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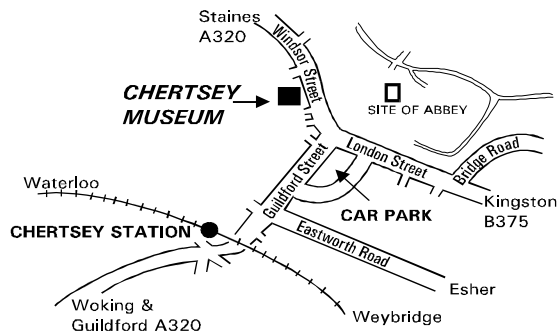
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Opening Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Saturday 11am to 4pm

Sunday & Monday CLOSED

The Museum is situated off the M25 (Junction 11) and can be easily reached by bus or train.

- Trains:** Trains from Waterloo to Chertsey via Staines or Weybridge, then a 15 minute walk to the Museum
- Buses:** 426, 451, 461, and 557
For further details contact *Traveline* on 0870 608 2608
- Car:** M25 (Jct. 11), A320 from Staines, Woking and Guildford and B375 from Kingston. Street Parking or town public car park
- Access:** Flat access to all areas. Free parking space for blue badge holders
- Shop:** Refreshments and a wide selection of gifts to suit all tastes and purses
- Research Room:** Primary and secondary resources are available to researchers on Wed. & Thurs. 12.30-4.15pm & Sat. 11am-3.45pm

Reminiscence Service Catalogue



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Chertsey Museum Reminiscence Project Supported by:

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How to use the Reminiscence Service

We make a small charge for the reminiscence service so that we will be able to maintain it for the future. There are two ways to use the service:

Affiliate:

£30 a year

If you would like to borrow a succession of boxes and photo packs throughout the year then it is a good idea to become an affiliated member of the Reminiscence Service. It entitles you to free use of the Reminiscence Boxes and the Photo packs for the whole year. You are able to borrow as many boxes and photo packs as you like throughout the year. *(Only one box and photo pack can be borrowed per setting at a time)*

Pay as you go:

£3 a box £1 a photo pack per week.

If you do not think you will use more than 10 boxes in a year then this is the scheme for you. You will be able to book and borrow boxes and photo packs when you need them.

Whatever you decide you will need to fill out a simple form so that we have some contact details, and we will send you some user cards so that your staff/volunteers/group members will be able to come along to the museum to collect the boxes and photo packs.

Length of Loans

The Photo Packs can be booked and borrowed for two weeks at a time. The Reminiscence Boxes can only be booked for one week at a time, but if it is available for a 2nd week when you come to collect it, it is possible to extend the loan to two weeks. This is to enable as many different groups as possible to get the boxes of their choice and the time they want them.

Loans go from Thursday to Wednesday— they can be picked up from 12:30 on Thursdays and have to be returned by 4:15 on the Wednesdays unless previously discussed.

Group Visits to Chertsey Museum

Bringing a group to Chertsey Museum is a simple, easy and a FREE outing. The museum is fully accessible throughout, with a lift and flat access.

If you would like to bring a group to the museum please ring us on 01932 565764 to make sure we do not have any other visiting groups that day.

Refreshments

We can then reserve the Pardoe Room for your group. In this room there are tables and chairs and we are able to put out cups, saucers, hot water and a teapot, so you will be able to have some refreshments as a group after looking around the museum. We ask that you bring your own teabags, milk, sugar and biscuits. Alternatively we do have a hot drinks machine in the shop should you prefer.

Parking

There is a disabled parking space outside the museum to help with unloading wheelchairs and those needing some help. Unfortunately we are unable to reserve this for groups as it is a public space.

Exhibitions

We have a constantly changing exhibition programme so that your group can come back again and again to see new things in the museum. We have an extensive costume collection, as well as social history objects, and the displays reflect the diversity of the collection, so there is something to everyone's taste.

Local History

If your group is local to Runnymede they may be interested in our research room, as it contains many photographs and maps of the local area. If your group or a member of your group has a particular interest in the local area they will be able to find out more by visiting the research room. Please confirm the research Room opening hours when booking a visit.

What is Reminiscence Work?

Reminiscence work can be defined as using social and creative activities to stimulate people and to provide opportunities for them to share their memories.

Chertsey Museum has a reminiscence service that allows boxes on particular topics to be borrowed by groups to provide a stimulant for reminiscence sessions. Each box contains suggestions for related activities that could be done in conjunction with the box and the topic. We also have local history reminiscence photo packs that can be borrowed.

Why do Reminiscence Work?

Reminiscence is said to:

trigger spontaneous conversation between elders and staff
assist in forming of friendships

increase self-esteem

aid independence

support the empowerment of elders

increase social growth

provide a familiar, stimulating and enjoyable environment

reinforce a sense of security

lift depressed moods and create a feeling of well being

assist in maximising potential abilities

enable staff to recognise older people as individuals

increase the older person's knowledge about others living in the same setting.

Where can it be done?

Reminiscence can be done anywhere where older people get together or live such as:

Day Centres

Hospital Wards

Nursing Homes

Clubs

Museums

Residential Homes

Care Homes

Day Hospitals

Libraries

Adult Education Locations

Chertsey Museum Reminiscence Service

Chertsey Museum has a long history of working with local schools, loaning out original artefacts, photographs and documents so that local children can find out about life in the past.

We have found over the years that these resources have been borrowed more and more by non-school groups, such as care homes and hospitals. Having had several enquires asking for reminiscence resources, the museum with the help of the Friends of Chertsey Museum managed to start a reminiscence project helped by the financial support of many groups such as:

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With their support we have produced 12 Reminiscence Loan boxes on different themes and 10 local area photo packs.

These are available to be borrowed by any local group, to be used in group or one-to-one reminiscence sessions. The aim is to spark memories and provide enjoyment for local elders.

The following pages outline the resources available, and how to go about borrowing the boxes and local history reminiscence photo packs.

If you have any further questions or would like to find out more about how the Chertsey Museum Resources can be used in your setting, please call the education officer on: 01932 575374.

If you would like to read more about reminiscence work, Surrey Libraries have a selection of books about reminiscence work available to be borrowed. For information please contact Camberley Library on: 08456 009 009



Lyne Church, Lyne. 1890s

Pack 5– Lyne and Longcross
Contains 3 Books and 20 Photographs

Pack 6– Ottershaw
Contains 3 Books and 20 Photographs

Pack 7– Runnymede
Contains 2 Books and 12 Photographs

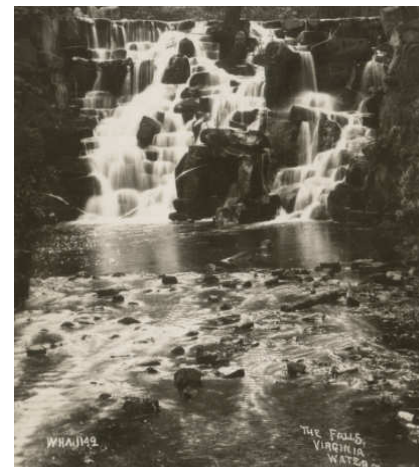
Pack 8– Thorpe
Contains 3 Books, information sheets and 14 photographs



Magna Carta Island, Runnymede. 1921

Pack 9– Virginia Water
Contains 2 Books and 20 photographs

Pack 10– Woodham and New Haw
Contains 2 books and 6 photographs



The Cascade, Virginia Water. 1910

Local History Photograph Packs

Chertsey Museum has a large collection of photographs of the borough of Runnymede as well as local history books. These photo packs are available to be borrowed for two weeks at a time. There are free for affiliated groups, or £1 for the two week loan for pay-as-you-go groups.

They are useful for showing how towns have changed over time, and are helpful conversation starters. The books in the packs are also good for people who are interested in local history.

A magnifying glass is contained within each pack so that most people can enjoy them.

Pack 1– Addlestone

Contains 2 local history books and 20 photographs.

Pack 2– Chertsey

Contains 5 books, 6 information sheets and 20 photographs.



Station Road, Addlestone. 1940s



High Street, Egham. 1910s

Pack 3– Egham

Contains 3 books, 2 information sheets and 20 photographs.

Pack 4– Englefield Green

Contains 3 Books, an information sheet and 15 photographs.

Reminiscence Loan Boxes

Each loan box contains a selection of objects, documents and photographs, a CD of music and smell boxes all on a the same theme.

There are also some ideas and activity suggestions to go with each box to facilitate the running of a session.

Not all the objects in a box will necessarily prompt a memory, but we hope that the quantity and selection of items will be sufficient to prompt a discussion.

There will be many different people in a group, but a session can encourage them to acknowledge the differences and the similarities between their experiences. It is always important to be aware that there may be painful memories that people do not want to talk about, or even remember.

The sessions provide an excellent way to interact with those of mental fragility in an enjoyable way as memories often survive when other things fade. The boxes are designed with mental fragility in mind, as they are multi-sensory containing, objects, photographs as well as smells and music.

Borrowing boxes

The loan boxes can be booked for a week at a time. However, if they are available for the second week when you pick the box up, you may extend the loan to two weeks. (By imposing a time limit we hope to enable more groups to borrow boxes at a time that suits them -Please see page 15 for costs.)

Boxes and the local history photo packs are booked out from Thursday to Wednesday. They can be collected from 12:30—4.15pm on Thursdays and returned by 4:15pm on Wednesday. Please see our opening hours on the back of the catalogue.

Reminiscence Box 1: TRAVEL

Box includes items such as:

- AA Badge
- Travel Iron
- Driving Licence
- Bus Tickets
- Photograph of Chertsey Station 1953
- Photograph of a Charabanc Outing
- Train Smoke Smell
- Travel Music CD



A great box for reminiscing about past journeys and outings.

Reminiscence Box 2: HOLIDAYS

Box Includes items such as:

- Punch & Judy Puppets
- Picnic Cutlery Set
- Boat Landing Card
- Postcards
- London Transport Bus
- Photograph c1934
- Ramsgate Model Village
- Photograph
- Fish market Smell
- Holiday Music CD

A splendid box for reminiscing about past holidays at home, by the seaside and abroad.



Reminiscence Box 11: CORONATIONS & ROYALTY

Box includes items such as:

- Coronation Flag
- Song of England Leaflet
- Coronation Tins
- Queen Elizabeth
- Coronation Photo Book
- Royalty Scrap Book
- Churchill State Funeral
- Papers
- Cake Shop Smell
- Coronation Music CD



A great box for reminiscing about the royal family as well as important events.

Reminiscence Box 12: CHRISTMAS

Box Includes items such as:

- Tree Lights
- Paper Decorations
- Greeting Cards
- Christmas Sweet
- Recipes
- Carol Sheets
- Local Area
- Photographs of Winter
- Christmas Pudding
- Smell
- Vintage Christmas
- CD

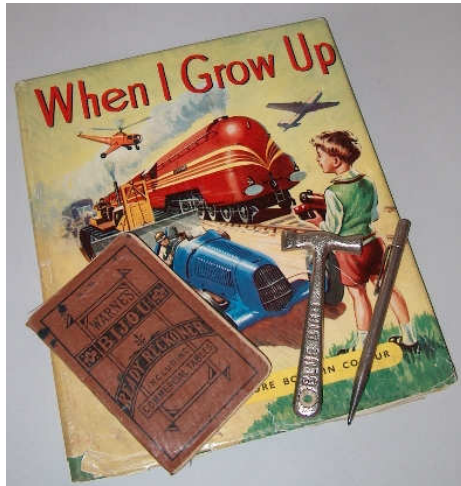


A lovely box for reminiscing about Christmas Time any time of the year, and a chance to have a sing along.

Reminiscence Box 9: SCHOOLDAYS

Box includes items such as:

Toffee Hammer
Slate and Pencil
Dip Pen
School Exam 1941
Popular Stories for Boys
Book
Stepgates School Chertsey
Photographs
Caramel Toffee Smell
Schooldays Themed Music
CD

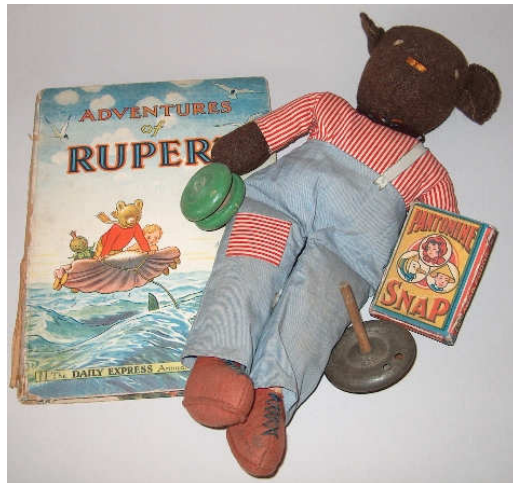


A splendid box for reminiscing about school adventures and the playground.

Reminiscence Box 10: TOYS AND GAMES

Box Includes items such as:

Spinning Tops
Metal Farm animals
Eagle Annual
The Adventures of Rupert
Anglers by the River
Thames Photograph
Fosters Toy Shop
Photograph 1966
Liquorice Smell
Toys & Games Themed
Music CD



A good box for reminiscing about different toys and games from homemade toys to printed comics.

Reminiscence Box 3: WASHDAY

Box includes items such as:

Mini Mangle
Soap
Flat Iron
Dolly Pegs
Darning Mushroom
Snow White Laundry
Photograph
Coal Fire Smell
Washday Music CD



A good box for reminiscing about life before the modern washing machine.

Reminiscence Box 4: CLOTHING

Box Includes items such as:

Bowler Hat
Suspender Belt
Glove Stretchers
Braces
Photographs of people
from 1920s-1970s
Kelvin Shoes, Chertsey
Photograph 1966
Leather Smell
Clothing-themed Music
CD



A super box for reminiscing about past fashions.

Reminiscence Box 5: COOKING

Box includes items such as:

- Black Pudding Pots*
- Ovaltine Tins*
- Viota Packaging*
- Be-Ro Home Recipes*
- Burgess Bakery*
- Delivery Service*
- Photograph*
- Dairy Delivery*
- Handcart*
- Photograph c1940*
- Hot Apple Pie Smell*
- Cooking Themed Music CD*



A great box for reminiscing about food and cooking in the past.

Reminiscence Box 6: WARTIME

Box Includes items such as:

- Black Out Material*
- Tank Toy*
- Sailors and Wrens*
- Children's Book*
- WW2 Posters*
- VE Victory Parade*
- Photograph*
- Home Guard Photograph*
- Street Bomb Smell*
- The Songs and Music of*
- WW2 CD*



A good box for reminiscing about the war years and the impact it had on everyone.

Reminiscence Box 7: GOING OUT

Box includes items such as:

- Hair Curlers*
- Wizard of Oz DVD*
- Collar Studs*
- Theatre Programmes*
- Wedding Party*
- Photograph c1950*
- Addlestone Darby & Joan Club*
- Photograph 1950s.*
- Popcorn Smell*
- Going Out Themed*
- Music CD*



An excellent box for reminiscing about getting ready to go out, as well as days and evenings out.

Reminiscence Box 8: MUSIC

Box Includes items such as:

- Tin Kazoo*
- Records*
- Penny Whistle*
- Harmonica*
- Old Time Song*
- Sheets*
- The King and I Song*
- Book*
- Woman's Own Song*
- Book*
- CD of Music*
- Themed tunes*



A nice box for reminiscing about old tunes and songs, and a chance to play some instruments and sing some songs.