

Agenda Item No: 9

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 June 2012

Report Title: Museum Events and Activities

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Purpose of Report

to inform members of events and educational activities at the Museum for Quarter 2 2012-13

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

1. The following events and activities will be taking place at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery and the Old Town Hall Museum during July to September 2012.

Exhibitions

Until 6 January 2013: 'Diamond Jubilee Exhibition: 60 Years of Painting from the Museum Collection'.

30 June to 9 September: 'Mr Watt, Grumpy Man of Metal' - Artist metalworker Jon Mills presents an exhibition of metal pieces used to illustrate the disastrous adventures of Mr Watt.

30 June to 23 September: 'Celebrating Sport in Hastings and St Leonards' - a display celebrating the participation of local people in the various sports that make up the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

'Re-Discoveries' - a collaboration between British artist Rachel Cohen and Brazilian artist Gisel Carriconde Azevedo who have created new work in response to the museum's collection and the town of Hastings. The works will be presented side by side with the museum's permanent collections.

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Until 16 September: Display of work by FdA Contemporary Crafts Practice students, Sussex Coast College. Follow the trail to spot the contemporary work amongst the local history collections.

Events

Play & Learn

Every Thursday in term time. In partnership with Hastings Children's Centre, In2Play and Hastings Children's Library.

22 June to 20 July: Weekly local history talks by Edward Preston.

30 June: Family Fun Day for opening of Mr Watts Exhibition.

30 June to 9 September: Mr Watt's Summer Holiday. Gallery Trail and other activities, including a competition to design a souvenir for Mr Watt.

5 July: Artist-led tour of the re-Discoveries project.

14 July: St Leonards International Film Festival, an evening of groundbreaking celluloid film, including Super 8 projections with live music, St Leonards archive 8mm footage installation and homage to avant-garde film legend Jeff Keen.

21 July: re-Discoveries Workshop for families.

23 July to 4 September: Children's' activities at Old Town Hall Museum.

30 July to 3 August: Old Town Week. A second series of daily talks at the Old Town Hall Museum.

6-9 September: Cabinet of Curiosities. Enter the mystery object quiz and see some of the curiosities usually kept in store. Heritage Open Days Event.

Wards Affected

Castle, Old Hastings

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings

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	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No

Background Information

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