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Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall
Exhibition Centre

*Art &
Heritage*
in the
*Peckforton &
Bickerton Hills*



spring/summer programme
April - September 2004

Exhibitions, workshops and talks

Welcome

to our spring/summer programme of exhibitions, workshops and talks. Unless otherwise stated, these will be held at

Peckforton & Beeston

Village Hall

Exhibition Centre

(See map on back page)

Thanks to sponsorship by the **Countryside Agency Local Heritage Initiative** we have in our programme two new and exciting Local Heritage Exhibitions. We also have a growing digital archive of local history images and memories which is available to view by appointment.

How to Book for events

Workshops: contact Sabine on 01829 261388.

Talks: contact Helen 01829 260934

Contact us

General enquiries: Helen Bate 01829 260934

Hall booking: Heather Kearns 01829 260297

If you want to receive information about future events ask to join our free mailing list.

Web site: (from May 2004)

Sponsored by the Local Heritage Initiative

www.peckfortonhills.co.uk

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Arts Council England



Local Heritage *initiative*



April

Exhibitions

April sees the start of our programme of professional art exhibitions and workshops sponsored by the Arts Council England.

Sat. 17th April 10am - 4pm

Sun. 18th April 10am - 5pm

Mon. 19th April 9.30am - 2pm

Please note that no refreshments will be available at this exhibition.

Faded Grandeur

Weathered, aged and glorious!

This exhibition brings together the work of three north-west artists to celebrate the ravages of time and to challenge the perception of age as a decline.

Rachel Davies

Using acrylic and metallic paints as well as mosaic tiles, wood blocks, wire and glass beads, Rachel explores symmetry and colour to produce objects that have a worn splendour.

Christine Oliphant

produces large semi-abstract acrylic paintings and prints that have been inspired by local architectural salvage yards.

Bucket

has worked for 10 years as an illustrator of childrens' books. Her sense of humour is applied here to a 3-D group of wonderfully debauched and decayed female figures. A combination of gorgeous tawdriness and withered magnificence.

At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall and Exhibition Centre. Entrance free.

Sat. 24th April, 10am - 4pm

Willow sculpture workshop

An opportunity to learn the fascinating art of willow weaving with expert Sarah Gallagher. This full day workshop allows plenty of time for participants to develop their own project with expert assistance.

Suitable for beginners.
All materials provided.

Fee: Adults £15.
Under 16 & OAP £10
Bring your own packed lunch.
Booking essential.
Tel: Sabine 01829 261388



Xmas angel by Graham Cooper - Workshop participant

May

Sun. 2nd - Mon. 3rd May

10.30am - 5pm

PECKFORTON HILLS Local Heritage Exhibitions

This is the first opportunity to see these two new exhibitions which explore the local and natural history of the Peckforton and Bickerton Hills.

Local History Exhibition

Photo: Courtesy of F.Wood



This exhibition looks at the rich history of the Peckforton & Bickerton Hill villages from Tiverton to Larkton. It covers the history of Peckforton and Bolesworth Castles, the mining and water industries, the railway, churches and chapels, the area at war and many other topics. With some fascinating photographic images and reminiscences which have been provided by many local people, this exhibition will have something for everyone.

Natural History Exhibition

This exhibition portrays the many and varied wildlife habitats that are to be found amongst the Peckforton and Bickerton Hills. From ancient woodland to streams and meres, from sandstone crags to lowland heathland, the area is home to a varied collection of fascinating flora and fauna. The exhibition also highlights many of the people who are working to conserve and protect this special environment.

At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall & Exhibition Centre.
Entrance free.
Refreshments and light lunches available.



Photo: Janet Binkhorn

Monday 10th May 7.30pm

Illustrated talk by Ian Dunn

John Tollemache

Castles, Cottages and Agricultural Improvements

Ian Dunn has carried out extensive research into the history of Peckforton Castle and the man who built it.

This fascinating talk reveals the background to this famous landmark and the great man who commissioned it.

Entrance £1.50 including refreshments.

Tel: 01829 260934 to book your seat.



John Tollemache. Photo: Courtesy the Tollemache family

Sun. 30th - Mon. 31st May

10.30am - 5pm

Peckforton Hills Local Heritage Exhibitions

Another chance to see these two fascinating exhibitions exploring the history and wildlife of the Peckforton and Bickerton Hills. At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall Exhibition Centre. Entrance free. Refreshments and light lunches available

June

Sun. 6th June 11am - 5pm

'One-day Art'

A rare opportunity to see the work of these two artists who explore the exciting possibilities of printmaking in their own individual ways.

Ann Bridges

works with monoprints in a unique style that links printing and painting. Rich imagery, pattern and colour combine to create these beautiful prints.



Andrew Leigh

works with a varied selection of different printing techniques from contemporary to traditional (see cover illustration).

Both artists will be available to discuss their work and talk about the techniques they use. At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall Exhibition Centre. Entrance free. Refreshments and light lunches available.

Sat. 12th June 2 - 4.30pm

Printmaking workshop

An ideal opportunity to learn the mysteries of printmaking with experienced professional, Andrew Leigh. Suitable for all ages.

At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall Exhibition Centre. Fee: £3.50 (under 16 £2) Booking essential. Tel: Sabine 01829 261388

Sat. 26th June 10am - 4pm

Woodcarving workshop

A highly acclaimed artist, Paul Noon works with native timbers. He will demonstrate the techniques, and bring a selection of hardwoods and all necessary equipment for you to create your own masterpiece.

At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall & Exhibition Centre. Fee: £8 (incl. materials)
Bring your own packed lunch. Booking essential. Tel: Sabine 01829 261388

Sun. 27th June 11am - 5pm

'One-day Art'

An exciting exhibition profiling the work of two innovative artists working in completely different spheres. Both artists will be available to discuss their unusual working methods.

David Heke

uses the medium of photography, including various alternative 19th century processes, to create these unique images.

Marjorie Derbyshire

works with textiles and metalwork in a highly original way. This fascinating collection is mainly centred around the theme of tudor costume and culture.



At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall
Exhibition Centre. Entrance free
Refreshments and light lunches available

July

Sun. 11th July 11am - 5 pm

'One-day Art'

This exhibition brings together two very diverse artists in a one-off collaboration. It is also a unique opportunity to see one of the north-west's most respected figurative artists at work.



Neil Glendinning

creates pottery that is influenced by dance and movement. Pieces are raku-fired to produce a variety of surface effects and glazes. Neil will be available to talk about his fascinating work and explain his techniques.

Julia Midgley

is a well known figurative artist who will not only be exhibiting some of the documentary drawing for which she is so well known, but will also be recording the exhibition in drawings carried out during the day. So take the opportunity to come and see this inspiring artist at work and you may even end up having the starring role in a new work of art.

At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall
Exhibition Centre. Entrance free.
Refreshments and light lunches available.

Sat. 17th July 10.30am - 4pm

Pottery & clay sculpture workshop

with Neil Glendinning. Neil will demonstrate simple techniques for making pottery or decorative tiles.

When you have created your own pieces, Neil will take them for firing, and return them ready for you to collect.

At Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall.
Fee: £6 including materials. Bring your own packed lunch. Booking essential. Tel: Sabine on 01829 261388.

The Peckforton Hills Local Heritage Exhibitions

will be held at

**Peckforton &
Beeston Village Hall
Exhibition Centre**

on the following dates:

Sun. 25th July 11am - 5 pm

Sun. 8th August 11am - 5pm

Entrance free
Refreshments and light lunches available.



Photo: Courtesy of E. Morgan

Other Venues

Other venues

Edge Village Hall

Wed. 12th May 8pm

Following the AGM of the Edge Hall Committee, there will be a talk by Bernard Wright on Barn Owl Conservation, and a chance to see the

Peckforton Hills

Natural History Exhibition.

Booking essential. Tel: 01829 782262

Bickerton Village Hall

Sat. 15th May 10am - 4pm

Sun. 16th May 12noon - 4pm

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Local History Exhibition.

Entrance free. Refreshments available.

Sat. 12th June 10am - 4pm

Sun. 13th June 12noon - 4pm

Peckforton Hills

Natural History Exhibition.

Entrance free. Refreshments available.

Hargrave Village Hall

Sat. 26th June 2- 4.30pm

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Local History Exhibition

part of the 'Hargrave & Huxley Happy Days' weekend.Refreshments available

September

Thursday 23rd Sept. 7.30pm

'Chasing the Day'

An illustrated talk about migration and bird behaviour by Keith Offord, well known ornithologist and nationally renowned wildlife photographer.

Entrance £1.50 incl. refreshments

To book your seat Tel: 01829 260934

If you are interested in local history and the countryside, **Malpas Field Club** hold regular events. Contact David Hayns on 01946 860486.

How to find Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall & Exhibition Centre.

