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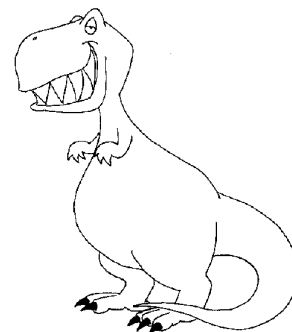
'So much to paint....' John Godden's Hertford 2nd June—14th July

John Godden (born 1930) originally lived in Tottenham, where he worked as Chief Librarian at the Central Office of Information. In the late 1980s he retired from his job and moved to Hertford to paint. He bought 21 Dimsdale Street where he had a building on the side of the house converted into a studio. Cycling all around the local area, he took photographs of various buildings and scenes and would then paint onto board back at his studio. He stayed in Hertford until his death in 1999. A largely self-taught artist, John's

photo-realism in his paintings brings to life Hertford in the not-so-distant past and shows many buildings and places that no longer exist. On display are around 40 of his paintings of the town showing the bustle of life in the 1970s/80s and 90s. The paintings are kindly lent by local people who knew John and his work.

'Our Prehistoric Past' 24th July—17th November

Find out about prehistoric Britain and the strange animals, dinosaurs and people that lived here. Meet a woolly mammoth! Discover how prehistoric people lived in Hertfordshire! Look an iguanodon in the eye! This fun and informative exhibition will feature fossils, minerals and fantastic objects from Hertford Museum's own collection and loaned from Earth science museums around the country. **Come to our Dinosaur and Fossil week, 24th - 28th July! See posters or website for more details.**



WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN...exhibition about Egyptian life.

Now extended until the end of December! This exhibition on the ground floor of the museum has proved to be so popular, we are keeping it on display until the end of the year. **TEACHERS!** Book an exciting hands-on session for your class now! £1 per pupil charge for schools in Hertford, £2 per pupil charge for schools outside Hertford. Contact Sara or Ruth on 01992585722.



Join Hertford Museum's Super 100 Club! Tickets are £24 per year.

The draw will be taking place monthly and the first draw will take place on Monday 25th June, subject to the sale of tickets. 35% of the money allocated to prizes: 20% first prize, 10% second prize and 5% third prize. All proceeds after the prizes will go towards the upkeep of the museum. So have a flutter and support your local museum at the same time. Tickets available now from the museum or through Nigel Poulton who can be contacted on 01920 427568.



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Please help support your local museum!

WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN

Model Railway Day: Sat 5th May, 10-4, admission free, drop-in working model railway layouts galore on the first floor

Hertford Music Festival May 2007: Young Soloist Competition taking place in the first floor activity room of the museum in May. Contact the museum for more details.

Scarecrow Week - Tuesday 29th May - Saturday 2nd June

Free drop-in activities all week from 10am - 4.30pm. Find out all about scarecrows and make a scarecrow to take home.

'Drawing Hertford' using pastels, charcoal and pencils, from Saturday 2nd June to Sat 7th July, free, drop-in activities from 10am - 4.30pm. To complement the 'John Godden's Hertford' exhibition, be inspired by his work and draw an area of Hertford, it could be your house, a well known landmark or your favourite place. Add it to our display in the activity room or take it home with you.

National Archaeology Week! Saturday 14th—Saturday 21st July, 10am - 4.30pm, free drop-in activities. ANGLO SAXON DAY! Find out about Saxons in Hertford, look at Saxon sites. Add to our mural of Anglo Saxon Hertford and make your own runes (£1 charge) using pebbles outside in the museum garden.



PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS TAKE NOTE! From the summer holidays onwards, the museum will be charging 50p per child to take part in the drop-in activities in the museum. This is so that we can continue to provide a fun and interesting set of activities to suit all ages.

Please note that there will be no charge to play in the activity room generally.

SIX WEEKS OF SUMMER FUN AT HERTFORD MUSEUM!

Tuesday to Saturdays, 10am - 4.30pm, 50p per child, stay as long as you want!

Posters will detail what will be happening each week

Tuesday 24 th - Sat 28 th July	Dinosaur and Fossil Week
Tuesday 31 st July - Sat 4 th August	River Week
Tuesday 7 th - Sat 11 th August	Wildlife Week
Tuesday 14 th - Sat 18 th August	Garden week
Tuesday 21 st - Sat 25 th August	Old toys week
Tuesday 28 th August - Saturday 1 Sept	Seaside week

Special events! Lookout for more special events on posters and on our website!

Flint knapping demonstrations by Karl Lee, Friday 27th July, 1.30pm - 4.30pm, drop in

Have you ever wanted to know how early man and prehistoric people made their tools? Come along and see for yourself! Admission free, suggested donation of £1 per person (towards the museum's funds)



Calling all young geologists!

Peculiar Puddingstone: a hands on workshop for ages 7+

Tuesday 7th August, 11am - 12.30, £3 per child, limit of 15 children for this

workshop, please book and pay in advance. Find out all about puddingstone and the myths and legends behind it, see some examples of Puddingstone from the museum,

have a go at polishing and make a replica piece!

Model Railway Day—Saturday 25th August 10-4pm free drop-in on the first floor

Hertford Music Festival: Young Soloist Competition at the museum, Saturday 12th May. Support local young musicians: classical 11am—1pm, rock, pop and jazz, 2pm—4pm.



Local photography groups choose Hertford Museum to showcase their work!

'Hertford U3A Digital Photography Group' (*left*)
Exhibition of work from Hertford U3A Digital Photography Group, Sat 9th June— Sat 30th June

'A Window On Hertford and District Camera Club'
Exhibition of their work (*right*), Sat 11th August - Sat 15th September



A fond farewell goes out to Chris Quarry (*left*), Hertford Museum's cleaner of over 25 years who retired in March. She has been a dedicated supporter of the museum and our thanks go out to her for all her hard work and commitment to the museum. We wish her a happy retirement.

Open Studios: Kathryn Parratt – Handmade Jewellery and Silk Painting From Friday 7th September.

A selection of jewellery made by local artist Kathryn Parratt will be on display in the museum shop from May to July. She will be holding an 'Open Studio' at the museum, with displays, demonstrations and activities on Friday afternoons and Saturdays from 7th – 28th September. Kathryn creates distinctive modern jewellery using semi-precious stones, wire, crystals and handmade glass. She also enjoys hand painting silk to produce vibrant silk scarves, cards and gifts. Open Studio Opening Times: Sunday 2nd September 2 - 4.30pm, Friday 14th, 21st and 28th September 12.30 – 4.30pm, Saturday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September 10 – 4.30pm. During this period, there will be a selection of events and activities organised by Kathryn for adults and children. Please see posters for details, or contact the museum.

Ruffles Remembers: A bit more! Wednesday 6th June, at Sele School, Welwyn Road, Hertford, 7pm start, tickets £5 in aid of Hertford Museum's Development Project. Local historian and all-round town celebrity Peter Ruffles digs out more of his amazing photographs of old Hertford and his comical anecdotes! Tickets available from the museum. Buy them early to avoid disappointment!

Shakespeare in the Garden: Much Ado About Nothing—Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July, 8pm start, Tickets £10 adults, £6 children (in aid of the museum's development project). Performed by the Haileybury Players, this adaptation by Lee Wilkinson, MA RADA is in one act (90 mins) in traditional Elizabethan costume in our period garden. Tickets are available from the museum.



Hertfordshire Young Farmers Clubs have been granted funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for an exciting new project which will involve the junior members to interview all ex-members of Young Farmers and then produce a book depicting '60 years of Hertfordshire Young Farmers Clubs'. The book will show the importance of young farmers within the rural community. **From 3rd July to 8th August there will be a display in the museum illustrating the project and the changes in farming over 60 years, with photographs, posters and other memorabilia.**

Home made cream teas in the museum garden are available every Saturday from 5th May to 15th September, 11am—4.30pm.

Thank you Friends of Hertford Museum! They have funded the purchase of a new digital camera for the museum. This will prove extremely valuable over the next few months as we prepare for the new displays as part of our development project. This camera will be used to photograph the selected objects ready for our museum designer to work with. **Can you help us with this?** We need people who are keen to help photograph these objects. Please ring 01992 582686 and to speak to Sara or Ruth.

This newsletter is available in large print. Please telephone to receive your copy on 01992 582686 or email: hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com

Hertford Museum's Development Appeal



Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise £90,000 towards our development project over the last year. With the help of East Herts Council's £45,000 Capital Grant, funding from the Hertford Civic Society, Waitrose (left), others together with fundraising efforts, we have managed to achieve our aim and are ready to submit our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to redevelop the museum. Please do keep your fingers crossed for us as we have to wait 6 months for the decision. In the meantime, we are still keen to keep raising funds for the development as the project is estimated to take us over our original £1 million mark. If you can help in any way, or are a local business that would consider sponsoring a particular part of the development project, please do get in touch with Helen Gurney, Curator on 01992 585721. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We have a small team of 2 fundraisers who need more people to help them fundraise for this project, between now and the end of the year. Can you spare some time to help with this? If so, please contact Helen on the number above.

Hertford Museum's Grand Prize Draw winners: Anne Marie Parker (1st prize - a behind the scenes tour of Big Ben), Jim Underwood, Geoffrey Rice, Phil Giles, Joyce Clark, Phylis Yorke, Marjery Healy, the Foster family, Margaret Welch, Helen Harris, Sally Peck, Inga Holland, Andrea Trendler, Rachel McLaughlan

Hertford Museum will now be open on the first Sunday of every month from 6th May, 2pm—5pm!

DON'T FORGET! The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Friday 28th September 10am—12pm. Join us for coffee and biscuits and help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief Hertfordshire. All proceeds go to this worthy cause.

A new evening class for art lovers! 'MATISSE, PICASSO AND INNOVATIONS IN ART UP TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR' (in collaboration with the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education) No previous knowledge required! Hertford Museum Monday evenings from 10th September 2007: An opportunity to study Matisse and Picasso as both interdependent and markedly different in their startling originality. Relevant reference to contemporaries will be included, particularly in the context of Picasso and Cubism. For an enrolment form, please pop into the museum or send a self addressed envelope with a second class stamp to Helen Gurney, Hertford Museum, 18 Bull Plain, Hertford, SG14 1DT by 7th September.

Future exhibitions in late 2007/early 2008: 'Devoted to Doctor Who'

An Exhibition Celebrating the Cult of Dr Who - 28th Nov 07—mid Feb 08.

Celebrating local collector's passion for Doctor Who. This exhibition will give collectors the opportunity to display part of their personal collection and to share with others. Events, talks and workshops will also coincide with the exhibition and bring together a great celebration of Doctor Who! **Can you help?** Hertford Museum would like to make an appeal for sponsorship for this exciting exhibition. We need around £650 to put together a really good exhibition and make sure it is promoted. To make this collection possible Hertford Museum would also like to make an appeal to any collectors who would be willing to loan their objects. If you would like to contribute to this exhibition in anyway or to find out more please email Hertford Museum volunteer Lucy Sercombe (*right*) on lucy@hertfordmuseum.org.



Peter Ruffles' Who does he think he is? Saturday 12 January— Mid March 2008 (to coincide with a new book written by Jean Riddell)

An exhibition of packaging—27th October 07—26th January 08

120 Years of Hertford East Station 23 Feb—28th June 08

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