

## 2010 TUNNEL TRIPS

If you've ever wanted to find out what it's like to go through a tunnel on a canal now is your chance! Our organised trips through the heart of London in the Islington Tunnel last around an hour and run at the times and dates below. An expert will be on hand to provide a commentary on your trip.

Trips are on the following Sundays at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm\*

**May 16, June 6 and 20;  
July 4 and 18;  
August 1, 15 and 29;  
September 19**

\*4pm trip returns to York Way

Prices are £7.50 for Adults and £6 for children including admission to the museum.

*Advanced booking is strongly recommended – book online ([www.canalmuseum.org.uk/tunnel](http://www.canalmuseum.org.uk/tunnel)) or by telephone.*

## GUIDED WALKS

Join us for an informative stroll along the towpath in the company of one of our guides. Discover the heritage of the route to Camden Town, or see a panoramic view of the area from the fascinating relocated railway water tower at St. Pancras lock. Alternatively, try one of our new walks for 2010!

We will be guiding a walk across Islington Hill in the steps of the horses as their narrowboats went through the tunnel underneath. We will also be exploring some of the course of the River Fleet around the St. Pancras and Gray's Inn Road area.

The walks last around 1½ hours and there's plenty of opportunity to ask questions along the way. Please note that the walk to the water tower involves crossing the canal and walking on uneven surfaces and steps so surefootedness and sensible walking shoes are required. £7 per person including admission to the museum.

### Water Tower Panoramic Walks

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| Sunday | 6 June       | 14.30 |
| Sunday | 12 September | 14.30 |

### Walk to explore the Towpath and Cumberland Arm

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| Sunday | 20 June | 14.30 |
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**'In the Footsteps of the Canal Horses'**

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| Sunday | 27 June | 14.30 |
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### The Hidden River Fleet

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| Sunday | 11 July | 14.30 |
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### Towpath Walks to Camden

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| Sunday   | 9 May    | 14.30 |
| Thursday | 5 August | 19.30 |

Walks can also be put on for groups visiting the museum – please look at the website under [www.canalmuseum.org.uk/groups](http://www.canalmuseum.org.uk/groups)

Find out more about all we have to offer at: [www.canalmuseum.org.uk](http://www.canalmuseum.org.uk)

## London Canal Museum

Tells the story of London's canals from the early days as important trade routes to today's more leisurely pursuits. Learn about the cargoes, the people who strove to make a living on the canals, and the horses that pulled the boats.

### How to find us

The museum is a short walk from St. Pancras International and King's Cross mainline and underground stations. Buses 10, 17, 30, 45, 46, 63, 73, 91, 205, 214, 259, 390, and 476 serve King's Cross. Metered parking is available nearby. We are outside the congestion charging zone.



### Opening hours

- 10.00 – 16.30 Tuesdays to Sundays inclusive, last admission 16.00.
- Also open bank holiday Mondays.
- Late opening until 19.30 on the first Thursday of each month. Closed certain days at Christmas/New Year.

### Admission

**£3.00** Adults

**£2.00** Senior citizens, unwaged, students (with proof of status)

**£1.50** Children (5 – 15)

Children 4 and under admitted free. School parties and groups by arrangement. Group rates are available.

### Accessibility

We are one of London's most accessible museums and disabled visitors are very welcome. Facilities include lifts, accessible displays, accessible toilet, handrails and an audio tour for blind and visually impaired visitors. Tactile and Braille signs are in use.

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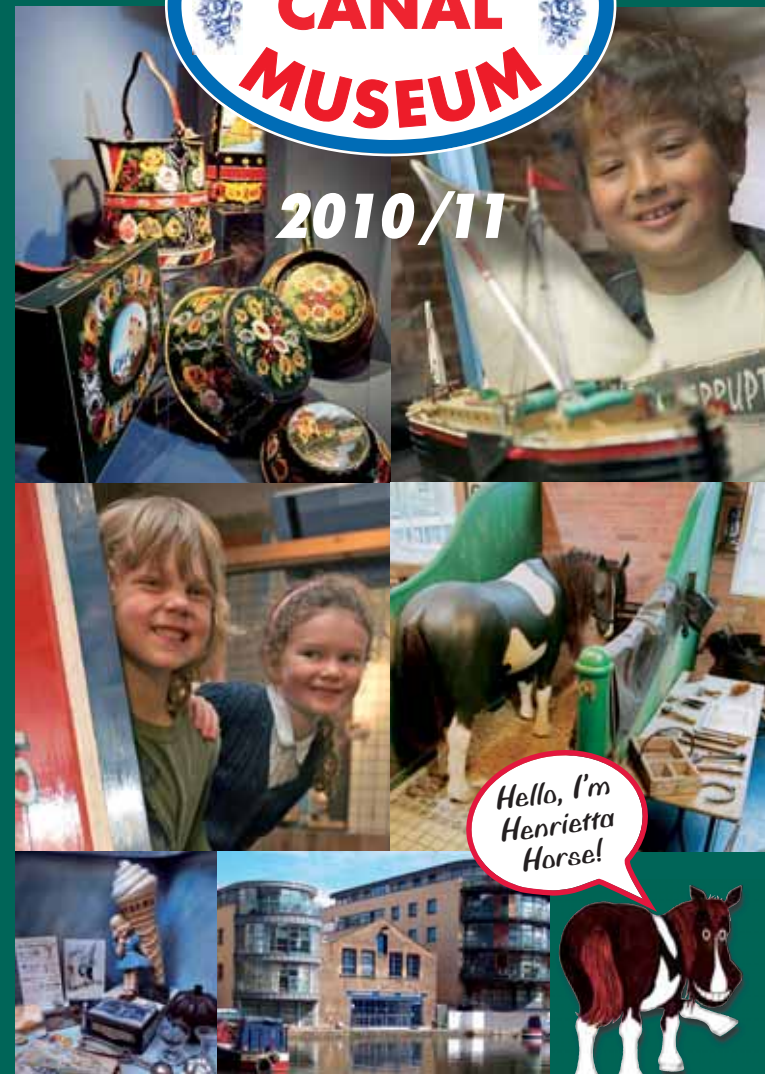


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## What's on at the



2010/11



Hello, I'm  
Henrietta  
Horse!



*An exciting programme of walks, talks, boat trips, family days and so much more – only a short walk from King's Cross and St. Pancras International stations.*

# What's on at the London Canal Museum

Welcome to our exciting 2010/11 programme of events and activities at the London Canal Museum. From our monthly illustrated evening talks to theatre, painting workshops and children's activities in the summer holidays – we've got something for everyone with an interest in London's waterways.

Keep in touch with the latest news at the **What's On** section of our website at

[www.canalmuseum.org.uk/whatson](http://www.canalmuseum.org.uk/whatson)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 6 April

#### Children's Activities

11.00 – 12.30 & 13.30 – 15.00

Our season kicks off with one of our special children's activity days involving a range of fun learning activities and a boat trip on the Regent's Canal for children aged 6 – 12. The activities vary but include activities such as making plaques; painting roses and castles or a treasure hunt in the museum. Price: £4 per child. Groups welcome by advance booking only.

### 14 May

#### Museums at Night

We pass the museum over to an evening of music, performance, poetry and surprises curated by artist Maryam Hashemi. A great success last year – come along and find out why. Price: £5.

### 15 May

#### Museums at Night

A second evening event at the museum as we celebrate the European Museums at Night event. Our Victorian Magic Lantern show is a highlight. Price: £5.

### 13 June

#### Ice Sunday

Come along to our annual special day of ice related activities. Fit

adults and older children can take a rare opportunity for a guided tour down into the Victorian ice wells and there will be more ice related activities to see and do.

### 19 June

#### MIKRON THEATRE COMPANY

#### 'Striking the Balance'

Live Theatre from the Mikron Theatre Company performing their new show set against the turbulent backdrop of the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

Mikron Theatre Company is the little touring theatre company with the reputation for tackling large scale subjects and turning history into vivid and dramatic entertainment.

The cast visit the museum on Tyseley, their narrowboat which will be moored outside the museum. Price: £10, £8 (concessions) £1 discount for all advance bookings by 18 June. Advanced booking recommended – book online, by telephone or by post.

### 20 June

#### Roses and Castles painting workshop

£25 including tea/coffee. Advanced booking necessary – book online, by telephone or by post.

A workshop for all adults who want to learn to paint traditional "Roses and Castles" – or for those who have painted before and want to progress their abilities. The price includes paint and other materials but please bring along something you would like to paint, or we will have some pieces of flat wood which can be purchased for £1 each.

### 3,10,17,24,31 August

#### Children's Activities

11.00 – 12.30 & 13.30 – 15.00

Our summer season of children's summer activity days run every Tuesday in August and are ideal for children aged 6 – 12. Full details under the 6 April listing. Price: £4 per child. Groups welcome by advance booking only.

### 26 September

#### Roses and Castles painting workshop

£25 including tea/coffee. Advanced booking necessary – book online, by telephone or by post.

Another chance to join our Roses and Castles painting workshop. For details see 20 June.

### 26 October

#### Children's Activities

11.00 – 12.30 & 13.30 – 15.00

Another chance for children (aged 6 – 12) to take part in an activity day. Full details under the 6 April listing. Price: £4 per child. Groups welcome by advance booking only.

### 30 & 31 October

#### Halloween at the London Canal Museum

Spooky sights in the museum, ghost stories, and scary boat trips through the Islington Tunnel. Pre-booking essential for boat trips. Museum visiting without boat trip need not be booked in advance. Late afternoon until mid-evening. Run in partnership with the Camden Canals and Narrowboat Association. Price: Adult £10, Child £8. Exclusive use of whole boat (maximum 12 people) £95. Pre-booking essential for boat trips: online, by telephone or by post.

## ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Talks are held at 7pm for 7.30pm, on the first Thursday of every month except August. Most speakers illustrate their presentations with slides. Admission to talks is £3. Students, senior citizens and unwaged at £2.

### 1 April 2010

#### Idle Women – results of further research

The nickname "Idle Women" was given to canal boatwomen who worked on the canals in World War 2 to replace men called to the armed forces. They wore a badge with the letters "IW", for Inland Waterways. Their story has fascinated canal historians ever since.

### 6 May 2010

#### History Starts Here – Waterways in the 1960s and 1970s

Mike Timms became interested in

the inland waterways in the early 1960s and has used his skills as a photographer to record the scene from then until now. Tonight he shares with us those memories of those early sorties into the water byways.

### 3 June 2010

#### London's More Important River

The designation of the Lower Lea Valley area around the new Stratford International Station as the Olympic venue for 2012 has created a new future for this sadly neglected area of London including the River Lea and the Lee Navigation.

### 1 July 2010

#### Lock and Weir Keeping on the Thames

Lock keepers on the Thames are the custodians of that great river highway. Not only do they assist craft through the locks, they also maintain the water levels and take action to minimise the effect of floods. Tonight Colin Reynolds outlines his work and recounts his experiences.

### 2 September 2010

#### The Sleaford Navigation – past, present and future

Steve Hayes of the Sleaford Navigation Trust recounts the history of the Navigation that linked the market town of Sleaford to the River Witham through a mainly agricultural area on the edge of the Fens and tells us about its new future as a leisure resource.

### 7 October 2010

#### The Droitwich Canals Restoration

The restored Droitwich Canals are due for their grand reopening in 2010. Martin Ludgate, Deputy Editor of Canal Boat Magazine will recount what has gone on behind the scenes to achieve that goal, in particular the role of volunteers.

### 4 November 2010

#### The Cromford Canal past present and future

The Cromford Canal linked the mill town of Cromford to the main waterways network. The upper section of the Cromford was restored, but sadly fell back into decay. Hear about plans to revive the whole line, including the Butterley Tunnel.

### 2 December 2010

#### The Thames: The Royal River

Derek Pratt, the acclaimed waterways photographer, whose new book on the capital's waterways is published this year, looks back into his amazing slide collection to offer us a personal view of the River Thames.

### 6 January 2011

#### Olympic Waterways and the Legacy

Mark is the BW Manager for the Olympic Waterways in the Lower Lea Valley. He comes along to give us an overview of how the area has been transformed for the Olympic Games and outlines plans for the 'Olympic legacy' once the site is cleared.

### 3 February 2011

#### The "Full Monty"

Runnalls offers us a personal account of his own journey along the Montgomery Canal which is partially restored to navigation and straddles the borders of England and Wales. He offers us "the full Monty" – the complete distance from Frankton Junction to Newport.

### 3 March 2011

#### An update on the Bedford and Milton Keynes Link project

Plans for the Bedford & Milton Keynes Link have made significant progress with the first sections of the Link appearing on the ground. Paul is on the speakers' panel of the B&MK Trust and is thus well placed to give us the latest news.

## TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

### Until 12 April 2010

#### Wartime Waterways, or Barging to Victory: London's Canals in World War II

### 14 April – 5 September 2010

#### 175 Years of the Brent Reservoir

Find out why the River Brent was dammed to provide water for the Regent's Canal.

### 7 September 2010 – end Jan 2011

#### 'Scenes and Images'

We welcome back artist Maryam Hashemi and photographer Tim Lewis as they display more stunning images taking the canal network as their inspiration.