

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 15th September 2008

Report Title: Commemorative plaques

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Purpose of Report

to provide an update on progress regarding the mounting of commemorative plaques

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting

Reasons for Recommendations

Background

Meeting of the selection panel

A meeting of the selection panel consisting of Councillors Finch, Charlesworth, Webb and Mrs Purdey will take place on 4th September to decide on subjects for commemorative plaques in 2009/10. As this meeting takes place after the circulation of the agenda for the Museums Committee members will be updated verbally.

Progress on Teilhard de Chardin and Cockell plaques

1. Permission has now been obtained for mounting the Teilhard de Chardin plaque at the entrance to Ore Place. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) was a French theologian, philosopher and paleontologist who studied at the Ore Place Jesuit seminary between 1908 and 1912. During this time he put together an important fossil collection which is now in the Hastings Museum and Natural History Museum. In 1931 he was present at the discovery of Peking Man.

2. The Teilhard de Chardin Society would like their chairman, Canon Alan Nugent who is the sub dean of Lincoln Cathedral to perform the unveiling ceremony and the suggested date is Wednesday October 8th. The plaque has already been manufactured.

3. The other plaque to be mounted this year is to the boxer, Don Cockell who was landlord of the Jenny Lind public house from 1969-1974. In 1950 Cockell was the British light heavyweight champion and in 1951 European champion. In 1955 he lost the world light heavy weight championship to Rocky Marciano. He died in 1983. The Museum has been told recently that Don Cockell's daughter still lives in Hastings.

4. Permission for the mounting of the plaque has been given by the present landlord of the Jenny Lind but is still to be granted by the owners, the Scottish and Newcastle Brewery.

5. As soon as this permission is granted and the lead on Don Cockell's daughter has been followed up the plaque will be commissioned and a date set for its mounting and unveiling.

6. The cost will be covered from the Museum's revenue budget

Wards Affected

Old Hastings, St. Helens

Area(s) Affected

East Hastings

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	No

Supporting Documents

Officer to Contact

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