



*News and Events from the Almonry Evesham*

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## Welcome to 2023!

Welcome back! If it's not too late we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and best wishes for 2023.

We have got a busy year ahead with our regular holiday activities, brand new craft workshops just for adults, a history walk, a 'witch mark' talk and lots more! We'll be continuing to update and improve our displays and bring you new information and access to our collections.

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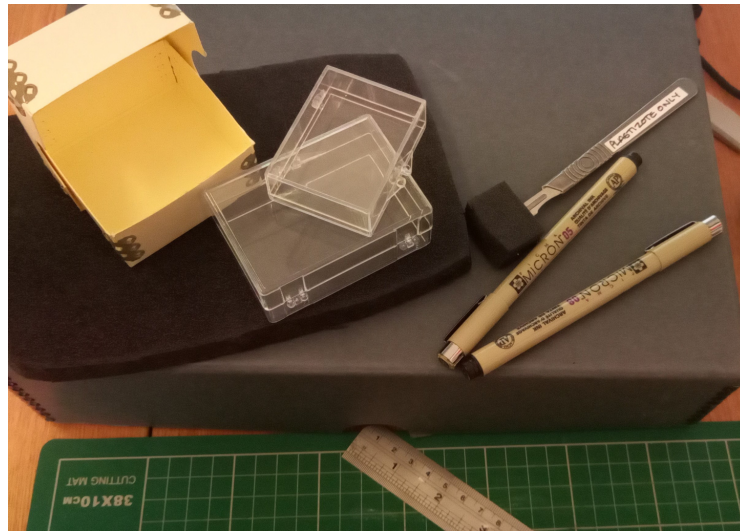
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# What's Happening at the Museum

One of our continuing jobs is to catalogue the collection. This involves checking each object, making sure we notice and record as much information as we can about its physical appearance. We will then photograph the object, measure it and in some cases weigh it too.

Each object is given its own unique ID number and is then labelled, marked and packed securely. All that information, along with any paper records we have, is entered on to our Collection Management System so we have as complete a record as possible. Sometimes it can take up to an hour to catalogue just one object! However, it's a great way to get up close and personal with an object and it's easy to get lost in the stories an object can tell you.



We use a range of specialist equipment when labelling and packing objects. Above: specialist storage boxes, archival pens and 'plastizote' for secure packing.



## Redisplaying Archaeology

We've been making the most of the winter closing hours to redisplay some of our Archaeology collection. The Roman coins have been moved to a drawer display which means we are able to show our stunning collection of Palaeolithic and Neolithic hand tools alongside a collection of amazing Bronze Age weapons and flint tools. The medieval era hasn't missed out either with a redisplay of Medieval objects including the pendant pictured opposite. It's a work in progress with a little research required on a few objects but they are too good not to share! Don't forget to have a good look next time you're visiting us.



# Volunteering at the Almonry

Would you like to volunteer at the Almonry? Over the next couple of months we will be advertising for new volunteers to help us with cataloguing our collections and to help keep our lovely garden in top condition. For all new opportunities please check the website and complete the application form.

[www.almonryvesham.org/about-us/volunteering-and-work-experience](http://www.almonryvesham.org/about-us/volunteering-and-work-experience)



# Spotlight on collections

In each edition we will be focusing on an object from our collection. This time we are looking at the beautiful Florid Cruciform Brooch, part of the Anglo Saxon burial finds on display in the museum.

The Anglo Saxon period lasted from the fall of Rome in the C5th to the Norman Conquest in the C11th. It was often referred to as the Dark Ages but historians and scholars have debunked the myth that this was a period of cultural and social decline. Now, there is recognition of a period of great design and artistry.

Despite their shape and name, cruciform brooches are not related to Christianity, the shape having being used throughout Pagan history.

If you look carefully at the top of the brooch you can see 3 'zoomorphic' designs, or representations of animals or gods in animal form. Florid Cruciform brooches are thought to have originated in East Anglia some time during the C6th, this style (known as Type v) is believed to be a stylistic development of the C7th. Alongside the brooch was found a large number of amber beads and 2 rock crystal beads.

The burials and these objects were excavated following a metal detectorist find back in 1996. The burials were dated to the late C5th to the early C7th based on the range of finds.



Above: the Cruciform Brooch  
Below: Amber beads found in the female grave



## Events at the Almonry



**Mapping Evesham**  
Half Term  
18th-25th February

A week of Medieval map inspired activities!

Did you know we have our very own medieval map of the world?

Join us for a week of map themed activities and get up close to the medieval view of the world.

Usual admission applies. Trail and craft pack  
£1 per child.

The Almonry at Evesham

Our events kick off this year with a week of medieval map inspired activities. In 1390 the monks of Evesham Abbey created their very own medieval map of the world. The original map is held at the College of Arms in London but we have a fabulous copy of it. For half term we will be exploring the map and trying to decipher it. We'll be asking you all to help make our own map of Evesham so make sure you're ready to draw. There will be a children's trail and craft activity too!





Next on our events programme is a FREE ENTRY Community Open Day with:

- 10 minute collection talks throughout the day
- behind the scenes sessions
- learn more about our exciting new garden project.
- Learn about our plans for the restoration of this building. The Manager will be on hand to answer any questions about the project.

There'll be plenty to keep the children occupied with trails and craft activities too.

Stay up to date with our events by visiting the website [www.almonryevesham.org/events-and-exhibitions](http://www.almonryevesham.org/events-and-exhibitions), check our Facebook page and the Visit Evesham website for more details.

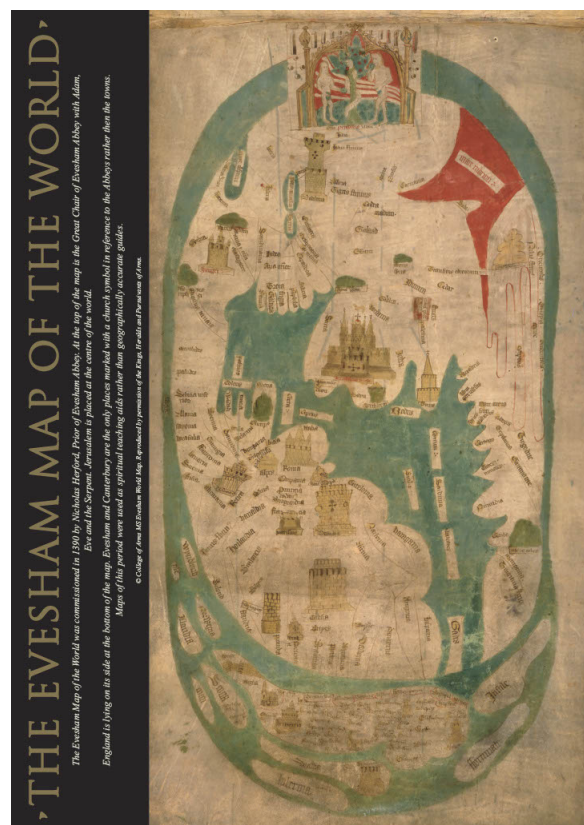
## The Little Gift Shop

Did you know???

You can purchase your own copy of The Evesham Map of the World from our gift shop.

It is available in two sizes A1, which is close to the size of the original map at £15, and a smaller A2 version at £10. Both come supplied in a sturdy cardboard tube.

If you feel inspired to draw your own map or write about ours, why not check out our fantastic range of hand turned wooden calligraphy pens?



In the next edition find out more about:

- Our school sessions and loan boxes
- Group visits to the Almonry
- Updates and more news