all. For more information please visit www.westberks.gov.uk/archaeology

Find out more

We maintain the West Berkshire Historic Environment Record (HER), the primary index of archaeological and historical sites in our area. It is the evidence base for planning and land-use changes, but also a public record that can be used by anyone interested in West Berkshire's past. We can tell you about heritage assets and archaeological investigations, provide lists of sources and explain about the historic character of the landscape. www.westberks.gov.uk/HER.

Tell us what you've discovered

If you have found any interesting objects while digging or metal detecting, they can be identified by Anni Byard, the Finds Liaison Officer for West Berkshire and Oxfordshire, who will be holding **Finds Surgeries** at West Berkshire Museum.

For dates and times please visit; www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on anni.byard@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Carrying out research

The Berkshire Record Office is the archives of the Royal County of Berkshire, it is free to visit and research or you can request copies.

0118 937 5132 | www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk



 Portable Antiquities Scheme
www.finds.org.uk

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Peter Pan
Outdoor Theatre

Mon 13 August
Shaw House

What's On
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Forthcoming Events



Annabel Farley Photography

Wedding Fair
Shaw House : Sun 7 Oct



Halloween Party Night
Shaw House : Wed 31 Oct



Museums at Night
West Berks Museum: Oct 2018



Family Activity Days
October Half Term



Christmas at Shaw House
Events throughout Dec



Mrs. Farquhar's Afternoon Tea
Please visit website for dates

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Online bookings

Online bookings are subject to a £1 booking fee per ticket.

Corn Exchange call charges

Calls cost 2p per minute plus your telephone company's access charge.

Discount with West Berkshire Card

Discount is available on selected events, one discounted ticket per card. Cards available from www.westberks.gov.uk/wbcard

Terms and conditions of sale

- Tickets are non-refundable except in the event of cancellation by the venue/promoter, in which case a refund to the full value of the tickets will be offered
- Tickets can be collected free of charge from the venue that you have purchased from, tickets can be posted at a charge of £1.20
- All events have unreserved seating unless otherwise stated
- All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- In the case of severe weather, outdoor events may be postponed to an alternative date
- Pushchairs and prams are not permitted inside Shaw House, however, they can be left safely by reception.

Workshops cancellation policy

Workshops are non-refundable, however, you can transfer your booking onto any other session at either Shaw House or West Berkshire Museum and pay any higher price difference. Please contact reception directly (not the course leader) to transfer your booking.

The information contained in this brochure was correct at the time of going to press, but no guarantee can be given that it will not be amended before the commencement of any event. Any changes to times or venue will be made available on the website listings.



Our Venues



Shaw House

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Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 2DR

shawhouse
@westberks.gov.uk

West Berkshire Museum

The Wharf
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 5AS

museum
@westberks.gov.uk

Booking Information

Online:

Where online booking is available you will be directed to a web page hosted by the Corn Exchange (Newbury).

In Person:

Bookings can be made at the respective venue in person, or at the Corn Exchange Box Office (free of charge).

By Phone:

Shaw House: 01635 279 279 | West Berkshire Museum: 01635 519 562
Corn Exchange Box Office: 0845 5218 218

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