

## Inspired Photography Kingston Camera Club Exhibition 24th April to 8th May 2010

Come and be inspired by photographs from Kingston Camera Club this Spring. This annual exhibition with popular appeal, high quality work and varied content means there is something to interest everyone.

The Club was founded in 1893 and is one of the oldest camera clubs in the country. It has a long tradition of encouraging amateur photography, from plate cameras in the early days to the latest digital technology. The Club welcomes new members from beginner to advanced level. Experienced members will be available in the gallery to answer any questions or to welcome new members to the group.



*Until 18th April 2010  
On the Move: visualising  
Action: an exhibition  
including Muybridge  
items from Kingston at  
the Estorick Art Gallery,  
North London*

*Tuesday 16th March 2010  
Friends' Lecture at 6.30  
for 7pm in the art gallery:  
How Cartoonists  
Portrayed the Second  
World War by John Pink*

*Kingston Camera Club's exhibition is a 'shop window' for the club's activities in the field of artistic amateur photography, said President of the club, Bob Brewer. More and more photographs are being taken these days by small digital cameras and mobile phones, but Kingston Camera Club takes members further into the more artistic approach to photography by producing larger, more durable images that we are delighted to display in the excellent art gallery. We feel sure visitors to our exhibition will be inspired to further their interest in photography.*

*29th May to 19th June  
2010  
Kingston Summer Arts  
Season: Community Arts  
Exhibition in the art  
gallery*

## **Kingston at Leisure: Heritage Lottery Success**

The Local History Room has recently been successful in a bid for a Heritage Lottery Grant, winning a substantial sum towards an exciting new project which will greatly add to our knowledge of Kingston and enhance the archive collections.

*Kingston at Leisure*, is a project aiming to seek and preserve the hidden records of local clubs and societies, many of them of considerable age and historic interest. A grant of £28,600 has been awarded to develop the project, which is being undertaken in collaboration with Kingston University's Centre for Local History Studies.

Congratulations to Jill, Emma and all involved in the bid. Watch out for more information about the project as it progresses.

*Muybridge Portal  
Project: launch in May*



## Put Yourself in the Picture

The February Half Term holiday was all about Hogarth. After being inspired by Mary Hunt's wonderful Hogarth display in Kingston Library, Caroline led two sessions for families making 3D decoupage artwork using scenes from a *Rake's Progress*.

After a brief talk about Hogarth and the story of Tom Rakewell, families had a look at the engravings on display. However this activity also involved some audience participation—everyone had a photograph taken and printed so that they could appear in their own scene alongside Tom, Sarah and the other characters.

Sixteen children took part, ranging in age from 7 to 14. Everyone enjoyed themselves and produced some great artwork. The Story of Tom Rakewell's fall from grace even stimulated a conversation about the possible consequences of a lottery win, good or bad!



## Brave New World 2010 Teacher Education Student Placement Scheme

After taking part in *Brave New World 2009* as part of a pilot scheme, Kingston Museum is now the Lead Museum for this innovative project. *Brave New World* aims to embed the use of museums and archives into the practice of teachers at the beginning of their professional careers. Having been awarded a grant of £1250 from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, we have been working with the School of Education at Kingston University to place sixteen students from the Primary Teaching BA course at eight host museums and archives.

Students will spend three days working at their host organisation. Their task is to develop ideas for a teaching resource based on an object or collection of objects. They then produce a formal presentation to explain their ideas for the rest of the group.

This project will further cement our partnership with Kingston University, provide interesting and challenging projects for students and also provide host organisations with the opportunity to gain valuable insight into current teaching theory and practice from their placement students.

## Muybridge at the Estorick Gallery

Peta has been cooperating closely with the Estorick Gallery in North London on their most recent exhibition called *On the Move: Visualising Action* which runs until 18th April 2010. Curated by Jonathan Miller, the exhibition includes items from Kingston's Muybridge collection and is well worth seeing. Catch it before it ends on 18th April. The gallery is at 39a Canonbury Square, London N1 2AN. For more details see [www.estorickcollection.com](http://www.estorickcollection.com)

## Local History Room reopens

Good progress was made on the reorganisation of the Archive Store during our two week closure. Due to the recent installation of mobile shelving, two stores were merged into one and required our urgent attention to put everything back into order! The Local History Room reopened on 8th March with regulars and new visitors impatient to gain access to the resources again. Jill and Emma wish to thank you for your understanding of this important and crucial 'behind the scenes' work that allows us to provide even better access to the collections in the future.

# Muybridge on the Web

**The Eadweard Muybridge web portal project, running between Kingston Museum and Kingston University for six months, is well on the way to completion in late May this year—with discussions underway about a possible public launch at the British Film Institute on London’s Southbank.**

The primary aim of the portal project is to draw together information on all public Muybridge collections worldwide—125 at our current reckoning! With all institutions contacted and the help of the Kingston University web team and Kingston Museum volunteer, Keith Hathaway, we are now in the process of constructing a database and populating this with information to be uploaded onto the web, so things are progressing extremely well.

In addition to collections information, the website will also provide a valuable introduction to Eadweard Muybridge in the context of the endlessly expanding, accelerating and changing socio-political world he inhabited in the 19th Century. Comparative timelines, 19th-century maps and narrated bodies of Muybridge’s photographic work will therefore comprise the remainder of the website.

The end of the project will not only mean a public and press launch on 21st May but also a public symposium. Here several well known speakers will discuss theoretical and practical issues which have arisen from the project surrounding the idea of representing history for a contemporary audience.



## Les Kirkin Photographic Competition

We were delighted once again with the response to our 2009 competition on the theme of ‘Your Local’. The judging has taken place and the winners will be announced at a special reception and display in April when Rose Kirkin, Les’s widow, will present the prizes—more about the winning entries in our next issue. Thank you to the Friends for organising this highly successful annual exhibition which adds new, valuable content each year to our local history photographic collections. And a special thank you also to Kingston Rotary Club for continuing to support us most generously. The new theme for our 2010 competition will be announced at the reception so get photographing!



## School Badge

A big thank you for everyone who contacted the Local History Room and made suggestions regarding the identification of the school badge (left). We can now reveal that the badge was designed by students, specifically incorporating the Royal Borough’s coat of arms, for Kingston Technical College. If you would like to know more about the College—now Kingston College—a brief history, written to celebrate their centenary in 1999, is available to read in the Local History Room.

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*Parking is available at North Kingston Centre. For assistance ring 020 8547 6738.*

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## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

### AGM 10th March 2010

We will include a report in our next issue

### Friends' Talks

Please note that all the talks take place in the Museum Art Gallery and will now start at 7pm with tea and coffee being served from 6.30pm

### Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 6.30 for 7pm

*How Cartoonists Portrayed the Second World War: with glimpses of Kingston's War* by Local Historian John Pink

### Coach Visit

#### Saturday 12th June 2010

#### Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

This has proved to be a most popular visit and consequently is now fully booked. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list please contact Ruth Lankester on 020 8390 7174.

### Appeal for a Treasurer

Leslie Green has indicated his wish to retire as Treasurer of the Friends from 2011. If anyone is interested in taking up this position, please contact the Secretary on 020 8949 7739.

### A Friends' website: can you help

A question to all the Friends from the Museum. Is there a Friend or perhaps a group who would be willing to set up and run a Friends' website? This would be most useful and would surely enhance the Friends' profile.

### All Saints Church Community Project

Marion Blockley, recently appointed as Heritage Consultant by All Saints church to develop its important Heritage Lottery Project, is still interested in your views and will be organising several explanatory exhibitions around the Borough by way of consultation. She would welcome the chance to hear the views of members. Please do get in touch with her and tell her what you think: [mail@marionblockley.co.uk](mailto:mail@marionblockley.co.uk); [www.marionblockley.co.uk](http://www.marionblockley.co.uk); 01952 432561; 6 Cherry Tree Hill, Coalbrookdale, Telford TF8 7EQ or send a message via Anne McCormack or Jill Lamb c/o the Local History Room.

### John Woodland and Pat Nicolaysen

We have recently lost two very good friends in John and Pat. John very sadly died after a long illness in December and Pat in February this year. John was most supportive to the Friends both in his capacity as Head of Recreation in the Royal Borough in the early days and later, after his retirement, as vice-chairman of the Friends. Pat was a stalwart of Kingston Archaeological Society for many years having previously worked locally both at Decca and Kingston Council's Education Department. Her passion was archaeology and before her illness was a regular member of the KUTAS processing team at North Kingston Centre as well as being assistant editor of Surrey Archaeological Collections for a number of years.

Both John and Pat will be sadly missed and we all send our sincere sympathies to their families.