

Bourne Hall Museum Club

The Club for young people 8+ who ❤️ history



Summer activities
July—August 2011

HIDDEN EWELL WALK



Tuesday 26 July 2011

10.30am–12.30pm and 2–4pm

£4 per person

Join in with the Festival of British Archaeology **and discover Ewell's hidden past** and unseen history with a guided walk around the village. A settlement since pre-historic times, Ewell has a rich history concealed beneath the modern village. Follow in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street, trace the Tudor splendour of Nonsuch, and see how the shape of the village and pattern of its roads have changed through the ages. Discover the historic Bourne Hall before its entry into the space age and visit its sacred lake with Bronze Age and Roman offerings to **ancient gods**. **See where Ewell's ancient sacred shafts were excavated and learn about the village's Saxon cemetery and long-lost church**. Relive the terror of the English Civil War when it became up close and personal, and hear tales of the deadly exploding gunpowder mills.

Spaces are limited, so please reserve your place by contacting David Brooks (contact details are at the back of this leaflet).

We meet in the foyer of Bourne Hall.



FLINT KNAPPING

Wednesday 27 July 2011

10.30am–12.30pm & 2–4pm

Bourne Hall

SOLD OUT
EXTRA DATE
3 AUGUST 2011

As part of the Festival of British Archaeology, join Karl

Lee, one of the country's leading master flint knappers, and discover the lost art of prehistoric tool making. Be part of a small group and have the opportunity to make your own stone age tool to take home. Learn some of the skills the ancient craftsmen developed to survive in a hostile world and see Karl demonstrate his skills before having a go yourself. Please wear trousers or bring something to cover your legs whilst knapping.

Karl has featured in many television programmes and he will bring in a selection of **other tools that he has made to show you. These will be available to buy, so don't forget your pocket money.**

Cost per child is £8 and this will include all the materials needed to make your tool which will be yours to keep. Spaces are limited to 15 children per session, please reserve your place by contacting David Brooks (contact

details are at the back of this leaflet).



WHAT DID THE ROMANS DO FOR US?

Thursday 28 July

£4 per child for a single session or £6 for both. Bourne Hall



Session 1: 10.30am–12pm: Roman Life

Discover the changes that the Roman Empire brought to Britain as it united the country under a single government and law for the first time. Did you know that Ewell is on the route of one of the most important Roman roads? Learn from our visiting Roman how their famous road network introduced a new freedom of movement and encouraged the development of international trade. This in turn led to the growth of new towns with public buildings and a dramatic increase in the use of coins and record keeping.

New foods were introduced to Britain (decide if you would like them in your lunch box) along with fresh farming methods while local crafts were developed into cottage industries.

Session 2: 2pm–3.30pm

Roman Army

£4 per child for a single session or £6 for both.

Bourne Hall



Join us to meet a Roman soldier and learn how he lived and fought. These men were highly trained and hardened by months of drill. Service to the Empire was for 20 years but men only had a 50% chance of surviving this long. See the weapons they used and learn about the tactics that helped create the Roman Empire... and have the opportunity to try some of them out for yourself.

FLINT KNAPPING

Wednesday 3 August 2011

10.30am–12.30pm & 2–4pm

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Due to popular demand we have been fortunate to book a second day with Karl Lee.

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HOME FRONT BRITAIN

Thursday 4 August

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Join us in the dark days of World War II and see how Private Bowring of the Home Guard and his wife, Bev, a Women's Voluntary Services member, cope with life on the domestic front in a world at war.

Session 1: 10.30am–12.00pm



The real Dad's Army

Learn about how and why the war started. Discover the truth behind 'Dad's Army' and what joining the Home Guard really involved. See if you are smart enough to take part in some rifle drill. Just as important, discover what role women had in the war? Hear about their importance to the war effort and the many different roles they undertook. Have the opportunity to try out some uniforms for size and handle original objects from the period.

Session 2: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Air raids, sirens and bombs

What did fire watchers and ARP wardens do? How did they keep their communities safe and who could do the job? Join us in an air raid shelter and help keep up each other's spirits with singsongs and other activities. Discover how the war affected the whole family.



VICTORIAN SECRETS OF NONSUCH MANSION HOUSE

Tuesday 9 August

10.30am–12pm

Nonsuch Mansion House



£4 per child or £6 for both sessions. Spaces are limited, so please reserve your place by contacting David Brooks (contact details are at the back of this leaflet).

Please meet outside the front of the Mansion House.

Travel back in time and enjoy a guided tour of the Victorian kitchens and servants' quarters of Nonsuch Mansion House. Discover what it was like to live and work as a domestic servant in a grand house.

SECRETS OF NONSUCH PARK WALK

Tuesday 9 August 1pm–3pm

£4 per person



Spaces are limited, so please reserve your place by contacting David Brooks (contact details are at the back of this leaflet).

Please meet outside the front of the Mansion House.

Enjoy a guided walk around Nonsuch Park and learn the history behind the beautiful landscape. See where the original palace and its banqueting hall once stood. Hear stories of luxurious palaces, royalty, lost churches and ghosts.

Discover which famous television actor's ancestors once lived here.

HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES DAY

Wednesday 10 August

Drop in to Bourne Hall between 10.30am and 3.30pm

Free

Join us to try out a selection of free historical craft activities.

- Try your hand at brass rubbing and see the past come to life on your paper.
- Use your design skills and create your own royal crown fit for a king or queen.
- Preserve the images of old money in our coin rubbing area.
- Design your own shield for a knight in his shining armour.
- Learn how to write your name in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.



VORACIOUS VIKINGS

Thursday 11 August
£4 per child or £6 for both sessions
Bourne Hall



Session 1: 10.30am–12pm
Life of a Viking trader

The village of Ewell is fortunate to host a visit from a wealthy but peaceful Viking trader and his wife. Be prepared to be amazed by their stories of brave travels to Russia and exotic Persia. Wonder at their fine clothes and the luxury goods they have to sell. Learn about some of the skills that their craftsmen have mastered and discover how much you would have to pay to enjoy their produce. Hear tales of feasts and celebrations as well as discovering what life was like for normal folk

Session 2: 2–3.30pm
Odin's Warriors
£4 per child or £6 for both sessions



The Viking age in Britain began in 787AD when 3 longships landed in the south and it ended with the Norman invasion in 1066. Viking warriors have a deservedly fierce reputation and

it was considered an honour to die in battle and enter Odin's hall.

Ewell is fortunate to have only one Viking invader who is prepared to talk about his customs and beliefs. Join us to learn how he came to be in Britain and about the battles he has fought. See the weapons he uses and find out if you too could be a Viking warrior. Hear why he has come to our land and whether he plans to go home or settle and introduce Viking life to Britain.

THE ROCKMAN

Tuesday 16 August

£4 per child per session or £6 for both sessions

Bourne Hall



Session 1: 10.30am–12.30pm Fabulous Fossils & Stunning Stones

Join us to learn about our earth from its earliest time. Discover exactly what you are standing on and how it came to be made. Decide for yourself if all rocks are the same and find out what makes a volcano blow its top. How do fossils fit into our **past? Come and discover evidence of earth's ancient life forms from millions of years ago.**

Learn how fossils were formed, from the smallest to the largest, and how they get their names. See and touch many different types of fossil from plants to dinosaur bones. Join in with lots of activities and become a true fossil hunter. Graham Woollard, the Rockman, has collected fossils all his life, making many important finds, and has even had a fossil named after him.

Session 2: 2–4pm Teeth, Claws and Dinosaurs



Roar back nearly 230 million years to the age of the dinosaurs and spend the afternoon learning incredible dino facts. How big were they and what did dinosaurs have for breakfast? (Did it include small children?). Why did they become extinct - are you sure that they have all gone?

Discover the real Jurassic Park and learn if all dinosaurs were as fierce as Tyrannosaurus Rex or whether they did sometimes live as happy families. See if **you're brave enough to feel a dinosaurs tooth or claw and unearth other amazing secrets from these terrible lizards.**

ARCHAEOLOGY UNEARTHED!

Wednesday 17 August
10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm
£4 per child
Bourne Hall



Come and meet Surrey's community archaeologist and find out what it means to be an archaeologist. Have you ever wondered what happens to all the objects that are found during archaeological digs or in peoples' back gardens? How are the finds dated? – test your own chronological skills. Learn what a treasure trove is and which is Surrey's richest find.

Try your hand at excavating our mini-digs and see what secrets of the of the past you might uncover.

Bring along any of your own finds and take the opportunity to show them to an expert to discover exactly what they are.



TERRIBLE TUDORS

Thursday 18 August

£4 per child per session or £6 for both sessions



Session 10.30am-12pm

LOATHSOME LONDON

Imagine the sights, sounds and smells of old London. Explore what life was like at the hub of Tudor England. Discover where heads were put on spikes, criminals would receive harsh justice and how dangerous chamber pots could be for unwary **pedestrians**. **Learn about London's criminal underclass and their tricks of the trade**, and see if you could survive using your wits on the mean streets of London.



Session 2 2pm-3.30pm

SEA BATTLES AND SHIPWRECKS

Discover what the life of a sailor was like in Tudor times and how many of them really wanted to be there.

One of the sailors from Elizabeth I's navy returns to tell the dramatic tale of the Spanish Armada. In July 1588 the fleet of Catholic Spain set sail on the orders of Philip II with the intention of destroying their greatest rival, Queen Elizabeth I and her Protestant country, England. Discover how England was saved from invasion and defeat by a combination of the tactics of Sir Francis Drake and Lord Howard of Effingham, the mistakes of the Spanish, and the English weather. Learn what a hell burner was, what powder monkeys did and how a game of bowls was integral to a great naval battle.

HORRIBLE EWELL WALK

Tuesday 23 August

10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm

£4 per person



Visit the graveyard of Old St Mary's and discover folk who just won't stay dead! Hear tales of witches and horrible murder. Learn about the funeral without a body, exploding gunpowder mills and coach crashes.

See where the Resurrection Men plied their trade and hear about the vicar who pulled down his own church!

Our tour ends with a visit to Ewell's historic jail and a chance to find out first hand what an 18th century prison was like.

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KNIGHTS AND THEIR ARMOUR

Wednesday 24 August

10.30am–12pm and 2–3.30pm

£4 per child

Bourne Hall



Have you ever wondered how knights went from wearing practical chainmail to ornately engraved plate armour? A visiting knight will demonstrate how armour changed from the Norman invasion in 1066 to medieval times. See the different types of armour and learn the reasons behind their development. Learn how new weapons changed the armour and how developments in armour changed the weapons used in battle.



GLADIATOR SCHOOL

Thursday 25 August 10.30am–12pm
£4 per child
Bourne Hall



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Gladiators fighting in the arena were one of the defining features of Roman civilisation. Did you know that Britain had the most arenas outside Italy itself?

Enlist into our Gladiator School and discover what role a gladiator played in Roman society. Learn about the different types of fighting and weaponry. See the resident gladiators demonstrate their skills. Will it be thumbs up or thumbs down?

Are you brave enough to survive the arena ? Come and learn how to be a gladiator and put your new found skills into practice. Will you be a Murrillo, Secutor or perhaps a Provocator?

KING ARTHUR AND THE ROUND TABLE: THE TRUE STORY

Thursday 25 August 2–3.30pm
£4 per child
Bourne Hall



Everyone knows the story of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table, **don't they?** **Join us to hear the truth behind the legend. Discover how the legend began at the time of the fall of the Roman Empire and the invasion of Britain by the Saxons. Who was King Arthur? Was he a Roman who stayed behind after the withdrawal of the Legions in 410 AD or was he a native British warlord?**

Join us around the hearth in the Great Hall and hear how the fabled King Arthur, along with other British tribes fought against the invaders and how the country descended into the Dark Ages.

THE TRAGEDY OF HERMIT'S DERBY & The Ruin of the Marquis of Hastings



Monday 29 August
The Duchess Stand - Epsom Downs

High drama at the 1867 Derby as the beautiful Florence Paget sees Harry Hastings her newly-wed husband enmeshed in a clash of wills with Henry Chaplin, her jilted **lover. Both men have horses in the race... but only one can win, and a fortune** hangs on the result. On the edge of the racecourses where it all happened, this performance recreates the day when snow in June brought a horse back from the dead, and his victory sent a gambling Marquis to an early grave.

Repeat performances of *The Tragedy of Hermit's Derby* will be running at regular intervals on Monday 29 August as part of the Epsom Downs Racecourse Funday Meeting. For full details please see local press nearer the time.

For further details on any of our summer events please contact;

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Bourne Hall Museum Club

The Club for young people 8+ who  history

Bourne Hall Museum Club is *the* club for children 8 to 12+ who love history and like to have fun while learning about it. We travel back through time to discover the past and its people, encompassing all periods of history from the deepest Stone Age to the Home Front in Epsom during World War 2. A selection of our previous time travels include:

- joining the Roman army,
- meeting an Egyptian priest,
- surviving the Stone Age,
- **discovering Ewell's horrible history,**
- training as Roman gladiators,
- seeing what life was like for a Victorian child,
- experiencing life on the Home Front in Epsom & Ewell,
- taking part in a real archaeological dig.

Through a combination of hands-on experience, visiting experts and a coming together of enthusiastic minds we aim to have fun and learn together.

The club usually meets on the second Saturday of each month at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF between 1.00pm and 2.30pm and costs £4 per child for each session. There is no annual membership fee and members are free to come to as many events as they choose.

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