



YOUR KINGSTON museum 2012

Children & Young People's Trust
Making a Difference Together



welcome to your museum KINGSTON'S HIDDEN GEM!

We are Kingston Museum & Heritage Service; an inspiring, surprising, free, family-friendly attraction in central Kingston. The museum was built in 1904 with contributions from Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish American benefactor, and was restored between 1992 and 1997. Kingston Museum and Heritage Service operates on two sites and comprises a Museum, with three permanent galleries: Ancient Origins, Town of Kings and Eadweard Muybridge, an Art Gallery for temporary exhibitions, along with an Archives Service and a Local History Room, which holds a large and growing collection of local history research material.

Explore our collections and exhibitions

The museum has a large and varied collection of local interest, a fine collection of Martinware pottery and also includes the internationally renowned Eadweard Muybridge collection. The Kingston born, pioneer photographer donated a unique collection of photographs, documents and equipment to the museum. Many fun and exciting temporary exhibitions for all ages are held in the art gallery, where arts, crafts, photography, archaeology and local history are all represented.



Take part and learn

Expand your horizon and join our popular lectures, workshops and other events throughout the year. We work

closely with schools, colleges and community groups and support curriculum learning in a fun, interactive way, using our collections and exhibition themes. Would you like to support the museum and make a real difference? Volunteer and help with a range of tasks and assist with the smooth running of the museum, or join the Friends of Kingston Museum.



Museum Shop

The shop at Kingston Museum is a treasure trove for everyone with many unique products. Here you will find books on the local area, hand-made craft ranges inspired by the museum's collections, children's toys and beautiful work by local artists. You will always find something new to covet as the shop constantly changes products, often reflecting the seasons and exhibitions on show. A selection is available for purchase online.

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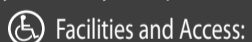
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Email: kingston.museum@rbk.kingston.gov.uk
www.kingston.gov.uk/museum

Opening Hours

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 10 - 5pm, Thursday 10 - 7pm



Facilities and Access:
Lift, toilet, parking by prior arrangement

How to find us



www.kingston.gov.uk/museum



YOUR LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Discover

Learn about the history of your local area at our Local History Room at North Kingston Centre, situated about one mile from the Museum.

- The Borough's Archives
- Local books
- Directories
- Newspapers
- Maps and photographs
- Data-base of Victorian sources, courtesy of Kingston University's Centre for Local History Studies
- Taped reminiscences
- Census returns



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Opening Hours

Monday, Thursday, Friday:
10am -1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Tuesday (term time) : 10am -1pm, 2pm - 9pm;
Tuesday at other times: 10am -1pm and 2pm -7pm
Closed Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The room will close for 2 weeks in the summer for the annual stocktaking.
Dates to be announced.

Local History Room
Room 46, First Floor
North Kingston Centre, Richmond Road
Kingston upon Thames KT2 5PE

Tel: 020 8547 6738

Email: local.history@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Facilities and Access: free parking; ramp to building, key operated lift; toilets including toilets for disabled visitors on both floors; coffee bar and drinks machine. www.disabledgo.info



FRIENDS OF KINGSTON MUSEUM & HERITAGE SERVICE

Founded 1992

If you enjoy making friends with people who share an interest in our Royal Borough's rich history, then a warm welcome awaits you at Kingston Museum. The Friends support the work of the Service in many ways, including fund raising, project development and arranging an annual programme of lectures.

Benefits of membership include:

- Quarterly newsletter
- Invitations to historical talks
- Invitations to private views
- Discounts in the museum shop

SUPPORT US. JOIN NOW

Membership rates:

Individual: £10; Couples: £15*, Youth: £3; Life: £100;
special rates for corporate and school membership.

Name

Address

Postcode

Daytime telephone number

Email Address

Signature

Cheques should be made payable to:

The Friends of Kingston Museum & Heritage Service.

If you are a personal taxpayer you can help us to recover tax on your subscription by completing a Gift Aid Declaration.

Please tick here for a form.

Please tick here if you do not wish to be included

on our computer mailing list.

Please send your membership fee to:

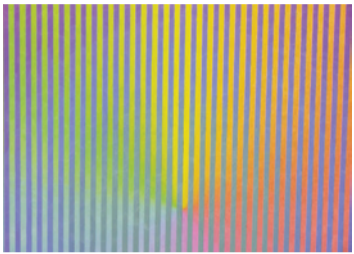
**The Secretary,
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ART GALLERY



David Whitaker Composer of colour 28 January – 24 March

David Whitaker (1938-2007) was a Kingston based painter who over the course of his career extended the range and resonance of Abstract Art, investigating the optical effects of colour in paintings of extraordinary technical accomplishment and daring. In his paintings the colour of each vertical band would imperceptibly shift and change over the course of its length. The resulting image appears to pulse with light; shapes float free from the geometric mesh and colours spring suddenly forward. Whitaker continued to develop the ambition to control these strikingly beautiful effects throughout his career.



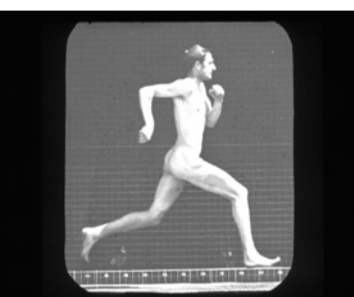
One Step Back, Two Steps Forward A historical path-finding project by our young people 7 April – 5 May

One Step Back, Two Steps Forward is an exciting exhibition based on MeWe's young people looking at their individual and collective heritage. Throughout the initial project the young people of MeWe Arts examined their personal cultures and histories using a wide range of data gathering tools and fact finding vehicles. This exhibition features works of art in varying disciplines that were born out of the findings and experiences of the young people throughout this journey.



The Hogsmill A Journey Through Time 19 May – 14 July

The Hogsmill River is somewhat of an enigma. Today it is a meandering stream, but in the past it has been much wider and faster flowing. It rises in Ewell and flows for 6 ½ miles to join the Thames at Kingston. There were rumoured to be 13 mills along its banks, producing gunpowder for the Royal Navy, peaking during the Napoleonic War. Two of the most famous impressionist paintings; Ophelia by Millais, and The Light of the World by Holman Hunt, were painted on the Hogsmill. To understand its history an archaeological project was carried out at Southwood activity centre Tolworth by Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society (KuTAS). This was funded largely by the Heritage Lottery Fund and enabled KuTAS to hire professional archaeologists as well as involving the local community, including the Scouts and volunteers.



Olympic Celebration: Athletes in Motion 28 July – 20 October

Eadweard Muybridge was born in Kingston upon Thames in 1830 and died here in 1904 bequeathing his collection to Kingston Museum. A large proportion of Eadweard Muybridge's pioneering motion sequence photography was devoted to athletics and the male physical form, reflecting a newfound emphasis on physical fitness and ideals of masculinity in the 19th Century. Coinciding with the 2012 London Olympics, this exhibition will explore Muybridge's photography of athletes in motion reflecting on its relationship to his wider work and 21st Century techniques.



Kingston Camera Club annual exhibition 3 - 10 November

The high standard of photographic talent on show in this year's Kingston Camera Club exhibition will include landscapes, portraits, travel and sport photography as well as creative digital images. Club members will be on hand to steward the exhibition and keen to answer questions about photography, and club membership. Kingston Camera Club is one of the oldest photographic clubs, having formed in 1893. Members meet weekly on a Monday evening from 8 pm to 10 pm at the St John's Ambulance Headquarters, Athelstan Road, Kingston on Thames, KT1 3BE. New members are guaranteed a warm welcome. www.kingstoncameraclub.com



Kingston Aircraft 1912- 2012 Exhibition of art from the Royal Society of Aviation Artists 17 November - 12 January 2013

An exhibition of paintings to celebrate 100 years of aircraft designed and built in Kingston. Kingston aircraft have been popular with aviation artists ever since Thomas Sopwith set up his first aircraft factory in the roller skating rink near Kingston railway station in 1912. This exhibition will feature works by a variety of artists old and new. There may be some surprises but you can expect to see Sopwith Triplanes and Camel fighters of the First World War, 1930s Hawker biplanes, Second World War Hawker Hurricanes, Typhoons and Tempests as well as the Hawker jet aircraft - Sea Hawks, Hunters, Harriers and the Hawks still used by the Red Arrows.

Volunteers

The volunteers at Kingston Museum and Heritage Service are an invaluable part of the Service team. They are actively involved in tasks including welcoming the public; gallery invigilation; answering enquiries; researching local and family history enquiries; cataloguing and digitising the local history photographic collection.

Their dedication, support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated which was recognised when the team received a highly commended in the London Museums Hub Volunteer Awards 2011.

Would you like to volunteer?

Please visit our website www.kingston.gov.uk/museum or contact Sandra Murphy 020 8547 5006 to find out more.



Friends' Talks



Please note our talks are now on Thursdays to fit in with the new Museum opening times. They start at 7pm with tea and coffee served from 6.30pm. Call the museum on 020 8547 5006 to book.

2 February

The Restoration of the 18th Century Water Gardens in Bushy Park by Kathy White, former Chair of the Friends of Bushy and Home Parks

15 March

Kingston's Colourful History from archives and illustrations by John Pink and Allan Brown, Kingston Tour Guides and local historians

21 June

Brooklands Museum and its aircraft collection by Julian Temple, aviation historian, author and Museum general operations manager

20 September

The Italian Murder and the Slums of Victorian and Edwardian Kingston by Dr Christopher French former Director of Kingston University's Centre for Local History Studies

22 November

They shall not grow old: researching and remembering Kingston's Great War fallen by Graeme Hodge, Head of Library Services at Nescot College, Ewell.

For up-to-the-minute information about all our services, events and exhibitions, our award-winning Eadweard Muybridge online catalogue and our online shopping for local books, visit:

www.kingston.gov.uk/museum

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