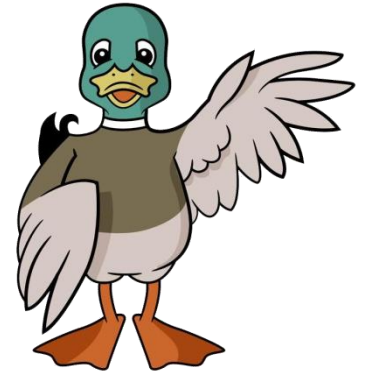




**HEADSTONE
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A message to our
visitors and friends from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 🖐️

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from May 18 to May 24, 2020.

This week kicked off with #InternationalMuseumDay, which celebrated Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion. We teamed up with seven other institutions in Harrow and the surrounding area to show you what you can explore during the lockdown! Inclusivity via the digital world.

We also celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week by sharing our #MindfulForMuseums activities, including a brand new crochet pattern we found that lets you make a baby bowtie Bill! Check out the post on May 20th!

Enjoy!!

Monday, May 18th 2020

Post #1 (page 1 of 5)

Happy International Museum Day! We've collaborated with 7 other places of heritage in the local area to let you know what we're all up to during lock down and beyond! Take a look at all the great resources on offer, we're all looking forward to welcoming you back in person as soon as we can 🏛️ This years theme 'Museums For Equality: Diversity and Inclusion' is very important for all museums. We're hoping that collaborating like this, and making our collections digital makes us a little more of all of these. ❤️

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Heritage on your doorstep



The Battle of Britain Bunker housed RAF Fighter Command's No.11 Group Operations Room throughout the Second World War, the room from which the RAF co-ordinated most of the Battle of Britain. While we wait to reopen, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to download free resources, participate in trivia and view our collections online.

Explore **Brent Museum and Archives** online, discover what's on offer! Check out our local history articles, 'Then and Now' resources, search our collections catalogue and more! We are also keen to hear from Brent's residents about their lockdown experiences. For more information please contact museum.archives@brent.gov.uk #CollectingBrent #BrentTogether





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Watford Museum, housed in the former Benskins Brewery Mansion, telling the story of Watford from early settlement to the present, including printing, brewing, Watford Football Club, Cassiobury, Watford at War and fine art collection. Visit us online at www.watfordmuseum.org.uk or find us on Facebook or Instagram at @watfordmuseum

Hillingdon Museum and Archive: bringing local history to you, via Facebook & Twitter to keep you and your family busy! Our worksheets cover topics like Maps, Fashion, Prehistory and Transport! You can still contact us via email for any enquiries archives@hillingdon.gov.uk
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The Heath Robinson Museum: Home of Heath Robinson’s original illustrations. Follow us on social media to enjoy his whimsical cartoons and his fine art illustrations. Become an art expert by listening to expert talks on our special exhibitions. Find out more at www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org

Bentley Priory Museum: From where the Battle of Britain was won. We have an important story to share with future generations and whilst we are closed our museum mascot is stepping in with Scramble School: fascinating facts, crafts and competitions for families to enjoy at home! www.bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk/families/





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Headstone Manor & Museum: The home of Harrow's history has moved online, why not become a history detective with our family activities or take a virtual tour with Bill the Duck? With online talks, demonstrations and videos there's so much to discover! www.headstonemanor.org

Based in Hatch End, **Harrow Arts Centre (HAC)** is the only professional multi-artform venue in Harrow. HAC was built on the site of an old school and has been in existence since 1988. At the heart of the complex is the magnificent Elliott Hall, a Grade II listed auditorium which seats over 500 people and hosts fantastic events encompassing music, theatre, comedy, dance and more.



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Monday, May 18th 2020

Post #2 (page 1 of 2)

The museum collects lots of special things including toys! We have some very old toys and some newer toys in our museum. Have a look at the photo below of some of the toys from our collection. Do you know what any of them are?

What is your favourite toy to play with?

What kind of toys did your grown-up play with when they were small? What was their favourite?

Listen to this story about a favourite toy who gets kidnapped by the Queen! Do you think the Queen would like your favourite toy? <https://buff.ly/3bJfotm>

Here is a song all about teddy Bears. Does your teddy bear know the words? <https://buff.ly/3dZGrT1>

Have a go at making your own bubble snake maker. All you need is a water bottle, a sock, some washing up liquid, and some water!

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Tuesday, May 19th 2020

Post #1

Today we are delighted to share our latest online [#TuesdayTalk](#) with you! We hosted a virtual Q&A session between our Curator & Artist Jane McAdam Freud to talk about her current exhibition at the Museum with questions sent in by you! Check it out here <https://buff.ly/2Z3iENL>. To discover more on Jane's exhibition visit <https://buff.ly/2XICKvP> [#MuseumFromHome](#)



Tuesday, May 19th 2020

Post #2 (page 1 of 6)



A message from....
Bill the Duck!



He's back, the best duck around! Bill wants to tell us all about [Kodak](#) today, take it away Bill! 🦆📷

[#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#)

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[#HistoricHarrow](#) [#MuseumFromHome](#)

Hey there! 🙋 I didn't mention this place in the last post because there's just SO much to talk about! Kodak was Harrow's largest private employer and arrived in Harrow in 1890. George Eastman, founder of Kodak, was attracted to Harrow because of the clean air that was perfect for developing and processing photos, as well as the proximity to Central London. And Harrow was attracted to it, too!

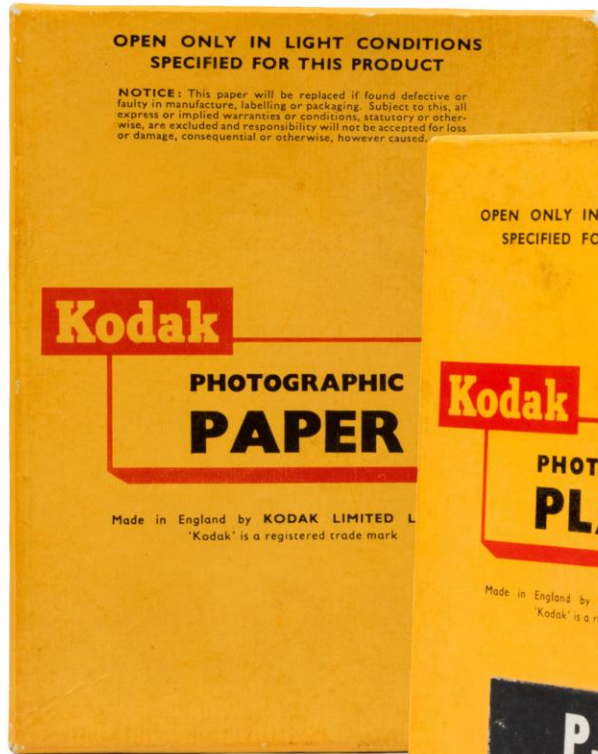
The prosperity of the factory helped to turn Wealdstone from a hamlet to a proper town. It was one of the few places which hired female employees in the early 1900s, and by the 1950s over 6000 people worked in the Harrow site. Most of them lived here, too! Kodak even built new homes for some of the employees, as well as their own sports ground and theatre. However, Kodak struggled to keep up with the technology of digital photography and filed for bankruptcy in 2012. 😞 The site on which the factory used to stand is now being used for new housing, but the landmark chimney has been saved and will stay as a reminder of the great factory that once stood there!

Do you have any memories of Kodak in Harrow? Maybe you attended a play at the theatre or ran in the Kodak Harrow Charity Marathon? I'd love to hear about them! 📷💥

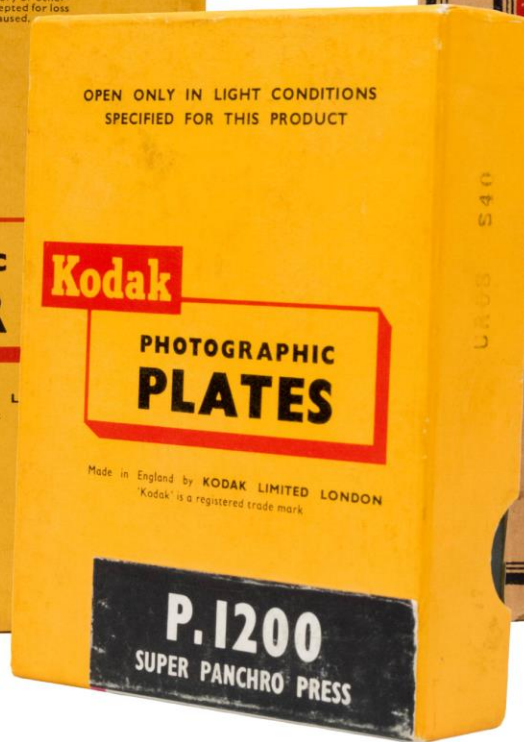




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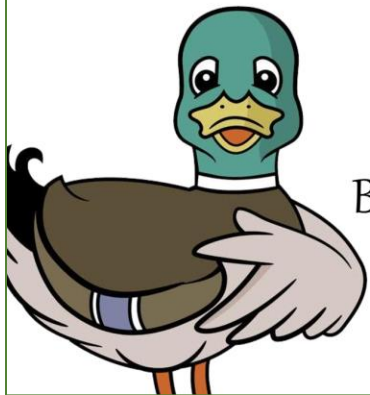
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But Kodak also made more than just cameras! They produced film, glass plates, and photographic paper. During WWII, these materials were crucial for aerial reconnaissance photography. For many years, they set the standard for film used in movies, too!

This cool contraption is an 1890
George Hare sliding box camera!



It was used at the Kodak factory,
likely for experimenting with chemical solutions!

Harrow Museum Collection



1992:132.1

1992:132.2

But my favourite Kodak creation are the Kolorkins! These two are my good buddies, Click and Flash!
They came to Earth from the planet Koloron to discover new colours, like red and blue!

Wednesday, May 20th 2020

Post #1 (page 1 of 3)

Mental Health is always important, but in these strange times it's even more so. If you're feeling a bit worried, maybe try some of our Mindful For Museums activities which you can find in this section of our website, like this colouring page! <https://buff.ly/2RYI7U0>

Or maybe you're a regular attender at our Adult Craft Club, a great space for relaxing your mind and improving your wellbeing. Some of our staff have been getting crafty in quarantine and want you to join in! Use this crochet pattern by Karline Konfetti to make your own Bill the Duck! <https://buff.ly/3e1YlnX>

Here's our attempt so far!

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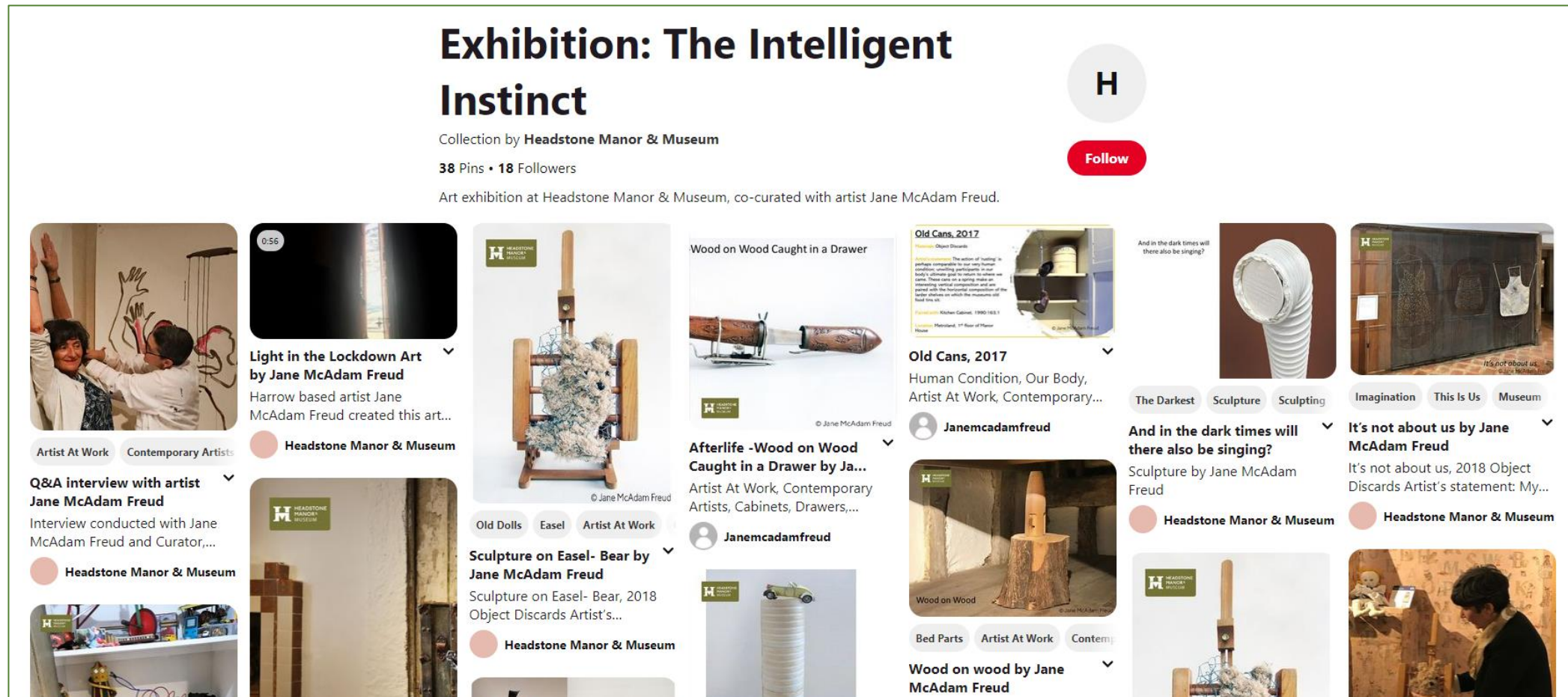
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Don't forget, whilst our current exhibition 'The Intelligent Instinct' by Jane McAdam Freud is currently behind doors, we have created a [#VirtualExhibition](https://buff.ly/2VKHX4U) of the entire exhibition on our new Pinterest page! Check it out here: <https://buff.ly/2VKHX4U>.

If you don't have a Pinterest account it is free to sign up to view our exhibition!

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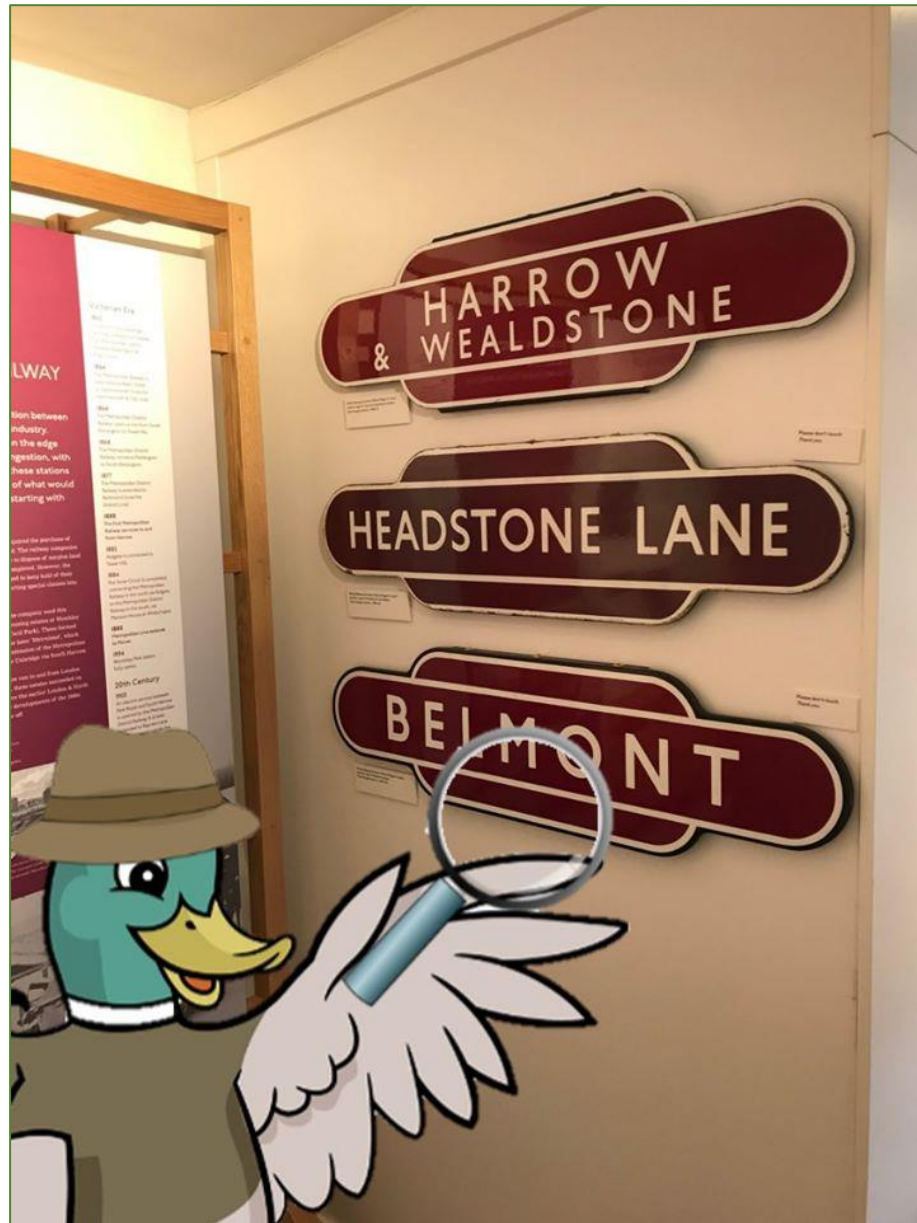
Did you know that the first main-line route to London and one of the first railways in the world came through Harrow? This was the London to Birmingham railway 

The new station in Wealdstone meant that Harrow was changed forever! Farms in Harrow struggled because the railways meant that cheaper hay could be brought in from elsewhere in the country. Eventually all the land was sold to make houses for commuters.

Get inspired by this poem about the railway and try your hand at writing your own! Or if you're feeling crafty design your own train line, Use either a big piece of card to draw it out and add tunnels and bridges using cardboard tubes and you could build some stations from building blocks! Don't forget to draw things for your passengers to see as they go by (like trees or lakes!)

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This poem was written in 1885. It describes all the things the poet can see rushing by outside, as he travels by train.

From a Railway Carriage
Robert Louis Stevenson

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;
And charging along like troops in a battle,
All through the meadows the horses and cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by.

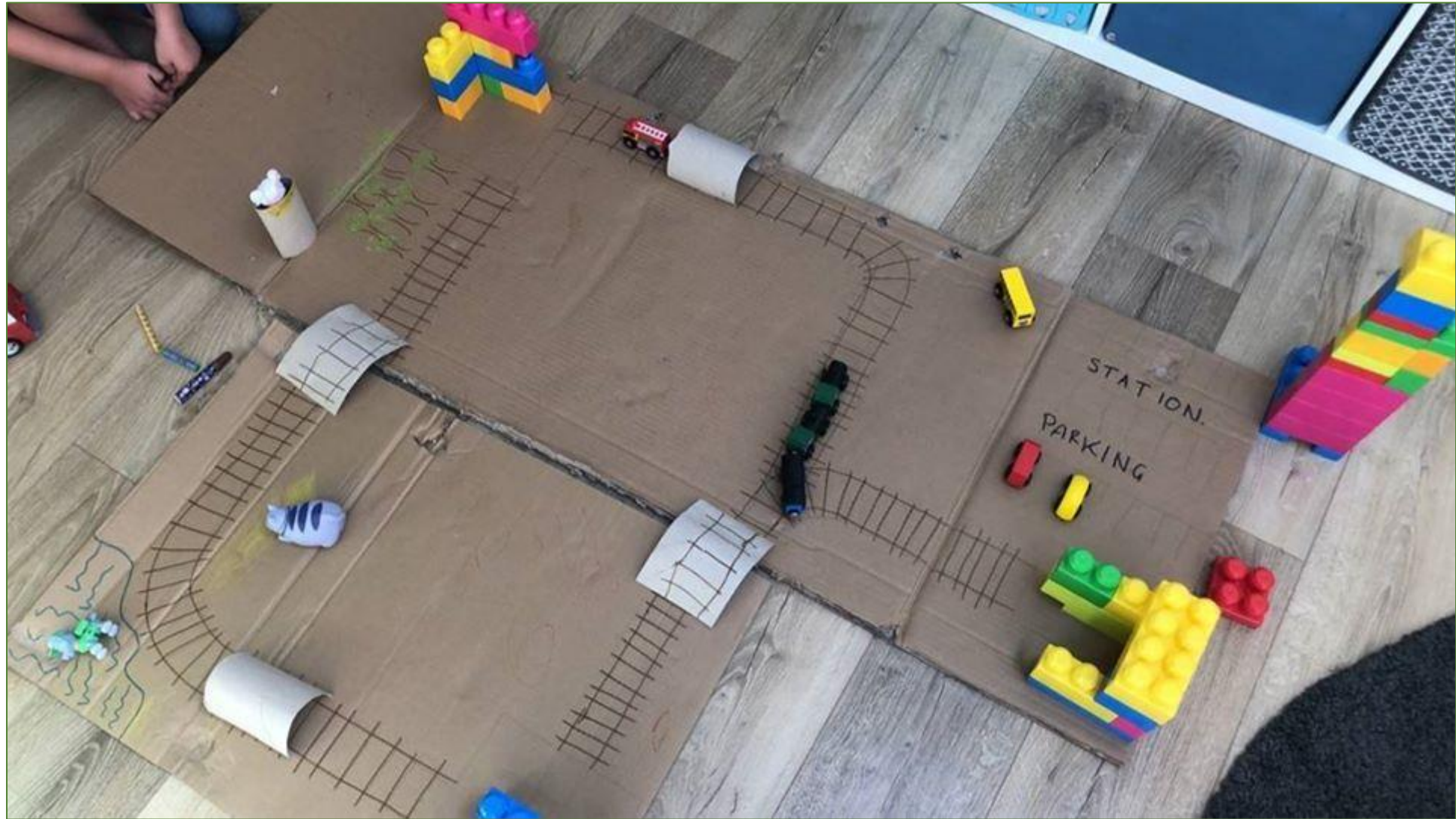
Here is a child who clammers and scrambles,
All by himself and gathering brambles;
Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;
And there is the green for stringing the daisies!
Here is a cart run away in the road
Lumping along with man and load;
And here is a mill and there is a river:
Each a glimpse and gone for ever!

Have a go at writing one yourself, describing all the things you might see TODAY outside your train window. Maybe it could be a tube train on the Metropolitan Line. Don't worry if it doesn't rhyme.

Faster than...?
Charging along like...?

See how quickly you can say the poem. Maybe try and learn some of it and perform it to your family.

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Thursday, May 21st 2020

Post #2

We're working with [Jenny's Tiny Shoots](#) Photography to capture some of the Harrow lockdown through a new project 'On Our Doorsteps - Harrow In Lockdown'. If you live in Harrow comment on this post or email us to be involved.

[#OnOurDoorsteps](#) [#HeadstoneAtHome](#)
[#MuseumFromHome](#)



ON OUR DOORSTEPS Harrow In Lockdown

Headstone Manor and Museum and Jenny's Tiny Shoots Photography are working together to capture lockdown in Harrow through a series of photographs of our communities on their doorsteps.

How will it work?

We'll come to you for a 10 minute photo shoot. All social distancing rules will be observed. The photo will be of you and/or your household on your doorstep.

What will happen after the shoot?

You'll receive a digital copy of one of the photos taken during your shoot.

The photos will then go into the Museum's collection and will feature in online and physical exhibitions in the future.

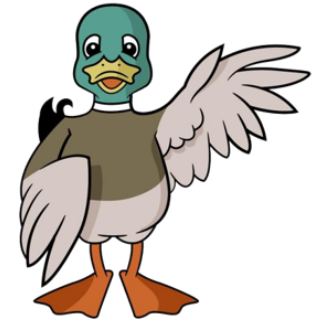


Want to be involved?

Comment below and we'll get in touch! Or email us on info@headstonemanor.org. Please be aware there are limited places so get in touch soon to be involved.



A message from....
Bill the Duck!



Here's Bill! He's ready to tell you all about The Victorian Room in the Manor House and some of its special features! 🦆

[#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#)

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Hello Time Travellers! 🦆 This room is one of mine and Margery's favourites in the house, it has so many exciting features! The first one is this 1930s fireplace. It's a bit out of place as this room is one of the oldest in the house, built in the 14th Century! The fireplace was added by a Council Park Keeper who used to live here, and would have been very fashionable at the time, with hand-made Italian tiles. The next feature is the window...on an inside wall! There's many theories about why this window is here, but Margery thinks it's because people in the 1800s liked to show off old things in their house, like the Tudor glass that used to be in this window. When the house was being renovated, they found the original glass way down below in the Great Hall!

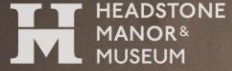
Today the objects in this room now are all about the Victorians, and I want to show you some of them! A lot changed in Harrow in the Victorian Period - leading to a time of prosperity, leisure, and fashion!



Welcome to the Victorian Room!

Can you spot the out-of-time 1930s fireplace?

It dates from when a park keeper used to live in the Manor House!



*This room would have been used
as a bedroom when it was owned
by the Archbishops of
Canterbury!*

*Margery says the Manor House is haunted... and we often
find this window from the 1800s opens by itself! Creepy!*





Next, things you wear on your head!
We have top hats, hat boxes, hat
stretchers, and hat pins!



1997:117.1



1985:19



1997:141.42-52



1990:59.3

And for
your feet,
how about
suede boots?

1994:20.1-2

All of these things were essential for the
fashionable Victorian lady or gentleman (or gentleduck)!

Many Victorian women took up sewing as a hobby, to craft clothes to wear, or make toys for children, like the clothes on the doll in the picture.



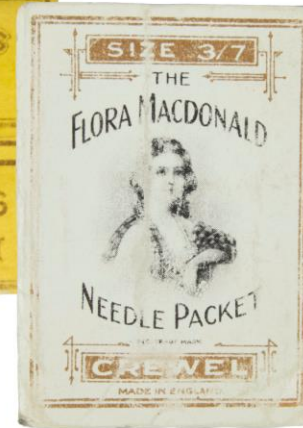
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1989:112.4



1993:70.11-12



1989:89.2

2017:68.1-2



They could purchase needles in packets, use cotton thread from a reel, and some wealthier women would use silver thimbles and real horn pin-cushions!

Friday, May 22nd 2020

Post #2

Shared from Harrow Libraries:



Saturday, May 23rd 2020

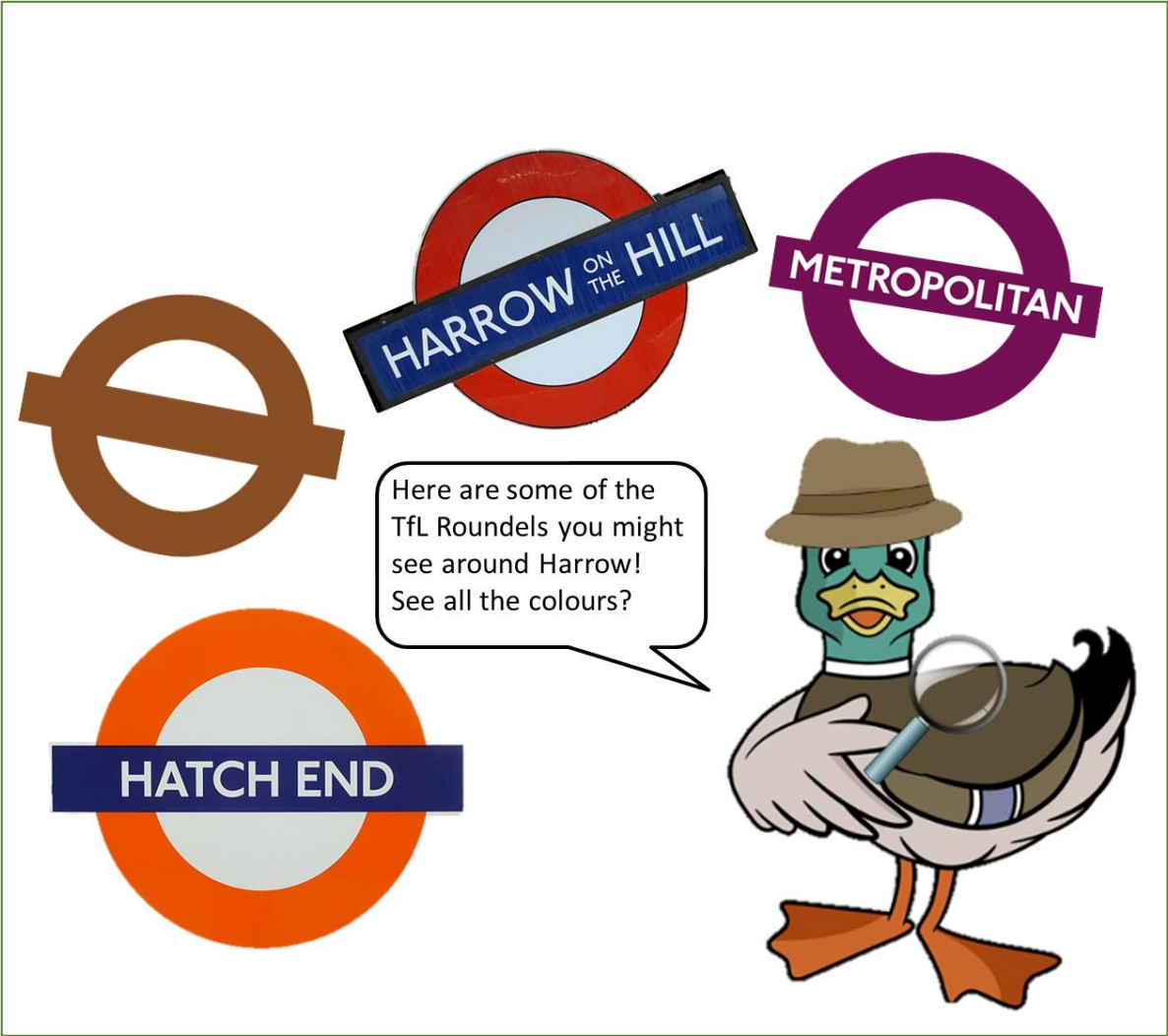
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Have you spotted a Roundel on your walks? It's on the top row of Bill the Ducks outdoor Bingo card! Where have you spotted it and what colour was it? Maybe on the bus stops in red, or the overground orange ones, or the red and blue underground roundels.

Did you know that the Metropolitan line was the very first tube line? It was opened in 1863 and extended to Harrow in 1880. The Metropolitan line meant that the journey to London was much easier and trains ran more often than other routes.


Have a go at making your own train with this template from the London Transport Museum. You can also have a look at the trains in their collection online! <https://buff.ly/3g3RHQ8>
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Headstone History Detectives BINGO card

<p>Post Box</p> 	<p>House with a chimney</p> 	<p>St Marys Church Spire (or other religious building)</p> 	<p>The Roundel (Sign for TfL – look on tube stations and bus stops!)</p> 	<p>Teddy Bears (some people are putting teddy bears in their window for people to spot! Why don't you?)</p> 
<p>A house with a name – or a date on it.</p> 	<p>A block of flats</p> 	<p>A tree</p> 	<p>What shall we add to the card? Give us your ideas!</p> 	<p>What shall we add to the card? Give us your ideas!</p> 

Sunday, May 24th 2020

Post #1

The new wetland in the Park means that Yeading Brook & Headstone Manor Moat will be cleaner & healthier with more wildlife. Help us celebrate this by making your own wildlife wall hanging- here's how <https://buff.ly/2ZCTaH0>
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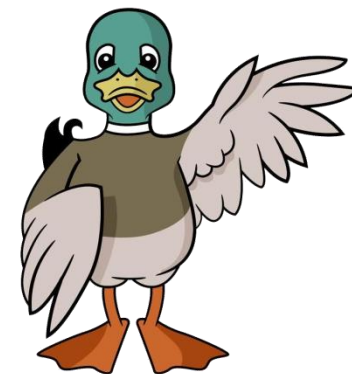
Lucy Lardner



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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). 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