

Wells & Mendip Museum

SPRING PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2010

- Saturday 27 February
Until 16th May
- TREASURES FROM THE EARTH EXHIBITION**
Special treasures from museum collections across the South West brought together in one iconic exhibition. Also
NEW LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MENDIP by local community archaeology and history groups. **Museum entry fee applies.**
- Monday 1 March
6.30pm
- PRIVATE VIEW**
Invited guests will mark the opening of the exhibitions.
- Saturday 13 March
11am – 4pm
- ROMANS IN WELLS FAMILY DAY**
Members of Legio Seconda Augusta will be visiting the Museum to give families a taste of Roman life. A legionary will present aspects of the roman soldier experience and a Roman lady will talk about her life and give details on such subjects as religion, medicine, cosmetics and jewellery during the first two centuries AD. An additional open air experience - weather permitting will take place and children will be invited to dress up and join the roman army for drill marching. They can also visit a *contubernium* tent for a cooking and kit display.
Admission free
- Saturday 27 March
2-5pm
- NEW LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MENDIP**
A seminar exploring how a number of local voluntary groups and individuals have contributed to the archaeology and history of the Mendip area during 2009. There will be five talks about archaeology on or around Mendip - Albert Thompson, an independent landscape archaeologist on Priddy - A Landscape Evolved, Lesley Ross on the East Harptree History Society Test Pit Project, Steve Tofts of CHERT on the 2009 excavation in Cowleaze, Charterhouse, Pip Osborne of CHERT on Hollowmarsh in the Chew Valley, Barry Lane on several projects in Westbury-sub-Mendip, and concluding with Dr Suzie Thomas on “Community Archaeology in the South West and beyond: recent findings”. **Admission £5, children free**
- Saturday 10 April
2-5pm
- TREASURE, ARCHAEOLOGY & METAL DETECTING**
An afternoon of talks about metal detecting, including “The Bronze Age gold hoard from Priddy” by Steve Minnitt, Anna Booth on the Portable Antiquities Scheme and recent finds from Somerset, “Metal Detecting & Archaeology” by Peter Twinn of UK Detector Net, and Dr Pete Wilson, Head of Research Policy (Roman Archaeology) at English Heritage “Criminals with detectors: combating night-hawking”.
By free tickets obtained in advance only.
- Wednesday 5th May
- FINDS DAY**
Anna Booth, Finds Liaison Officer, Somerset County Museum Services will hold an ‘open surgery’ for identifying and recording finds.