

## **Exciting changes in store for Town Hall and Museum of Oxford**

Exciting developments at the Museum of Oxford and Oxford Town Hall will lead to a great new heritage site for the city, providing new experiences and opportunities for everyone who visits. These improvements follow consultation with visitors, local residents, museum staff and heritage specialists.

### **Gift shop**

A new heritage gift shop, located in the Town Hall, has recently opened its doors, marking the first stage of the new transformation plans for ground floor. Make a visit to this attractive new retail space and discover the original arts and crafts on offer by local designer-makers, the unique products featuring Town Hall paintings and the great range of greeting cards created by local artists. Proceeds from the shop will fund the wider heritage enhancement project for the Town Hall and the Museum of Oxford. This friendly shop is open 10am to 4.30pm, seven days a week.

### **Gallery Café**

Treat yourself at the Christmas Tea Room that is currently trading from the Town Hall's Gallery Café. This closes on 23 December for a complete refurbishment. The new look, fully-licensed café reopens in spring offering a wide range of great new menu choices. It will also open seven days a week, and will stay open till late, providing a perfect evening retreat.

### **Museum of Oxford**

New Town Hall galleries telling the story of the city and its people in an interesting and accessible way will open next year. This project has attracted funding of £43,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £48,628 from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN), which will contribute to the room conversion cost, display cabinets and interpretation planning. In the meantime there is a wide range of exhibitions and museum activities planned, including an opportunity to help create a communal mosaic on 14 and 15 February. The mosaic will be displayed in the Gallery to celebrate Oxford's Sporting Past in June 2012.

### **What's on**

There's always something great going on at The Town Hall and Museum of Oxford. Find out more at: <http://www.townhall.co.uk> or contact the Box Office on 01865 252351 for full details of community events and family activities.

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