

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 2nd March 2009

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 3rd May

European Baskets

A touring exhibition showing a mixture of traditional, functional and sculptural pieces.

17 May - 31 August

Coasting: Turner and Bonington on the Shores of the Channel

An exhibition organised by Nottingham Castle in partnership with the Tate. This exhibition compares images of the coast on the French and English sides of the Channel, looking in particular at the works of JMW Turner and RP Bonington. Hastings Museum's own Turner painting, 'Hastings Fishmarket on the Sands, Early Morning' returns with the exhibition.

Exhibitions: Old Town Hall Museum

Until 19 April

Old Town Hall Diamond Jubilee Poster competition

The entries from the poster competition commemorating the 60th birthday of the Museum at the Old Town Hall will be on display.

25 April - 12 July

The Stables Theatre 50th Anniversary Exhibition

Photographs and ephemera to celebrate this anniversary

Educational Activities and Events

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

In partnership with Hastings and St Leonards Surestart Children's Centre and In2Play, weekly sessions of creative activities for preschoolers, every Thursday 1-2.30pm.

The weekly Local History Lectures by Edward Preston recommence on Monday 25 May and run through until 7 September.

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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