NO. 1 ROYAL CRESCENT • MUSEUM OF BATH ARCHITECTURE
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BATH PRESERVATION TRUST

MUSEUMS WHAT'S ON

SEPT - DEC 2015

Small Worlds Community Engagement Dolls' House Project, Age UK and St. Andrews Primary School

No. 1 ONE ROYAL CRESCENT

EXHIBITION Until Sunday 8 November

small worlds

AN EXHIBITION OF DOLLS' HOUSES FROM THE 18TH & 19TH CENTURIES

heritage lottery fund
LOTTERY FUNDED

For centuries, dolls' houses have delighted people of all ages, who have been fascinated by their miniature details. Small Worlds is a unique opportunity to explore the collection of Liza Antrim. See this collection through the eyes of its restorer, as she takes you through the stories behind each house.

The exhibition is free with a normal admission ticket to No. 1 Royal Crescent.

JANE AUSTEN FESTIVAL

Tuesday 15 September, 4.00-5.00pm
The Making of Small Worlds, Historic Dolls' Houses at No. 1 Royal Crescent

Ever wondered what it takes to put an exhibition together? Join us for a behind the scenes look at how we transformed our gallery for the Small Worlds exhibition, and discover the fascinating stories behind each house. Following the talk, enjoy a guided tour in the exhibition gallery. Refreshments will be provided.

Tickets £8, available through the Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

Thursday 17 September, 7.00-9.00pm
Exclusive Twilight Tours
(4 entry times 7.00pm, 7.15pm, 7.30pm and 8.00pm)

As part of the Jane Austen Festival, enjoy exploring the elegant interiors of No. 1 Royal Crescent at this exclusive event. This atmospherically lit evening includes a tour of the house followed by a glass of something bubbly and small eats. Regency costume encouraged but not essential. Corde di gioia (Strings of Joy) will be performing in our Withdrawing Room.

Tickets £30, available through the Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

THE GREAT BATH FEAST

Wednesday 14 October, 6.30-7.30pm
Art Imitates Life in the Kitchen
in association with small worlds

Take a closer look at the kitchenalia within the dolls' houses of our Small Worlds exhibition as Historian Emma Kay explores the growth of domestic consumerism in the 18th century kitchen. Watch demonstrations of recipes being created using these fascinating objects, have the chance to participate and handle items from the period. Take away Georgian recipes to try at home.

Tickets £10, includes a glass of wine and samples of food inspired by Georgian recipes. To book a ticket visit no1royalcrescent.org.uk or call 01225 428126.

Saturday 17 October, 2.00-4.00pm
Miniature Food Workshop
in association with small worlds

Meet Bath based miniature food artist Gail Tucker as she gives a talk on ways to excel in the world of making miniature art. In this workshop you'll have the opportunity to make your own miniature food item to take home. Gail has over 28 years of experience, so you'll come away with valuable advice for your own dolls' house projects or be inspired to try something new.

Tickets £15, refreshments will be provided. To book a ticket visit no1royalcrescent.org.uk or call 01225 428126.

The GREAT BATH FEAST

HERITAGE

Saturday 24 Oct – Sunday 1 Nov
Mon 26 Oct, 12.00-4.30pm
Tues 27 Oct – Sun 1 Nov, 10.30-4.30pm
Remembering your Childhood
Bring all the family and share your stories and drawings of what captured your imagination as children. Pin up your responses on our dolls' house display board to see if others share your experiences.

THE BIG DRAW

WEEK

Thursday 29 October, 10.30am-3.30pm
Enrol at the Ragged School mini furniture workshop
Join us at this drop-in workshop to step back in time, dress up and hear stories about the lives of children who made dolls' house furniture. Have a go at making and decorating your own miniature furniture. Suitable for children aged 5-11.

All Heritage Open Week events are free with normal admission to the museum. Heritage Open Week offers free admission for visitors with a valid Discovery Card.

OPEN

Tuesday 27 October, 2.00-4.00pm
Utterly Enchanted Stories
Come along to our Small Worlds storytelling sessions and stick around to build your own collage scene inspired by our dolls' houses exhibition. Storytelling begins at 2pm and 3pm and lasts around 20 minutes. Suitable for children aged 5-11.

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT

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Friday 30 and
Saturday 31 October
Music for an Autumn Evening
Free tours of the museum starting at 6.00pm and 6.30pm.
Enjoy the atmospheric surroundings of No. 1 Royal Crescent. Spaces are limited, given on first-come, first-served basis. Museum closes at 8pm.
Saturday is Hallowe'en and bats have taken over the historic kitchen! You'll be given a torch to find and count them.

SYMPOSIUM

Friday 6 November, 9.45am-5.30pm

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AN EXHIBITION OF DOLLS' HOUSES FROM THE 18TH & 19TH CENTURIES

To be held at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HN

Small Worlds, the current exhibition at No. 1 Royal Crescent, aims to go beyond showing dolls' houses simply as exquisite collector's items by exploring wider themes, such as the part they played in girls education and women's history, links with philanthropy (because toys for wealthy children were often made via the labours of the poorest), and their importance as material culture. We are holding a special day symposium to explore further some of these themes.

To be chaired by Adrian Tinniswood and featuring Liza Antrim in conversation with Antiques Roadshow's Fergus Gambon.

The event will bring together a panel of speakers who are experts in their fields. Kathryn Jones, Curator of Decorative Arts, The Royal Collection, will talk about Queen Mary's Dolls' House while curators from the V&A and the National Trust showcase other national treasures and their links with the English Country House.

Tickets: £55 Students: £35
A limited number of bursary places are available to full or part time students. Please see our website or contact the museum for further details. Lunch and an exhibition drinks reception at No. 1 Royal Crescent is included within the ticket price. For a full programme and to book please visit no1royalcrescent.org.uk

CHRISTMAS

Monday 23 November –
Sunday 13 December,
Tues-Sun, 10.30am-5.30pm
Mon, 12noon-5.30pm (last entry 4.30pm)
A Georgian Christmas
Come and see our wonderful Christmas floral displays as you discover how the Georgians celebrated Christmas. Each room is beautifully dressed ready for the festive season.
Free with normal admission to the museum.

MUSEUM OF BATH ARCHITECTURE

EXHIBITION

Until 26 November

Bath: Buildings in Landscape - Exploring the City and its Setting

Streets, squares and crescents surrounded by lush green hills; the combination of urban spaces and natural landscape has long enchanted artists, writers and visitors to Bath. This exhibition of historic views from the collections of Bath Preservation Trust and Bath Central Library illustrates the relationship between the architecture of the City and the river valley it was created in. Free with normal admission to the museum.

SHORT COURSE

at the Museum of Bath Architecture

Tuesday mornings 6, 13, 20 October
9.30am – 12.00noon
An Introduction to British Architecture Part 3: 1914 - 2000

Join Dr Amy Frost for the final part of our course exploring the development of British architecture, from interwar art deco to postmodernism.

£25 per session (including refreshments) For full details and to book visit: museumofbatharchitecture.org.uk or contact Jill Hunter on 01225 333895 jhunter@bptrust.org.uk.

HERITAGE OPEN WEEK

Free to local residents with a valid Discovery Card. Suitable for children aged 5-11.

Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November
(10.30am – 5.00pm Weekends;
2.00 – 5.00pm Tuesday to Friday;
closed on Monday)
Hallowe'en Oddities

Come along and make the strangest creature you can think of to add to our spooky display. Boggly eyes, fluorescent fingernails – what will you choose to add?

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT

Saturday 31 October, 5.30-7.30pm
The Haunted Chapel

Explore this spooky place by torchlight and find the hidden ghouls for a prize. Wear a costume for an extra treat!

LECTURES

Tuesday 6 October, 6.30pm
Anniversary Lecture
Building Religion: Church and chapel architecture in Bath

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the building of the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, Dr Amy Frost explores the various architectural styles of the churches and chapels in Bath. **Tickets £5** on the door

Tuesday 13 October, 6.30pm
The Roman Roads of Bath…. ubi sunt?

Bath's Roman remains are legendary, but the route of Roman roads in and out of the City is still poorly understood. John Branston (back by popular demand) looks at the different theories and examines the evidence for each. **Tickets £5** on the door

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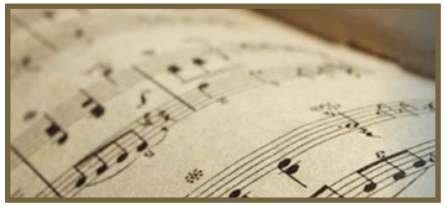
The Canoryon Lowen Choir

Sunday 4 October, 12.30-1.30pm
Music in the Chapel

FREE CONCERT- Coventry Cathedral yesterday, Museum of Bath Architecture today!

The Canoryon Lowen Choir performs music from a very wide repertoire, including classical, church music, rock ballads, spirituals and musicals - from Tallis to Tavener, Beatles to Broadway, and everything in between. Come and enjoy before your Sunday Lunch!



Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 November, 1.00pm
Lunchtime Concerts

Our popular annual series of lunchtime concerts directed by Stephen Hollas returns.

Tickets £5 on the door. Bring a sandwich and relax in the wonderful acoustics in the Chapel.

HERSCHEL MUSEUM OF ASTRONOMY

JANE AUSTEN FESTIVAL

Tuesday 15 September, 2.00pm
at The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, Bath BA1 1UF
'Surviving Waterloo', the film! - Richard Heffer

The 1970 Russian/Italian film production of Waterloo was one of the most lavish and costly epics of its day. Richard Heffer, alias Captain Alexander Cavalié Mercer, spent months on location in the Ukraine and gives a fascinating insight into the logistical problems as well as the inevitable historical blunders.
Tickets £8 from Bath Box Office T: 01225 463362

Wednesday 16 September, 6.00pm
at the Museum of Bath Architecture
'With England's happiness proclaim Europa's Liberty': Writers' reactions to Waterloo from Keats to McGonagall

The Romantics - those belonging to both the hopeful and hopeless camps as well as those in between - found rich pickings from Napoleon's defeat, which also inspired later writers. This talk will offer a series of close readings of texts which have the power to raise eyebrows even when at their most lowbrow. Giuseppe Albano is Curator of the Keats-Shelley House, Rome.

Tickets £8 from Bath Box Office
T: 01225 463362

Byron in Albanian costume

HERITAGE OPEN WEEK

Free to local residents with a valid Discovery Card.

Wednesday 28 October, 1.00-3.00pm
Make a cameo of yourself

A red wax cameo of William Herschel can be seen in our collection. Why not try making your own version with modelling clay? In the session, we will take and print a photograph of your profile for you to work from. Then you can frame your work of art to take home.

Suitable for children aged 5-11.

Saturday 24 Oct - Sunday 1 Nov
Weekends 11.00am-5.00pm
(last entry 4.15pm); weekdays
1.00-5.00pm (last entry 4.15pm)
Space Lego fun

Design your own spacecraft and display it in the exhibition gallery for other visitors to admire. We will tweet your creations!

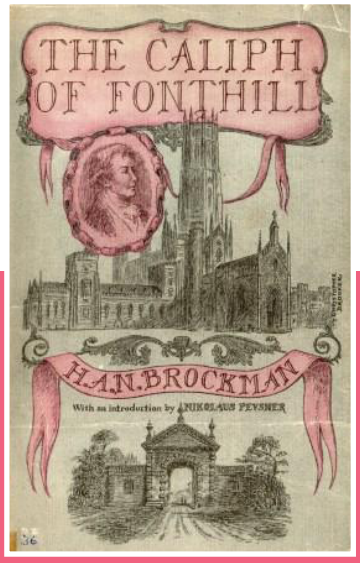
LECTURE

Monday 2 November, 6.00pm
at The Museum of Bath Architecture
Visualising Waterloo: Image and the memory of the Battle

Our guest speaker is Dr Matthew Shaw, Curator of the Americas and Australasian Collection at the British Library.

Tickets £6 from the Herschel Museum of Astronomy 01225 446865, or available on the door.

BECKFORD'S TOWER AND MUSEUM



EXHIBITION Until Sunday 1 November

Beckford's Biographers

William Beckford's extraordinary life was filled with extravagance and scandal; this small exhibition explores the writers who have tried to capture the spirit of Beckford and tell his story.

LECTURE

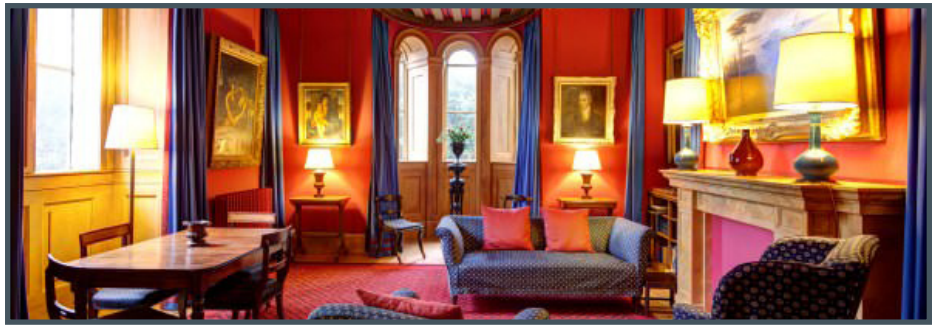
The Annual Beckford Birthday Lecture at the Museum of Bath Architecture
In aid of building repairs at Beckford's Tower

Tuesday 29 September, 6.30pm
Beckford and Turner: Capturing the Rise and Fall of Fonthill Abbey

Following the success of Salisbury Museum's exhibition Turner's Wessex: Architecture and Ambition, Dr Amy Frost explores the architecture of William Beckford's Fonthill Abbey and the role played by artists, including Turner, in the creation of one of England's greatest lost country houses.

Tickets £10 to include refreshments.
To book please contact tower@bptrust.org.uk or 01225 460705.

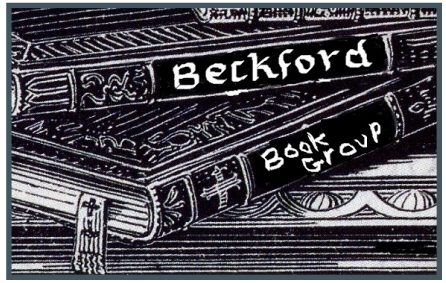
Fonthill Abbey, from Storer 1812 (cropped)



NEW FOR 2015: SPECIAL MONDAY TOUR

Monday 28 September, 1.00pm
Beckford's Interiors

A guided tour of Beckford' s Tower, focusing on his iconic interiors, including exclusive access to the ground floor Landmark Trust flat. Limited to 10 people so booking is essential. **£10 per person.**
To book please contact tower@bptrust.org.uk or 01225 460705.



THE BECKFORD BOOK GROUP

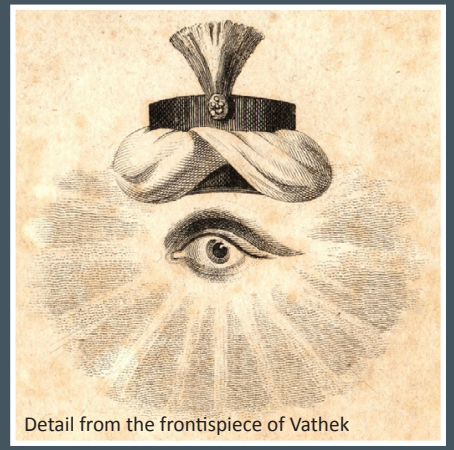
Join us at the Tower for our quarterly book group exploring writings (loosely) related to the work of William Beckford. You don't need to have read the book, just be interested in enjoying an evening of talks from experts, interesting discussions, tea, coffee (maybe wine).

Thursday 10 September, 7.00pm
Vathek

To commemorate the month of Beckford's birthday we will be discussing his Gothic novel, Vathek, written following his infamous three day 21st birthday party in 1781.

We will be discussing the English translation but if any French-speakers would like to tackle the original text please feel free!

£5 per person on the door at Beckford's Tower.


Detail from the frontispiece of Vathek

1 **No. 1 Royal Crescent** Bath BA1 2LR
T 01225 428126. Open Tues - Sun 10.30am-5.30pm. Mon 12.00-5.30pm, Last admission 4.30pm. **www.no1royalcrescent.org.uk**
Closes on 13 Dec 2015. Open Bank Holidays.

2 **Museum of Bath Architecture** The Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel The Vineyards, Paragon, Bath BA1 5NA. **T** 01225 333895. Open Tues-Fri 2-5pm. Weekends 10.30am-5pm. **www.museumofbatharchitecture.org.uk**
Closes on 29 Nov 2015

3 **Beckford's Tower & Museum** Lansdown Road, Bath BA1 9BH
T 01225 460705. Open Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 10.30am-5pm. **www.beckfordstower.org.uk**
Closes on 1 Nov 2015

4 **The Herschel Museum of Astronomy** 19 New King Street, Bath BA1 2BL
T 01225 446865. Weekdays 1-5pm, Weekends and Bank Holidays, 11am-5pm. Last admission 4.15pm. **www.herschelmuseum.org.uk**
Closes on 13 Dec 2015

BATH PRESERVATION TRUST EVENT

Sunday 13 September, 11.00am-3.30pm
Southcot Burial Ground Open Day

BPT owns and manages this hidden oasis in the centre of Bath, a haven for wildlife and history. Dr Tony Walter, Director of the Centre for Death and Society at the University of Bath, will give a talk at 11.30am and 2.30am.

Free entry

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