

# 2011/12



**BUXTON MUSEUM  
AND ART GALLERY**

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## WHAT'S ON

# Sixty Glorious Years

– how life has  
changed since  
1952?



Roman Buxton



Microscope



Art exhibitions



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**INVESTORS  
IN PEOPLE**

# Exhibitions



## Lost to Light

International Society of Spelaeological Art

until Saturday 29 October

This group of artists are bound together by a passion for the dark worlds of caves and for the remarkable men and women who explore them. While their subject matter provides them with a unique bond as artists, their working methods and choice of materials create exhibitions of diverse imagery and artefact. Some concentrate on the characters and the act of caving itself, others convey the beauty and visual uniqueness of the caves. Here you can experience the artist's response to wild caves in all their terrifying splendour.

## Mark in Stitch

Cheshire Textiles

until Saturday 12 November

Meet the Artist: Thursday 27 October, 2-4pm

Cheshire Textiles is a group of innovative textile artists who transform threads, fabrics and unusual materials into two and three dimensional artwork with the power to touch the viewer. A modern twist is given to traditional embroidery with techniques including appliqué, felting, hand and machine embroidery and mixed media. Inspiration includes views of local and holiday landscapes, nature and museum objects.



## Collectors and Collections: Animals in Art

Saturday 15 October to Saturday 7 January

From the loyal family dog to the flocks of sheep on distant hills, relationships with animals shape our everyday lives. Animals In Art explores how artists past and present have been inspired by the animal kingdom. Many of the artworks in the museum's collection capture the beautiful, vibrant and everyday creatures of Derbyshire as well as more exotic creatures. Why not come and see how many four-legged friends you can spot in L.S. Lowry's seaside crowd?



## Buxton and High Peak Art Society

Saturday 5 November to Saturday 14 January

**Preview:** Saturday 5 November, 2pm

The members of Buxton and High Peak Art Society include many talented and enthusiastic artists, professional and amateur alike. They pursue a lively and extensive programme through the year including practical sessions, demonstrations by guest artists and visits to galleries and arts festivals. Their annual show is a feature of the museum's calendar. New members are always welcome – ask at reception or call the museum on 01629 533540 for details.

## Artwork 2011

**Buxton Community School and St Thomas More Catholic School**

Saturday 19 November to Saturday 28 January

**Preview:** Friday 18 November, 7pm

Buxton Community School and St Thomas More Catholic School are delighted to present the very best from their GCSE and A-Level art courses. The two schools produce consistently high standards each year. Their work continues to evolve to include a diverse range including bold portraits, amazing perspectives, sculpture, fine drawing and digital manipulation.



## A Painter's Prints

**Anthony Currell**

Saturday 14 January to Saturday 24 March

**Preview:** Saturday 14 January, 2pm

Printmaking has been an important part of painter Anthony Currell's output. It has offered another dimension in which to describe an imagery more graphic in nature than he could hope to achieve by any other means. He feels it is impossible not to thrill to that moment when the paper is peeled back to reveal the triumph/disaster of the latest inking or cut, and appreciates the bonus of the enhanced qualities offered by the various materials and printing methods.

## When Trees Dream, They Dream in Colour

Justine Nettleton

Saturday 21 January to Monday 9 April

**Preview:** Saturday 21 January, 2pm

Justine Nettleton draws her inspiration from light, colour and trees. Her favourite time and place is anywhere lit at night, particularly parks and forests. Throughout 2011, her main source of inspiration was Aurora, a winter light display at Rufford Abbey in Nottinghamshire. She loves the magic and mystery that exists when night falls and we enter the woods with our torches.



## A Winter Exhibition

Manchester Academy of Fine Arts

Saturday 4 February to Sunday 15 April

**Preview:** Saturday 4 February, 2pm

Manchester Academy of Fine Arts has just over a hundred members – professional painters, printmakers and sculptors – who play a vibrant role in promoting fine art in the North West. They bring contemporary work to wider audiences by exhibiting in both public and private galleries across the region. Previous members of the Academy include much sought after artists working in the northern genre such as Roger Hampson, Theodore Major and L.S. Lowry.

## Dancing in the Street

Martin Wilson

Saturday 31 March to Sunday 27 May

**Preview:** Saturday 31 March, 2pm

**Meet the Artist:** Saturday 28 April, 11am-1pm

Martin Wilson's pictures are painstakingly created frame by frame on 35mm film. The final images only appear once the films are laid out side by side as a contact sheet. Each frame is obsessively taken in sequence, if he makes a mistake or takes a shot out of place he starts the film again from the beginning. The works are the visual remnants of his journeys, walking or cycling round town, bringing to life the unheard voices of the city.



## Sixty Glorious Years

Saturday 21 April to Sunday 1 July

**Preview:** Saturday 21 April, 2pm

2012 sees 60 years since Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne, but how has life changed for Derbyshire people since 1952? This exhibition will celebrate important events and local people's stories over the decades. If you have a story to share or an object you'd like to display, please contact Martha Lawrence at the museum on 01629 533543.

## See the World Close Up

Enter the microcosm – the microscopic world – with our fantastic interactive microscope. Magnify seven pre-selected objects, including insects in amber and tiny animal bones, up to 139 times their actual size! The magnified image displays on a screen so everyone can see the details of the specimens. And, if that's not enough, you can also put your own small objects under the lens – what does your thumb or your earring look like at many times its usual size?



# Events

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE**

unless otherwise stated

## Pop-up Theatres

**Thursday 27 October, 10.30am-12.30pm**

Using old prints of the Peak District, join local artist and storyteller Gordon MacLellan to make your own Victorian-style pop-up theatre complete with scenery, heroes, villains, animals and monsters! Tell adventures from the hills and dales that no-one has ever heard before! Free but places must be booked. Ages 8+, family groups only.

## Willow Lanterns

**Saturday 19 November,  
10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Make your own lantern for the Buxton Christmas Lights Switch On event and be part of the magical procession around the Pavilion Gardens on 25 November. Drop-in workshop, open to all.

## Christmas Crafts

**Saturday 10 December,  
11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm**

Enjoy making some glittery Christmas crafts and meet Santa, who'll be giving out presents. Booking essential for this event.

## Finds Days

**Saturday 19 November and Saturday 18 February, drop-in 11am-3pm**

Have you found any archaeological objects while metal-detecting or fieldwalking? The local Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme can help identify your finds and record them on the national database.

## February Fun

**Wednesday 15 February,  
10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm**

Try your hand at different crafts in this half-term event for families. No need to book.

## Investigate Your World

**Saturday 10 March, 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm**

Join us for some science-related fun – see posters or our website nearer the time for details. A National Science and Engineering Week event.

## Easter Crafts

**Wednesday 11 April,  
10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm**

Have fun with some Easter-themed craft activities. No need to book.

For more information or to book a place call **01629 533540**  
or email **[buxton.museum@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:buxton.museum@derbyshire.gov.uk)**

# Permanent Exhibitions

## Wonders of the Peak

Take a journey through time in our award-winning Wonders of the Peak gallery.



Featuring seven different time periods, the exhibition takes visitors on a guided tour of Derbyshire's history from the Big Bang to the Victorians.

Wander the galleries to:

- See the bear in its Ice Age cage
- Glimpse a hyaena above a Devensian bone hole
- Discover a prehistoric forest
- Meet a mermaid...

Crammed with masses of intriguing artefacts including trilobites and the fossilised wing of a dragonfly, the leg bone of a sabre-toothed tiger and Roman coins and jewellery, the gallery gives visitors a fascinating tour of the past.



### Ashford Black Marble

See the world's finest and most notable collection of Ashford Black Marble.

Hundreds of pieces of the intricately decorated limestone are on show, including the superb Tomlinson Collection.



### Boyd Dawkins Study

Be amazed by the complete Victorian study bequeathed by eminent geologist and archaeologist William Boyd Dawkins.

See his furniture, scientific instruments and Oriental ware, fossil collection and books in an evocative recreation.

Boyd Dawkins was one of the first scientists to recognise the importance of geology and helped carry out a survey for a proposed Channel Tunnel in the 1880s.

He did a lot of research in Derbyshire, uncovering bones that proved exotic animals lived here during the Ice Age, including bison, hyenas and sabre-toothed tigers.



# Children and Schools

## Children

Families will love visiting the museum and art gallery. Relax with toys and books in our play area or explore the exhibits together through quizzes and activities.

We run regular events throughout the year including for National Science and Engineering Week, the Festival of British Archaeology and The Big Draw. See our website for up-to-date details.



## Schools

Help inspire your students with a tailor-made visit to our museum and art gallery where history, science and art are brought to life.

Sessions cost £1 per head (£2 for non-Derbyshire school pupils on day trips) and are individually designed and led by our qualified staff.

Subjects covered include the Romans, science, history and citizenship and can be tailored for pupils at all Key Stages.

Children can handle an amazing range of objects including bison teeth, Roman pottery, items of uniform from the Derbyshire Police Collection and Stone Age axes. For some sessions they can make use of our OOKL e-learning devices (see [www.ookl.com](http://www.ookl.com) for more information).

They will also have the chance to tour the museum's permanent collections including the award-winning Wonders of the Peak gallery which is full of the sights and sounds of Derbyshire going back millions of years. All sizes of groups can be catered for.

Sessions are tailored around the following:

**Time Detectives** – understanding chronology and developing historical enquiry skills

**Everyday Romans** – investigate daily Roman life through original objects and displays

**Art Explorers** – practical art activities inspired by our collections

**Arresting Solutions** – exploring citizenship with the help of the Derbyshire Police Collection

For more information go to our website, email [buxton.museum@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:buxton.museum@derbyshire.gov.uk) or phone **01629 533543**

Teacher-led visits by schools are free of charge but please let us know you are coming.

# Visitor Information

- **Admission is free**

- **Internet Access**

We have six computers with free access to the internet.

- **Access for disabled people**

There are facilities for people with disabilities including toilet, ramps and chairlift. Staff are available to help.

- **Mailing Lists**

If you would like to be placed on one or more of our mailing lists (to receive future What's On leaflets, exhibition preview invitations, children's event information or adults' event information) please contact the museum.

- **Friends of Buxton Museum and Art Gallery**

The Friends hold monthly talks about art, archaeology, geology and local history and organise visits to places of interest. New Friends are always welcome – contact the museum for information on how to join.

- **Museum Shop**

We stock colourful minerals, fascinating fossils and gift items made from decorative stones as well as local history and special interest books. Many of the art exhibitions include works for sale.

- **Enquiry Services**

We deal with enquiries and identification relating to geological, archaeological, art and local history objects. We cannot give valuations.

- **Opening Times**

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 5pm

Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter to end of September: 10.30am to 5pm

Closed Mondays (except summer bank holidays)

Last admission to the upstairs galleries is 15 minutes before closing time.

- **Buxton Museum and Art Gallery**

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