

# Museums and Galleries of Oxfordshire 2011



HM The Queen visiting the Conservation Department on the day that she re-opened The Ashmolean Museum.

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# Museum and Gallery of Oxfordshire 2011

Welcome to the 2011 edition of **Museums and Galleries of Oxfordshire**. You will find details of 40 Museums from every corner of Oxfordshire who are waiting to welcome you. From Banbury to Henley-upon-Thames, and from Burford to Thame, explore what our rich heritage has to offer.

The competition this year has the theme **careers and occupations of Oxfordshire past and present** and can be found in the centre of the guide. We thank Oxfordshire's famous bookseller, **Blackwell**, for providing the prizes. If you can answer 5 questions correctly you will be entered into the draw

and may win tokens to the value of £75 or £50, there is an additional £75 Blackwell token for the most questions answered correctly.

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# 1 Abingdon County Hall Museum

The County Hall is over 300 years old and has been described by Pevsner as “the grandest town hall in England”. During 2011 it will be closed to the public whilst essential maintenance work is carried out, so a quiz question has not been included. We look forward to welcoming visitors to three floors of new exhibitions in 2012. Whilst the museum is closed the Curator can be contacted at

**The Old Abbey House**  
**Abbey Close**  
**Abingdon OX14 3JD**  
**Tel: 01235 539794**



# 2 The Ashmolean Museum

**Beaumont Street Oxford OX1 2PH**  
**Tel: 01865 278 000**  
[www.ashmolean.org](http://www.ashmolean.org)  
**Open:** Tues - Sun 10.00 - 6.00  
**Admission:** Free admission

Oxford's Ashmolean Museum is the country's oldest public museum and home to one of the most important collections of art and archaeology to be found anywhere. In November 2009 it reopened to the public following a transformative redevelopment. Behind the magnificent neo-classical façade, designed by Charles Cockerell, now sits the new six-storey Ashmolean building, which has more than doubled the Museum's display space and turned the Ashmolean into a museum for the 21st century. The new building, designed by the award-winning Rick Mather Architects has given the Museum 39 new galleries; a spectacular atrium with a cascading staircase rising over five floors; a suite of temporary exhibition galleries; a new Education Centre; state-of-the-art conservation studios; and Oxford's first rooftop restaurant.

The Museum's collections have been entirely redisplayed, with a new approach called Crossing Cultures Crossing Time, which demonstrates the interconnected nature of the world's different civilisations. New galleries explore the journey of ideas between east and west and illustrate the material culture of activities common to different societies, such as reading and writing, money and textiles.

**Q:** What trade is the man on the vase following?



### 3 Bampton Community Archive & Local Studies Centre (formerly Bampton Museum)

**Old Grammar School, Church View  
Bampton OX18 2HA**

**Tel: 01993 850947 or 01993 851377**

E-mail: [jilewington@gmail.com](mailto:jilewington@gmail.com)

**Open:** Daily during exhibitions except Tuesdays and Fridays (please telephone to check times)

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** 3 exhibitions a year, touch screen database, toilets, sale of books and other publications, Bampton DVD's, and cards

**Disabled access:** Ground floor access to exhibitions and toilets

**Public transport:** Hourly from Witney No 19 bus; every 2 hours to and from Oxford, No 18

Community Archive with over 2000 photographs and DVD's all concerning Bampton's architecture, social history and unique folklore with particular emphasis on Morris dancing.

**Q:** What occupation would be the user of this?



### 4 Banbury Museum

**Spiceball Park Road, Banbury  
Oxon OX16 2PQ**

**Tel: 01295 753752**

[www.banburymuseum.org](http://www.banburymuseum.org)

E-mail: [banburymuseum@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:banburymuseum@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

**Open:** Open Monday - Saturday, 10.00 - 5.00  
Closed Sundays

**Admission:** Free. There is a charge for a tour of Tooley's Boatyard (see below)

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** gift shop, tourist information, licensed café, local parking, good bus and rail links, family friendly facilities, education

**Disabled access:** Fully accessible

**Public transport:** In central Banbury Banbury's modern canal-side museum offers exhibitions and events for the whole family. Hands on displays tell of the town's origin and history. The Civil War, plush manufacturing, the Victorian market

town, costume from the 17th century to the present day, Tooley's Boatyard and the Oxford Canal, are just some of the stories illustrated in the museum. There are also regularly changing exhibitions and activities to ensure that there is always something new to see and do.

Tooley's Boatyard is an historic working boatyard and Scheduled Ancient Monument which adjoins the Museum. The boatyard includes a dry dock, a forge and machine shop, and offers boat trips, boat repair services, chandlery and gifts. PLEASE NOTE, the Boatyard can only be visited as part of a guided tour, telephone 01295 272917 for opening times and prices.

Further information on all our activities and services are available on our website.

**Q:** Who used this Shuttle?



## 5 Bate Collection of Musical Instruments

Faculty of Music, St Aldates

Oxford OX1 1DB

Tel: 01865 276139/276128

www.bate.ox.ac.uk

E-mail: bate@music.ox.ac.uk

**Open:** We are open to the public on weekday afternoons from 2.00 - 5.00 (apart from block leave at Easter and Christmas)

We also open on Saturday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 during the University term. The current University term runs from 17 January - 13 March

**Admission:** Free

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Gift shop, toilets and guided tours by arrangement

**Disabled access:** Wheelchair access, induction loop, RNIB approved labelling

**Public transport:** Within walking distance of central Oxford

The Bate Collection celebrates the history and development of musical instruments of the Western Classical tradition from the medieval period until the present day. The Collection is made available for study



and judicious use by scholars, students, makers and players, so as to enhance and increase the knowledge of the history of music as well as the enjoyment of historic performance for all.

The Bate Collection is the most comprehensive collection in Britain of European Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion instruments and one of the top five collections in the country of Harpsichords and Clavichords. It displays tools and other bow-making equipment from William Retford's workshop and a collection of Bows formed in his memory.

**Q:** What career do these Musical Instruments cause?

## 6 Bloxham Village Museum



The Courthouse, Bloxham; all post c/o Thatchers, Church Street

Bloxham OX15 4ET

Tel: 01295 721256

www.btinternet.com/~peter.barwell/Museum/Bloxham\_Villax.html

E-mail: Peter.Barwell@btinternet.com

**Open:** 2.30 - 5.30 Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays (Not Good Friday & not the Royal Wedding Day) from the beginning of April to Saturday 29th October)

**Admission:** Adults 50p; children 10p including a quiz

**Visitor facilities:** Small internal shop for booklets and postcards

**Disabled access:** Special invalid parking area to rear - see website

**Public transport:** Stagecoach 488 stops outside Museum on Saturdays

**Groups admitted by appointment:** anytime

The Museum celebrates its 30th birthday this year with a special Exhibition - Home Sweet Home.

**Q:** What was the occupation of the owner of this cottage?

## 7 Champs Chapel Museum

Chapel Square, East Hendred OX12 8JT

Tel: 01235 833227, 01235 821796

or 01235 835092

www.hendredmuseum.org.uk

E-mail: champschapel@googlemail.com

**Open:** Sundays Easter - October 2.30 - 4.30.

Winter Opening First Sunday in the month  
2.30 - 3.30. Or by appointment

**Admission:** Donation to the Trust,  
which can be Gift Aided

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Services in the nearby  
The Wheatsheaf and The Plough public  
houses with disabled toilets at The Eyston  
Arms. On street parking

**Disabled access:** Ground floor only

**Public transport:** available from Abingdon  
& Didcot on route 32



Champs Chapel, built in 1453 for Carthusian monks, and used till the Reformation contains a selection of village artefacts maintained by East Hendred Heritage Trust. There is a collection of pictures, documents, books, maps and photographs most of which if not on display can be viewed as computer

**Q:** What was the occupation of the man leading the horse?

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## 8 Charlbury Museum

Market Street, Charlbury OX7 3PN

Tel: 01608 810656

We can be accessed online on the Charlbury  
website: www.charlbury.info/community

**Open:** Easter - end of September, Sat 10.00  
- 12.00, Sun & Bank Holiday Mondays  
2.30 - 4.30 (other times by appointment,  
Tel: 01608 810656)

**Admission:** Adults £1.00; accompanied  
children free

**Concessions:** Special rates for pre-booked  
groups and schools

**Visitor facilities:** Toilets

**Disabled access:** Yes

**Public transport:** Stagecoach  
service S3 from Oxford and  
Woodstock; RH Buses Service  
X9 Witney-Chipping Norton

Local history museum with displays  
which illustrate the traditional crafts and  
industries of Charlbury. Large archive of  
maps and photographic material relating  
to specific events of the town's history  
and day-to-day life. Of particular note is  
a period model of a local school dating  
from 1815 and used at the time to collect  
the children's fee of a penny a week.

**Q:** What would be the job of the person  
who used this Singer?



## 9 Chipping Norton Museum of Local History

**Westgate, 4 High Street**

**Chipping Norton Oxon OX7 5AD**

**Tel: 01608 641712**

[www.chippingnorton.net/Visitors/museum.htm](http://www.chippingnorton.net/Visitors/museum.htm)

E-mail: [Pauline.watkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Pauline.watkins@tiscali.co.uk)

**Open:** Easter to end of October Mon - Sat 2.00 - 4.00 (including Bank Holidays)

**Admission:** Adult £1.50, child under 16 free and must be accompanied by an adult  
Group & School visits can be arranged at other times

**Visitor facilities:** Shop, car park and toilets adjacent

**Disabled access:** Regrettably none

**Public transport:** Stagecoach services S3 from Oxford and Woodstock and 488 from Banbury (hourly)

The Museum is located in the Chipping Norton Co-operative Society Hall dating from the 1880s. The exhibits are mainly hands-on and illustrate the town's development from Saxon Manor to a prosperous wool town plus the town in World War II. The main sources of local

employment, Bliss Tweed Mills, Hitchmans Brewery, Hub Iron Foundry and farming are featured. Representing the recreational side of the town and district is a fairly unique display of the major summer sport played locally, not cricket, but American Baseball, played from 1908 to the 1970s, for many years at national level. Also featured is the children's favourite, Granny's Kitchen, a hands-on replica of a between wars kitchen. Also a collection of over 2000 postcards depicting the social history of the area plus a Local Study Centre complete with microfiche facilities dedicated to utilising the copious local family history records held by the Museum.



**Q:** Who would have used this?

## 10 Christ Church Picture Gallery

**Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP**

**Entrance via Canterbury Gate**

**Oriel Square**

**Tel: 01865 276172**

[www.chch.ox.ac.uk/gallery](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/gallery)

E-mail: [Picturegallery@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Picturegallery@chch.ox.ac.uk)

**Open:** 1st October - 30th April: Mon - Sat 10.30 - 1.00 and 2.00 - 4.30, Sun 2.00 - 4.30;

1st May - 30th September: Mon - Sat 10.30 - 5.00, Sun 2.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Adult £3.00. Free to children under 12 and members of the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes

**Concessions:** £2.00

**Visitor facilities:** Shop, guided tours every Monday at 2.30 and by arrangement

**Disabled access:** Limited

**Public transport:** Central Oxford location

Christ Church Picture Gallery houses an important collection of mainly Italian Old Master drawings and paintings, from the 14th to 18th centuries. The drawings will be shown in changing exhibitions. The gallery also houses an important glass and icon collection. The modern gallery, built by Powell & Moya in 1968, is a listed building.

The picture is a painting from our collection by the English artist John Riley (1646-91).

**Q:** What is the profession of the person depicted in the painting?



## 11 Churchill & Sarsden Heritage Centre

**Museum, Hastings Hill, Churchill Oxon (post to Birchwood, Sidings Road Churchill, Oxon OX7 6ND)**

**Tel: 01608 658603**

www.churchillheritage.org.uk

E-mail: dhc@freezone.co.uk

**Open:** April - September inclusive, Saturday and Sunday 2.00 - 4.30

**Admission:** Free

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Car park, small shop

**Disabled access:** Wheelchair

**Public transport:** X8 from Chipping Norton and Kingham Station. Stagecoach bus route 233 (on Sundays only) from Witney, Burford Kingham and Chipping Norton.

The Centre overlooks the site of the "lost" medieval village of Churchill and contains maps and historical records of the village from 1600 to the present. Churchill was the birthplace of Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of India and William Smith the "Father of British Geology" 1769-1830. Churchill Old Church was built in the 14th century on the site of

earlier churches going back to Saxon times. After a disastrous fire in 1684 the village was abandoned and a new village was built in stone closer to the crest of the hill. In 1827 a new church was built on the top of the hill, the old church being demolished except for the chancel which now houses the Heritage Centre. The Old Church is the last medieval building in Churchill.

**Q:** What career is this connected with?



## 12 Combe Mill

**Blenheim Palace Sawmill, Combe Long Hanborough, Oxon OX29 8ET**

**Tel: 01993 358694**

Website: www.combemill.org

E-mail: events@combemill.org

**Museum open:** Wednesdays and Sundays between 20 March and 16 October between 10.30 and 4.30. Not in-steam

**Admission:** Adults £2.50, concessions and children £1.50; under 5 free.

**Steaming events:** 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 10.00 - 5.00. Enjoy exciting themes each time. Other visits may be booked via the web site. School visits welcomed.

**Event admissions:** Adults £4.50, concessions and children £3.00; under 5s free.

**Visitor facilities:** Light refreshments and picnic area, disabled toilet, car park and shop.

**Disabled access:** Restricted access to ground floor, no wheelchair access to upper floor. Video showing exhibits and one-to-one guiding.

**Public Transport:** Stagecoach service S3 from Oxford to Combe or Stagecoach

services 11 from Witney and Oxford or 242 from Witney and Woodstock to Long Hanborough (all hourly)

Mid-19th century sawmill with working steam beam engine, original Cornish boiler, presently out of service, and a working blacksmith's forge and a waterwheel now turning with pumped water. On Event Days the beam engine will be running as will the three other small engines in the building. Also the forge will be in use where you and the children can make your own poker or hanging basket bracket. There is also an exhibition of hand tools, working tower clocks and wood turners at work as well as a display of stationary engines and equipment. There is a lovely riverside picnic area and a refreshment bar selling coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

**Q:** What would a person carrying out the occupation suggested by the photograph have been called?



Image © Tom Brett

## 13 Didcot Railway Centre

**Didcot OX11 7NJ**

**Tel: 01235 817200**

[www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk](http://www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk)

E-mail: [info@didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk](mailto:info@didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk)

**Open:** Every Saturday and Sunday (except 24-25 December), and Bank Holidays.

Daily from 19-27 February, 9-25 April, 28 May - 11 September, 22-30 October and 27 December - 2 January 2012. See [www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk](http://www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk) for details of steam days. Opening times: On Steam days 10-30 - 5 between 27 March to 29 October, all other times 10-30 to 4.

We have an anniversary gala celebrating 50 years of the Great Western Society Gala on 10-11 and 17-18 September.

**Admission:** Varies depending on event. Adult £5 - £10, Child £4 - £10, Family (2 adults & 2 children) £16 - £30, Concessions: over 60 £4.50 - £9. Special prices will apply to our 50th anniversary gala on 10-11 and 17-18 September. Train rides at no extra cost on steamdays

**Visitor facilities:** refreshment room, souvenir shop, baby changing

**Disabled access:** (please phone for advice)

**Public transport:** adjacent to Didcot Parkway railway station. Bus routes X32 from Abingdon and Wantage, X2 from Abingdon. Step back in time and see the steam trains from the golden age of the Great Western Railway.

The Great Western Railway is Britain's best loved railway company. It earned that accolade for many reasons such as over 112 years of operation; it served some of the most beautiful areas in England; beautifully proportioned steam engines with the famous copper-capped chimneys and often provided children with their annual holiday trip to the seaside. It was also at the forefront of many safety innovations including signalling.

**Q:** What occupation is connected with this picture?



## 14 Dorchester Abbey Museum

**Dorchester-on-Thames, Wallingford  
Oxon OX10 7HH**

**Tel: 01865 340007**

[www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/museum.htm](http://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/museum.htm)

E-mail: [museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

**Open:** Cloister Gallery (in the Abbey) 8.00am to dusk daily; Museum (in the Guest House) 23 April to 30 September, 2.00 - 5.00 daily.

**Admission:** Free. Suggested donation £2. For group visits and tours see website

**Visitor facilities:** Shop, Tea Room (limited opening (see website))

**Disabled access:** Accessible toilets, ramped access to Abbey and Cloister Gallery, audio loop for services etc in Abbey

**Public transport:** Thames Travel with buses from Oxford, Abingdon, Didcot, Wallingford, Cholsey, Reading and Henley (see website: [office@thames-travel.co.uk](mailto:office@thames-travel.co.uk) for routes and times)

The Museum has displays in the Abbey, notably the award-winning Cloister Gallery, and in the adjoining Abbey Guest House. The Cloister Gallery display, described as the best of its kind in the country, tells the

story of the Abbey through an interpreted collection of carved and moulded medieval stonework. The displays and artefacts in the Abbey Guest House pick out special features of the village of Dorchester-on-Thames and its environs, from Neolithic times to the present. Children love playing 'school' at the old desks while fans of Midsomer Murders absorb the atmosphere of one of the locations. There is a special emphasis on archaeology: posters and a model Romano-British house with its enclosure based on finds from last year's excavations in and around the village really bring the past to life.

**Q:** What would have been the occupation of the user of these tools?



## 15 Hook Norton Brewery Museum

Brewery Lane, Hook Norton, Banbury

Oxon OX15 5NY

Tel: 01608 730384

www.hooky.co.uk

E-mail: heritage@hook-norton-brewery.co.uk

**Open:** Monday to Saturday 9.30 - 4.30

(includes Bank Holidays)

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** guided beer tasting & brewery tours (by prior arrangement), shop with a wide range of merchandise, tea/coffee, toilets and car park

**Disabled access:** To shop and toilets only

**Public transport:** Hourly Stagecoach service 488 from Banbury and Chipping Norton

The Brewery Museum is housed above the shop and visitor reception area, part of a Maltings dating from the late 18th century. It contains artefacts of the brewers art covering 150 years, including hops, malting process, wort cooler, cooperage tools and old bottling equipment. It leads on to the Hook Norton Village Museum.



**Q:** Who used this machine and what was its purpose?

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## 16 Hook Norton Village Museum

Contact and admission details as for Hook Norton Brewery Museum

The Village Museum contains artefacts from Hook Norton and the surrounding area with special reference to the railway and ironstone quarrying.

**Q:** Who used this and for what purpose?



## 17 Kelmscott Manor

**Kelmscott, Lechlade GL7 3HJ**

**Tel: 01367 252486 (enquiries, bookings);  
01367 253348 (administration)**

www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk

E-mail: admin@kelmscottmanor.org.uk

**Open:** House & gardens 2 April - 29 October.

Wednesdays 11.00 - 5.00. Saturdays  
11.00 - 5.00. Ticket office opens 10.30. Last  
admissions 4.30. The house has limited  
capacity. A timed ticket system operates.  
No advance bookings.

**Admission:** Adult £9.00 (Gift Aided £10.00),  
child (8-16)/student (f.t.e. with card) £4.50  
(Gift Aided £5.00).

**Concessions:** One carer accompanying  
a disabled person, free

**Visitor facilities:** Car park (10 mins,  
drop-off point at gates), shop, licensed  
restaurant, toilets

**Disabled access:** Reserved parking on  
site, level access except for house 1st floor

**Group tours:** Thursdays by arrangement.  
School study days Mondays by arrangement.

Kelmscott Manor was the summer home of William Morris - poet, craftsman, designer and socialist - from 1871 until his death in 1896. The house, dating from the late 16th century, contains a collection of the possessions and works of Morris, his family and associates including furniture, textiles, carpets, pictures and ceramics.

**Q:** What were these used for?



## 18 Museum of the History of Science

**Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AZ**

**Tel: 01865 277280**

www.mhs.ox.ac.uk

E-mail: museum@mhs.ox.ac.uk

**Open:** Tue - Fri 12.00 - 5.00, Sat 10.00 - 5.00,  
Sun 2.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Free. Pre-booking  
recommended for groups (15 maximum)

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Active programme of  
special exhibitions; range of events for all  
ages and families, shop. Details and on-line  
exhibitions on website

**Disabled access:** Access via 14 stone steps;  
lift from Broad Street level to basement  
galleries only; toilet; audioguide, audioloop

**Public transport:** Central Oxford location

The world's finest collection of very early scientific instruments housed in the first public museum building. There are instruments from medieval, Renaissance, and early-modern Europe, for astronomy, navigation, surveying and the military applications of geometry. From a later period there are optical and experimental instruments, such as telescopes,

microscopes, orreries and air-pumps, as well as the Marconi collection and the famous Einstein blackboard. The displays are strong in instruments from India and the Far East and especially from the Islamic world. The collections of astrolabes and sundials are the largest in the world, they include the astrolabe of Queen Elizabeth I and a sundial belonging to Cardinal Wolsey, chief minister to Henry VIII.



**Q:** What was the occupation of the person who used this?

## 19 Museum of Oxford

Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford OX1 1DZ

Tel: 01865 252761

www.museumofoxford.org.uk

E-mail: museum@oxford.gov.uk

**Open:** Opens: Tues; Wed; Thurs;

Sat; 10.00 - 5.00. last admission 4.30.

Please note: the museum will be undergoing redevelopment in 2011. Opening hours may be subject to change. Please telephone before making a special visit.

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** Special exhibitions, hands-on learning for schools, family events at weekends & during school holidays, community projects, gift shop

**Disabled access:** The main museum entrance and areas of the museum are only accessible by staircases. The upper floor is accessible. Please contact the museum for details of alternative access arrangements

**Public transport:** Within walking distance of central Oxford

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**Q:** What job does this man have?

## 20 Northmoor Trust - Project Timescape

Hill Farm, Little Wittenham OX14 4QZ

Tel: 01865 407792

www.northmoortrust.co.uk

E-mail: admin@northmoortrust.co.uk

**Admission:** Free entry, donations to the Northmoor Trust welcome

**Open:** For our latest open days, times and special events please see

www.northmoortrust.co.uk. The visitor centre is open to school groups all year round

**Visitor facilities:** Refreshments barn, exhibition, shop, Fison barn meeting space for affiliated organisations and community groups

**Disabled access:** Visitor centre is fully equipped for disabled access. Estate includes areas specially designed for all ability access

**Public transport:** Private transport needed

The centre is a popular resource for school groups and is open to the general public for booked visits and alongside an extensive programme of events throughout the year. This hands-on exhibition tells the story of the natural and cultural history of the



Wittenham Clumps and surrounding area of South Oxfordshire. Visitors are invited to become a scientist in the Earth lab, handle a mammoth's tooth, see iron age skeletons and learn more about how our everyday lifestyles and actions can affect our immediate environment. The centre is popular resource for school groups and is open to the general public throughout Oxfordshire School holidays and alongside an extensive programme of events throughout the year.

The site also has 500 hectares of woodland, meadow and the iconic Wittenham Clumps that are all free to visit and open year round.

**Q:** Who used this Rotary quernstone?

# Museums and Galleries of Oxfordshire 2011 Competition

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## Entrant Details:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Age:

Signature:

For entrants under the age of 16: I give consent for the person named above to enter the Museums and Galleries of Oxfordshire 2011 competition.

Signature:

**Prizes:** Answer 5 questions correctly and you will be entered into the draw and may win Blackwell book tokens to the value of £75 or £50, there is an additional £75 Blackwell token for the most questions answered correctly. Use this entry form to record your answers and return by Saturday 26th November 2011 to: OMC c/o Chairman, Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury Oxon OX16 2PQ.

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# Careers and occupations of Oxfordshire past and present

## 1 Abingdon County Hall Museum

Not participating in the competition

## 2 The Ashmolean Museum

**Q:** What trade is the man on the vase following?

**A:**  
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## 3 Bampton Community Archive & Local Studies Centre (formerly Bampton Museum)

**Q:** What occupation would be the user of this?

**A:**  
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## 4 Banbury Museum

**Q:** Who used this Shuttle?

**A:**  
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## 5 Bate Collection of Musical Instruments

**Q:** What career do these Musical Instruments cause?

**A:**  
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## 6 Bloxham Village Museum

**Q:** What was the occupation of the owner of this cottage?

**A:**  
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## 7 Champs Chapel Museum

**Q:** What was the occupation of the man leading the horse?

**A:**  
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## 8 Charlbury Museum

**Q:** What would be the job of the person who used this Singer?

**A:**  
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## 9 Chipping Norton Museum of Local History

**Q:** Who would have used this?

**A:**  
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## 10 Christ Church Picture Gallery

**Q:** What is the profession of the person depicted in the painting?

**A:**  
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## 11 Churchill & Sarsden Heritage Centre

**Q:** What career is this connected with?

**A:**  
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## 12 Combe Mill

**Q:** What would a person carrying out the occupation suggested by the photograph have been called?

**A:**  
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## 13 Didcot Railway Centre

**Q:** What occupation is connected with this picture?

**A:**  
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**14 Dorchester Abbey Museum**

**Q:** What would have been the occupation of the user of these tools?

**A:**  
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**15 Hook Norton Brewery Museum**

**Q:** Who used this machine and what was its purpose?

**A:**  
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**16 Hook Norton Village Museum**

**Q:** Who used this and for what purpose?

**A:**  
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**17 Kelmscott Manor**

**Q:** What were these used for?

**A:**  
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**18 Museum of the History of Science**

**Q:** What was the occupation of the person who used this?

**A:**  
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**19 Museum of Oxford**

**Q:** What job does this man have?

**A:**  
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**20 Northmoor Trust - Project Timescape**

**Q:** Who used this rotary quernstone?

**A:**  
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**21 Oxford University Press Museum**

**Q:** Who would use these cases?

**A:**  
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**22 Oxford Botanic Gardens**

**Q:** What is the occupation of the couple in the picture?

**A:**  
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**23 Oxford Bus Museum & Morris Motors Museum**

**Q:** Who would use this?

**A:**  
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**24 Oxford Castle Unlocked**

**Q:** Who would have used this?

**A:**  
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**25 Oxford University Museum of Natural History**

**Q:** What is this man?

**A:**  
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**26 Oxfordshire Museums Resource Centre**

**Q:** Who used this item?

**A:**  
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**27 Oxfordshire Museum**

**Q:** What was the occupation of the wearer of these gloves?

**A:**  
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**28 Pendon Museum -  
Indoor Model Village and Railways**

**Q:** Who runs the establishment the porter is entering?

**A:**  
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**29 Pitt Rivers Museum Anthropology  
and World Archaeology**

**Q:** What career did the user of this follow?

**A:**  
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**30 River and Rowing Museum**

**Q:** Who counts the Queen's swans?

**A:**  
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**31 Soldiers of Oxfordshire  
Research Centre**

**Q:** Who would have used this?

**A:**  
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**32 Swalcliffe Barn**

**Q:** Who used this?

**A:**  
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**33 Swinford Museum**

**Q:** Who used this?

**A:**  
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**34 Thame Museum**

**Q:** Who would use this?

**A:**  
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**35 Tolsey Museum, Burford**

**Q:** Who used this?

**A:**  
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**36 Tom Brown's School Museum,  
Uffington**

**Q:** What would be the occupation of the user of this?

**A:**  
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**37 Vale & Downland Museum,  
Wantage**

**Q:** Who would prepare these?

**A:**  
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**38 Wallingford Museum**

**Q:** Who would use this?

**A:**  
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**39 Waterperry Rural Museum**

**Q:** Who would have used this?

**A:**  
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**40 Witney and District Museum**

**Q:** Who would have used this machine?

**A:**  
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**Competition Rules:**

- Entry forms submitted by children under 16 years old must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Only one entry per household.
- No responsibility can be accepted for entries that are lost, delayed or damaged.
- The judges' decision is final.
- We will keep your personal details until the prize winners have been notified.
- Personal details collected by this competition will not be given to third parties or used for marketing purposes.
- In the event of a tie, the winning entries will be pulled from a hat.

## 21 Oxford University Press Museum

Great Clarendon Street, Oxford OX2 6DP

Tel: 01865 353527

E-mail: martin.maw@oup.com

**Open:** Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 4.00, by pre-arranged guided tour only.

**Admission:** Free. Please book your guided tour in advance of your visit (minimum 24 hours notice).

**Visitor facilities:** Toilets

**Disabled access:** Wheelchair accessible

**Public transport:** Walking distance of Central Oxford or Stagecoach bus route 17

University Press is a department of Oxford University and is the world's leading academic publisher. Its museum traces the history of Oxford University's involvement in printing and publishing from the fifteenth century to the present day. The exhibition shows the growth of OUP as a printer of academic literature, Bibles, and Prayer Books, and includes printing equipment from the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Displays also deal with notable books: Clarendon's 'History of the Great Rebellion', the first edition of

'Alice in Wonderland', and the evolution of the 'Oxford English Dictionary'. Items from the last hundred years follow Oxford's development as a publisher, producing children's books, sheet music, English language teaching texts, and the 'Oxford Dictionary of National Biography'. The museum concludes with the Press's work since book printing ceased at its Oxford site in 1989, and visitors can explore the 'Oxford English Dictionary' and other key texts online.

**Q:** Who would use these cases?



## 22 Oxford Botanic Gardens

Rose Lane, Oxford OX1 4AZ

Tel: 01865 286690

www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk

E-mail: postmaster@obg.ox.ac.uk

**Open:** Jan - Feb & Nov - Dec 9.00 - 4.30 (last admission 4.15); Mar - Apr & Sep - Oct 9.00 - 5.00 (last admission 4.15); May - Aug 9.00 - 6.00 (last admission 5.15)

**Admission:** Adult day ticket £3.80, Concessions: Senior Citizen, Student £3; Child Free accompanied by adult relative, £12.50 Annual Season Ticket, Concessions £10.50. Disabled & Carer Free

**Visitor facilities:** Toilets, shop, regular programme of family events

**Disabled access:** Fully wheelchair friendly, disabled toilets

**Public transport:** Centre of Oxford

The oldest botanic garden in Britain has become the most compact yet diverse collection of plants in the world. In addition to the botanical family beds there is a range of glasshouses including a Tropical Lily House

Palm House and Arid House. Outside the original walled garden there are herbaceous borders, a water and a rock garden.

**NB:** The University of Oxford Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay, with its acid soil, open spaces and informal serpentine walks and rides, provides the perfect companion to, and yet antidote for, the Botanic Garden. Visit in Autumn to see the dazzling Japanese acers, in Spring to see the blue haze created by our quintessentially English bluebell woodland, or in Summer when the wildflower meadow is in full flower; the Arboretum is a magical place to spend a day at any time of the year. Contact 01865 343501 for opening information.

**Q:** What is the occupation of the couple in the picture?"



## 23 Oxford Bus Museum & Morris Motors Museum

Station Yard, Long Hanborough  
Witney, Oxon OX29 8LA

Tel: 01993 883617 (opening hours)  
or 01296 337622 (at other times)

[www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk](http://www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk)

**Open:** 10.30 - 4.30 Sun, Wed and Bank  
Holidays (and Sat April - Sept)

**Admission:** Adult £4, child £2,  
family (2 + 2) £9

**Concessions:** Over - 60 and registered  
disabled £3

**Visitor facilities:** Toilets, café, shop,  
free car park

**Disabled access:** Access to all areas except  
part of the Morris exhibition

**Public transport:** bus route 242  
(Woodstock - Witney) stops outside station.  
Stagecoach bus route 11 from Oxford and  
Witney stops in Long Hanborough village

More than a century of transport in Oxford  
and Oxfordshire is on show in the 10,000  
sq ft museum. Work on preserving and  
restoring the exhibits can be seen from



a public viewing gallery overlooking the  
conservation workshop. Support vehicles  
(such as vans and bicycles) are included  
within the 60 plus vehicles on display. Also  
on site is the Morris Motors Museum which  
tells the story of how cars and commercial  
vehicles were produced at Cowley. There  
are exhibitions of photographs, drawings  
and all kinds of memorabilia, together with  
an impressive display of vintage Morris  
vehicles, representing the earliest to the  
last. Admission price includes entry to both  
museums.

**Q:** Who would use this?

## 24 Oxford Castle Unlocked

44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford OX1 1AY  
Tel: 01865 260666

[www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk](http://www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk)

E-mail: [info@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk](mailto:info@oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk)

**Open:** Daily from 10.00 (last tour 4.20)

Admissions: Adult £7.95, Child £5.65

Concessions £6.95

**Visitor facilities:** Shop, Café. The Key  
Learning Centre has state of the art  
facilities for school visits, lectures and  
workshops

**Disabled access:** Full access (by lift) apart  
from St. George's Tower and mound due  
to historic layout. High quality visual links  
provided

**Public transport:** In central Oxford,  
Stagecoach routes 11, 17 and X30 stop  
outside

Unlock the secrets of Oxford Castle's  
dramatic history and discover episodes  
of violence, execution, great escapes and  
even romance. Climb the mound, part of  
the old motte and bailey castle; explore  
the 900 year old underground Crypt; shiver  
in the gloomy atmosphere of the Debtors'  
Tower and Prison D Wing; enjoy stunning

panoramic views from the top of St George's  
Tower; hear stories about the various  
inhabitants, from Monarchs to Celebrities  
to Murderers. The walled site has been  
used as a place of incarceration since 1071,  
continuing until the closure of HM Prison in  
1996. The old buildings have been preserved  
and are now open to the public revealing  
a time capsule - allowing the buildings to  
tell their story. Walk through these ancient  
buildings and experience for yourself the  
dark history of Oxford Castle.

**Q:** Who would have used this?



## 25 Oxford University Museum of Natural History

**Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PW**

**Tel: 01865 272950**

[www.oum.ox.ac.uk](http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk)

E-mail: [info@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:info@oum.ox.ac.uk)

**Open:** 10.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** Shop, toilets

**Disabled access:** Fully accessible with lift to all floors. Disabled toilet

**Public transport:** Within walking distance from central Oxford

The Oxford University Museum of Natural History houses the University's scientific collections of zoological, entomological, geological, palaeontological and mineralogical specimens, accumulated in the course of the last three centuries. The exhibits occupy a large central court with its elegant cast iron columns supporting the great glass roof and surrounded on four sides by upper and lower arcades. They are devoted to the history and diversity of life on Earth and the rocks and minerals

that form it. The Museum was awarded the Guardian Family Friendly Museum Award in 2005 and there is a full programme of family activities running throughout the year; upcoming events are listed on our website.

**Q:** What is this man?



## 26 Oxfordshire Museums Resource Centre

**Cotswold Dene, Standlake OX29 7QG**

**Tel: 01865 300972**

[www.mrc-occ.org.uk](http://www.mrc-occ.org.uk)

E-mail: [museums.resourcecentre@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:museums.resourcecentre@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Open:** Next Public Open Days: Sunday 8th May & Sunday 9th October 2011, 10.00 - 4.00

At other times we welcome group visits or individual enquiries. Please contact us to make an appointment

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** Car park and toilets

**Disabled access:** Yes

The Museums Resource Centre is home to a large and diverse collection. Objects representing the county's history, archaeology, agriculture, crafts and arts are all here. The collections are available by appointment for research, study and creative inspiration. The Centre provides advice and collections management services to a number of museums in the county. Conservation and exhibition services are also available commercially.

**Q:** Who used this item?



## 27 Oxfordshire Museum

Fletcher's House, Park Street

Woodstock OX20 1SN

Tel: 01993 811456

www.tomocc.org.uk

See also: www.culture24.org.uk

E-mail: oxon.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk

**Open:** Tue - Sat 10.00 - 5.00; Sun 2.00 - 5.00 (last admission 4.45); closed Mon.

Please call or see website for details of Bank Holiday openings

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** Car park nearby, café, garden, toilets, visitor information. Education facilities for school parties and other groups

**Disabled access:** The museum is fully accessible to disabled visitors. Wheelchairs available

**Public transport:** Stagecoach bus routes S3 from Oxford and 242 from Witney.

Situated in a large 18th century house at the heart of the historic town of Woodstock, the Museum has extensive displays of local history, art, archaeology, landscape and wildlife, and explores the County's



innovative industries from nanotechnology to nuclear power. With interactive exhibits, a lively programme of touring exhibitions, events and activities the Museum offers something for visitors of all ages. Visitors can enjoy the delightful garden, shop and café. The walled dinosaur garden, planted in Jurassic style, contains a life size Megalosaur and rare fossilised footprints from Ardley Quarry. New for 2011 interactive Dinosaur Gallery, Oxfordshire Archaeological Treasures in 3-D and in spring a Victorian Oxfordshire Gallery.

**Q:** What was the occupation of the wearer of these gloves?

## 28 Pendon Museum - Indoor Model Village and Railways

Long Wittenham, Nr Abingdon OX14 4QD

Tel: 01865 407365

www.pendonmuseum.com

E-mail: penmusoffice@pendonmuseum.com

**Open:** Sat and Sun, 2.00 - 4.45 except early December; Wed 11.00 - 4.45 for school holidays; most Bank Holidays and special event weekends 11.00 - 4.45

**Admission:** Adult £5.00, child (7-16) £3; family tickets (2+3) £16

**Concessions:** 60+ £4; under age 7 free

**Visitor facilities:** Light refreshments, souvenirs, gifts, books and videos

**Disabled access:** Phone for details

An indoor museum capturing, through modelling, English rural life of the 1920s and 1930s - the almost spiritual charm of the countryside and the excitement and grandeur of steam railways. The centrepiece of the Museum is a 21 metres (70 feet) landscape depicting a summer's day in the Vale of White Horse. Miniature trains travel through the Vale, passing exquisitely recreated cottages and farms.



In addition, there are the iconic Dartmoor Scene with its huge model Brunel timber viaduct, John Ahern's pioneering 'Madder Valley' railway and the famous John and Gerry model buildings. Details of our special events and exhibitions - see website or telephone.

**Q:** Who runs the establishment the porter is entering?

## 29 Pitt Rivers Museum

### Anthropology and World Archaeology

**Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PP**

**Tel: 01865 270927**

[www.prm.ox.ac.uk](http://www.prm.ox.ac.uk)

E-mail: [prn@prn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:prn@prn.ox.ac.uk)

**Open:** Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday  
Mondays 10.00 - 4.30. Mondays 12.00 - 4.30.  
Check for Christmas and Easter opening times

**Admission:** Free. Entry through the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PW

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Small shop; fact sheets, trails, regular free children's events, lift and toilets. Unfortunately no parking or café available. Disabled access: Fully accessible including lift, toilets. Phone for further details and information on parking

**Public transport:** Within walking distance from central Oxford

The Pitt Rivers is renowned for its unique period atmosphere and dense displays of everyday objects from around the world

and across time. The Museum hosts special exhibitions and family activities throughout the year (please see the website for details). Founded in 1884, following a gift to the University of Oxford from General Pitt Rivers, the Museum recently underwent a transformation to create a new entrance and education space, bringing this Victorian building into the 21st Century, whilst retaining all its charm. The Upper Gallery reopened on 1st May 2010 with a new display of firearms.

**Q:** What career did the user of this follow?



## 30 River & Rowing Museum

**Mill Meadows, Henley-on-Thames RG9 1BF**

**Tel: 01491 415600**

[www.rrm.co.uk](http://www.rrm.co.uk)

E-mail: [museum@rrm.co.uk](mailto:museum@rrm.co.uk)

**Open:** Summer (1 May - 31 Aug) 10.00 - 5.30;  
Winter (1 Sept - 30 April) 10.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Adults £8, children and concessions £6, family ticket for 4 £24

**Visitor facilities:** Café, shop, toilets, parking, family friendly. We do free audio guides, backpacks and trails for children, and free colouring activities in the galleries. Disabled access: Full wheelchair access; wheelchair available; Wind in the Willows guide induction loop

**Public transport:** Walking distance of central Henley

See the award winning Museum with its stunning architecture and unique interpretation of the River Thames, the riverside town of Henley and the sport of rowing. Interactive displays, fascinating exhibits, special exhibitions, family activities and events throughout the year. A Terrace Café offers excellent food in distinctive surroundings. Visit Kenneth

Graham's much-loved tale 'The Wind in the Willows' in a spectacular permanent walk-through attraction. EH Shephard's famous illustrations are brought to life in an enchanting re-creation of the classic English book. See boats of all shapes and sizes suspended from the ceiling in the amazing Schwarzenbach International Rowing Gallery. Discover the story of Britain's greatest river from the source to the sea and discover our amazing hoard of 2,000 year old gold coins.

**Q:** Who counts the Queen's swans?

Image © Sue Milton



## 31 Soldiers of Oxfordshire Research Centre

The Old Tannery, Hensington Road

Woodstock OX20 1JL

Tel: 01993 813 832

www.sofa.org.uk

E-mail: research@sofa.org.uk

**Open:** Thursdays 10.00 to 2.00

By appointment only

**Admission:** No charge,  
but contributions welcome!

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Public Car park 100m,  
Public toilets 100m

**Disabled access:** Please confirm before  
visiting

**Public transport:** Stagecoach bus routes  
S3 from Oxford and 242 from Witney

The Centre holds the archives and collections of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and the Oxfordshire Yeomanry. It is also in the process of becoming a "portal" for stories of citizens of the county and their part in the nation's conflicts. Visitors will be able



to see a small display for each regiment and talk to a researcher about any queries they might have.

**Q:** Who would have used this?

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## 32 Swalcliffe Barn

Shipston Road, Swalcliffe

Nr Banbury, OX15 5DR

Tel: 01295 788278

www.24hourmuseum.org.uk listing

E-mail: jcdemmar@btinternet.com

**Open:** Easter - end of October,  
Sundays & Bank Holidays 2.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Free

**Visitor facilities:** Car park, toilet

**Disabled access:** Yes

Known locally as the Tythe Barn, Swalcliffe Barn was built for the Rectorial Manor of Swalcliffe by New College, who owned the Manor. Constructed between 1400 and 1409, it is one of the dozen best barns in the country, with much of its medieval timber half-cruick roof intact. The Oxfordshire Buildings Trust owns it and repaired it with a grant from English Heritage. Oxfordshire County Museums lease the barn as 'display storage' and visitors may see some of their collections of agricultural and trade vehicles. There is a permanent exhibition '2500 years of Swalcliffe History', with Romano-British artefacts, photographs etc.

**Q:** Who used this?



## 33 Swinford Museum

Filkins, Lechlade GL7 3JW

Tel: 01367 860504

www.filkins.org.uk

E-mail: r.d.blackett@hotmail.co.uk

**Open:** First Sunday of the month May - September, 2.30 - 5.00 or by arrangement

**Admission:** Free

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Car parking nearby, guided tours by arrangement

**Disabled access:** Yes

**Public transport:** n/a

Housed in a 17th century cottage, this fine collection of local domestic, agricultural, trade and craft tools is one of Oxfordshire's oldest small museums, set up by George Swinford in the 1930s.

The History of 'Broughton Hall', 'The Blacksmith Shop', and 'The Little Faringdon Murders' are the exhibitions this year.



**Q:** Who used this?

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## 34 Thame Museum



79 High Street, Thame OX9 3AE

Tel: 01844 212801

E-mail: museum@Thamehistory.net

**Open:** 10.00 - 4.00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; 12.00 - 4.00 on Sundays, all year round

**Admission:** Free

**Disabled access:** There is full disabled access

**Public transport:** 280 bus route from Aylesbury to Oxford. There is parking nearby in Thame High Street

Thame Museum is a museum of local history. It has an impressive range of high-quality display cases and graphic panels, and hosts a nationally important set of Tudor wall paintings, mounted in a room of their own. In the museum Community Room temporary exhibitions, talks and activities are put on.

**Q:** Who would use this?

## 35 Tolsey Museum, Burford

126 High Street, Burford OX18 4QU

E-mail: cgwallker100@hotmail.com

**Open:** April - October, Tues - Sun and Bank Holidays, 2.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Free (donations invited)

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Car parking nearby; Guided tours of Town/Church by arrangement. Postcards and booklets on local topics

**Disabled access:** none, but illustrated view guide at Visitor Information Centre and Library

**Public transport:** Stagecoach 233 (Witney - Milton under Wychwood, extends to Kingham station and Chipping Norton on Sundays)

Housed in the Tudor Market/Court House, the wide-ranging collection illustrates Burford's social and working culture, including the Town maces, seals and charters; exhibits quaintly recall the trades that flourished here - quarrying, bellfounding, rope-making, brewing -

and more, with a famous doll's house, furnished in style of the Jane Austen period.

The Special Exhibition for 2011 will be a private collection of vintage radios.

**Q:** Who used this?



## 36 Tom Brown's School Museum, Uffington

Broad Street, Uffington  
nr Faringdon SN7 7RA

Tel: 01367 820259

www.uffington.net/museum

E-mail: museum@uffington.net

**Open:** Saturday, 23 April 2011 - Sunday, 30 October 2011, inclusive 2.00 - 5.00 weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays

**Admission:** FREE entry (no unaccompanied children). Group visits by arrangement  
Concessions: n/a

**Visitor facilities:** On street parking.  
No toilets

**Disabled access:** Part

**Public transport:** Service 67  
Wantage - Faringdon

A small local museum housed in the unique 1617 building described in Tom Brown's School days. Information on the White Horse and other sites of interest in the area. Local photographs and mementoes. Interactive computer display. Annual changing exhibition - this year: 'Uffington's Transport - Road, Rail & Canal'

**Q:** What would be the occupation of the user of this?



## 37 Vale & Downland Museum, Wantage

**The Old Surgery, Church Street**

**Wantage OX12 8BL**

Tel: 01235 771447

www.wantage.com/museum

E-mail: museum@wantage.com

**Open:** Mon - Sat. Closed Sun and Bank Holidays. Café and temporary exhibitions 10.00 - 4.00. Main galleries and visitor information 11.00 - 4.00

**Admission:** Free entry, donations to the museum welcome

**Concession:** Adult concessionary £2, children under 4 free

**Visitor facilities:** Café, patio, Wendy House, book and gift shop

**Disabled access:** Ramped or stairlift access to all ground floor areas Induction loop in auditorium and on reception desk. WC for people with disabilities. Gallery notes available in large print

**Public transport:** Stagecoach X30 from Oxford (passing rail station) and 31/34 from Oxford and Abingdon. Thames Travel 32 from Didcot

This independent museum is a thriving centre for the local community and attracts about 53,000 visits a year. It is housed within a converted 17th century cloth merchant's house with a large modern extension and a reconstructed 18th century barn. The museum tells the story of the whole of the Vale of White Horse area, from fossils to Formula 1. It has an interactive auditorium with unique films narrated by David Attenborough. There are many hands-on activities, special events and frequently changing temporary exhibitions. For 2011, the museum has a stunning and Family Friendly exhibition featuring King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons in the Vale.

**Q:** Who would prepare these medicines?



## 38 Wallingford Museum

**Flint House, 52 High Street**

**Wallingford, Oxon OX10 0DB**

**Tel: 014911 835065 (opening hours)**

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

E-mail: admin@wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

**Open:** 1 March - 30 November 2011, Tue - Fri 2.00 - 5.00; Sat 10.30 - 5.00; Sun (June, July & August only) & Bank Holidays 2.00 - 5.00

**Admission:** Adult £4.00 (unlimited admission for the whole season), accompanied children under 16 free (sorry, no unaccompanied children)

**Visitor facilities:** For adult and school party bookings, contact Museum Curator on 01491 651127

**Disabled Access:** Sorry, only the downstairs galleries accessible. Disabled toilet.

Wallingford Museum is a colourful and delightfully intimate local history museum, housed on two floors in the medieval oak-beamed Flint House, opposite the Kinecroft. There is car-parking at the nearby Waitrose. In addition to Special

Exhibitions, attractions include:

The Wallingford Story - a walk through time (with free audio) from the Saxons to the Civil War, including a model of Wallingford's huge royal Castle; a Victorian street scene with walk-in shop, pub, workshop and workhouse peepshow; a feature on Wallingford Bridge; a detailed model of Wallingford Station and the results of recent archaeology. The Museum has a shop selling historical books, mementoes and a wide range of second-hand books.

**Q:** Who would use this?



## 39 Waterperry Rural Museum

**Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry**

**Nr Wheatley, Oxon OX33 1JZ**

**Tel: 01844 339254**

[www.waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk)

E-mail: [office@waterperrygardens.co.uk](mailto:office@waterperrygardens.co.uk)

**Open:** The gardens at Waterperry are open every day of the year apart from between Christmas and New Year and during Art in Action 21 - 24 July 2011. The Museum is open Tuesday to Sunday and every Bank Holiday (including 29 April) between 2.00 - 5.00 and at other times by prior arrangement

**Admission:** Free to Museum (entrance charge to gardens)

**Concessions:** n/a

**Visitor facilities:** Plant centre, Art & Craft Gallery, teashop, car park, toilets, baby change facilities

**Disabled access:** Yes. Disabled toilets

Housed in a beautiful 18th Century granary, Waterperry Rural Museum offers visitors a unique and extensive collection of unusual hand tools used in the country trades of old.



**Q:** Who would have used this?

They include equipment used by brewers, coopers, farriers, smiths, gamekeepers (and poachers!), as well as tools used on the land and in the home. Amongst the strange items on show there are gadgets used to make humbugs, bundle up asparagus or kindling wood, print lead garden labels and there's even one to put the jam into doughnuts. Or what about a 19th century clockwork crow scarer which fired blank shotgun cartridges?

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## 40 Witney and District Museum

**Gloucester Court Mews, High Street**

**Witney OX28 6JA**

**Tel: 01993 775915**

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**Open:** April - October, Wed - Sat 10.00 - 4.00; Sun 2.00 - 4.00

**Admission:** £2.00 adults, accompanied children under 16 and students free

**Concessions:** MA free

**Visitor facilities:** Small book shop

**Disabled access:** Wheelchair access to ground floor only. Disabled toilet

**Public Transport:** Stagecoach bus services to Witney are the S1 and S2 from Oxford and Carterton, 11 from Oxford, 242 from Woodstock and 233 from Burford and the Wychwoods. The S1 picks up outside Oxford Rail Station. Other bus services to Witney are the 853 from Cheltenham, X9 from Charlbury and Chipping Norton and the 19 from Bampton.

Opened in 1996, the Witney and District Museum is situated towards the north end of the High Street. The large ground floor gallery houses a long term exhibition

showing the history of Witney and the surrounding area and highlighting the changes that have taken place over the last 1,000 years. Local industries such as Witney Blankets and brewing are all featured. The museum collection includes items from the local brewing, blanket and engineering industries, together with photographs and artefacts relating to Witney buildings, Witney at war, transport, education and religion. Exhibits include a tithe map, the town stocks and relics of Witney aerodrome.

**Q:** Who would have used this machine?



A detailed close-up photograph of several interlocking metal gears. The gears are made of a dark, possibly steel or cast iron, material and are arranged in a complex, overlapping pattern. The lighting highlights the sharp teeth and the smooth surfaces of the gears, creating a sense of mechanical precision and complexity. The background is dark, making the metallic surfaces stand out.

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