

## Opening Times

1 April - 30 September 2011

Tues - Sat 10am - 5pm

1 October 2011 - 31 March 2012

Tues - Sat 10am - 4pm\*

Closed Sundays & Mondays.

## Admission

Adult £3.70

Concessions\*\* £3.10

Young Person (4-16) £2.00

Free admission for Museums Pass and children under 4 years.

\* Free admission for all visitors 1 Oct 2011 - 31 March 2012

\*\*Visitors with disabilities, over 60s and students

## Visitors with Disabilities

May bring one companion in free. The ground floor, shop, garden and toilet are accessible to wheelchair users.

For detailed advice about access tel. 01842 752599.



If you would like this information in a more accessible format try [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk) or email [museums@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:museums@norfolk.gov.uk) or tel. 01603 493625/Textphone 0844 800 8011 and we will do our best to help you.



## Thursday Afternoon Talks

2.30 - 3.30pm Cost: £2 Members £1.50 (includes admission charge).

Advance booking essential.

7 April

**Penny Dreadfuls to Dracula:  
The Development of Gothic Literature**

12 May

**Thetford Gardens**



1 September

**The Home Front: Living in Thetford in the Second World War**

6 October

**A Doctor at the Workhouse -  
Britain's first black mayor**

3 November

**Suffolk Zeppelin Raid in June 1917**

1 December

**Wartime Christmas**

## Group Visits

We welcome visits from community groups. For more details, tel. 01842 752599 or ask at the museum.

# Welcome to the Ancient House

Set in a beautiful Tudor house with 21st century displays, this delightful museum tells the remarkable story of Thetford and the Brecks. Discover rich collections alongside audio guides, films and animations.



Meet local people from Thetford's past from revolutionary philosopher Thomas Paine to Sikh hero Maharajah Duleep Singh and from rabbit warreners to railway workers.

There's a changing programme of special exhibitions and events to enjoy - look out for costumed characters at House Alive - and a small but charming garden.



## How to Find Us

**Ancient House Museum of Thetford Life**

21-23 White Hart Street, Thetford, IP24 1AA

Thetford is 40 minutes drive from Norwich and Cambridge. Free car park opposite. 7 minutes walk from the railway station.

Tel. 01842 752599

Email [ancienthouse@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ancienthouse@norfolk.gov.uk)

Web [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk)



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# ANCIENT HOUSE

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## Exhibitions

Until Sat 11 June  
**Maharajah**



Discover the intriguing and unexpected history of the Duleep Singhs – East Anglia's Indian royal family. Find out about Elveden Hall and the famous Koh-i-noor diamond.

25 June 2011 – 21 April 2012

### World War Two: Local Secrets and Stories

Find out about everyday life in Norfolk during World War II as told by local people. From tanks passing through Thetford and bombing in King's Lynn, to the arrival of evacuees and American convoys – all these events are vividly recalled by the people who witnessed them.



Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum

## Family Events

Wednesdays 11am - 2pm  
(unless otherwise stated)  
£1/Members 50p  
(includes museum admission).



13 April  
**Textile Day**

20 April  
**Silk Painting**

27 July  
**Wartime Crafts**

3 August  
**Illuminated Manuscripts with Norfolk Record Office**

10 August  
**Wartime Paper Crafts**

26 October  
**The Big Draw: Wartime Posters**

Sat 17 December  
**Christmas Crafts through the Ages**

### Under 5s

For details of regular activities, tel. 01842 752599 or ask at the museum.



### House Alive!

Fridays 11am - 2pm  
Our costumed characters, 'The Thetford Treasures', bring history to life.

15 April  
**Votes for Women**

3 June  
**Outbreak of War**

5 August  
**Life with Rationing**

19 August  
**Victorian Washing**

28 October  
**Thetford Workhouse**

2 December  
**Wartime Christmas**  
5 - 8pm. Late opening for Thetford's Christmas lights switch on.



### Special Events Admission FREE

Sat 19 March

### Conservation Day

See museum staff at work on one of our regular cleaning and conservation days.

Sat 10 September

### Heritage Open Day

Discover how we look after the museum.

Sat 24

September

### Anglo-Sikh Heritage Day



Sat 8 & 29 October,  
10.30am - 12.30pm

### Pulpware Course for Adults

Learn about the unique history of Thetford pulpware and try your hand at making a pulp bowl. Participants must attend both sessions.

Cost: £10, Members £8.

**Advance booking essential.**



### Knit and Knatter

1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of the month.

10.30am – 12noon.

### Learn to Knit

Last Saturday of the month, 2.30pm

**Admission free but advance booking essential.**

### Stitch in Time

Join our sewing group and help with a variety of museum projects.

Tel. 01842 752599  
or ask at the museum.