



Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse



Transported - The Allure of Vehicles
6 May - 17 July



Reap & Tillage - The Vikings in Cheshire
4 Feb - 1 May 2011



How to find us

Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse is situated on the A533 about half a mile south of Northwich town centre. It is well signed (follow the brown signs) from the A556 and is approximately a 30 minute drive from Chester and 40 minutes from Liverpool and Manchester.

Our opening hours



Tuesday to Friday
10am-5pm



Saturdays and Sundays
2-5pm



Every Monday in the school holidays & Bank Holiday Mondays
10am-5pm

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Weaver Hall Museum is provided by Cheshire West & Chester Council.

Film Shows in 'The Regalette' mini cinema

Why not come along to one of our film nights? Our mini cinema, which has a capacity of 43, is known as 'The Regalette' as it was refurbished with seats from the town's Regal Cinema. We have modern projection and sound equipment so if you fancy seeing recently released films in unique surroundings then give us call.



▲ **Inception**
Thurs 27 Jan at 7 for 7.30pm
Acclaimed filmmaker Christopher Nolan directs an international cast in this sci-fi actioner that travels around the globe and into the world of dreams.



▲ **How To Train Your Dragon**
Thurs 24 Feb at 11am & 2pm
On a remote North Atlantic island, the Viking population is suffering harassment from swarms of marauding dragons, until Hiccup, the son of a chief, finds an injured dragon in the woods and suspects this constant state of warfare may be unnecessary.

▲ **White Material**
Thurs 24 Feb at 7 for 7.30pm
Maria, a white woman living in an African nation that has been falling into political chaos, owns a coffee plantation. She would rather fight than give up her land, though her stubborn attitude prevents her from admitting that she's putting those close to her in danger. (French with subtitles)

▲ **Winter's Bone**
Thurs 31 Mar at 7 for 7.30pm
17 year-old Ree Dolly embarks on a mission to find her father after he uses their family house as a way of securing his bail and disappears without a trace. Based on the best-selling novel by Daniel Woodrell.

▲ **The Secret of Kells**
Thurs 14 April at 11am & 2pm
Glowing, hand-drawn animation that depicts the struggle of 9th-century Irish monks to preserve and expand their richly illuminated Gospel text at a time when Ireland was besieged by Viking hordes.

▲ **The Illusionist**
Thurs 28 April at 7 for 7.30pm
It's 1959 and an illusionist finds his livelihood in the music-halls of Paris and London being usurped by rock'n'roll. With only his white rabbit for company, he ends up travelling to the Western Isles and then on to Edinburgh. Charming and dazzling animation by Sylvain Chomet based on a script by Jacques Tati.

▲ **Made in Dagenham**
Thurs 26 May at 7 for 7.30pm
It's 1968, the year of revolution and students are demonstrating the world over. Meanwhile in Dagenham in Essex, the Ford motor company is about to face its biggest ever threat and from the unlikely of places - the female sewing machinists.

▲ **Title to be confirmed**
Thurs 30 June at 7 for 7.30pm
Due to capacity, all seats for evening showings must be booked in advance. Doors open at 7pm for guests to enjoy a drink and view the latest exhibition. The films start at 7.30pm. Book now to avoid disappointment! Please note, there is no pre-booking for daytime children's films - it's first come, first served!

Hire of 'The Regalette'
The museum and our mini cinema, 'The Regalette', are available for hire by groups. So if you're planning an event and looking for a venue with a difference, then give us a call to discuss further.

Friends of Weaver Hall Museum
Why not join the Friends and enjoy outings, exhibition previews, evening talks and discounts to other events including film shows? Annual membership is £5 individual, £8 family, junior £2.50, corporate £25. Application forms are available from the museum or can be downloaded from the Friends' website: www.fowhm.org.uk

Facilities
The Museum has a well-stocked shop with local books, postcards, DVDs and attractive souvenirs. We have a coffee shop with selection of hot and cold drinks and locally produced cakes. Parking is free.

We also provide • a wide range of education workshops to support the National Curriculum • a library for researchers • an extensive archive of historical images relating to the history of the area • a service examining archaeological finds uncovered locally.

There is a small admission charge except for those visitors who only want to visit the special exhibition. Please see our website or phone for up-to-date prices. We provide a discount for pre-booked adult groups and can also provide refreshments for large parties.



New Exhibitions

▶ 'I Had One of Those!' continues until 30 Jan

A nostalgic look at the toys of our childhoods. The exhibition explores the toys, games and crazes of the 20th century from tin robots and cowboy models, to space hoppers and the first electronic games. Come to reminisce and play with a selection of our toys.



▲ Reap and Tillage - The Vikings in Cheshire 4 Feb - 2 May

Devastating raids by the Vikings on the east coast of England in the 8th century AD led to their conquest of almost half the country. Our own region's experience was very different with most Viking activity being peaceable and beneficial. A coin mint flourished in Chester and trade links with other Viking settlements around the Irish Sea made the city wealthy and prosperous. This exhibition explores the Viking heritage of Cheshire, looking at why they came here, how they lived and the evidence they left behind. Exhibits include loans from national museums and important Viking sculptures from local churches. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

▼ Transported - The Allure of Vehicles 6 May - 17 July

Vehicles are not just machines for moving people and goods from place to place. They are also symbols of success, glamour and adventure, they are a vital part of the experience of travel and they feed the imagination and inspire devotion. This exhibition looks at the enduring appeal of vehicles and explores what makes them more than simply inventions for getting from A to B.



Coffee Shop displays



▲ The Cinemas of Northwich 21 January - 3 April

Explore the chequered history of the cinemas and theatres of Northwich.



▲ Thundersprint! 5 April - 15 May

A selection images and film from Northwich's motorcycling extravaganza which comes to town on 7 May.



▲ 'The Weaver' 17 May - 10 July

The '50 Plus' art group exhibit a collection of varied and imaginative work based on the theme of the River Weaver.

Admission to the special exhibitions gallery and Coffee Shop is free.



Weekend & holiday events

Looking for something to do with your children or grandchildren during the holidays? Look no further - we have a variety of special activities taking place and they are included in your admission price. You may wish to buy a season ticket and take advantage of all of them or just pop in one day. The workshops run from 10am to 4pm and usually take 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Drop in any time you like between those times. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

February half-term activities

Jumping Northmen

Wed 23 & Thurs 24 February

Be inspired by images in our Viking displays and create a moving warrior character.

Easter holiday activities



▲ Viking Tales and Treasure Wed 6 & Thurs 7 April

Hear tales from our Viking trader and plunder (or make!), your own pieces of treasure.

Plague and Pestilence Wed 13 & Thurs 14 April

The Black Death returns to Northwich. Discover the gruesome side of medicine in the past, get your face painted as a plague victim and make a fragrant posy with our herbalist.

Thundersprint

Sat 7 - Sun 8 May

To celebrate 'Thundersprint' the museum will be open all day for race-goers to explore the museum and see our new transport exhibition. Free admission to anyone with a 'Thundersprint' programme. Open from 10am-5pm on both days.

Summer half-term activities

▼ Glittering Gliders Wed 1 & Thurs 2 June

Create eye-catching aircraft and take part in our paper aeroplane challenge.

All the above events are free to season ticket holders. Daytime children's films are included as part of the admission charge. Any non-season ticket holder adults attending the holiday activities with their children free of charge, must pay the adult admission price to see the film as well.

Tea and a talk

Join us for afternoon tea on a Wednesday every month for a talk or presentation on a range of topics. Talks begin at 3pm. £1.00 admission. No need to book.

▶ 20th Century Toys 26 January

Games and nostalgia with Tom Hughes.



Cheshire in the Viking Age 30 March

By Elizabeth Royles, Keeper of Early History, Cheshire West Museums.

A Trip Back to Victorian Northwich 27 April

Using images from the collection we reveal what life was like in the 19th century Northwich.

The Unknown Warrior 25 May

By Richard Sant on The LMS-Patriot Project.



▲ Motorbike Memories 29 June

By Bill Murray.

▲ A Sort of Highway of Emigration - Liverpool & the Emigrant Trade 1825-1913 23 February

By John Herson, Liverpool John Moores University.



Evening events

Organised in partnership with the museum friends. All friends' events must be booked in advance from the museum. The events take place at 7 for 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. £2 admission for non-members.



Exploring Alderley Edge Caves Tues 15 February

Nigel Dibben of Derbyshire Caving Club reveals the development of the Alderley Edge mines and their importance in the mid-19th century. He will explore the links to the chemical industry in Cheshire and Glasgow and to mining in Spain.



Vikings! Warriors & Weavers Wed 16 March

A lively presentation about Viking life by Ian and Hazel Uzzell using replica clothing and weapons. Learn about the lives of Viking warriors and their families.

Salt, Slavery & Cheshire Tues 17 May

By local author and historian Mark Bevan.



Mapping the Past Tues 14 June

Local author and historian Tony Bostock uses place names and field names to interpret the past.