

UPCOMING EVENTS

For bookings or more information call 020 8332 1141
or email info@museumofrichmond.com

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Times tbc

Open House Weekend

OPEN HOUSE TOURS

Join the Museum and Richmond Local Studies Library for a tour of the Old Town Hall. Learn all about its history and enjoy a special Curator's tour of the Museum's architectural finds and the clock cupboard. *Booking required, contact localstudies@richmond.gov.uk*

MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER

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Talk

MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER, 7.30pm

Celebrating 200 years: Richard Fitzwilliam and the Fitzwilliam Museum, 1816-2016.

Learn about one of Richmond's most famous residents and how the Fitzwilliam Museum was created.

With Dr Lucilla Burn.

Tickets are £10 or £ 8 for Supporters

St Mary Magdalene Church

Booking required, see our website or buy at the Museum.

TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

Museum Talk

Capability 300: Curator's Talk

Meet the new Curator, James Scott, at the Museum and find out how exhibitions are put together and what has been learnt about Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's life and work in the process.

Booking required, £2 donation recommended.

WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Poetry Evening

The Romantic era and nature poetry

A poetry evening with readings taken from romantic poets. Please bring along your own poem, from the Romantic era or about nature.

Booking recommended £2 donation.

TUESDAY 25th to FRIDAY 28th

OCTOBER

10am to 12pm

Family Workshops

Halloween themed Family Workshops

Join us to learn about Richmond's spooky past. Take part in a Halloween themed arts and crafts! *Booking required, £4 p/child, adults free. Ages 5 - 11 info@museumofrichmond.com or 0208 332 1141. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

5-8pm (Drop in)

Museum at Night

Gothic Richmond

Join the museum and RACC in a night to explore the gothic side of Richmond. See spooky costumes designed by RACC fashion students who have been influenced by the museum's Victorian mourning costumes. *More details tbc.*

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 7.15pm

Melvyn Bragg

'Writing in Kew'

Bragg will talk about how he first became interested in writing whilst living at Kew.

The Jodrell Lecture Theatre, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Tickets purchased from Kew Society, booking essential. £10 for members, £15 for non members. www.kewsociety.org/events

DECEMBER

Christmas Family workshops to be confirmed!



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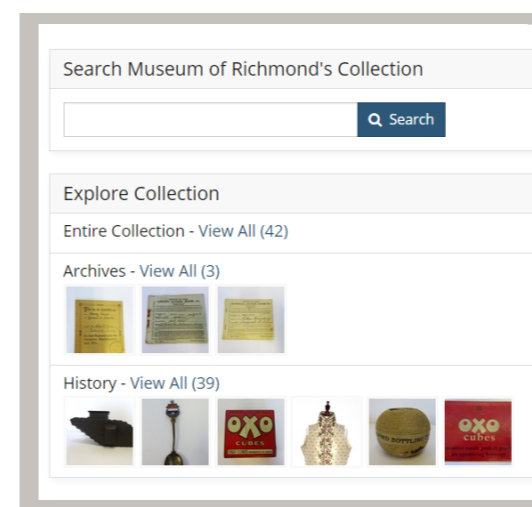
EDITORIAL

STOP PRESS:

The Museum announces with deep regret the sudden death of our Chairman, Sir David Bostock KCMG on 3 September. A full appreciation will be included within our next issue.

It has been a busy year so far for the Museum. This summer we have installed a new exhibition and are seeing quite a few visitors come through our doors (currently up on last year's average). Two new Board members have joined our team but sadly we are losing our Learning and Audience Development Officer (more on these items in this issue). The summer has been a success for the Museum in terms of its family activities and other events.

A further change that you will hear about in future issues, relates to our Digitisation Project. The Museum has acquired a new database called eHive.

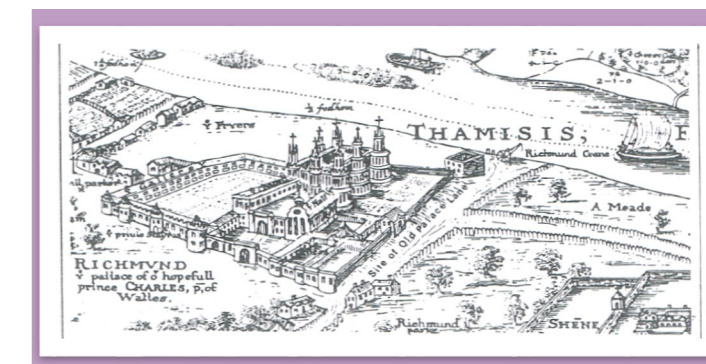


This kind of database is an important feature of every modern museum, allowing it to organise, care for and make use of its collection. eHive goes one step further; it allows anyone to access a searchable catalogue online, complete with images. This will be a work in progress over the next few years as more and more items will be added. A link to our eHive profile can be found in the Collections section of our website. Why not take a look at the items we have already added?

EXHIBITIONS

In July we opened our 'Capability 300' exhibition and we have had a lot of great feedback from visitors. This exhibition came to us from Orleans House Gallery. It tells the story of the famous gardener Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, and also of the development of the English landscape garden movement, with its origins in classical, baroque and Chinese imagery. This exhibition will be at the Museum until 29th October, so there is still some time yet to see it.

Our next exhibition will be 'The Royal Star & Garter: 100 Years of Care'. This has very kindly been funded by the Royal Star & Garter itself. This will open on 5th November this year. The exhibition will look at the impact that this famous local institution had, during and beyond the two World Wars of the twentieth century.



We are already at work on our exhibitions for the next year. Our first exhibition new to 2017 will focus on the history of one of Richmond's more interesting streets: Old Palace Lane. This exhibition will open in May 2017 and we will provide more information about it in our next issue.

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CHAIRMAN: Sir David Bostock

CURATOR: James Scott

Thank you and good luck!



We are sorry to say goodbye to our Learning and Audience Development Officer, Morag Calderbank, who is leaving the museum to pursue a career in primary teaching. Morag has been with the

museum for 18 months and particularly enjoyed running the school sessions and family workshops. We wish her all the best in her new career!

Trip Advisor and Social Media

Another plea to help bolster our online presence!

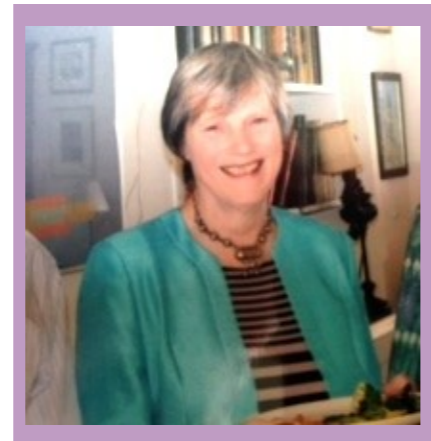
Our Tripadvisor ranking has much improved since the last newsletter, we are now 18th on the list of things to do in Richmond (31st at the start of the year). We have 23 reviews so far. You don't have to be a member of Tripadvisor to leave the Museum a review, just email curator@museumofrichmond.com and we will instruct you on how to easily leave a short review without signing up.



Our Facebook and Twitter are constantly growing, but we still need more followers to help promote our services to Richmond. Many of you regularly interact with our posts by sharing and retweeting our content and this is most appreciated! Keep spreading the word!

New Board Members Margaret & Robyn

The Museum welcomes two new Board Members: Margaret Walsh and Robyn Christie. Margaret will be joining the Board as a 'Trustee for Volunteers'. Aside from her other duties, Margaret will have a special interest in the recruitment and management of volunteers. She has already had some success in promoting the Museum's volunteering opportunities at a volunteers fair and has acquired several new volunteers for both our front desk and our Digitisation Project.



Margaret Walsh

Robyn Christie will also be joining the Board in a special capacity. Robyn has had a varied career in the culture sector in Australia, and will be using her wealth of knowledge to advise on the Museum's curatorial issues. Since starting she has been able to advise on future plans for our permanent displays and has been assisting in the development of a future temporary exhibition.



Robyn Christie

Roman Day

We had fun at the museum on Thursday 28th July during our Roman Day. Local archaeologist Dr Pamela Greenwood kindly brought in her vast collection of real and replica Roman objects as well as a dramatic centurion costume. The event was enjoyed by over 80 people. Children had fun finding Roman artefacts in the sand and making paper centurion helmets. Our volunteer Nick Frearson and many others tried on the huge and heavy centurion costume. Roman Day was part of the Festival of Archaeology 2016.



PGCE history students

Two talented UCL PGCE history students took part in a two day work experience placement with the museum in June. They used striking photographs from our permanent exhibition to develop new ideas for WWII secondary school activities.



Battle of the Somme

15 year nine history students, from Christ's Secondary School, took part in a Battle of the Somme session at the Museum in July. Students used the portfolios of original documents, objects and reproductions, put together by our WWI project officer, to learn about Richmond soldiers who died in 1916. During the session many moving accounts were retold, students listened to oral history recordings on our new audio visual system and visited the Richmond War memorial to find the names of the soldiers in the portfolios.



Family Workshops



Over the Summer half term, the museum celebrated 150 years of Beatrix Potter with four days of family workshops. Families came together to learn about Beatrix Potter's life and work, including her connection

with Kew Gardens, where she studied fungi as a young woman. Sketches were taken of the riverside and Potter themed paintings were made in the museum. In August the Museum celebrated Capability Brown's birthday with two arts and crafts based family events. On 30th August the museum ran a drop in family day, inviting families to make garden themed party hats and On Wednesday 31st August the Museum ran a 'Ladybugs and Landscapes' family workshop.