

Agenda Item No: 6

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 8th December 2008

Report Title: Museum Events

Report By: Kevin Boorman
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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

Exhibitions : Hastings Museum and Art Gallery

Until 4th January

Interiors/The Roger Woods Design Archive (small gallery)

This exhibition features the textile designs of local designer Roger Woods, who in the 1980s produced designs for leading fabric houses, including Hodsoll McKenzie, Zoffany, Osborne and Little and Beaumont & Fletcher.

Contemporary Designers (large gallery)

Showcasing the work of several Sussex-based designers.

17th January - 3rd May 2009

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.

2. Exhibitions : Old Town Hall Museum

The following represents a slight change to the programme for the Old Town Hall reported at the last Committee.

Until 8 February

Historical Interiors

A selection of historical photographs of the interiors of buildings in Hastings and St Leonards.

16 February - 19 April 2009

Old Town Hall Diamond Jubilee Poster Competition
(more details under Events)

25 April - 12 July 2009

The Stables Theatre 50th Anniversary Exhibition

3. Educational Activities and Events

Saturday 31 January at 2pm

Gallery Talk by 'European Baskets' curator and exhibitor Mary Butcher

Saturday 7th February 1.30 - 3.30pm

Children's' Drop in session

Paper Weaving with Claire Buckley

16th -20th February

Holiday Activity at Old Town Hall

Poster Competition.

To commemorate the 60th birthday of the Museum at the Old Town Hall there will be a poster competition running all week, with materials available at the Old Town Hall.

There will be three age groups: 7 and under; 8-12; and 13-18. Member sof the Museum Association will select the winners and entries will be displayed at the Old Town Hall and on www.hmag.org.uk

Saturday 28th February 11am to 4pm

Small Sculptural Weaving Techniques with Mary Butcher

Suitable for 16+



Saturday 7 March 1.30 - 3.30pm
Children's Drop in session
National Science Week

Saturday 21st March 11am to 4pm
Weaving with Contemporary and Recycled materials with Polly Pollock
Suitable for 16+

Saturday 4th April 1.30- 3.30pm
Children's Drop in session
Walk and Build with Joc Hare

4th - 19th April
Easter Egg Hunt at both Museums

Saturday 2nd May 1.30 - 3.30pm
Children's Drop in session
Make Small Willow Structures with Dominic Parrette

26th - 29th May
Muscular Dystrophy Young Pavement Artists Competition 2009
Hastings Museum will be joining the White Rock Theatre and Blue Reef Aquarium to host a local event for this national competition aimed at young artists. This year's theme is Endangered Species of the World, and competition day is Friday 29th May on the pavements around the Museum. The overall winner for the Hastings event will be entered into the national final in June. £1 registration fee, proceeds to Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.

Saturday 6 June 1.10 - 3.30pm
Children's Drop in session
Turn on to Turner with Joel Edwards

Tuesday 9th June 9.30am to 4pm
Teachers' INSET session
JMW Turner: Life Work and Techniques
With freelance gallery educator Joel Edwards and visual artist Angie Biltcliffe

Saturday 27 June at 2pm
Gallery talk for 'Coasting' exhibition by Joel Edwards

Saturday 4th July 1.30-3.30pm

Children's Drop in session

Summer Windmills

Play & learn...

In partnership with Hastings and St Leonards Surestart Children's Centre and In2Play



Weekly sessions of creative activities for pre-schoolers, every Thursday 1-2.30pm.

Workshops will include a course on willow sculpture with Jane Bruce and basket making with recycled materials with Rachel Hine.

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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