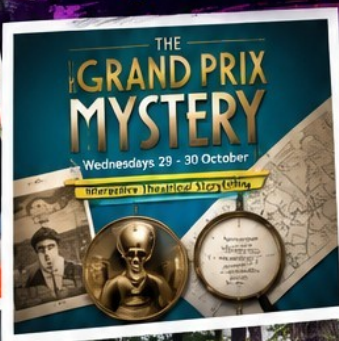




SPOOKTACULAR FUN

IN SURREY MUSEUMS
THIS OCTOBER!



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OCTOBER

There is plenty to sink your teeth into around Surrey this month as Surrey Museums have a Spooktacular selection of Halloween workshops and events as well as plenty of other activities and exhibitions for all the family. Here are a few to get you started.

World Space Week Relaxed Workshop

Sat 10 Oct. Times: 10:30am to 4pm

Guildford House Gallery, 155 High Street, Guildford GU1 3AJ [Visit Event Page](#)

A relaxed space where children and young people who are neurodiverse, have special educational needs or other sensory needs can feel comfortable engaging with the wonders of space. Includes designing space craft with LEGO, indoor stargazing, space den building, living in space quiet corner, and space fidgets. Hosted by the University of Surrey and the Institute of Physics as part of World Space Week.

Free admission. Adults to accompany all children.

Museum Kids' Club at Bourne Hall - Epsom Salts, Spa and Wallpaper

Sat 10 Oct. Times: 1pm-2.30pm

Bourne Hall Museum, Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1U [Visit Event Page](#)

How did a cow discover Epsom Salts? What happened when Epsom was a Spa town? Find out more and design your very own wallpaper.

Cost: £6.50 per child ticket, includes supervising adult, Age: 8-12yrs+

Half-term Hauntings at Guildford Castle

Weds 14th to Sat 31st Oct. (Weds to Sats only) Times: 12 noon - 4.30pm, last entry 4pm.

Times for Sat 31 October only: 10am to 3pm, last entry 2.30pm

Guildford Castle, Castle Street, Guildford GU1 3UW [Visit Event Page](#)

Step inside the Castle Keep this October for some family-friendly Halloween fun! Explore the keep decorated for the season, take part in a ghost hunt activity, enjoy one of our spooky story-telling sessions, and get creative with Halloween-themed colouring. Story sessions are on Weds 28 Oct at 12.30pm and Fri 30 Oct at 12.30pm

A great opportunity to visit the Castle before it closes fully for winter!

Cost: Adults £5, children £2.50, families £12 (2 adults and up to 3 children), under 5s go free

Beauty, Scandal, Obsession: Annie Miller & The Pre-Raphaelites

Weds 14 Oct. Times: 2pm

Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AL [Visit Event Page](#)

Bourne Hall Museum is coming to Epsom Playhouse!

Step behind the gilded frames and meet Annie Miller: barmaid, artist's model, fiancée of William Holman Hunt, and muse to the Pre-Raphaelites.

Cost: Standard £23; With Cream Tea £31

Spooktacular Trail

Weds 14 to Sat 31 Oct (Weds to Sats only) Times: 12 noon to 4.30pm, last entry 4pm

Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3SX [Visit Event Page](#)

Pick up a Halloween trail sheet and explore the museum at your own pace. Use the clues to find the ghosts hiding throughout the museum.

Free admission. Suitable for children ages 4+. Adults to accompany all children.

Scavenger Hunt - Find the Flags!

Sat 17th Oct to Sun 1st Nov. Times: 10am to 5pm

Brooklands Museum, Brooklands Dr, Weybridge KT13 0SL [Visit Event Page](#)

Make your own lap around the museum and find the 10 racing flags that have been hidden.

Cost: Included in usual museum admission.

Concorde Family Tours

Sat 17 Oct- Sun 1 Nov. Times: 1pm, 1.20pm & 1.40pm

Brooklands Museum, Brooklands Drive, Weybridge KT13 0SL [Visit Event Page](#)

Enjoy a 15-minute tour on the world's most famous aircraft.

Cost: Additional charge of £3.50pp (Under 4s go free) to usual museum admission

Half Term Family Fun at Rural Life Living Museum

Mon 19 Oct to Fri 30 Oct. Times: 10am to 4pm, last admission at 3pm.

Rural Life Living Museum, Reeds Road, Tilford, Surrey, GU10 2DL. [Visit Event Page](#)

Join us for Autumnal family fun in the trees. We're open every day during October Half Term and we've got arts and crafts, an autumn nature trail, and over 20 historic buildings to discover. Plenty of fun for all! Highlights include "Activity Thursdays" on 22nd October and 29th October as well as "Railway Wednesdays" on 21st and 28th October which are

Included in standard museum admission.

The Grand Prix Mystery

Weekdays 19 to 30 Oct. Times: Scene 1. 10.30am, 1.30pm. Scene 2. 11.30am, 2.30pm
Brooklands Museum, Brooklands Drive, Weybridge KT13 0SL [Visit Event Page](#)

There's been some mysterious motoring mischief going on at the Museum - come along and see if you can solve The Grand Prix Mystery running weekdays this October Half Term. Put your detective skills to the test, uncover the clues and help crack the case before it's too late! Presented by Zoom Through History.

Included in usual Museum admission

Family Walk with Kids Quiz - Dorking Building Materials

Tues 20 Oct. Times: 2pm

Dorking Museum, 62 West St, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1BS [Visit Event Page](#)

A family walk around Dorking with kids quiz worksheet to spot different building materials throughout the town.

Cost: £4 per child. Adults go free.

Half Term Family LEGO Sessions

Tues 20 and Fri 23 Oct. Times: 2pm to 4pm

Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA [Visit Events Page](#)

Search through the Museum's LEGO and let your imagination run wild.

Cost: £3 per person. Children need to be accompanied.

Monsters, Magic & Mischief - Half Term Activities

Tues 20 Oct to Sun 1 Nov. Times: 10.30am to 4pm

Watts Gallery, Down Lane, Compton, Guildford, Surrey GU3 1DU [Visit Event Page](#)

Something strange is happening at Watts Gallery this October half term...Woodland witches need your help, mischievous monsters are on the loose and magical potions are bubbling to life. Join us over the half term for creativity, adventure and Halloween fun. Explore the Gallery, House and woodland as they transform into a world of seasonal surprises and spooky discoveries!

Admission FREE for children under 16. Halloween costumes warmly encouraged. Help us cut carbon and traffic. 20% off entry when you arrive car-free! See website for all details.

Roman Lego workshops

Weds 21 Oct. Times: 10am-11am; 11.30am-12.30pm; 1.30pm-2.30pm; 3pm-4pm

Bourne Hall Museum, Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1U [Visit Event Page](#)

Join the Brick People for an exciting adventure into the world of the Romans! Get ready to create your own unique pieces and contribute to our large mosaics and buildings.

Cost: £8.50 per ticket. All ages welcome.

Meet a Civil War Soldier (Rescheduled from July)

Weds 21 Oct. Times: 2.30pm

Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AL [Visit Event Page](#)

Bourne Hall Museum is coming to Epsom Playhouse!

What happened in Epsom and Ewell during the English Civil War (1642–1651)? Hear a soldier's account and learn about the medical treatments of the day.

Cost: standard ticket £23; with Cream Tea: £31

Spring Bulb Planting

Fri 23 Oct. Times: 12 noon to 2pm

Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3SX [Visit Event Page](#)

Look ahead to the joys of spring and plant a pot of bulbs to take home with you. Attendees to this event will also be able to make a decorative marker to remember what has been planted.

Cost: £2.50 per child. No booking required. Suitable for children ages 5+, with adults to accompany all children.

Children's Halloween Workshop

Sun 25 Oct. Times: 2pm to 4pm

Sime Gallery, Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, GU3 3RF.

Come along for a fun afternoon of Halloween craft.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Creative Collages

Tues 27 Oct. Times: 10am to 12 noon

Guildford House Gallery, 155 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AJ [Visit Event Page](#)

Create a piece of art to take home with you using the technique of collage. Take inspiration from the *Zero3 Textiles* exhibition in Guildford House Gallery and craft your own piece using the variety of materials provided including fabric, ribbons, buttons, and other items to get creative with.

Cost: Free admission. No booking required. Suitable for children ages 5+, with adults to accompany all children.

Horrific Halloween family event

Tues 27 and Thurs 29 Oct. Times: 1.30 to 4pm

Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere GU27 2LA [Visit Events Page](#)

Bring a pumpkin or squash to carve, then join a Halloween procession through Haslemere, which finishes with a treat!

Cost: £5 per child plus £2 per accompanying adult. Children need to be accompanied.

Family Learning Festival

Tues 20 Oct. Times: 10am to 12 noon

Dorking Library, St. Martin's Walk, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1UT

Come and join the museum family activities to play some traditional games.

Cost: Free activity, all children must be accompanied. No booking required.

Sip and Paint Workshop with Susan Meer

Weds 21 Oct. Times: 7pm to 9pm

Sime Gallery, Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, GU3 3RF. [Visit Event Page](#)

Relax and paint inspired by the work of Sidney Sime while enjoying a glass of wine. The workshop is led by artist, Susan Meer.

Cost: £15 Age: 18+

Holiday Family Craft Activities - Bat Attack!

Tues 27 Oct. Times: 11am-12noon; 2pm-3pm

Chertsey Museum, The Cedars, 33 Windsor St, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8AT [Visit Event Page](#)

Bat Attack! Come and join our holiday craft activities and get ready for Halloween by making a 3-D flappy bat out of card and string to hang up!

Cost: £4.00 or £3.50 for Friends of Chertsey Museum. Age: 5-12 years (5 year-olds with an adult)

Crafty Kids: Half Term Fun

Weds 28 and Thurs 29 Oct. Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Museum of Farnham, Willmer House 38 West Street, Farnham, GU9 7DX. [Visit Event Page](#)

Get creative this half-term holiday with our fun and messy drop-in craft sessions. All materials are provided and there's no clearing up to do! You may need to wait for a space, but we try our best to accommodate everyone.

Cost: £5 on the door per child. Ages 3-7 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Super Skeletons - Session for ages 5-11

Thurs 29 Oct. Times: 10.30am to 12 noon

Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere GU27 2LA [Visit Events Page](#)

Ahead of Halloween, investigate the Museum's bone handling collection, see bones in the galleries, put together a model skeleton and do skeleton crafts.

Cost: £8 per child plus £2 per accompanying adult. Adults can stay but don't need to.

Holiday Family Craft Activities - Frankenstein Heads

Thurs 29 Oct. Times: 11-12, 2-3pm

Chertsey Museum, The Cedars, 33 Windsor St, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8AT [Visit Event Page](#)

Turn a small box into a Frankenstein head to decorate your house!

Cost: £4.00 or £3.50 for Friends of Chertsey Museum. Age: 5-12 years (5 year-olds with an adult)

Halloween at the Museum

Sat 31 Oct. Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Museum of Farnham, Willmer House, 38 West Street, Farnham, GU9 7DX. [Visit Event Page](#)

Don your scariest costume and join us for a spooky day of crafts, potion making and storytelling! Create a spooky animal that can assist you with magic and guard against negative energy. Combine ingredients to make a unique slimy potion to ward away evil spirits at the apothecary. Listen to stories full of magic, sorcery, mystery and adventure, read by the resident witch. Spot shadow animals hiding around the museum and complete the puzzle to claim a prize. Learn about the fascinating history of Halloween and discover the story about the magical cauldron currently on display in the museum.

Cost: £6 per child, with adults going free. For ages 3+.

Dorking Ghost Walk

Sat 31 Oct. Times: 6pm and 7.30pm

St Martin's Churchyard, Church St, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1UT

Join a museum guide for a Dorking Ghost walk leaving from St Martin's Churchyard to explore the spookier side of the town and meet the characters who are allegedly to haunt its streets.

Cost: £4 Booking through Dorking Museum website [here](#)

A Selection of Exhibitions

Sidney H. Sime: Theatre in Caricature

Until Sat 31 October, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3UX [Visit Event Page](#)

Sidney Sime's caricatures show his sharp eye, imagination, and fascination with theatre.

Working with critic Arnold Goldsworthy, he drew leading late Victorian and Edwardian actors and performers for reviews of West End performances. Sime's expressive line captured the likeness, character, and performances of his theatrical subjects with wit.

Published in magazines such as Pick-Me-Up, Pall Mall, and The Tatler, these artworks record Sime's distinctive response to the spectacle of his age.

Free admission.

Zero3 Textiles Exhibition: Signature XIII

Sat 10 to 31 October (Tues to Sats only) Times: 10am until 4.30pm, last entry 4pm

Guildford House Gallery, 155 High Street, Guildford GU1 3AJ [Visit Event Page](#)

Zero3 is a collective of textile artists that was formed in 2003. Each member works on their own theme, developing their individual practice, leading to the title Signature. This exhibition encompasses a range of techniques in cloth, surface design and mixed media, but everything is underpinned by a fundamental connection to textiles.

Free admission

'In the Footsteps of the Priors' Exhibition at Ripley Museum

October-December. Saturdays 10am to 12 noon

Ripley Museum, High Street, Ripley, Woking GU23 6AF. (Car park of Ripley Village Hall. behind Victory House) [Visit Museum Page](#)

An exhibition of a 1000 years of Worship in Send and Ripley. Come and find out the origins of the Newark Priory name and what became of it in 1539, see our priory model, listen to atmospheric plainsong and explore some original 16th century artefacts.

Free admission

Strawberry Studios South

From Thurs 22 October to February 2027

Dorking Museum, 62 West St, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1BS [Visit Museum Page](#)

Join us for the opening at 10am on 22nd October of our new winter exhibition following the history of the famous recording studios founded by 10cc. 'From Dorking to Ochos Rios' marks 50 years of chart-topping music from 10cc and other significant artists such as Stevie Wonder, Paul McCartney and The Police produced in Dorking.

Free admission