

History which is both fun and entertaining!

Learn something new this Spring and Summer 2022
Something for every child – Family History, Tudors, Normans,
Battle of Agincourt and Tutankhamun!



Kids in
Museums





Family History

Wednesday 6

April 2022

2pm to 3pm

Have you ever wondered about your family story? Your family history is like a dark room full of your past relations hidden in the shadows. Learn how to bring these people into the light.

David Brooks will explain how to trace your own family's history, using photos and information that he has collected over many years about his own.

By using certificates, parish records, the census, military records, and family stories you can piece together the jigsaw puzzle that makes up your family's story and make your own discoveries about their work and how they lived.

David has traced part of his family back to Tudor times - how far back will your search take you?



Cost £5 per child. Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell. Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

The Normans

Saturday 9 April 2022

1pm to 2.30pm



How did it feel to be a Norman soldier at the Battle of Hastings? What was it like to attack the Saxon shield wall and face King Harold's hand picked body guard of Housecarls?

Discover how the Normans won the nine-hour battle, changing the history of England for ever.

See the Normans' weapons, swords and helmets and follow the path of William as he came up to London using the Roman road Stane Street after the Battle. He may have watered his horse at the spring at Ewell!



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What can archaeology tell us about Roman Ewell?

Easter event - Wednesday 13 April 2pm to 3.30pm



Discover how people learnt to live with Roman power as a small native village became a busy roadside town. Learn how the building of a road brought a new world of ideas, food, pottery, trade and strangers to the area and gave locals a chance to see the world.

Learn something of their beliefs. Hear tales of the Roman underworld, sacred springs and sacrifices sealing deep sacred shafts full of gifts to the gods.

Learn about what was uncovered during a recent dig, even more strange than earlier discoveries! Archaeology adds to our knowledge, how pollen and snail shells can paint a picture of their surroundings, how their food waste gives us clues as what they eat, how they butchered their meat, discover a dark side to Roman Ewell – slavery! Where did they hide their money in times of trouble?

See and handle Roman artefacts.

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Tutankhamun: How a tomb cast a spell on the world

Saturday 7 May 2022

1pm to 2.30pm

King Tutankhamun ruled Egypt as pharaoh for ten years until his death at age 19. He was barely known to the modern world until 1922, when British archaeologist Howard Carter chiselled through a doorway and entered the boy pharaoh's tomb, which had remained sealed for more than 3,200 years.

The tomb's vast hoard of artefacts and treasure, intended to accompany the king into the afterlife, revealed an incredible amount about royal life in ancient Egypt, and quickly made King Tut a superstar.

Triggering a worldwide interest in ancient Egypt. Hear how the discovery was made 100 years ago and find out: was the tomb really cursed!

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Meet the Agincourt Archer and Pilgrim

Saturday 11 June 2022
1pm to 2.30pm



An archer tells his story. Hear him talk about joining the army hundreds of miles from where he lived, his voyage across the Channel, his time in France, and his part in the famous battle.

Hear how he returned home a rich but scarred veteran. After several decades of peace, the English had resumed the war amid the failure of negotiations with the French in 1415. In the campaign, many soldiers died from disease and the English numbers dwindled; they tried to withdraw to Calais but found their path blocked by a considerably larger French army. Despite the numerical disadvantage, the battle ended in an overwhelming English victory. This battle began the use of the longbow in very large numbers, the English and Welsh archers making up nearly 80 percent of Henry's army.

A pilgrim during the period of the Black Death tells the story of his journeys through France, his brush with the great pestilence and its effect on him and his country.

The Black Death began in Eurasia and lasted from 1346 to 1353. It was the most fatal pandemic in history (so far), killing 75 to 200 million people between 1347 and 1351. Bubonic plague is spread by fleas, but also spreads via the air from person to person.

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The Tudor Stillroom and Pharmacy

Saturday 9 July 2022

1pm to 2.30pm



Discover life in a Tudor Pharmacy and keep off the moths by making a muslin sweet bag with ingredients pounded in a pestle and mortar.

Prepare remedies for colds and sore throats.

Shucking and pounding rosemary to prepare for distilling.

Investigate mystery bags of herbs to smell and finding their properties and uses as remedies.

Discover the many unexpected uses of mice, frogs and snails!

Take a closer look at bay, rosemary, sage, plantain, lavender, and cypress, the plants that were available in season and their properties as a Tudor lady would know them.

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Bourne Hall Museum Kids' Club has always prided itself in trying to get the best speakers – re-enactors who are both fun and entertaining. Many of our re-enactors have appeared on television including Channel 5.

You may have seen *Digging up Britain's Past* as it explored the Roman Army including the IX Legion from Butser who appeared in full Roman armour just as they have done for the club twice! Also from the Club, featuring on Tony Robinson's *History of Britain*, was John White, an expert on the Tudors and Tudor crime, who explained the role of the executioner in the period. John has talked to us about the Tudors a number of times in guises from a hangman to Henry VIII.

On the big screen, the film *17* won a Golden Globe award and our Richard Townsley in the film appeared as a WW1 surgeon. Richard has spoken many times to the club on both WW1 and WW2

We will be keeping up these high standards in the coming year, making the club informative, entertaining and fun.

Bourne Hall Museum Club is **the** club for children 7 to 12+ who love history and like to have fun while learning about it. We travel back through time to discover the past and its people, encompassing all periods of history from the deepest Stone Age to the Home Front in Epsom during World War 2.

Wednesday 1 June 2022

A extra special CATS Club for the Queens Platinum Jubilee a chance to make yourself a very special commemorative souvenir of this historic event.

Details to follow



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