

Brilliant Art Opens

The new exhibition 'Brilliant Art' was officially opened on Friday 3rd June by the Worshipful the Mayor of Kingston upon Thames, Councillor Patrick Codd.

The two subjects for the 2011 Brill commissioned paintings were chosen because of the exciting Heritage Lottery Fund application made recently by All Saints Church. This is to support major improvements to the parish church, to develop the heritage interpretation of the building and provide outreach in the community.

The plan is to change the north face of the church by putting in a new door and to relocate the Coronation Stone from its current location outside the Guildhall to the churchyard on the Clarence Street side. As a result the view of both buildings will change completely. These paintings are therefore fulfilling Brill's original aim of recording vanishing Kingston.

Pop along to the museum to view selected works from the Brill Collection which are often on permanent display and the two latest commissions by Kingston University students Nina Cosford and Frances Ives.



The Mayor, Councillor Patrick Codd, Tim Everson Friends Chairman with Nina (first left) who painted the Coronation Stone and Frances.



Look out for

Exhibition by Tiffin Boys School in the museum art gallery, 2nd to 16th July 2011.

Exhibition: 'Doing it for Kids', 23rd July to 10th September 2011

A 40th anniversary exhibition: 'Who Do You Think You Are?' By the Kingston Embroiderers' Guild. Through textiles and stitch the Guild will portray its long association with Kingston showing the influence of the Town's history, architecture and people.

The Return of the Zoopraxiscope from San Francisco and the display of items from the Muybridge collection at the Barbican from 14th June and at the Royal Academy's Degas exhibition, September to December 2011.

Guest appearance by Peta on the BBC's One Show to talk about Muybridge!

Friends lecture: The History of the Kingstonian Football Club, 6th September, 2011

Highly Commended!

Congratulations to Nikki Tetley (project leader) and her team of volunteers, Emma Howgill, Glenis Ward and Lauris Ashton for being awarded **Highly Commended** in the 'Going the Extra Mile' category in the London in Museums Volunteer Awards 2011.

Nikki, Emma, Glenis and Lauris were nominated for all their hard work and commitment on the HLF funded archive project 'Kingston at Leisure' and the following entry in the awards booklet sums up their achievements:

Lauris, Glenis and Emma have volunteered throughout the 'Kingston at Leisure: The Hidden Records of the Borough's Clubs and Societies' project. Their positive attitudes, clear thinking and support have been instrumental in identifying and contacting organisation, actively seeking out relevant bodies and using their connections to publicise the project.

All three have painstakingly sorted through the wealth of deposited collections, repacking, assessing each individual document and creating detailed lists. Though this has not been the most exciting task they have tackled it to a constantly high standard with dedication and good humour. Familiarising themselves with the contents of each of the 30 plus collections to such an extent that they were able to identify and select key pieces for the community exhibitions and for the end of project exhibition.

Having worked amazingly hard in the first six months of the project, during the last three months the time, effort and energy that Lauris, Emma and Glenis gave was remarkable. All three increased their volunteering hours substantially; proof reading exhibition text; selecting items; writing; mounting and cutting labels; filling display cases; writing texts; and dressing mannequins. They picked up every task required of them rapidly, offering assistance with every thing that needed to be done and completing all work to an incredibly high level.

Their work over the last nine months has been invaluable and beyond compare. Their dedication, commitment and individual personalities made them a joy to be around and it's thanks to them that the project has been a great success.

Volunteer Forum

It was previously announced that the next Volunteer Forum was to be held in June. For various reasons this was not possible. The next forum will be Wednesday **27th July, 10am-1pm**. This time the forum will be in the museum art gallery and will focus on volunteer loyalty and commitment. The Head of Service, Grace McElwee will be present to hand out certificates of long service. We look forward to seeing you then! RSVP to Tove (020 8547 6463) or Emma (020 8547 6738).



Join us

for a day out on Sunday 11th September 2011

Meet at 10.15am at **Marble Hill House** for a guided Tour at 10.30am; **lunch** at the Marlborough Pub from 12 noon to 1.30pm or the Marble Hill Cafe or bring a packed lunch. Afternoon visit to the newly refurbished **Strawberry Hill House**, Gothic home of Horace Walpole. The latter is only bookable online at www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk. Book for the 2.20pm tour ASAP. If full, book for the next tour at 2.40pm. This outing has been arranged by museum volunteer Penny Pinkney. If you are interested in joining the outing or in finding out more please contact Penny on 0208 715 4736 or pennypinkney@blueyonder.co.uk

Local History and Archives

Month's Closure!

The Local History Room annual closure will be for one month to allow Jill and Emma to work on the archive and local history collections in preparation for the proposed closure of the North Kingston Centre next year. **The Local History Room will close at 5pm on 29th July and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 30th August 2011**

New Acquisition 'Kingston by Tram' Poster



We have recently received for the art collection, this beautiful 'Kingston by Tram' poster by Frank Newbould (1925).

The poster was purchased at auction by the Friends of Kingston Museum & Heritage Service from the Johanna Norton Fund. Jo Norton worked at the museum for many years until her death in 2006. A fund was set up by the Friends Group as a permanent memorial in her name to recognise her commitment and enthusiasm for the museum.

Frank Newbould designed posters for the Underground Group and London Transport between 1921 and 1934. He later joined the War Office and worked with Abram Games designing the series of posters with the slogan 'Your Britain: fight for it now'.

Look out for new merchandise in the museum shop using our latest acquisition!

New Archive Deposits

We are delighted to have received a large deposit of records from 'Your Healthcare', relating to the Victoria Hospital, predecessor of the New Victoria Hospital. The Victoria Hospital was built to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and opened the following year on the site of the current Kingston Hospital. It was built and maintained by voluntary contributions until it became part of the National Health Service in 1948. It closed in 1951 and a new site was sought. In 1958 the New Victoria Hospital opened on its current site in Coombe Lane West. The records cover the whole period from 1899 up to 1951 and include minute books and case books as well as admission and discharge registers.

We have also received newspaper cuttings books from Kingston Conservative Association, 1980-2000, and additional material from the Rose Theatre. The 'Kingston at Leisure' Project continues to inspire interest with several additional deposits in the pipeline. The imminent closure of Kingston Magistrates Court will also lead to more records being deposited to join the 600 years of court records already held in the Borough Archives.

Doing it for Kids

This summer's family exhibition at Kingston Museum runs from **23rd July to 10th September**. Good toys help children to develop and play freely, they help spark imagination and mould values. This exhibition explores the importance of play and presents examples of sustainable toys and other play resources that inspire designers, educators and parents to be more critical and creative. Let this exhibition inspire you to be more knowledgeable, confident and creative in your play choices. Let's play!

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Friends' Talks and Events

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. The full programme for the year is in the Museum's 2011 leaflet.

Tuesday 6th September 2011

The History of the Kingstonian Football Club by Lawrence Cooley, President of the Club and member of the Museum Friends

Tuesday 22nd November 2011

The Great Aircraft Factory in the Richmond Road, Kingston by David Hassard, local resident and researcher

Saturday 1st October 2011

Visit to Dover Castle. Booking forms available from the Museum & Local History Room. Book your place now!

Preserve our Present for the Future

There's plenty of time to take part in our Les Kirkin Memorial Photographic Competition 2011-2012. The theme this year is *Enjoying Life in Kingston's Clubs and Societies-from drum and bass to dramatics*. Do get photographing so that more of your pictures can form a permanent record of life in Kingston for the local history collections. What about photographing a sports society in the run up to the Olympics?

Congratulations to Local History Officer, Emma Rummins on her recent marriage to Dan. We wish them both every happiness for their future together.

Peter Rowell

We were all very saddened to hear about the death of Friends' member Peter Rowell recently. Peter was the husband of Jo Norton's sister Jeanette (Jan) and was a frequent visitor to our private views. Everyone who knew him admired the courage with which he coped with his illness over a long period of time, carrying on his social and business life as normally as possible. The family have all supported the museum for many years and we have appreciated their many contributions enormously. Our sympathies go out to Jan, her son and grandchildren, to Margaret, Jo's and Jan's sister and to Jo's husband, Brian and all his family.