

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 15th September 2008

Report Title: Museum Events

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Purpose of Report

to inform members of forthcoming exhibitions and educational activities

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting

Reasons for Recommendations

Background

1. Exhibitions : Hastings Museum & Art Gallery

From 4th October

Rehang of the Long Gallery.

This Autumn the Long Gallery will be re-hung with a display of historic pictures from the Museum's collection showing the interior of local buildings including shops, theatres and churches as well as private homes. Subjects range from Burton's St Leonards to West Hill House and the 1920s comfort of the Queens Hotel. Artists represented include William Henry Hunt, William Henry Brooke and Gus Cummins.

18th October-4th January

Interiors / The Roger Woods Design Archive (small gallery).

This exhibition features the textile designs of local designer Roger Woods. In the late 1980's, Woods formed a design partnership with Simone Witney called Aridane Design and produced a wealth of designs for leading fabric houses including Hodsoll

McKenzie, Zoffany, Osborne & Little and Beaumont & Fletcher. The display will focus on the design process from initial design drawings through to the final product.

18th October – 4th January

Contemporary Designers (large gallery).

Showcasing the work of several Sussex based designers. The exhibition will feature a range of crafts, ceramics and functional items.

From 25th October

Bedouin Jewellery (Upper Durbar Hall).

A small exhibition of magnificent Bedouin Jewellery from Oman in Saudi Arabia.

17th January – 3th May 2009 (dates subject to change)

European Baskets.

A touring exhibition curated by Mary Butcher, the display will highlight traditional, functional, and sculptural work by some of Europe's most important basketmakers.

17 May – 31st August 2009 (dates subject to change)

Coasting: Turner and Bonington.

A large scale touring exhibition focusing on early 19th century work by J.M.W. Turner and Richard Parkes Bonington and comparing images of the coast on the English and French sides of the Channel. A painting exhibition in partnership with the Tate Gallery, Nottingham Castle and The Ferens Art Gallery, Hull.

12th September – mid November 2009(dates subject to change)

Annabel Tilley & Megha Rajguru (small gallery).

An exhibition of drawings and sculpture in response to the Museum collection and specifically the Durbar Hall.

Indian contemporary artist –tbc (large gallery).

December – March 2010 (dates subject to change)

Jake and Dinos Chapman.

An exhibition of new work in mixed media from the acclaimed and controversial British duo.

2. Exhibitions : Old Town Hall Museum

January - March 2009

Hastings & St Leonards shopfronts

April - June 2009

50th anniversary of the Stables Theatre

July - September 2009

A History of the Old Town Hall to celebrate its 50 years as a Museum and 60 years from its opening as Museum and Library

October - December 2009

1950s photographs



3. Educational Activities

September 11th – October 23rd

Storymaking with artist & illustrator Ed Boxall

Weekly Play and Learn sessions of creative activities for preschoolers and parents/carers run in partnership with the Hastings & St Leonards Children's Centre & In2Play. In2Play has secured £3,000 Community Cohesion funding to support the continuation of this programme.

September to November

Paintings & mixed media work inspired by the Museum collections by students at Filsham Valley School displayed on the first floor walkway

Discover..... Family activity workshops

On the first Saturday of every month except January, individuals and family groups are invited to enjoy a range of activities led by artists and Museum staff. Booking is not required but a £1 voluntary contribution per child towards materials is suggested.

October 4th

Manga Big Draw

This year's Big Draw activity will be an opportunity for families to create large-scale manga (Japanese cartoon) storyboards.

With manga artist Inko & friends.

November 1st

Decoda's Magical Underwater World

Local music technology company Decoda specialise in creating interactive sound and visual experiences for people with learning and sensory impairments. For this event they will be setting up an installation in the Lower Durbar Hall for families to explore.

November to January

Winter Festivals

First floor walkway display on winter festivals from around the world, including a textile hanging on this theme made by the Play & Learn group. It is hoped to involve the Hastings International Organisation, Pestalozzi and local schools in this project.

November 6th – December 11th

Something Special with textile artist Rachel Hine

Weekly Play and Learn sessions for preschoolers and parents

November 12th

Teacher training : Interiors

This full day session will look at historical and contemporary interior design using paintings from the collections, the Durbar Hall, contemporary objects on loan and practical activities to explore ways of enhancing design-based topics in the classroom. With artist Sheridan Quigley.

December 6 th



Deck The Halls
Making Christmas decorations

March (date to be confirmed)
Teachers' INSET day, focussing on Science and Maths in connection with the European Baskets exhibition.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

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

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

Supporting Documents

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