

galleryoldham

October 2013 – March 2014

Free admission



Welcome to Gallery Oldham

Our extensive programme includes exhibitions, events, courses, talks and concerts as well as popular schools workshops and family activities.

Look out for the Family Friendly logo on exhibitions and events that are particularly suitable for families with young children, and follow our new Gallery Trail.



Opening times, free admission

Mon – Sat 10am-5pm (last admission 4.45pm)
Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays

Gallery closed December 25, 26, 29 – 1 Jan 2014

The Metrolink tram stops at Oldham Mumps, just a few minutes walk from the Gallery. Please see map on the back page or visit www.metrolink.co.uk.

Where are the collections?

In response to public demand we have been developing more permanent collections displays around the building. In February 2013 we opened Oldham Stories, a new permanent gallery space devoted to our collections (see pages 4 and 5).

The Oldham Panorama

This display featuring the Oldham Panorama, our unique photograph of the town in 1876, includes drawers full of intriguing objects and a touch screen interactive to help you find out more. This has been funded by a grant from the Greater Manchester Museums Group.



The Art of the Potter

Since 2007 we have been actively collecting studio ceramics, thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Collecting Cultures Programme. Our permanent display The Art of the Potter features a changing selection of work by major potters from the early 20th century to the present. The display includes pieces to touch and play with, developed in consultation with visually impaired people from Henshaws Society for Blind People. If you would like to volunteer on the ceramics project, or book a special handling session please contact Dinah Winch on: 0161 770 4632.



Around the Building

There are several major pieces from our collection on permanent display including John Collier's monumental painting of The Death of Cleopatra, Peter Philips' important Pop Art work, Gravy for the Navy and a motorbike made by Bradbury & Co in 1915.

Have you seen www.bbc.co.uk/arts/yourpaintings? This partnership between the BBC and the Public Catalogue Foundation enables you to browse all our oil paintings online.



What's in Store?

These displays curated by staff and visitors are on the first floor landings. They feature objects from our Social and Natural History Collections including everyday objects from the past, and historical taxidermy specimens.

Gallery Trail

You can pick up a Gallery Trail leaflet which will highlight objects of interest around the building. Like most museums, it is not possible to show everything permanently. Many of our exhibitions contain objects from the collections, and, you can come Behind the Scenes for special tours of our stores to look at objects that are not currently on view (see page 13).

Cover image: The Mackerel Take (detail) by James Clarke Hook, 1865



Oldham Stories: Encounters with our Collections



A New Permanent Gallery

This gallery is home for objects from our collections that relate to the history of Oldham. Here you can see some of our best-loved artefacts, alongside items that might surprise you.

We bring together objects from our Natural History, Social History and Art Collections to look again at Oldham past and present. The display features local figures such as comic actor Eric Sykes, pioneering naturalist James Neild and popular artist Helen Bradley, and explores the changing industrial and cultural landscape of the area.

From birds and shells to archaeology and banners every object has a tale to tell. Oldham Stories includes some of our best paintings, including important watercolours from the Charles Lees Collection and paintings by artists who recorded local views and characters. We also have original footage of a local whit walk.

Oldham Stories includes a range of activities. You can follow our Owl Trail, identify the smells in our Edwardian Chemist's shop and make a badge as a souvenir of your visit.



Over to You

Oldham Stories includes a selection of time capsules and other items that have been found years after they were hidden. We asked our visitors what items they might put into a time capsule and why.

Many people suggested photographs or diaries so that something about their everyday life would be preserved. Others had treasured objects that were special because they had been given to them by loved ones. But some suggestions certainly did surprise us.

'I would put a gossip magazine in the time capsule so they could see what people were talking about.'

'My teddy - I got it on my 6th birthday and take it everywhere I go!'

'The Wanted's songs, Rice Pudding – my favourite food, toilet roll, makeup bag, onesie.'

'I would put in some old hair-straighteners because they might not exist in the future!'

The Chemist's Shop in Oldham Stories



Community Gallery

The Community Gallery features work by groups or individuals who live or work in Oldham, or anyone whose subject matter relates to Oldham. Do you have an exhibition proposal? Please contact Joy Thorpe on 0161 770 2073 or email joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk

Positive Light

24 August – 19 October

Take another look at Oldham through the lens of photographer Mina Ahmed. Taken at night, these images show the beauty, vibrancy and colour of our town, encouraging us to explore a little further and think a little deeper.

Fifty Years of Oldham Symphony Orchestra

26 October – 4 January 2014

Oldham's amateur orchestra has been performing since 1863. This exhibition celebrates their many performers and performances.

The Language of Silk

11 January – 8 March

In partnership with the Workers Educational Association, Gallery Oldham has provided a series of arts based classes to widen the learning opportunities available to local ESOL students. This exhibition of silk paintings created by the learners is a fantastic showcase of creativity and imagination.

We'll show you ours...

15 March – 10 May

Hidden in Gallery Oldham is a talented community of artists - within our staff! Take a look at this exhibition including photography, drawing, textiles, prints, paintings and sculpture and find out what we get up to in our time off.



Butterfly by Andrew Heathcote, Visitor Experience Officer

Foyer Displays

The North West and the Spanish Civil War 1936 – 1939

5 October – 4 November

We are delighted to host this touring exhibition as part of Oldham's celebration of Local Democracy Week. Produced by the International Brigade Memorials Trust, it includes the stories of Oldham men who joined the fight against fascism in Spain.

The Oldham Open

28 September – 16 November

The ever-popular Oldham Open exhibition is back! The show is held every two years and is a celebration of creativity, showcasing work by artists living or working in the Borough of Oldham.

The exhibition promises to be a visual feast and always includes work in a diverse range of media. From drawing, painting and photography to ceramics, jewellery and sculpture, the exhibition features a wide range of artists with different interests expressed through their work.

The exhibition is also a great opportunity for visitors to view and buy a range of artworks by local artists and see the range of skills and talents in Oldham.

Don't forget to vote for your favourite piece in the People's Prize competition during the course of the show. The winner will receive vouchers for art materials.



Spindleopolis! When Cotton was King

20 July – 30 November

In 1913 Oldham boasted more cotton spindles than any other town in the world and the town brimmed with confidence and certainty about its future. 100 years on, Spindleopolis revisits this time of economic boom using contemporary paintings, photographs and objects to explore the lives of ordinary Oldhamers.

Cotton helped to create a prosperous working class whose cash fuelled a market for seaside holidays, football, music hall and fish and chips. The display uses the cartoons and words of local man Sam Fitton to recreate this lost world. This dialect writer and entertainer chronicled the lives of the working men and women of the town in the pages of the Cotton Factory Times, the operatives' own weekly newspaper (pictured below).

This exhibition is curated by historians Alan Fowler and Terry Wyke and includes objects from Gallery



DINNER CARRIERS' PARADE.

Jam cakes, flesh cakes,
Nice cakes an' funny uns;
Ham an' eggs, lambs' legs,
Beef "stakes" an' onions;
Caw's hearts, apple tarts,
Not mich weight in 'um;
Pies made o' pottatoes, an'
Some beawt weight in 'um.

Rice puddin's, flesh puddin's,
Two feet long abeawt;
Hawf a foot at oather end
Enough to mak' a song abeawt,
Cawves' liver, sheeps' fry,
Enough to spifflicate us,
Warm doaf, bread an' loaf,
Cabbitch an' pottatoes;

Jack Chesterman Boat Stories

23 November – 29 March

Jack Chesterman's monumental painted canvases and sculptures examine themes of journeying, history and loss. He has been depicting boats and ships for many years exploring their colour, structure and material, as well as the stories they contain. More recently he has created a series of large scale boat sculptures that lie upturned on plinths like tombs. These sculptures are extraordinary visual objects but are also vessels for stories that span 500 years of history, from El Gran Griffon, a supply ship in the Spanish Armada, to the battleships of the Second World War Chesterman has long been interested in the maritime culture of the Shetlands and both sculpture and paintings explore the experience of fishing in these waters.

Jack Chesterman is a printmaker and painter based in Leeds who has exhibited around the world. This exhibition makes dramatic use of our contemporary gallery space, with its natural light, and views of the landscape and weather.

Image: Welding, Hamburg (detail) by Jack Chesterman



Albert Adams

30 November – 19 April

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Image: Portrait of Miss Rhoda Samuels (1958 detail) by Albert Adams, 1976 by kind permission of the Albert Adams Estate and Trust, London

University of
Salford
MANCHESTER

Gone Fishing!

14 December – 14 June

You'll be amazed by how many fishy objects we have in our collection!

This exhibition explores marine and freshwater environments and the fish that live in them. It includes landscape paintings portraying rivers and maritime scenes, and images of people fishing, by artists such as William Stott, John Constable and local painter John Houghton Hague. Objects from our exceptional Natural History collection take centre stage, with ancient fossil fish, biologically accurate fish models and trophy mounts donated by Oldham Central Angling Club on display.

There are some unexpected objects too. As Oldham was the birthplace of fish and chips we are including our splendid 1930s Mallinson's fish and chip range, and Arthur Dooley's bronze fish commemorating a strike at the Fisher Bendix factory in 1972.

Many objects are displayed for the first time and some have been conserved specially for this exhibition.



Gallery Talks

Our monthly talks are free, informal and last around 40 minutes with time for discussion afterwards. There is no need to book.

If you are bringing a group of more than five please contact the Gallery on 0161 770 4742

Wednesday 9 October 2pm

Join Joy Thorpe for a tour of the Oldham Open.

Wednesday 13 November 2pm

Curator Sean Baggaley talks about Spindleopolis! When Cotton Was King.

Wednesday 11 December 2pm

Curator Dinah Winch explores the work of Albert Adams.

Wednesday 8 January 2pm

Join Natural History Curator Patricia Francis for a tour of Gone Fishing!

Wednesday 12 February 2pm

Artist Jack Chesterman talks about Boat Stories.

Wednesday 12 March 2pm

Join Art Curator Dinah Winch for tour of Gone Fishing!

Saturday Talks

Saturday 30 November 2pm

A Walk Along The Oldham Panorama

Join Curator Sean Baggaley for one of his popular tours of our famous 1876 photograph of Oldham and its display of objects from our Social History Collection.



Behind the Scenes

Explore objects in store linked to our new gallery, Oldham Stories. Free but booking essential.

Tuesday 17 December 2pm

Patricia Francis will look at objects from our Natural History Collection.

Tuesday 21 January 2pm

Sean Baggaley will look at objects from our Social History Collection.

Tuesday 4 March 2pm

Dinah Winch will look at objects from our extensive Art Collection.

Ceramics Handling Sessions

We offer booked behind the scenes tours of our studio ceramics collection, including opportunities to handle objects. Please contact Dinah Winch on 0161 770 4632 to make a booking.



A Greener Gallery

The Gardens around the Gallery attract a variety of wildlife, from nectar-rich flowers to encourage insects to a log pile for other mini-beasts, and feeders for birds. Take the time to look at the gardens on your next visit to the Gallery!

Identification Service

Our curators provide a free identification and advice service but we are unable to give valuations. Please make an appointment in advance.

Social and Local History

Sean Baggaley 0161 770 4662
Sean.baggaley@oldham.gov.uk

Natural History

Patricia Francis 0161 770 4863
Patricia.francis@oldham.gov.uk

Art and Craft

Dinah Winch 0161 770 4632
Dinah.winch@oldham.gov.uk

Children and Families

Activities are most suitable for children aged 4-10 yrs. Children must be accompanied by an adult for all family activities.



Holiday fun at Gallery Oldham

Free family activities take place during all school holidays. These are linked to our exhibitions so please take a look around the galleries before you come along. Face painting and craft activities at each session.

Free – no need to book, just drop in

Half term October 28, 29, 30, from 1-4pm

Half term February 17, 18, 19, from 1-4pm

Super Saturdays

Craft activities, painting, drawing and creative fun for all the family on the first Saturday of the month.

Free, no need to book, drop in from 12-4pm

5 Oct - BIG DRAW!

Come and join us and the Arts Development team and get involved in our annual family drawing event. If you are bringing a group of more than 10 please book in advance on: 0161 770 2073.



Nov 2 - Activities linked to our Spindleopolis! exhibition.

Dec 7 - Seasonal Spectacular! Why not also book a seat for our family film and join us for some festive frolics? See small cinema information for details on how to book.

Jan 4 - Activities linked to Jack Chesterman's exhibition.

Feb 1 - Activities linked to Albert Adams' exhibition.

March 1 - Activities linked to Gone Fishing!

April 5 - Activities linked to Oldham Stories: Encounters With Our Collections.

The Small Cinema

Bringing cinema back to Oldham

Every month we hosts a children's classic in The Performance Space.

Sat 26 Oct, 2pm:
Hotel Transylvania (PG)

Sat 16 Nov, 2pm: The Croods (U)

Sat 7 Dec, 2pm:
The Muppet Christmas Carol (U)

Future films – Sat 25 Jan, Sat 15 Feb, Sat 22 March

Tickets cost £3 and include a goodie bag for kids, with a chance to win a copy of the film on DVD. You can reserve tickets at the Welcome Desk.

Get creative

Have fun with film-related arts and craft sessions before each movie from 12noon–2pm in the Foyer.

www.thesmallecinema.com for film listings and details.



Learning for all at Gallery Oldham

Schools and higher education

We deliver a comprehensive educational programme for students of all ages. Central to the Gallery's work is the delivery of curriculum focussed workshops offering high quality learning opportunities for all schools, colleges and universities. Our workshops cover all areas of our collection of Art, Craft, Social and Natural History.

To find out about our wide range of workshops and to order an education pack please contact our Education Development Officer, Laura Ferguson on 0161 770 4643 or Laura.ferguson@oldham.gov.uk

Back by popular demand

Museum on the Move

(KS1 and 2, Thursdays only)

Bringing Gallery Oldham and it's collections to your classrooms. Choose from a range of themes, from WWII to the cotton industry to bring history to life using real museum artefacts.

Printed Patterns KS1 and 2 (2hrs)

Become pattern detectives as we investigate patterns hiding around the gallery. Taking inspiration from our collections, design your own printed pattern and create your own textile wall hanging.

Oldham Stories KS1 and KS2 (2hrs)

Think you know the story of Oldham? Look again as we explore Gallery Oldham's new permanent exhibition featuring the full breadth of our collections.

Creative Clay KS1 and 2 (2hrs)

Explore Gallery Oldham's extensive studio pottery collection and create your own piece of hand built clay inspired by the works and exhibitions.

Coming soon...

Keep an eye on our website for a new series of fantastic artist-led workshops for the 2013/14 academic year.

Get in touch

To find out more about our wide range of workshops, how to book and to order an education pack, please contact our Education Development Officer, Laura Ferguson on 0161 770 4643 or email: laura.ferguson@oldham.gov.uk



Adult Art and Craft Courses

For details and to book any of these courses please ring 0161 770 2073

Collagraph Printing

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 6-8.30pm

Use mixed media to create a range of interesting surface prints. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced. Course of three workshops £20 including all materials.

Batik

Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25, 6-8.30pm

Explore different techniques, from making simple marks and drawing with wax to painting and dipping with dyes. Course of three workshops £20 including all materials.

Drop-in Card Making

Saturday, December 14

Seasonal card making for adults

Free drop-in, 1-4pm

Groups

For groups of all ages and abilities our Learning and Outreach officer provides a range of hands-on activities, delivered both at the Gallery and off site at a venue convenient for you. We deliver workshops for a range of community and voluntary groups based on our exhibitions and collections. For more details call: 0161 770 4744 or email: glenys.walsh@oldham.gov.uk

Making Memories

Creative reminiscence for older people delivered in partnership with artists Arthur+Martha. If you work with a group of older people either in a care setting or in the community and want to find out more about the project contact: 0161 770 4663 or email: joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk



The Baring Foundation



Oldham Cultural Forum

The Cultural Forum is a meeting place for creative people to gain advice and network with other professionals working in the creative industries.

Monday, December 9, 6-8pm

Meet the artist and private tour of Gallery Oldham.

Monday, March 10, 6-8pm

Cooperative Oldham Fund advice for artists and community organisations.

Oldham Arts Development also offers advice and information to artists and community groups on an informal basis throughout the year.

To book a place at the forum or an advice session contact 0161 770 3070 or email: rachel.wood@oldham.gov.uk

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

Oldham Local Studies and Archives collects and preserves the archives and history of the Oldham area. It has items relating to Gallery Oldham's collections including artists' letters and local photographs.

Family History Advice

An adviser is available to help with your family history research every Monday and Wednesday, 2-4pm. Bring along any information that you have discovered as this will help us to help you. No booking required.

U3A Genealogy Group

Meets on the third Wednesday every month, 10am-12pm. Find out more about local and family history with the University of the 3rd Age Genealogy Group. No booking required.

Oldham Historical Research Group

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 7pm, for anyone interested in the history of Oldham.



Palaeography Group

Meets one Saturday a month, 10-11.30am to transcribe wills and other documents relating to Oldham in the 16th and 17th centuries.

To find out more call 0161 770 4654

Talks for Beginners

Learn how to use basic genealogical sources

21 Sep - Getting Started at Family History

5 Oct - Civil Registration: Births, Marriages and Deaths

19 Oct - Using the Census

2 Nov - Before Civil Registration and How to use Parish Register

16 Nov Recording Your Family Tree

Saturdays 10.30am

No charge but booking essential. To book your place call 0161 770 4654

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN.

T: 0161 770 4654

E: archives@oldham.gov.uk

Opening Hours

Mon and Thu 10am-7pm

Tue 10am-2pm

Wed and Fri 10am-5pm

Sat 10am-4pm

Gallery Oldham Room Hire

Gallery Oldham's versatile Education Suite, Performance Space and galleries are available to hire for meetings and functions. For more information please contact:

T: 0161 770 2073

E: galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk

Are you on Gallery Oldham's mailing list?

Please contact us if you would like to go on our mailing list. You will receive this brochure twice a year and occasional mailings. If you are already on our mailing list and are able to provide us with an email address as well as a postal address please get in touch!

We also have the following specialist mailing lists: Family Friendly, Ceramics and Adult Creative Courses.

Naked Bean at Gallery Oldham



Now that the weather is turning a little cooler Stuart and the team at Naked Bean have brought in a new autumn menu, replacing some of our seasonal salads with comforting homemade fare. Why not try our popular soup with warm crusty



bread, or a tempting Welsh rarebit? We serve fresh coffee and great fry ups. Cakes and muffins are baked daily on the premises and for the autumn we have warm desserts to tempt you.

If you're looking to treat yourself why not try Tea for Two in the afternoon from 2pm?

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 8am – 4.30pm

Saturday 8am – 4pm

Please note that access from 8-10am is through the side entrance, off Southgate Street. Look out for great meal deals and take advantage of our loyalty card scheme. Stuart and the team look forward to welcoming you to Naked Bean at Gallery Oldham.

Gallery shop

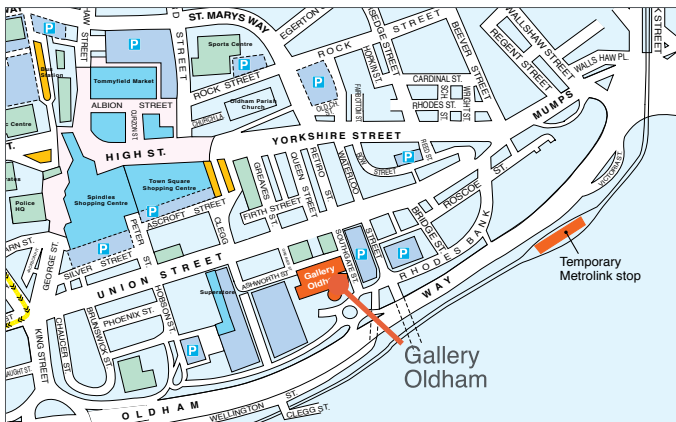
Looking for a special gift or deserve a treat? Visit our shop for a range of crafts, jewellery, children's toys, souvenirs and gifts to suit all pockets including an excellent range of cards and postcards, crystal engraved with the Oldham coat of arms, and a myriad of marbles! Our range is constantly expanding, and includes textiles, ceramics, stained glass and hand crafted jewellery. The shop also sells catalogues of current and past exhibitions and books about the Gallery's collections.

Keep us in mind for your Christmas shopping! Monday 9 December 4-8pm. Join us for a special Christmas shopping event. Get 10% off all purchases over £10 from our shop for this evening only.

We welcome approaches from local artists and craftspeople interested in selling small items in our shop. Please contact Margaret Cooper on 0161 770 2073 to discuss our terms and conditions.

Where are we?

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham OL1 1AL. Gallery Oldham is part of the Library and Lifelong Learning building.



How do I get in touch?

T: 0161 770 4653

E: galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk

www.galleryoldham.org.uk

www.gooldham.com



Opening times

Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm

(last admission 4.45pm)

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Transport

Gallery Oldham is situated on Greaves Street in Oldham town centre, next to Sainsbury's. The new Metrolink tram runs from South Manchester to Rochdale, via Oldham Mumps, and there are buses from Greenfield Railway Station. The main bus station is a 10 minute walk away. There are buses stopping near the Gallery but bus stops are liable to move to accommodate the tram works. Please check www.oldham.gov.uk/metrolink for travel updates or contact the Gallery for advice. The nearest car park is Southgate Street.

Gallery access



There are two disabled car parking spaces on Greaves Street, next to the Gallery, and several spaces on the Southgate Street car park. Parking may be disrupted by Metrolink works. Please contact the Gallery for more details.

The building has large lifts, accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. There is a baby feeding room in the library.



For a large print copy of this brochure please contact T: 0161 770 4653
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