



JUNE-DECEMBER



2013

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WONDERFUL



Discover the romantic history of The Bowes Museum's founders, John & Joséphine Bowes, its beautiful setting and wonderful collections.

One of Britain's most fascinating museums, it's also one of the most important outside London.

The amazing collection of European fine and decorative art is complemented by major exhibitions and events. Exhibition highlights for this season include *Tim Walker: Dreamscapes*; *Laura Ashley: The Romantic Heroine* and, continuing in the fashion vein, a stunning menswear show featuring *Henry Poole & Co*, renowned as the founder of Savile Row tailoring.

Our ever-expanding programme of events, ranging from Family Fun Days to outdoor markets, offers something of interest for everyone.

Enjoy your visit!



Award Winning Museum

The Museum, which has recently undergone a £12m makeover, houses a superb collection of fine art, textiles, dress, silver & metals, ceramics, furniture, toys, local history and much more in 20 impressive galleries on three floors. It has recently received a bronze award for North East Tourism Large Visitor Attraction of the Year.

View a masterpiece

Get close to some of the world's finest works of art including paintings by great artists such as Canaletto, Goya, El Greco, Turner and the beautifully restored painting of *Olivia Porter*, recently revealed on the BBC Culture Show to be a work by the 17th Century court painter, Van Dyck. Don't miss the famous Silver Swan musical automaton performing daily!

Explore Fashion & Textiles

This extensive collection can be seen in a stunning, state-of-the-art gallery, combining historic collections with contemporary design. The gallery has a growing reputation for the quality of its permanent collection and its superb exhibitions.

Enjoy Stunning Views

Book a session in the Reading Room and Archive to view books on art, local history and general reference material. See John & Joséphine's fascinating letters and bills, now being translated and catalogued as part of an ongoing project, and enjoy the spectacular views across three counties from the floor to ceiling windows.

EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

All exhibitions & displays are included in the cost of admission

The Anglo-Saxons in the North

JULY – 31 DECEMBER

Highlighting the Museum's Anglo-Saxon archaeology collections in celebration of the Lindisfarne Gospels' return to the region in 2013.

Jeremiah Dixon: Scientist, Surveyor and Stargazer

27 APRIL – 6 OCTOBER

Jeremiah Dixon was brought up in Cockfield, County Durham, but became best known for his work with Charles Mason in surveying the border between Pennsylvania and Maryland, known as the Mason-Dixon line. This year marks the 250th anniversary of this epic task.

Tim Walker: Dreamscapes

25 MAY – 1 SEPTEMBER

An innovative exhibition of photographs by leading fashion photographer Tim Walker, exploring his reputation beyond the pages of *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*. The ambition and scale of his images is impressive, as they are not digitally manipulated; every fantastical scene is created with props. For the first time, Walker's images are displayed in light boxes, giving them a new quality of drenched colour. The exhibition focusses not so much on the model and the dress, but looks at Walker's use of landscape and props, both indoors and outdoors, offering a timely new reading of his work.



Dolls, Bears & Robots

29 JUNE – 8 SEPTEMBER

Over the summer holidays a colourful display of vintage dolls, teddy bears and robotic toys alongside interactive, available for all to enjoy.



A Celebration of Men's Tailoring and Wool Cloth

21 SEPTEMBER – FEBRUARY 2014

Featuring contemporary and ceremonial tailoring from Henry Poole & Co., Savile Row, and historic menswear from the Museum's collection.



Laura Ashley: The Romantic Heroine

21 SEPTEMBER – 5 JANUARY 2014

The exhibition will bring together Laura Ashley's dresses of the 1960s and 70s that embodied the pastoral idyll of this iconic British designer. These vintage dresses, borrowed from a number of public and private collections, will highlight her aesthetic vision which has come to epitomise ideas of Britishness during this period. An exhibition organised by The Fashion Museum, Bath.

How to Hide a Lion

26 OCTOBER – 9 FEBRUARY 2014

This exhibition brings Helen Stephens' entertaining stories to life. Children can find out how she writes her books and explore some of her original artwork. The exhibition is interactive and includes costumes, craft activities and games.



STRIKING EVENT

The Bowes Museum Lates

**27 JUNE, 26 JULY, 29 AUGUST, 27 SEPTEMBER,
31 OCT, 28 NOVEMBER, 6.00 – 10.00, £5.00pp**

Experience The Bowes Museum after hours at our exciting themed nights, featuring: live music, behind the scenes access, late bar and even zombies – see our website for more details of nights at the Museum not to be missed.

The Big Vintage Picnic

30 JUNE, 10.00 – 4.00

Dress up in your vintage best for this fun outdoor event. Shop for vintage clothes, home ware, arts and crafts, and pick up a locally-sourced picnic from the food stalls to enjoy in the beautiful gardens. Step inside to enjoy the museum's Fashion and Textiles exhibitions.

Wedding Fair

1 SEPTEMBER, 10.30 – 4.00

The Bowes Museum is a unique and beautiful wedding venue. Come and see the sumptuous wedding rooms, shop from a fine selection of wedding retailers and meet our Wedding Coordinator to create an unforgettable celebration.

Autumn Market

29 SEPTEMBER, 10.00 – 4.00

Experience the best in local food & produce at this free outdoor event.

Antiques & Fine Art Fair

12 & 13 OCTOBER, 10.00 – 4.30, £5.00pp

Antiques enthusiasts will enjoy this two-day fair in the beautiful setting of the Picture Galleries. Brought to you by Galloway Antiques Fairs, there are pieces to suit every budget. Bring your antiques from home for a free valuation by Addison's auctioneers.

Christmas Market

21 & 22 DECEMBER 2013, 10.00 – 4.00

Everything you need for a delicious, hand-crafted Christmas. Delicious hot food, local produce for your Christmas table & unique Christmas gifts from over 100 stalls. Local bands and choirs, children's activities & Santa complete the magical atmosphere of this fantastic festive event.

For further information visit

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4 June	Landscape Photography for Beginners	WORKSHOP
11 June	Tim Walker – Dreamscapes	GALLERY TALK
11 & 12 June	Jeremiah Dixon, his Life and Times	SEMINAR
14 June	The Unfolding Sky – Turner in the North	DANCE
25 June	Tim Walker – Dreamscapes	GALLERY TALK
27 June	The Bowes Museum Lates	LATES
30 June	The Big Vintage Picnic	OUTDOOR
3 July	Dixon, the Navy and the Seven Years' War	LECTURE
6 July	Interopera	MUSIC
7 July	The Lost Explorer	GALLERY TALK
9 July	Tim Walker – Dreamscapes	GALLERY TALK
9 – 13 July	A Midsummer Night's Dream	THEATRE
16 July	Handlebards Theatre – Twelfth Night	THEATRE
20 July	A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Durham	THEATRE
23 July	Tim Walker – Dreamscapes	GALLERY TALK
23 & 24 July	Swan Cup Creations *	FAMILY
25 & 26 July	Silver Swan Crafts*	FAMILY
26 July	The Bowes Museum Lates	LATES
29 July	Decorative Mediaeval Illustration	WORKSHOP
30 July	Family Fun Day – Shiver Me Timbers!**^	FAMILY
31 July	Ships ahoy!*	FAMILY
1 & 2 August	Printing Birds*	FAMILY
3 August	Pinhole Camera Workshop	WORKSHOP
6 August	Birds, birds, birds! **^	FAMILY
13 & 15 August	Hanging Clay Birds*	FAMILY
16 August	Kite Making Workshop*	FAMILY
16 August	Line & Watercolour in the 19th Century	WORKSHOP
19 August	Native Americans*	FAMILY
20 August	Family Fun Day – Birds Galore! **^	FAMILY
21 August	Beautiful Bird Feeders*	FAMILY
22 & 23 August	Animal Silk Painting*	FAMILY
27 August	Beautiful Bird Feeders*	FAMILY
28 August	Little Explorers! **^	FAMILY
29 August	The Bowes Museum Lates	LATES
29 & 30 August	Bird Crafts*	FAMILY
1 September	Wedding Fair	
7 & 8 September	Collograph and Printmaking by Diana Winkfield	WORKSHOP
10 September	Illustrated talk by Ed Danson, author of 'Drawing the Line'	LECTURE
16 September	Boudin & the Beach Scene	WORKSHOP
21 – 29 September	The Stone Festival	OUTDOOR
27 September	The Bowes Museum Lates	LATES
29 September	Autumn Market	OUTDOOR
12 & 13 October	Antiques & Fine Art Fair	
15 October	Flower arranging demonstration with Jonathan Moseley	WORKSHOP
29 October	Family Fun Day – How to Hide a Lion **^	FAMILY
30 & 31 October	Look out! It's Halloween!*	FAMILY
31 October	The Bowes Museum Lates	LATES
1 November	Shhhhh Storytime!*	FAMILY
15 November	Painting Conservation	WORKSHOP
24 November	Family Fun Day – Meet the Author, Helen Stephens **^	FAMILY
28 November	The Bowes Museum Lates	LATES
21 & 22 December	Christmas Market	OUTDOOR

* Bookable activities for Children.

** Non Bookable activities for Children

^ Children must be accompanied by an adult, for whom normal admission applies

FAMILY FAVOURITES

Enhance your visit by exploring the Museum objects using fun activity trails, family explorer back packs or the children's audio guide.

Outside, explore the beautiful grounds of the Museum and discover the storytelling garden, learn about nature with our outdoor trail and have lots of fun in the new play area.

Keep an eye out for popular family events and workshops in the school holidays.



The Silver Swan

A magnificent 18th century working automaton



Paintings by Canaletto

Two masterpieces by the celebrated Venetian artist



The Tears of St Peter by El Greco

Purchased by John Bowes in 1869



A Miracle of the Eucharist by Sassetta

One of John Bowes' first art purchases



Clockwork mouse

Purchased by Joséphine Bowes in 1871



Mary Eleanor Bowes' Cabinet

Made in the 1780s to house her botanical specimens



Sappho

Elegant statue made by a celebrated silversmith in Paris



Head Pot

One of the best examples of a Roman head pot



Evening Shoes

Worn by the Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoleon

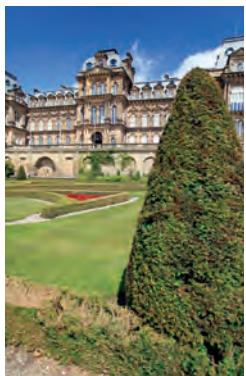


Panelling from Chesterfield House

A fine example of English Rococo decoration

MUSEUM OBJECTS

CAFÉ BOWES, SHOPPING, PARK & GARDENS



Enjoy the relaxed ambience and fabulous views whilst making your choice from the locally produced seasonal menu, alongside our speciality teas, coffees and wines.

After taking time out to dine, treat yourself to a little retail therapy with a browse around the shop, which offers a wide range of quality souvenirs and gifts.

With free entry to the café and shop, and free on-site parking, it's the perfect excuse to indulge yourself! You can also order from the shop online.

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Experience the wonderfully tranquil surroundings by taking a stroll along the newly created woodland walks – which are accessible for wheelchairs and buggies – enjoy a picnic or simply take a seat and soak up the view.

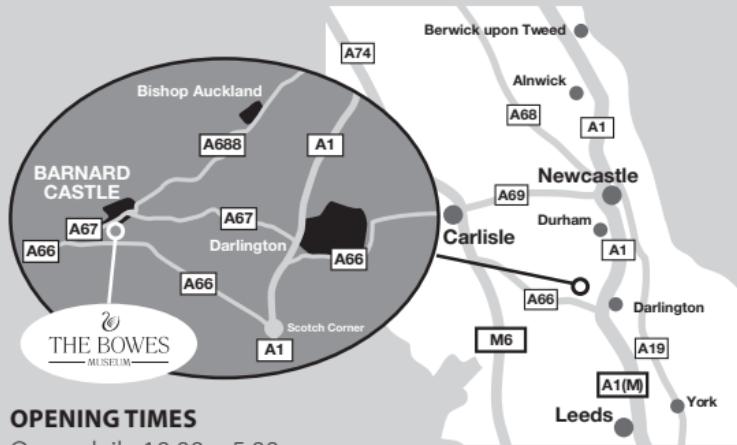
Children can enjoy letting off steam in the new play areas – which include climbing frames, balancing log and bars, a slide, large bucket swing, stepping stones and a bridge beam – borrow an activity bag from reception, or explore the whole park through the fabulous new Nature Trail.

We would love to hear how you rated your visit!

Please let us know via Twitter, Facebook, Trip Advisor or thebowesmuseum.org.uk

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OPENING TIMES

Open daily 10.00 – 5.00

Closed only 25 & 26 Dec & 1 Jan.

ADMISSION

£9.50 Adults. £8.50 Concessions

£14.00 6 Month admission pass

Admission to all exhibitions included

Accompanied children free (under 16).

Accompanying carers free.

Free access to Café Bowes, Shop and Grounds.

Wheelchair access to all areas.

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