

**Agenda Item No:** 7

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 3 December 202

**Report Title:** Museum Events and Activities

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**Purpose of Report**

to inform members of events and educational activities at the Museum for Quarter 4 2012-13

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**Recommendation(s)**

1. the report is for noting

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

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## Introduction

The following events and activities will be taking place at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery and the Old Town Hall Museum during January to March 2013.

### Exhibitions

Exhibition Gallery

Until 13 January - 'Telling Stories'

26 January to 7 April - 'The Nature of Things; Animals in Art'

This will consist of works from the collection which show depictions of animals

Upper Walkway

Until 24 February - Ethnographic Imaginings.

A display of poems inspired by the Museum's World Art collections

2 March to 20 April - Work of students from St Leonards Academy inspired by visits to the Museum.

### Events

Play & Learn

Every Thursday in term time. In partnership with Hastings Children's Centre, In2Play and Hastings Children's Library.

Telling Stories Gallery Talk

Saturday 12 January 12noon Free

The last chance to hear the Telling Stories artists talk about their work, providing a fascinating insight into the creative process and being involved in the project.

Shogi & the Development of Chess

Date & speaker tbc (Dr F G Irvine, V&A?)

An illustrated talk as part of the Objects In Focus loan from the Horniman Museum.

Tango Evening

Friday 15 February 7.00 – 10.30pm Tickets £10

Beginners' workshop from 7.15, limited spaces available. General dancing from 8pm  
There will be live music, including the performance of a new composition specially dedicated to Hastings Tango Club by Polo Piatti.

Animal Antics!

Free half-term fun inspired by the range of real & imaginary creatures in 'The Nature of Things' and around the Museum.

Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21 February 10.30-12noon

Get up close to some specimens from the Museum's natural history store, including fossils, minibeasts and mammal skulls!

Trails & new colouring sheets available every day from Museum Reception.

Family Drop In with artist June Nelson

Saturday 16 February 11am-1pm & 1.30-3,390pm

Experiment with oil pastels to explore the texture & effects possible, using paintings on display as inspiration. This event is programmed to celebrate the completion of the ambitious Your Paintings project, and is supported by the BBC (Your Paintings website) and museums & galleries nationwide.

Get your hands on... Science

16 or 23 March tbc

Students from University Centre Hastings (University of Brighton) will be joining the Museum to celebrate National Science & Engineering Week, with a range of fun science busking experiments around the Museum. Come along for some science-tastic fun!

This is the first partnership with UCH, and the Museum is working with members of the University's Science Society.

Easter Egg Hunt

30 March – 14 April

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### **Wards Affected**

Castle, Old Hastings

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### **Area(s) Affected**

Central Hastings, East Hastings

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### **Policy Implications**

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No

Organisational Consequences  
Local People's Views

No  
No

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## Background Information

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