

UPCOMING EVENTS

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APRIL

Now until SATURDAY 25th JUNE

**Exhibition: IMAGES OF RICHMOND at
Museum of Richmond**

With thanks to Orleans House Gallery for the loans of their prints the Museum of Richmond is displaying stunning prints from local historian and museum founder John Cloake's collection. Most of the prints are from the 18th Century, it is a great opportunity to see how Richmond has changed.

Free entry, open to all ages

TUESDAY 19th APRIL 10.30am to 12.00pm

**The Museum of Richmond and Libraries Poetry Group present a morning of poetry inspired by:
The Queen's Birthday**

With Fiona Pearson. Feel free to bring along your own poem.

Free, no ticket required

MAY

THURSDAY 12th MAY 5-8pm

Museums at Night Festival

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT 'A STORY TO SHARE'

Bring along an object to the museum that you feel has a story to share. Enjoy exploring some special objects from the Curator's store room and see and touch some of our favourite items from the handling collection. Try our activity trail and take part in chalk sketches of museum objects.

To bring along an object please email learning@museumofrichmond.com and tell us what your object is and the story behind it.

Free entry, no need to book.

TUESDAY 31st MAY to FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

10am to 12pm

Arts and Crafts Family Workshops

Art and craft activities inspired by the current exhibition Images of Richmond and the 150th anniversary of Beatrix Potter

Call 020 8332 1141 for more information or visit www.museumofrichmond.com.

£4 per child. Booking is essential. Must be accompanied by an adult.

JUNE

THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2pm

Museum Talk

The life and work of John Cloake

Local historian and museum Board member Valerie Boyes will give a fascinating talk about the life and work of museum founder John Cloake
£2 donation recommended, Call 0208 332 1141 or email info@museumofrichmond.com

THURSDAY 16th JUNE 2pm

Museum Talk

Augustin Heckel

Join museum professional and long standing Board member of the Museum of Richmond Pat Astley Cooper for a talk which explores the beautiful paintings of 18th century artist Augustin Heckel.

£2 donation recommended, Call 0208 332 1141 or email info@museumofrichmond.com

JULY

New Exhibition

FRIDAY 1st JULY to OCTOBER 2016

Capability 300

To celebrate the amazing work and life of local landscape gardener Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, the exhibition will be exploring his work, life and influences. *Free entry, open to all ages*

TUESDAY 5th JULY 10.30am to 12.00pm

**The Museum of Richmond and Libraries Poetry Group present a morning of poetry inspired by:
Capability Brown**

With Fiona Pearson. Feel free to bring along your own poem. *Free, no ticket required*

TUESDAY 26th JULY to FRIDAY 29th JULY

10am to 12pm

Arts and Crafts Family Workshops

Art and craft activities inspired by the current exhibition Capability 300

Call 020 8332 1141 for more information or visit www.museumofrichmond.com. *£4 per child.*

Booking is essential. Must be accompanied by an adult.

AUGUST

TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 11am to 5pm

Capability Browns Birthday!

FREE DROP IN FAMILY DAY

Children's arts and crafts activities

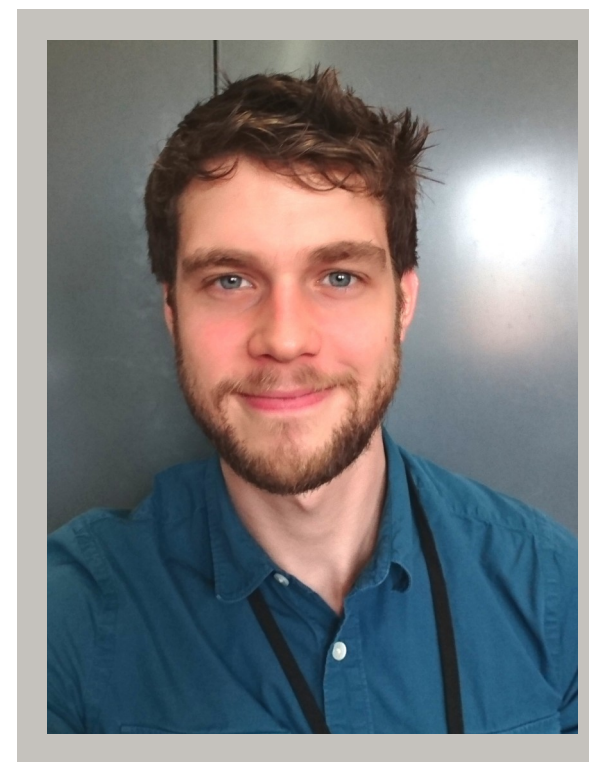


MUSEUM of RICHMOND

April -
September
2016
Newsletter

NEW CURATOR

The Museum of Richmond welcomes new Curator, James Scott, who began working for the museum in February. Before this, James worked for three years at the Royal Engineers Museum in Kent, where he was Deputy Curator. Prior to this he worked at a local history museum (North Down Museum) in Northern Ireland. This immediately followed the attainment of his Masters Degree in Cultural



Heritage and Museum Studies at the University of Ulster. Before this James studied History at Newcastle University. He has a particular enthusiasm for designing exhibitions, improving visitor services, and the use of digital media and new technologies in museums. James has had a busy first month mounting a new exhibition, thanking Sir David Attenborough at the museum fundraiser and working on museum accreditation.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2016

TALK BY MELVYN BRAGG

In conjunction with Richmond & Kew Societies
Further details in due course

EXHIBITIONS

The museum is currently hosting an exhibition of prints, 'Images of Richmond'. These date from the 18th and 19th centuries and used to form part of the collection owned by founder of the museum, John Cloake. They portray beautiful scenes from the local area during a period when the local art scene was flourishing. This exhibition closes on Saturday 25th June, so there is still plenty of time to see it. The museum is very grateful to Orleans House Gallery, who loaned the prints and assisted in the installation of the exhibition.



Our next exhibition also comes from Orleans House, 'Capability 300' is a celebration of landscape gardening legend Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. It features original plans, prints, art and photography that portray his work and influences. The exhibition runs 1st July – 29th October.

Museum of Richmond

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CHAIRMAN: Sir David Bostock

CURATOR: James Scott

SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Please help to support the museum by connecting with us through our social media sites. The museum is really keen to spread the word about the great work we do and what better way than the free use of social media. Here we have listed two of the ways in which you can connect with us and help promote the museum.



We have a brilliant **Facebook** page which has photos of all our latest events and updates. This is potentially one of the best free ways that the museum can market itself in today's environment. However, at the moment, we only have 233 followers. We want to reach 500 by the end of this year and YOU can help us achieve this. Please LIKE our Facebook page. Find us on www.facebook.com/museumofrichmond



The museum now has a profile on **Trip Advisor**. This is an important way that national and international tourists can hear about the museum. Currently we are not ranked very highly against other attractions in Richmond (#25 of 31 things to do in Richmond), but after a few more reviews this should improve. If you have enjoyed a recent visit why not give us a review. Search for the museum at www.tripadvisor.co.uk.



Museumofrichmond Facebook profile picture

ACCREDITATION

A lot of the new Curator's time has been spent working on renewing the museum's status under the Accreditation Scheme. This is a national scheme that sets high standards for museums in the areas of organisational health, our collection, and our users. The museum hopes to have applied for this by June this year and will then hope to receive confirmation of its successful renewal in the Autumn.

GET TO KNOW THE BOARD

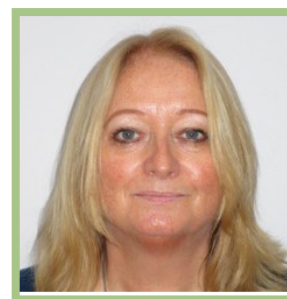
The Museum of Richmond's Board of Trustees are a vital part of the museum organisation. Each member takes time out of their busy personal schedules to organise and run the museum. Many of the Board members have specific vocational skills and use these to support the museum in various ways.

Pauline Cox

Pauline joined the board in 2010. A geography graduate and secondary school teacher, she lived and worked for many years overseas (Poland, Ghana and Washington) before returning to settle and live in Teddington. She taught in several local schools in Hounslow, Richmond and Kingston. Her final teaching post was as head teacher of the Tiffin Girl's School where she was head for 16 years. Pauline contributes knowledge of educational issues and developments to the board as well as fund raising ideas.

Rose Barling

Before joining the Board of the Museum last year, Rose worked at Waldegrave School for over 35 years. She started as a history teacher and finished her career as Deputy Head. Rose says 'Enthusiasm for young people about history has always been my passion and the most enjoyable part of my teaching experience. As someone who has worked in the Borough for some time, I have a deep understanding of the rich history and heritage of the Borough of Richmond upon Thames. As a teacher, I was a user of the museum's services and had co-authored a school history text-book on the Renaissance with previous Museum Chair, Valerie Boyes. On joining the Board last September, I took on a brief to particularly support the Museum's education work. I now enjoy trying to support our staff in their superb work of enriching the learning of young people of all ages across the Borough. I strongly believe that history, and particularly local history, should be relevant and accessible to all and hope that the Museum of Richmond will be the centre for history across the Borough.'



Pauline Cox and Rose Barling

AN EVENING WITH SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH AND ANITA ANAND

The museum's latest fundraiser 'Sir David Attenborough in conversation with Anita Anand', was a brilliant success. On March 7th in Duke Street Church, Sir David Attenborough, patron of the



museum, and Anita Anand engaged in a lively conversation in front of a sell out audience of 550 people. The event raised much needed funds for Phase Two of the Museums Development Appeal which includes updating ICT equipment in the museum and digitalising the collection. Highlights of the evening included finding out Sir David's favourite childhood book was 'Treasure Island', what his least favourite animal is and why even with his extensive travelling, Richmond is still his favourite place to live. Thank you to all those who purchased tickets for this event. Thank you to Sir David and Anita for their huge support by presenting this wonderful evening and to all the Board members, staff and volunteers who put so much effort into making the evening a success.

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT 'A STORY TO SHARE'

The museum will soon be taking part in the annual festival Museums at Night. This is where Museums, Galleries and Archives across the globe open up their doors into the evening for special events. On the eve of Thursday 12th May the museum will be open until 8pm and a collection of favourite objects from our handling collection will be on show along with a variety of unique objects from the museum store room.

Each object has a story to tell. We would like our museum visitors and supporters to share their stories about the objects on display and bring along their own objects to share.

If you would like to bring an object in for the event please contact the museum.

LEARNING INTERNSHIP

The Learning Officer has three learning interns a year who work for the museum, usually one day a week for a duration of at least three months. Scarlett Isabell is our most recent recruit, Scarlett started in January and has helped run education sessions at the museum, assisted with outreach sessions at local Primary schools. She has established a new Instagram social media account for the museum; and designed activities for the holiday Family Workshops.

Scarlett says 'Being an intern at the Museum of Richmond is really varied and interesting. It has



Scarlett making arts and crafts

definitely encouraged me to want to pursue a career in museum learning' Scarlett has just completed a Masters in Ancient History from Nottingham University and as well as interning at the museum she works part time at a Nursery in Dorking. University. The museum would like

to thank all of our interns past and present for their hard work supporting the museum.

MAKE DO & MEND FASHION EVENT



A lovely day was spent at the museum on Saturday 13th February with Richmond Adult and Community College Fashion Students who made beautiful costumes inspired by the World War Two exhibition and the theme 'Make Do and Mend.' The event really brightened up the temporary exhibition space and children also enjoyed making Valentine cards.