



## Volunteer News Bulletin Number 32: Summer 2017

### Museum News



### Arts and Crafts Weekend 7 – 9 July 2017

The Museum organised a variety of events over the weekend of 7-9 July to celebrate Haslemere's Arts and Crafts Heritage. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Eric Knowles (Antiques Roadshow) gave a lively and informative lecture on the Arts and Crafts Movement in Britain. On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> there was a series of lectures on aspects of the Arts and Crafts movement including Dr Sarah Rutherford on Arts and Crafts Gardens, which were all very well attended. In the afternoon Catherine Eyre led a wonderful trail around Haslemere looking at buildings related to our local 'Peasant Arts' movement. In the evening a candlelight dinner was held at St Christopher's Church with a tour led by Frankie Gaiter. Finally, on Sunday our sold out tour of Gertrude Jekyll's gardens at Munstead Wood followed by Busbridge Church was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. We'd like to thank all the volunteers and staff who kindly gave up their time and helped us over the weekend.

### Pond Conservation

You may have noticed that there has been a lot of work being carried out on the museum pond. Over the past couple of years, our freshwater pond has

been running dry due to damaged mortar joints. However earlier this year we were awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund Sharing Heritage<sup>1</sup> grant allowing vital restoration work to the pond to be carried out as well as improved access and interpretation. This restoration work included repairs by Transform Landscapes, one of our corporate members, which was achieved with clay and traditional craftsmanship. Because of these works and the improvements to the pumping system carried out by Museum staff and our dedicated volunteers, the pond is now on its way to being full again and ready for the next generation of pond dippers!

### Hammer Vale Pottery



Many of you may know local historian and Museum volunteer Tim Winter. Tim is researching Hammer Vale pottery and is appealing for more information. The pottery was located in Hammer Lane between Copse Road and the bridge over the railway. It was started in 1901 by William Wilson Stallworthy with James Radley Young, a highly skilled potter from Poole in Dorset. Pottery made at Hammer included vases, candlesticks, bowls, jugs and tiles and terra-cotta garden ware as well as novelty items including model pigs glazed in various colours including dark blue and orange.

Pottery from Hammer was sold in local shops including Charman & Hatch in Haslemere High Street but they also had agents more widely in Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire & London. However, the pottery had a rather short life. Radley Young had already returned to Poole by 1906 and then in late 1911 W W Stallworthy and his wife left Hammer and travelled to New York, sailing from Southampton on board the RMS Olympic. The Captain was E J Smith who only five months later commanded the Titanic on her

fateful voyage in April 1912. It is known that Mr Stallworthy served with the Canadian army during the 1st World War and that his wife, Letitia, returned to live in Headley Down in 1933.

Is there anybody who knows anything about the pottery or the Stallworthys? Perhaps you have an old photograph showing the pottery buildings in Hammer Lane? Or has a family member in the past talked about the old pottery – or maybe even worked there?

If you have any information – no matter how small – do please get in touch with the Museum on 01428 642112 or by email to [collections@haslemeremuseum.co.uk](mailto:collections@haslemeremuseum.co.uk) or [timgwinter@aol.com](mailto:timgwinter@aol.com)

### Volunteer Profile – Anna Lywood



Anna started volunteering at the Museum in April 2016. She moved to Grayshott with her husband in 2012 from a small village near Stokeley in North Yorkshire to be nearer their children who live and work in London.

Anna graduated from Manchester University with a degree in Biology and taught the subject at various secondary schools in the North East for many years. She later became a hospital teacher, teaching all subjects to children of all ages.

Anna has previously volunteered as a Brown Owl for the Brownies and a Citizens Advice Bureau Advisor. Anna is currently working alongside Shirley and Marg in the Library on Tuesdays. Her main responsibility is to keep the cuttings book up to date to preserve local news for future generations. She is particularly enjoying learning about local history and the people and places around Haslemere.

### Geikie Publication Update

The Museum is in the process of producing a publication on Sir Archibald Geikie in partnership with the Geological Society of London. Currently

over 20 international geologists have submitted papers for inclusion in the publication. It will be published online and a printed version is due to be available in 2019. This is a prestigious project for the Museum and we hope to hold a fitting celebration when the publication is released.

### Dates for your diary

#### The Rustic Renaissance: Haslemere's Arts and Crafts Heritage

Until Saturday 2 September

This exhibition tells the intriguing story of how a group of craftspeople, inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement, thrived in Haslemere in the early 1900s.

#### Discovering Dinosaurs

Until Saturday 2 September

Ever since huge bone fossils were discovered, dinosaurs have sparked our imagination. Come and see our interactive child focused exhibition all about these amazing prehistoric animals.

#### Heritage Open Day

**Saturday 9th September 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

To celebrate heritage Open Days 2017, we will be playing traditional garden games. Come along, join in the fun and why not visit our tea room.

Free / No need to book

#### Haslemere Town Walk

**Sunday 17th September 2.30pm**

Learn more about Haslemere High Street with local Historian and author Tim Winter. Meet outside the Museum.

Minimum Donation of £2.50 / No need to book

#### Haslemere Food Festival

**Saturday 23rd September 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Highlighting all that is great about local produce, the day will feature a packed programme of demonstrations, children's entertainment (including an activity tent in partnership with the Museum) music and demonstrations

Free Entry / ON LION GREEN

#### Tea and Talk - The Museum's Flower Table

**Tuesday 26 September 2.30pm**

Join Dr June Chatfield for a look at the history of the Museum's Flower Table, a feature of the Museum since 1893

Members free / Non-members £3 / includes refreshments - no need to book