About Elmbridge Museum

Elmbridge Museum is committed to placing its services closer to the heart of the community with temporary displays in public places and a thriving education and learning programme. As an outreach museum we offer a series of family events themed around local history and we provide 24 hour access to the Museum’s collections on our website.

We aim to produce a positive impact in our local community, and are working on creative ways to share the collections across the Borough.

We are based at the Civic Centre in Esher from where we provide our outreach services. We also have a space featuring our local heritage at the Civic Centre.

We preserve and document over 40,000 artefacts and archives on behalf of the Borough.

We offer a temporary exhibition programme at key public locations across the Borough.

The Learning and Outreach programme for schools and community groups has been revitalised and expanded.

Our popular Museum Explorers activities and community events will continue throughout 2019.
Elmbridge Museum has a collection of over 40,000 objects illustrating life in the Borough from the Stone Age to the 21st Century. There are objects, photographs and documents relating to the themes of archaeology, costume, domestic, education, geology, natural history, personal, local history, social history, trades, war and services.

Many of the objects are available to view by searching the catalogue on the Museum’s Collections web page. The web page is continually being updated with further images and text to enable quick and easy access to the collections. There are also suggested topics, often relating to an exhibition, or other highlights of the collections for browsing on the web.

We provide access to the collection through our **online catalogue and online exhibitions**.

**Our local studies room is now open by appointment only.**

**Opening times:**
Tuesdays 2pm – 5pm and Wednesdays 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm.

A team of volunteers are able to assist with answering local history enquiries and to give researchers access to the reference and Museum collections. Please call to book your time slot.
Opportunities for Families

Museum Explorers Family Programme
A club for enthusiastic young historians aged 7-11. Parents take part in the activities with their children. Events run from 2pm to 3.30pm on dates shown. Children get a pop badge and certificate when they come to a session and a special gift when they attend all workshops.

£5 per session. Booking essential at ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk or call 01372 474568.

The Stone Age Rocks Vine Hall, Vine Road, Molesey KT8 9LF, Saturday 4 May 2019
Find out about Elmbridge’s Stone Age past and have a go at carving your own (mock) rock.

Gorgeous Georgians Weybridge Library Hall, Church Street, Weybridge KT13 8DE, Saturday 29 June 2019
Learn about the Georgians who built their country houses in Elmbridge and meet re-enactment actors for some 18th Century garden games.

Elmbridge at War King George Hall (adjacent to Civic Centre), Off High Street, Esher KT10 9SD, Wednesday 30 October 2019
Take part in a WW2 gas mask training and an air raid drill. Handle WW2 artefacts from the museum collection.

A Visit from King Henry VIII Weybridge Library Hall, Church Street, Weybridge KT13 8DE, Saturday 16 November 2019
Meet ‘Good King Hal’ (a re-enactor) who will give a talk about the life of Henry VIII and Tudor times.
Learning Services for Schools

Elmbridge Museum offers an exciting range of learning services, from discovery boxes for loan to curriculum-linked outreach sessions. The Museum’s handling collection brings the history of Elmbridge to life to inspire schools to learn, create and engage with their local heritage.

Outreach sessions

A member of the Learning Team can visit your school to deliver a curriculum-supported session including object handling, role play and crafts to create an immersive and memorable learning experience.

Discovery Boxes

Our discovery boxes are a fantastic resource to enhance learning in the classroom. They include real and replica objects and teachers’ notes which support the new curriculum with local history content. Using object based learning in the classroom is a unique way to bring history to life and provide your class with hands-on experience.

Membership

Our school membership scheme is designed to support schools in the delivery of the curriculum. Schools that subscribe to this great value scheme will have access to the museum’s selection of interactive workshops and discovery boxes on a variety of topics.
What’s on
Temporary Exhibitions

Digging the Dirt: Relics from the Past
Civic Centre, Esher KT10 9SD, January-August 2019
Examine the stunning selection of artefacts from ancient Elmbridge and learn about the societies who created, owned and used them.

The Gills of Apps Court
Civic Centre, Esher, KT10 9SD, January-August 2019
Find out about the Gill family who lived at Apps Court, Walton-on-Thames, during Victorian Times.

The Wrens of Oxshott
Brooklands College, Weybridge, KT13 8TT, January-August 2019
Experience the work of Denise and Rosemary Wren who were potters from Oxshott.

The Devil’s in the Detail
Cobham Library, KT11 2AE, February – August 2019
Find out how size influences the design of objects from everyday life (including textiles, costume, jewellery and ceramics).

Grand Georgians
Walton Library, KT12 1GH, April-September 2019
Find out about aspects of Georgian gardens, mansions and costumes.

An Advertising Evolution
Thames Ditton Library, KT7 0BS
November 2018 – June 2019
See how food packaging, advertising and branding evolved in the twentieth century.

Coming soon: At The Races!
at Thames Ditton Library.
What’s on Online Exhibitions

A selection of our online exhibitions

Oatlands Palace
This palace was a great royal residence built for King Henry VIII in 1537. The site has had a fascinating history and is today a popular hotel in Weybridge.

Everyday Heroines
This online exhibition brings together the stories of 8 female figures from a cross section of society, from the regal to the modest, who have had a diverse, long-lasting, and impactful influence on Elmbridge and the world.

People of Elmbridge
This online exhibition charts the human story of the individuals who once inhabited our area and shines a light on their biggest achievements, darkest moments and most intriguing tales.

Roman Cobham
In 1942, the remains of a Roman bath house were discovered at Chatley Farm, on the outskirts of Cobham. This online exhibition focuses on Roman life in Britain, using key objects in the Museum collection to show how those that used the bath house would have lived.

More exhibitions can be found online at elmbridgemuseum.org.uk
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