



Enjoy a range of fun family activities springing up at Bath and North East Somerset Council's museums at the start of this year. The Roman Baths, Fashion Museum and Victoria Art Gallery are all putting on a number of events, most of them free, for both children and adults alike.

Residents of Bath and North East Somerset can obtain free admission to the three museums with a Resident's Discovery Card. Make sure you have yours, by taking proof of ID and residency to the following Council buildings: the Roman Baths, Riverside in Keynsham, The Hollies in Midsomer Norton or the One Stop Shop on Manvers Street in Bath.

See more at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/discoverycard](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/discoverycard)



## Tours

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#### Roman Baths – Tunnel Tours

13, 27 January; 10, 24 February; 9, 23 March; 13, 27 April at 11am

Explore the hidden Roman, Georgian and Victorian history of the site. Suitable footwear and clothing is advised as walkways are uneven and your tour will involve negotiating a number of steps. Book on 01225 477773.

#### Roman Baths – Behind the Scenes

28 January 11am, 22 February 2.30pm  
22 March 11am, 13 April 2.30pm

Go behind the scenes to discover why and how we care for our collections. Handle fascinating objects, perhaps from your local area. Book on 01225 477773.

#### Fashion Museum – Backstage Tours

21, 22, 23 April at 9.30am

A tour of the stored museum collection of historical dress at the Fashion Museum, led by a museum curator. Tours last for approx one hour.

£18, includes tea/coffee and a pastry in the cafe, and entry to the Fashion Museum £8, tour only.

Tickets from Bath Box Office  
[www.bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://www.bathboxoffice.org.uk)

Not suitable for wheelchairs. Maximum of four people per tour.

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#### Victoria Art Gallery – Art Store Tours

20 January, 17 February, 16 March  
12pm-12.45pm.

Explore the parts of the Gallery other people don't reach. Free, but book in advance on 01225 477232.

## Out and About

### Lunchtime Talks at the Guildhall

1.10pm-1.45pm. Free, no need to book.

#### Designing for delivery – A client perspective of bridge design

17 February – Simon Martin,  
Bath Enterprise Area

#### 2000 years of crossing the river

24 February – Stuart Burroughs,  
Director, Museum of Bath at Work

#### Aesthetics of bridges

2 March – Prof Tim Ibell FREng,  
University of Bath

### Bath City Farm

#### Handling tables and activities

Two interactive handling sessions at Bath City Farm. Examine real finds and discover Saxon artefacts on 18 February and Roman artefacts on 31 March 2016.

Free with entry to Bath City Farm.

### Peasedown in the Past

#### Heritage Roadshow

23 April 10-1.30pm

Beacon Hall, Peasedown St John

Find out about Peasedown in the past, handle objects found in the local area and discover what has been found down your street

### Bath Record Office

#### Roadshow at Weston Heritage Day

23 April 2016 11am-4pm

Bath Record Office will be taking their roadshow to the Weston Heritage Day, at Weston Free Church, High Street, Weston. Exhibition, children's activity, meet the archivists! Light refreshments available. Free.

# Heritage Events

January – April 2016

### Roman Baths

Abbey Church Yard • [www.romanbaths.co.uk](http://www.romanbaths.co.uk)

### Fashion Museum

Bennett Street • [www.fashionmuseum.co.uk](http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk)

### Victoria Art Gallery

By Pulteney Bridge • [www.victoriagal.org.uk](http://www.victoriagal.org.uk)



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## Roman Baths

### Family Events

#### Minerva's Owl

Monday 15 – Friday 19 February  
10am–1pm and 2pm–4pm

Why do we associate an owl with the goddess Minerva? Find out and make a stick owl puppet.

#### Romans – healthy and happy?

Monday 4 April, 10am–1pm and 2pm–4pm  
Find out what the Romans did to keep well.

#### Animal antics

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June  
10am–1pm and 2pm–4pm

Explore the animals around the Roman Baths and make a mobile.

*All included in admission price, no need to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

### British Science Week Events

#### Science Busking at the Roman Baths

Saturday 12 March, 2pm–5pm

Find out more about the science behind the Roman Baths.

#### Hands on Science

Monday 14 – Friday 18 March, 2pm–4pm

Handling tables by the Roman Baths with a different topic each day.

#### Bath Taps Family Science Fair

Saturday 19 March, 10am–4pm

Royal Victoria Park, Bath.

### Adult Events

#### T'ai Chi on the Terrace

Weekly sessions at 8am on Tuesdays,  
12 January – 15 March, 12 April –  
14 June. £4 per session, ring  
01225 477773 to book.

#### Latin for Beginners

Saturday 20 February 10am–4pm

Meet the classical authors, discover the Latin words behind many English ones, see how the language works and hear the Latin of poets and others, all in a day. With George Sharpley from Latin Quarter. All course materials are provided. Ring 01225 477773 to book. £45/£35 Discovery Card holders and concessions. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## Fashion Museum

### Family Events

#### What can I make with a plastic bag?

Monday 15 February, 10.30am–12.30pm  
and 1.30pm–3.30pm

Take a plastic bag and think creatively about how it could be made into an item of clothing.

#### Fruity fun

Tuesday 5 April, 10.30am–12.30pm  
and 1.30–3.30pm

Invent an enlarged fruit design. Could it be a hat, a print for a dress, jacket or shirt?

#### The Changing Face of Fashion

Tuesday 31 May, 10.30am–12.30pm  
and 1.30pm–3.30pm

Make 'Flickerbooks' to show changing shapes of fashion through time or have a go with a dressing-up Thaumatrope.

*Included in admission price, no need to book. Children must be accompanied.*

### Adult Events: Twilight Talks

#### Fashion in... 1890s, Mary Chamberlain's Transatlantic Wardrobe

Thursday 21 January, 6pm–7pm. Rosemary Harden talks about the American-born wife of British politician Joseph Chamberlain and her fashion choices.

#### Fashion in... the Public Gaze, Queen Alexandra – a Royal Approach to Style

Thursday 4 February, 6pm–7pm. Dr Kate Strasdin tells the story of the wardrobe of Alexandra, Princess of Wales and Queen Consort of Edward VII.

#### Fashion in... 1900, Lady Curzon – Imperial Display

Thursday 18 February, 6pm–7pm. Dr Nicola Thomas shows how Lady Curzon harnessed the power of her clothes to support her role as Vicereine of India.

#### Fashion in... the 1950s & 1960s, Giuseppe 'Jo' Mattli – A Forgotten London Couturier

Thursday 3 March, 6pm–7pm. Dr Caroline Ness shares her work re-discovering 'Jo' Mattli.

#### Fashion on... Saint Patrick's Day – A Celebration of Irish Fashion

Thursday 17 March, 6pm–7pm. Alex Ward gives an overview of Irish fashion, emphasizing the use of lace, from the Edwardian era to the 1950s.

*Tickets: £10 adult, no concessions, includes wine www.bathboxoffice.org.uk*

### Adult Events

#### In Conversation with Jenny Tiramani

Tuesday 12 January, 6pm–7pm

Award-winning costume and stage designer who will talk about her work, including for Shakespeare's Globe and the Royal Opera House.

#### In Conversation with Sir Roy Strong

Tuesday 19 April, 6pm–7pm

A special In Conversation event for Bath in Fashion 2016. Eminent historian and dedicated follower of fashion Sir Roy Strong will talk about his lifelong delight in clothes with Ben Whyman from the London College of Fashion.

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## Victoria Art Gallery

### Family Events

#### Me and my family

Wednesday 17 February, 10am–11.00am  
and 11.30am–12.30pm (3–6 year olds)

Make a family collage.

#### Me and my world silhouette

Friday 19 February, 10am–11am  
and 11.30am–12.30pm (5 to 11 year olds)

Enjoy our special exhibition and make a self-portrait silhouette.

#### Spring sunshine

Wednesday 6 April, 11am–11am  
and 11.30am–12.30pm (3–6 year olds)

Create some spring flowers and make a spring flower collage.

#### Poster points

Friday 8 April, 10am–11am  
and 11.30am–12.30pm (5 to 11 year olds)

What makes a good poster? Create artistic posters using images and words.

*Included in admission price, no need to book. Children must be accompanied.*

### Adult Events

#### Grayson Perry Talk

Thursday 7 April 2016, 7pm

Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Bath

Tickets on sale from 16 January  
[www.bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://www.bathboxoffice.org.uk)  
£10 full price / £9 concessions  
(students and seniors)

Grayson Perry talks about his six large scale tapestries, *The Vanity of Small Differences*. Ticket holders will be able to enjoy an exclusive private viewing of the exhibition at the Victoria Art Gallery from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

#### Lunchtime exhibition tours

Every Thursday, 14 January – 31 March inclusive, 12.30am–1pm. Free to Discovery Card holders and ticketholders.

Grayson Perry *Expulsion From Number 8 Eden Close*, 2012.  
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