

HERTFORD MUSEUM NEWS

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'Devoted to Doctor Who'

An exhibition celebrating
local people's passion for Doctor Who
28th Nov 2007 – 12th Apr 2008

This exhibition on the first floor of the museum has been kindly sponsored by Hartham Press and Hertford Travel. It will showcase the collections of many local fans of the cult BBC TV series.

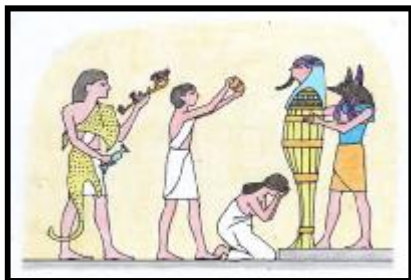
The idea for a Doctor Who exhibition came about through the work of local illustrator Jeff Cummins, who illustrated many of the front covers of the Doctor Who

Target Books (above). Examples of his work will be on display, along with images by photographer Allan Ballard and a Doctor Who inspired wallpaper collage from local artist Kimberley Bevan. A full-size TARDIS will also be teleported into the exhibition which has been lovingly made at home by local fan Dave Crew. There will also be an amazing model of the robotic dog known as 'K-9', the Doctor's trusty companion. You may notice an enemy of the Doctor as you enter the museum; his name is Zek and he is a Dalek, but don't worry he has been programmed not to exterminate any visitors!

We will be producing an alternative information file and virtual 360° panoramic tour on the ground floor for visitors who are unable to climb the two flights of stairs to the first floor. There will be lots of activities for children, including dressing up and quizzes as well as a drawing competition and other events taking place in the activity room next door!

'Bygone Brands': an exhibition of old packaging, 24th Nov 2007— 8th March 2008

This ground floor exhibition will feature an array of bygone packaging from a local collector and the museum's own collection. Take a nostalgic trip back in time!



WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN...

Exhibition now extended until the end of December!

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 01992 582686.

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Inspiring Generations

WHAT'S ON FOR CHILDREN

Have a go! Drop-in family activities as part of Open Studios 2007!

MAKE A BRACELET with jewellery artist Kathryn Parratt, Fridays 12.30—4.30pm and Saturdays 10—12.30pm throughout September. Have a go and leave your creation behind for others to see: £1, or take home and keep £7.



CREATE YOUR OWN SILK PAINTING TO TAKE HOME with jewellery artist Kathryn Parratt. Fridays and Saturday afternoons 1pm—4.30pm throughout September. £1 to have a go and take your design away with you.

BIG DRAW: DRAWING DOCTOR WHO!

2nd—27th October (drop-in, 10am—4.30pm— suggested donation of 50p)

In readiness for our new exhibition that will open on 28th November, we will be 'Drawing Doctor Who'. You will be able to create a full-size Dr Who character, make a TARDIS interior and add to our mural.

Saturday 6th October, 11am—1pm— meet the illustrator! Come along to Hertford Museum and meet Jeff Cummins who illustrated the Doctor Who Target Books. Watch him at work!



The Campaign for Drawing
www.thefabdraw.org

ENTER OUR DOCTOR WHO COMPETITION! We will also be launching a very special competition during Big Draw month, to 'Design a Doctor Who Monster' which will be judged by local illustrator Jeff Cummins in April 2008 (when the exhibition closes). The winners and runners-up will be notified and prizes will be given at the museum.

Celebrate Diwali at Hertford Museum! Drop-in activities on Sat 3rd and Sat 10th November, 10am - 4.30pm, 50p per child:

- Find out all about Diwali and how it is celebrated
- Make a Diwali card, create a rangoli pattern or make a festival of lights scene!

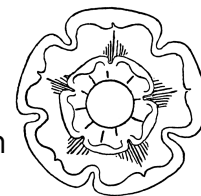
Model Railway Day, Saturday 1st December, 10am—4pm. Admission Free (suggested donation 50p per person). Come along and see amazing working model railway layouts. Find a miniature Father Christmas aboard one of the carriages! Fun for all the family!

A Tudor Christmas! From Sunday 2nd December (special open day) until January 5th. On Sunday 2nd December we launch our 'Tudor Christmas' family day and also the beginning of the Hidden Hertford Project (see page 3). The museum will be open from 12-5pm and everything will be free because it has been funded by the Hidden Hertford project. You will be able to:

- *Have a go at our family Treasure Hunt around the town (amazing prizes to be won)
- *Taste Tudor food and listen to Tudor musicians play
- *Make jewelled goblets and a merrymaker's mask

Lots of other festivities will be taking place in the town including carol singing, craft stalls (in the Mill Bridge Rooms) see posters for details.

After Sunday 2nd, drop-in Tudor activities will take place in the activity room from Tuesday to Saturday 10am—4.30pm with a suggested donation of 50p per child.



Open Studios 2007: Kathryn Parratt – Handmade Jewellery & Silk Painting, 7th—29th September. This event will showcase the work of local jeweller and silk painter Kathryn Parratt. This will take place on Friday afternoons and Saturdays from 7th – 29th September. See fliers or the website for information about the family drop-in ‘make a bracelet’ and ‘silk painting’ sessions. Pre-booking is essential for the jewellery making workshop (adults) on Thurs 27th September.

World’s Biggest Coffee Morning! Join us for coffee and biscuits to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Relief Hertfordshire on Friday 28th September from 10am to 12pm.

We need more volunteers! Come along to our Volunteer Recruitment Day on Friday 2nd November from 2.30-4.30pm. Join us for tea and cakes and find out about what Hertford Museum does behind the scenes. Chat to our friendly team! Volunteering at Hertford Museum is a great opportunity to meet new people, give something back to the community and have fun all at the same time!

Hidden Hertford’ Hidden Britain is a national campaign to encourage tourism, to discover lesser known areas and to provide a different and more meaningful experience for the visitor. Hertford has been registered under the campaign and a number of events and initiatives are planned over the coming years. We will launch this important project on **Sunday 2nd December between 12pm—5pm** with a Hidden Hertford Treasure Hunt starting at the museum. All are welcome to this fun packed family day. Not only is there a treasure hunt, but also ‘Tudor Christmas’ themed activities including Tudor food tasting, children’s drop-in activities and listen to Tudor musicians playing traditional instruments. All this will be provided free as it is being funded through the Hidden Hertford project. Hertford Town Council are also putting on a number of events in the town, including craft stalls in the Millbridge Rooms, Father Christmas in the Tourist Information Centre, warming refreshments and carol singing around the tree in Market Place towards the end of the day. A number of shops (including the museum shop) will be open and will be taking part in the Treasure Hunt so its well worth coming into Hertford on this day!



Exhibitions this winter include:

‘Devoted to Doctor Who’ (first floor) until 12 April 2008

‘Walk like an Egyptian’ (ground floor) until end of 2007

A display by pupils from Pinewood School (ground floor) 20th Nov—5th Dec

Peter Ruffles’ Who does he think he is? (ground floor) 12 Jan— 29 March 2008
(pictured right as a baby!)

INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Walk like an Egyptian’ TEACHERS! Specially tailored ‘hands-on’ sessions are still available.

Pans and Polish’ a temporary exhibition all about cooking and cleaning in Victorian Times will run from Tuesday 22nd April until the end of the summer.

History Takeaways’ are now available to primary schools to complement Key Stage 1 and 2 History in the classroom. These contain replica and real objects, photographs and dressing up clothes and are based around the following themes: ‘Toys of the Past’, ‘Seaside Holidays’, ‘Growing up during World War I’, Romans and Life in Victorian times. These can be hired weekly for a small charge.

THE TUDORS ARE COMING! We have been awarded a grant for £4,400 towards a Tudors resource for schools from the AJH Ashby Will Trust (in memory of Peggy and Arthur Ashby) and a grant of £500 from the Herts Museums Small Grants Fund. This money will be used to purchase replica outfits together with a variety of Tudor objects to illustrate the lives of the rich and poor in Tudor times. We hope to have the funds by Christmas so that we can offer this resource to schools from January 2008.

Exclusive to Hertford Museum shop: Trevor Chamberlain Coasters. A set of 4 coasters taken from Trevor’s paintings of ‘Bright Morning, the Folly’, ‘High Summer, Castle Grounds’, ‘Felled Trees Waterford Marsh’ and ‘October Light, River Lea’ have been produced along with a presentation box. They make perfect Christmas presents and are available now from the museum shop priced £9.99.

COMING SOON! Limited edition bone china plates available to buy only at the museum shop!

An update on Hertford Museum's Development

At the end of May this year, our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was submitted. We will find out whether we have been successful at the end of November. Please keep your fingers crossed for us! If we are successful we will be closing the museum to the public and moving out of the main building from the late summer/early autumn of 2008 for one year, whilst building work is undertaken.

We have recently found out that they will receive £20,000 funding from Lafarge Aggregates Ltd, through the Landfill Community Fund. This money will go towards the installation of a passenger lift as part of the development. Groundwork Hertfordshire is the registered environmental body which distributes Landfill Community Funding to eligible projects and they work closely with local Lafarge representatives to identify quality projects in the area.

We are also pleased to announce that we have been awarded a cheque for £500 from the Tony Metherell Charitable Trust which will go into our development fund. **We still need to raise c£120,000 by the end of the year through grants and donations.**

HERTFORD MUSEUM'S 100 CLUB! We launched our 100 club in June of this year and already we have 80 people enlisted! A draw takes place every month (on or around 25th) and 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. You can join at any time, tickets are £2 per month and the year runs from June 07 to May 08. If you would like to join, please contact Connie on 01992 582686 who will explain everything to you and send out a form to fill in and return to us with a cheque.

Congratulations to Hertford Museum for achieving **FULL ACCREDITATION** status through the Museums Libraries (MLA) East of England. This scheme was established in 1988 and was called 'Registration' Since then it has helped over 1800 museums across the UK to focus on standards and to identify areas or further work and development. In 2004, the Scheme was renamed Accreditation. Accredited museums must adhere to published minimum standards in how they care for and document their collections, how they are governed and managed, and on the information and services they offer to their users. Accreditation helps museums to meet the needs of today's visitors, while at the same time safeguarding their collections for future generations.

Future exhibitions:

- 120 years of Hertford East Station —23rd February—28th June
- An exhibition about Christ's Hospital—19th March—end of the summer
- 'Collectomania!' 5th July—end of summer
- 'Pans and Polish' Victorians exhibition—26th April—end of summer
- Hertford's Past in Pictures - 5th April—end of summer

DID YOU GO TO CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OR WORK THERE? We would like to hear from you. We are starting to collect memories, objects and photographs for a temporary exhibition about the school which will open next March. Please contact Helen, Sara or Ruth on 01992 582686 or email hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com

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