



HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

A message from.... Bill the Duck!



Hi folks! 🖐️ Today I want to show you our Special Exhibitions Room! This room now houses all the museum's temporary exhibitions, from Whitefriars glass to the history of Homes in Harrow. Temporary exhibitions are really fun, as we get to show objects that are normally in Museum storage, and sometimes even invite people from Harrow to show their objects, too! This room is currently home to an exhibition by Jane McAdam Freud, a world-renowned sculpture artist living in Harrow. Her exhibition has expanded into the rest of the museum too - I think it's very cool! Margery tells me the Museum curator will be sharing some things from the exhibition online - so keep an eye out!

This room hasn't always been a place for cool things though, it used to be very warm 🔥 (get it?). In the Stuart times this used to be a kitchen, which is something historians discovered when they found the strange marks in the wood above the fireplace (I haven't told them yet that they could have just asked Margery, like I did!). The marks are from where there used to be a big mechanical spit. This is something they used to use to continually turn meat over the fire to make sure it cooked evenly. Having a mechanical one was very posh! Most people just had to turn their own. I wonder what they used to cook on them? I hope not duck! 😬

This is the Special Exhibitions Room!
This was an exhibition by the Young Roots on Whitefriars Glass.





The exhibition on now is
'The Intelligent Instinct'
by Jane McAdam Freud.
It's on until mid-summer!



This was an exhibition on
houses. Each case has
room for many objects!



The room itself is very interesting, too!
During restoration, we found layers
of wallpaper from the past!



We also know from the architecture that this room was a kitchen in Stuart times.
Can you spot the interesting pattern marked in the wooden beam below?

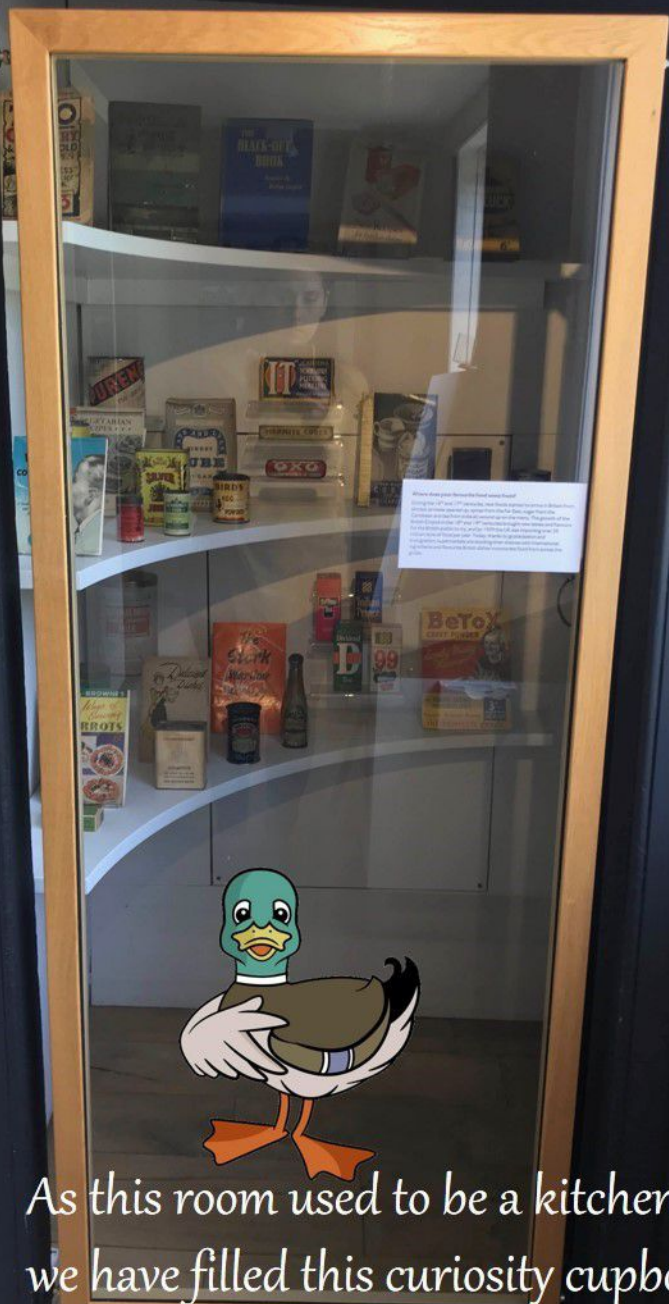


Here it is up close. This mark is left over from a mechanical spit used to roast meat over the fireplace!



This is what the Stuart kitchen may have looked like.
Do you see the mechanical spit?





As this room used to be a kitchen,
we have filled this curiosity cupboard
with old food, drinks, and recipe books.

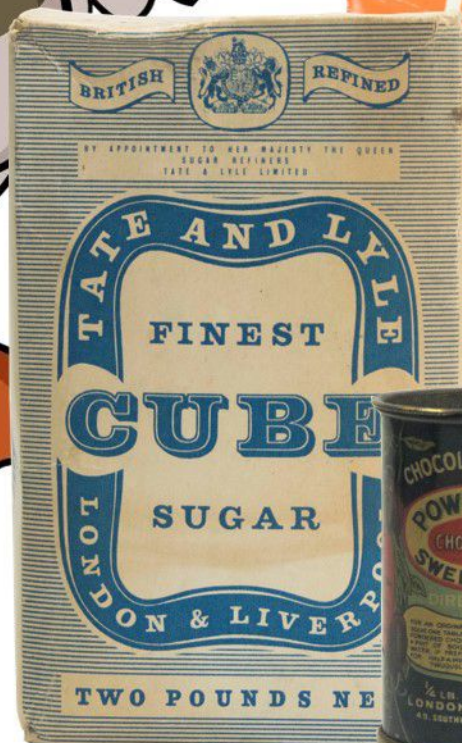
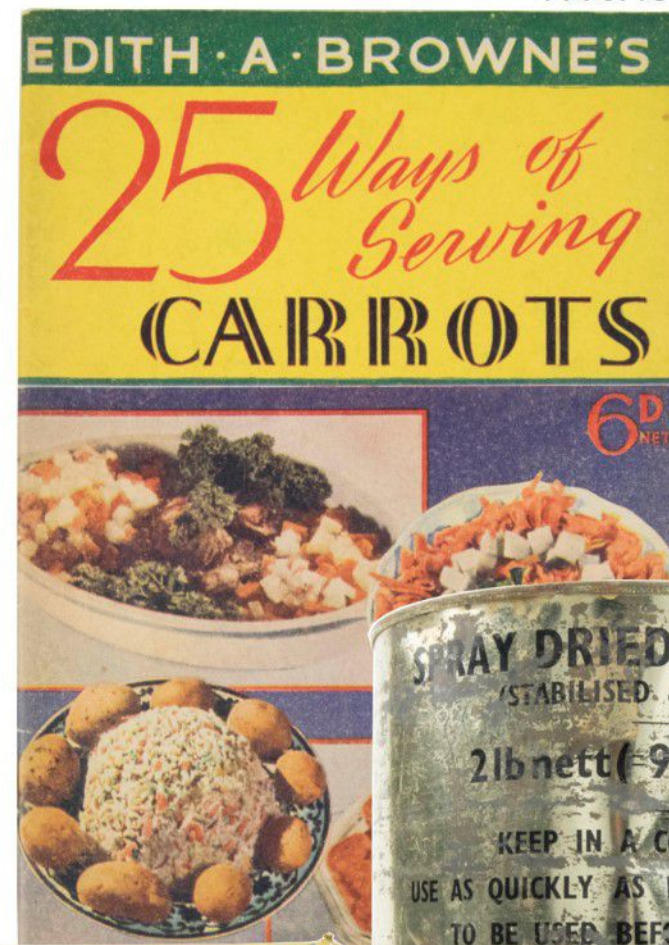


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Do any of these
look familiar?
These are all
Museum objects
with Museum
numbers
now!

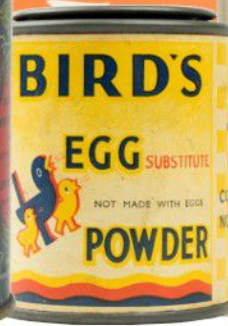
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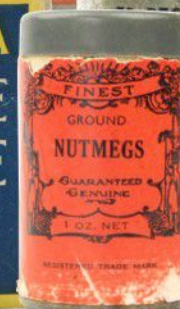
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