



Chertsey Museum Education Service  
Runnymede Borough Museum

# Reminiscence Service Catalogue



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## What is Reminiscence Work?

Reminiscence work can be defined as using social and creative activities to stimulate people and to provide opportunities for them to share their memories.

Chertsey Museum has a reminiscence service that allows boxes on particular topics to be borrowed by groups to provide a stimulant for reminiscence sessions. Each box contains suggestions for related activities that could be done in conjunction with the box and the topic. We also have local history reminiscence photo packs that can be borrowed. We are also able to visit groups with these boxes to deliver reminiscence sessions, and we welcome groups to visit the museum to see our exhibitions as well as having a cup of tea!

### Why do Reminiscence Work?

*Reminiscence is said to:*

- trigger spontaneous conversation between elders and staff
- assist in forming friendships
- increase self-esteem
- aid independence
- support the empowerment of elders
- increase social growth
- provide a familiar, stimulating and enjoyable environment
- reinforce a sense of security
- lift depressed moods and create a feeling of well being
- assist in maximising potential abilities
- enable staff to recognise older people as individuals
- increase the older person's knowledge about others living in the same setting.

### Where can it be done?

Reminiscence can be done anywhere where older people get together or live such as:

Day Centres	Residential Homes
Hospital Wards	Care Homes
Nursing Homes	Day Hospitals
Clubs	Libraries
Museums	Adult Education Locations

# What does Chertsey Museum Offer?

Chertsey Museum offers a variety of services for reminiscence work:

**Reminiscence Sessions**– we can come to your setting to deliver a session for your elders.

**Visits to Chertsey Museum**– we can arrange for your group to have sole use of our education space for refreshments and look at some of our photographs and local history books, as well as exploring the fully accessible museum.

**Memory box service**– the museum has a selection of themed boxes and packs that can be borrowed.

## Reminiscence Sessions

We are able to come out and deliver sessions at your setting. We will bring with us one of our memory boxes and use this as a basis to stimulate a session with your elders.

Our session deliverers will be sympathetic to your elders, as well as understanding their physical and mental needs. All we need is a room for people to sit round comfortably, ideally no more than 10 people at a time, if there are more people in one session we would ask for a member of your staff to assist.

Sessions last from 30-60 minutes depending on the group, and our member of staff will then stay on afterwards for a cup of tea to comfortably end the session.

We charge £35 per session to come out to deliver a reminiscence session. If your location is more than 11-15 miles from the museum we charge a £10 surcharge, and 16-20 miles a £30 surcharge. (We are not able to travel more than 20 miles from the museum).

If you would like to book a session please call the education officer on 01932 575374.

# Group Visits to Chertsey Museum

Bringing a group to Chertsey Museum is a simple, easy and FREE outing. The museum is fully accessible throughout, with a lift and flat access.

If you would like to bring a group to the museum please ring us on 01932 565764. You are welcome to visit any time– including outside of our normal opening hours. We have school groups in most days so we strongly advise you to book your visit, as a small museum we may have to limit the number of visitors at one time.

## ***Refreshments***

If you would like refreshments, for a charge of £20 we can provide tea, coffee and biscuits for your group in our education room.

## ***Parking***

There is a disabled parking space outside the museum to facilitate with unloading wheelchairs and those needing some help. Unfortunately we are unable to reserve this for groups as it is a public space.

## ***Exhibitions***

We have a constantly changing exhibition programme so that your group can come back again and again to see new things in the museum. We have an extensive costume collection, as well as social history objects. The displays reflect the diversity of the collection, so there is something to suit everyone's taste.



## ***Local History***

If your group is local to Runnymede they may be interested in our research room, as it contains many photographs and maps of the local area. If your group or a member of your group has a particular interest in the local area they will be able to find out more by visiting the research room. Please confirm the research Room opening hours when booking a visit. We can also put out some photographs and books for the whole group to look at over tea in our education room.

# Memory Boxes

Each loan box contains a selection of objects, documents and photographs, a CD of music and smell boxes all on the same theme.

There are also some ideas and activity suggestions to go with each box to facilitate the running of a session.

Not all the objects in a box will necessarily prompt a memory, but we hope that the quantity and selection of items will be sufficient to prompt a discussion.

There will be many different people in a group, but a session can encourage them to acknowledge the differences and the similarities between their experiences. It is always important to be aware that there may be painful memories that people do not want to talk about, or even remember.

The sessions provide an excellent way to interact with those of mental fragility in an enjoyable way as memories often survive when other things fade. The boxes are designed with mental fragility in mind, as they are multi-sensory containing, objects, photographs as well as smells and music.

## Borrowing boxes

Loan periods go from Thursday to Wednesday– they can be picked up from 12:30 on Thursdays and have to be returned by 4:15 on the Wednesdays unless previously discussed. Boxes can be collected and returned anytime between these days during our opening hours, but you will need to book your box in advance for collection as we will need to get it ready.



Please see our opening hours on the back of the catalogue.

# How to use the Memory Service

We make a small charge for the reminiscence service so that we will be able to maintain it for the future. There are two ways to use the service:

## ***Become a member:***

£30 a year

If you would like to borrow a succession of boxes and photo packs throughout the year then it is a good idea to become a member of the Reminiscence Service. It entitles you to use of the reminiscence boxes and the photo packs for the whole year. You are able to borrow as many boxes and photo packs as you like throughout the year. *(Only one box and photo pack can be borrowed per setting at a time)*

## ***Pay as you go:***

£3 a box £1 a photo pack per week.

If you do not think you will use more than 10 boxes in a year then this is the scheme for you. You will be able to book and borrow boxes and photo packs when you need them.

Whatever you decide you will need to fill out a simple form so that we have some contact details, and we will send you some user cards so that your staff/volunteers/group members will be able to come along to the museum to collect the boxes and photo packs.

## ***Length of Loans***

The Memory Boxes and Photo Packs can be booked and borrowed for two weeks at a time\*.

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*\*We reserve the right to limit this to 1 week at peak times.*

## Reminiscence Box 1: TRAVEL

Box includes items such as:

- AA Badge*
- Travel Iron*
- Driving Licence*
- Bus Tickets*
- Photograph of Chertsey Station 1953*
- Photograph of a Charabanc Outing*
- Train Smoke Smell*
- Travel Music CD*



A great box for reminiscing about past journeys and outings.

## Reminiscence Box 2: HOLIDAYS

Box Includes items such as:

- Punch & Judy Puppets*
- Picnic Cutlery Set*
- Boat Landing Card*
- Postcards*
- London Transport Bus*
- Photograph c1934*
- Ramsgate Model Village*
- Photograph*
- Fish market Smell*
- Holiday Music CD*

A splendid box for reminiscing about past holidays at home, by the seaside and abroad.





### Reminiscence Box 3: WASHDAY

Box includes items such as:

- Mini Mangle*
- Soap*
- Flat Iron*
- Dolly Pegs*
- Darning Mushroom*
- Snow White Laundry*
- Photograph*
- Coal Fire Smell*
- Washday Music CD*



A good box for reminiscing about life before the modern washing machine.

### Reminiscence Box 4: CLOTHING

Box Includes items such as:

- Bowler Hat*
- Suspender Belt*
- Glove Stretchers*
- Braces*
- Photographs of people from 1920s-1970s*
- Kelvin Shoes, Chertsey*
- Photograph 1966*
- Leather Smell*
- Clothing-themed Music CD*



A super box for reminiscing about past fashions.

## Reminiscence Box 5: COOKING

Box includes items such as:

*Black Pudding Pots*  
*Ovaltine Tins*  
*Viota Packaging*  
*Be-Ro Home Recipes*  
*Burgess Bakery*  
*Delivery Service*  
*Photograph*  
*Dairy Delivery*  
*Handcart*  
*Photograph c1940*  
*Hot Apple Pie Smell*  
*Cooking Themed Music CD*



A great box for reminiscing about food and cooking in the past.

## Reminiscence Box 6: WARTIME

Box Includes items such as:

*Black Out Material*  
*Tank Toy*  
*Sailors and Wrens*  
*Children's Book*  
*WW2 Posters*  
*VE Victory Parade*  
*Photograph*  
*Home Guard Photograph*  
*Street Bomb Smell*  
*The Songs and Music of*  
*WW2 CD*



A good box for reminiscing about the war years and the impact it had on everyone.

## Reminiscence Box 7: GOING OUT

Box includes items such as:

*Hair Curlers*  
*Wizard of Oz DVD*  
*Collar Studs*  
*Theatre Programmes*  
*Wedding Party*  
*Photograph c1950*  
*Addlestone Darby & Joan Club*  
*Photograph 1950s.*  
*Popcorn Smell*  
*Going Out Themed*  
*Music CD*



An excellent box for reminiscing about getting ready to go out, as well as days and evenings out.

## Reminiscence Box 8: MUSIC

Box Includes items such as:

*Tin Kazoo*  
*Records*  
*Penny Whistle*  
*Harmonica*  
*Old Time Song*  
*Sheets*  
*The King and I Song*  
*Book*  
*Woman's Own Song*  
*Book*  
*CD of Music*  
*Themed tunes*

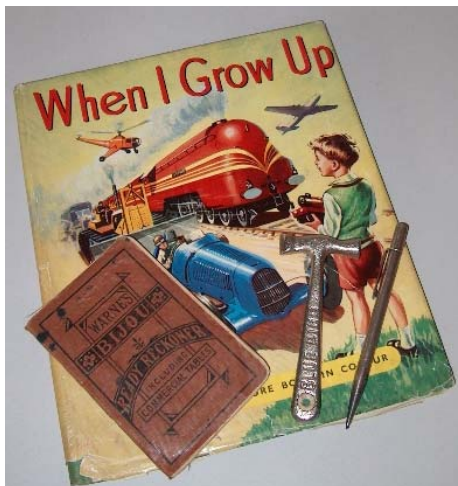


A nice box for reminiscing about old tunes and songs, with a chance to play some instruments and sing some songs.

## Reminiscence Box 9: **SCHOOLDAYS**

Box includes items such as:

*Toffee Hammer*  
*Slate and Pencil*  
*Dip Pen*  
*School Exam 1941*  
*Popular Stories for Boys*  
*Book*  
*Stepgates School Chertsey*  
*Photographs*  
*Caramel Toffee Smell*  
*Schooldays Themed Music*  
*CD*

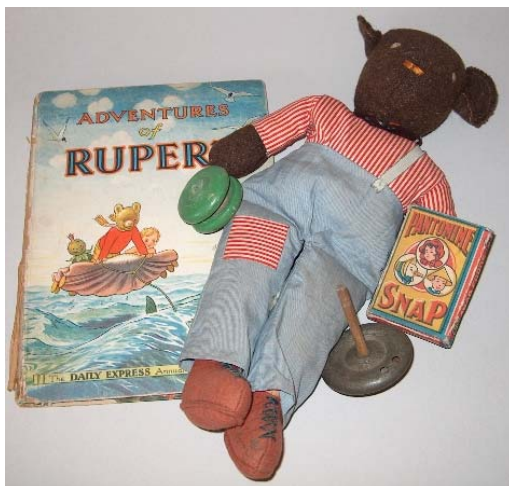


A splendid box for reminiscing about school adventures and the playground.

## Reminiscence Box 10: **TOYS AND GAMES**

Box Includes items such as:

*Spinning Tops*  
*Metal Farm animals*  
*Eagle Annual*  
*The Adventures of Rupert*  
*Anglers by the River*  
*Thames Photograph*  
*Fosters Toy Shop*  
*Photograph 1966*  
*Liquorice Smell*  
*Toys & Games Themed*  
*Music CD*



A good box for reminiscing about a variety of toys and games, from homemade toys to printed comics.



## Reminiscence Box 11: CORONATIONS & ROYALTY

Box includes items such as:

*Coronation Flag*  
*Song of England Leaflet*  
*Coronation Tins*  
*Queen Elizabeth*  
*Coronation Photo Book*  
*Royalty Scrap Book*  
*Churchill State Funeral*  
*Papers*  
*Cake Shop Smell*  
*Coronation Music CD*



A great box for reminiscing about the royal family and other events of national importance.

## Reminiscence Box 12: CHRISTMAS

Box Includes items such as:

*Tree Lights*  
*Paper Decorations*  
*Greeting Cards*  
*Christmas Sweet*  
*Recipes*  
*Carol Sheets*  
*Local Area*  
*Photographs of*  
*Winter*  
*Christmas Pudding*  
*Smell*  
*Vintage Christmas*  
*CD*



A lovely box for reminiscing about Christmas Time any time of the year, with a chance to have a sing along.

# Local History Photograph Packs

Chertsey Museum has a large collection of photographs of the borough of Runnymede as well as local history books. These photo packs are available to be borrowed for two weeks at a time. There are free for members, or £1 for the two week loan for pay-as-you-go groups.

They are useful for showing how towns have changed over time, and are helpful conversation starters. The books in the packs are also good for people who are interested in local history.

A magnifying glass is contained within each pack so that most people can enjoy them.

## ***Pack 1– Addlestone***

Contains 2 local history books and 20 photographs.

## ***Pack 2– Chertsey***

Contains 5 books, 6 information sheets and 20 photographs.



Station Road, Addlestone. 1940s



High Street, Egham. 1910s

## ***Pack 3– Egham***

Contains 3 books, 2 information sheets and 20 photographs.

## ***Pack 4– Englefield Green***

Contains 3 Books, an information sheet and 15 photographs.



Lyne Church, Lyne. 1890s

**Pack 5– Lyne and Longcross**

Contains 3 Books and 20  
Photographs

**Pack 6– Ottershaw**

Contains 3 Books and 20  
Photographs

**Pack 7– Runnymede**

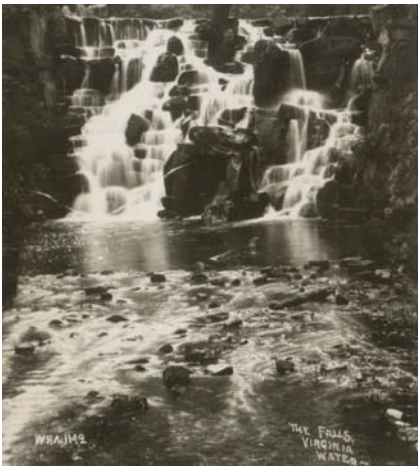
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12 Photographs

**Pack 8– Thorpe**

Contains 3 Books,  
information sheets  
and 14 photographs



Magna Carta Island, Runnymede. 1921



The Cascade, Virginia Water. 1910

**Pack 9– Virginia Water**

Contains 2 Books and 20  
photographs

**Pack 10– Woodham and New Haw**

Contains 2 books and 6 photographs

# Museum Details

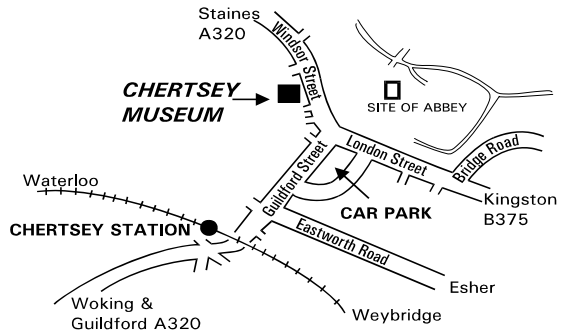
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## Opening Hours:

**Tuesday - Friday** 12.30pm to 4.30pm

**Saturday** 11am to 4pm

**Sunday & Monday** CLOSED

The Museum is situated off the M25 (Junction 11) and can be easily reached by bus or train.

- Trains:** Trains from Waterloo to Chertsey via Staines or Weybridge, then a 15 minute walk to the Museum
- Buses:** 9, 51, 446, 557, 593 and 637  
For further details contact *Traveline* on 0870 608 2608
- Car:** M25 (Jct. 11), A320 from Staines, Woking and Guildford and B375 from Kingston. Street Parking or town public car park
- Access:** Flat access to all areas. Free parking space for blue badge holders
- Shop:** Refreshments and a wide selection of gifts to suit all tastes and purses
- Research Room:** Primary and secondary resources are available to researchers on Wed. & Thurs. 12.30-4.15pm & Sat. 11am-3.45pm