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2019 PROGRAMME

5TH & 6TH OCTOBER



WELCOME TO BEDPOP FUN PALACES 2019

On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October, BedPop will join hundreds of Fun Palaces nationally and internationally set to explode with FREE and fun activities, bringing art, science, craft, heritage and adventure to the heart of the community.

This year we have four Fun Palaces popping up, all taking place in Bedford's town centre and Cultural Quarter with FREE events for everyone to enjoy. There will be Vox Pops challenges, calligraphy and cartography sessions, tea party poetry, brilliant board games, animal encounters, museum trails and more.

Some events will need to be booked in advance but there are plenty of drop in activities to take part in on the day.

Of course, the most important thing to do at a Fun Palace is to have **fun!** We look forward to seeing you there.

WHERE IT'S AT

There are four Fun Palaces popping up in Bedford so here's your handy guide to where they are:

THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

The Higgins Bedford is in the heart of the Cultural Quarter and charts Bedford's history from prehistoric times to the present day.

Castle Lane,
Bedford, MK40 3XD
thehigginsbedford.org.uk

JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

Learn more about Bedford's most famous resident and author of The Pilgrim's Progress.

Bunyan Meeting Church,
Mill Street, MK40 3E
bunyanmeeting.co.uk/museum

THE PANACEA MUSEUM

Find out more about the secretive Panacea Society and visit Bedford's very own Garden of Eden.

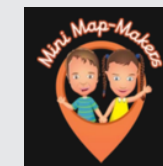
9 Newnham Road,
Bedford, MK40 3NX
panaceamuseum.org

BEDFORD CENTRAL LIBRARY

Right in the heart of Bedford's town centre, there's always something fun happening at the library!

Harpur Square,
Bedford, MK40 1PG
virtual-library.culturalservices.net

With Thanks to our Project Partners



THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

MIXED MEDIA INSECTS

Saturday 5th, 10am - 2pm

Foyer, Drop in

Join Goldington Academy for a celebration of creativity and the natural world. Using papers, recyclable materials and a range of media, visitors can create textures, patterns and shapes to form insects.



LIVE INSTALLATION OF DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES EXHIBITION

Saturday 5th, 11am - 11:30am

Wixamtree Gallery, Drop in

Ever wondered what goes into putting up an art exhibition? Victoria Partridge, Keeper of Fine and Decorative Art, and her team usually lock the gallery doors while they work but in this session they are flinging them open so you can watch as they install The Higgins Bedford's next major exhibition, Dreams and Nightmares.



TEA PARTY POETRY

Saturday 5th, 2pm - 4pm

Garden Room, Drop in

Join Satwinder Kaur for treats and Tea Party Poetry fun. Share your thoughts and get creative with poetry inspired by 'Holidays' at home and abroad.



BRILLIANT BOARD GAMES

Saturday 5th, 10am - 4pm

Harpur Studio, Drop in

Test your skill against family, friends and other gamers in a range of exciting, challenging and fun board games.



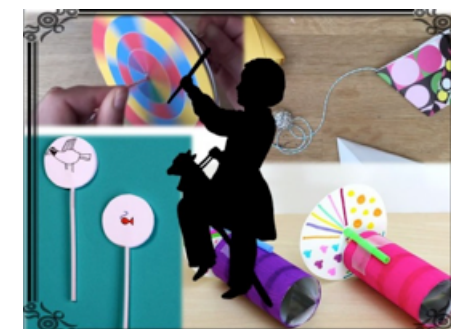
VICTORIAN TOYS - PLAY AND MAKE

Saturday 5th, 10am - 5pm

Barbican, Drop in

Have a go at playing with replica Victorian toys and make your own to take home.

Suitable for families (children under 12 must be accompanied).



GEOLOGY DETECTIVES

Saturday 5th, 10am – 5pm

Settlement Gallery, Drop in
Bedfordshire Geology Group experts will help budding geologist identify an exciting collection of minerals, rocks and fossils. Bring in your own finds and discover their long, long history through deep time.



BEDFORD RADIO

Saturday 5th 10am - 5pm & Sunday 6th, 11am - 5pm

Connections Gallery, Drop in
Join Martin and Anita from Bedford Radio to find out more about local radio, have a go at creating your own vox pop and have a play with the outside broadcast studio.



CARTOGRAPHY

Sunday 6th October, 12pm/4pm

Harpur Studio, Booking Essential
Come along and make your own cARTography! Learn how real map makers, like Captain Alice, make maps! Each session lasts for an hour. Visit www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk to book online.

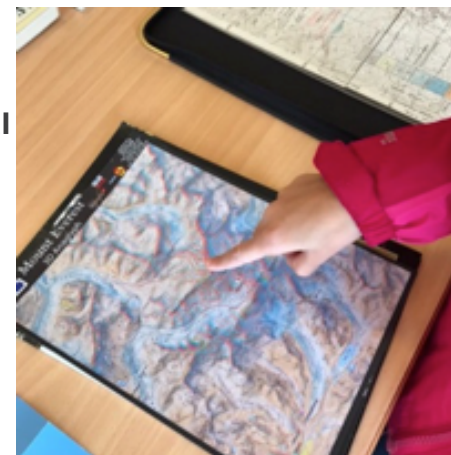


X MARKS THE SPOT

Sunday 6th October, 11am/1:30pm/2:45pm

Harpur Studio, Booking Essential

Join Captain Alice and make a REAL treasure map! Learn map symbols and take home an amazing map goody bag. Each session lasts for 45 minutes. Visit www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk to book online.



BLANKET DIG - DIGGING UP THE PAST

Sunday 6th, 10am – 5pm

Wixamtree Gallery, Drop in

What clues to the past are under our feet? Explore our YAC designed stratigraphy model and take part in a blanket dig to discover more about how archaeologists find fascinating clues to our past lives.



THE CIRCUS OF ILLUSTRATION'S MODERN CALLIGRAPHY

Sunday 6th, 10am – 5pm

Barbican, Drop in

Practice your penmanship with typography fanatic and illustrator Katie Allen. Learn some tips and tricks to beautify your handwriting.

Suitable for teens and adults only.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S POLITICAL WORKSHOP WITH CLLR JAKE SAMPSON

Sunday 6th, 11am – 1pm

Connections Gallery, Drop in

Take part in an educational and interactive political experience for young people. Explore the fundamentals of UK politics and the role that young people can have locally and nationally. Topics will include Vote for 16, the environment and much more.



JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

MUSEUM TRAIL

Saturday 5th, 10am - 4pm

Drop in

Explore the museum with our Fun Palaces activity trail and find out all about Bedford's most famous resident.



ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS WITH TEACHING TALONS

Saturday 5th, 9:30 - 11:20am

Drop in

Ever wanted to stroke the world's largest species of snail? Feel a hedgehog's spine? Watch a lizard catch its lunch? Meet an owl? Here is your chance! Award winning animal encounters company, Teaching Talons will be on hand to introduce you to these amazing critters and more- up close and personal!



PAPER AEROPLANE DESIGN AND FLIGHT COMPETITION

Saturday 5th, 10am - 3pm, Drop in

Join Mark Rutherford School STEM scholars in designing and building your own paper aeroplane then see how far it can fly in the shortest time! All ages welcome.

PANACEA MUSEUM



GARDEN ARTWORKS

Saturday 5th, 10am – 3pm

Drop in

Use the 1857 Printing Press and create garden-inspired monoprint shaped from leaves and feathers collected from the museum gardens.



PAPERCRAFT WITH PAMPHLETS

Saturday 5th, 10am – 3pm

Drop in

The Panacea Society published hundreds of propaganda leaflets during their most active period. Create paper art to take home, using real Panacea leaflets from the 1920s-30s.



BEDFORD CENTRAL LIBRARY



BEDFORD COLLEGE STUDENTS: COLLAGE ART WORKSHOP

Saturday 5th, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Drop in

Join students from Bedford College for a creative collage workshop.

LEGO CHALLENGE

Saturday 5th, 10:30am – 3:30pm

Drop in

Love Lego? Come along and let your imagination run riot and build some great Lego models.



BEDFORD CENTRAL LIBRARY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Saturday 5th, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Drop in

Get creative and join like-minded crafters at the library's craft workshop.



While you're here, why not check out these FREE brilliant exhibitions at The Higgins Bedford, John Bunyan Museum and the Panacea Museum. If you don't have time during Fun Palaces weekend, make sure you make a date to come back.

PANACEA MUSEUM

100 YEARS OF PANACEA

Continues until 20th October 2019

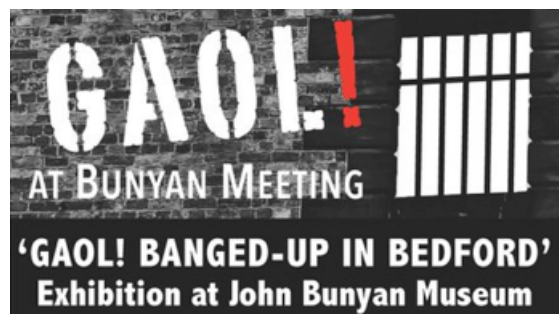
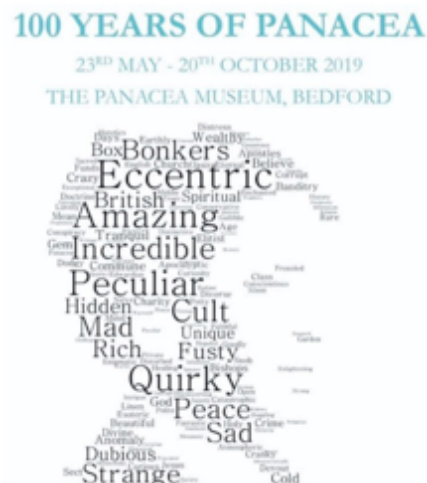
People from Bedford and beyond have been keen to discuss what they knew of the group that was, until recently, the stuff of local legend. Explore the complex history of the Panacea Society and Charity to mark its centenary.

JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM

GAOL! BANGED-UP IN BEDFORD

Continues until 27th October 2019

Explore crime and punishment from the 17th Century to the present day. Find out more about John Bunyan's experience in prison, the impact of John Howard's reforms and what life is like today for people in modern prisons.

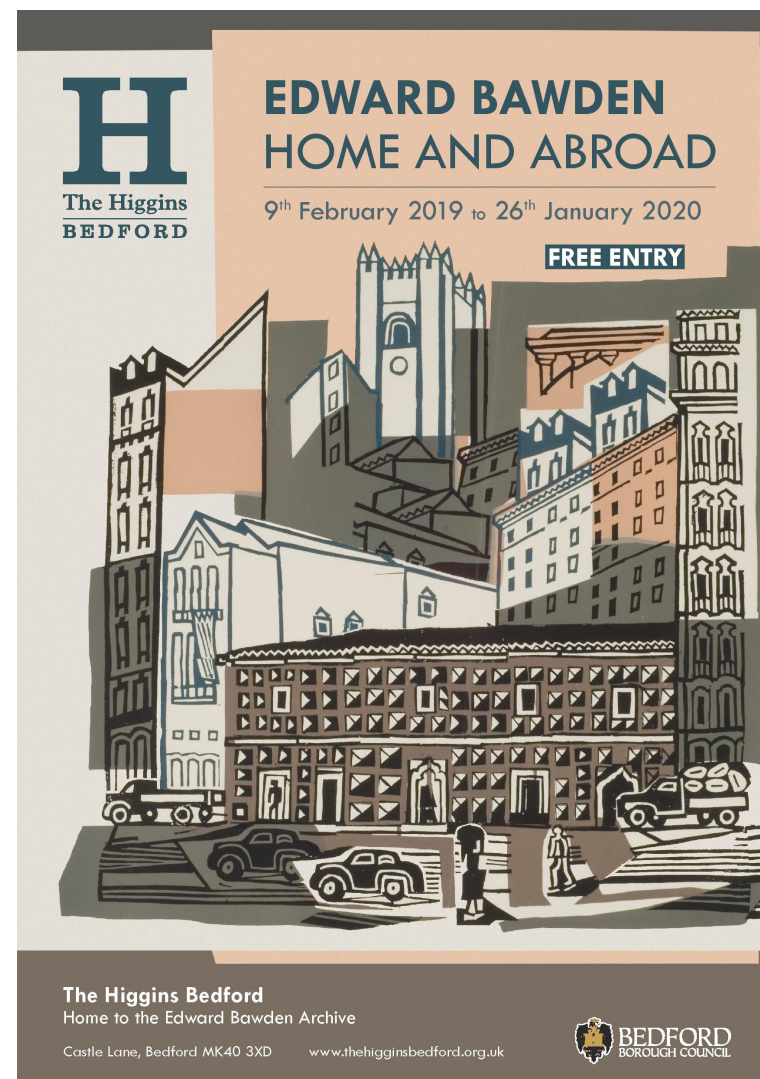


THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

EDWARD BAWDEN: HOME AND ABROAD

Continues until 26th January 2020

Edward Bawden's world extended way beyond England with trips to Europe, Africa, the Middle East and more. Discover how Bawden's immediate surroundings and overseas travels have influenced his art.



TIMETABLE

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Events	Location	Time	Book in Advance?
Mixed Media Insects	The Higgins Bedford	10am - 2pm	No
Live Installation of Dreams and Nightmares Exhibition	The Higgins Bedford	11-11:30am	No
Tea Party Poetry	The Higgins Bedford	2pm - 4pm	No
Brilliant Board Games	The Higgins Bedford	10am - 4pm	No
Geology Detectives	The Higgins Bedford	10am - 5pm	No
Victorian Toys - Play and Make	The Higgins Bedford	10am - 5pm	No
Bedford Radio	The Higgins Bedford	10am -5pm	No
Museum Trail	John Bunyan Museum	10am - 4pm	No
Paper Aeroplane Design and Flight Competition	John Bunyan Museum	10am - 3pm	No
Animal Encounters with Teaching Talons	John Bunyan Museum	9:30 - 11:20am	No
Garden Artworks	Panacea Museum	10am - 3pm	No
Papercraft with Pamphlets	Panacea Museum	10am - 3pm	No
Bedford College Students: Collage Art Workshop	Bedford Central Library	10:30am - 12:30pm	No
Lego Challenge	Bedford Central Library	10:30am - 3:30 pm	No
Bedford Central Library Craft Workshop	Bedford Central Library	1:30pm - 3:30pm	No

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Events	Location	Time	Book in Advance?
Young People's Political Workshop with Cllr Jake Sampson	The Higgins Bedford	11am - 1pm	No
X Marks the Spot	The Higgins Bedford	11am - 11:45am 1:30pm - 2:15pm 2:45pm - 3:30pm	Yes
cARTography	The Higgins Bedford	12pm - 1pm 4pm - 5pm	Yes
The Circus of Illustration's Modern Calligraphy	The Higgins Bedford	11am - 5pm	No
Blanket Dig - Digging up the Past	The Higgins Bedford	11am - 5pm	No
Bedford Radio	The Higgins Bedford	11am - 5pm	No