



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 May 11 to May 17, 2020.

This week was #MuseumWeek! Museums all over the world participated in this 7 day, 7 theme challenge, especially curated this year as a #MuseumFromHome quarantine edition. Fancy a bit of #ArtInQuarantine crafting? Have a go at making a dream cloud following the instructions posted on May 17th!

We also learned a bit about some conservation going on in the Park, shared Harrow Nature Heroes online challenge, received another Detective Bill's bingo card, and continued our tour of the Industry & WWI room.

Enjoy!!

Monday, May 11th 2020

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Have you seen lots of rainbows in peoples house when you've been out for a walk? Maybe you've even made your own for your house! There's lots of colours in the rainbow  Our museum has lots of different objects in all the colours of the rainbow. Have a look at some of our colourful objects below.

What is your favourite colour?

What colours can you see in our objects?

Can you sing a rainbow? <https://buff.ly/2zfg6Bc>

Here's another song full of colours! Can you join in with all the actions? <https://buff.ly/2WyYOXD>

Have you ever heard of a patchwork elephant? Listen to this story and find out all about Elmer. <https://buff.ly/2WVvT1Q>

Try making a big rainbow using things from your house. You could use clothes, or toys, or lots of different things! Can you find something for every colour?

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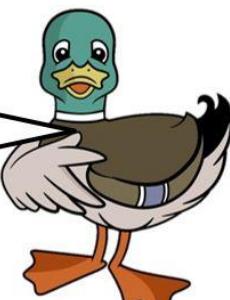
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Harrow Museum Collection



The green train
is my favourite!
What's yours?



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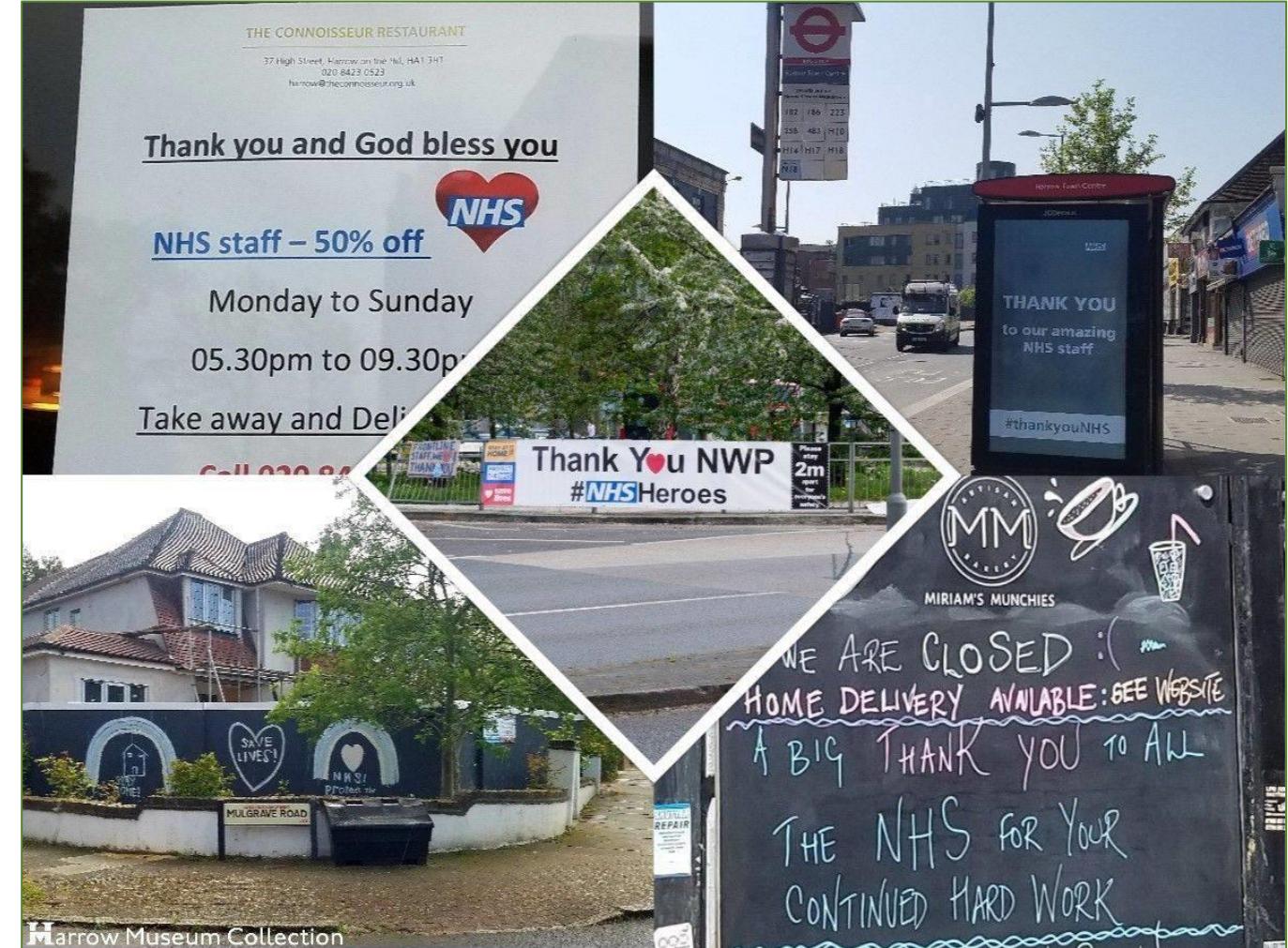
Post #2

Today kicks off our celebration of [#MuseumWeek](#) - 7 days, 7 themes! Today is [#heroesMW](#), celebrating those that are working hard during the Covid-19 crisis. Harrow loves its NHS staff, as you can see from these signs found all over, and we stand by our heroes on the front line.

Have a pic like this? We're collecting Covid-19 in Harrow - get in touch!

<https://buff.ly/2XICKvP>

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Harrow Museum Collection

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Post #3

Been inspired by the VE day celebrations? Fancy getting your hands on a FREE bunting craft kit to make with all the family? Send us a message with your address or comment on this post and we'll contact you.

Here's one we made! Kits vary in colours and materials provided.

Don't forget to enter our VE Day Make Your Own Bunting competition for the chance to win an Amazon voucher or a voucher for our Moat Café when we reopen!
We'll only use your data to send you the pack, it will be deleted once the pack is sent.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY HAVE 50 CRAFT KITS AVAILABLE WHICH WILL BE SENT ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

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Tuesday, May 12th 2020

Post #1

Today is [#CultureInQuarantineMW](#) for [#MuseumsWeek](#). We're delighted to share this video created by internationally renowned Harrow based artist, Jane McAdam Freud. Jane created this artwork during this period of lockdown. Here she shares reflections of light during this period of uncertainty and darkness. If you're creating art at home, why not share it with [Harrow Arts Centre](#)
<https://harrowarts.com/.../creative-quarantine-exhibition-cal...>

Video copyright: Jane McAdam Freud
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To check out the video above click here:
<https://www.facebook.com/HeadstoneManor/videos/254893288772949/>
OR
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/602708362621506833>

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Bill's back! Time to learn some more about the history of Harrow!

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Hello again! Today we're discovering more about World War 1 and the suffragettes! Harrow was greatly impacted by World War 1 and lots of people here were affected by it, whether at home or on the front line. Many men from Harrow served on the front lines, plus nearly 3000 alumni and staff from Harrow School. William Leefe Robinson, who lived in Stanmore, was the first person to shoot down a German zepplin on British soil. Leefe Robinson was awarded the Victoria Cross for this act.

Talking of heroes, Harrow was also a hub for the suffragettes and suffragists of over 100 years ago. Do you know the difference between the two? Suffragists were peaceful protestors, whereas suffragettes tended to be a bit more militant – but both groups wanted voting rights for women. Janie Terrero was one of the most prolific suffragettes in Harrow, and was often imprisoned for her actions. Sewing was one of the many ways that both suffragists and suffragettes used to put across their message. Keep an eye out in this room as there'll be a new suffragette related object coming soon!

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1992:41.1



1992:41.2



1992:41.3

The Victory Medal,
the British War Medal, and the 1914-1915 Star
were nearly always awarded together to members of
British and Imperial forces who served in the First World War.



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Princess Mary's Christmas Fund
pack for soldiers included tobacco,
cigarettes, a Christmas card, and a
photograph inside a brass tin.



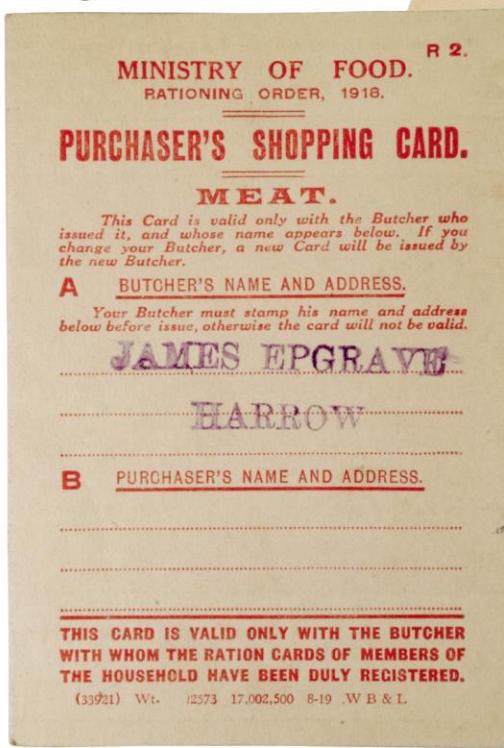
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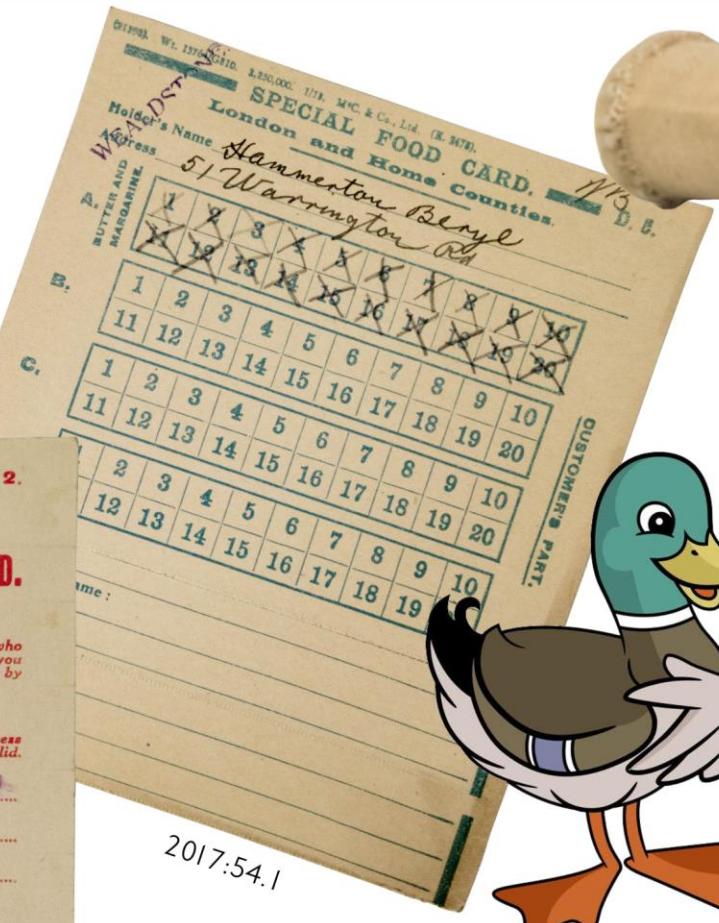
1997:136.4

1997:136.5

Rationing existed on the home front in the First World War – here are some purchaser's shopping cards for butter, margarine, and meat!



2017.55.2



Letters home from soldiers at war were cherished. Look at this beautiful embroidered postcard! And the tin tube above once contained pictures, sent all the way from India!



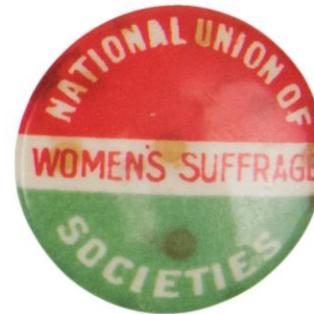
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Women in the UK had been petitioning for the right to vote since 1832, but that right was not granted until just before the end of the First World War.



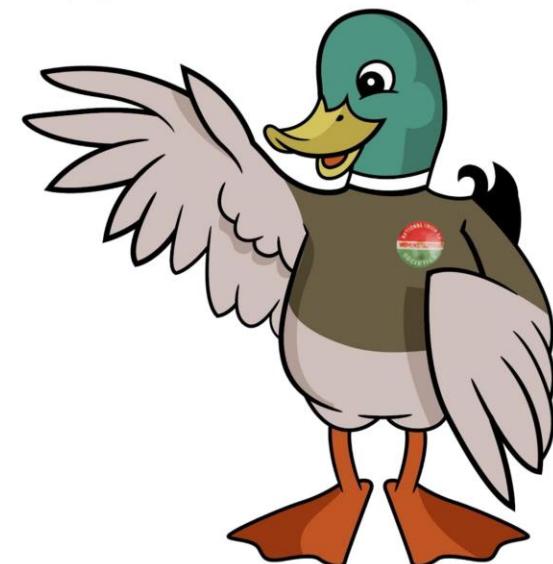
1985:66



National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies represented many groups fighting for women's rights, including the Pinner branch of the Women's Social and Political Union. This pin badge was likely worn at many protests, rallies, and parades!



1988:90.12



Lena Ashwell, founder of the United Suffragists group, led a campaign to bring entertainment to the soldiers still stationed at the western front. These glass slides were sold to fund the concerts and hung in windows all over the UK.

Wednesday, May 13th 2020

Post #1

Today's [#MuseumWeek](#) theme is [#togetherMW](#). Museum collections don't exist in isolation, and when we work together the true value of our objects is revealed! Recently, we worked with [Museum for London](#) to understand our [#Whitefriars](#) collection: <https://buff.ly/2ztofL>

But Whitefriars is everywhere and we'd love to collaborate to learn even more!

[Victoria and Albert Museum](#) holds hundreds of objects: <https://buff.ly/2YPQPIB>

& [Corning Museum of Glass](#) in New York has over 1800 cartoons: <https://buff.ly/35NnQGQ>

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The Whitefriars glass of Headstone Manor

Discovering the unique legacy of the Whitefriars Glassworks

Thursday, May 14th 2020

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Did you know? The Great Barn at Headstone Manor was used in WW2 as a theatre 

During WW2 people were encouraged to stay home for their holidays and not travel to the seaside to save fuel and help the war effort. Local authorities put on lots of entertainment for people in their area to encourage 'Holidays at Home'.

Headstone Manor saw things like theatre and music, Punch and Judy shows, and even a circus 
Punch and Judy shows were a staple of Holidays at Home entertainment. Try making your own puppet show!

Here's a video on making a puppet theatre from a cereal box <https://buff.ly/2Xxbal8> Then print out and decorate this Bill the Duck finger puppet! What story will you tell?
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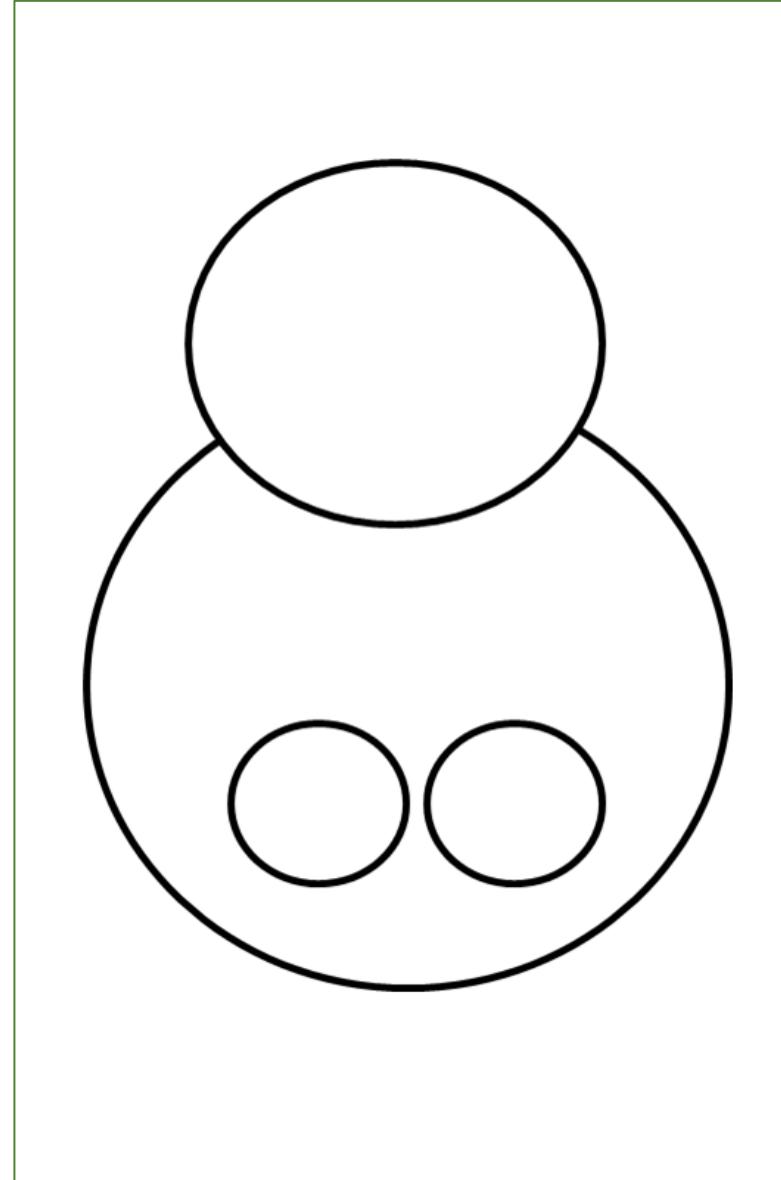


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Post #2

Missing Headstone Manor?
We miss you, too!
Share some of your
[#MuseumMomentsMW](#) in
the comments below and
join in on our celebration
of [#MuseumWeek](#)!
[#ThrowbackThursday](#)
[#MuseumFromHome](#)
[#HeadstoneAtHome](#)



Thursday, May 14th 2020

Post #3

Only 5 bunting craft kits left!!!

If you'd like a free kit to make your own bunting comment here or send us a message with your address!

Don't forget to enter the bunting competition for a chance to win an Amazon voucher or a voucher for the Moat Cafe!

Send us a picture of your bunting to education@headstonemanor.org. If you miss out on a free pack, download a bunting template here:

<https://buff.ly/3dKDegd>



Friday, May 15th 2020

Post #1

Today's [#MuseumWeek](#) theme is [#climate](#) MW.

Changes in climatic patterns bring about more extreme weather, an increase in rainfall, and flooding which threatens the Museum buildings and the local area.

Harrow Council is working with partners like Thames21 a charity focussed on improving for waterways for wildlife and people to reduce the risk of flooding through the creation of a wetland and opening up Yeading Brook to daylight.

<https://buff.ly/2T2EcpM>

And to deal with the other extreme, times of drought, we're planning a water smart garden

<https://buff.ly/3dF9TgE>

more drought tolerant, wildlife friendly plants and changing our watering practices to work in a more environmentally sustainable way.

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Take a look at Detective Bill the Ducks bingo game! Look around you as you walk around your neighbourhood, you might even notice something you haven't before!

One thing Detective Bill is looking out for is a house with a chimney! Our Manor House has two! Do you know what a chimney is used for?

People in the olden days had fires in their homes for cooking and keeping warm. About 500 years ago people started to build chimneys in houses to safely take the smoke out of the building

Does your house have a chimney? Why don't many new houses need one?

People used big brushes to clean the chimney - why do you think chimney's needed to be kept clean?

Do you know this song? <https://buff.ly/2MeQKZP>

Now make a magic smoke picture. Just draw some smoke with a wax crayon, then paint over it to reveal a smoky sky! White crayon is best for the magic reveal but any colour works well!

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Headstone History Detectives BINGO card				
	Post Box 	House with a chimney 	St Marys Church Spire (or other religious building) 	The Roundel (Sign for TfL – look on tube stations and bus stops!) 
A house with a name – or a date on it. 	A block of flats 	A tree 	What shall we add to the card? Give us your ideas! 	What shall we add to the card? Give us your ideas! 

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Today is [#TechnologyMW](#) for [#MuseumWeek](#) and we're excited to announce that we have just uploaded [#VirtualTours](#) of the Museum and historic buildings on our website! Stay connected with us from home and visit our Museum!

<https://buff.ly/360zmPa>
[#MuseumTechnology](#)
[#MuseumFromHome](#)
[#MuseumsUnlocked](#)



Saturday, May 16th 2020

Post #2

Do you and your family enjoy exploring and learning about nature? Join in with the Harrow Nature Heroes event at home! [Harrow Council](#)

See original post here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/harrownatureheroes/permalink/673712106528993>



Shared from Harrow Nature Heroes:

Its here! **Flower Power**, Simon and I are launching our first Online event with Headstone Manor Park. We were going to do Flower Power as an event at **Headstone Manor Park** as part of their Lottery Funded activity programme for children and adults. But due to the lockdown we have created this activity sheet you can do at home.

If you and your family enjoy exploring and learning about nature why not try this? If you complete the activities and email us on the link provided, you can claim a Harrow Nature Heroes stamp.

Click on this link to try it out:

<https://harrownatureheroes.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/flower-power.pdf>

Let us know how it goes and any questions it may generate. We would love your feedback.

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Today Bill is showing us some of the industries that used to call Harrow home, like [Hamilton Decorating Tools](#) and [Winsor & Newton](#)!  [#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#) [#HeadstoneAtHome](#) [#HistoricHarrow](#) [#MuseumFromHome](#)



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Hi!  Today I want to tell you more about Harrow's industries including Hamilton & Co. and Winsor & Newton. These two companies had some of the biggest factories in Harrow and a lot of local people worked for them!

Hamilton & Co. brush works, also known as 'Hamiltons', was founded in 1811 and moved to Harrow in 1897. They created all sorts of brushes, including this giant one in the pictures! They even created over 7 million shaving brushes for the army and navy during WWI! They left Harrow in 1991 when they merged with Acorn and are now in Norfolk, trading under the name 'Hamilton'. But what good are brushes without paint?

Winsor & Newton are still one of the leading producers of painting materials! They were founded in 1832 in the arts district in London, but didn't move to Harrow until 1898 when the brush and woodworking facility was moved to Wealdstone. Then the colour works came in 1937, followed by the head office in 1938 - just in time, too, as their original building was destroyed by the Blitz. Sadly they left Harrow in 2011 when their factory moved to France, but the Wealdstone factory building left behind is now called the Whitefriars Studios (confusing I know!) and parts of it are used as studios for local artists! Have you ever been there?

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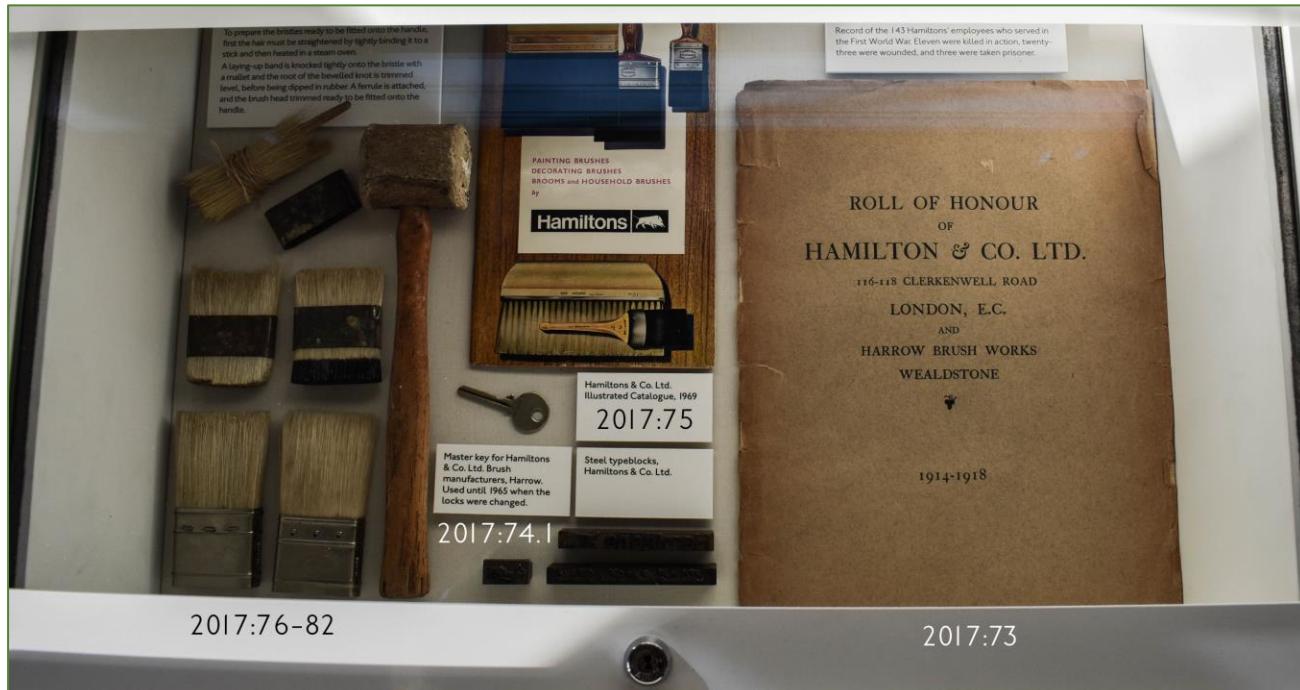


Check out this enormous model paintbrush! Like the case of brushes in the last picture, this giant brush was used for display purposes at trade shows. It is over a metre long – way bigger than me!

Hamiltons made all sorts of brushes at their factory in Wealdstone, including paint brushes and shaving brushes!

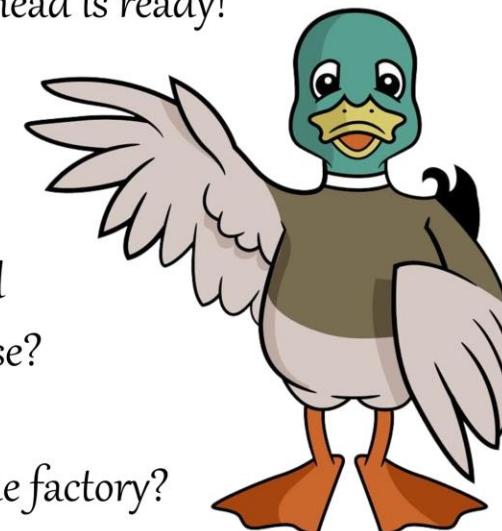


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Let's take a peek inside the Hamiltons case! On the left you can see the stages of making a brush head:

1. The bristles are straightened by steaming them in an oven while bound to a stick.
2. They are bound together with a laying up band knocked into place with a mallet.
3. The bottom is dipped in rubber.
4. The metal ferrule is attached.
5. The brush head is ready!



Can you spot these cool steel typeblocks in the case?

What about the Master Key to the factory?

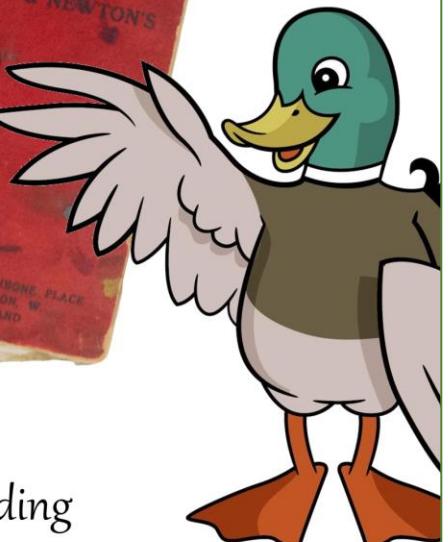
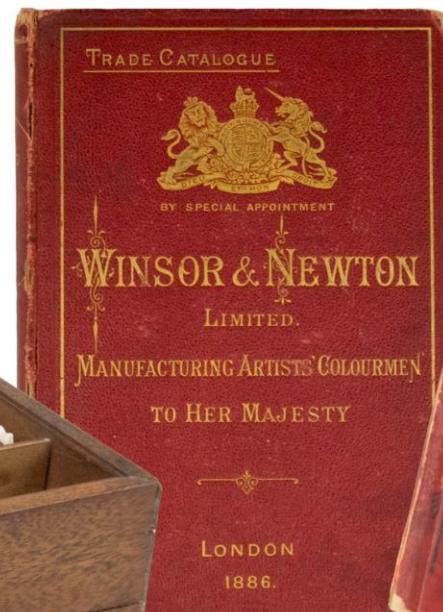
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Winsor & Newton produced fine art materials at their Wealdstone factory! People could order supplies from catalogues like the ones below. You can still order materials today from their online catalogue!



This paint set from 1886 contains 44 separate pieces, including paint and wax blocks, paint brushes and brush rests, glass water bowls, and more!

Sunday, May 17th 2020

Post #1

Today's [#MuseumWeek](#) theme is [#DreamsMW](#)! Last September we ran a workshop for Heritage Open Days where we made our very own Dream Clouds! The idea behind the Dare to Dream clouds comes from Sarah Corbett and her Craftivism Collective! Craftivism is all about gentle activism through crafts. We adapted the Dream Clouds slightly by working with a local artist, Emilie Giles, to add lights into our clouds! We used conductive threads and batteries inside the clouds, making them extra special ☁ What would your cloud say? Maybe you could have a go at making one? <https://buff.ly/2WA9FSq> [#MuseumFromHome](#) [#HeadstoneAtHome](#)





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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 (HeadstoneManor 1). And be sure to check out our virtual exhibitions on Pinterest (HeadstoneMMuseum), too!

Keep an eye on our Online Learning page for new activities: <https://headstonemanor.org/learning/online-learning/>
And please get in touch with us if you have material for our Covid-19 in Harrow or VE Day 75 callouts.

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

Love,
Bill the Duck