

MOYSE'S HALL MUSEUM, BURY - Jean Wolfe

Opening Times/Prices: Due to Covid-19 the museum is currently closed but it plans to reopen on May 23rd 2021. Previous opening times were: Monday to Saturday 10-5pm with 4pm last entry. Sundays 12-4pm with 3pm last entry.

Admission: Adults - £5; Children 5-16yrs - £3; Families up to 5 members - £15.

Website: <https://www.moyseshall.org/contact>



Travel Time: From Newmarket by car - approximately 30 minutes.

Parking: Central parking is only a few minutes walk away.

General Information: The mediaeval Hall is in Bury St .Edmunds and was first built in 1180. Its builder is unknown but surely wealthy as most houses then were wattle and daub, but this is of stone which had to be transported from some distance. It is first written about in 1328 when it was a tavern. Over the centuries it has been a workhouse, a bridewell (house of correction), a police station, and in 1899 a Museum.

In 1514 a merchant, Richard King, bequeathed in his will to his wife Cecily "*my place and tenement that I dwell in called Moyses Hall*" In 1626 Henry Collinge sold it to The Guildhall Feoffment Trust. After the dissolution of the Abbey the Trust used the Hall as the town jail and a workhouse. The Feoffment Trust first set up by the Candlemas Guild is still functioning today.

In 1701 a turret clock was erected with a cupola, and restoration work in 1858 was carried out to the designs of George Gilbert Scott who designed the Albert Memorial.



The **Red Barn Murder**: William Corder was accused of murdering his lover and artefacts are exhibited about this. Plays are still performed about this murder.

There is a short film about the history of the Hall to watch. There is also a Suffolk Regiment Gallery and a Clock collection.

There are always changing exhibits too, such as in October they will be telling the story of Mary Beale, forgotten female artist in Charles II reign.



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