

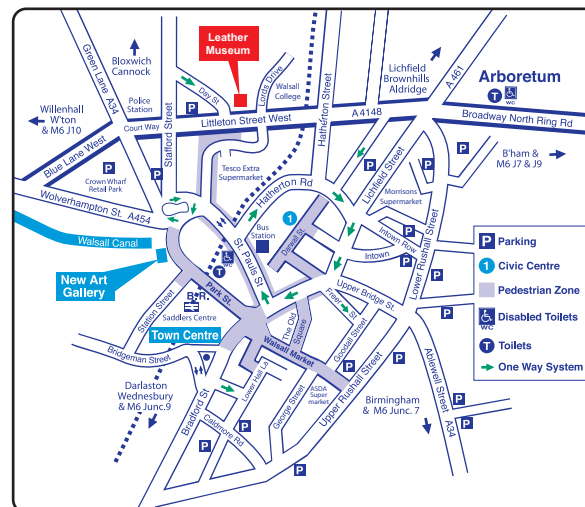


# Walsall Leather Museum

## Events and Activities

October 2021 – February 2022

### How to find Walsall Leather Museum



### Opening times

Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm  
(Apr – Oct 5.00pm)  
Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Christmas and New Year:  
Closed 24-28 December & 1 January

**ADMISSION - FREE**

### Walsall Leather Museum

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### Can we be friends on Facebook?

If you like Facebook then we like you! We'd love you to like our page 'We Love Walsall Leather Museum' and in return we'll offer you insights into the goings-on behind the scenes at the Museum, photos, audio clips and much more. What's not to like?

\*Please note that we cannot give refunds for cancelled workshop bookings and we are unable to transfer your booking to an alternative session.

\*Children's activities – all children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult



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## Children's Art Club

Saturdays 1pm – 3pm

Why not join in the fun and get involved in our monthly children's art club sessions. It's a chance to get messy and creative and try out new things.

9 October – **Halloween**

6 November – **puppets**

4 December – **Christmas decorations**

8 January – **pattern making**

5 February – **decorate a bag**

£4.50 per session (includes materials and refreshments)

Booking and pre-payment essential. Suitable for 6-12s

## Stitchers and Skivers

Wednesdays  
10am – 1pm & 1.30pm – 4.30pm

The eagerly awaited return of our fabulous adult craft sessions! If you are interested in crafts, (even if you don't think you have the greatest skills) and you like meeting new people, our monthly craft club is definitely for you. Each month we take on a different craft or technique and have fun experimenting. We provide starter ideas and examples, materials and support along with plenty of tea, biscuits and chat.

20 October – **notebooks**

10 November – **fabric decoration**

8 December – **Christmas decorations**

12 January – **mosaic**

9 February – **jewellery**

£6 per session

Booking and pre-payment essential

## Paint like a Master!

Monet's 'Poppy Field'  
With Rob Conway

Saturday 16 October  
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Create your own version of Monet's 'Poppy Field' under the guidance of artist and illustrator, Rob Conway. The painting will be broken down into easy stages so that even a beginner can produce a masterpiece!

£25 – all materials, refreshments and cake provided!

Booking and pre-payment essential.

\*Please note that this is a re-scheduled date and priority will be given to those previously booked on the original session.

## I Remember Walsall Illuminations Exhibition

Tuesday 19 October –  
Friday 31 December

I Remember Walsall Illuminations marks the 70th anniversary of the first annual Walsall Illuminations, which ran for a week in September 1951 as part of the town's celebrations for the Festival of Britain. The exhibition features photographs and videos which show how the event changed over the 57 years it ran in Walsall Arboretum, from buying in old Blackpool Illuminations features to using new lighting technologies such as lasers. It also includes memories and images of some people who visited or worked at the Illuminations.

Please come along to reminisce and share your memories of this great event, which was popular with so many Midlands families for nearly sixty years.

*This project is supported by Creative Black Country as part of Arts Council England's Creative People and Places scheme.*

FREE

## Halloween Lantern Craft Drop-in

Tuesday 26 October  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
& 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Drop in and make yourself a Halloween lantern.

£1.50 per child. No booking necessary.



## Halloween Pottery Workshop with Helen Brown

Wednesday 27 October  
10.30 – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Come and make your own pottery pumpkins with potter, Helen Brown.

£4 – booking and pre-payment essential. Suitable for 5-12s.



## 'I Worked at Walsall Illuminations'

Saturday 30 October  
1pm – 3pm

During its heyday there could be up to 100 people working on the Illuminations on a busy Saturday night all with plenty of stories to tell.

Did you help to install the Illuminations? Did you work as an electrician? Perhaps you worked on the fairground or as a cashier, ticket-ripper, entertainer, security guard or balloon seller. If so, why not join us for this opportunity to meet up and share your memories. Come and look around the exhibition, have a cup of tea and a chat and tell us your stories.

FREE



## Bookbinding with Nick Wells

Saturday 27 November  
10am – 4pm

Make your own leather-bound 'little black book' covered in full leather. You will learn thread sewing, full leather binding and embossing under the expert guidance of bookbinder, Nick Wells.

£50 – includes all materials. Booking and pre-payment essential. \*Please note that this is a re-scheduled date and priority will be given to those previously booked on the original session.

## Christmas Craft Drop-in

Saturday 11 December  
11 – 1pm

Join us for some pre-Christmas crafting fun.

£1.50 per child. No need to book.



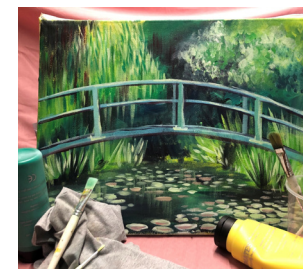
## Punch Needle Embroidery for Beginners with Ruth Turnbull

Saturday 22 January  
10.30am – 3.30pm

This embroidery technique dates back thousands of years and has more in common with rag-rugging than traditional embroidery.

This session with artist, Ruth Turnbull, will give you the opportunity to learn the basics and experiment with the techniques.

£25 (all materials included). Booking and pre-payment essential.



## Paint like a Master!

Detail of a Japanese Bridge  
by Monet With Rob Conway

Saturday 12 February  
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Join us for one of our highly popular painting sessions with artist and illustrator, Rob Conway. Rob will guide you through the process step by step until you have created your very own version of a Monet's masterpiece. Suitable for all abilities.

£25 – all materials, refreshments and cake provided!

Booking and pre-payment necessary.

## FREE Community Art & Craft Day

Saturday 19 February  
11am – 4pm

At Walsall Leather Museum and The New Art Gallery Walsall

At Walsall Leather Museum, learn about the leather-making history of Walsall and make a leather notebook, a simple money pouch or emboss and paint a leather bookmark. At The New Art Gallery Walsall, meet three local artists with varied arts practices, watch demonstrations and have a go at making your own work inspired by their practice. All the family are welcome at both venues.

FREE – no need to book



## Delightful Dinosaurs

Tuesday 22 February Drop-In

Pop in and join in our dinosaur craft fun.

£1.50 per child.

No need to book.

## Mask-Making with Rob Conway

Wednesday 23 February  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
& 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Join artist, Rob Conway and create yourself a fabulous mask!

£4 – booking and pre-payment essential. Suitable for 5-12s.



## Timber Framed Buildings – the Original Prefabs

Illustrated Talk by Ian Bott  
Saturday 26 February  
2.30pm

Discover crucks, tie beams and king posts while you indulge in the dreamy rustic architecture of our timber framed cottages, manors and barns.

They enjoyed their picturesque zenith during the Tudor dynasty of 'Merrie Old England', until superseded by the then newly fashionable house brick.

While many examples are to be found in our country towns and villages, you may be surprised to learn of some of the rare survivors hidden amongst the urban sprawl of our own local West Midlands district.

£3.50 (includes tea and cake). Booking and pre-payment essential.