

**Agenda Item No:** 8

**Report to:** Museums Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 16 September 2013

**Report Title:** Museum Events and Activities

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**Purpose of Report**

to inform members of exhibitions, events and educational activities at the Museums in Quarter 3

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**Recommendation(s)**

- 1. that the Committee accepts the report**

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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 October to December 2013.

### Exhibitions

Until 5 Jan 2014: 'Women Artists from 1850 to 1950'.

12 October to 19 January: 'The French Connection', an exhibition on the links between East Sussex and Normandy from the Middle Ages to modern times as revealed through the archives of the East Sussex Record Office and the Departmental Archives of Seine-Maritime, as well as items from the collections of Hastings Museum.

5 to 27 October: 'Irene Mensah', an exhibition celebrating her life and work.

2 November to 5 January: 'Marvellous Moustaches', a display of Museum photographs and barber's equipment.

1 to 31 October: 'Old St Helen's Church', an exhibition at the Old Town Hall Museum of artefacts recovered from the community excavation.

### Events

4 October: UK Funk Legend Root Jackson and Co, part of the AfriKaba Festival.

8 October: Full day workshop for women from Muslim and other communities exploring the message of Eid-ul-Adha through poetry, performance and writing, with Aziza Abdullah from Hastings Mosque.

15 October to 15 January: Free School workshops for 'The French Connection' exhibition. Schools are invited to bring students for a free visit and workshop using original archive documents and museum objects to explore KS3 and KS4 History, Geography, French and Citizenship.

Workshops are:

'Smuggling secrets; no questions asked!'

'Immigration: is the South Coast a sanctuary?'

'Coastal towns; behind the piers and palaces.'

'Medieval realms: conquering Sussex'.

Families at war in World War I'

There will also be special talks on combining Geography, Archaeology and ICT with live demonstrations of GIS mapping.

16 October and 6 November: 'Take One Picture', a CPD event for teachers

18, 25 October and 1, 8, 15, 22 November: Local History Lectures by Edward Preston.

29 October: Saxons and Normans Activity Day.

9 November: 'The Woodcut Revisited', a print-making workshop with Fiona Pienkowska.

9 November: Museum Association Autumn Concert, featuring Sussex soprano, Sophie Pullen.

16 November: 'Women Artists 1850-1920', an illustrated talk by Dr Meaghan Clarke.

23 November: Charity Concert.

30 November: 'Print your own Christmas Cards', a family workshop with Fiona Pienkowska.

1 December: Museum Association AGM

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### **Wards Affected**

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

None

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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	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

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### **Background Information**

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### **Officer to Contact**

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