



A message to our  
visitors and friends from....  
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from March 30 to April 5, 2020. This week we got a sneak peak at some of the Museum's most pesky inhabitants – those naughty gnomes! Check out the post for April 1<sup>st</sup> if you dare!

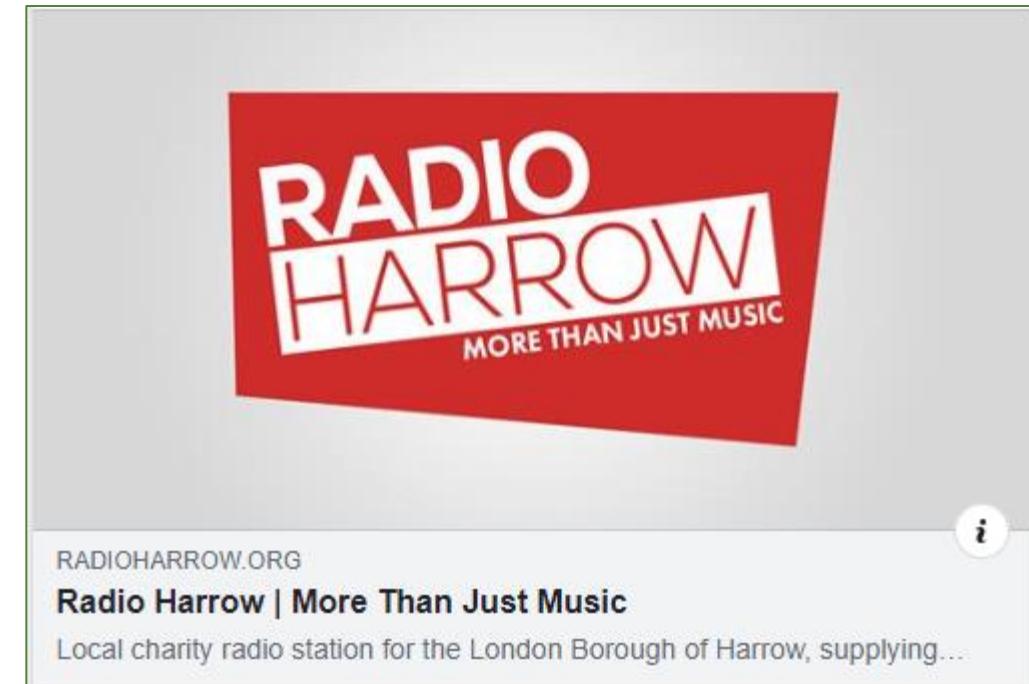
Just to reiterate, we know not all of you have social media accounts, so we wanted to create this weekly newsletter which shows you all the ways we have been trying to keep in touch with our visitors and friends during the closure. Each newsletter will cover the week from Monday-Sunday.

Enjoy!!

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

Post #1

Tune into Radio Harrow at noon today to hear about yours truly, Bill the Duck, as well as lots of other local Harrow groups telling you what they've got on during Covid-19. Listen on <http://radioharrow.org> or on your smart speaker! 



To hear the clip, click on this link:  
<http://listenagain.radioharrow.org/index.php?id=17024>

The clip airs at approx. 34 minutes into the broadcast

# Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Post #2

The museum may be closed but under 5s can still enjoy our Mini Museum sessions through our online Mini Magical Museum sessions! Today at 2pm (and every Monday while we are closed!) we will be posting a song, a story, and some objects for under 5s and their grown-ups to enjoy together. Todays theme is Headstone Manor!



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Headstone Manor is a very old building! There have been people living here since at least 1233! That's nearly 800 years! Now we use it as a museum to teach everyone about the history of Harrow. Museums are very special places where we can look after very old, very important things! Have a look at the picture of our Manor House. Does it look like your house?

Click the link to hear a story about Maisie and her visit to the museum.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m17JA8JaLgk>

Have you ever been to a museum?

Have you been to Headstone Manor & Museum?

If you were in charge of a museum, what would you put in it? Maybe your favourite toy?

Our museum has a moat all around it and that makes it even more special! The Moat is home to lots of ducks, including Bill the Duck 

Here is a song all about 5 little ducks, do you know the words? Can you sing along? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZw9veQ76fo>

Bill the Duck has been hiding all around the Manor House whilst we are closed. Can you spot all of the Bill the Ducks in the manor house picture? There are 7 to find! When you have found them all can you draw a friend for Bill?

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Guess who's back! Bill's taking us inside  
the Manor House! 

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HEADSTONE  
MANOR &  
MUSEUM

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Hello!  It's a new week and we're going to delve into the history of Headstone Manor itself, starting with the entrance! The door we use now was rediscovered in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It's actually the original medieval entrance but was blocked up by the Georgians when they built the brick facade that is now the face of the Manor House. The Georgians were very fashionable people and liked to make sure their houses were up to date - but instead of rebuilding the Manor House, they just decided to build another wall in front of it! They were so proud of their achievement that they even carved their name into the bricks! Margery told me that the old house beneath the bricks is much nicer, but I think she's biased... 

Once inside the door you enter the Georgian Parlour. It took a lot of work to make it look the way it does today! When you come to the Museum, this is where our volunteers will greet you and tell you all about the Manor House. There's even some pretty Georgian plates, but they're reproductions (don't tell!). In the corner is the Community Cupboard, where community groups make objects to display during exhibitions! Have you participated in a Community Cupboard project before?

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Here we are at the entrance to the Manor House!  
If you've visited the Museum before,  
you entered through this door.









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# Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 (page 1 of 3)

Hi Time Travellers, it's Margery here!  
Has anyone seen Bill?  
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# Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

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Detective Bill has another challenge for Headstone History Detectives! Today he has been learning all about taking photographs and the Kodak Factory in Harrow 📸

Did you know? The Kodak Factory was a very important factory in Harrow. It opened in 1891 and only closed in 2016. Lots of people who live in Harrow worked there making cameras and other things used in photography like film 🎥

Take a look at this picture of the Kodak Factory in 1910, and then print off and colour in your own!

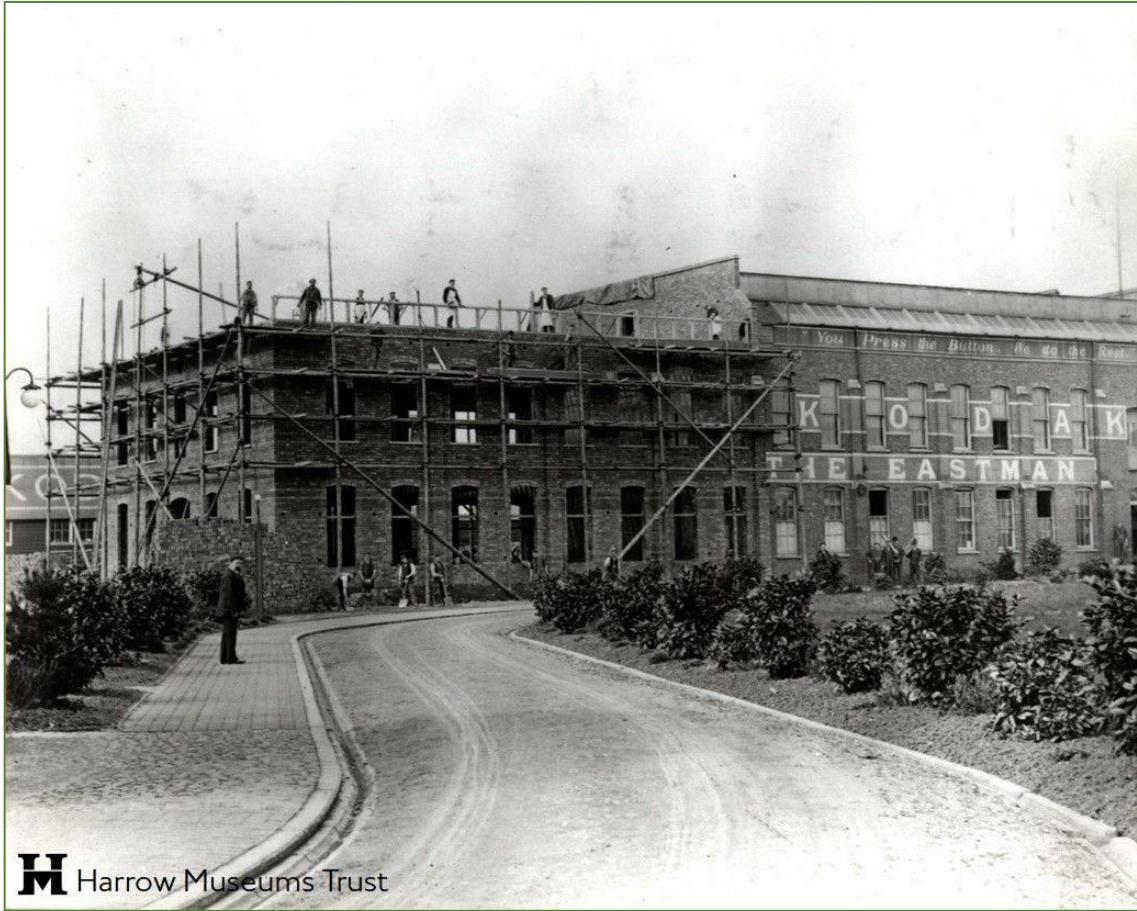
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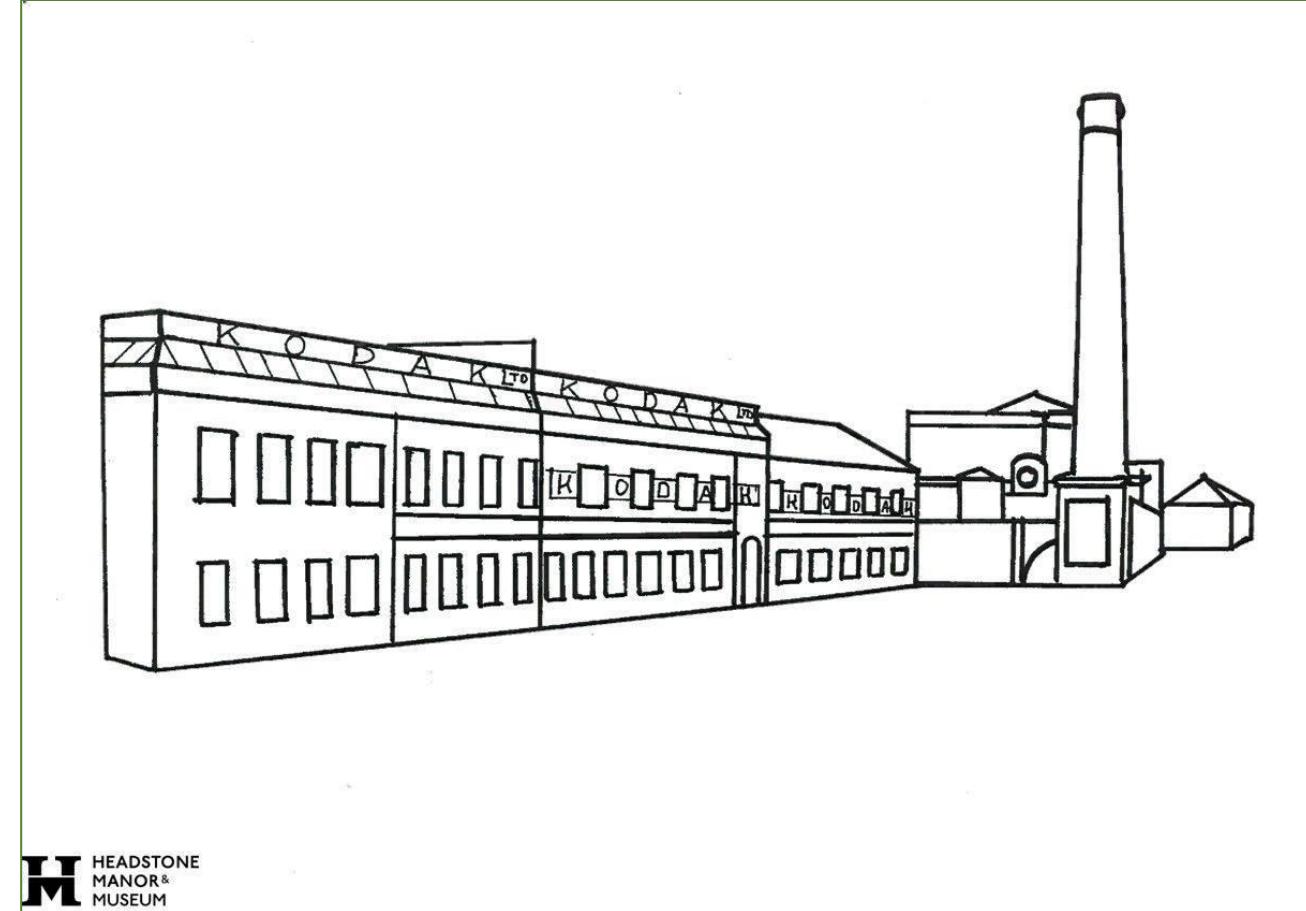


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Did you know that you used to have to wait a long time to see any pictures you took? Have a look at these photographs of film! Photographs used to be taken onto film and then needed to be developed.

Maybe you could ask your grown up if they have any old photos you can see?

Here are some top photography tips to prepare you for your Kodak task this afternoon!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeeb.../.../lets-go-club-photography-tips>

Now you've learned how to take the best photograph, ask if you can borrow a camera from your grown up and try Bills challenges.

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Bill's back! This time he's taking you into the Special Exhibitions Room, enjoy!

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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! 😱

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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!

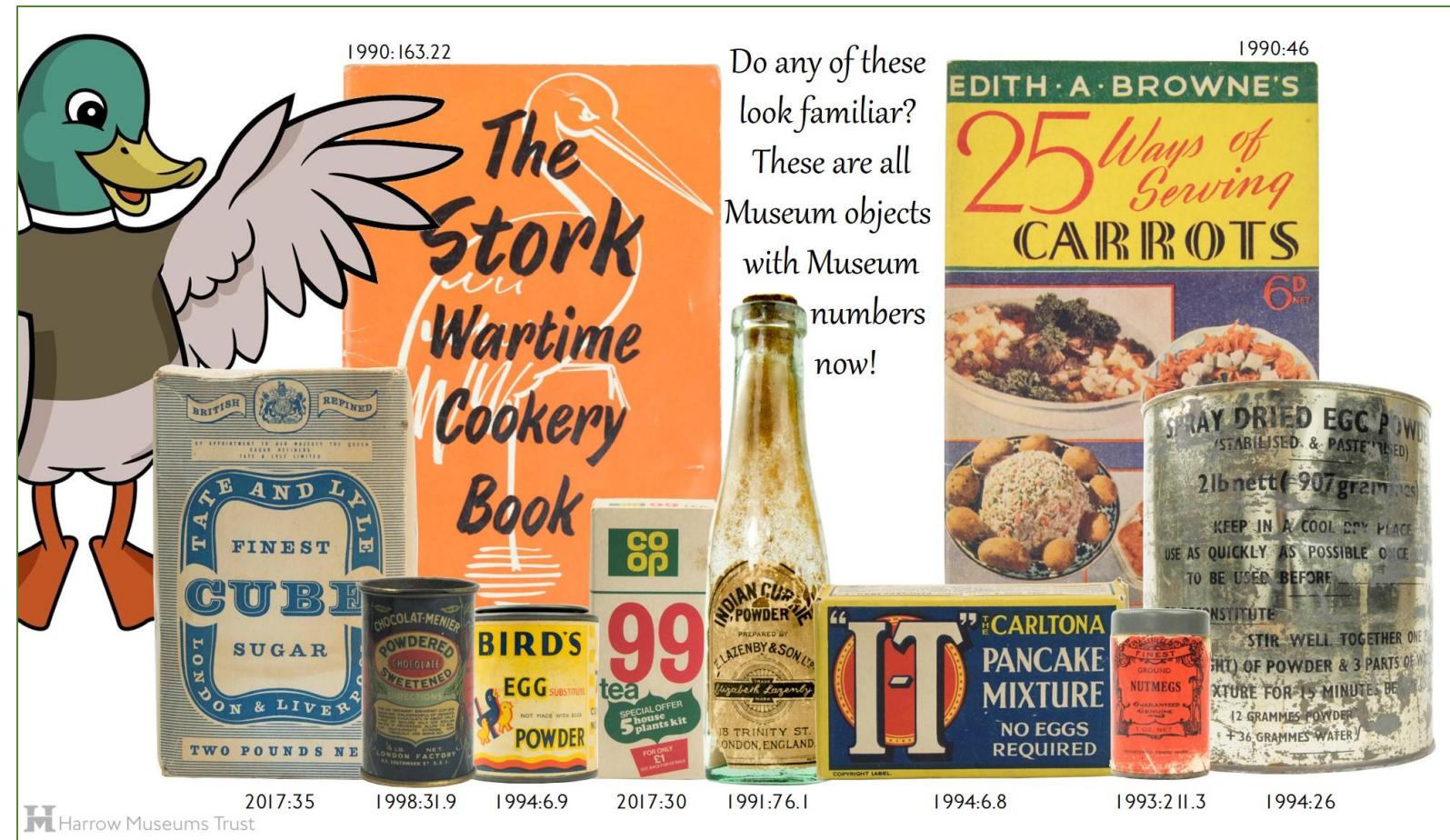


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As this room used to be a kitchen,  
we have filled this curiosity cupboard  
with old food, drinks, and recipe books.



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We've had some wonderful responses to our Mindful for Museums activity! They even made it all the way to the South Coast of England. These responses are from school children in West Meon CE Primary School! Don't forget to send us yours too! Or you could have a go at our two new activities for all the family to get involved in! ☀️

[#MindfulForMuseums](#)

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**HEADSTONE MANOR® MUSEUM**

## OUR MINDFUL MUSEUM

We're all spending a lot of time in our homes, so let's try to look at them slightly differently! Create a museum of your home and find all the things that make your space yours.

Find three objects in your home that you use everyday - are there any stories that go with them?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Find an object from your garden that reminds you of summer

Find an object in your kitchen that you don't use often. Find the one you use the most. Do you have a favourite family recipe?

Find an object that reminds you of childhood

Find three objects in your home that you use once a year

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Find an object that reminds you of a favourite holiday or trip - write down a memory from that trip

**Extra fun for kids:** Now put all your objects in a pile on the table and cover it over with a towel. You have 2 minutes to write down every object and why you chose it. Go!

**HEADSTONE MANOR® MUSEUM**

## MINDFUL FOR MUSEUMS FOR KIDS!

Help your mind today and museums of the future!

**Todays Date:**

Write a story here about your day! Call someone you don't live with and tell them the story. (You might want to draw a picture instead!)

Something active I have done today:

Something new I have learned today:

Something kind I have done today:

Cut this section off and throw away to get rid of the worries!

**Worry monster!**  
Write things you are worried about here, and the worry monster will eat them all up!



You can find the full sized version of this diary attached to the email!  
You can always email [info@headstonemanor.org](mailto:info@headstonemanor.org) for another copy.

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Detective Bill has been very busy discovering some stories about the people of Harrow and Headstone Manor.

One very interesting person who lived in Harrow was a man called Daniel Dancer. He was born in 1716. Daniel did not like to spend money; he would even do things like have a bath in puddles to save on spending!

When he died in 1796, £2500 was found in a heap of dung! That's like having nearly £300 000 hidden somewhere in your house today! Did you find any pennies in your house when you played Detective Bills indoor Bingo?

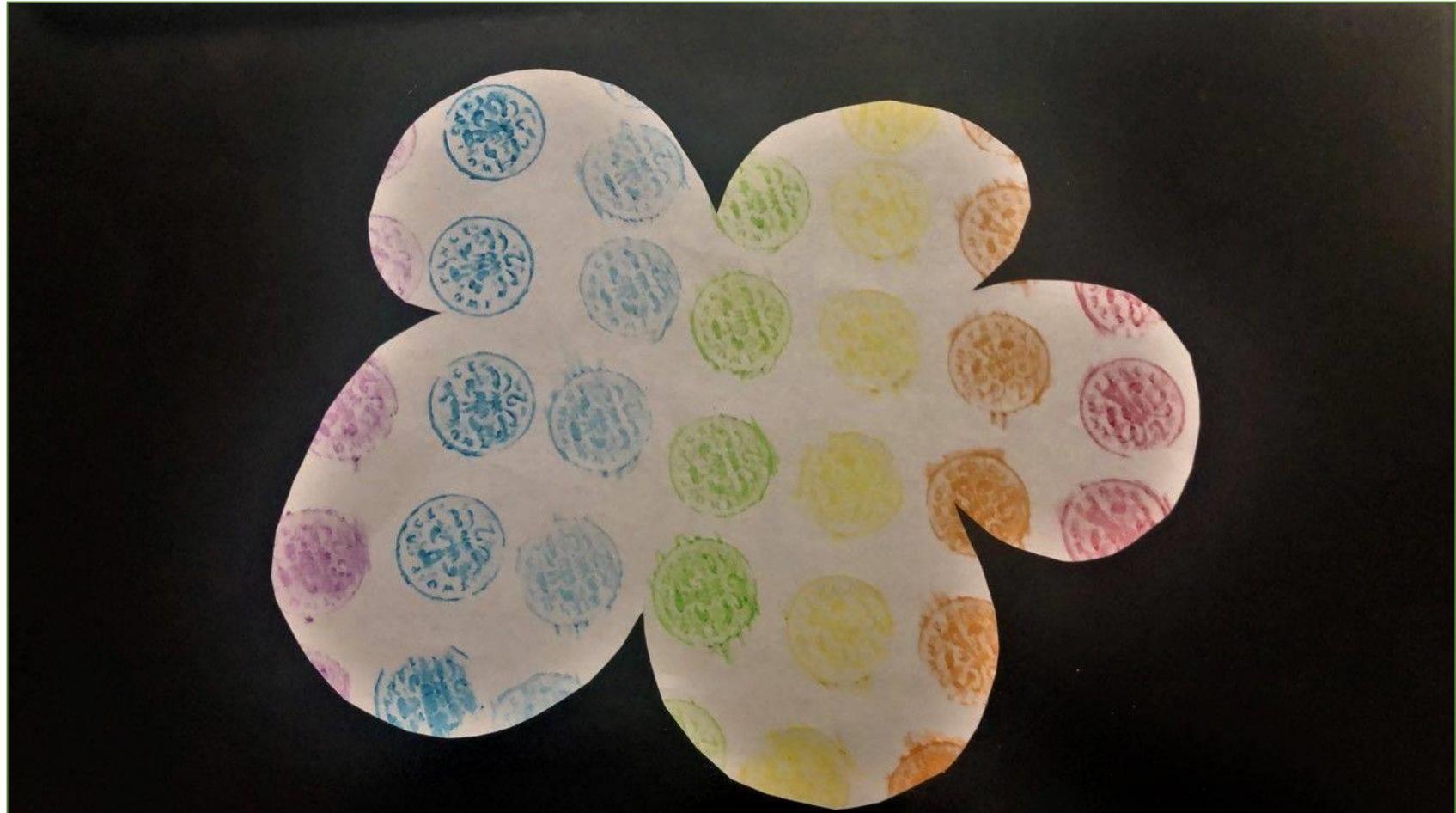
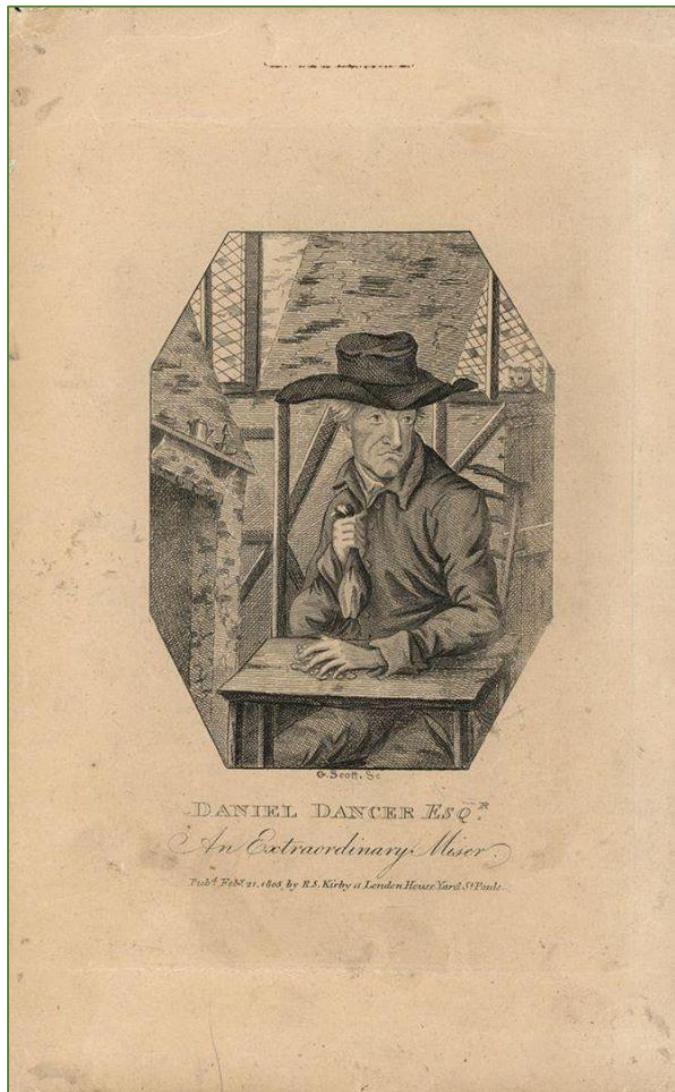
Try taking a rubbing of some different coins. Look at all the different designs and see how they are different on each side. Can you make a pattern?

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## Post #2

Did Daniel Dancer inspire Charles Dickens to make the character Ebenezer Scrooge? Ebenezer Scrooge also didn't like to spend money!

What kind of shopkeeper will you be?

Can you make your own shop? Design your own money using paper or even write numbers on stones to make pretend money. Decide on the price of things from around your house like toys and tins and play shop with your family. Are your things very expensive or very cheap?

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Post #3

A useful guide to Harrow libraries resources! 

To access the toolkit webpage,  
click the link below:

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/libraries/harrow-libraries-useful-resources-library-closures>

## Harrow Council

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### Harrow libraries resources toolkit

Below is a range of online resources which you can use to entertain yourself or your family while our libraries are closed.

You will be able to find resource to help with homework, eBooks, newspapers and magazines and keeping yourself well.

- [Reading – adults](#)
- [Newspapers and magazines](#)
- [Reading – children](#)
- [Reading – young adults](#)
- [Homework help](#)
- [Resources for families and children](#)
- [Culture and activities](#)
- [Ancestry](#)
- [Keeping Healthy](#)
- [Healthy Eating](#)
- [Wellbeing](#)
- [Keeping your mind occupied](#)
- [Helplines and websites](#)

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What's happening in your growing space? 😊 🌸

Be it your garden; your backyard or your windowsill? Where do you [#grow](#)? What are you [#growing](#)? Who does the growing in your household, the kids, the grown ups?

Here at Headstone Manor & Museum our lovely gardens are maintained by [#volunteers](#). We can't meet at the moment but have been busy over the last few months.

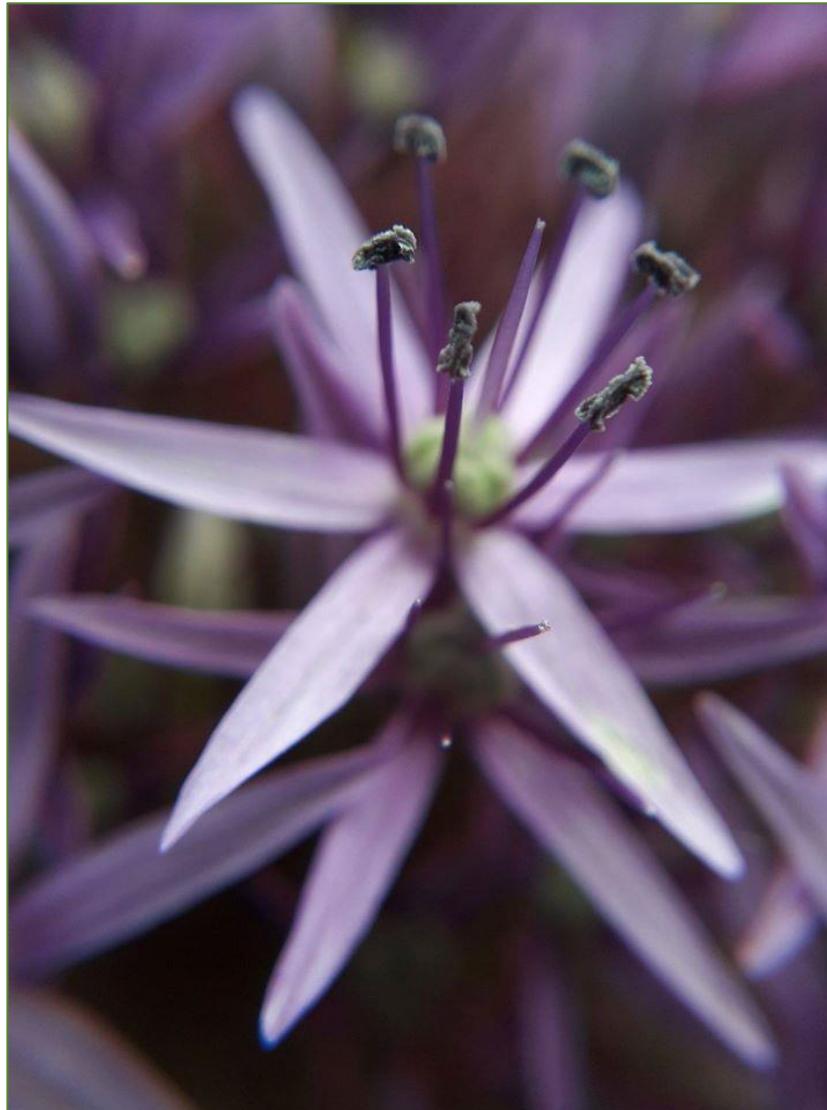
- Re- planting our troughs with plants for [#pollinators](#) such as salvias and calendula (Have a look at these pages!: <https://www.gardenersworld.com/.../20-spectacular-salvias-to.../> <https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/calendula-fruit-twist/> )
- Learning how to test the soil and how to look after plants ( Find some tips here! <https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/managing-your-soil> )
- Learning how to [#prune](#)
- Re-designing our raised beds with the help of our wonderful gardening tutor Liz.
- And eating Dorothy's lovely cakes and drinking tea!

Get in touch at [info@headstonemanor.org](mailto:info@headstonemanor.org) if you'd like to join our gardeners when the museum reopens!  
Check out our garden album here!

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Artist-led family fun at home! Master puppet maker Joni-Rae Carrack has kindly created an instruction sheet for you to create a Victorian Shadow Puppet at home! Put on a puppet show, and don't forget to share your creations!

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### *Victorian Shadow Puppets*

#### 1. Sketch / Design

...Or Print the template!



Doodle your shadow puppet character.  
It doesn't have to be perfect straight away!  
Use the internet if you need help (Search for silhouettes).  
It's best if your character is facing side ways.



#### 2. Trace and Cut!

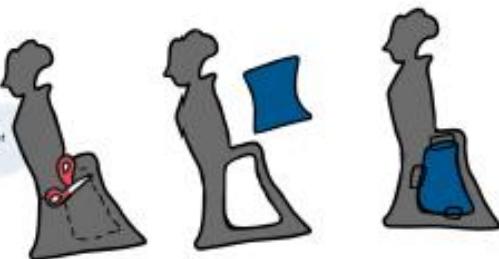


If you want one part of your puppet to move (also known as 'articulation'), you will need to draw those separately. Your puppet could move their heads, arms or legs.



You'll need a piece of card, any colour will do but most puppets are black! You could even use a cereal box for extra tough puppets! Either trace your design or stick it onto your card using tape, then cut it out!

#### 3. Add colour



You can add colour to a shadow puppet by cutting out a small section in the middle of your puppet. You can use coloured cellophane, acetate or clear sweetie wrappers. Colouring you can see through! Cut into the right size and shape and tape onto your puppet.

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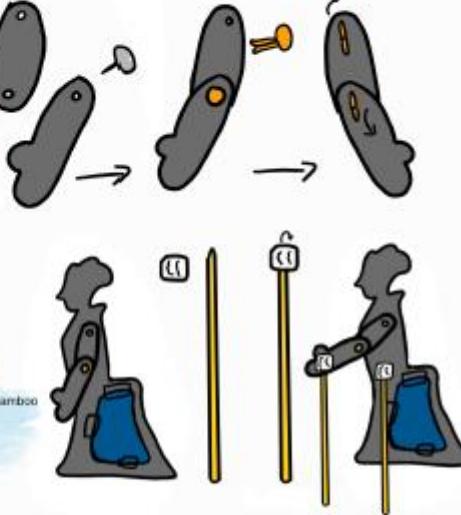
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### *Victorian Shadow Puppets*

**4. Assemble**

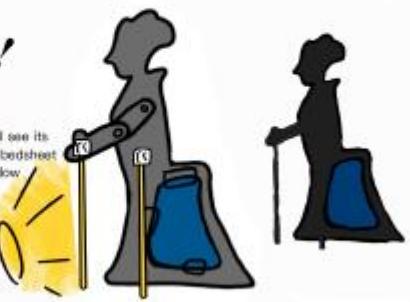
To connect all the pieces of the puppet together, make a small hole with a drawing pin (ask a grown-up for help) into the puppet's joints and into the body of the puppet. This will help you to push the split pins through the card. Split the two legs of the split pin to secure the pieces together.



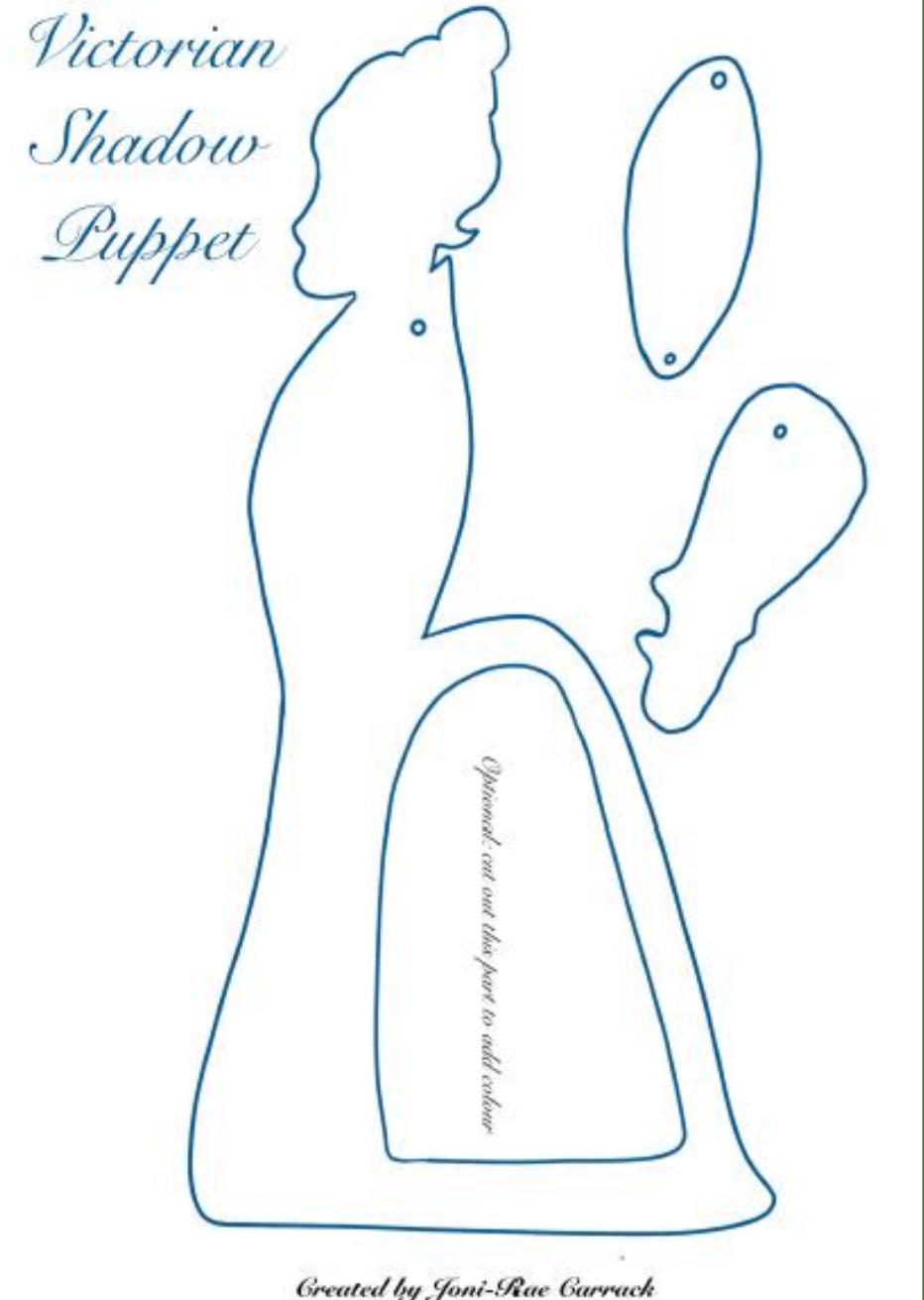
To hold and move your puppet, they will need a rod! You can use a bamboo skewer. Stick the fuzzy side of a piece of Velcro to the tip of the bamboo skewer and the scratchy end to your puppet.

**5. Perform!**

You'll need a dark room and a strong torch. Put your puppet in front of the torch and you'll see its shadow cast on the wall. Or you could hang a bedsheet between two chairs or a table to make a shadow puppet screen!



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That's all for this week folks! Keep an eye out for the next social media update newsletter!

If you have social media, you can follow us on Facebook (Headstone Manor & Museum) and Twitter (HeadstoneManor1).

If you have friends or family with little ones or teachers who you think would like these activities, feel free to share!

Catch you next week – I better shake a tail feather and get back to organising my tour!

Love,

Bill the Duck