

Agenda Item No: 4

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 15th September 2008

Report Title: Museum Acquisitions

Report By: Kevin Boorman
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Purpose of Report

to inform members of items acquired by the Museum since June 2008

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting, the Chair to sign the acknowledgement of thanks to the donors

Reasons for Recommendations

Background

1. Horntyie photographs

As requested by the Committee the Museum purchased a selection of Horntyie cricket memorabilia at Knights auction in Leicester on 19th July. In consultation with Cllr Finch, instructions were given to cricket history specialist, Nick Sharp to bid on our behalf and the following items were acquired :

Team photograph in front of the pavillion, Central Cricket Ground, North v. South 1888
Team photograph by the pavillion, Gentlemen v. Players, 1894
Team photograph by the pavillion, Hastings and St Leonards Cricket Club 1900
View of the Central Cricket Ground with a match in progress c.1890
Studio portrait of Tom Parkin in cricket clothes
(3 of the photographs include W.G.Grace.)

The total cost of the five lots with commission and VAT was £1,391 which will be covered by the Brassey Fund.

The photographs are a representative sample of the club's archive and it is felt that the cost was appropriate in view of future calls on the Museum's purchase funds.

2. Other acquisitions

Two Minton tile teapot stands with transfer printed views of Carlisle parade and the fishing quarter dating from between 1872 and 1890.

Donor : Brassey Fund

Recording of an interview with Margaret Baird, wife of John Logie Baird, carried out in 1987

Donor : Patrick Trevor

Press cutting from the Morning Star from September 20th 1982 with an article about the decorative panel from St Andrews Church, Hastings

Donor : Mr.W.G.Burrows

3 DVDs: 'St Leonards and Hollington', 'Hastings, a Moving Image' and 'The Race for Television'.

Donor: Mike Wells

Documents relating to Milward Estate in parish of St Mary, Hastings

Donor: Janette Looker

Set of 35mm transparencies of copies of photos of Baird and television equipment.

Donor: Peter Snelling

6 Baker's paper bags from Beck's Bakery, East Ascent, St Leonards

Donor: Barry Dymock

Watercolour of Wellington Square, anonymous

Donor: Anon

6 rolls of Bayeux Tapestry wallpaper, made by Racorama

Donor: Mr Adams

Wooden Jigsaw with photo of Timpsons bus, Hollington Route, 1930s.

Donor: Mary Simpson

Detailed site plans of Helipad, North seat, Country Park

Donor: Simon Jennings

Collection of needlework samplers made by Hannah and Charlotte White, 1891-93, Waterloo School, All Saints Street.

Donor: Mrs B Skidmore

Engraving of Pelham Crescent

Donor: Mrs M Atkins



Photo of pleasure boat Albertine and trippers, 1904
Donor: C Hume

'A Voyage in the Sunbeam' adapted for schools, 1890
Donor: Alison Hawkins

Ten old newspapers – souvenir editions e.g. death of Lord Mountbatten
Donor: Peter Weeks

Framed needlework sampler by Isabelle Oliver, 1866
Donor: Mrs P Williams

Programme for Arthur Askey Show, at White Rock Pavilion, 1950s(?)
Donor: Robert Mucci

Two postcards – Netherwood, Hastings and Herts Convalescent Home, St Leonards
Donor: Laurie Taylor

Reports on Town Development and Employment Schemes, 1970s
Donor: David Dine

Hastings Museum Curator's Annual Reports 1905-1915, Prospectus for Edward Connold's Natural History lectures 1908-9, Statement on Proposed piers at Hastings, 1866 and Bill for Construction of a Pier at Hastings 1867, plan of Tunbridge Wells, Brighton and Hastings Junction Railway, Case for Junction Road between Hawkhurst and Hastings, Poster of Dog Cart regulations, Hastings 1866, Poster relating to Purchase of Central Cricket Ground 1872
Acquired from Nigel Allan

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	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No



Human Rights Act
Organisational Consequences

No
No

Supporting Documents

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